BOA CASE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C15-2019-0007

ADDRESS: 2618 Spring Lane

BOA DATE: February 11, 2019

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COUNCIL DISTRICT AREA: 10

OWNER: James Greenway

AGENT: David Cancialosi

ZONING: SF-3-NP

AREA: Lot 8 less SW Tri and N Tri of Lot 7 Tarrytown Oaks Sec 2

VARIANCE REQUEST: Sub Chapter F, Article 2: Development Standards, 2.1 (Maximum Development Permitted) 0.4 to 1.0 (required), 0.42 to 1.0 (requested)

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Interior remodel post-construction building permit to include part of 2nd floor attic space as air conditioned, game room space.

ISSUES: Work was done in 2005 prior to Sub Chapter F inclusion in the zoning code; building code did not require a permit for structures less than 250 square feet (currently 200 square feet), however current zoning applies for current permits.

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	SF-3-NP (West Austin Neighborhood Group)	Residential
North	SF-3-NP (West Austin Neighborhood Group)	Residential
South	SF-3-NP (West Austin Neighborhood Group)	Residential
East	SF-3-NP (West Austin Neighborhood Group)	Residential
West	SF-3-NP (West Austin Neighborhood Group)	Residential

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS: Austin Independent School District, Austin Neighborhoods Council; Bike Austin; Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan Contact Team; Friends of Austin Neighborhoods; Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation; Preservation Austin; SEL Texas; Save Our Springs Alliance; Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group; TNR BCP – Travis County Natural Resources; Tarrytown Neighborhood Association; West Austin Neighborhood Group



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CITY OF AUSTIN

Development Services Department

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Board of Adjustment General/Parking Variance Application

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The application must be complete and accurate prior to submittal. *If more space is required, please complete Section 6 as needed.* All information is required (if applicable).

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Portion of the City of Austin Land Development Code applicant is seeking a variance from:

25-2-F-2.1 MAX F.A.R., SEEKING .42 F.A.R AT EXISTING RESIDENCE. NO PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING SIZE OR SCALE

OF 2005 ERA RESIDENCE

Section 2: Variance Findings

The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of, and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional supporting documents.

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings:

Reasonable Use

The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

SEE ATTACHED

Hardship

a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

SEE ATTACHED

b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

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SEE ATTACHED

Area Character

The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

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Parking (additional criteria for parking variances only)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed in the City of Austin Land Development Code Chapter 25-6, Appendix A with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

- 1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonably require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
- N/A
- 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

N/A

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

N1/A	
N/A	

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

N/A

Section 3: Applicant Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature:		Date: <u>1/11/19</u>
Applicant Name (typed or printed): David Cancialosl		
Applicant Mailing Address: <u>105 W. Riverside #225</u>		
City: Austin	State: TX	Zip: 78704
Phone (will be public information):		
Email (optional – will be public information):		

Section 4: Owner Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Owner Signature:		Date: <u>1/11/19</u>
Owner Name (typed or printed): James Greenway		
Owner Mailing Address: 2618 Spring Lane		
City: Austin	State: TX	Zip: 78703
Phone (will be public information):		-
Email (optional – will be public information):		
Section 5: Agent Information		
Agent Name: David Cancialosi for Mr. James Green	way	
Agent Mailing Address: 105 W. Riverside #225		
City: Austin	State: TX	Zip: <u>78704</u>
Phone (will be public information):		

Email (optional – will be public information):

Section 6: Additional Space (if applicable)

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Section 5: Agent Information

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see attached cover letter 09/11/2015 | Page 7 of 8 City of Austin | Board of Adjustment General/Parking Variance Application

From the office of:

PERMIT PARTNERS, LLC 105 W. Riverside Dr. Suite 225 Austin, Texas 78704 David C. Cancialosi 512.593.5368 c. 512.494.4561 f.

January 9, 2019

City of Austin c/o Leanne Heldenfelds City of Austin Board of Adjustment One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Austin, Texas 78704

RE: 2618 Spring Lane - request for .42 FAR to allow 177 SF game room enclosure

Dear Board of Adjustment Commissioners,

My client is seeking a variance to allow a slight increase in the maximum allowed FAR at his personal home located at 2618 Spring Lane. The homeowner filed for a permit approval recently to perform an interior remodel. He was rejected on the basis that an entry way taller than 15' in ceiling height had been enclosed to make room for a small 177 SF gaming play room for his five children to use. This minor modification was performed without permit and before the adoption of the Subchapter F regulations. The residence was approved and built prior to adoption of Subchapter F in accordance with BP-2005-013599. The owner was not aware that the enclosure of this small area would require a permit given the minor nature of it. Although he does expresses remorse for not being aware of the regulations. At that time in 2005 he misunderstood the city's rule which states anything under 200 SF does not require a permit.

