

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION**

Community Development Department, Planning Division 316 North Park Avenue, Room 445, Helena, MT 59623 406-447-8490; citycommunitydevelopment@helenamt.gov

Date received:

#### RECEIVED

JAN 31 2024

APPLICATION FEE: \$125.00 (PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF HELENA) ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE City Comm. Dev. Dept.

PROPERT	Y OWNER: Primary Contact? ☑		
Name:	Stephen Dyrdahl	Primary Number:	406-344-1970
Address:	515 N Rodney St	Other Phone:	
Email:	steve@dyrdahl.net		
APPLICAN	IT (If different from property owner)	): Primary Contact? □	
Name:		Primary Number:	
Address:		Other Phone:	
Email:		Company:	
AUTHORIZ	ZED REPRESENTATIVE: Primary Col	ntact? 🗆	
Name:		Primary Number:	
Address:		Other Phone:	
Email:		Company:	
Section A:	PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORM	ATION REQUESTED BELO	W.
☑ Address	515 N Rodney St, Helena	MT 59601	
- Address	Address	City	State Zip Code
☑ Legal D	escription (Block & Lots, Subdivision, C	OS#)	
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	st recent deed for impacted property		
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### Section B: INDICATE WHICH VARIANCE(S) IS (ARE) BEING REQUESTED AND THE EXTENT OF THE VARIANCE.

EXAMPLE: [X] Reduce Front Lot Line Setback: From the required 10 feet to 3 feet.

Please provide all the information requested in the Application. An incomplete application may delay the review of your request. Please note: "N/A" is not an acceptable answer alone and requires an explanation if used.

Dim	nensional Criteria:	
	Reduce front lot line setback: Front lot line setback #2 (corner lot): Reduce garage entrance setback: Reduce side lot line setback: Reduce rear lot line setback: Exceed building height limitation:	Requesting reduction from 5 feet to 0 feet (the same as many of my neighbors)
Lot	Coverage/Area Criteria:	
	Lot coverage percentage: Front porch lot coverage percentage: Lot area per dwelling unit:	
Lan	dscaping Criteria:	
	Reduce or eliminate landscaping area: Reduce or eliminate screening:	
Par	king Criteria:	
	Exceed the maximum parking spaces Reduce the amount of required on-site Reduce or eliminate loading berths: Reduce or eliminate required bicycle s Reduce size of parking space:	parking spaces:
Sigr	n Criteria:	
	Sign area (square footage):  Sign height:	
	Sign location:  Number of signs:	

Other:	

#### Section C: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS VARIANCE REVIEW CRITERIA.

To approve a requested variance for a new building or portion thereof, the Board of Adjustment shall consider the following standards in section 11-5-5 of the Helena City Code and find as follows:

- 1. The variance will not create a significant risk to the public health, safety, or general welfare;
- 2. The variance will not significantly reduce or impair the peaceful use of existing property or improvements in the vicinity and the zoning district in which the subject property is located; and
- 3. Excluding monetary hardship, strict compliance with the provisions of this title would create unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty.

These are the standards your application for variance will be judged on. Your answers in section D should speak to the review criteria.

It is the applicant's burden of proof to show that a variance should be granted. As part of your application, you are required to provide information for each of the following factors including all alternatives considered. Failure to provide adequate responses or requested documentation may result in a returned application.

