

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 16, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0633  
4000 BALCONES DRIVE**

**PROPOSAL**


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Demolish a ca. 1953 house along with a ca. 1972 guest house and accessory building.

**ARCHITECTURE**


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One-story Ranch house with masonry veneer; picture windows and multi-light casement windows at main and secondary facades; a side-gabled, standing-seam metal roof with deep eaves; and sliding glass doors.

**RESEARCH**


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The property was owned primarily by the Davol family, who first constructed the main house in 1953. Frank H. Davol was a Brooklyn native who worked as a mechanical engineer; he passed away in 1966. His wife, Hayes Thompson Davol Knox, was an active member of the board of directors of the Heritage Society of Austin and the Texas Historical Foundation, as well as a member of other culture, heritage, and horticultural organizations. After the death of her first husband, she married Jay Knox, a war veteran and retired banker.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox passed away within a year of each other in 1976 and 1977. Hayes Davol Knox's son and his wife, John and Dorothy Davol, then moved into the home at 4000 Balcones; they had previously lived next door at 4002 Balcones. John Davol was an accountant and served as a vice-president and treasurer of the Calcasieu Lumber Company.

**STAFF COMMENTS**


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The auxiliary dwelling and shed were constructed ca. 1972-73, and thus are not eligible for landmark designation evaluation. The house does not appear in any City survey.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

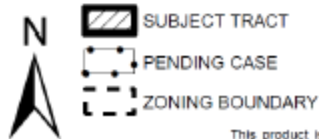
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to one criterion:
  - a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Ranch style with mid-century modern stylistic influences.
  - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for significant historical association.
  - c) *Archaeology*. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d) *Community value*. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e) *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**


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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

## LOCATION MAP



1" = 333'

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: HDP-2019-0633  
LOCATION: 4000 BALCONES DR

