# BONNER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION LETTER/REASONED STATEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE – FILE VA0024-25



Project Name: Lewis E Patrick Trust-Street Setback

File Number: FILE #VA0024-25

**Request:** The applicant is requesting a 17.5' street setback where 25'

is required for the purposes of constructing a single-family

dwelling

**Legal Description:** 8-57N-1W TAX 40

**Location:** The project site is located off West Oden Bay Road in Section

8, Township 57 North, Range 1 West, Boise-Meridian.

Parcel Number: RP57N01W084690A

Parcel Size: 0.970-acres

Applicant/Property

Owner:

Lewis E Patrick Trust

Scottsdale, AZ 85267

**Project** 

Representative:

Brennen Chassse, Studio Ascent

203 N Washington St #301

Spokane, WA 99201

**Application filed:** July 29, 2025

**Notice provided:** Mail: August 19, 2025

**Date of Report:** October 2, 2025

**Appendix:** Appendix A – Notice of Public Hearing Record of Mailing

Appendix B – Agency Comments

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This application has been reviewed against the standards for a variance in Bonner County Revised Code 12-234 and it has been determined that the request has met the criteria based on the findings of fact and conclusion of law. The referenced application is hereby administratively **approved** per the review below.



## **Project summary:**

The applicant is requesting a 17.5' street setback where 25' is required for the purposes of constructing a single-family dwelling. The property is zoned Suburban (S). The project site is located off West Oden Bay Road in Section 8, Township 57 North, Range 1 West, Boise-Meridian.

## **Applicable laws:**

The following sections of BCRC, Title 12, apply to this project:

BCRC 12-232, General Provisions

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BCRC 12-233, Application, contents

BCRC 12-234, Variance, standards for review of applications

BCRC 12-238, Administrative variances

BCRC 12-400, et seq., Development standards

BCRC 12-7.2, et seq., Grading/erosion/stormwater management

BCRC 12-800 et seq., Definitions

#### **Background:**

#### A. Site data:

Land Use: Residential

Unplatted

Size: 0.97-acres

Zoning Designation: Suburban

Comp Plan Designation: Suburban Growth Area (2.5-5 AC)

#### **B. Access:**

West Oden Bay Road, a Bonner County owned and maintained public right-of-way.

#### C. Environmental factors:

Site does contain mapped slopes. (USGS)

Site does not contain mapped wetlands. (USFWS)

Site does contain frontage on Lake Pend Oreille. (NHD)

Parcel is within SFHA Zone AE and Zone X per FIRM Panel Number 16017C0750E, Effective Date 11/18/2009.

#### **D. Services:**

Water: Oden Bay Water District

Sewage: Existing Community System (Per application)

• Fire: North Side Fire District

Power: Avista Utilities

School District: Lake Pend Oreille School District #84

#### **BCRC 12-232, General Provisions**

The applicant is requesting a deviation of the 25' street setback. This request is in accord with this section.

#### **BCRC 12-233, Application, contents**

In accordance with BCRC 12-233, the applicant submitted all the required documents and the application was deemed complete on July 29, 2025.

#### **BCRC 12-238, Administrative Variances**

In accordance with BCRC 12-238, the applicant is seeking a 30% variance to the required street setback.

#### BCRC 12-234, Variance, standards for review of applications

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(a) Conditions apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity, which conditions are a result of lot size, shape, topography, or other circumstances over which the applicant has no control.

Applicant: "The lot is incredibly steep on the West and central portion then flattens out closer to the waterfront. We are asking for a reduction in the front yard setback in order to pull the house away from the waterfront and up the hill. This will not only preserve the waterfront but also help reduce the retaining and height needed."

**Staff:** According to GIS LiDAR data, the subject property contains slopes ranging from 0-30+%. This can present notable challenges when determining the position of the single-family dwelling. The applicants are proposing to locate the home on top of the steep slope as much as possible which is pushing the home closer into the street setback.

The subject lot contains frontage on Lake Pend Oreille and is within SFHA Zone AE and Zone X per 16017C0750E. Both factors can add additional requirements for development.

(b) Special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant.

Applicant: "The lot owner purchased the lot in its current state. They have not manipulated the boundary lines or topography."

**Staff:** The applicants acquired the subject property on June 4, 2024, via Warranty Deed, Instrument #1034052. There is no evidence that the applicant has changed the lots size, shape, or topography since obtaining ownership.

(c) The granting of the variance is not in conflict with the public interest in that it will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity of the subject parcel or lot.

Applicant: "Allowing the reduction in street front setback will allow the waterfront to remain in a natural state. This will allow emergency vehicles to more easily access the structure in case of an emergency."

