



NEWPORT
KENTUCKY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Adjustments of the City of Newport, Kentucky, has been called. The meeting will be held on May 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be available at www.newportky.gov

Notice dated 16 of May 2025.

Tiffany Myers

City Clerk Tiffany Myers



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**NEWPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 22, 2025 @ 4:30 P.M.

Newport Municipal Building, 998 Monmouth Street, 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room

*The public can access the meeting through the live stream on
Facebook.com/CityofNewportKY or YouTube/CityofNewportKY*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting minutes March 20, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING:

BA-25-09

Application for a setback variance for the construction of a fence located at 401 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071.

Requested by: Andrew Glass

BA-25-10

Application for a setback variance for the construction of a garage located at 338 Riddle Pl, Newport, KY 41071.

Requested by: Sara Luena

BA-25-11

Application for an adaptive conditional re-use to operate an inn & event space located at 335 E 3rd Street, Newport, KY 41071.

Requested by: Duane Cronin

BA-25-12

Application for an adaptive conditional re-use to operate a mixed-use building with four residential dwellings located at 341 E 10th Street, Newport, KY 41071.

Requested by: Duane Cronin

BA-25-13

Application for a conditional use permit to operate an event center located at 706 York Street, Newport, KY 41071

Requested by: Ron Pies (York Investment Group LLC)

ADJOURNMENT:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

CASE NUMBER:
DATE RECEIVED:
HEARING DATE:

BA-25-09
3-27-25
5-15-25



A GENERAL INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE):

1. Name of person or entity requesting hearing Andrew Glass
Address 300 1/2 W. 12th Street

Telephone number(s) that you can be reached at between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2 Address of subject property 401 Monmouth St, Newport KY 41071 
3 Current zoning of subject property Central Business District

*****Please provide the owner's names and addresses of all adjacent property including immediately across any adjoining streets. (On either side, directly across the street and directly behind your property.)*****

4. Has subject property been platted? Yes No

5. Has property been subject to any previous Board of Adjustment's hearings?

Yes No if yes, attach application number and brief explanation:

6 Attach Site Plan if required by Zoning Administrator. Required _____
Not required _____

B TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED (CHECK APPLICABLE CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES):

1. DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE (SITE PLAN REQUIRED):

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(d) The dimensional variance will preserve and not harm public safety and welfare and will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

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Fully describe the grounds for appeal, citing the applicable Zoning Ordinance section(s), and thoroughly explain why the Zoning Administrator erred in reaching the appealed decision. Attach additional pages as necessary.

3 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SITE PLAN REQUIRED):**

Most recent or current use of property _____
If not currently in use, when was it last in use _____
Proposed conditional use _____

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ARTICLE XII FENCES- SECTION 12.4 COMMERCIAL ZONES

We request relief for this Zoning Ordinance section which states that fences are not permitted in front yards. The subject property features a side yard that extends beyond the front facade of the building, which we would like to enclose with a fence for privacy. The subject building is in fact the odd one out as it does not align with the Monmouth street/sidewalk edge, the proposed fence aligns with the adjacent building(s), reinforcing the sidewalk edge. We propose this aligns with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance for permitted side yard fencing.

CHANGE FROM ONE NON-CONFORMING USE TO ANOTHER NON-CONFORMING USE:

Current or most recent non-conforming use _____

If not currently in use, when was it last in use _____

Proposed non-conforming use _____

Comprehensive Plan for subject area _____

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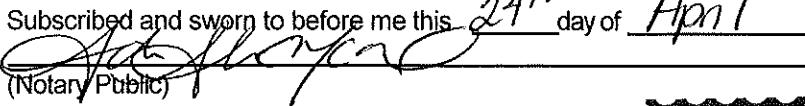

Owner's or Duly Authorized Legal Agent's Signature

City of Newport

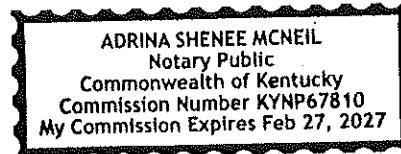
County of Campbell

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April.


(Notary Public)

My Commission expires 02/27/2027



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

CASE NUMBER:
DATE RECEIVED:
HEARING DATE:

BA-25-10
4-3-25
5-15-25



A GENERAL INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE):

1. Name of person or entity requesting hearing SARA Lucena
Address _____

Telephone number(s) that you can be reached at between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2 Address of subject property 338 Riddle pl Newport Key
3 Current zoning of subject property Residential

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4. Has subject property been platted? Yes _____ Nb _____

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~~pages as necessary.~~ ~~Acc. Structure does not meet~~
~~Set back requirements due to double frontage is lot~~
~~for development.~~