The enclosure essentially consists of boards across existing joists to make the floor (accessed from existing 2nd floor). The remainder of the space was already finished out since it was part of the original permit. He sheetrocked under the new floor to finish out the ceiling in the entry as you enter the house. Development Services Staff has now determined that Mr. Greenway's current application for interior remodel -which proposes no increase in FAR or change in footprint to the existing pre-Subchapter F house - is subject to FAR regulations codified in Subchapter F. Specifically, due to this 177 SF enclosure Mr. Greenway is requesting the .42 FAR for a total square footage of 6,512 SF from the originally permitted 6,335 SF / .412 FAR. A total increase of .008 FAR.

Reasonable Use

The use is reasonable in that a residential use is allowed in SF-3 zoning. The proposed FAR increase does not violate the intent of the Subchapter F regulations, which were instituted to regulate scale and size of residences in relation to surrounding structures within a neighborhood. The addition of an interior 177 SF enclosure is a semantic interpretation which does not violate the spirit of the FAR regulations. Mr. Greenway is simply attempting to utilize his residence in a manner that accommodates his wife and five children whom were not present in his life in 2005.

Hardship

The regulations are being retroactively and unreasonably applied to a pre-Subchapter F project. The request is diminimus in nature given it's use has been an efficient use of the home to accommodate his family without expanding the scale or footprint of the house approved the city approved in 2005. Mr. Greenway fully discloses his error of not obtaining a permit for the 177 SF gaming enclosure; however, the Development Services Staff have determined any lack of permit for said enclosure now requires compliance with Subchapter F (FAR) regulations for the current remodel permit application to be approved - despite said enclosure having been preformed pre-Subchapter F per Mr. Greenway. It was basically a home-depot weekend exercise which he thought did not require permits given its nominal impact. Again, he is remorseful for not seeking permit approval for the 177 SF area. Mr. Greeway and I fully recognize DSD's authority to make such determination to apply Subchapter F regulations but respectfully submit this is an overly strict interpretation of the statue. The homeowner will testify he installed the enclosure prior to adoption of Subchapter F and thus did not believe it would be viewed by staff as grandfathered. It is shown on the current plans in transparency with full expectation that any interior remodel which does not propose an increase in FAR would not trigger retroactive compliance with Subchapter F FAR regulations for a structure which is otherwise grandfathered.



Not General to the Area

I am not aware of any structures in the area where a current interior remodel permit application has resulted in a DSD determination stating compliance with current Subchapter F regulations is required despite said project being permitted prior to adoption of Subchapter F and not increasing the scale nor footprint of the subject site.

