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Date: September 25, 2023

STAFF REPORT

To: Helena Board of Adjustment

From: Kyle Holland, City Planner II

Subject: Consideration of:

1. A variance from Section 11-4-2 to decrease the minimum front lot line setback 10' to 0' for a property with the legal description of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 of the HELENA TOWNSITE, Lewis and Clark County, Montana

AND

2. A variance from Section 11-4-2 (B) (3) to decrease the minimum vehicular entrance of a garage from 20' to 4" for a property with the legal description of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 of the HELENA TOWNSITE, Lewis and Clark County, Montana

The reason for this variance is to construct a new residence on lot with a topography created hardship.

This property does not have an address assigned but is generally located on the Southeast corner of the intersection of S Howie St and Donaldson St.

OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF APPLICATION: Application received August 14, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Board of Adjustment - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2023

APPLICANT: David Boggs

MAILING ADDRESS: 1100 Highland St, Helena MT 59601

CONTACT NUMBER: (406) 431-8441

EMAIL ADDRESS: dabogman@gmail.com

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: No address assigned

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 of the HELENA TOWNSITE, Lewis and Clark County, Montana

PRESENT LAND USE: Vacant

ADJACENT LAND USE:

North: R-2 - Vacant

South: R-2 - Residential - Single Dwelling Unit

East: B-1 – Reeder's Alley

West: R-2 – Residential - Single Dwelling Unit

R-2 - Vacant

PRESENT ZONING: R-2

VARIANCE PROPOSALS:

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HISTORY OF APPLICABLE PERMITTING ACTION:

Variances for front lot line setback and garage entry setback were granted at the March 2021 Board of Adjustment meeting. The applicant states this approved variance was not utilized due to difficulty finding a contractor, increased construction costs during the pandemic, and changes to the design to accommodate his future wife.

ZONING EVALUATION for the properties legally described as of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 of the HELENA TOWNSITE, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, **located in a R-2 zoning district.**

ZONING REQUIREMENT	Applicable ZONING REGULATION	PRESENT CONDITION	PROPOSAL	VARIANCE REQUIRED
City Code: §11-4-2 LOT REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS	Front Lot Line Setback in an R- 2 Zoning District	No Construction	0'	Yes
City Code: §11-4-2 (B) (3) Garage Vehicular Entrance	The vehicular entrance of a garage must be set back at least twenty feet	No Construction	4"	Yes

ZONING REQUIREMENT	Applicable ZONING REGULATION	PRESENT CONDITION	PROPOSAL	VARIANCE REQUIRED
	(20'), measured			
	in a straight line			
	from the			
	vehicular			
	entrance of the			
	garage to the lot			
	line of the			
	property that			
	abuts public			
	right of way			
	designated as a			
	street and has a			
	driveway			
	approach.			

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 Monday, September 25, 2023, 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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If the Board of Adjustment approves the requested variance, the following condition is recommended:

Building Permit: A building permit must be obtained within one (1) year.

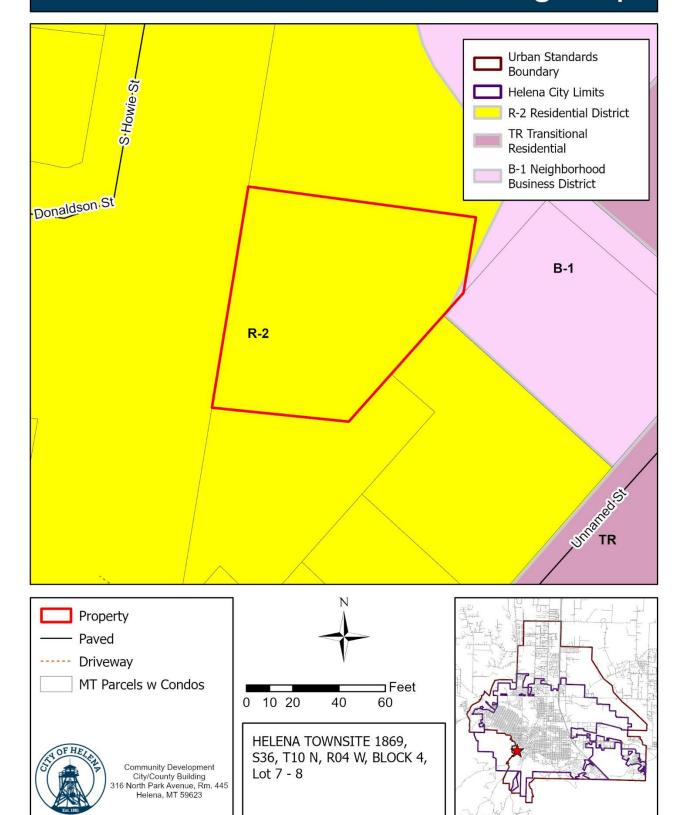
Regards,

Kyle Holland, Planner II

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

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Howie and Donaldson Zoning Map





