ZONING VARIANCE For

GARCIA DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION REPLAT OF ARCADIA CIRCLE

5740 E. Exeter Blvd Phoenix, Arizona 85018 APN# 172-31-034A

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1. Project Narrative:

The property, Arcadia Circle subdivision, was platted in 1991. The original 5-acre parcel was oriented with approximately 332 feet of frontage on East Exeter Boulevard. The property was divided into 4 lots, with North 57th Way dedicated as a cul-de-sac street right of way (ROW). Public Utility Easements (PUE's) were granted along East Exeter Boulevard ROW on Lots 1 and 2, continuing around ROW frontage of all 4 lots along the 57th Way cul-de-sac. There are also PUE's along the eastern boundaries of Lots 2 and 3 and the western boundary of Lot 4.

N. 57th Way cul-de-sac is in the process of being abandoned, the original 4 lots are being reconfigured into 2-lots via new plat. The previous residential structure at the northwest corner of E. Exeter Blvd and the vacated ROW of N. 57th Way has been demolished and that pre-existing lot is currently exposed and unimproved.

The proposed project seeks to replat Arcadia Circle, converting the 4-lot configuration into 2 lots. Lots 1, 3 & 4 will be combined into one larger lot and Lot 2 will remain in its current configuration. Specific objectives include:

- Abandon the North 57th Way ROW north of the East Exeter Boulevard monument line. Replat and include the former 57th Way ROW as part of Lots 1, 3 & 4. The combined Lots 1, 3 & 4 will front on Exeter Blvd. Remove pavement, curbing and gutter from north end of cul-de-sac southward to north curb & gutter line at East Exeter Boulevard. Install new curb and gutter along (north curb & gutter line at) East Exeter Boulevard in way of demolished North 57th Way Street.
- Abandon/relocate the public utilities in the same portion of North 57th Way and/or adjacent PUE that is north of East Exeter Boulevard.
- Restore areas where demolition work occurs; these areas will be landscaped to complement remaining landscape.
- Existing aerial utilities along the southern and eastern boundaries of Arcadia Circle are proposed to be converted to underground.

• Selective demolition of existing improvements on Lot 1 as required to construct the proposed improvements on the re-platted parcels.

2. Site Plan Review Comments:

A Site plan was submitted to City of Phoenix on August 18, 2021, as part of the pre plat application process. On October 13, 2021, city personal submitted a response letter and redlined site plan with 23 comments, 6 of those comments relate to variances needed for the project to move forward.

The intent of this report is to clear the Garcia Detached Single Family Residential Subdivision of the noted deviations for a subdivision on Zone RE-35 with the submittal of the present variances request. The variance requests will meet the four conditions described in page 3 of the City of Phoenix Zoning Adjustment Application Packet:

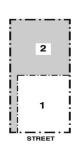
- A. There are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building, or use of the subject property which do not apply to other similar properties in the same zoning district. (Special circumstances or conditions would include, for example: an unusual lot size, shape, or topography. This condition is considered a property hardship and it must be a condition relating to the property that is so unique it cannot be replicated on any other similarly zoned land in the City.) The authorization of a variance is necessary in order for the owner or applicant to enjoy reasonable and substantial property rights. (In other words, without the granting of a variance the property cannot be reasonably used. There is no cause for a variance if the property can be used, even if it is in a manner other than that desired by the owner or applicant.)
- B. The special circumstances or conditions described above were not created by the applicant, owner, or any previous owner of the property. The property hardship cannot be self-imposed.
- C. The authorization of a variance is necessary in order for the owner or applicant to enjoy reasonable and substantial property rights. (In other words, without the granting of a variance the property cannot be reasonably used. There is no cause for a variance if the property can be used, even if it is in a manner other than that desired by the owner or applicant.)
- D. The authorization of a variance is necessary in order for the owner or applicant to enjoy reasonable and substantial property rights. (In other words, without the granting of a variance the property cannot be reasonably used. There is no cause for a variance if the property can be used, even if it is in a manner other than that desired by the owner or applicant.)

See Appendix I for the latest Site Plan and Appendix J for a variance request Site Plan.

3. Variance Application:

The Phoenix Municipal Code places a limitation on Single Family Developments. The zoning for this site is RE-35 and is appropriate to the existing and proposed uses. The RE-35 creates a standard for minimum building setbacks and minimum lot widths. These standards, outlined in the table on the following page, are met for the existing and proposed structures/lot lines, with five exceptions. The five exceptions are highlighted in yellow on the next page.

1. To obtain site access from Exeter Boulevard, the rear lot (Lot 2), will need to be configured as a flag lot. The proposed drive lane will be paved to a width of 20-ft to accommodate emergency vehicle access to the site. The proposed total width of the flagpole portion of Lot 2 is 50-ft.



