# Bastrop Zoning Board of djussmentrt Agenda Bastrop city Hall City Council Chambers 131 Chestrnut Street Bastrop, IX78602 (512) $322-8800$ 



# June 20, 2024 <br> Agenda - Zoning Board of Adjustmentrs at 6:00 PM 

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to City Manager for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board/Commission to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty and/or integrity of the Board/Commission, as a body, or any member or members of the Board/Commission individually or collectively, or members of the City's staff. Accordingly, profane, insulting or threatening language directed toward the Board/Commission and/or any person in the Board/Commission's presence will not be tolerated.

## 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3A. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the February 20, 2024 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.

Submitted by: Alondra Macias, Planner I

3B. Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument signs being allowed in P4 and quantity of signs allowed, for Alta Trails, located at 945 Blakey Lane, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Submitted by: Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner, Development Services Department

## 4. UPDATES

4A. Items or topics requested by Zoning Board of Adjustments for future agendas.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: 06/12/2024 at 4:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.


## STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2024
TITLE:
Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the February 20, 2024 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Alondra Macias, Planner I

## ATTACHMENTS:



# ZONNG BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT <br> MEETING MINUTES <br> February 20, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. 

The City of Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment met Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Gary Moss called the meeting to order at $6: 10 \mathrm{pm}$.

| Scot Robichaud | Absent |
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| Gary Moss | Present |
| Jeffrey Haladyna | Present |
| Dock Jackson | Present |
| Keith Ahlborn | Present |
| David Lowden at $6: 10$ pm |  |
|  | Absent |

## 2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments at this time.

## 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3A. Consider action to nominate and appoint a Vice Chair
Board Member Jeffrey Haladyna made a nomination to appoint Board Member Gary Moss as Vice-Chair. Board Member Keith Ahlborn seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

3B. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the October 26, 2022, Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.

Board Member Jeffrey Haladyna made a motion to approve the October 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Board Member Keith Ahlborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3C. Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the number of signs, sign height, base height, and internal illumination, for the Valverde subdivision, located at 242 Fm 969, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Development Services Senior Planner, Kennedy Higgins, requested the Board consider approving the requested variance from the Bastrop Building Block ( $B^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the number of signs, sign height, base height, and internal illumination, for the Valverde subdivision, located at 242 Fm 969, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:23 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:35 pm

Discussion ensued with the Board, applicant and staff regarding the sign height, base height and internal illumination and the road speed for 969 . The Board had discussed this variance at the previous meeting but were unable to make a motion due to not having the $75 \%$ of Board Members available at that meeting.

Board Member Jeffrey Haladyna made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Vice-Chair Gary Moss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3D. Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the sign height, base height, and internal illumination, for the Bastrop Highschool, located at 1614 Chamber Street, within the City Limits of Bastrop, Texas.

Development Services Senior Planner, Kennedy Higgins, requested the Board consider approving the requested variance from the Bastrop Block ( $B^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the sign height, base height, and internal illumination, for the Bastrop Highschool, located at 1614 Chamber Street, within the City Limits of Bastrop, Texas.

Discussion ensued with the Board, applicant and staff regarding the size and placement of the sign.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:19 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:19 pm
Board Member Jeffrey Haladyna made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Board Member Dock Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3E. Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the internal illumination, for the Mina Elementary, located at 1203 Hill St, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Development Services Senior Planner, Kennedy Higgins, requested the Board consider approving the requested variance from the Bastrop Block ( $B^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the internal illumination, for the Mina Elementary, located at 1203 Hill St, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Discussion ensued with the Board and staff regarding the type of sign, illumination and placement of sign.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:20 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:20 pm
Board Member Dock Jackson made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Vice-Chair Gary Moss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. UPDATES

4A. Items or topics requested by Zoning Board of Adjustment for future agendas.
Building Official, James Cowey, stated there is a need for an additional Board Member and if the current Board Members know of someone interested in serving, please let him know.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Jeffrey Haladyna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Vice-Chair Gary Moss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2024

## TITLE:

Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the allowance of two signs in a P4- Mixed Use designation for the Alta Trails Apartments within the Pearl 75 Subdivision, located at 945 Blakey Ln, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas

## STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner

## ITEM DETAILS:

| Site Address: | 945 Blakey Ln/155 Collins Dr (Attachment 1) |
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| Total Acreage: | 10.64 acres |
| Legal Description: | PEARL 75 SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, LOT 1 and 2, ACRES 10.64 |
| Property ID: | 8730856/8731739 |
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| Property Owner: | Blakey Owner Apartments LLC |
| Agent Contact: | Jeannette Garcia |
| Existing Use: | Apartment Complex |
| Existing Zoning: | P4 Mixed Use |
| Adopted Plan: | Zoning Concept Scheme Approved September 13, 2022 and the |
|  | B3 Code |
| Future Land Use: | Multifamily Residential |

## BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Alta Trails, previously known as Pearl River, is an apartment complex.
The applicant is requesting a variance to allow for two things that are not permitted under the adopted Chapter 8 - Signs;

The first is in regard to the allowance of the signs in P4. Per Article 8.3 (k); (a). They are requesting two monument signs on FM 969; one will be on the north west end and the other on the south west end. The size would be approved based on the variance of allowing the signs in this zone.

