

**CITY OF AUSTIN  
Board of Adjustment  
Decision Sheet**

**DATE: Monday April 08, 2019**

**CASE NUMBER: C15-2019-0019**

\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Ada Corral  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ William Burkhardt  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Darryl Pruett  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Eric Goff  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Melissa Hawthorne  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Yasmine Smith  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Don Leighton-Burwell  
\_\_\_-\_\_\_ Rahm McDaniel OUT  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Martha Gonzalez (Alternate) RM  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Veronica Rivera  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ James Valdez  
\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Michael Von Ohlen  
\_\_\_-\_\_\_ Kelly Blume (Alternate) OUT  
\_\_\_-\_\_\_ Alternate (Vacant)

**APPLICANT: Jim Witliff**

**OWNER: Alvin Momin**

**ADDRESS: 12401 TECH RIDGE BLVD**

**VARIANCE REQUESTED:** The applicant has requested a variance(s) to Section 25-2-814 (Service Station Use) (3) to increase the queue lanes from 8 (required, permitted) to 12 (requested) in order to add a retail gas service station in an "GR" Community Commercial zoning district.

**BOARD'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Board Member Melissa Hawthorne motion to postpone to May 13, 2019, Board Member Michael Von Ohlen second on an 11-0 vote; POSTPONED TO MAY 13, 2019.

**FINDING:**

1. The Zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:  
(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
3. 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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Leane Heldenfels  
Executive Liaison

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William Burkhardt  
Chairman



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### Section 1: Applicant Statement

Street Address: 12401 Tech Ridge Blvd

Subdivision Legal Description:

Lot 4, Block A, Tech Ridge Center Phase VI

Lot(s): 4 Block(s): A

Outlot: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: GR

I/We Jim Wittliff/Land Answers, Inc. on behalf of myself/ourselves as  
authorized agent for Factor Real Estate, LLC affirm that on

Month February, Day 14, Year 2019, hereby apply for a hearing before the  
Board of Adjustment for consideration to (select appropriate option below):

☒ Erect ☐ Attach ☐ Complete ☐ Remodel ☐ Maintain ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Structure: A total of 12 queue lanes for a service station.

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

25-2-814, which limits vehicle queue lanes to a maximum of eight.

## 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:

The queue lane example listed in Appendix H of the Transportation Criteria Manual (attached) shows an outdated fuel dispensing alignment with up to 16 pumps and up to 8 queue lanes. Modern service station design uses the "dive" concept for maximum safety and accessibility. We are proposing 6 fuel pump islands, with one fuel dispenser on each side, which will require 12 queue lanes.

### Hardship

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

Due to the 50 foot driveway throat length requirement from Tech Ridge Blvd, we are unable to utilize a significant portion of the street frontage of this site for required circulation around the fuel dispensers. Additionally, The City's outdated fuel dispensing alignment has proven to be less safe for customers and creates poorer air quality, due to excessive idling for queueing vehicles. Also, our proposed alignment will minimize the possibility.... (cont'd on pg. 7)

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

This fuel pump alignment design is now used on most new service stations. Furthermore, there are only a few service stations within any geographic area. Our proposed design will have only 12 fuel dispensers. City Code allows up to 16 fuel dispensers on a site, provided the old fuel pump alignment design is utilized.



**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:

This variance will result in only twelve fuel dispensers on the site, which is only 75% of the fuel dispensers currently allowed by Code. The drive alignment has proven to be safer and more efficient, resulting in less necessary manouvering, and less idling time by vehicles in queue lanes.

**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:

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:

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

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



**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: 02/14/2019

Applicant Name (typed or printed): Jim Wittliff

Applicant Mailing Address: 3606 Winfield cove

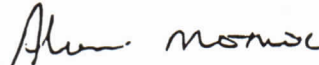
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**Section 4: Owner Certificate**

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: 02/14/2019

Owner Name (typed or printed): Factor Real Estate, LLC

Owner Mailing Address: 1610 Ohlen Road

City: Austin State: Texas Zip: 78758

Phone (will be public information): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional – will be public information): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5: Agent Information**

Agent Name: Jim Wittliff/Land Answers, Inc.

