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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STAFF REPORT

FOR: City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals

MEETINGDATE: November 18, 2025

REGARDING: 1701 East Lake Drive #50-22-02-357-017 (PZ25-0058)

BY: Alan Hall, Deputy Director Community Development

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant

Linda Laplatt

Variance Type

Dimensional Variance

Property Characteristics

Zoning District: this property is zoned One-Family Residential (R-4)

Location: west of Paramount, northeast of East Lake Drive

Parcel #: 50-22-02-357-017

Request

The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow construction of a new single-family home with a lot coverage of 31% (25% allowed, variance of 6%); to allow a front yard setback of 10.4 feet (30 feet required, variance of 19.6 feet); to allow a rear yard setback of 29.8 feet (35 feet required, variance of 5.2 feet); to allow a side yard setback of 3.4 feet (required 10 feet, variance of 6.6 feet); and to allow a minimum aggregate of the exterior side yard, and opposite side yard of 11.6 feet (required aggregate of 40 feet, variance of 28.4 feet).

II. STAFF COMMENTS:

The applicant is seeking (5) dimensional variances to construct a new home on a very tight lot.

- 1) An increase of 6% of total lot coverage variance.
- 2) A 19.6-foot front yard setback variance
- 3) A 5.2-foot rear yard setback variance
- 4) A 6.6-foot side yard setback variance
- 5) 28.4-foot aggregate side yard variance (side yard plus exterior side yard)

III. RECOMMENDATION:

The Zoning Board of Appeals may take one of the following actions:

- 1. I move that we grant the variance in Case No. **PZ25-0058**, sought by _____, for _____ because Petitioner has shown practical difficulty requiring _____.
_____.
_____.
 - (a) Without the variance Petitioner will be unreasonably prevented or limited with respect to use of the property because _____.
_____.
_____.
 - (b) The property is unique because_____.
_____.
_____.
 - (c) Petitioner did not create the condition because_____.
_____.
_____.
 - (d) The relief granted will not unreasonably interfere with adjacent or surrounding properties because_____.
_____.
_____.
 - (e) The relief if consistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance because_____.
_____.
_____.

(f) The variance granted is subject to:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

2. I move that we **deny** the variance in Case No. **PZ25-0058** sought by _____, for _____ because Petitioner has not shown practical difficulty requiring _____.

(a) The circumstances and features of the property including _____ are not unique because they exist generally throughout the City.

(b) The circumstances and features of the property relating to the variance request are self-created because _____.

(c) The failure to grant relief will result in mere inconvenience or inability to attain higher economic or financial return based on Petitioners statements that _____.

(d) The variance would result in interference with the adjacent and surrounding properties by _____.

(e) Granting the variance would be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance to _____.

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Should you have any further questions with regards to the matter please feel free to contact me at (248) 347-0417.