The second is in regard to the number of monument signs allowed per street frontage. Currently per Article $8.3(\mathrm{k})$; (a). only one monument sign is allowed per street frontage. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow for two monument signs off 969 .

The applicant's justification for all of these requests are based on the magnitude of development along Fm 969. The applicant made the comparison of the growth on 969 making it more
comparable to other major highways with similar speed limits ( 65 MPH ), comparing 969 to the City's other sign corridors like SH 95.

## Bastrop Building Block (B3) Code

The Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code was adopted on November 12, 2019, and include Chapter 8 Signs. The applicant is asking for a variance to following standards:

Article 8.3 K) Monument Sign

## SPECIFICATIONS

## a. Quantity: 1 max per Frontage

b. Height: $\quad 35 \mathrm{ft}$ max. in P5 on SH 71 *see v

20 ft max in P5 on SH 95 \& Loop 150
6 ft max in P5
c. Max Height to width ratio: $4: 1$

DESCRIPTION
A Sign permanently affixed to the ground at its base or by poles that are enclosed by natural stone, stucco, brick, or wood and not mounted to a part of a Building. Pole(s) may be used to construct a Monument Sign so long as the poles are not visible below the Sign.
SIGN DETAILS
i. A Monument Sign can be defined as a ground Sign generally having a low profile with little or no Open Space between the ground and the Sign and having a Structure constructed of masonry, wood, or materials similar in appearance.
ii. How to Measure:
(1) Maximum total Height is measured from the finished grade at the center of the Sign. If the finished grade at the center of the Sign is higher than the finished grade of the closest paved surface, then the Height shall be measured from the finished grade of the closest paved surface.
(2) The monument base shall be a maximum of 2 feet in Height and shall be included in the calculation of total Height.
(3) A Monument Sign width cannot exceed 2 times the allowable Sign Height.
iii. The max Height allowed along SH. 71 is 35 feet. Height limit is 8 feet if Band Sign Height exceeds 4 feet.
iv. The max Height allowed along Loop 150 and SH 95 is 20 feet. Height limit is 8 feet if Band Sign height exceeds 4 feet.
v. Signs along SH 71, SH 95 and Loop 150 can be internally illuminated.
vi. A warrant for internal illumination can be requested.
vii. Cannot be located within a Sight Triangle.

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

A newspaper notice was placed on June 4, 2024. Notifications were mailed to 9 adjacent property owners on June 5, 2024. At the time of this report, we have received one response with no objection.

## POLICY EXPLANATION:

## Texas Local Government Code

Sec. 211.009. AUTHORITY OF BOARD.
(a) The board of adjustment may:
(1) hear and decide an appeal that alleges error in an order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of this subchapter or an ordinance adopted under this subchapter;
(2) hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of a zoning ordinance when the ordinance requires the board to do so;
(3) authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of a zoning ordinance if the variance is not contrary to the public interest and, due to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance is observed and substantial justice is done; and
(4) hear and decide other matters authorized by an ordinance adopted under this subchapter.
(b) In exercising its authority under Subsection (a)(1), the board may reverse or affirm, in whole or in part, or modify the administrative official's order, requirement, decision, or determination from which an appeal is taken and make the correct order, requirement, decision, or determination, and for that purpose the board has the same authority as the administrative official.
(b-1) In exercising its authority under Subsection (a)(3), the board may consider the following as grounds to determine whether compliance with the ordinance as applied to a structure that is the subject of the appeal would result in unnecessary hardship:
(1) the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure as shown on the most recent appraisal roll certified to the assessor for the municipality under Section 26.01, Tax Code;
(2) compliance would result in a loss to the lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development may physically occur;
(3) compliance would result in the structure not being in compliance with a requirement of a municipal ordinance, building code, or other requirement;
(4) compliance would result in the unreasonable encroachment on an adjacent property or easement; or
(5) the municipality considers the structure to be a nonconforming structure.
(c) The concurring vote of 75 percent of the members of the board is necessary to:
(1) reverse an order, requirement, decision, or determination of an administrative official;
(2) decide in favor of an applicant on a matter on which the board is required to pass under a zoning ordinance; or
(3) authorize a variation from the terms of a zoning ordinance.