Agent Mailing Address: 3606 Winfield Cove

City: Austin State: Texas Zip: 78704

Phone (will be public information): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional – will be public information): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 6: Additional Space (if applicable)**

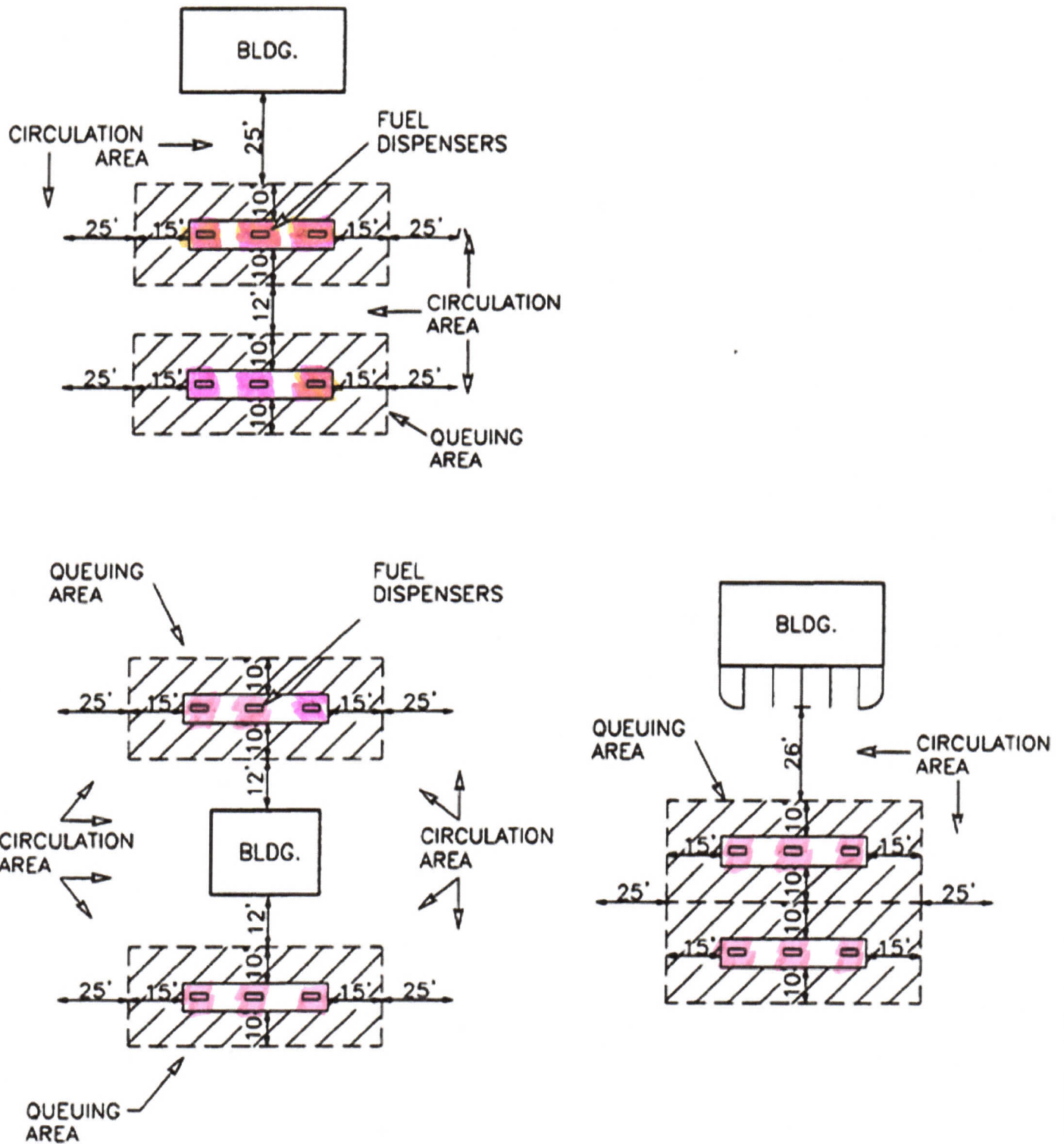
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a) that waiting vehicles will queue out into the ROW. Our engineer attempted to reconfigure the property using the City's outdated in-line fuel dispensing configuration, and the property's dimensions do not provide adequate room for this alignment.





