STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE)
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CITY OF NAPERVILLE)

PETITION TO THE NAPERVILLE CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLATTED SETBACK DEVIATION

THE UNDERSIGNED Petitioner, Scott Mathieson ("Petitioner") respectfully petitions the City of Naperville to (i) approve a Platted Setback Deviation for the property legally described in **Exhibit A** (the "Property"); and (ii) grant such other relief from the Code as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to develop the Property consistent with the plans submitted herewith.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. Petitioner is the record owner of the Property, commonly known as 815 S. Julian Street, Naperville, IL 60540, consisting of approximately 0.90 acres of land currently undergoing the construction of a new single-family residence.
- 2. The Property is located within the Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Naperville Estates Subdivision (the "Subdivision").
- 3. The Final Plat of Subdivision was recorded in in DuPage County in 1927 as document number R1927-236013 (the "Plat").
- 4. The Plat depicts a thirty-three (33) foot setback requirement in the rear yard of the Property.
- 5. The Property was recently annexed to the City of Naperville and subdivided pursuant to the Plat of Subdivision for M. House Creek Estates recorded as Document No. R2020-1416686 in DuPage County, Illinois ("M. House Plat").

- 6. The Property is zoned R1A Low Density Single-Family Residence District, which requires a rear yard setback of 25% of the lot depth, not to exceed 30 feet.
- 7. The construction of Petitioner's residence meets the R1A rear yard setback requirements.
- 8. Section 6-2-10:1 of the Code stipulates detached accessory structures shall not be located within five (5) feet of any rear or interior side lot line.
- 9. Petitioner is proposing to construct a pool, cabana, a deck and patio in the rear yard, which will meet the City's setback requirement for detached accessory structures as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto.
- 10. Adjacent properties who were originally subject to the 33' platted setback requirement have all since abrogated said setback as follows:
 - a. 716 Woodlawn Ave. pursuant to the Sieberts Woodlawn Avenue
 Subdivision plat recorded as Document No. R2012-021499 in DuPage
 County, Illinois
 - b. 616 Driftwood Court pursuant to the Avere Subdivision plat recorded as
 Document No. R2007-111383 in DuPage County, Illinois
 - c. 612 Driftwood Court pursuant to the Avere Subdivision plat recorded as
 Document No. R2007-111383 in DuPage County, Illinois
- 11. The Petitioner seeks a deviation from the rear yard platted setback line in order to redevelop the Property consistent with current zoning ordinances and the character of surrounding properties.
- 12. The Petitioners' proposed development is consistent with the existing land use, surrounding residential uses, the City's Comprehensive Plan and will allow the Petitioner to utilize

the Property in a manner that is compatible with the surrounding environment and to its highest and best use.

A DEVIATION FROM THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE PLATTED SETBACK REQUIREMENT

In support of Petitioner's request for a Platted Setback Deviation from thirty-three (33) feet, the Petitioner sets forth the following findings of fact:

(a) The Petitioner has shown that strict adherence to the provisions of this Title would cause unnecessary hardship due to conditions which are unique to the site and not caused by the Owner or Petitioner; and

Strict adherence to the historic platted setback line would require Petitioner to situate their rear yard accessory structures at, or in excess of, thirty-three feet from the rear property line. Generally speaking, the Code permits accessory structures to be located within 5' of the rear yard. Requiring Petitioner to adhere to a 33' rear yard setback would (i) ignore existing violations and/or deviations previously approved by the City; (ii) severely inhibit the usability of the rear yard for private recreational purposes; and (iii) require placement of the rear yard structures behind the existing location of structures on adjacent properties. This situation was not created by the Petitioner, but is a product of historic plat requirements dating back to 1927.

The properties immediately adjoining the Property (616 Driftwood Court, 612 Driftwood Court, and 716 Woodlawn Avenue) have all since abrogated the 33' building setback line. The property located at 716 Woodlawn Ave. was granted a platted setback deviation by the City pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-184. In the ordinance for 716 Woodlawn Ave., the City specifically acknowledged that abrogation of the thirty-three (33) foot platted setback requirement set forth in the Plat reflects the prevailing physical characteristics of the neighborhood. For the foregoing reasons, strict adherence to the provisions of this Title would cause unnecessary hardship due to

unique conditions (90 year old platted setback) not caused by Petitioner.

(b) The requested Subdivision Deviation is not contrary to the intent and purpose of the provisions of this title.

The requested subdivision deviation is not contrary to the intent and purpose of the provision of this title. The underlying purpose of a setback requirement is to (i) ensure proper light and air to surrounding properties; and (ii) create a degree of consistency in a neighborhood. Here, in the event that a deviation from the platted thirty-three (33) foot rear yard setback is approved, Petitioner will still be restricted by the requirements set forth in the R1A zoning district as it relates to the home setback and any attached accessory structures. All detached accessory structures must still maintain a distance of 5 feet from the rear property line pursuant to the Code, which Petitioner wholly complies with pursuant to the plans depicted on Exhibit B. The applicable side and rear yard requirements established by the underlying zoning, will ensure that adequate light and air is preserved for adjacent homeowners. As evidenced by the previous approvals granted, existing homes immediately adjacent to the Property do not respect the thirty-three (33) foot platted setback as the City previously granted the abrogation for said setback to these adjacent properties. There is no uniformly respected building line along these properties under the Plat such that granting the deviation would be contrary to the intent and purposes of the zoning ordinance.

WHEREFORE, by reason of the foregoing, the undersigned Petitioner requests the Naperville City Council and Plan Commission take the necessary steps to approve a Platted Setback Deviation at the Property; and (ii) grant such other relief from the Code as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to develop the Property consistent with the plans submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of ruly	, 2021.
Petitioner:	
By: Rosanova & Whitaker, Ltd.	
Attorney for the Petitioner	

EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT 2 OF M HOUSE CREEK ESTATES OF PART OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDIGN TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. R2020-116686 IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 815 S. JULIAN STREET, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

PIN: 08-19-400-034

EXHBIT B

M-HOUSE DEVELOPMENT M HOUSE CREEK ESTATES 815 SOUTH JULIAN STREET NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540