## Bastrop Building Block (B3) Code

## Section 8.2.003 Variances

(d) Other requests for variances shall be forwarded to the ZBA. The ZBA may decide, subject to appropriate conditions, and only after a finding based on the evidence presented that strict compliance with the CHAPTER 8: SIGNS 179 of 249 requirements of this Code will result in substantial undue hardship, sufficient mitigation, or inequity to the applicant without sufficient corresponding benefit to the City and its citizens in accomplishing the objectives of this Chapter.
The code allows for an administrative approval for setback, effective area, size of internal components of a Sign so long as total size of Sign Face is compliant, or Height requirements, as well as to authorize one additional sign on premises more than allowed by this chapter, additionally a height increase of up to four (4) feet can be approved administratively, anything else will be the jurisdiction of the ZBA.

The Sign Administrator and ZBA shall consider:
(1) Special or unique hardship because of the size or shape of the property on which the Sign is to be located, or the visibility of the property from public roads.
(2) Hardship claim based on the exceptional topographic conditions or physical features uniquely affecting the property on which a Sign is to be located.
(3) Proposed Sign location, configuration, design, materials, and colors are harmonious.
(4) The Sign and its supporting structure is in architectural harmony with the surrounding Structures.
(5) Mitigation measures related to the Sign in question or other Signs on the same Premises.
(6) Demonstrated and documented correlation between the Variance and protecting the public health and safety.
(7) Whether the Sign could have been included in a Master Sign Plan. Master Sign plans are highly encouraged. The City will be more inclined to favorably consider a Variance request when the Variance is part of a Master Sign Plan. There will be a presumption against granting variances piecemeal, ad hoc, on a case-by-case basis when the Sign for which a Variance is sought could have been included in a Master Sign Plan and considered in the course of a comprehensive review of the entire Project's signage.
(8) The Sign Administrator may authorize the remodeling, renovation, or alteration of a Sign when some nonconforming aspect of the Sign is thereby reduced.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing and consider action on variances from the Bastrop Building Block ( $B^{3}$ ) Code, Chapter 8 - Signs, Article 8.3 (k) Monument Signs for the allowance of signs, and number of signs
within the Pearl River subdivision, located at 945 Blakey Ln, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Location Map
- Attachment 2: Letter from Applicant
- Attachment 3: Sign description
- Attachment 4: Bastrop Building Block ( $\mathrm{B}^{3}$ ) Code Monument Sign Requirement
- Attachment 5: Blank Findings for Sec 8.2.003 Variances




# Signage Variance Request 

## Alta Trails Apartments

945 Blakey Lane / 155 Collins Drive
Bastrop, TX 78602

To whom it may concern:
We would like to request a sign variance for the Alta Trails Apartments. The leasing office, residential buildings $2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9$ and 10 are located at 945 Blakey Lane and buildings 11,12 and 13 are located at 155 Collins Drive. Due to the location and building style we are requesting (2) two monument signs for wayfinding purposes.

Per the enclosed site plan we would like to request one monument sign to be located at the NW corner of the property at FM 969 and Blakey Lane and one monument sign to be located in the SW corner of the property. We are requesting 2 variances. One if for P4, no monuments allowed and the other is for 2 signs per frontage.

The monument signs will be constructed of painted aluminum with dimensional acrylic logo and address. Please see enclosed sign drawings with additional size, color and fabrication method details.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if any additional information is needed.

Laura Hunter<br>Director of Signage

Enclosures:
Existing Condition Images
Site Plan with Visibility Triangle
Tax Certificate
Deed
Building and Sign Elevation Drawings

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| LE |  |
| PEPPERCORN | SW 7674 |
| MORNING FOG | SW 6255 |
| PMS 2330 C | $220-20$ |
| GERER MATTE WHITE | $220-11$ |
| GERBER PEARL GREY | $751-073$ |
| ORACALDARK GRAY | $200-25-13$ |
| GERBER TOMATO RED |  |

$\square$ P2 MORNING FOG
$\square$ P3 PMS 2330 C
$\square$ V2 GERBER PEARL GREY
V4 GERBER TOMATO RED 220-25-

SIDE B


END VIEW

No. Description Date
1 Fabrication
Date: $\quad 04-18-2024$


Fabrication Drawings
Drawn By: AG
Project No. 118
Sheet Title: (2) D/F UNLIT MONUMENT



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