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ec	tion D: EVALUATION FACTORS
1.	Special conditions and circumstances that are unique to the applicant's site, including the size of the property, unusual or extreme topography, or unusual shape of the property.  If the above condition applies, state the specific factors and provide supporting documentation. For example, if the variance request is due to an abnormal lot configuration, provide a survey of the lot that specifically demonstrates the issue.  The current location of the garage would be difficult to pull into and out of with a car.
	There is a flat area at the back of the lot where the garage can be moved to where a retaining wall already exists.
2.	The height, location, or dimensions of existing structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site.  Ex: How is the proposed variance compatible with the other structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site? On the site plan you provide, please represent accurately and to scale the height, location, and dimensions of existing structures.  Moving the garage to the location specificed will make it easily accessible for a car to pull into and out of.
3.	Whether there is a prevalence of nonconformities in the vicinity of the site that are similar to the variance requested.  If so, what are those nonconformities and provide supporting documentation.  The neighbors on either side of me and directly behind me all have garages with the same orientation and setback (zero)
	that I am proposing for my garage. Additionally, the majority of garages along the alley have similar setbacks (zero).
	Therefore, I do not believe that my garage matching the neighbors would cause any material change to the alley.
	The subsequent imposition of zoning restrictions creating nonconforming lots or parcels, and governmental actions beyond the applicant's control.  Is the need for a variance request a result of government action? For example, the front yard setbacks were increased after construction of the structure, thereby creating the nonconformity. Explain.
5.	Whether a literal interpretation of the provisions of this title would deprive the property owner of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties similarly situated in the same district under the terms of this title.  For example, would the denial of the variance deny the property owner the right to safe placement of a garage where garages are typical? If so, explain.  I believe so because as stated previously, the majority of garages along this alley are situated the same as what  I am proposing and the majority have the same setback that I am proposing (zero).
	of a garage where garages are typical? If so, explain.  I believe so because as stated previously, the majority of garages along this alley are situated the same as what

6.	The extent to which the hardship or difficulty results from the actions of the applicant.  Explain the extent of the circumstances that are creating hardship or difficulty in compliance with the City Code and list alternatives and options considered by the applicant. Provide supporting documentation.  Adhering to the standard setback would most likely require the existing retaining wall to be moved and that
	would be cost prohibitive. The current location is not usable as a garage in the winter due to the
	angle of the incline of the driveway.
7.	Whether granting the variance requested will confer an unreasonable special privilege to the subject property that is not available to other properties similarly located in the same zoning district.  This would not create an unreasoanble special privilege. Rather, it would provide us with the same
	privilege (zero ally setback) that many of our neighbors are already benefiting from.
8.	Do you think a rebuttable presumption, as identified in City Code Section 11-5-5(E), should apply to your property, yes or no? For example, do you have an existing non-conforming structure that you wish to rebuild in the same location? If yes, show the original footprint of the building. Provide documentation that proves the existence of the prior nonconformity. Document that the nonconformity can be in compliance with building and fire codes.
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9.	Provide any additional information you would like the Board to consider.  I have spoken to the neighbors on either side of me and they are both supportive of this change.
	This variance would make the garage, currently classified as a shed, to be reclassified as a garage and
	usable as a garage. There are at least 10 other garages on the same alley that have zero setback.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF HELENA'S BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO NOT ACT ON A PROPOSAL IF THE APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT PRESENT AT THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING. CITY STAFF REPRESENT THE CITY AND CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AT THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARINGS.

### I HEREBY CERTIFY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION AND ANY ATTACHED INFORMATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signed:	Property Owner	Date:	31 JAN 20221
Applicant:	(If different from Owner)	Date:	
(Property owner	must sign application)		

It is recommended that the applicant contact neighbors to inform them of proposal and identify any concerns that the applicant may be able to address.

City Planning Staff represents the City; staff cannot answer questions for the applicant.

Date: 02/01/2024 Time: 10:32:46

#### LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY \*\*\* REPRINTED \*\*\* CASH RECEIPT 2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Receipt#	Trans Date	Clerk ID	Batch#	Tax Year	Tax Code	Receipt Total
2426402	11/29/2023	DJ	20231129-000354	2023	3101	\$2,145.42

Legal Owner Name	Legal Description
DYRDAHL STEPHEN & KIMBERLEY 515 N RODNEY ST HELENA MT 59601-4013	LOC: 1 GEO: 05-1888-30-4-13-14-0000 TWN: 10 N SCT: 30 RNG: 03 W WOD SubDiv WOD BLK: 1 WOOD ADDN, S30, T10 N, R03 W, BLOCK 1, S 58' OF 4

Stmt#	MC	Description	1st Half	Status	2nd Half	Status
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		TOTAL:	\$2,145.42			
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First Montana Land Title Company 400 North Park Avenue Helena, MT 59601

After Recording Return to: First Montana Land Title Company 400 North Park Avenue Helena, MT 59601

3337684 B: M55 P: 5693 DEED 06/05/2019 01:05 PM Pages: 1 of 1 Fees: 7.00 Paulette DeHart Clerk & Recorder, Lewis & Clark MT