Alan Hall – Deputy Director Community Development - City of Novi



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

RECEIVED

OCT 01 2025

CITY OF NOVI
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION (Address of subject ZBA Case)				Application Fee: <u>\$275</u>	
PROJECT NAME / SUBDIVISION <u>LAPLATT RESIDENCE</u>				Meeting Date: <u>NOV. 18 25</u>	
ADDRESS <u>1701 E. LAKE DR. NOVI, MI</u>		LOT/SUITE/SPACE # <u>LOT 57</u>		ZBA Case #: <u>PZ 25-0058</u>	
SIDWELL # <u>50-22-02-357-017</u>		May be obtain from Assessing Department (248) 347-0485			
CROSS ROADS OF PROPERTY <u>E. LAKE DR + MONTICELLO ST.</u>					
IS THE PROPERTY WITHIN A HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION JURISDICTION? ☐ YES ☒ NO				REQUEST IS FOR: ☒ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ VACANT PROPERTY ☐ SIGNAGE	
DOES YOUR APPEAL RESULT FROM A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OR CITATION ISSUED? ☐ YES ☒ NO					
II. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
A. APPLICANT					
NAME <u>LINO A LAPLATT</u>				FAX NO.	
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY					
ADDRESS <u>31160 STAR TRL</u>		CITY <u>MILFORD</u>		STATE <u>MI</u>	ZIP CODE <u>48381</u>
B. PROPERTY OWNER ☒ CHECK HERE IF APPLICANT IS ALSO THE PROPERTY OWNER					
Identify the person or organization that owns the subject property:		EMAIL ADDRESS		CELL PHONE NO.	
NAME				TELEPHONE NO.	
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY				FAX NO.	
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
III. ZONING INFORMATION					
A. ZONING DISTRICT					
☐ R-A ☐ R-1 ☐ R-2 ☐ R-3 ☒ R-4 ☐ RM-1 ☐ RM-2 ☐ MH ☐ I-1 ☐ I-2 ☐ RC ☐ TC ☐ TC-1 ☐ OTHER _____					
B. VARIANCE REQUESTED					
INDICATE ORDINANCE SECTION (S) AND VARIANCE REQUESTED:					
1. Section <u>3.1.5</u>		Variance requested		<u>LOT COVERAGE: 30% ILO 25%</u>	
2. Section <u>3.1.5</u>		Variance requested		<u>FRONT SETBACKS: 10.4' AND 8.2'</u>	
3. Section <u>3.1.5</u>		Variance requested		<u>REAR SETBACK: 29.8'</u>	
4. Section <u>3.1.5</u>		Variance requested		<u>SIDE SETBACK: 3.4'</u>	
IV. FEES AND DRAWINGS					
A. FEES					
☐ Single Family Residential (Existing) \$220 ☐ (With Violation) \$275 ☒ Single Family Residential (New) \$275					
☐ Multiple/Commercial/Industrial \$330 ☐ (With Violation) \$440 ☐ Signs \$330 ☐ (With Violation) \$440					
☐ House Moves \$330 ☐ Special Meetings (At discretion of Board) \$660					
B. DRAWINGS 1-COPY & 1 DIGITAL COPY SUBMITTED AS A PDF					
• Dimensioned Drawings and Plans • Site/Plot Plan • Existing or proposed buildings or addition on the property • Number & location of all on-site parking, if applicable • Existing & proposed distance to adjacent property lines • Location of existing & proposed signs, if applicable • Floor plans & elevations • Any other information relevant to the Variance application					



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V. VARIANCE

A. VARIANCE(S) REQUESTED

☒ DIMENSIONAL ☐ USE ☐ SIGN

There is a five-(5) hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals.

B. SIGN CASES (ONLY)

Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a **Mock-Up Sign** ten-(10) days before the schedule ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next schedule ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is **NOT** to be actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five-(5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mock-up or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five-(5) days of the meeting.

C. ORDINANCE

City of Novi Ordinance, Section 3107 – Miscellaneous

No order of the Board permitting the erection of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one-(1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

No order of the Board permitting a use of a building or premises shall be valid for a period longer than one-hundred and eighty-(180) days unless such use is established within such a period; provided, however, where such use permitted is dependent upon the erection or alteration of a building such order shall continue in force and effect if a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within one-(1) year and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

D. APPEAL THE DETERMINATION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official / Inspector or Ordinance made

☒ CONSTRUCT NEW HOME/BUILDING ☐ ADDITION TO EXISTING HOME/BUILDING ☐ SIGNAGE

☐ ACCESSORY BUILDING

☐ USE

☐ OTHER _____

VI. APPLICANT & PROPERTY SIGNATURES

A. APPLICANT

Lin De G. L. L. L.
Applicant Signature

Date 9/30/2025

B. PROPERTY OWNER

If the applicant is not the owner, the property owner must read and sign below:

The undersigned affirms and acknowledges that he, she or they are the owner(s) of the property described in this application, and is/are aware of the contents of this application and related enclosures.

Property Owner Signature

Date

VII. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DECISION ON APPEAL:

☐ GRANTED

☐ DENIED

The Building Inspector is hereby directed to issue a permit to the Applicant upon the following and conditions:

Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals

Date



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REVIEW STANDARDS DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will review the application package and determine if the proposed Dimensional Variance meets the required standards for approval. In the space below, and on additional paper if necessary, explain how the proposed project meets each of the following standards. (Increased costs associated with complying with the Zoning Ordinance will not be considered a basis for granting a Dimensional Variance.)

Standard #1. Circumstances or Physical Conditions.

Explain the circumstances or physical conditions that apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zoning district or in the general vicinity. Circumstances or physical conditions may include:

- a. Shape of Lot.** Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific property in existence on the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance or amendment.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

and/or

- b. Environmental Conditions.** Exceptional topographic or environmental conditions or other extraordinary situations on the land, building or structure.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

and/or

- c. Abutting Property.** The use or development of the property immediately adjacent to the subject property would prohibit the literal enforcement of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance or would involve significant practical difficulties.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

Standard #2. Not Self-Created.

Describe the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the Dimensional Variance, that the need for the requested variance is not the result of actions of the property owner or previous property owners (i.e., is not self-created).

Standard #3. Strict Compliance.