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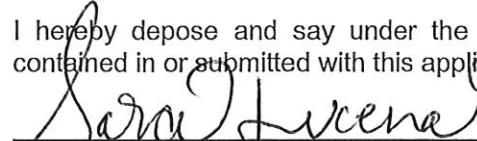
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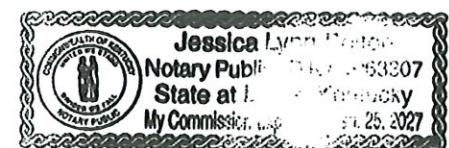
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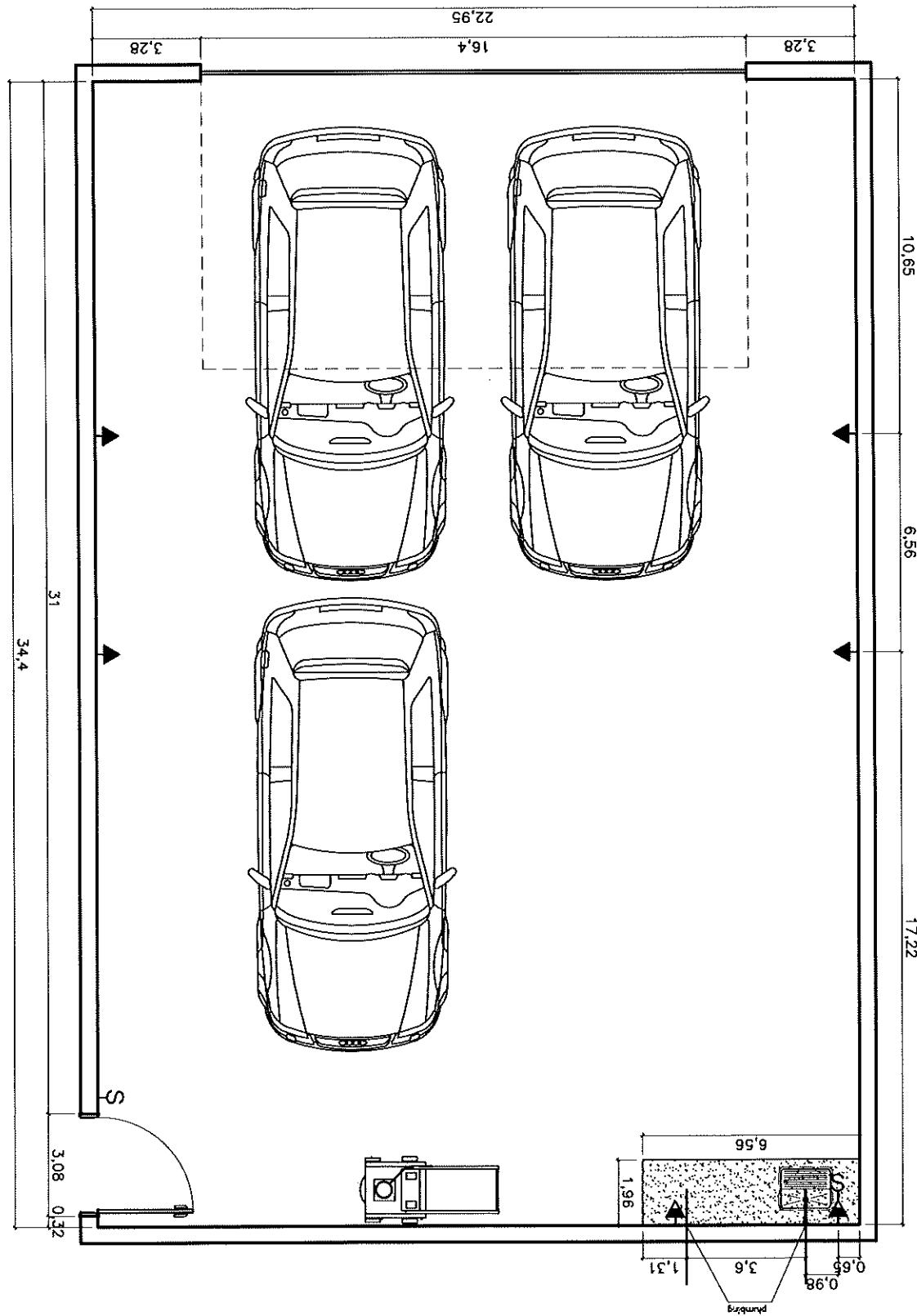