Area of Character

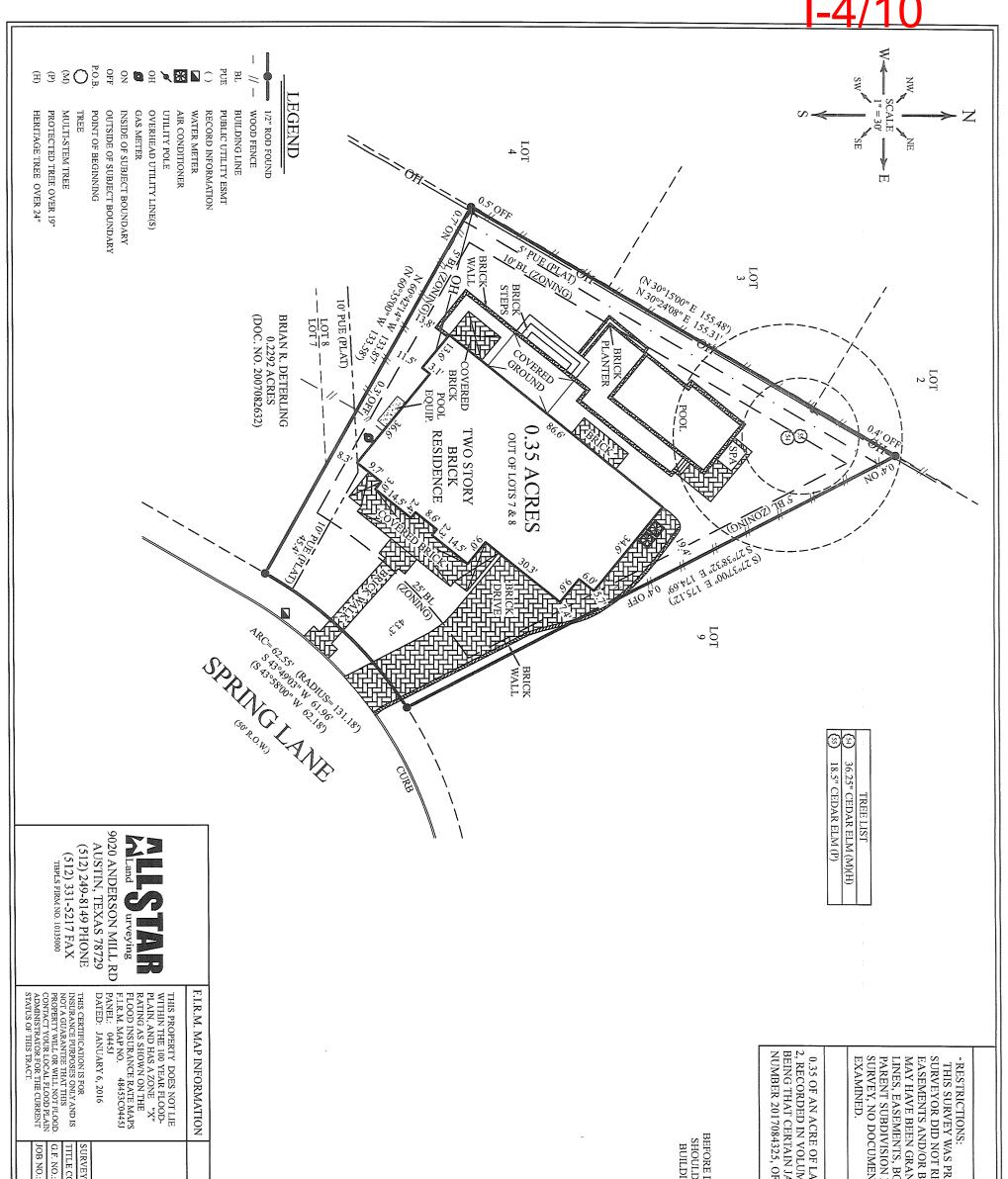
The residence approved in 2005 is essentially the same. The proposed interior remodel does not propose to change the size, scope, footprint, or square footage of the residence. To reiterate, the 2005-era approval was prior to the adoption of Subchapter F. Applying Subchapter F regulations to that 2005 permit, the FAR results in .412 FAR. Adding the 177 SF gaming enclosure increases it to .42 FAR. The area of character is not impacted in an adverse manner given increase of .008 FAR.

On behalf of Mr. Greenway I ask the Board to approve this request so the remodel permit application review process can continue, be approved, and the correct FAR and floorplan records can be accounted for in the City's permit system. Should the Board approved this request, the remodel permit will incorporate the necessary plan details to ensure the enclosure is built to code per current IRC regulations.

