

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC 28792 Tuesday, August 08, 2023 – 1:30 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AMENDED MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>A.</u> Approval of Amended Meeting Schedule

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 869 Thornton Pl. – Variance (B23-064-VAR) – Alexandra Hunt / Planner I

5. ADJOURNMENT

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City of Hendersonville Board of Adjustment 160 Sixth Avenue East, Hendersonville, NC 28792

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AMENDED ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

<u>The remaining Regular Meetings</u> of the City of Hendersonville Board of Adjustment are held **on the Second Tuesday** beginning at <u>1:30 p.m.</u> in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room inside City Hall located at 160 Sixth Avenue East, Hendersonville NC unless otherwise noticed*.

The following remaining regular meetings are in red:

January 10, 2023	July 11, 2023
February 14, 2023	August 8, 2023
March 14, 2023	September 12, 2023
April 11, 2023	October 10, 2023
May 9, 2023	November 14, 2023
June 13, 2023	December 12, 2023

s/Jill Murray, City Clerk

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CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY PLANNING DIVISION

SUBMITTER:	Alexandra Hunt, Planner I	MEETING DATE:	August 8, 2023
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business	DEPARTMENT:	Community Development

TITLE OF ITEM: 869 Thornton Pl. – Variance (B23-064-VAR) – Alexandra Hunt / Planner I

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

1. For Recommending Approval:	1. For Recommending Denial:
With regard to the request by Elizabeth Collina for a variance from <u>Section 5-3-3 Dimensional</u>	With regard to the request by Elizabeth Collina for a variance from <u>Section 5-3-3 Dimensional</u>
<u>Requirements</u> in accordance with <u>Section 12-2-2:</u>	<u>Requirements</u> in accordance with <u>Section 12-2-2:</u>
<u>Definition of Terms – "Rear Yard</u> " to:	<u>Definition of Terms – "Rear Yard</u> " to:
 Reduce the rear setback requirement from 12' to	 Reduce the rear setback requirement from 12' to
7' for the addition of an 8' x 20' rear deck.	7' for the addition of an 8' x 20' rear deck.
 I move the Board to find that: An unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. The hardship results from the conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the regulation, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. 	 I move the Board to find that: An unnecessary hardship <u>would not</u> result from the strict application of the ordinance. The hardship <u>does not</u> result from the conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. The hardship <u>did</u> result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The requested variance <u>is not</u> consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the regulation, such that public safety <u>is not</u> secured and substantial justice <u>is not</u> achieved
For the following reasons: [list factual basis for Approval here.]	For the following reasons: [<i>list factual basis for Denial below.</i>]
[DISCUSS & VOTE]	[DISCUSS & VOTE]

SUMMARY:

The Community Development Department has received an application from Elizabeth Collina for a variance from Section 5-3-3 Dimensional Requirements in accordance with the definition of "Yard, Rear" in Section 12-2-2 Definition of Terms to reduce the required 15' rear setback requirements to 7'. The subject property is currently zoned R-15, Medium-Density Residential. The specific variance requested is for the following:

VARIANCE REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting a variance from the requirement that rear setback defined in Section 5-3-3 of the Zoning Ordinance in order to construct an 8' x 20' elevated, uncovered deck on the rear of the existing single family home. (Exhibit A).

On February 14, 2017, the Board voted to grant the Applicant a variance to reduce the rear setback from the required 15' to 12' to construct a single family home.

The Applicant is now requesting an additional variance from the rear setback to construct a deck that would encroach a total of 5' into the current 12' rear setback applying the rear yard definition in Section 12-2-2 which excludes the outermost 3' of any uncovered porches, steps, eaves, gutters and similar fixtures.

PROJECT/PETITIONER NUMBER:	B23-064-VAR	
PETITIONER NAME:	Elizabeth Collina (Owner/Applicant)	
EXHIBITS:	A. Staff ReportB. Variance ApplicationC. Warranty Deed	
	D. Site Photos	

AMENDED MEMORANDUM

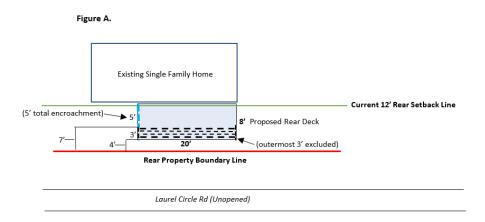
TO:	Board of Adjustment Members
FROM:	Community Development Department
DATE:	August 8, 2023
RE:	Variance Application – 869 Thornton Pl.