- 2. To provide private security directly to Lot 2, and indirectly for Lot 1, an accessory structure (guardhouse) is proposed to be set within the east side yard setback of the flagpole section of the flag lot, Lot 2. A 20-ft side yard setback is required within the zone. A 3-ft side yard setback is proposed for this flagpole section of the east side yard for Lot 2.
- 3. The maximum height allowed for accessory structures located within the 20-ft side yard setback (minimum 3-ft offset from property line) is 8-ft. The proposed accessory structure (guardhouse) for Lot 2 is set 3-feet off property line and 14-ft in height.
- 4. The 20-ft side yard setback on Lot 1 is encroached upon by the existing covered car port structure that is attached to the main home. A modification to this structure was built in 2018 with an approved permit and site plan and the encroachment was identified and allowed. This existing condition is called out and dimensioned on the site plan. There is no planned additional modification to this structure.

5. The 20-ft side yard setback of Lot 1 is encroached upon by the existing pool house. The pool house was constructed in 2018 with an approved permit and site plan. The encroachment was identified at time of permit application and approved. The pool house is non-livable and there are no plans for additional modifications to this existing structure. The existing pool house encroaches into the side yard setback 2.0-ft for a length of 5.5-ft. The detached accessory non-livable structure on Lot 1 (pool house) encroaches into the rear yard setback but is not within 3-ft of the rear lot line, and therefore complies with the rear yard setbacks standards of the zone. A request for variance to the side yard setback of the detached accessory structure on Lot 1 is not part of this variance application report. If the previously approved 9-ft side yard setback variance for the attached accessory structure (car port) on Lot 1 is reinstated, the encroachment of the side yard setback of the pool house will meet that 9-ft setback, per approved variance and will comply with the 9-ft side yard setback.

	RE-35 Development Option		
Standards	(a) Subdivision	Notes	
Minimum lot dimensions (width and depth)	150' width, 175' depth (Minimum area 35,000 sq. ft.)	Both proposed lots far exceed the minimum area. Front lot meets the minimum width by default. The rear lot meets the width for the primary portion of the lot, but not for the "Flagpole" segment. Lot depth is met for both lots by default.	
Dwelling unit density (units/gross acre)	1.10	Dwelling density met. Proposed DU=0.397	
Perimeter standards	None	No standard	
Building setbacks	40' front, 40' rear, 20' side	All existing structures on Lot 2 meet this standard. Previously constructed attached accessory structure (carport) encroaches into side yard setback on Lot 1. Previously constructed detached accessory structure (pool house) encroaches into side yard setback on Lot 1. The proposed accessory structure located within the flagpole section of Lot 2 encroaches the side yard setback.	

	RE-35 Development Option		
Standards	(a) Subdivision	Notes	
		The proposed accessory structure of Lot 2 exceeds maximum allowed height for an accessory structure located within the side yard setback.	
Maximum height	2 stories and 30'	Existing structures meet this standard	
Lot coverage	25%, except if all structures are less than 20' and 1 story in height then a maximum of 30% lot coverage is allowed.	Both proposed lots meet this standard. Front lot coverage: 9% rear lot coverage: 6%	
Common areas	None	No standard	
Allowed uses	Single-family detached	Standard met	
Required review	Subdivision to create 4 or more lots	Not applicable. Proposed subdivision will re-create 2 lots	
Street standards	Public street required	Standard met. The existing public street, Exeter Blvd. is adjacent to both lots.	

With this document and attached variance application, the following zoning code variances are requested:

1. A variance to allow the front portion of Lot 2, to act as a flag lot, hence reducing the minimum required lot width from 150-ft to 50-ft.

The four considerations for a variance are explained as follows:

A. The minimum lot width in the RE-35 zone is 150-feet. Lot 2 meets minimum lot size and lot depth requirements of the RE-35 zone. The minimum width of 150-feet for Lot 2 is met at the area of the primary structure but not at the flagpole portion of the drive access lane at Exeter Blvd. The proposed layout of Lot 2 is

consistent with flag shaped lots. The Lot 2 frontage at the R.O.W. with Exeter Blvd is 50-feet in width and the paved drive access lane is designed to 20-feet in width. The paved drive access lane is 20-feet in width to ensure safe ingress/egress to the rear lot by both delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles. The drive access lane at the intersection of Exeter Road is 50-ft in width and will allow a clear vision triangle for both adequate sight distance and adequate area for safe vehicle movements entering and exiting Lot 2.

- B. The RE-35 setbacks were modified in 1992 after the initial four-lot subdivision was created. This explains why the pre-existing parcels did not meet the minimum lot widths. This circumstance was imposed by the City after initial development and is not self-imposed. The proposed 50-foot drive access lane for Lot 2 allows access to the rear lot for large, emergency sized, vehicles and allows for clear vision sight-distances at Exeter Blvd. Lot 1 and Lot 2 are being developed together under the same ownership. While Lots 1 and 2 are separately addressed with unique parcel numbers, they are cohesive in design and usage.
- C. The parcel is an infill property surrounded by existing developments. The neighborhood is experiencing a unique growth into larger lots and larger homes. Maintaining the four-lot split and public cul-de-sac restricts the property by forcing the lots to remain smaller than market demands for the area and does not allow future enhancement of the homes. This restriction imposes a hardship on the land making the parcel unable to be competitively used.
- D. The proposed site has been carefully laid out so that the requested variances will not negatively impact any adjacent owners. The existing setback encroachment on the east is a non-livable, single floor, accessory use. Allowing this existing use to continue would not exceed any site lines or create any visual impact that would not already be allowed per the zoning codes.
- 2. A variance to reduce the east side yard setback from 20-feet to 3 feet within the "flagpole" section of Lot 2