#### **WARRANTY DEED**

(JOINT TENANTS)

For Value Received:

Pamela Dale Family Trust

the grantor(s) do(es) hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto

Stephen Dyrdahl and Kimberley Dyrdahl

The grantees, as joint tenants (and not as tenants in common), and to the survivor of said named joint tenants and to the heirs and assigns of such survivor, the following described premises, in Lewis & Clark County, Montana, to-wit:

The South 58 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the WOOD ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 257 of Deeds, Page 638)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same premises, with the appurtenances unto said Grantee(s), joint tenants with the right of survivorship (and not as tenants in common) and to the heirs and assigns of the survivor of said named joint tenants forever. And the said Grantor(s) do(es) hereby covenant to and with the Grantee(s), that he/she/they are/is the owner(s) in fee simple of said premises; that is free from all encumbrances SUBJECT to all legal taxes and assessments levied with respect to said premises and that he/she/they will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

Dated: June 5, 2019

Pamela Dale Family Trust

Pamela J. Dale, Trustée

STATE OF Montana

COUNTY OF Lewis & Clark

I, a Notary Public of the County and State first above written, do hereby certify that

famela Dale Family Trust by founda J. Dale Trust personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

10-11-19

Witness my hand and official seal, this day

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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SEAL SEAL STORY

