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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 side lot line setback from 8' to 0', for a property with the legal description of The West 27 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block "K" of the AMENDED MAP of the BLAKE ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 193 of Deeds, Page 424)

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The reason for this variance is to replace a car port. The applicant contends that they have a rebuttable presumption.

This property is located at 703 Breckenridge Street

### **OVERVIEW**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

DATE OF APPLICATION: Application received August 28, 2023

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

PROPERTY OWNER: Janet Ellis and Jim Hansen

MAILING ADDRESS: 703 Breckenridge St, Helena, MT 59601

CONTACT NUMBER: (406) 431-9157

EMAIL ADDRESS: jellis@mt.net

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 703 Breckenridge St, Helena, MT 59601

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The West 27 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block "K" of the AMENDED MAP of the BLAKE ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 193 of Deeds, Page 424)

PRESENT LAND USE: Single Family Dwelling with detached car port

### ADJACENT LAND USE:

North: R-3 – Residential - Single Dwelling Unit South: R-2 – Residential - Single Dwelling Unit East: R-2 – Residential - Single Dwelling Unit West: R-2 – Residential - Single Dwelling Unit

PRESENT ZONING: R-2

### **VARIANCE PROPOSALS:**

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### HISTORY OF APPLICABLE PERMITTING ACTION:

There is a history of plumbing and electrical permits dating back to April of 1963. Additionally, there was a permit for the removal of a farm building in August 1968 and a re-roofing permit in August of 1982.

## ZONING EVALUATION for the property legally addressed as 703 Breckenridge St, Helena, MT, located in a R-2 zoning district.

ZONING REQUIREMENT	Applicable ZONING REGULATION	PRESENT CONDITION	PROPOSAL	VARIANCE REQUIRED
<b>City Code:</b> §11-4-2 LOT REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS	Side Lot Line Setback – R-2 Zoning District	0'	0' - Remove and replace existing wooden carport within the same footprint	Yes
<b>City Code:</b> §11-4-2 LOT REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS	Rear Lot Line Setback – R-2 Zoning District	0'	0' - Remove and replace existing wooden carport within the same footprint	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 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 <u>Approve or Deny</u>

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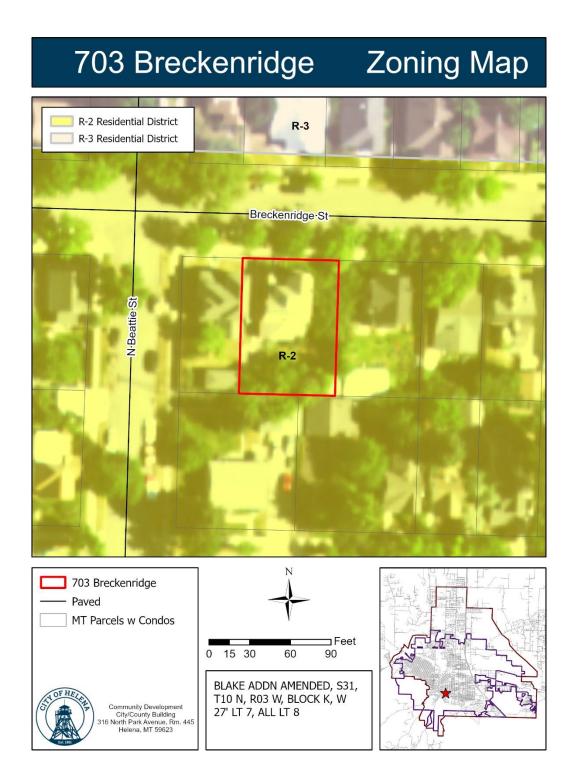
If the Board of Adjustment approves the requested variance, the following condition is recommended:

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

Regards,

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**Kyle Holland, Planner II** Community Development Department City-County Building 316 N. Park Ave, Rm 403 Helena, MT 59623





### 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 12:25 pm, Aug 28, 2023

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

PR	OPERTY	OWNER: Primary Contact? 🛙							
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- Submit proof of current paid taxes (see Exhibit II)
- ☑ 1 copy of a scaled site plan and supporting data/documents. The site plan must clearly show the existing standard and the proposed variance to the standard. (see Exhibit III (through XII))

## 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.

### Dimensional 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:	From the required 8 feet to 0 feet From the required 10 feet to 0 feet
Lot	Coverage/Area Criteria:	
	Lot coverage percentage: Front porch lot coverage percentage: Lot area per dwelling unit:	About 4.2% (carport is 4.2% of lot)
Lan	dscaping Criteria:	
	Reduce or eliminate landscaping area Reduce or eliminate screening:	:
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	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:	e parking spaces:
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	Sign area (square footage): Sign height: Sign location: Number of signs:	

# Other: The current carport is deteriorating and needs to be replaced We would like to keep the current footprint, including landscaping

### 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

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.