The four considerations for a variance are explained as follows:

- A. The existing parcel is platted as four (4) smaller parcels. These four parcels were created with a public cul-de-sac dividing them up to satisfy the requirements for access to public right-of way. This condition has created four lots that are smaller and narrower than was anticipated with the RE-35 zoning in this area. It has created a publicly maintained cul-de-sac that is used exclusively by two property owners and is a maintenance drain on the city of Phoenix public works. This condition is undesirable for the owner, for the neighborhood, and for the City of Phoenix. This common desire by all three entities is unique and presents an opportunity to improve the neighborhood.
- B. The RE-35 setbacks were modified in 1992 after the initial four-lot subdivision was created. This explains why the existing parcels do not meet the minimum width in their current condition. This circumstance is imposed by the City after initial development and is not self-imposed.
- C. The parcel is an infill property surrounded by existing developments. The neighborhood is experiencing a unique growth into larger lots and larger homes. Maintaining the four-lot split and public cul-de-sac restricts the property by forcing the lots to remain smaller than market demands for the area and does not allow future enhancement of the homes. This restriction imposes a hardship on the land making the parcel unable to be competitively used. The east side yard setback along the pole section of the flag lot, Lot 1 is internal to the two lots and borders the proposed sports court of Lot 1, which is under same ownership. Placing the guard house at a location closest to the drive entrance on Exeter Blvd minimizes the opportunity for uninvited guests or trespassing persons to enter into the property. Paved turnouts are provided adjacent to the guardhouse for safe vehicle maneuvering to exit the site. The neighborhood is experiencing a significant growth of larger homes on larger lots and well-maintained high-quality residential homes. The proposed guardhouse is setback from the front yard setback 40-feet, conforming with the front yard setback of the zone. The

east side yard setback is encroached by the proposed guardhouse, however, through careful design and lot layout, the guardhouse has the appearance of cohesiveness and balance located adjacent to the proposed sports court of Lot 1. Lots 1 and Lot 2 are under same ownership. The proposed guardhouse provides a level of security that the homeowners desire and have rights to provide private security features to secure and protect their high-quality residential structures and amenities.

D. The proposed lots have been carefully laid out so that the requested variances will not negatively impact any adjacent owners. The proposed guardhouse encroaches the east side yard setback. Allowing this side yard setback variance would not create any visual impacts that would not already be allowed per the zoning. The proposed guardhouse is adjacent to Lot 1, of same ownership, has an appearance of cohesiveness between the two lots, and will not negatively affect or be materially detrimental to the adjacent property (Lot 1) or the neighborhood, or public wellbeing.

3. A variance to increase the maximum allowed height of an accessory structure (guardhouse) from 8-feet to 14-feet within the side yard setback.

The four considerations for a variance are explained as follows:

A. The existing parcel is platted as four (4) smaller parcels. These four parcels were created with a public cul-de-sac dividing them up to satisfy the requirements for access to public right-of way. This condition has created four lots that are smaller and narrower than was anticipated with the RE-35 zoning in this area. It has created a publicly maintained cul-de-sac that is used exclusively by two property owners and is a maintenance drain on the city of Phoenix public works. This condition is undesirable for the owner, for the neighborhood, and for the City of Phoenix. This common desire by all three entities is unique and presents an opportunity to improve the neighborhood.

- B. The RE-35 setbacks were modified in 1992 after the initial four-lot subdivision was created. This explains why the existing parcels do not meet the minimum width in their current condition. This circumstance is imposed by the City after initial development and is not self-imposed.
- C. The parcel is an infill property surrounded by existing developments. The neighborhood is experiencing a unique growth into larger lots and larger homes. Maintaining the four-lot split and public cul-de-sac restricts the property by forcing the lots to remain smaller than market demands for the area and does not allow future enhancement of the homes. This restriction imposes a hardship on the land making the parcel unable to be competitively used. The proposed guardhouse provides a level of security the owner of both Lot 1 and Lot 2 is seeking to protect their properties. The proposed guardhouse is 14-feet in height to provide a safe and comfortable environment for individuals who will use the The accessory structure (guardhouse) is 14-feet in height and exceeds the maximum allowed height of 8-feet when located 3-feet off the side property line. This proposed accessory structure (guardhouse) is not a shed or other storage structure. The 14-feet height is required to provide both a safe and comfortable conditioned space for individuals when in the structure and to aesthetically match the look and characteristics of existing structures adjacent to the property and within the neighborhood.
- D. The proposed lots have been carefully laid out so that the requested variances will not negatively impact any adjacent owners. The proposed guardhouse exceeds the maximum 8-feet height when set 3-feet from the side yard property line. Allowing the guardhouse to exceed the maximum 8-feet height, to an allowed 14-feet would not create any visual impacts that would not already be allowed per the zoning. The proposed guardhouse is located 40-feet from the front property line, conforming with the front yard setback requirement of the zone. The proposed guardhouse is adjacent to Lot 1, of same ownership, and has an appearance from Exeter Blvd as being internal to Lot 1. The flag shaped geometry of Lot 2 creates

a unique situation where the east side yard setback of Lot 2 has the appearance of being internal to Lot 1. Granting a variance to exceed the maximum height allowed for an accessory structure within the side yard setback in this situation and lot configuration is not materially detrimental or aesthetically non-conforming to existing structures on adjacent lots or within the neighborhood.