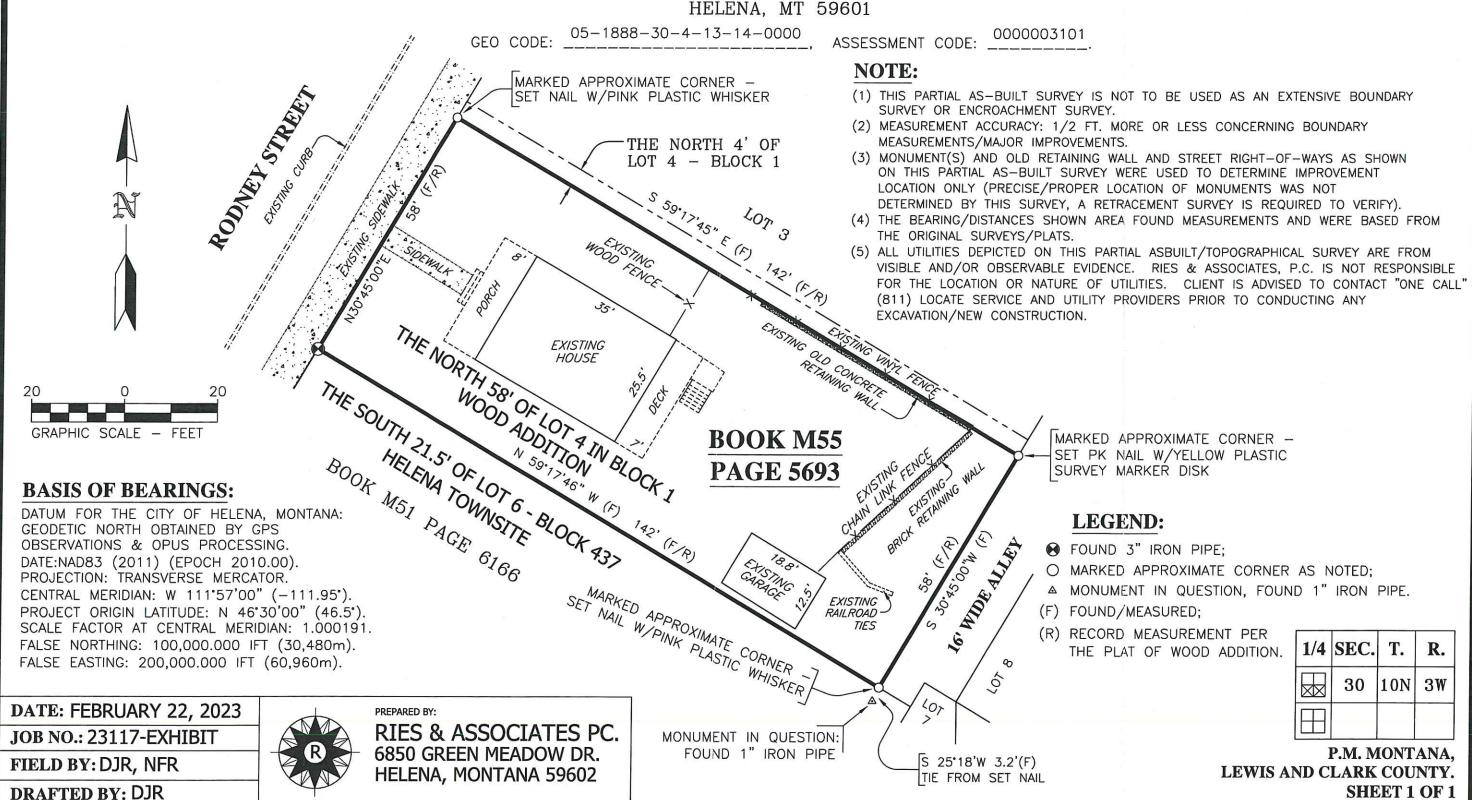
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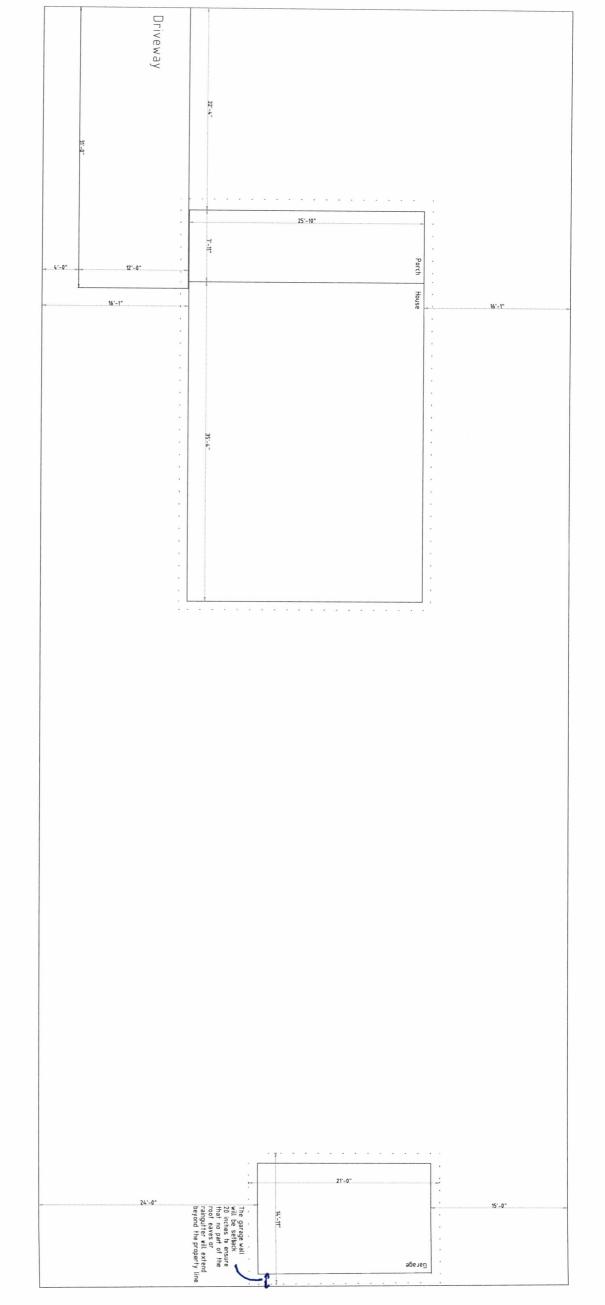
### EXHIBIT "A"

PURPOSE: PARTIAL AS-BUILT SURVEY OF THE SOUTH 58 FEET OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF THE WOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HELENA, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA. DEED BOOK M55 PAGE 5693 (DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 257 OF DEEDS, PAGE 638)