**Staff:** Bonner County Road and Bridge Department submitted a comment stating they are opposed to the street setback variance due to the increased risk of damage to structures, siding, windows and garage doors caused by snow and debris traveling significant distance off plows on the downhill side of the road. On the other hand, the proposed placement of the structure allows it to remain outside the Special Flood Hazard Zone. Development within the Special Flood Hazard Zone involves an increased level of risk to public health, safety, and welfare due to the nature of the SFHA. Any development in the SFHA also requires additional floodplain development permitting.

No other comments were received from the public or any public agency indicating this proposal is in conflict with the public interest.

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#### BCRC 12-7.2, et seq., Grading/erosion/stormwater management

Grading, stormwater management and erosion control concerns were addressed during the Building Location Permit process, File #BLP2025-0579.

#### **Agency Review**

Agencies were notified of this project on August 19, 2025. A full list of the agencies notified can be found in the attached Appendix A. Agency comments can be found in Appendix B.

#### The following agencies commented:

Panhandle Health District Idaho Department of Water Resources Bonner County Road and Bridge

#### The following agencies replied "No Comment":

Idaho Department of Fish and Game Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Bonner County Solid Waste

#### All other agencies did not reply.

#### **Public Notice & Comments**

At the time this Staff Report was prepared, no public comments have been received.

Planner's Initials: <u>KS</u> Date: <u>October 2, 2025</u>

## **Conditions of approval:**

- 1. Only the development highlighted on the site plan has been reviewed for variance standards. All other development shown must comply with Bonner County Revised Code.
- **2.** This variance shall not supersede any deed restrictions.
- **3.** Complete the associated Building Location Permit, File #BLP2025-0579.

**NOTE:** Any determination made by the Planning Director in the administration of the provisions of this title may be appealed to the Board by paying the required fee and notifying the Planning Director in writing of the intent to appeal within ten (10) working days from the date of the determination. Within ten (10) working of receipt of an appeal, the Planning Director shall schedule a meeting with the Board to hear the appeal and shall provide written notice to the appellant of the time and place of the meeting. The Planning Director and appellant shall be provided an opportunity to present the relevant issues to the Board at that meeting. The appellant bears the burden of proof and may be responsible for costs incurred for producing such proof, including engineering or surveying documents

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for other evidence. The Board's decision shall be final, and further recourse of the appellant shall be as provided by Idaho Code. If no appeal to the Board is filed, the Planning Director's decision shall be deemed final. (BCRC 12-261)

Following any final decision concerning a site-specific land use request, the applicant has a right to request a regulatory taking analysis pursuant to Section 67-8003, Idaho Code (Idaho Code §67-6535(3)).

Please contact this department if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Alex Feyen, Interim Planning Director

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#### **RECORD OF MAILING**

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File No.: <u>VA0024-25</u>

#### **Record of Mailing Approved By:**

r: Mel. Januar

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Jana Brown

#### Janna Brown, Administrative Assistant III

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Bonner County EMS - Email

Bonner County Road & Bridge - Email Bottle Bay Water & Sewer District - Email

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City of Spirit Lake - Email

Coolin-Cavanaugh Bay Fire District - Email

East Bonner Library - Email Ellisport Bay Sewer - Email GEM STATE MINER - U.S. Mail

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Email

Idaho Department of Lands - CDA - U.S. Mail

Idaho Department of Lands - Navigable Waters & Mining - Email

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Kalispel Bay Sewer & Water - U.S. Mail

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Laclede Water District - Email

Lake Pend Oreille School District, #84 (Transportation) - Email

Little Blacktail Ranch Water Association - U.S. Mail

Northern Lights, Inc. - Email
Northside Fire District - Email
Panhandle Health District - Email
Priest Lake Public Library District - Email
Sagle Valley Water & Sewer - Email
Schweitzer Fire District - Email

Selkirk Fire, Rescue & EMS - Email Southside Water & Sewer District - Email

Spokesman-Review - U.S. Mail

Swan Shores Sewer District - U.S. Mail Tamarack Village Water & Sewer - U.S. Mail

Trestle Creek Sewer District - Email U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Email

West Bonner County Cemetery District - Email

West Bonner Library - Email

West Pend Oreille Fire District - Email

Avista Utilities - Email

Bayview Water & Sewer - Email

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Bonner County Sheriff - Email City of Clark Fork - Email City of East Hope - Email City of Kootenai - Email City of Ponderay - Email City of Sandpoint - Email Coolin Sewer District - Email Drainage District #7 - Email