4. A variance to reduce the side yard setback (east side yard) of Lot 1 to 9-ft for an attached accessory use, non-livable structure. Livable areas and primary residential uses will be maintained at 20-ft setback. Minimum 20 feet is required. This variance was previously approved under application# ZA-331-20 (Variance expired since no permit was requested in the 1-year time allowed, the See Appendix H).

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allow future enhancement of the homes. This restriction imposes a hardship on the land making the parcel unable to be competitively used.

D. The proposed site has been carefully laid out so that the requested variances will not negatively impact any adjacent owners. The existing setback encroachment on the east is a non-livable, single floor, accessory use. Allowing this existing use to continue would not exceed any site lines or create any visual impact that would not already be allowed per the zoning codes.

4. **Summary:**

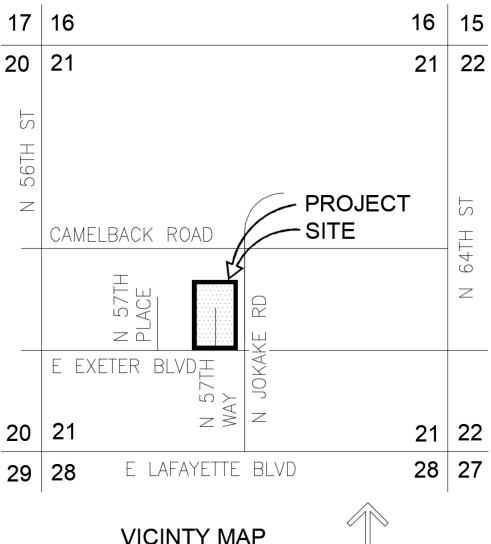
In summary, the owner is making a good faith effort to provide the neighborhood with an appropriate development that will enhance land values for all surrounding parcels. The proposed changes are lowering the density, creating larger lots, and meeting the general intent of the ordinance. The owner wishes to utilize the land to provide a high-quality home product that meets market demands while utilizing the site to a reasonable level and accommodating the unusual site conditions as best possible.

The requested variances meet the intent of the standards established by the City of Phoenix, do not negatively affect any neighboring parcels, and improve aesthetics of the neighborhood by providing high quality home structures and amenities while maintaining or improving safe vehicle movements onto and off Exeter Blvd.

APPENDIX A

Vicinity Map, Existing Aerial Photo, Parcel Map, Existing Plat

Vicinity Map







Existing Aerial



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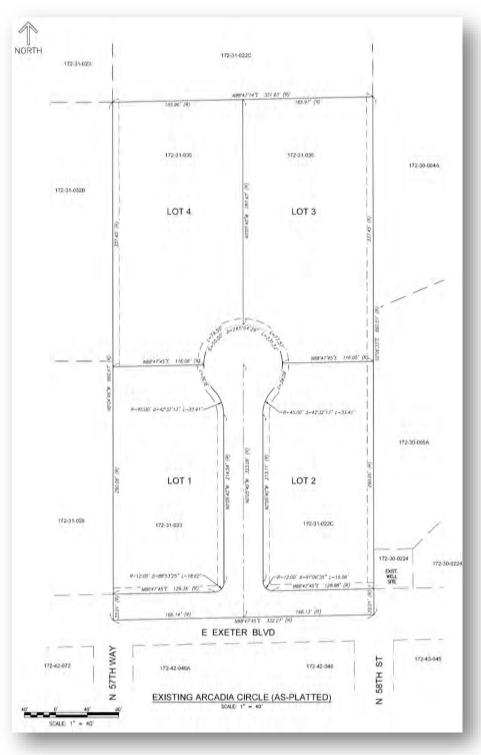
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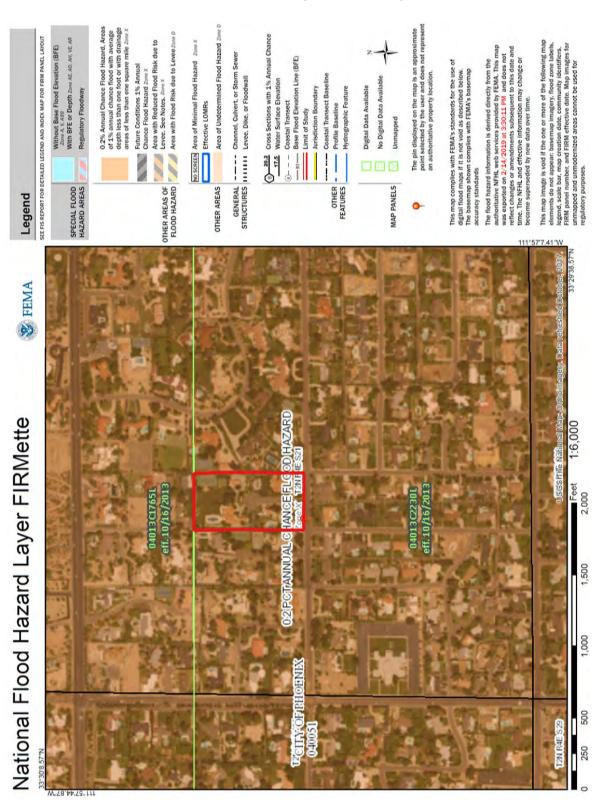
Existing Subdivision Plat