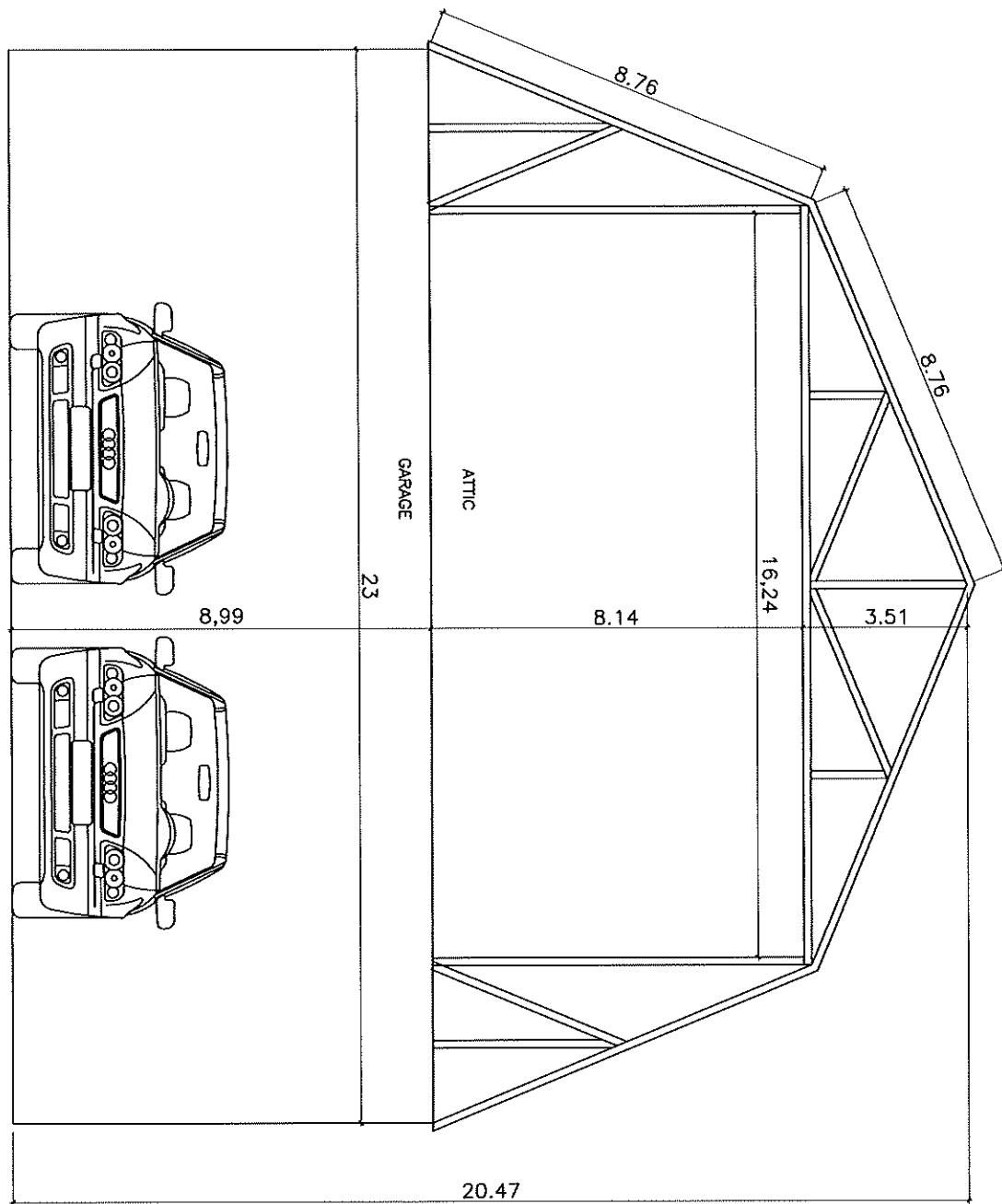
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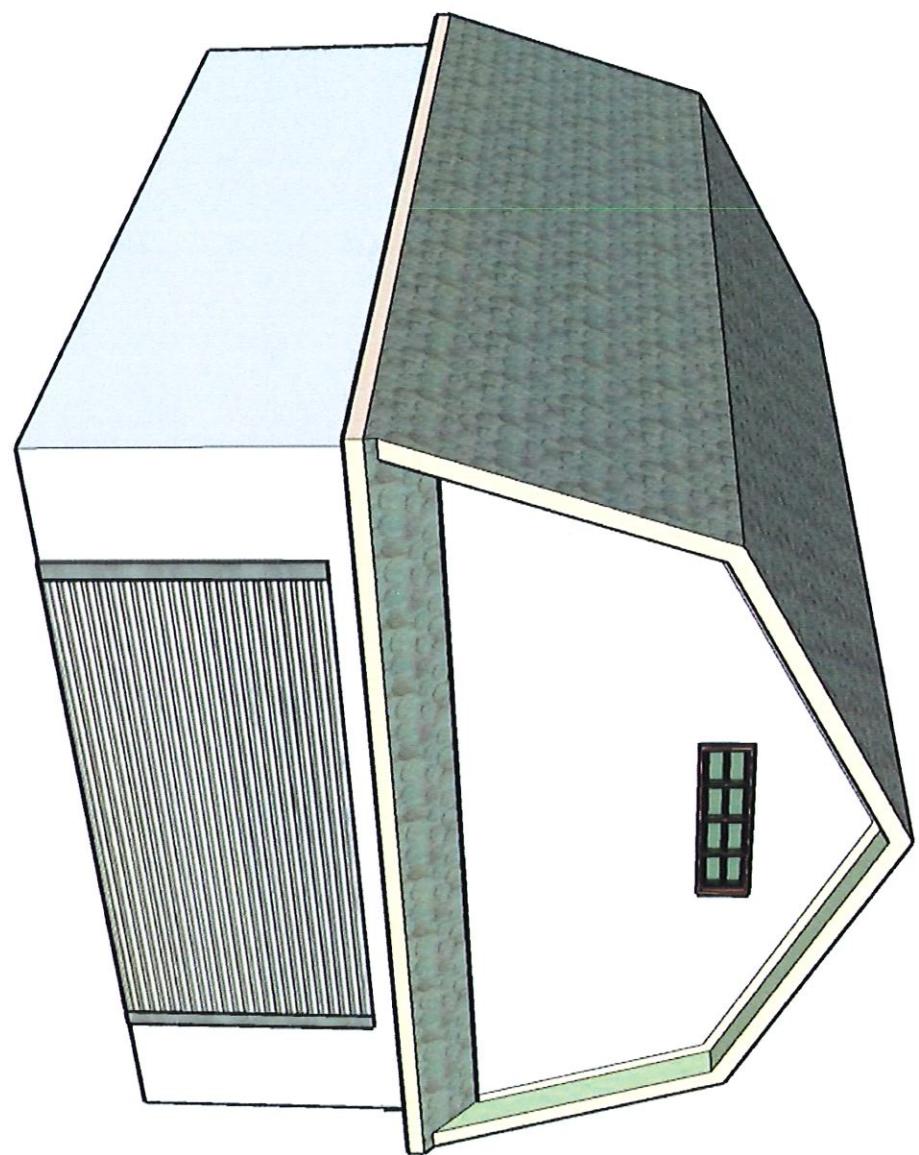