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The Applicant is now requesting a variance from the rear setback to construct an 8' x 20' deck that would project a total of 8' into the current 12' rear setback. Applying the rear yard definition in <u>Section 12-2-2</u>: Definition of Terms for "Rear Yards," which excludes the outermost 3' of any uncovered porches, steps, eaves, gutters and similar fixtures, the proposed deck would encroach a total of 5' into the current 12' rear setback, reducing the rear setback to 7'.



PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Based on Henderson County records the subject property possesses a PIN of 9569-51-0060 and is zoned as R-15 Medium Density Residential.
- Based on Henderson County records, the lot size is approximately 0.46 acres or 20,037.6 square feet.
- Based on Henderson County records, the subject property contains a single family dwelling.
- Based on Henderson County records a North Carolina General Warranty Deed between Courtnery S. Tiger (Grantor) and John S. Collina and Elizabeth Collina (Grantees) was recorded on October 4, 2013 (*Exhibit B*).
- Section 5-3-3 requires the Principal Structure setbacks for R-15 are:
 - o Front: 30'
 - Side: 10'
 - Rear: 15'
- Section 12-2-2 defines rear yard as an open, unoccupied space on the same lot with the principal building (excluding the outermost three feet of any uncovered porches, steps, eaves, gutters and similar fixtures), extending the full width of the lot and situated between the rear line of the lot and the rear line of the building to the side lines of the lot.
- Based on the Variance Application (*Exhibit A*), the Applicant is proposing to construct a 8' x 20' uncovered, elevated rear deck.
- Based on the Variance Application and photographs submitted by the Applicant, the topography of the subject property is steep.
- On August 9, 2016, the Board of Adjustment voted to grant the Applicant a variance to reduce the required 30' front setback to 20' due to the topography of the lot.
- On February 14, 2017, the Board of Adjustment voted to grant the Applicant a variance to reduce the rear setback from the required 15' to 12' to construct a single family home.

CODE REFERENCES.

5-3-3 Dimensional Requirements: Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet:	15,000
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit in Square Feet:	15,000 for the first; 7,500 square feet for one additional dwelling unit in one building.
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line in Fee	et: 85
Minimum Yard Requirements in Feet:	
Front:	30
Side:	10

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Rear:	15
Accessory Structures:	
Front:	30
Side:	5
Rear:	5
Maximum Height in Feet:	35

Section 12-2-2 Definition of Terms

Yard, Rear: An open, unoccupied space on the same lot with the principal building (excluding the outermost three feet of any uncovered porches, steps, eaves, gutters and similar fixtures), extending the full width of the lot and situated between the rear line of the lot and the rear line of the building to the side lines of the lot.

Section 10-9 Variance.

A Variance is a means whereby the City may grant relief from the effect of the Zoning Ordinance in cases of hardship. A Variance constitutes permission to depart from the literal requirements of the ordinance. When unnecessary hardships would result from carrying out the strict letter of a zoning ordinance, the Board of Adjustment shall vary any of the provisions of the ordinance upon a showing of the following:

- 1) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It is not necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the Variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.
- 2) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a Variance. A Variance may be granted when necessary and appropriate to make a reasonable accommodation under the Federal Fair Housing Act for a person with a disability.
- 3) The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a Variance is not a self-created hardship.
- 4) The requested Variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the regulation, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved.

The Board of Adjustment shall not have authority to grant a Variance when to do so would:

- 1) result in the extension of a nonconformity regulated pursuant to Section 6-2, above, or
- permit a use of land, building or structure which is not permitted within the applicable zoning district classification. Per NCGS 160D-705 (d), appropriate conditions may be imposed on any Variance, provided that the conditions are reasonably related to the Variance.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Variance Application Exhibit B – Warranty Deed Exhibit D – Site Photos Submitted by Applicant

Variance Application

Thank you for filling out the form. Your application has been submitted.