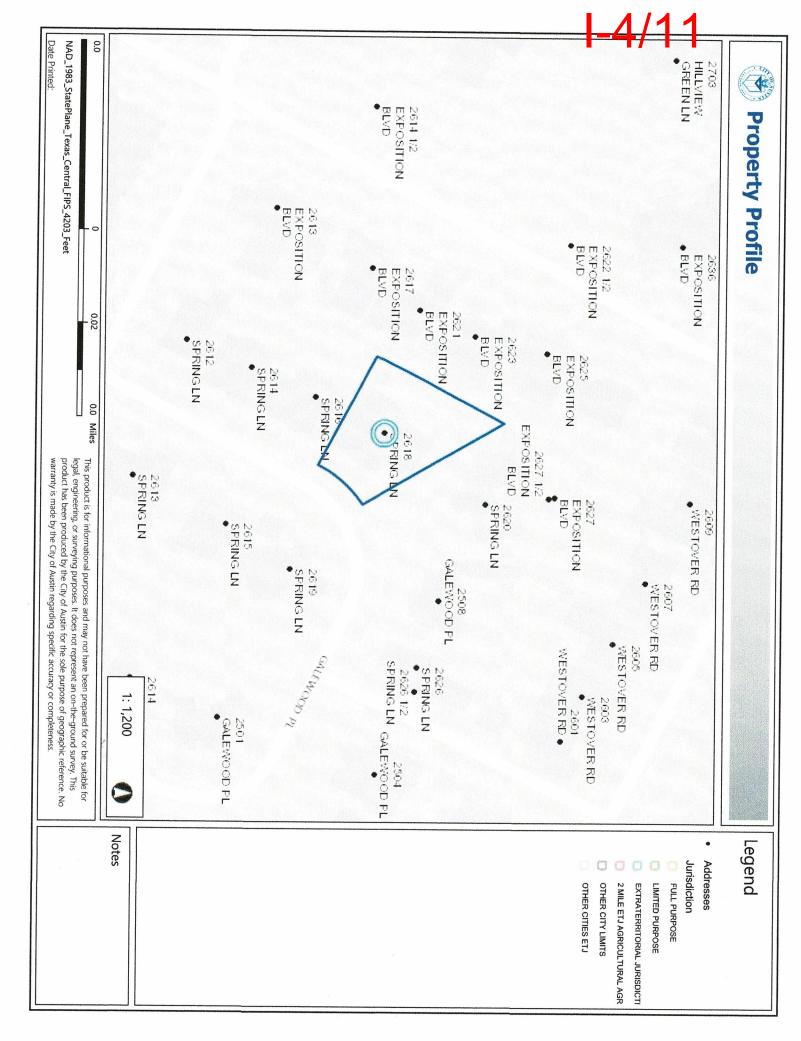
Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

David C. Cancialosi, Agent for Owner



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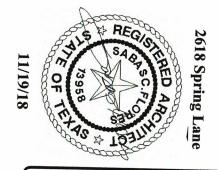