APPENDIX B

FIRMette

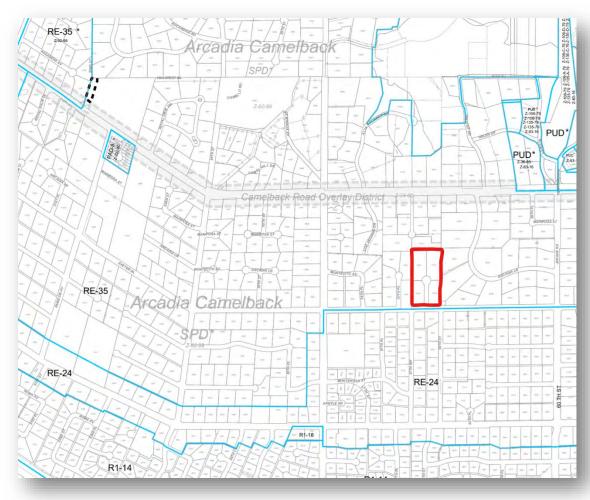
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APPENDIX C

Surrounding Zoning

Existing City of Phoenix Zoning



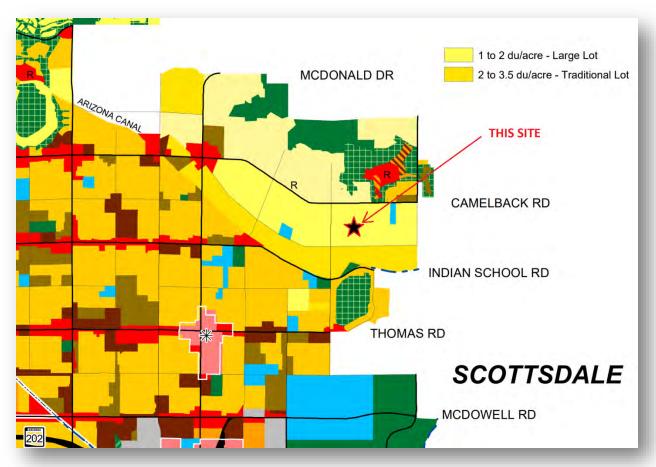
Project: RE-35

Adjacent sites: West: RE-35 East: RE-35 North: RE-35 South: RE-24

APPENDIX D

Surrounding Land Use

City of Phoenix General Plan - Land Use



APPENDIX E

Relevant Photographs

LOOKING NORTH ON E. EXETER BLVD EAST BOUNDARY WALL



LOOKING NORTH ONTO N. 57TH WAY FROM E. EXTER BLVD.