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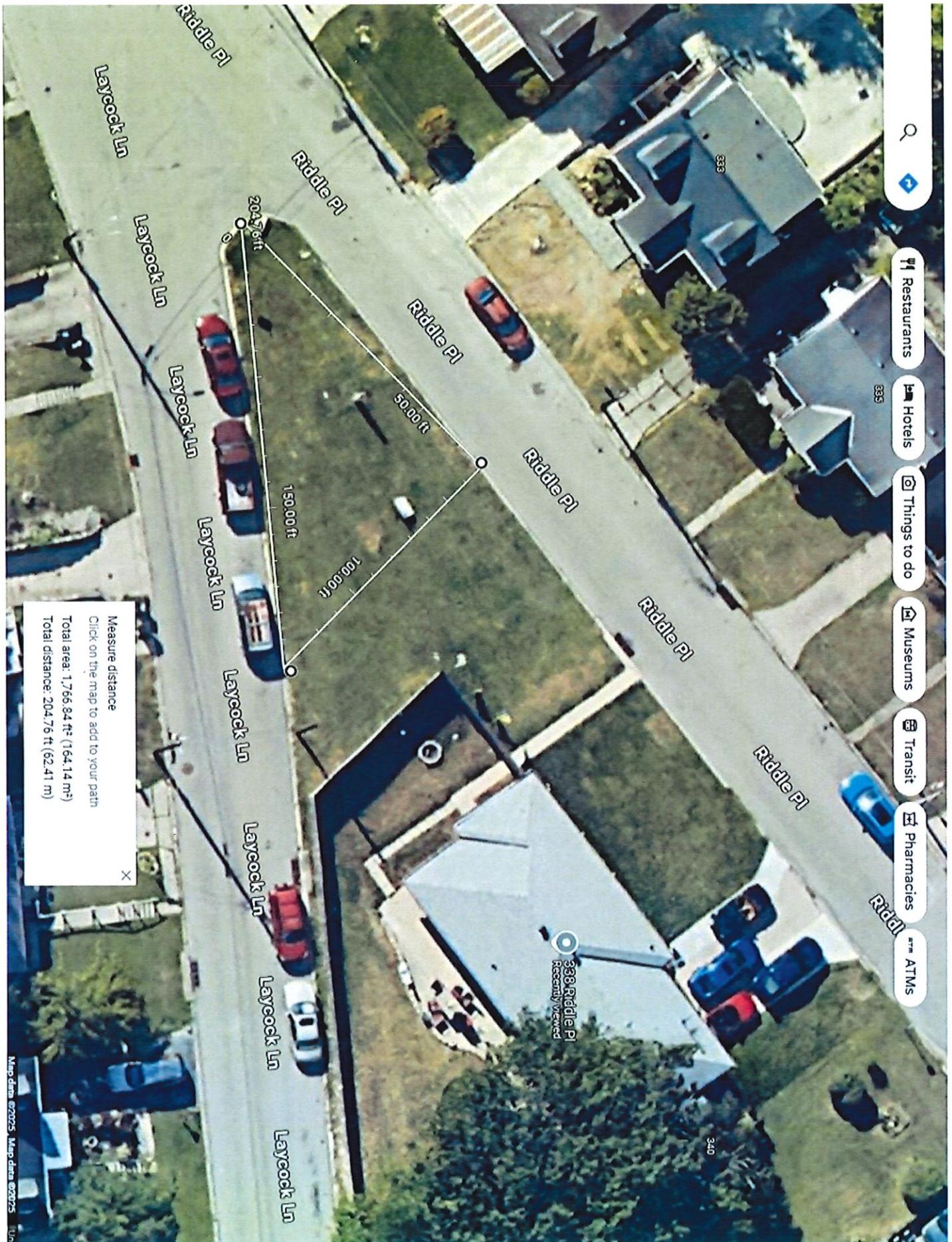