Items to Accompany Application:

Completed application form

Site plan of property showing existing structures, natural features (i.e. streams, ponds, etc.) proposed building or addition and indicating distance from such to the ceterline of street and to the side and rear lot lines, as applicable. Show placement of septic systems and drain field if applicable and distances from structures.

Copy of septic permit, if applicable

Other documents supporting application, if applicable.

Photographs (optional)

Application fee of \$75.00

Shortly after application for a variance is accepted, staff will take photographs of the site. Please have the corners of the proposed structure and septic system staked so that they may be seen in such photos.

For more information call (828) 697-3010

Date:

7/14/2023

Applicant Name:

Elizabeth Collina

Address

869 Thornton PI, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791

Phone	Email
(828) 273-1811	brokerwnc@gmail.com
Property Owner's Name (if different from above)	Property Owner's Address (if different from above)

Zoning District:

documents/pictures

R-15

Parcel ID

9569510060

Directions to property from Hendersonville:

9th Ave to Right on Tebeau to Left on Thornton PI to quick Right on Thornton PI to house on Right

*see revised corrected survey attached

Attach site plan and any supporting

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To the Board of Adjustment:

Name

Elizabeth and John S. Collina

(owner/agent), hereby petition the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a VARIANCE from the literal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hendersonville because I am prohited from using the parcel of land described in the form "Zoning Permit Application" in a manner shown by the site plan.

I request a varaince from the following provisions of the ordinance (cite section numbers):

section 5-3 R-15 Medium-Density Residential - I would like the rear setback to be reduced to accomodate a & xbeek end be cantilevered, depending on the eng

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Factors Relevant to the Issuance of a Variance

The Zoning Board of Adjustment does not have unlimited discretion in deciding whether to grant a variance. Under the state enabling act the Board is required to reach four conclusions as a prerequisite to the issuance of a variance: (a) unneccessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be neccessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property, (b) the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance, preserves its spirit, public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved, (c) the hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance, (d) the hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or owner of the property. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. In the spaces provided, indicate the facts that you intend to show and the arguments that you intend to make to convince the Board that it can properly reach these four required conclusions:

Unnecessary Hardship would result from the strict application of thei ordinance: State facts and arguments to show that, unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. (it shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable ise can be made of the property)

Unnecessary Hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. With the current setbacks we cannot build a 8' deep by 20' wide deck off the rear of our house behind our garage/mudroom. If we want an open deck, we are forced to build the deck to the east, which would have no privacy from the road, be very high off the ground, and therefore extremely costly and undesirable, and stick out from the house in an odd way. Allowing the setback variance would allow an easier less costly build, more privacy for us as homeowners, and it would add to the aestetic of the back of our house. There is ample room between the rear of the subject property and the property behind us due to the unopened road in between. The neighbor has a 75' double shed which would sit approximately 84' from the deck, and the neighbors house, extra shed and elevated deck would sit approximately 91' from the proposed deck. The deck **WILDEXCENTION** with KKCKX00CKXtKe ground at a way or may not be cantilevered, depending on the engineer.

The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance. preserves its spirit, public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved. (State facts and arguments to show that, on balance, if the variance is denied, the benefit to the public will be sustantially outweighed by the harm suffered by the applicant).

The variance is in harmony with the general purpose of the ordinance and preserves its spirit. The new deck will fit well in the neighborhood and not stick out or look like it's encroaching. There is an unopened right of way at the rear of the property which separates the deck from the double wide metal buildings on the adjacent lot. No harm will come to the public yet we will be harmed becasue we will have to place the deck at the steeper grade, it will be much higher off the ground, more costly, not private at all, and it would stick out from the house in an odd way. By allowing the rear set back variance we can build a deck at a much lower cost than if we built it on the steeper slope and higher ground to the east. The deck will be any or may not be cantilevered, depending on the engineer.

The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for grating a variance. (State facts and arguments to show that the variance requested represents the least possible deviation from the letter of the ordinance that will allow a reasonable use of the land and that the use of the property, if the variance is granted, will not substantially detract from the character of the neighborhood).