LOOKING EAST ON N. 57TH WAY CUL-DE-SAC

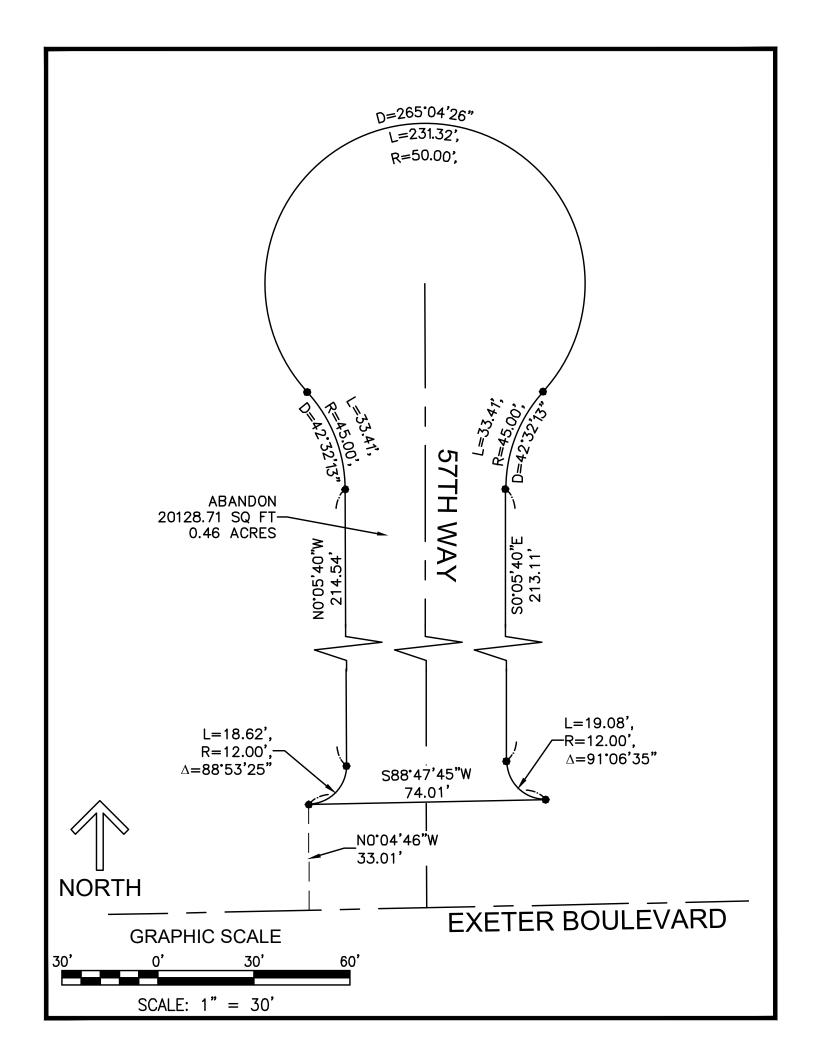


LOOKING SOUTH ON N. 57TH WAY CUL-DE-SAC



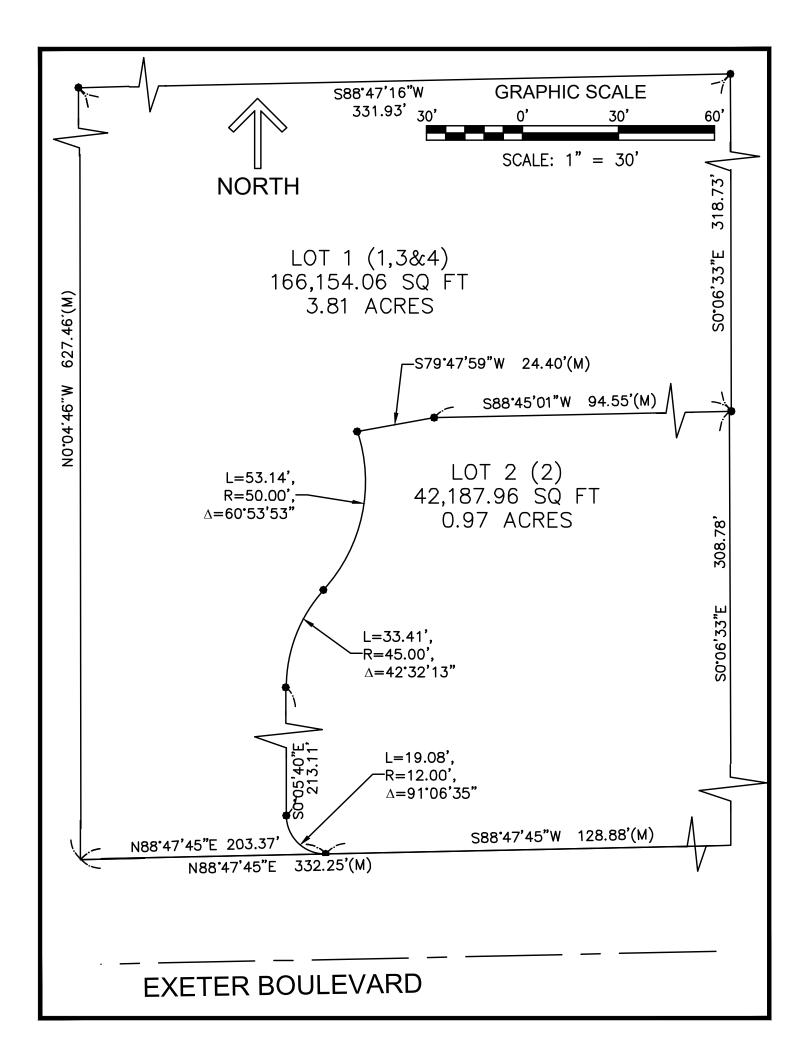
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Proposed 57th Way Abandonment



APPENDIX G

Proposed Lots



APPENDIX H

Expired Granted Application ZA-331-20



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR ZONING ADJUSTMENT

APPLICATION NO: ZA-331-20

CASE TYPE: Variance DATE FILED: 7/9/2020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
CASE STATUS: Pending

EXISTING ZONING: RE-35
FILING STAFF: mpierce

Fee	Fee Waived	Fee Date	Receipt	Purpose
\$490.00	\$0.00	07/09/2020		Original Filing Fee

HEARING DATES

ZA: 08/13/2020 1:30 PM LOCA

LOCATION: Meeting will be held virtually.