Figure 9-8 Service Station Queuing

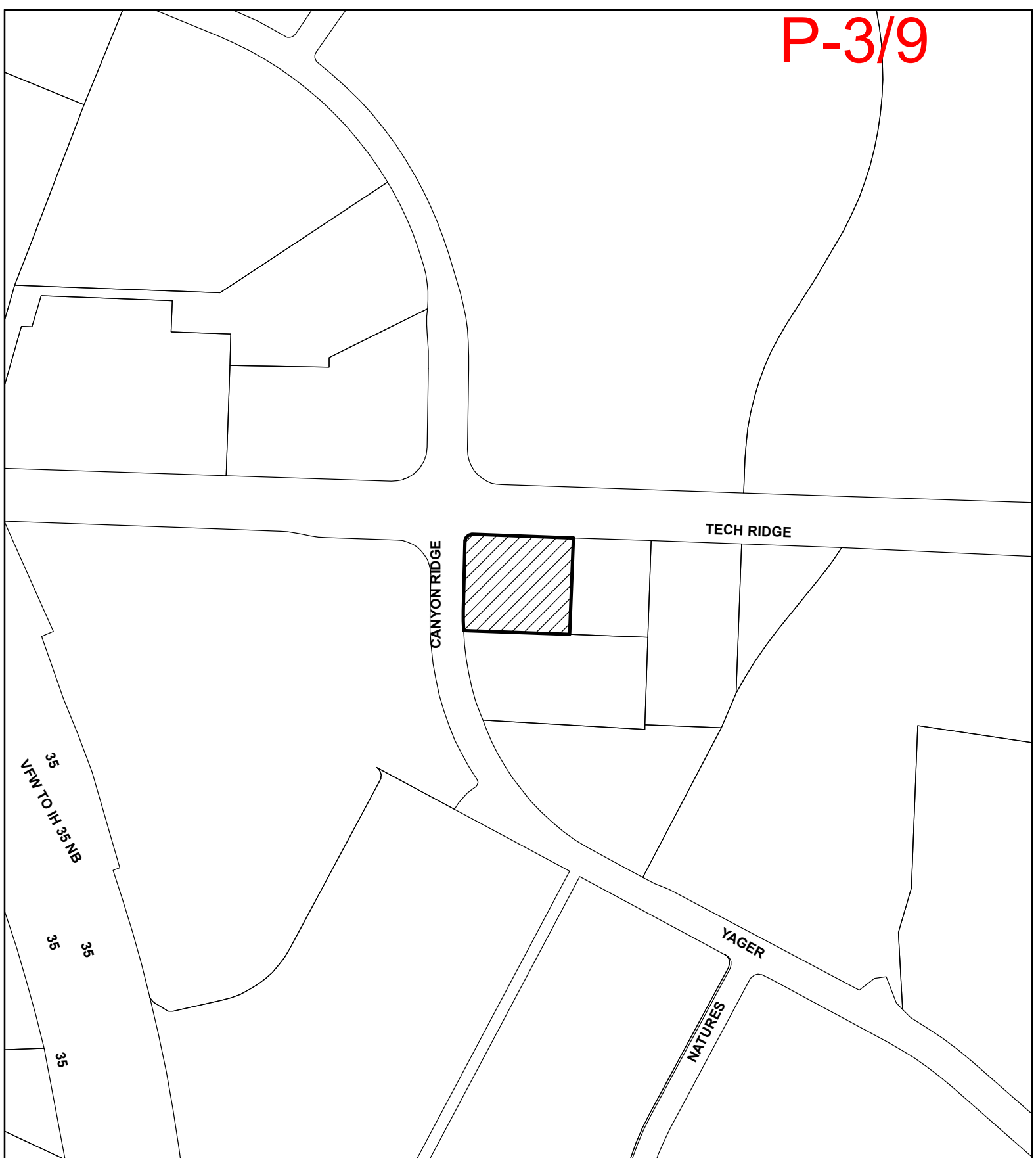





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	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>LAND USES</b>
<i>Site</i>	GR	Vacant
<i>North</i>	LI-PDA	Vacant
<i>South</i>	GR	Vacant
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<i>West</i>	GR	Vacant