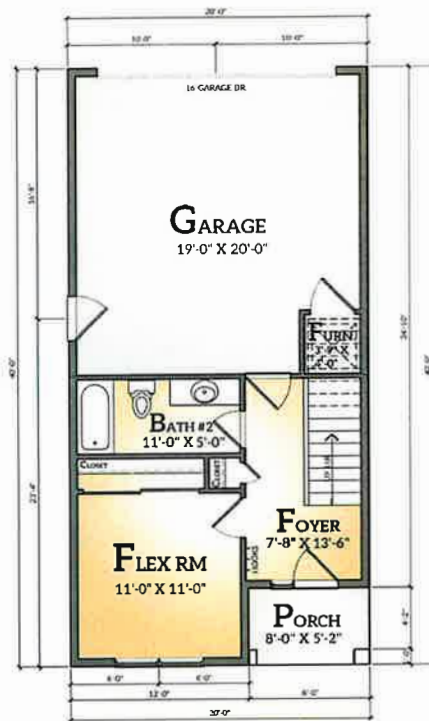
Explain how the Dimensional Variance in strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

Standard #4. Minimum Variance Necessary.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district.

Standard #5. Adverse Impact on Surrounding Area.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or zoning district.

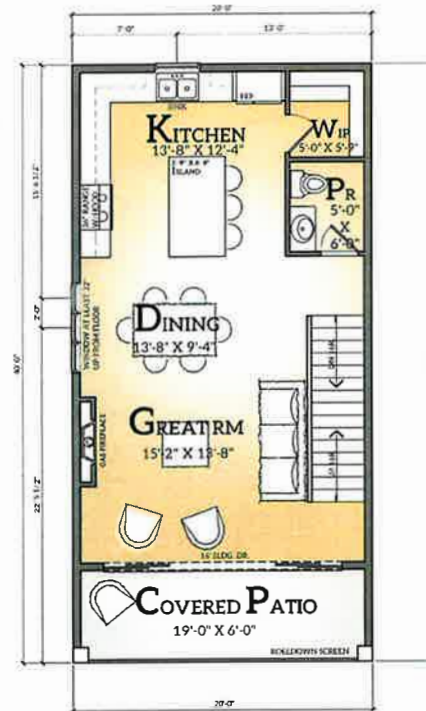


FIRST FLOOR

348 SQ FT

9' CLG

2 X 6 EXTERIOR WALLS

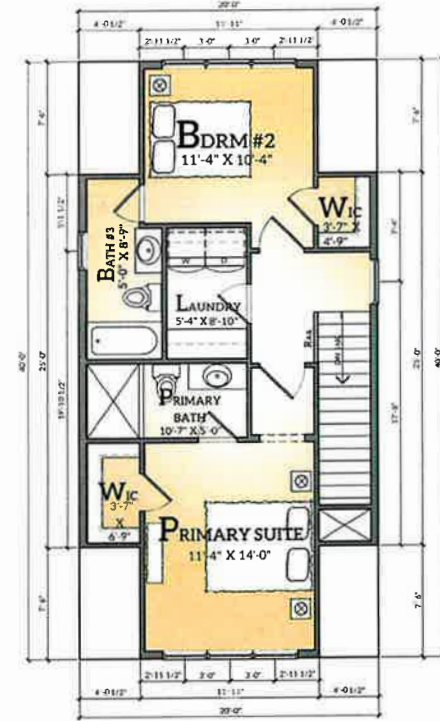


SECOND FLOOR

643 SQ FT

9' CLG

2 X 6 EXTERIOR WALLS



THIRD FLOOR

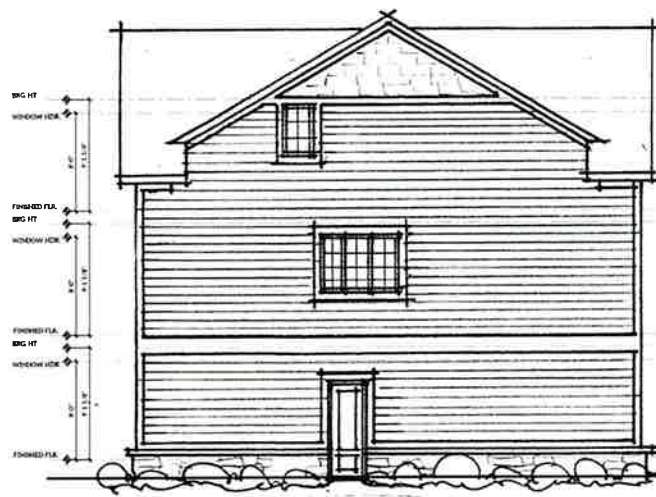
679 SQ FT

9' CLG

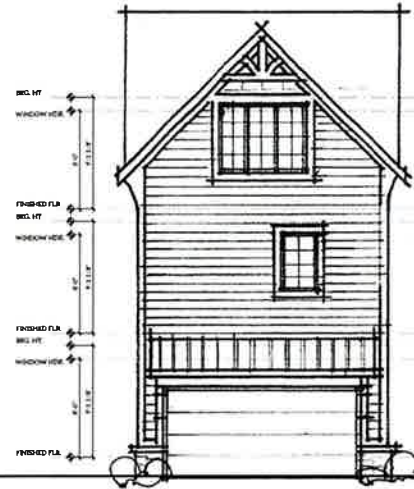
2 X 6 EXTERIOR WALLS



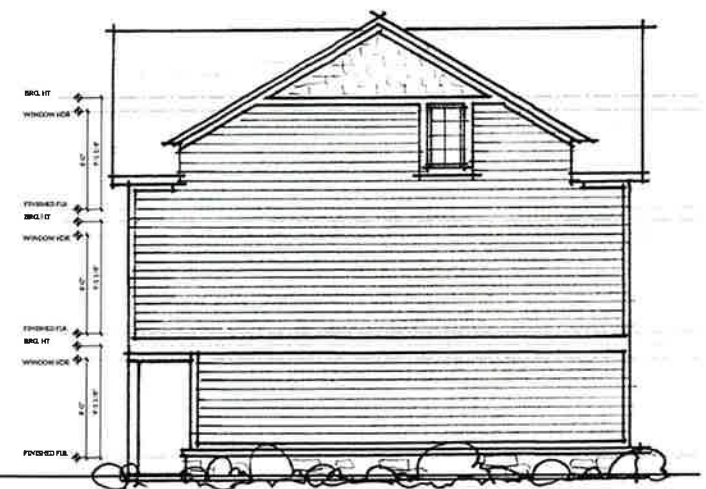
Proposed Front Elevation



Proposed Left Elevation



Proposed Rear Elevation