This site is not unique. The carport that needs replacing with an identical footprint is located at the end of a

(cobblestone) driveway on the west side of the house (see Exhibit VI/Exhibit VII/Exhibit VIII). This is an old

lot (the house was built ~ 1890). Structures in the area generally do not conform to R-2 zoning requirements.

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.

We would replace an existing carport (see Exhibit III (site plan)/Exhibit IV (carport height) on the existing

cement pad, with no encroachment on adjacent property. The replacement carport would drain onto our

property (it currently drains onto our neighbor's). The current carport is on the property line (see Exhibit V).

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. Many of the buildings in this block (and surrounding area) do not conform to R-2 zoning setbacks because

the neighborhood was zoned after structures were built (see Exhibit IX). Specifically, the lots to to the west,

south, and east all have buildings that do not conform to current zoning regulations. There is no alley.

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.

This variance request is partially caused by government action because zoning occurred after most structures

on the lot were built (see Exhibit V). The existing carport is on the property line. If we are allowed to rebuild

the existing building, the footprint would not change. We do not know when the carport was built.

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.

The existing carport is at the end of a cobblestone driveway on the house's west side (see Exhibit VIII). If

the carport must have R-2 setbacks, much landscaping (including mature trees) and lawn would be

removed (Exhibit X and XI). The replacement will not change (or deprive) other properties similarly situated

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.

We did not create the hardship that has led to this variance request. When we purchased the property

in 1990, the carport and cobblestone driveway already existed. Approval of this application would allow

us to rebuild the existing structure on its existing footprint (see Exhibit III).

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.

Most garages in this area do not comply with zoning setbacks – so no special privilege to our property

would be granted by a variance (Exhibit IX). Again, the proposal is to replace an existing carport at an

identical location and footprint.

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.

A rebuttable presumption should apply to our property because we have an existing nonconforming

structure that needs to be rebuilt in the same location and footprint. The original footprint of the

building appears in the 1990 property survey in Exhibit V.

9. Provide any additional information you would like the Board to consider.

> The current carport is deteriorating (breaking/rotting) and needs replacement (see Exhibit XII).

> Because the driveway is cobblestone, the carport is not always able to be used (if it snows, the driveway

cannot be shoveled). We have no plans to replace the cobblestone driveway.

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:

8/27/2023 WSMDate: Property Owner

Date:

Applicant:

(If different from Owner)

(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.

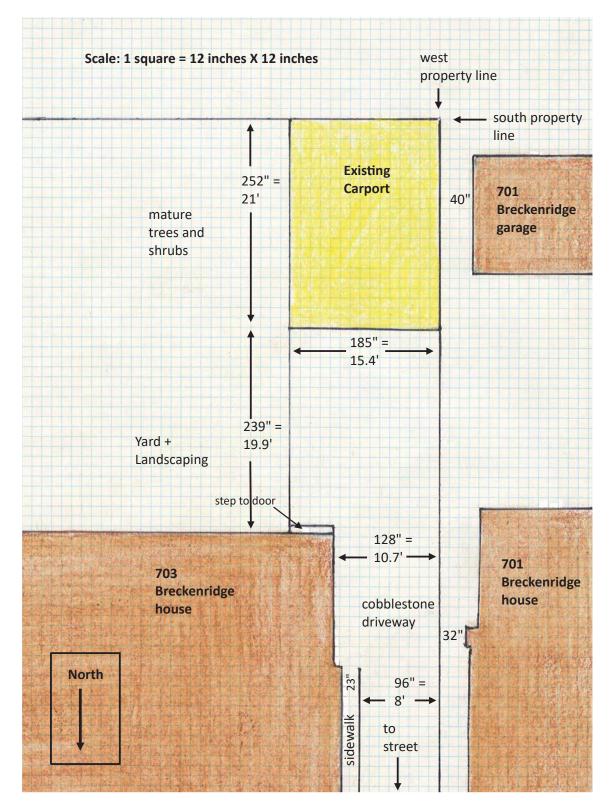
**Exhibit I. Most recent deed for 703 Breckenridge St.** Janet Ellis and Jim Hansen purchased the property on October 9, 1990. Note: the original document is available, upon request.