BOA:

PROPERTY LOCATION: 5740 East Exeter Boulevard

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: see attahced

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If, during the course of review of a pending application, the applicant submits one or more additional applications that are related to the pending application, then and in such event, the substantive review time frame shall be reset on all related applications. In this event there shall be one applicable substantive review time for all of the related applications and the time frame shall be revised to be the longest substantive review time frame that was applicable to any one of the related applications. As a result, the entire substantive review time frame for the related applications shall start over, and a fee may be charged.

An applicant may receive a clarification from the city of its interpretation or application of a statute, ordinance, code or authorized substantive policy statement. To request clarification or to obtain further information on the application process and applicable review time frames, please call 602-262-7131 (option 6), email zoning.mailbox@phoenix.gov or visit our website at http://phoenix.gov/pdd/licensetimes.html.

In making this application, I understand that the filing of this application and payment of fees does not entitle me to the relief requested. (See Sec. 307 of City of Phoenix Zoning Ordinance for standards by which the hearing officer will review the application.) I understand the approval of this request does not replace the need for acquiring the appropriate building permits, site plan approval, liquor license or any other licenses required by governmental agencies. I also understand that in the case of liquor request approval of a use permit does not guarantee the CITY OF PHOENIX will recommend approval of the liquor license.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:
NOTE TO APPLICANT: SUCH USE PERMITS AND VARIANCE	S AS ARE GRANTED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SHALL BE VOID IF THE USE IS NOT COMMENCED OR IF A BUILDING PERMIT IS NOT OBTAINED 60 DAYS OF SUCH GRANTING OR WITHIN THE TIME STIPULATED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

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APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MAY BE MADE BY ANY PERSON TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ACTIONS.

REQUEST1. Variance to reduce the required side yard (east) setback to 9 feet. Minimum 20 feet required.