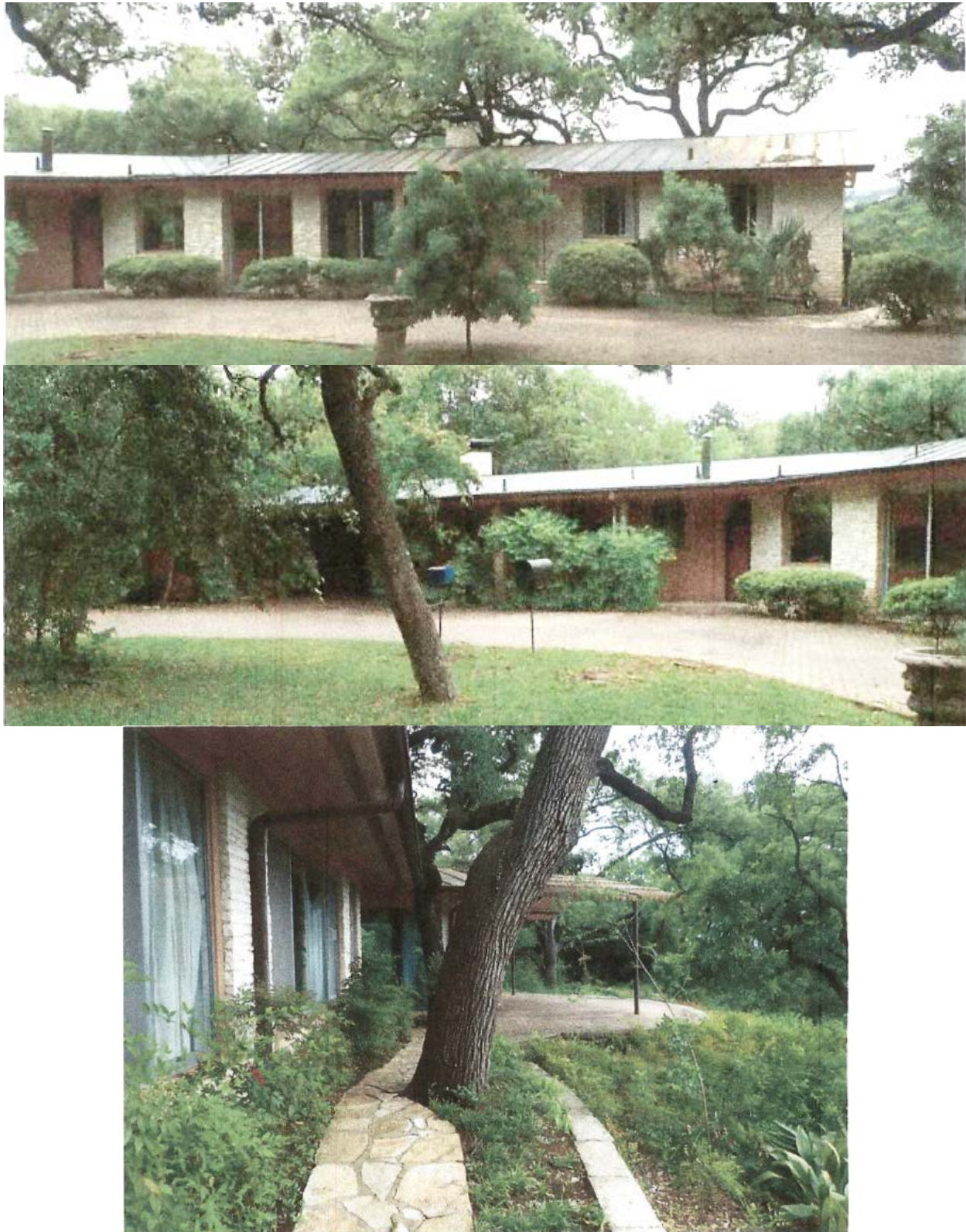


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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### *Photos*



*Main house. Applicant photos.*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, December 2019

1992 John and Dorothy Davol, owners  
Retired



- 1985-86 John and Dorothy Davol, owners  
Retired
- 1981 John and Dorothy Davol, owners
- 1977 No return  
Note: John and Dorothy Davol, vice-president of Austin Industries, Inc., are listed at 4002 Balcones Drive.
- 1973 Jay and Hayes D. Knox, owners  
Retired  
4002: John and Dorothy Davol, owners. Vice-president of Calcasieu Lumber.
- 1968 Mrs. Hayes Davol, owner (wid. Frank. H)  
4002: John and Dorothy Davol, owners
- 1963 Frank H. and Hayes T. Davol, owners  
4002: John and Dorothy Davol, owners
- 1958 4000: Frank H. and Hayes Davol, owners  
4002: John and Dorothy Davol, owners  
Controller, Calcasieu Lumber
- 1955 4000: Frank H. and Hayes Davol, owners  
Clarabelle Rumsey, renter  
Maid  
4002: John and Dorothy Davol, owners  
Comptroller, Calcasieu Lumber
- 1952 Balcones Dr. not listed

*Biographical Information*

**KNOX, Mrs. Hayes Thomson Davol, 4000 Balcones Drive, died Saturday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church. A participant in numerous civic projects, Knox helped organize the St. David's Hospital Auxiliary and participated in the restoration of the French Legation. She was also a member of the Austin Heritage Society and the Texas Historical Foundation. Survivors: sons, Dr. Rector Thomson Davol of Greenwich, Conn., John Davol of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Mack Wallace of Longmeadow, Mass.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)**

*The Austin American Statesman; May 9, 1977*

**JAY KNOX**

Jay Knox, 4000 Balcones, died July 24th. Born May 23, 1888 in Auburn, New York, he was the son of the Rev. Dr. George William Knox and Anna Holmes Knox, who at that time were on furlow from Japan where Dr. Knox was a missionary. In 1893 the family returned to America, living in Rye, New York, Pelham Manor and New York City.

