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APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

TO: **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE CITY OF ROCHESTER CASE NO. 2014 - 18 DATE FILED 09-17-14 A11:52 R(Phone No (603) 330-3367 Name of applicant Alan N. & Sharon A. Reed-Erickson Address 123 Dry Hill Road, Rochester, NH 03867-4129 Owner of property concerned: **Same** (If the same as applicant, write "same") Address Same (If the same as applicant, write "same") Location Same Map No. 247 Lot No. 13 Zone Agricultural (AG) Description of property A 9.99 acre parcel of land with two (2) single family residential homes and driveways thereon. three separate parcels of land. The undersigned hereby requests a variance to the terms of Article 42.21 (d) (10) (G) & (H) and asked that said terms be waived to permit a porkchop subdivision with two driveways, as opposed to one. The undersigned alleges that the following circumstances exist which prevent the proper enjoyment of his land under the strict terms of the Zoning Ordinance and thus constitute grounds for a variance.

CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE

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123 Dry Hill Road, Rochester, NH Map 247, Lot 13

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Introduction

The property subject to this application is located at 123 Dry Hill Road and is depicted on the City's Tax Maps at 247/13. The property is located within the Agricultural (AG) zone. The property is comprised of approximately 9.99 acres. The parcel is unique, not only in its size, but also as to its shape. The parcel is also unique as it contains two (2) single-family houses that were constructed when multiple houses were permitted on one lot. A copy of the proposed subdivision plan is attached hereto. The Applicants intend to create three (3) lots, known as a "porkchop subdivision," by creating a lot for each existing house and a third lot that shares one of the existing driveways with another lot. The third lot is intended to be developed at some time in the future with a single-family house.

Pursuant to Article 42.21(d) (10) (G) & (H), within a porkchop subdivision, all lots shall be entered from and contain a common driveway. In this instance, as the lots already contain two (2) single-family houses, there already exists two driveways within the lot. The lot exceeds the minimum amount of land required for a porkchop subdivision as it has 9.99 acres, where only 6 acres is required. The lot also exceeds the minimum amount of frontage required for a porkchop subdivision, as it has 358.69 feet, where only 150.00 feet is required.

Pursuant to Article 42.21, the purpose of the porkchop subdivision is to "preserve the scenic character of the neighborhood." The relief requested herein utilizes the existing two driveways, thus maintaining status quo as to the driveways, which, in turn, will maintain the scenic character of the neighborhood. Without the variance, the Applicants would either have to cross steep slopes and an existing septic system and construct a driveway, or create a traditional subdivision that would require a variance for frontage and unnecessary road infrastructure that would affect the scenic character of the neighborhood.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the grant of a variance would result in a use of the property that is consistent with the surrounding uses of the area, and represents a reasonable use of the property and the two existing driveways, while respecting the intent of the porkchop subdivision option within the Rochester Zoning Ordinance. As such, the Applicants believe that the request for a variance is reasonable, and can be supported by the following evidence.

Request for Variances Facts Supporting this Request

1. The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values because:

It is respectfully submitted that all of the surrounding properties have a value associated with them which is premised upon the existence of the existing two driveways located upon the Applicants' property. In this instance, the use of one of the existing driveways for an additional lot will have no effect upon the use of any abutter, with respect to its property. Given the

existing status of the lot as to driveways, and the size of the lot itself and its frontage, the addition of a residential lot will be consistent with the neighborhood, and would increase surrounding property values with new construction on a large lot.

2. Granting the variance is not contrary to the public interest because:

The Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed use represents a reasonable use of the property in question by maintaining the status quo as to the driveways and permits the Applicants to avoid having to construct another driveway through an existing septic system on steep slopes. By permitting the use, the public interest is served by permitting orderly development in an area where such development has already occurred, particularly where there would be no additional driveways added to the area along Dry Hill Road. It is submitted that the use of the two driveways will not be contrary to the public interest, as the use will not alter the essential character of the locality.

3. Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owners because of the following special circumstances of the property:

The general purpose of the ordinance is to promote orderly development and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public. The purpose of a porkchop subdivision is to preserve the scenic character of the neighborhood. In this instance, the Applicants seek to maintain the status quo with respect to the existing driveways located on the property. The property is large enough, and much larger than those within the general surrounding area, to sustain the use of the property with one additional lot. The grant of the variance allows the Applicants to avoid constructing an additional driveway through an existing septic and sloped area, thus avoiding waste. Given the existing configuration of the two driveways, there is no need to incur this waste, and, as such, the Applicants respectfully submit that there is no relationship at all between the general public purpose of the ordinance, and the specific application of the restriction, which would require the unnecessary construction of a driveway through a septic system and sloped area.