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:** Austin Neighborhoods Council; Bike Austin; Friends of Austin Neighborhoods; Homeless Neighborhood Association; Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation; North Growth Corridor Alliance; Pflugerville Independent School District; SEL Texas; Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group; TechRidge Neighbors; Yager Planning Area





-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

### NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 327'

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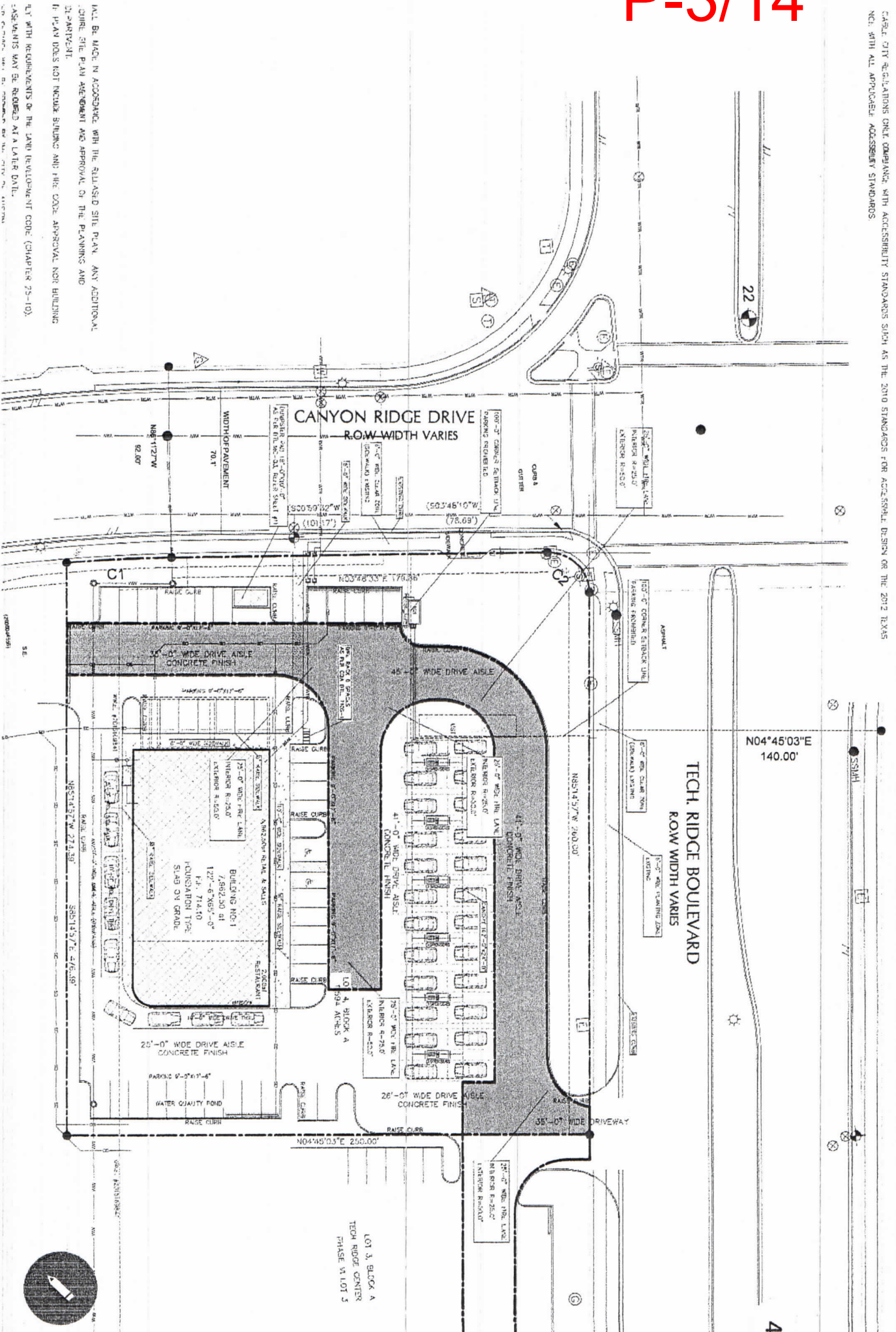
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