Mr. Knox was graduated from the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., and then went to Hamilton College. Upon graduation he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York, after which he was ordained a Presbyterian minister. After serving as an assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, New Jersey, Mr. Knox became pastor of the Union Presbyterian Church in Newburgh, New York where he remained until he enlisted as a chaplain, and was sent overseas.

After the end of World War I Mr. Knox entered the banking profession serving in banks in New York City, New Orleans, Camden, New Jersey and Miami, Florida. Upon retiring he and his wife, the former Emma Lee Caldwell, moved to Austin, where Mrs. Knox had grown up. After her death he married Mrs. Hayes Thomson Davol.

Mr. Knox was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Downtown Rotary Club, and the Heritage Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hayes Thomson Davol Knox, Austin; a son, Walter Jay Knox, Stanford, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. L.E. Trent, Maplewood, New Jersey; 4 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 10 AM Wednesday, St. David's Episcopal Church, with Rev. Charles Sumners and Rev. Malcolm Riker officiating. Arrangements are by Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

*The Austin American Statesman; Aug 4, 1976*

## Calcasieu Elects Company Officers

Election of Raymond H. Dear, Episcopal Church; Vice as chairman of the board of directors and Kenneth P. Sales and Marketing Executives Johnson as president of of Austin; Chairman of the Calcasieu Lumber Company in Marketing Committee of the annual meeting of the Board Lumberman's Association of Thursday, has been announced. Texas; State Director of the Dear, with the company 48 Home Builders Association; years, was sales manager for Vice Chairman of the Advisory many years, becoming its Committee of Associated president in 1967. General Contractors of Austin;

Johnson has been executive Pacesetters Division of United vice president in charge of Fund; Director of American marketing since 1967.

Johnson is the fourth Chapter; past chairman of the President in Calcasieu's 90-year Industrial Co-operative Training history, previous presidents of the Austin Public Schools; being W. S. Drake Sr., W. S. member of the Austin Traffic Drake Jr., and Dear. Safety Council; chairman of the

Other officers elected at the Austin Laws, Regulation and annual meeting were A. G. Enforcement Committee; Natsis Jr., vice president in Director of the Austin Better charge of operations; John Business Bureau; and Board Davol, vice president in charge Member of the National Homes of finances and treasurer; and Center Advisory Committee. Carl E. Bock, secretary and credit manager.

*The Austin Statesman; Oct 29, 1972*

## F. H. Davol Succumbs In Hospital

Frank H. Davol, 84, of 4000 Balcones, died in an Austin hospital Tuesday. A resident of Austin for 18 years, he was a native of Brooklyn.

A member of the Episcopal Church, he graduated from Harvard University in 1903 with a degree in engineering and was a mechanical engineer until he retired in 1940.

He is survived by his widow; Mrs. Hayes Thompson Davol; two sons, Dr. Rector T. Davol of Greenwich, Conn., John Davol of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Mack Wallace of Long Meadow, Mass., 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's On-The-Lake in care of Rev. M. P. Riker, 3406 Shinoak, or to St. David's Hospital or a favorite charity.

*The Austin Statesman; Feb 16, 1966*

## Mrs. John Davol Named Awards Program Judge

Mrs. John Davol, who organized the first March of Dimes in Austin, is among the five judges announced for the Republican Party's second annual Tops 'n Texas community service awards program.

Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew, wife of the Vice President, will present the awards Oct. 31 at a banquet in Austin held in conjunction with the Texas Federation of Republican Women's biennial convention at Villa Capri.

Three statewide winners will be chosen on a non-political basis for outstanding contributions to their community. The awards are sponsored by the women's division of the Republican Party of Texas and the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

The remaining four judges being announced are Mrs. W. W. McAlister of San Antonio, Mrs. Daniel Chessher of Austin, Mrs. Richard D. Holmes of Temple and Mrs. Catherine C. Cline of Waco.

Mrs. Davol has been active in several community service organizations in the Austin area. She is president of the Settlement Club, a member of the board of directors of the Planned Parenthood and a member of the Junior League of Austin. She also is a volunteer at the Cerebral Palsy Center.