The topography of the lot is very steep, and the proposed deck location is the closest to grade and the least intrusive/costly place to build the deck. It also allows for the most privacy on our corner lot. If we put it at the east, the posts would be 12' minimum, we would have to dig deep to install very large footers, and the deck would be even higher than our current upper porch from grade, which is not as desirable and much more costly. It would also stick out from the end of our house in an odd way. The deck wilk be cantilevered, depending on the engineer.

The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship. (State any facts pertaining to the hardship that is not the result of the applicant's own actions).

The property owner has taken no action to cause this hardship. The shape and topography of this lot were determined at the time of platting the property and cutting in the roads. The house was built on the most desirable and cost effective piece of the property, therefore we are very pinched by the setbacks, even with two previous variances. The deck wilk be cantilevered as well-and wilk not take ground at any point. may or may not be cantilevered, depending on the engineer.

I certify that all of the information prsented by me in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Applicant:

7/14/2023

Date:

Signature of Property Owner:

JSC

Date:

7/14/2023

In the event that any discrepancies exist between the criteria outlined on this form and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hendersonville, the ordinance shall prevail.

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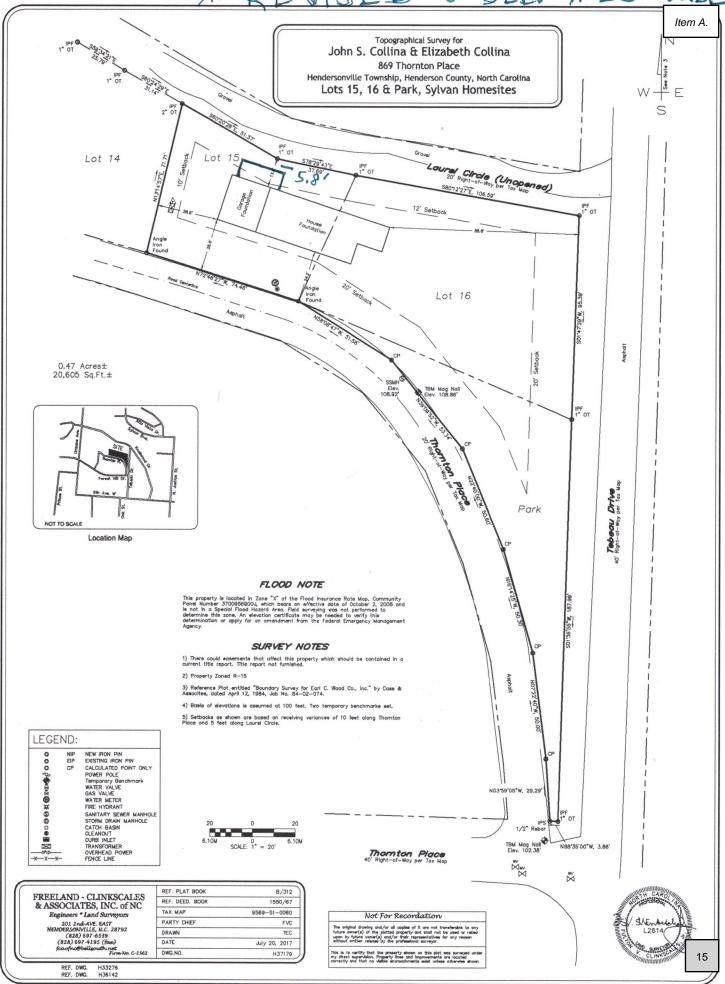
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A VOTE OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE A VARIANCE.