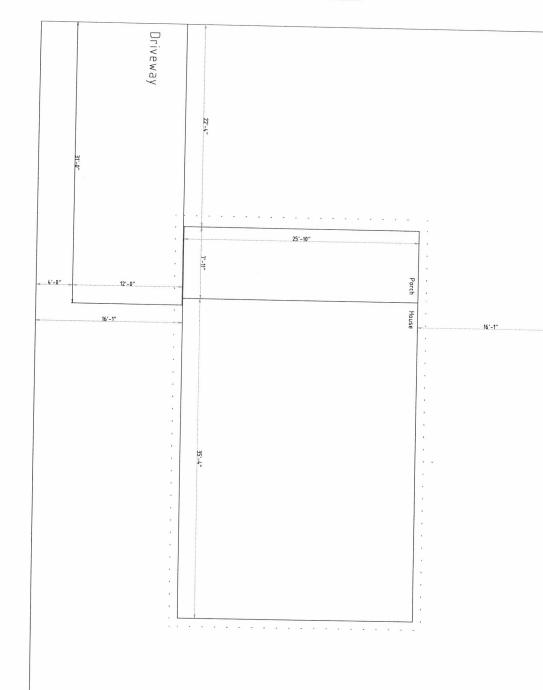
PROPERTY OWNER: STEPHEN & KIMBERLEY DYRDAHL

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 515 NORTH RODNEY STREET

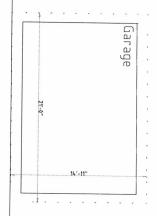








	Steve Dyrdahl	Author
2	Last Updated 30 January 2024	Last Updated
	Current Garage Location	Title
	515 N Rodney St, Helena MT	Location





## Kyle Holland, Planner II Community Development Department 316 North Park Avenue, Room 445

Helena, MT 59623

Phone: 406-447-8492 Fax: 406-447-8460

Email: kholland@helenamt.gov

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Date: February 23, 2024

#### **STAFF REPORT**

To: Helena Board of Adjustment

From: Kyle Holland, City Planner II

**Subject:** Consideration of:

1. A variance from Section 11-4-2 (B) (4) to decrease the minimum setback for a lot line that abuts a dedicated public right of way that provides only a secondary means of access to property and is not intended for general travel from 5' to 0' for a property in a R-3 zoning district with a legal description of the South 58 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the WOOD ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 257 of Deeds, Page 638)

The reason for this variance is to relocate a shed for use as a garage.

This property is located at 515 N Rodney St.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

DATE OF APPLICATION: Application received February 1, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Board of Adjustment - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024

PROPERTY OWNER: Stephen Drydahl

MAILING ADDRESS: 515 North Rodney, Helena MT, 59601

CONTACT NUMBER: (406) 344-1970

EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>steve@dyrdahl.net</u>

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The South 58 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the WOOD ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 257 of Deeds, Page 638)

PRESENT LAND USE: Residential

PRESENT ZONING: R-3

#### ADJACENT LAND USE:

North: R-3 - Residential

PLI - Worship Facility

South: R-3 - Residential East: R-3 - Residential R-2 - Residential

West: R-3 - Residential

#### **VARIANCE PROPOSALS:**

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#### HISTORY OF APPLICABLE PERMITTING ACTION:

1) September 1929 - A permit for a garage was issued

#### **ZONING EVALUATION for the properties legally addressed as 515 North Rodney Street**

ZONING REQUIREMENT	Applicable ZONING REGULATION	PRESENT CONDITION	PROPOSAL	VARIANCE REQUIRED
<b>City Code:</b> §11-4-2 (B) (4)	The lot line setback is five feet (5') for any lot line that abuts a dedicated public right of way that provides only a secondary means of access to property and is not intended for general travel.	Existing parking area off of alley.	Relocate existing shed placing the eaves at the lot line.	Yes

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE CRITERIA**

Section 11-5-5 of the Helena Zoning Ordinance includes certain criteria that must be reviewed as part of the variance procedure.

To approve a requested variance for a new building or portion thereof, the board of adjustment shall consider the following standards and find as follows:

- 1. The variance will not create a significant risk to the public health, safety, or general welfare;
- 2. The variance will not significantly reduce or impair the peaceful use of existing property or improvements in the vicinity and the zoning district in which the subject property is located; and
- 3. Strict compliance with the provisions of this title would create unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty.