East Priest Lake Fire District - Email

Garfield Bay Water & Sewer District - Email Granite Reeder Water & Sewer District - Email Idaho Department of Fish & Game - Email Idaho Department of Lands - Coolin - Email Idaho Department of Lands - Sandpoint - Email

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Independent Highway District - Email Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District - Email KSPT-KPND-KIBR RADIO - U.S. Mail

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Pend Oreille Hospital District - Email
Priest Lake Translator District - Email
Sam Owen Fire District - Email

SELKIRK ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS - U.S. Mail

Selkirk Recreation District -Email Spirit Lake Fire District - Email State Historical Society - Email

Syringa Heights Water Association - Email

Timber Lake Fire District - Email U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Email

U.S. Forest Service - U.S. Mail

West Bonner County School District, #83 - Email West Bonner Water & Sewer District - Email

West Priest Lake Fire District - Email

# **Appendix B – Agency Comments**

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#### Re: Bonner County Planning - VA0024-25 Agency Review - Variance - Administrative - Street Setback

1 message

Matt Mulder <matt.mulder@bonnercountvid.gov>

To: Bonner County Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>, Jason Topp <jason.topp@bonnercountyid.gov>

The Bonner County Road & Bridge Department is opposed to the proposed 17ft street setback variance. W Oden Bay Rd is a County maintained road which is problematically narrow (only 16ft wide) and the road the edge of the road closer to this structure. Because of the terrain constraints of the road being on the hill, we are forced to take all of the snow from the road and plow it to the downhill side (toward this house closer to the road as snow and debris can travel a significant distance off the plows, especially on the downhill side, making damage to structures, siding, windows, and garage doors more likely. There appears to the street and meet all setback requirements based on their site plan.

-Matt Mulder, PE Staff Engineer Bonner County Road & Bridge 208-255-5681 ext 1

On Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 10:18 AM Bonner County Planning planning@bonnercountyid.gov> wrote:

The above-named application has been submitted to the Bonner County Planning Department for processing.

Please review the application relative to your agency's area of expertise and include any recommended conditions of approval and supporting code sections. Please see attached for details

Thank you, Janna Brown, Administrative Assistant III Bonner County Planning Department 208-265-1458 ext - 1252

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Melissa Gault Operations Manager Bonner County Solid Waste 521 S Division Ave. Suite 102 Sandpoint, ID 83864 208-255-5681 Ext. 2

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# **NOTICE OF AGENCY REVIEW**



I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this "Notice of Agency Review" was digitally transmitted or mailed (postage prepaid) on this **19th** day of **August 2025**.

Jahna Brown, Administrative Assistant III

This notice was mailed to political subdivisions, property owners within 300 feet of the subject property, and the media on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**.

#### File VA0024-25 - Variance - Administrative - Street setback

The above-named application has been submitted to the Bonner County Planning Department for processing and has been determined to be complete. The applicants are requesting a 17'6" street setback where 25' is required for the purposes of constructing a single-family dwelling. The parcel is zoned Suburban. The project site is located off West Oden Bay Road in Section 08, Township 57 North, Range 01 West, Boise-Meridian. The project site is within the service areas of Northside Fire District and Lake Pend Oreille School District #84.

To review this application, go to the Planning Department web site at <a href="https://docs.com/bonnercountyid.gov/current-projects">bonnercountyid.gov/current-projects</a>. If you experience difficulties visiting the project web page, try an alternative browser (Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome) for access. If you prefer to receive hard copies of the application or have any difficulties reaching this web site, please contact the planning department as soon as possible.

Please review the application relative to your agency's area of expertise and include any recommended conditions of approval and supporting code sections by **September 18, 2025**. If your agency requires any additional information from the applicant, please advise the planning department in writing allowing ample time for applicant response. All comments will be forwarded to the applicant and representatives. If no response is provided, staff will conclude your agency has no objections to the project or recommended conditions.

If you have no comment or response, you may indicate below and return this form to the Planning Department.

NO COMMENT

Name

Date



# [EXT SENDER] RE: Bonner County Planning - VA0024-25 Agency Review - Variance - Administrative - Street Setback

1 message

**DEQ Comments** <deqcomments@deq.idaho.gov>
To: Bonner County Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 2:02 PM

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment. DEQ has no environmental impact comments for the project listed above at this stage of development.