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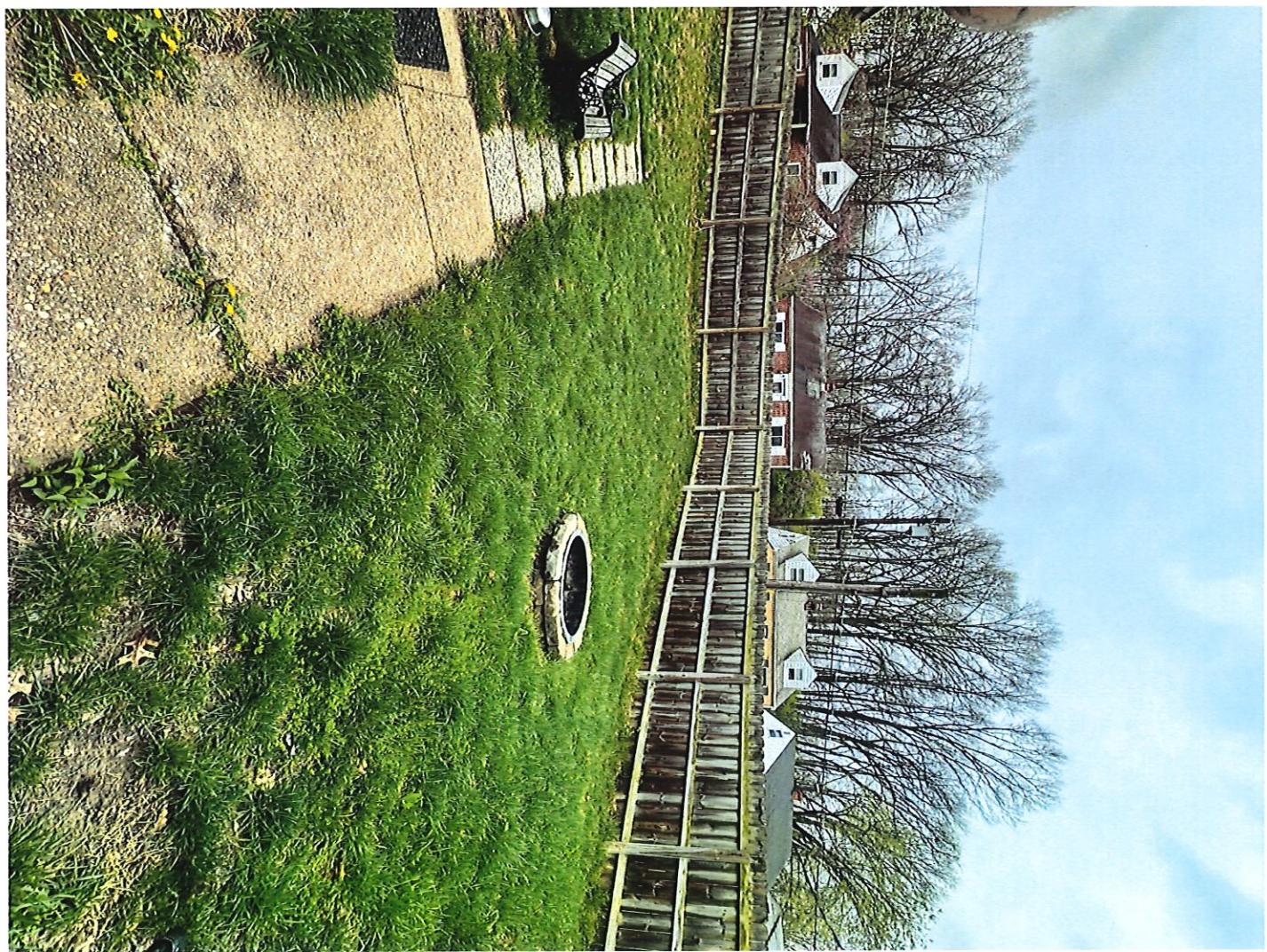
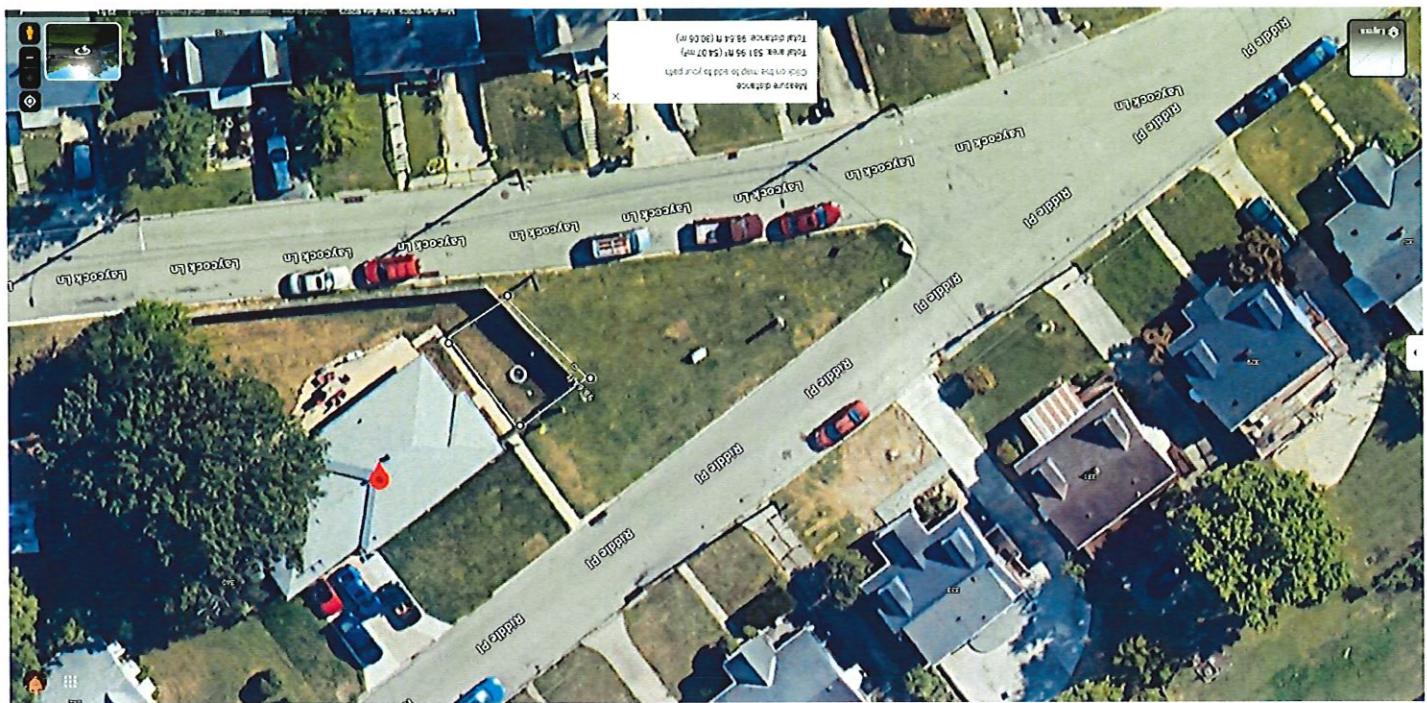