FIRST MONTANA TITLE WARRANTY DEED L& C#\_28425 (JOINT TENANCY) For Value Received KENT L. MOLLOHAN and KATHLEEN K. MOLLOHAN, husband and wife the grantor s, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto JANET H. ELLIS and JAMES C. HANSEN COMPLIMENTS OF FIRST MONTANA TITLE Co. of Helena (406) 413-4422 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 West 27 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block "K" of the AMENDED MAP of the BLAKE ADDITION to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Deed reference Book 193 of Deeds, Page 424) TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with the appurtenances unto the said Grantees, as joint tenants with 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 Grantors do hereby covenant to and with the said Grantees, that the said Grantees, that they are the owners in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances. SUBJECT to all legal taxes and assessments levied with respect to said premises and that will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims t hey whatsoever. Dated: OCTOBER 9, 1990 ant Mollo han allen KENT L. MOLLOHAN KATHLEEN K. MOLLOHAN STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF Lewis&Clark un this 9th day of october , 1990 before me, a notary public in and for said State, personally appeared KENT L. MOLLOHAN and KATHLEEN K. MOLLOHAN known to me to be the person s whose 462213 name s are subactibed to the within SUE BARTLETT, CLERK &. REC. instrument and acknowledged to me that LENIS & ELARN CO., MONT. they executed the same. MUL 1990 OCT -9 PM 3:59 indust 1 Residing at Helena, Montana Manox Line 2350 PUT OF RECORD AT Phirley Martash Comm. Exp. October 15, 1992 500

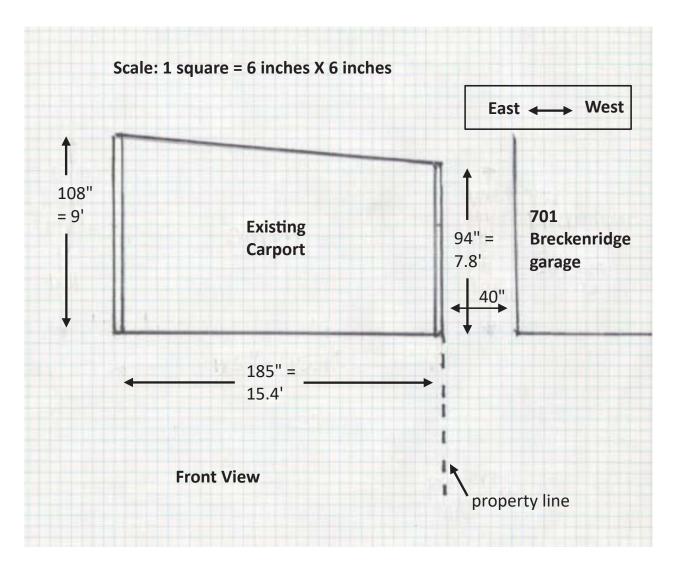
### Exhibit II. Proof of current paid taxes.

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**Exhibit III. Existing and Proposed Site Plan.** This site plan shows the existing carport to scale. The variance is requested so that the carport can be replaced on the existing location and footprint.



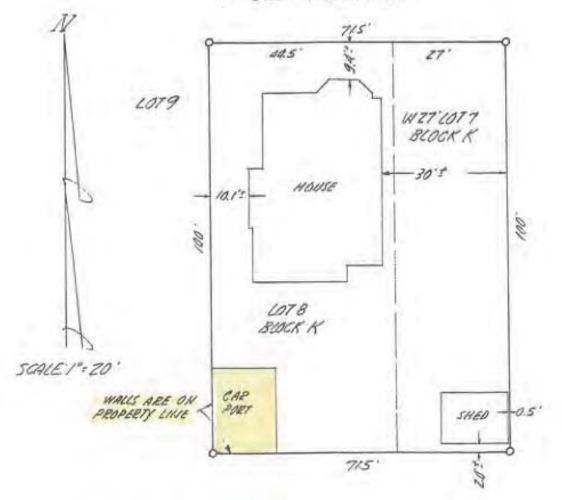
**Exhibit IV. Scale drawing of existing carport from front.** This scaled drawing shows that the carport height varies, but the drainage is currently on an adjacent property. A replacement structure would drain onto our property.



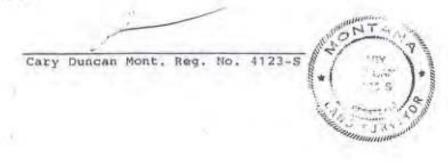
**Exhibit V. Survey of 703 Breckenridge property.** Copy of October 2, 1990 Survey of 703 Breckenridge showing the carport that needs replacement (see map on page 2). The survey shows that the there are no encroachments on adjacent properties. Note: the original document is available, upon request.