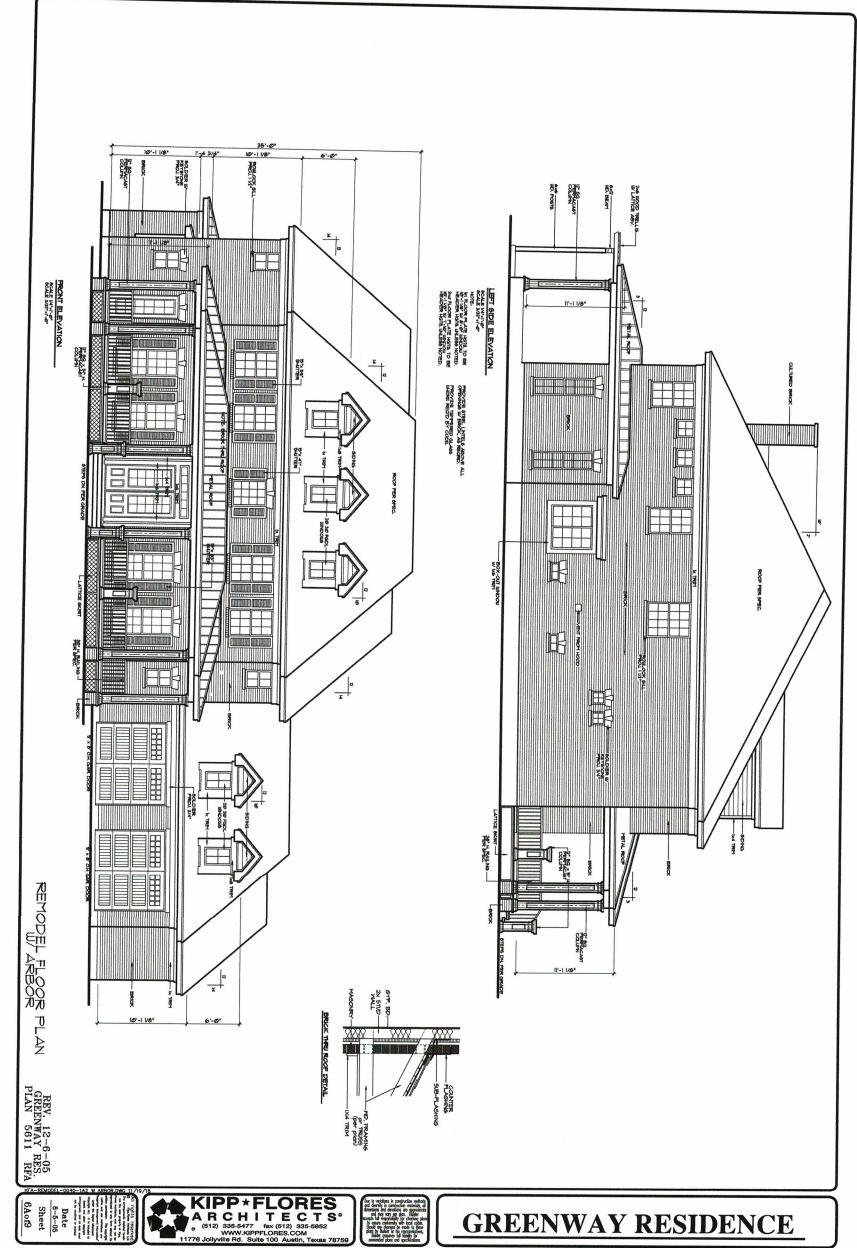
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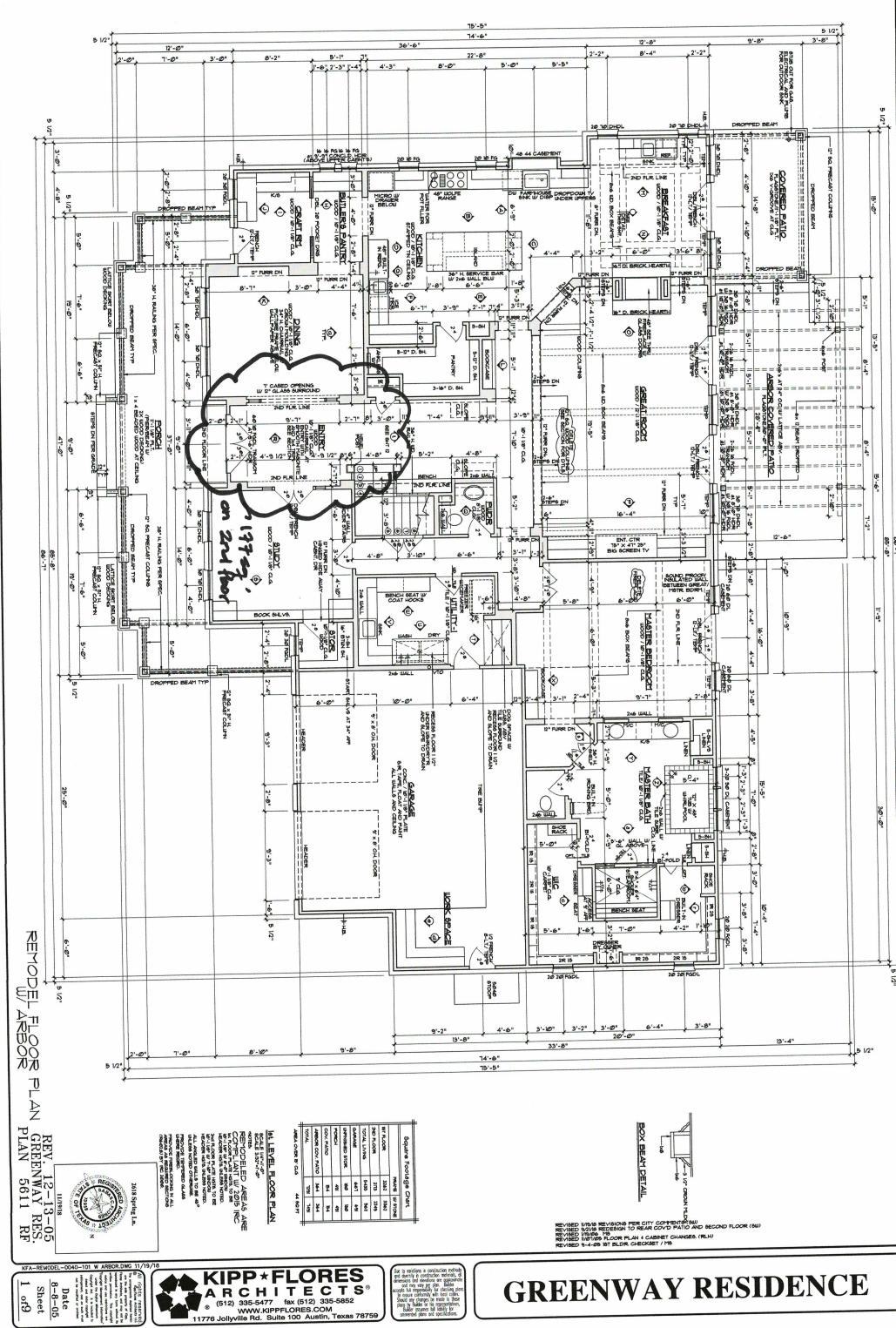