*In evaluating the standards above, the board of adjustment may consider the following factors:* 

- 1. Special conditions and circumstances that are unique to the applicant's site, including the size of the property, unusual or extreme topography, or unusual shape of the property.
- 2. The height, location, or dimensions of existing structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site.
- 3. Whether there is a prevalence of nonconformities in the vicinity of the site that are similar to the variance requested.
- 4. The subsequent imposition of zoning restrictions creating nonconforming lots or parcels, and governmental actions beyond the applicant's control.
- 5. Whether a literal interpretation of the provisions of this Title would deprive the property owner of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties similarly situated in the same district under the terms of this Title.
- 6. The extent to which the hardship or difficulty results from the actions of the applicant.
- 7. Whether granting the variance requested will confer an unreasonable special privilege to the subject property that is not available to other properties similarly located in the same zoning district.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

As of Friday, February 23, 2024, no comments have been received.

#### **City Attorney's Office:**

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office, that staff does not make a recommendation to approve or deny a variance.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Montana law states the Board of Adjustment has authority to consider "...upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done." (76-2-323 MCA)

#### **Motion:**

#### Move to **Approve or Deny**

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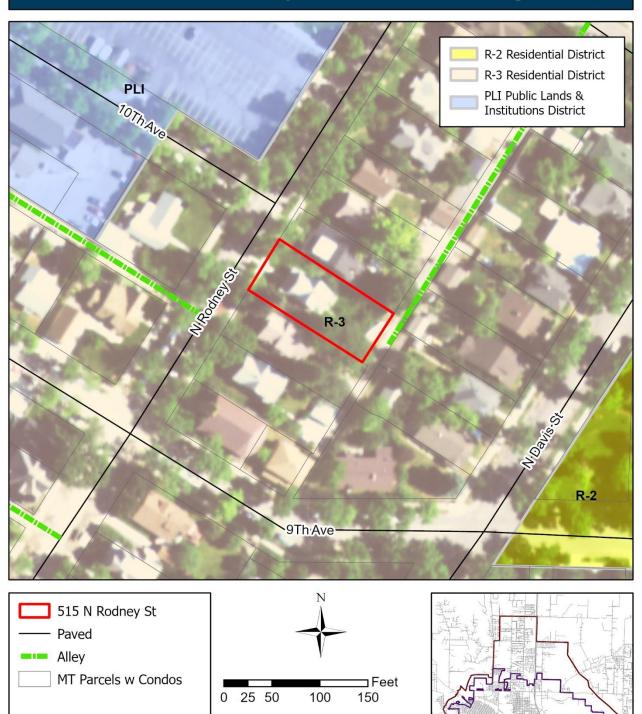
Regards,

**Kyle Holland, Planner II** 

Community Development Department City-County Building 316 N. Park Ave, Rm 403 Helena, MT 59623

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## 515 N Rodney St Zoning Map



Legal Description: WOOD ADDN, S30, T10 N, R03 W,

BLOCK 1, S 58' OF 4

Community Development City/County Building 316 North Park Avenue, Rm. 445 Helena, MT 59623



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Helena, MT 59623

Phone: 406-447-8492 Fax: 406-447-8460

Email: kholland@helenamt.gov

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Date: February 15, 2024

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Variances from district dimensional standards requirements are being proposed in your area. Please review the enclosed description, and vicinity map. You may respond to the proposal at the public hearing or submit written comments prior to the March 5th, 2024, Board of Adjustments public hearing to the City Planning Division, 316 North Park, Helena MT 59623.

The Helena Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on the variance request on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 5th, 2024</u> at <u>5:30 p. m. in the Commission Chambers, 316 N Park Ave, and via Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95139091644">https://zoom.us/j/95139091644</a>, Meeting ID: 951 3909 1644. Dial in at (346) 248-7799 or find your local Zoom phone number by going to <a href="https://zoom.us/u/abx78Gko9e">https://zoom.us/u/abx78Gko9e</a>.</u>

Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. We may not be able to reach all who may be interested in this application, and we encourage you to talk to your neighbors about this proposal.

#### PROPOSAL:

1. A variance from Section 11-4-2 (B) (4) to decrease the minimum setback for a lot line that abuts a dedicated public right of way that provides only a secondary means of access to property and is not intended for general travel from 5' to 0' for a property in a R-3 zoning district with a legal description of the South 58 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the WOOD ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 257 of Deeds, Page 638)

The reason for this variance is to relocate a shed for use as a garage.

The application and supporting materials for this variance request can be found on the City of Helena website under the current projects of the Community Development Department, Planning Division at <a href="https://www.helenamt.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Planning/Current-Projects">https://www.helenamt.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Planning/Current-Projects</a>.