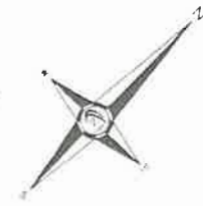


Proposed Right Elevation

Certificate of Survey

1701 E. Lake Dr., Novi, MI

P.L.N.: 22-02-355-015 & 22-02-357-017



E. Lake Dr. (50' Wide)
(ASPHALT PAVEMENT)

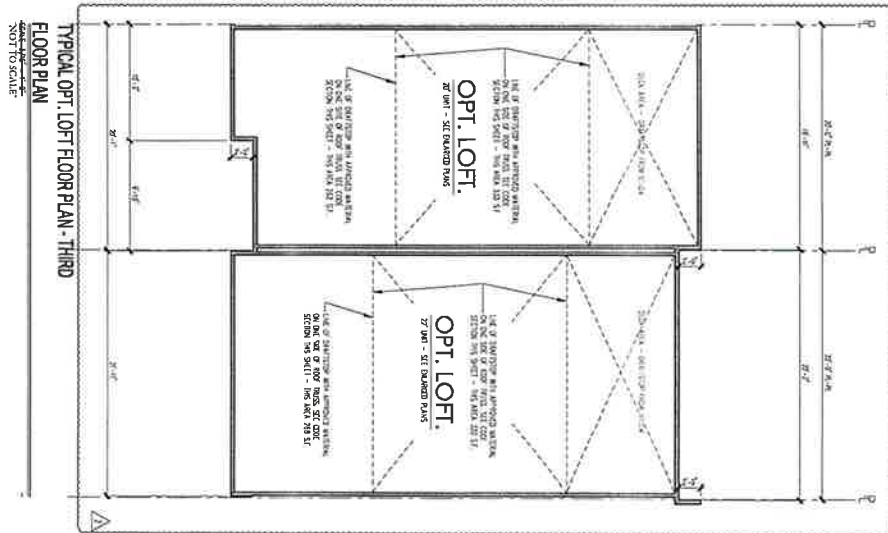


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ENGINEERS

NOWAK & TRAUS ENGINEERS
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Chapman Rd.
(30' wide)
(ASPHALT PAVEMENT)

SCALE: 1" = 20'
DATE: 07-25-2024
DRAWN: C.H.
JOB NO: 0221
SHEET: 1 of 2



CONTROL PLAN NOTE

REFER TO THE ENLARGED FLOOR PLANS AS ELEVATIONS FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION OF EACH UNIT(S).

3-20
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Building Control Plan
Third Floor Plan - Typical Opt. Loft Floor Plan
Units 1-5



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