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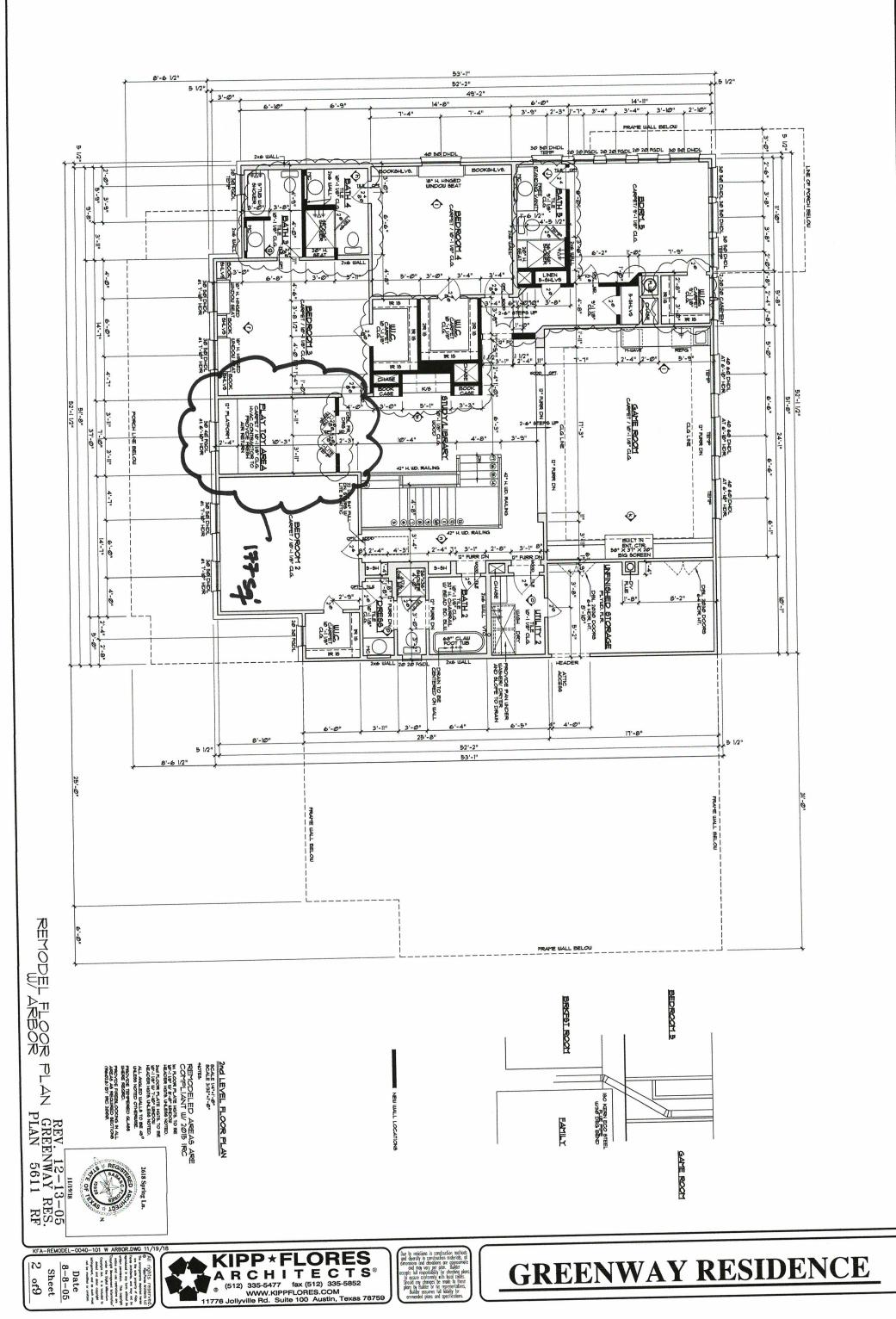






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