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I, Cary Duncan, a Montana Registered Land Surveyor, do hereby certify that the attached drawing accurately shows the location of Physical features in relation to the lines of the West 27' of Lot 7, and all of Lot 8, Block K, Amended Plat of the Blake Addition, City of Helena, Montana, as located by me on October 2, 1990.

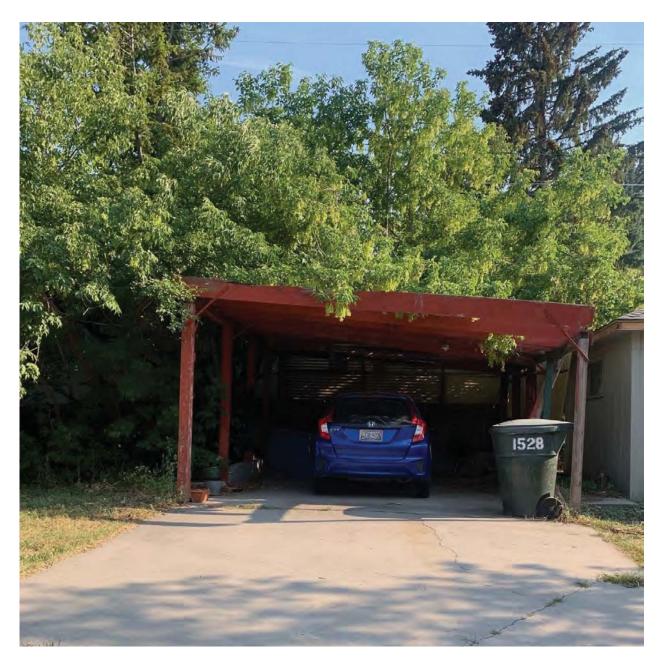


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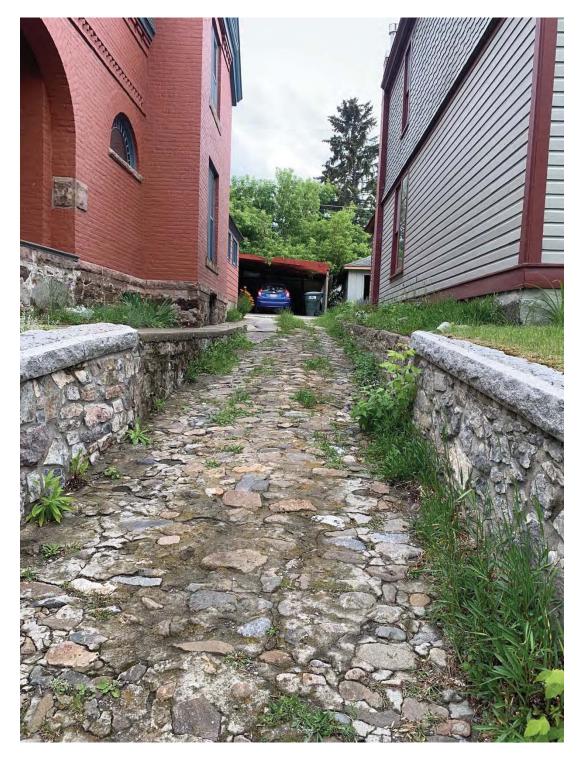
**Exhibit VI**. House at 703 Breckenridge, showing the driveway on the western side of the house and the vegetation on the eastern side of the house.



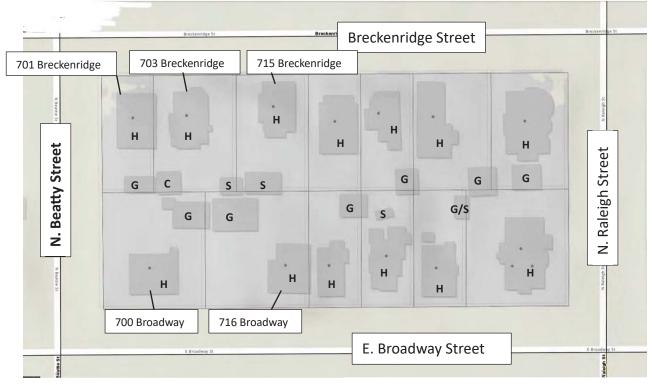
**Exhibit VII. Photo of existing carport.** This photograph shows the existing carport at 703 Breckenridge. This variance request is to replace this deteriorating carport in the same footprint.