*The Austin Statesman; Oct 12, 1969*



### New Heritage President

Walter E. Long, right, congratulates S. Conolly Bartlett as the Austin Heritage Society's new president. Long was chairman of the nominating committee for the 1965 slate of officers, elected by unanimous vote, and including Mrs. W a y m a n Adams, honorary president, E. J. Revell, Mrs. Frank H. Davol and

Mrs. James E. Motheral, vice presidents; E. P. Cravens, treasurer; treasurer; Mrs. V. G. Okie, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Henry L. Hilgartner, recording secretary, and Blake Alexander, corresponding secretary. Election was held Thursday at the annual meeting.

American-Statesman/UPI

*The Austin American; Jan 24, 1965*



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**BEAUTY ABLOOM** — Colorful spring flowers and beautifully landscaped gardens at five of the city's loveliest homes will be on view today as Austinites make their annual garden pilgrimage. Sponsored by Pi Beta Phi sorority, the tour will include the spacious garden of Mrs. Frank H. Davol's home where Mrs. Davol's attractive neighbor and daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Davol, was photographed as she gave the blooming rose bushes a cool drink of water. A suggested pilgrimage route begins at Mrs. Howard R. Barr's home, 4602 Ridge Oak Drive; continues to Mrs. Davol's home, 4000 Balcones; then to Mrs. Alfred W. Negley's home, No. 4 Niles Road; Mrs. Fred L. Sharp's home, No. 12 Niles Road; and Mrs. Allan Shivers' home No. 6 Niles Road. The \$1 tickets may be purchased at all the homes. Children will be admitted for 25 cents.

*The Austin American; Apr 10, 1960*





**ART IN THE HOME**—Wayman Adams, an Austin artist, adjusts one of his portraits which will hang, along with other examples of his work, in the Frank Davol home during the Texas

Fine Arts Association's Art in the Home pilgrimage Tuesday. Looking on is Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, who is in charge of arrangements for the program.—(Neal Douglass Photo)

## Pilgrimage To Show Use of Art in Living

To illustrate the important concept that art is a basic ingredient of good living, the Texas Fine Arts Association will present its first Art in the Home pilgrimage Tuesday.

Six Austin homes which reflect its philosophy of art in our daily

lives have been selected for the pilgrimage, and local artists and architects are cooperating in making the pilgrimage an exhibit of art in the natural setting of home life.

Homes which will be open are those of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Odom,

2211 Windsor Road East; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goodfriend, 2803 Bowman Road; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Davol, 4000 Balcones Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fehr, 5102 Ridgeoak Drive; Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Zimmerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Gillis King, 706 Park Place.

Each home selected represents a different style or standard of design in architecture and decor, and illustrates the wide possibilities for selection of art compatible with the tastes of the people living with it.

The Odom home for example contains fine examples of a wide diversity of painting styles. Mr. Odom was formerly president of the Texas Fine Arts Association.

The Goodfriend home represents the small town house and the possibilities for displaying modern paintings and sculpture as an integral part of the interior.

Wayman Adams' paintings will be exhibited in the Davol home, which is of contemporary architectural design and furnished traditionally.

The Fehr home is contemporary in both design and decor. Mrs. Fehr's family has been prominent in art circles for many years and the Fehr's own many paintings by Texas' finest artists.

Dr. and Mrs. Zimmerman own one of Austin's many fine suburban homes, and they have managed to mingle old possessions with the most modern.

The King home is unique in that it is an old one, of New England architecture and decor, furnished in early American style.

The homes will be open Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a. m.; from 3 to 4:30 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. There is no scheduled route, and the pilgrimage may follow any order desired.

The pilgrimage is available to holders of the Artists in Action series subscriptions, and to others for the usual program fee of \$1.