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Date: September 25, 2023

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 October 3rd, 2023 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>October 3, 2023</u> at <u>5:30 p. m. via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/95139091644</u>, Meeting ID: 951 3909 1644. Dial in at (346) 248-7799 or find your local Zoom phone number by going to https://zoom.us/u/abx78Gko9e.

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:

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GENERALLY LOCATED:

This property does not have an address assigned but is generally located on the Southeast corner of the intersection of S Howie St and Donaldson St.

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

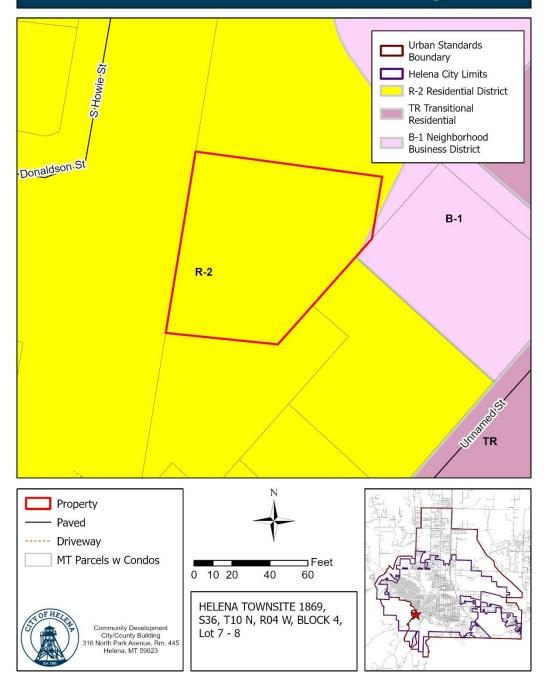
Sincerely,

Kyle Holland, Planner II

Community Development Department City-County Building 316 N. Park Ave, Rm 403 Helena, MT 59601

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Howie and Donaldson Zoning Map





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

By April Sparks at 3:43 pm, Aug 14, 2023

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

PROPERTY	OWNER: Primary Contact?			
Name:	David Boggs	Primary Number:	406-431-	8441
Address:	1100 Highland St	Other Phone:		
Email:	dabogman@gmail.com			1
APPLICANT	T (If different from property owne	r): Primary Contact? 🗆		
Name:	same	Primary Number:		
Address:		Other Phone:		1
Email:		Company:		
AUTHORIZE	ED REPRESENTATIVE: Primary Co	ontact? 🗆		
Name:	Layton Sysum	Primary Number:	406-495-	1195
Address:		Other Phone:		
Email:	lsysum@sysumhome.com	Company:	Sysum C	onstruction
7.44.555	of Property Yet to be assigned Address	City	State	Zip Code
TION	scription (Block & Lots, Subdivision, R04W, Block 4, Lot 7-8	COS#) Helena townsite 1869, S	36	
Geocode	05188736116500000			
The mos	t recent deed for impacted property			
Lot or Pa	rcel Size (square feet) 8581			
	and proposed use of structure or prop	perty. Single family home		
	Zoning District R-2 Residential			
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	e other related Land Use Applications	s being submitted: Yes 🔲 No L	~1	
Submit p	proof of current paid taxes			
1 copy of standard	f a scaled site plan and supporting da and the proposed variance to the sta	ata/documents. The site plan m andard.	ust clearly s	show the existing

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.

<u>Dim</u>	ensional Criteria:	
Ø	Reduce front lot line setback: Front lot line setback #2 (corner lot):	From 10 ft. to 0 ft. (at SW corner of garage)
	Reduce garage entrance setback:	From 20 ft. to 4 inches
	Reduce side lot line setback:	
	Reduce rear lot line setback:	
	Exceed building height limitation:	
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	a:
	Reduce or eliminate screening:	
Par	king Criteria:	
	Exceed the maximum parking spaces	s allowed:
	Reduce the amount of required on-sit	te parking spaces:
	Reduce or eliminate loading berths:	
	Reduce or eliminate required bicycle	spaces:
	Reduce size of parking space:	
<u>Sig</u>	n Criteria:	
	Sign area (square footage):	
	Sign height:	
	Sign location:	
	Number of signs:	

Other:						
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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.