**Exhibit VIII. Photo of driveway and carport.** This photograph shows that the cobblestone driveway at 703 Breckenridge ends near the carport. The house on the left (east) is 703 Breckenridge; it's closest distance from the driveway is 23 inches. The house on the right (west) is 701 Breckenridge; it's closest distance from the driveway (and 703 Breckenridge property line) is 32 inches. The retaining wall at the street level is approximately 42" high.



**Exhibit IX. Neighborhood buildings with approximate setbacks.** This map is a copy of the "Lewis and Clark County/City of Helena Interactive Map." The map does not show accurate building locations, according to the 1990 survey we received. Buildings are named and setback distances to buildings on adjacent properties appear below. The setback distances indicate the closest distance to what appears to be the 703 Breckenridge property line.



### Key to Above Map

- H = House
- **G** = Garage
- **C** = Carport
- **S** = Shed

### The following setbacks were measured from 703 Breckenridge property line:

701 Breckenridge

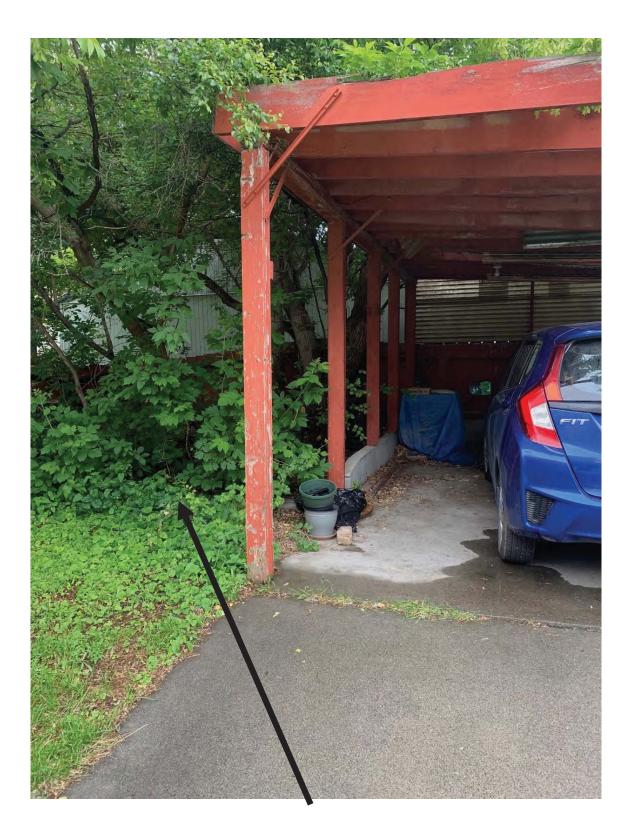
• House = 32 inches on east side to 703 Breckenridge property line

• Garage = 40 inches on east side to 703 Breckenridge property line

### 703 Breckenridge

- House = 10 feet on west side to 703 Breckenridge property line
- Carport = on property line for 703 Breckenridge (south and west) (no encroachment)
- Shed = 24 inches on south to 703 Breckenridge property line (see 1990 survey) and 6 inches on east side to 703 Breckenridge property line

715 Breckenridge: Shed: 48 inches on east side from 703 Breckenridge property line 700 E Broadway: Garage: 69 inches on south side from 703 Breckenridge property line 716 E Broadway: Garage: 39 inches on south side from 703 Breckenridge property line. **Exhibit X. Mature trees and shrubs on east side of carport.** Photo showing that requiring a setback for the carport would require cutting down several mature trees on the east side of the carport and removing other landscaping.



**Exhibit XI. Backyard photo of 703 Breckenridge Street**. This photo shows the house at 703 Breckenridge, as well as the backyard.



**Exhibit XII. Photo showing additional information for the Board to consider.** The current carport is deteriorating (supports are rotting/collapsing) and it needs to be replaced.



### Project Reviews City of Helena

Description: 703 Breckinridge

### Project Number: ZBOA2308-003

Applied: <b>8/28/2023</b>	Approved:	Site Address: 703 BRECKENRIDGE ST
Closed:	Expired:	City, State Zip Code: HELENA, MT 59601
Status: RECEIVED		Applicant: <b><none></none></b>
Parent Project:		Owner: ELLIS JANET H & HANSEN JAMES C
		Contractor: <b><none></none></b>

#### Details:

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9/15/2023	9/25/2023	9/25/2023	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS	Mark Young	NO COMMENT	
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