## Building Permits

OWNER Billy Zidell ADDRESS 4000 Balcones Drive  
 PLAT 281 LOT 1 & 2 BLK G  
 SUBDIVISION Balcones Park Addn Sec 2  
 OCCUPANCY Residence  
 BLD PERMIT # 132236 DATE 10-4-72 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$75,000.00  
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES 20  
 WATER TAP REC # 74060 SEWER TAP REC # 65120

2 story frm res w/ brk ven and att garage 7055 sq. ft

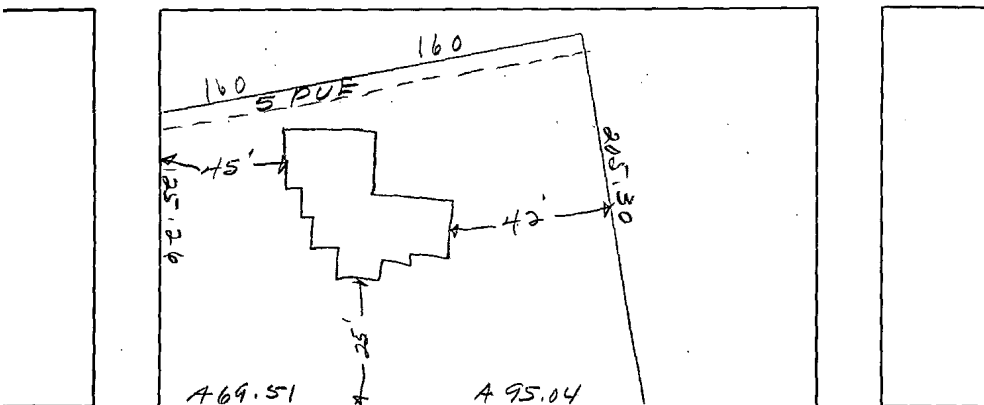
ADDRESS: 4000 Balcones Dr PERMIT 132236 PLAT 281

LOT: 1 & 2 BLOCK G SUB. Balcones Park Addn Sec 2  
 OUTLOT

FIRE ZONE	3	USE DIST:	A	14	OCCUPANCY:	2 story frame res. w/ brk ven & att gar.			
10-5-72	LAYOUT	3-26-73	FRAMING	<del>7-12-73</del>	FINAL	ROOF OVERHANG			
	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	8-6-75	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	
FOUNDATION	5		FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.	5 2x12	16	NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.		ACC. BLDG.	
FR. SETBACK	25		CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C.	2x8 16		ROOM VENTILATION		PAVED PARKING	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.	87' 42'		STUD SIZE & O.C.	2x4 16		STAIRS REQ. & NO.			
SIDE STREET YARD			MASONRY WALL			ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.			

OWNER: Billy Zidell CONTRACTOR: None  
 1st floor 5300 #  
 2nd floor 1755 # } 7055  
 141.6 X 58.8 less 3005 #  
 FRONT YARD OK L&ED 11-30-73

10-4-72 3



Balcones Dr OK



NOTED  
 RECEIVED  
 1-23-73  
 EAST TOWN  
 1-23-73

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT No. 65120  
 Austin, Texas  
 WAS TOLD WOULD BE OK. TO BUILD OVER  
 R.W. 9-28-72

Received of Billy Zedler Date 10-4-72  
 Address 4000 Balcones Dr  
 Amount 50.00  
 Builder or Owner Plumber  
 Lot 142 Block G Subdivision Balcones Plumber Shoss  
 Plat No. 281

Date of Connection 1-31-73  
 By City 23' W of ELL  
 By Plumber  
 Checked By SEARCY  
 Size Main 6" CONC Depth 7' Rock  
 Main Assign. See Book  
 Stub Depth 3' Prop. Line 3'  
 Stub Location Spot in field  
 Book No. A-3576-A3577  
 Paving Cut No.  
 OK Jan 1-23-73