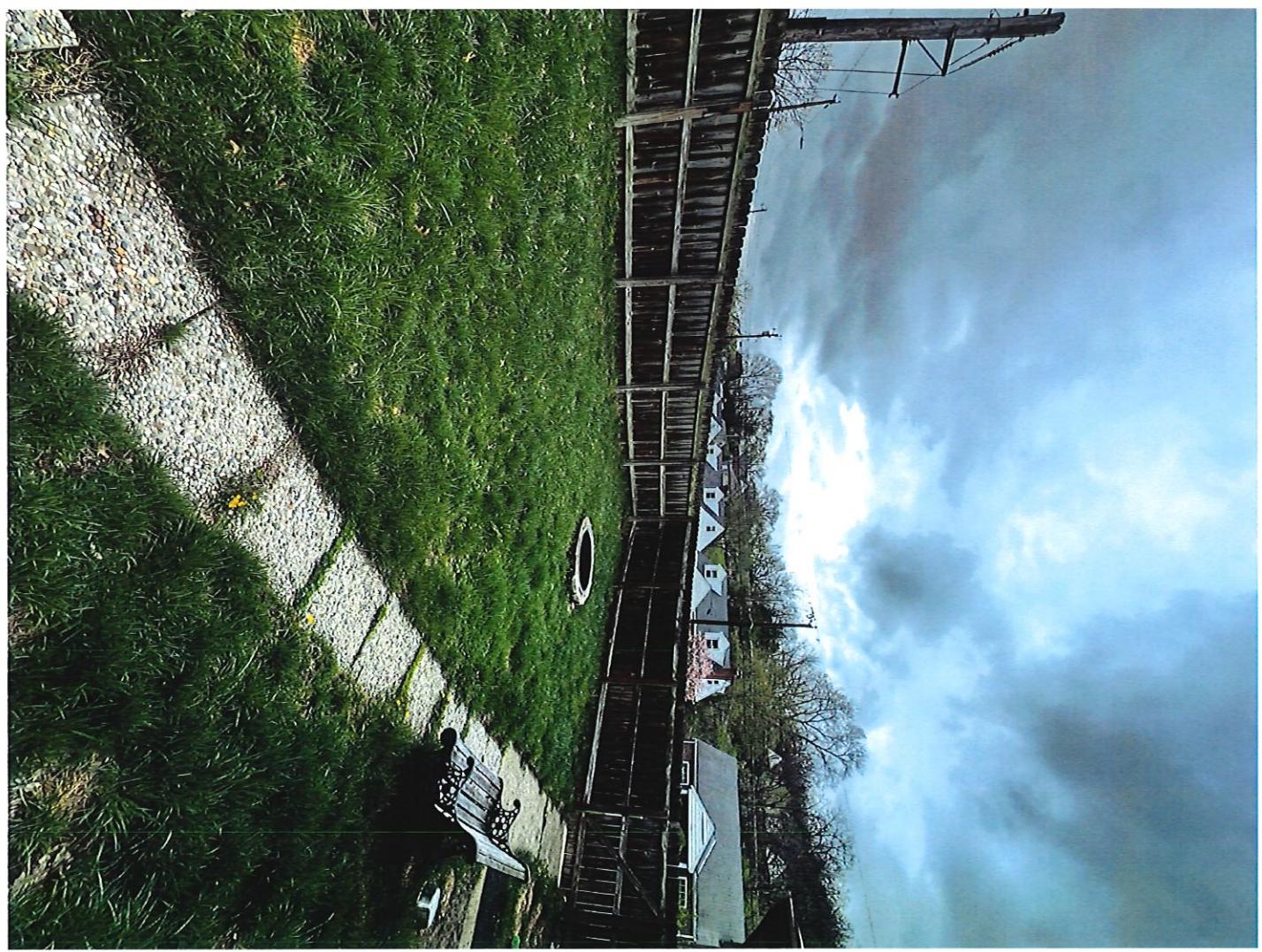






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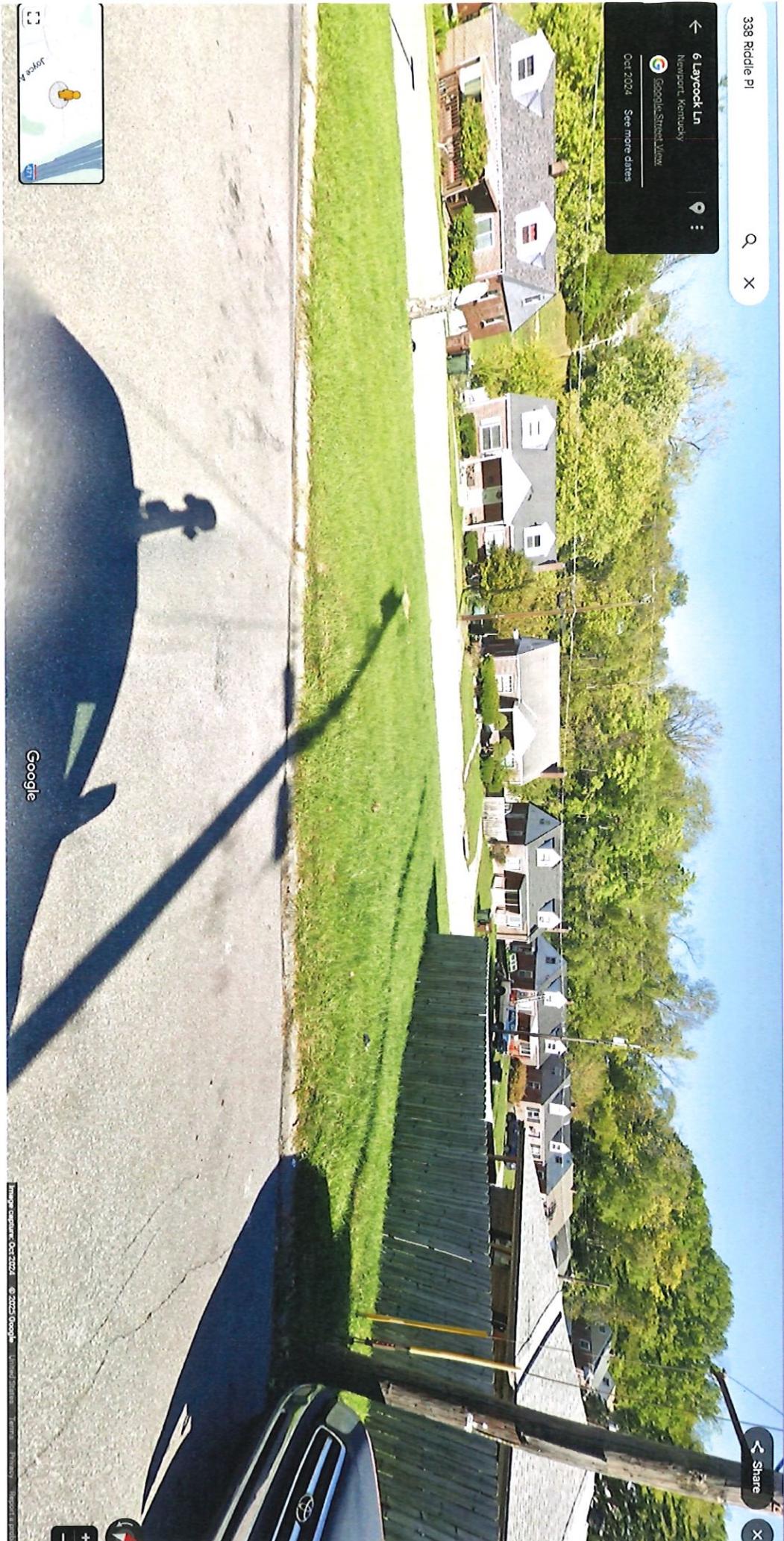
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

CASE NUMBER:
DATE RECEIVED:
HEARING DATE:

BA-25-11
MAY 2, 2025
MAY 22, 2025



A. GENERAL INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE): If you are an LLC, incorporated company, or trust, you must be represented by an attorney at the hearing.

1. Name of person hearing: Duane Cronin
Address: 1201 E. 3rd Street, Newport

Telephone number(s) that you can be reached at between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2. Address of subject property: 335 E 3rd Street, Newport
3. Current zoning of subject property: R2

Please provide the owner's names and addresses of all adjacent properties, including immediately across any adjoining streets. (On either side, directly across the street and directly behind your property.)

(Mailings to: 1201 E. 3rd Street, Newport, KY 41071)

1201 E. 3rd Street, KY 41071

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4. Has the subject property been platted? Yes No

5. Has the property been subject to any previous Board of Adjustments hearings?

Yes No if yes, attach application number and brief explanation

6. Attach Site Plan if required by Zoning Administrator. Required Not required

B. TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED (CHECK APPLICABLE CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES):

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1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SITE PLAN REQUIRED):

Most recent or current use of property : Residential & Business use. _____
If not currently in use, when was it last in use _____
Proposed conditional use Application for an adaptive conditional re-use of existing previously approved conditional use of office & Funeral Home space to operate an inn & special event space in the R-2 zone, pursuant to Section(s) 10.2 Table 4 and 9.13 C. Properly has sufficient off street parking, no parking variance is needed.