ZONING ORD. SECTIONS 609.B. Table

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

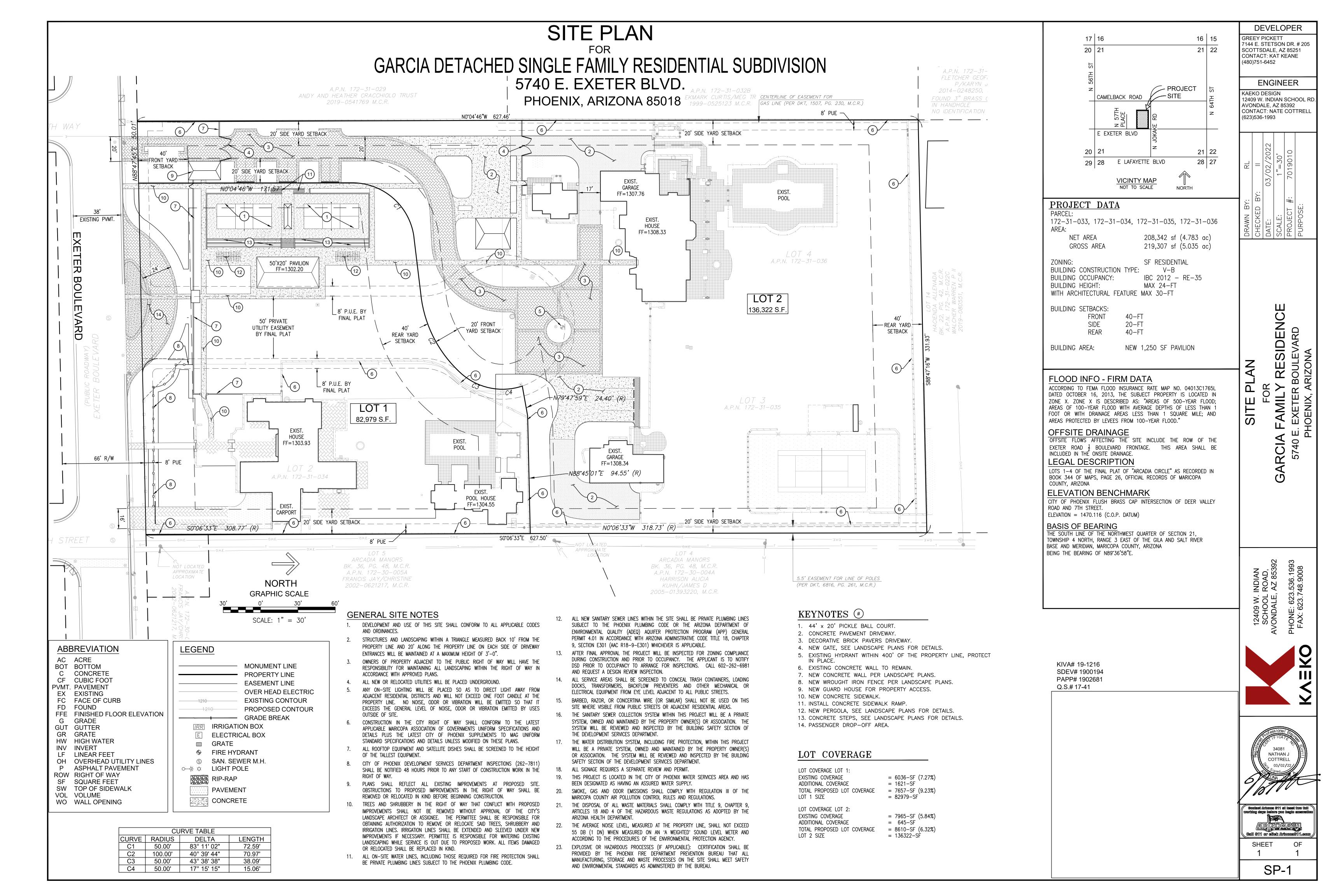
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STIPULATIONS:	
1. Per site plan date s	stamped June 26,2020.
2. 1 year to apply and	pay for building permits.
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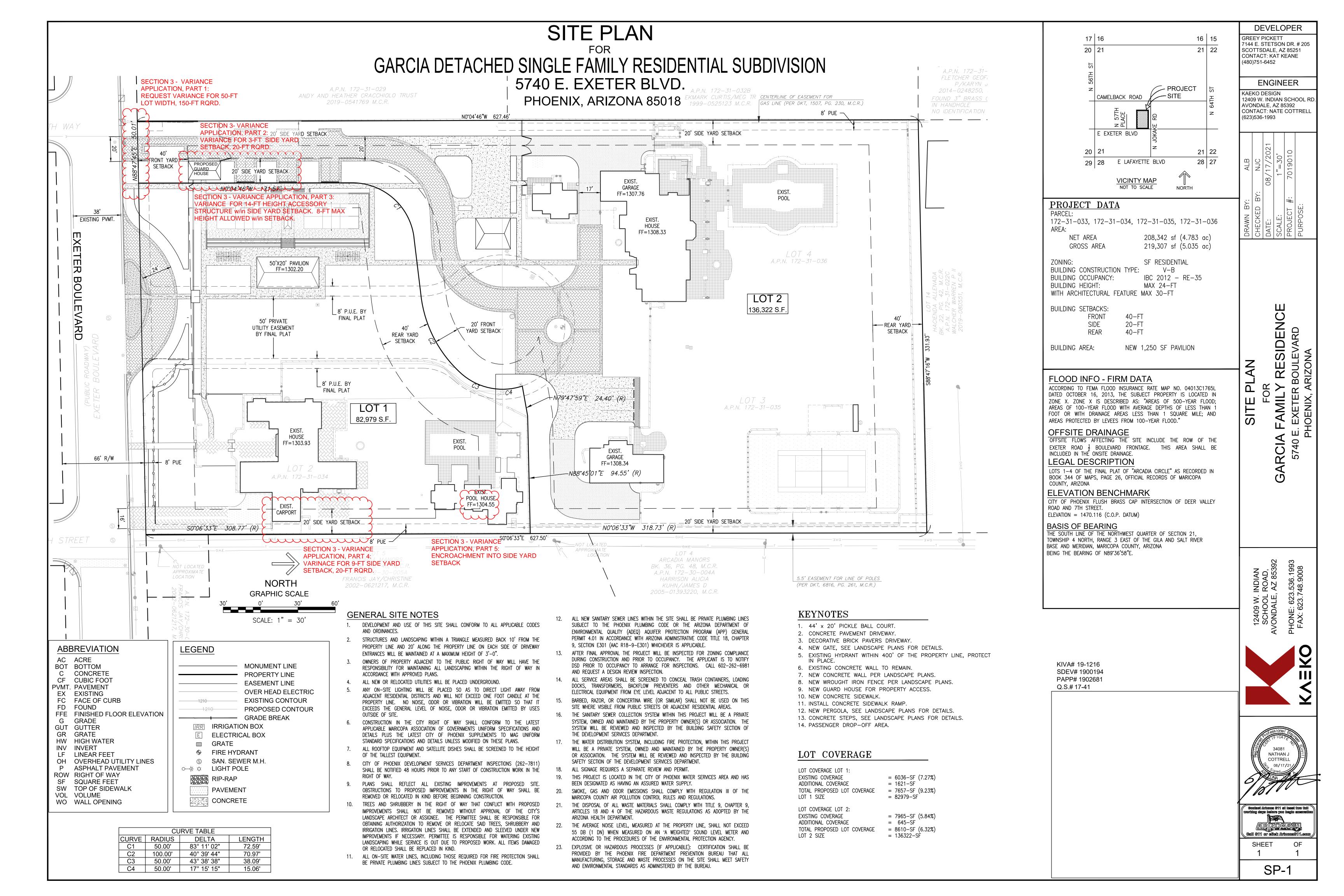
APPENDIX I

Site Plan



APPENDIX J

Variance Request Site Map



LIMITATIONS

The above services consist of professional opinions and conclusions by a consulting civil engineer. The only warranty or guarantee made by the Consultant, in connection with the services performed for this project, is that such services are performed with the care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession practicing under similar conditions, at the same time, and in the same or a similar locality. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made or intended by rendering such consulting services or by furnishing written reports of the findings.