The proposed use is reasonable because it provides for use of existing driveways and preserves the scenic character of the neighborhood.

4. Granting the variances would do substantial justice because:

The grant of the variance would due substantial justice because it would allow the Applicants' property to be utilized in a similar fashion to other properties located within the area. This test requires the balance of the benefit to the applicant versus the burden to the public. In this instance, there will be no burden to the public whatsoever in allowing the use of the two existing driveways. Accordingly, the benefit to the Applicants would exceed the burden to the public, thus resulting in substantial justice being done.

5. The use is not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance because:

The Applicants respectfully submit that if the variance is granted the spirit of the ordinance would be observed because the use in question would permit a use which is suitable, considering the surrounding properties, and therefore result in an encouragement of the most appropriate use of the land. In addition, by granting the variance, the intent of the ordinance will

be sustained as it relates to porkchop subdivisions, while using the two existing driveways. Denial of the variance would only serve to do damage to an existing septic system. By granting the variance, the Board would be promoting the public health, safety and general welfare, without the need for construction of unnecessary driveways upon the property. To be contrary to the public interest or injurious to the public rights of others, the variance must unduly and in a marked degree conflict with the ordinance, such that it violates the ordinance's basic zoning objectives, which in this application is not the case.



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September 12, 2014

Letter of Authorization

Berry Surveying & Engineering has been commissioned to prepare "Proposed Subdivision Plans" for Alan & Sharon Reed-Erickson, 123 Dry Hill Road, Rochester, NH 03867 and said plans will be used for applications to the Rochester Planning Board and Rochester Zoning Board of Adjustment.

We, Alan Reed-Erickson and Sharon Reed-Erickson, do hereby authorize a principal of Berry Surveying and Engineering and / or legal counsel Atty. F.X. Bruton, of Bruton & Beruby, PLLC to sign documents and submit same to either the Rochester Planning Board or the Rochester Zoning Board of Adjustment on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Bood-Erickson

Sharon Reed-Erickson

Date

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Witnessed by:

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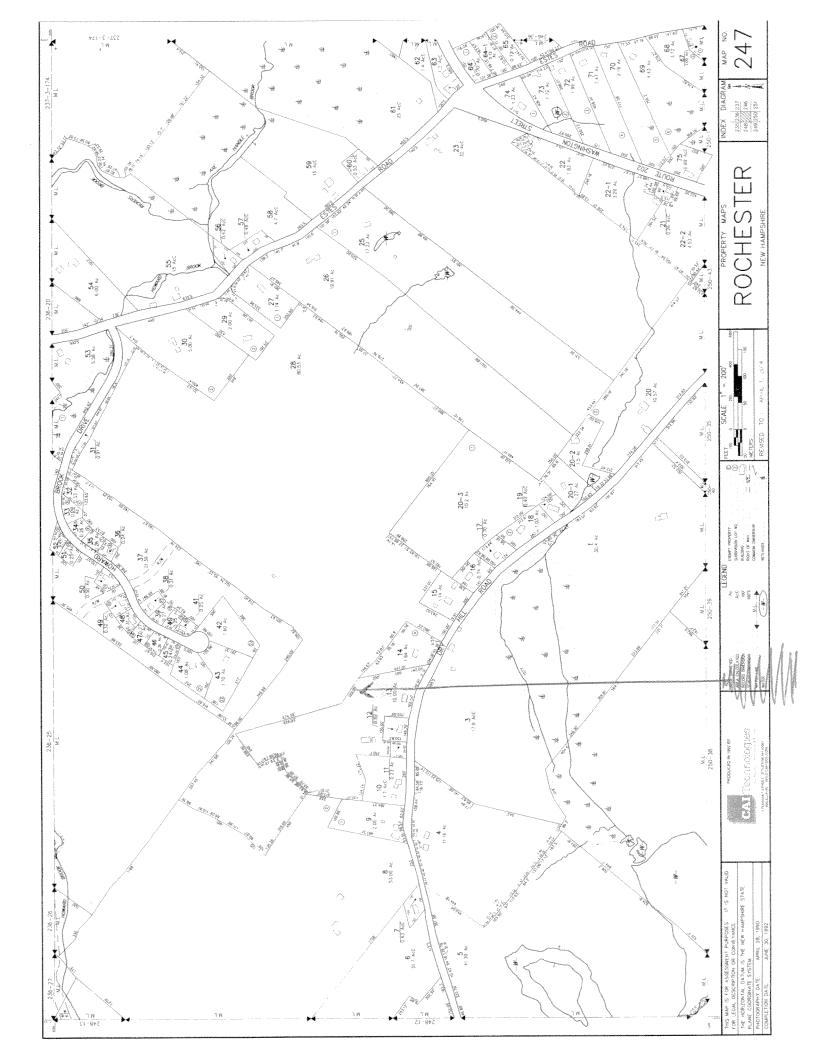
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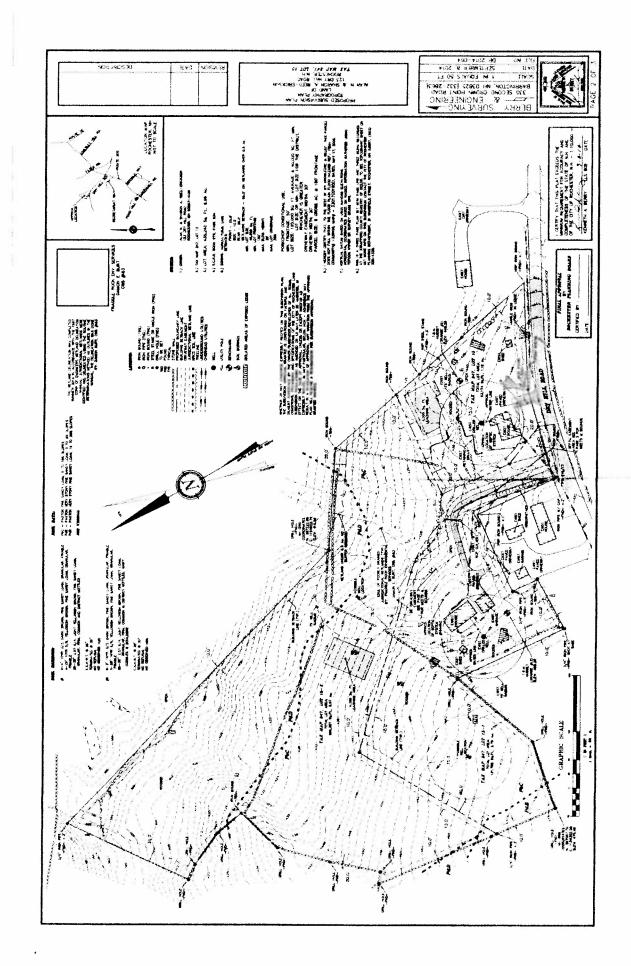
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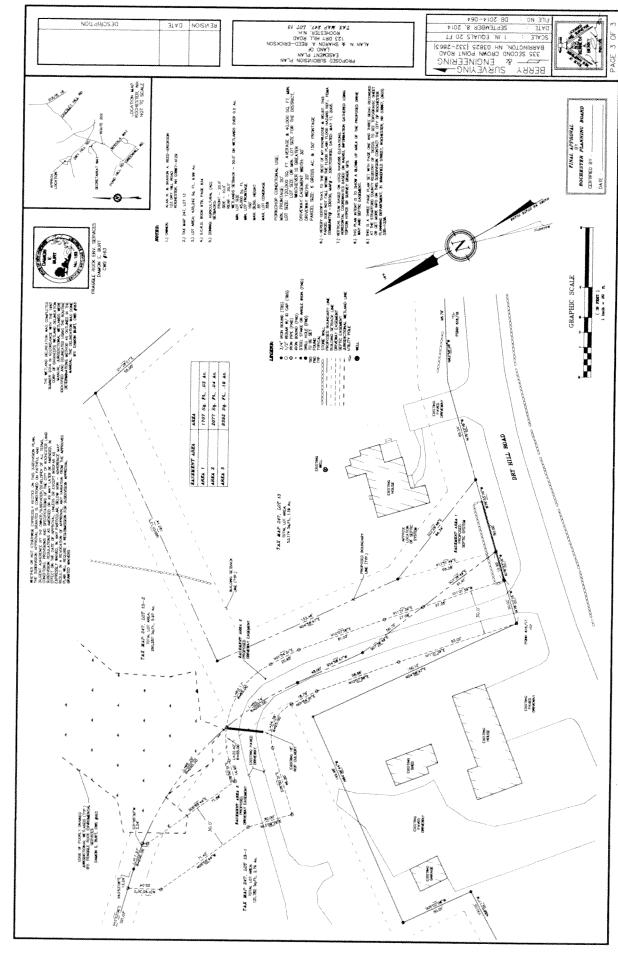
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