No.	Fittings	Size	Price
11"	Pipe	6" CONC	4.73
	Pipe		
	Wyes		
	Bends		
	Reducers		
	Plugs		
	Sand		
	Gravel		
	Remix		
	Stoppers		
	Castings		
	Other		
	TAP		17.22
	BACKHOE		6.00
	Labor: 8 Hrs		22.00
	TRUCK		6.00
	FOREMAN		4.33
	Total		44.78

**RESIDENTIAL WATER USED 1/2 OF STUB E-7907**

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** E N<sup>o</sup>: 74060  
Austin, Texas SPOT

Date 10-4-72

Received of Brey Zuley 4000 Balconis Dr.  
Address: 4000 Balconis Dr.  
Amount: Ninety dollars \$ 90.00  
Plumber: Date 10-4-72

Date of Connection 10-19-72  
Size of Tap Made 1/2"  
Size Service Made 1/2"  
Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'  
From 5' Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1'  
Location of Meter CURB  
Type of Box ROUND  
Depth of Main in St.  
Depth of Service Line  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main  
Checked by Engr. Dept. MM-1-B-13.

No. Fittings	Type	Size
1	Pipe	copper 1"
1	Corp. Cock	1"
1	Cop. to Iron ell	1"
1	Cop. to Cop. ell	1"
1	Cop. to Iron Coupling	1"
1	Cop. to Cop. Coupling	1"
1	Angle Stop	1/2"
1	Stop	1/2"
1	Bushing	1/2" x 1/2"
1	Nipples	1/2"
2	Service Clamp	2x1"
1	Valve	
1	Meter Box	Round
1	Lock Lid	"
1	Drain Tile	"
1	Drain Tile Lid	"
1	Stop & Drain	"

Job No 82/B-22-44540-638  
Foreman Lino M et al

22435

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
**Austin, Texas** 0603/1

Didn't find 12-8-88

Nº 43778

Received of F. KIRK H. UNVOL Date 5-16-65

Address 4000 BIL CONES PARK DR

Amount FIFTY DOLLARS \$ 50.00

Builder or Owner FOR-SCHMIDT Plumber FOR-SCHMIDT

Lot 111-1111-5 Block UNVOL Subdivision H.C. TAYLOR Plat No. 779

Date of Connection 3-24-65

By City 1' N of SLL

By Plumber 1

Checked By HOUSTON

Size Main \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

Main Assign: 20' S of N H

Stub Depth 4 1/2' Prop. Line 2'

Stub Location 2' N of SLL 12+18.5

Book No. A-4313 in WESTLEDGE DR

Paving Cut \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

OR. 3-22-65 Anderson

No. Fittings	Size	Price
9' Pipe	4" Coro	1.80
Pipe		
Wyes		
1 Bends	4" Coro	.75
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other		
Labor: 12 - hrs 15.00		
Material: 1 - hr 1.50		
Foreman: 1 - hr 2.50		
Total \$31.25		

# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

## Austin, Texas

D N° 9319  
INDEXED

new  
II 4

Received of FRANK H. DAVOL Date 11-5-51

Address 1900 PALMONES DRIVE

Amount FIFTY & NO/100 \$ 50.00

Plumber J. P. WATLINGER Size of Tap 2"

Date of Connection 11-17-53

Size of Tap Made 2"

Size Service Made 2"

Size Main Tapped 6" C.F.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 25'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter C.O.B.

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 43'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 127-5-3 15 X

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	2" C.O.P. Pipe
1 Elbow	2" C.O.P. to 1" R.A. C.O.
1 St. Elbow	
1 Bushing	2" x 1"
2 Reducer	2" C.O.P. to 1" C.O.P.
4 1/2 Pipe	1 1/2" C.O.P.
Lead Comp.	
Nipples	
Union	
Plug	
1 Tee	6" x 2" Lead Service
1 Stop	1" C.O.P. to 1" D.
1 Box	1" C.O.P.
1 Lid	1" "
1 Valves	2"
Job No.	127-5-3-502

**INDEXED**