Section D: EVALUATION FACTORS

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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 lot is located on an odd corner of Howie St. prior to entering Reeders Village. The front lot line increases in distance from the street curb from 30' to 200'. At the garage corner, the distance would be 59' to the curb.

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.

This part of South Howie and South Park Ave. is a very eclectic mix of new and very old structures of

varying height and shape. There is no existing structure on the lot.

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.

There are non-conformities in the road and sidewalks in the vicinity due to the terrain. Along the east and

south side of Howie St. there is no sidewalk. See vicinity map

4. 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 non-conformity. Explain.

I don't believe the situation is a result of subsequent government action. The lots are part of the original Helena townsite which did not address the topography of the site.

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.

Yes, a denial would cause problems with the safe placement and access in the home and garage. The

further the structure is placed from the front lot line, the further downhill it would move, causing extreme

access issues. Other solutions would entail excess fill that would detract from neighboring properties.

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. The unique position of the lot in relation to the existing street and the steepness of the lot are creating the	
buildability hardship. The front lot line is unique to the other lots in that it is already 30' at minimum from	
the back of the curb. Alternatives included bridging from the lot line to the home or providing excess fill.	
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.	
I don't believe this to be the case, given the uniqueness of the lot and the distance it will be from the street	
and curb in comparison to other homes in the area. The nearest part of the structure will be	
aproximately 32' from the curb.	
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. The planned home is not a rebuild of an existing structure.	
9. Provide any additional information you would like the Board to consider.	
This variance was previously requested and approved by the Helena Board of Adjustments on March 2,	
2021 (see cover letter). The utilities located calong the	
just west of curb July 10 2023 a owner's expension	
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F THE APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT PRESENT AT THE BOARD OF	>
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ADJUSTMENTS HEARING. CITY STAFF REPRESENT THE CITY AND CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AT THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARINGS.	Դ

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:	Dard & Bogg	Date:	8/14	2023
	Property Owner			
Applicant		Date:		
	(If different from Owner)	91-8		
(Property	wner 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.

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

3280791 B: M50 P: 5734 DEED 10/16/2015 03:04 PM Pages: 1 of 1 Fees: 7.00 Paulette DeHart Clerk & Recorder, Lewis & Clark MT

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WARRANTY DEED

For Value Received:

Pamela Sourbeer

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

David Peter Boggs

The grantees the following described premises, in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, to-wit:

Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 of the HELENA TOWNSTTE, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same premises, with the appurtenances unto said Grantee(s) his/her/their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Grantor(s) do(es) hereby covernant 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 legal taxes.

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 daims whatsoever.	M
Dated: 10-13-15	
Janua Sourber	_
STATE OF South Caroling	
COUNTY OF Charleslor	
I, a Notary Public of the County and State first above written, do hereby certify that PAMECH SEURBEER personally	
appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.	
Witness my hand and official seal, this day Oct 13, 2015.	
Motary Public	
My Commission Expires: March 18, 2023	
(SEAL)	

2 2ND HALF PAYMENT STUB

Property ID Number: 23779

DUE ON OR BEFORE: 05/31/2023

Property Tax Assistance eligibility reflected in amount due for current tax year

This property may qualify for a Property Tax Assistance Program. This may include. Property Tax Assistance. Disabled or Deceased Veterans' Residential Exemption, and/or Elderly Homeowner's Tax Credit, Contact the Local Department of Revenue at 406-444-4000 for further information.

BOGGS DAVID PETER 615 POWER ST HELENA MT 59601-6117

Second Half Amount Due:

\$441.05

NO SECOND HALF NOTICE WILL BE SENT. YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT. STUBS MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT, FOR A COPY OF YOUR TAX RECEIPT INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE



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RETURN THIS STUB WITH YOUR SECOND HALF PAYMENT TO:

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2022 2ND HALF PAYMENT STUB

Property ID Number: 2131

DUE ON OR BEFORE: 05/31/2023

Property Tax Assistance eligibility reflected in amount due for current tax year

This property may qualify for a Property Tax Assistance Program. This may include: Property Tax Assistance, Disabled or Deceased Veterans' Residential Exemption, and/or Eiderly Homeowner's Tax Credit. Contact the Local Department of Revenue at 406-444-4000 for further information.