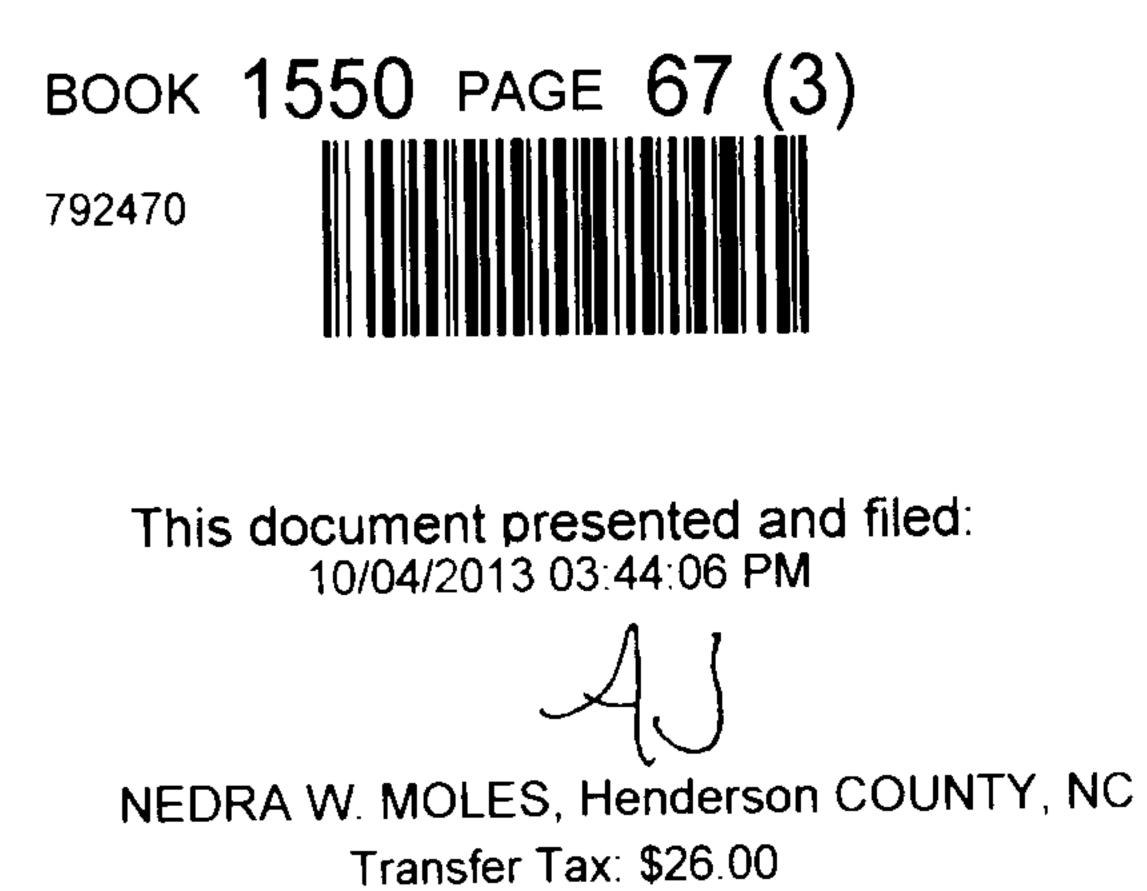
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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

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Mail To: Randolph C. Romeo

This instrument was prepared by: Randolph C. Romeo [Document preparation only for the Grantors]

Brief description for the Index: Lots 15-16 Sylvan Home Sites

THIS DEED made this 4 day of October 2013, by and betwee GRANTOR	GRANTEE
Courtney S. Tiger, a legally separated woman 623 Hypothe X Cad Henderconville, N.C. 75791	John S. Collina and wife, Elizabeth Collina P.O.Boy 1933 Henderson $P.O.Boy 28793$

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Hendersonville, Hendersonville Township, Henderson County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

See Attached Exhibit A for a complete description of the property being conveyed herein, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

If initialed, the premises include the primary residence of at least one of the Grantors (N.C.G.S. 104-317.2)

The property hereinabove described was acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in Deed Book 1541, Page 35

A Map showing the above described property is recorded in Plat Book Page _____

Item A.