#### ADDRESS:

This property is located at 515 N Rodney St.

#### **GENERALLY LOCATED:**

This property is located on the east side of Rodney Street between 9th Avenue and 11th Avenue.

If you have questions concerning the proposed change, please contact the City Planning Division of the Community Development Department at 447-8459.

Sincerely,

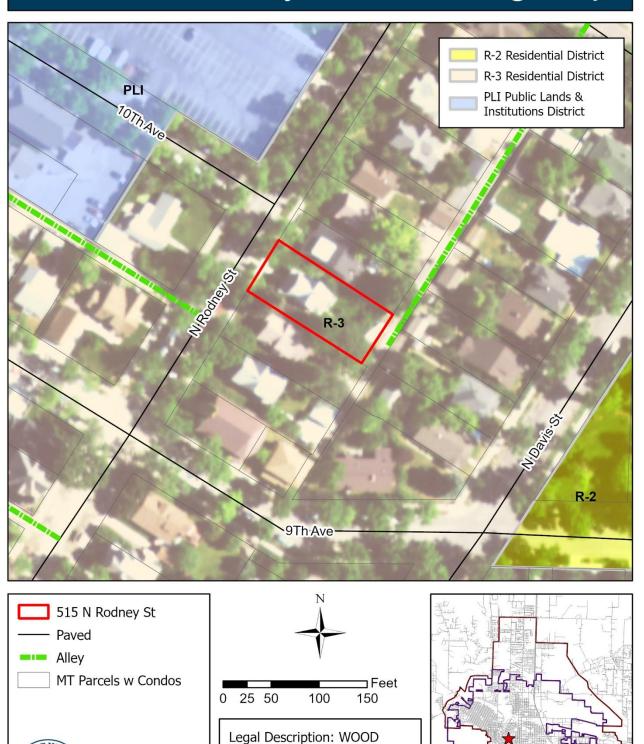
Kyle Holland, Planner II

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### 515 N Rodney St

### **Zoning Map**



ADDN, S30, T10 N, R03 W, BLOCK 1, S 58' OF 4

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## **Project Reviews City of Helena**

Project Number: ZBOA2402-002 Description: 515 N Rodney St

Applied: 2/5/2024 Approved: Site Address: 515 N RODNEY ST

Closed: Expired: City, State Zip Code: **HELENA**, **MT 59601** 

Status: **RECEIVED** Applicant: **<NONE>** 

Parent Project: Owner: DYRDAHL STEPHEN & KIMBERLEY

Contractor: <NONE>

**LIST OF REVIEWS** 

#### Details:

SENT DATE	RETURNED DATE	DUE DATE	ТҮРЕ	CONTACT	STATUS	REMARKS				
Review Group: ALL										
2/9/2024	2/20/2024	2/22/2024	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS	Mark Young	SEE COMMENTS					
Notes:										
Today's standard alley width is twenty feet (20'). With this in mind, the setback from the sixteen-foot (16') public right-of-way alley should not be reduced to less than two feet (2') from the property line.  No portion of the proposed garage structure may extend into the alley right-of-way.										
Review Group: AUTO										
2/5/2024		2/8/2024	DIRECTOR REVIEW	Christopher Brink						
Notes:										
Review Group: ZONING										
2/9/2024	2/21/2024	2/22/2024	BUILDING	Kim Mack	APPROVED					
Notes:  As indicated on "Requested Garage Location" plan, Building Division has no concerns. Fire separation distance on public alley goes to the centerline of the alley, therefore, the proposed 20" setback from property line will not require fire resistive construction.  Full building code and site review will be completed when plans are submitted for permits.										
2/9/2024		2/22/2024	CITY ATTORNEY	AIMEE HAWKALUK						
Notes:										
2/9/2024		2/22/2024	FIRE	Lou Antonick						
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# **Project Reviews City of Helena**

2/9/2024		2/22/2024	PARKS	DOUG SMITH							
Notes:											
2/9/2024		2/22/2024	POLICE	Jayson Zander							
Notes:											
2/9/2024	2/20/2024	2/22/2024	PUBLIC WORKS	JAMIE CLARK	NO COMMENT						
Notes:											