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City of Newport
County of Campbell
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 2025

(Notary Public) Kelley Spahr

My Commission expires 4/2/2027

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

CASE NUMBER:
DATE RECEIVED:
HEARING DATE:

BA- 25-17
May 22, 2025
May 22, 2025



A. GENERAL INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE): If you are an LLC, incorporated company, or trust, you must be represented by an attorney at the hearing.

1. Name of person or entity requesting hearing: Duane Cronin
Address: _____

Telephone number(s) that you can be reached at between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. _____

2. Address of subject property: 341 E 10th Street
3. Current zoning of subject property: CBDF

Please provide the owner's names and addresses of all adjacent properties, including immediately across any adjoining streets. (On either side, directly across the street and directly behind your property.) SEE ATTACHMENTS

4. Has the subject property been platted?
Yes _____ No _____

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1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SITE PLAN REQUIRED):

Most recent or current use of property : American Legion.

If not currently in use, when was it last in use

Proposed conditional use Application for an adaptive conditional re-use of existing previously approved use as mixed use bar/tavern and residential units to operate a mixed use building with 4 residential dwelling units (3-efficiencies on second floor and one two bedroom on the rear of the first) and a first floor commercial space, pursuant to sections 10.3 Table 6 and 9.13C.

Parking Variance:

Application for (5) parking spaces for residential dwelling units 1 space for each studio and 2 spaces for each 2 bedroom unit pursuant to section 13.3 Table 12 M. The commercial space request is being proposed at 4 spaces per 1000 sq. Ft. for likely retail use, pursuant to section 13.3 Table 12 N. This will require 3 spaces for a total variance request of 8 spaces. Of note, the intention is to convert what appears to be an old garage back to a garage for the first floor residential further reducing parking needs.

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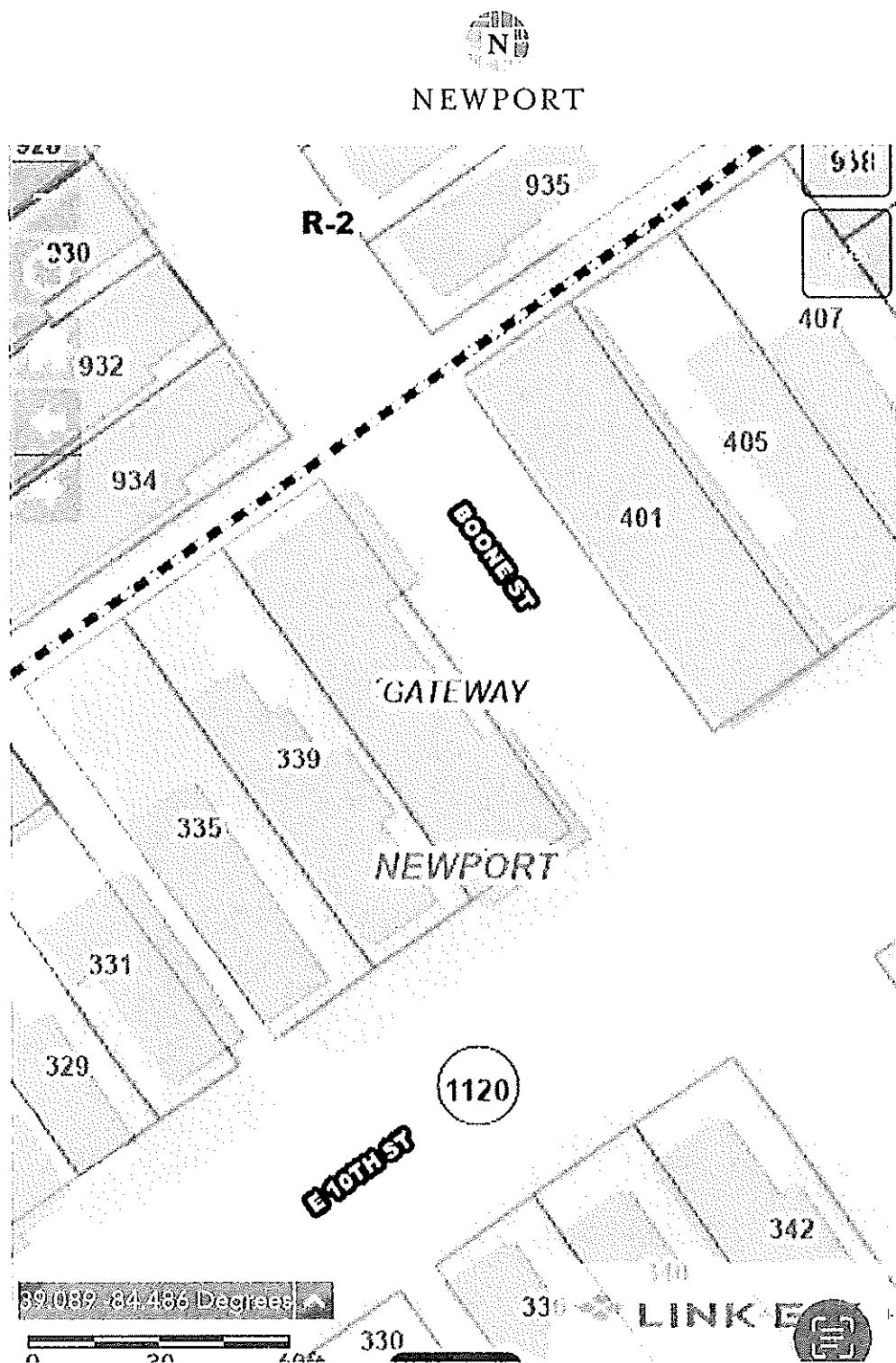