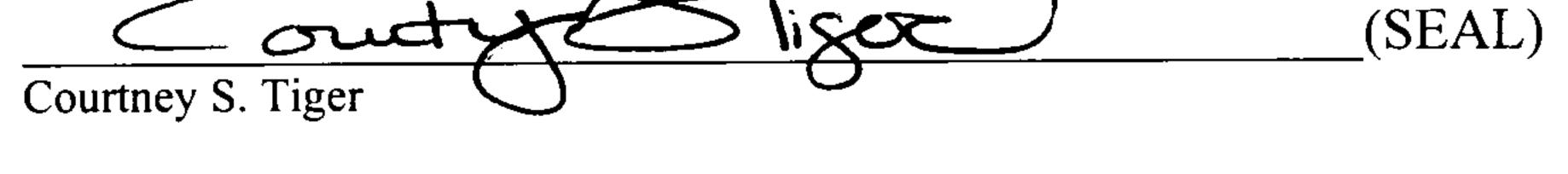
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the premises in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, other than the following exceptions:

Subject to easements and restrictions of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has duly executed the foregoing as of the day and year first above written





(SEAL)

State of North Carolina Henderson County

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I, <u>Shelp S</u> MOrris a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Courtney S. Tiger, Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 4 day of October, 2013.

Notary Public

-16-17 My commission expire



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EXHIBIT A

<u>COLLINA-DESCR</u>

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of that tract of land conveyed to Homer Hobbs and wife in Deed Book 623, at page 717, Henderson County Registry, said point of beginning being located in the Southwest margin of an undeveloped portion of Thornton Circle; and running thence South 59 deg. 39 min. 21 sec. East 31.68 feet; thence South 60 deg. 39 min. 21 sec. East 51.00 feet; thence South 78 deg. 24 min. 21 sec. East 38.00 feet; thence South 80 deg. 30 min. 36 sec. East 106.23 feet to a new iron pin in the Western margin of Tebeau Drive; thence with the Western margin of said Tebeau Drive, South 01 deg. 31 min. 40 sec. West 283.29 feet to a new iron pin; thence North 88 deg. 35 min. 00 sec. West 3.86 feet to a new iron pin in the Eastern margin of Thornton Circle; thence with the Eastern, Northeastern and Northern margin of said Thornton Circle, the following eight (8) courses and distances: North ()4 deg. 45 min. 59 sec. West 28.95 feet, North 07 deg. 22 min. 40 sec. West 50.00 feet, North 16 deg. 14 min. 25 sec. West 50.30 feet, North 22 deg. 40 min. 00 sec. West 50.60 feet, North 39 deg. 09 min. 52 sec. West 53.34 feet, North 58 deg. 18 min. 10 sec. West 51.00 feet, North 72 deg. 35 min. 57 sec. West 74.97 feet, and North 73 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West 30.28 feet to a bolt located at the Southeast corner of the tract described in Deed Book 623, at page 717, Henderson County Registry; thence leaving the Northern margin of said Thornton Circle, North 12 deg. 59 min. 39 sec. East 78.89 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing .52 acre, more or less.

The above-described two tracts of land being a consolidated description of the lands described in the following Deeds of record in the Henderson County Registry: Deed Book 439, at page 383; Deed Book 442, at page 129; Deed Book 446, at page 599; Deed Book 453, at page 15; Deed Book 466, at page 465; and Deed Book 528, at page 421.

The intent of this instrument is to convey all the lands as described in the above-referenced Deeds.

The property herein conveyed is shown on a survey prepared by Case & Associates, Surveyors, P.A., dated March 19, 1984, and designated Job No. 84-02-068, and entitled, "Boundary survey for John W. Bachrach and wife, Edna W. Bachrach – Earl C. Wood Co., Inc.," reference to said survey being hereby made and incorporated herein.

SUBJECT TO restrictive covenants of record and the right-of-of-way of Thornton Circle to its full legal width.

BEING the identical property described in the Deed from Louie B. Prince, widow, to Earl C. Wood Co., Inc. dated June 5, 1984, as recorded in Deed Book 642, at page 821, Henderson County Registry.

EXCEPTED from Lot 14 described above is all that portion of Lot 14 heretofore conveyed to L.B. Prince as recorded in Deed Book 466, at page 465, Henderson County Registry.



View of the West rear, side of subject property



View of the West rear, side of subject property



Example of a cantilevered deck



View of the East side of subject property



View of the rear of the subject property from Knollwood Rd.





View of subject property and unopened road located behind subject property from Tebeau Rd.