BOGGS DAVID PETER 615 POWER ST HELENA MT 59601-6117 Second Half Amount Due

\$907.87

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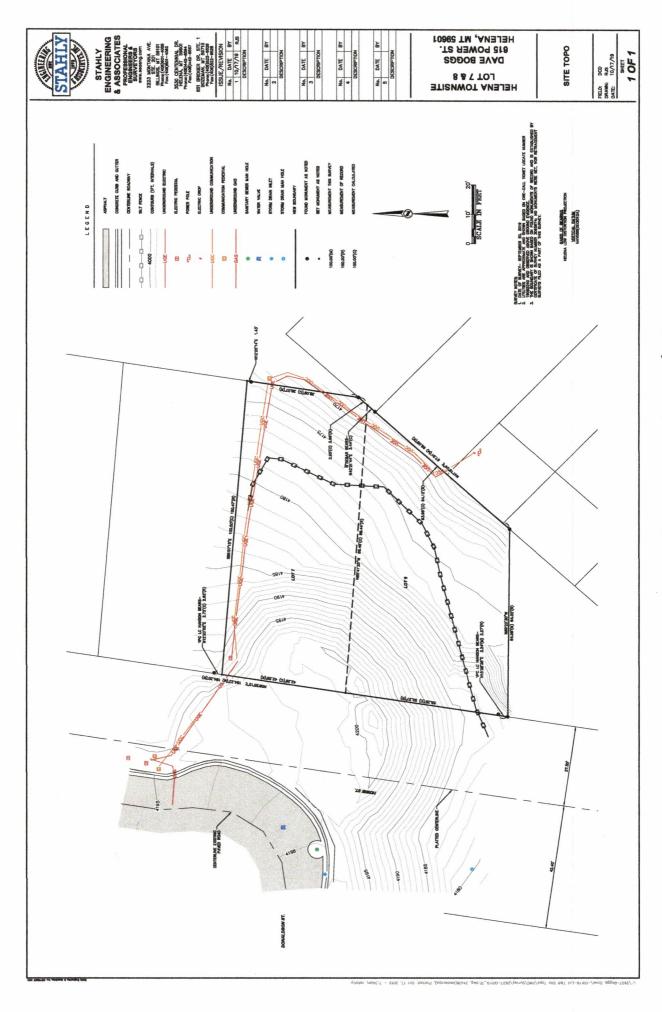


www.sysumhome.com 406-495-1195 The Boggs Home



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oggs Home



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Project Reviews City of Helena

Project Number: ZBOA2308-002 Description: TBD Howie St

Applied: **8/14/2023** Approved: Site Address:

Closed: Expired: City, State Zip Code: ,

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

Parent Project: Owner: **BOGGS DAVID PETER**

Contractor: <NONE>

Details:

	LIST OF REVIEWS									
SENT DATE	RETURNED DATE	DUE DATE	ТҮРЕ	CONTACT	STATUS	REMARKS				
Review Group: ALL										
9/15/2023	9/25/2023	9/25/2023	BUILDING	Kim Mack	SEE COMMENTS					
Notes:										
Fill was placed on this site several years ago. Full construction plan review will be completed when plan submittal is made. Submittal shall include completed soils evaluation and compaction report by MT licensed engineer indicating compliance with IRC requirements. Additional comments will occur at time of plan submittal.										
9/15/2023		9/25/2023	CITY ATTORNEY	Attorney Bucket						
Notes:										
9/15/2023		9/25/2023	ENGINEERING	Tyson Lesmeister						
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9/15/2023		9/25/2023	FIRE	Lou Antonick						
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9/15/2023		9/25/2023	POLICE	Police Bucket						
Notes:										
9/15/2023	9/19/2023	9/25/2023	PUBLIC WORKS	JAMIE CLARK	NO COMMENT					
Notes:										



Project Reviews City of Helena

9/15/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2023	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS	Mark Young	SEE COMMENTS				
Notes: With the current built environment, we don't foresee widening the road at this intersection so the requested variance should be acceptable. Whether or not variation to setbacks are approved, boulevard sidewalks will be required with building permit (see City Code section 7-4-2), the proposed driveway must be approved by the City and may require changes (see City Code section 7-13-3.A.8). With the narrowness of the existing roadway, signage and striping to reflect no on-street parking will also be required with a building permit.									
Review Group: AUT	-o								
8/14/2023		8/17/2023	DIRECTOR REVIEW	Christopher Brink					
Notes:									