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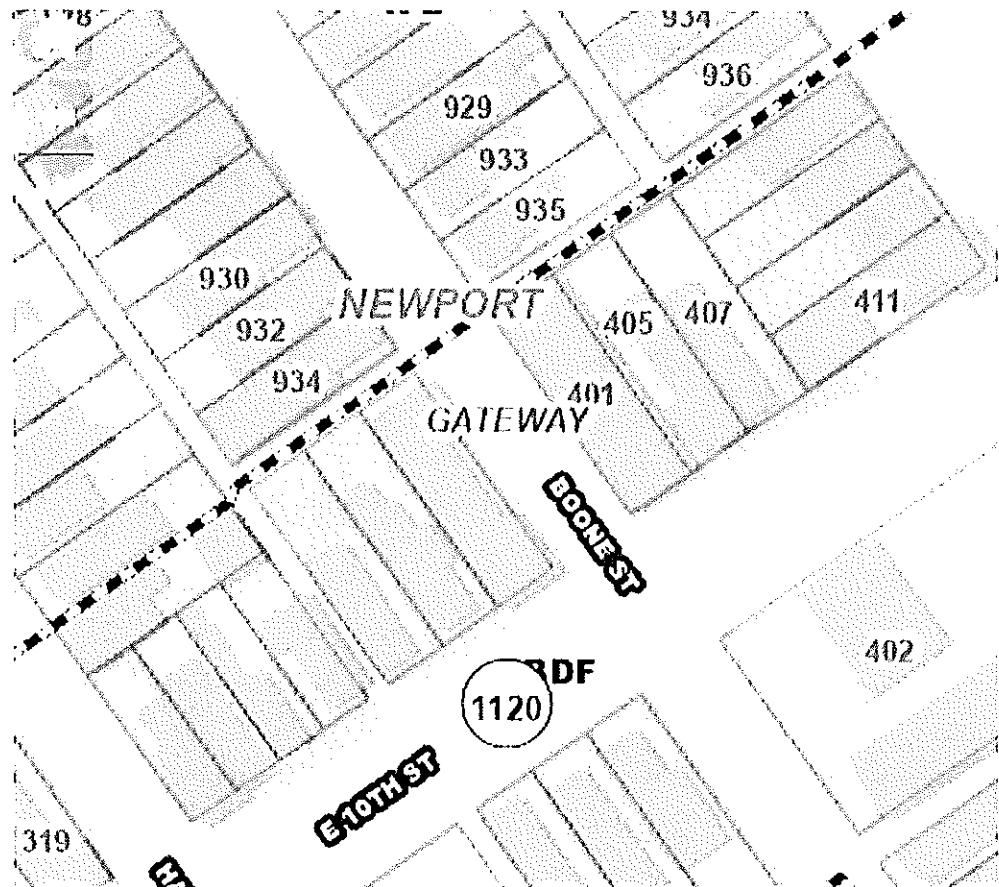
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CASE NUMBER:
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BA-26-13
MAY 5, 2025
MAY 30, 2025



A. **GENERAL INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE):** If you are an LLC, incorporated company, or trust, you must be represented by an attorney at the hearing.

1. Name of person or entity requesting hearing RON PIES - 706 YORK STREET
Address _____

Telephone number(s) that you can be reached at between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

502-223-1111 YES

2. Address of subject property 706 YORK STREET

3. Current zoning of subject property

CBD/CENTRAL PARK OPPORTUNITY ZONE - Per UPDATED PLAN

***Please provide the owner's names and addresses of all adjacent properties, including immediately across any adjoining streets. (On either side, directly across the street and directly behind your property)

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Yes

No

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City of _____
County of _____

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Karen D. Fornash
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of

(Notary Public) Natalie Fornash

My Commission expires June 13, 2025



NATALIE FORNASH
Notary Public, Kentucky
State At Large
My Commission Expires
June 13, 2026
Notary ID# KYNP53702

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Most recent or current use of property LARGE CREW PRODUCTION SHOUTS
If not currently in use, when was it last in use CURRENTLY IN USE
Proposed conditional use SEE ATTACHED

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Board of Adjustments / May 15, 2025

Current Use

In 2018 706 York was approved for studio use in the front "Garage on York" and Fitness use in the back "Backlot". We consider these spaces separate although they can be adjoined. The gym lasted about 1 year before vacating. The studio was doing well and figured it was ok to expand studio use into the Backlot to compliment since that use had already been approved for the front. It didn't cross our minds that we needed to make the city aware or get permission to grow into our additional space. Until recent, we weren't aware of differences between A2 and A3 use.

As a studio, we host creative agencies, production crews and free-lance creatives from local to east and west coasts to execute video and photo productions. Crews all bring their own equipment to use through-out the shoot. We are the facilities. Productions can be 1-14 days and in most cases food and non-alcohol beverages are brought in for crews to keep production rolling and keep everyone on task during their work day – usually Mon-Fri. We have small corporate off-sites and meetings that use catering vendors. We have never been told and we still don't quite understand the details of the food consumption rule, especially during long work periods.

Where things are grey for us is that thru our network, we receive requests for private gatherings on weekends when the spaces aren't in use as much. It feels like an extension of what we already do. It didn't cross our minds that this wasn't permissible. We host small private events which are in demand given that the space feels like an indoor/outdoor space with our large overhead garage door. I have been working with local Newport ABC "Diane Ramey" to ensure I understood alcohol rules which we have been very strict with. We are rule followers and thought we have been doing the right thing all along.

Our studios are sometimes rented individually or as one depending on the project and budget of the client and whether we think there may be a conflict of interest with sound sensitive video shoots. Most corporate shoots and events have crews that are 10-25 people on average but sometimes larger or smaller depending on project.

Proposed Use

It's been brought to our attention that to continue hosting gatherings with food and drink consumption that we need a change of use from our current A3 to A2. We have retained Chad Pucket, Principle/Fold and Form Architecture to do a set of as-built plans and code review to present May 15th. Timing may not allow for us to complete these documents in advance of this date. We would like to be pushed to the June BOA meeting if timing doesn't allow however there is a sense of urgency as we do have some small gatherings already on the calendar and in planning. The code review will determine our long- term options for moving forward. We wanted to get on the BOA agenda to continue progress with the city as we work on necessary documents on our end.

Temporary Solution

As a temporary solution, would the city agree to allow us to have small gatherings with food and drink consumption if we hired a licensed "Fire Guard" during event hours to oversee the gatherings and minimize risk while we are working towards a long-term solution?