Thank you,

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 2110 Ironwood Parkway, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 Office Line: 208.769.1422

www.deq.idaho.gov

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From: Bonner County Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 10:18 AM

To: Alan Brinkmeier <alan.brinkmeier@bonnercountyid.gov>; Amber Burgess <clerk@ebsewerdistrict.com>; Army Corps of Engineers < CENWW-RD-CDA@usace.army.mil>; Avista Copr - Jay West < jay.west@avistacorp.com>; Avista Corp - Peggy George <peggy.george@avistacorp.com>; Becky Meyer <becky.meyer@lposd.org>; Bill Berg <billb@bbsewer.org>; Bonner County Assessors <assessorsgroup@bonnercountyid.gov>; BONNER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM <DIRECTOR@bonnercountyhistory.org>; Bonner County Solid Waste <solidwaste@bonnercountyid.gov>; Brenna Garro <Brenna.Garro@oer.idaho.gov>; Bryan Quayle <quaylelanduseconsulting@gmail.com>; Carrol Stejer <CASTEJER@gmail.com>; Bell, Chace <Chace.Bell@idwr.idaho.gov>; Chief Debbie Carpenter <chief@spiritlakefire.com>; City of Clark Fork <city@clarkforkidaho.org>; City of Dover <cityclerk@cityofdoveridaho.org>; City of East Hope Franck <easthope.city@gmail.com>; City of Hope <hopecityclerk@gmail.com>; City of Oldtown <cityofoldtown@hotmail.com>; City of Priest River <a href="mailto:sandpoint-lanning">lanning@sandpointidaho.gov>; City of Sandpoint Planning@sandpointidaho.gov>;</a>; cityclerk@spiritlakeid.gov; Clark Fork Fire Department <firedept@clarkforkidaho.org>; Colleen Johnson <CJohnson@ kootenaiponderaysewerdistrict.org>; Coolin-Cavanaugh Bay Fire Protection District <coolinfirechief@gmail.com>; Craig Hill <craighill@hillsresort.com>; D1Permits <D1Permits@itd.idaho.gov>; dbrown@idl.idaho.gov; Dan Scholz <dan.scholz@nli.coop>; Dave Schuck <dave.schuck@bonnercountyid.gov>; Dean Davis <deandavis@sd83.org>; East Bonner Library < Amanda@ebonnerlibrary.org >; East Priest Lake Fire District < eastpriestlakefd@gmail.com >; Erik Sjoquist <esjoquist@idl.idaho.gov>; Federal Aviation Administration <Heather.pate@faa.gov>; Frankie Dunn <Frankiejdunn@hotmail.com>; Fritz Broschet <outletbaysewer@gmail.com>; Garfield Bay Water and Sewer District Clerk <garfieldbaywsd@hotmail.com>; Gavin Gilcrease <ggilcrease@sandpointidaho.gov>; Horsmon,Merritt <merritt.horsmon@idfg.idaho.gov>; Dan Everhart <Dan.Everhart@ishs.idaho.gov>; DEQ Comments <deqcomments@deq.idaho.gov>; Independent Hwy Dist - Julie Bishop <ihdclerk@gmail.com>; Robert Beachler <robert.beachler@itd.idaho.gov>; ITD - Stacy Simkins <stacy.simkins@itd.idaho.gov>; Jack Schenck

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Cc: Alexander Feyen <alexander.feyen@bonnercountyid.gov>; Kyle Snider <kyle.snider@bonnercountyid.gov> Subject: Bonner County Planning - VA0024-25 Agency Review - Variance - Administrative - Street Setback

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**Horsmon,Merritt** <merritt.horsmon@idfg.idaho.gov>
To: Bonner County Planning planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 1:36 PM

Hi Janna,

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game does not have any comments to submit for this application.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment,

#### **Merritt Horsmon**

Regional Technical Assistance Manager

Panhandle Region

2885 W. Kathleen Ave.

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

208.769.1414 office

208.251.4509 mobile

merritt.horsmon@idfg.idaho.gov



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#### [EXT SENDER] Variance #VA0024-25

1 message

**Kevan McClarty** <kevan.mcclarty@idwr.idaho.gov>
To: "planning@bonnercountyid.gov" <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>
Cc: "Bell, Chace" <Chace.Bell@idwr.idaho.gov>

Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 10:59 AM

Janna Brown,

IDWR has reviewed the variance application File# VA0024-25 requesting a street setback of 17.6" feet where 25 feet is required for the purpose of constructing a single-family dwelling. IDWR have not identified any concerns on our end that would necessitate a delay or further details. We are grateful for the chance to provide our input and address any potential concerns

Thanks,

#### **Kevan McClarty**

Water Resources Agent

Idaho Department of Water Resources, Northern Region

7600 N Mineral Drive, Suite 100

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-7763

Phone (208) 762-2809 / 2800

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### [EXT SENDER] VA0024-25-VARIANCE-ADMINISTRATIVE-STREET SETBACK

1 message

**Denis Twohig** <a href="mailto:dtwohig@phd1.idaho.gov">dtwohig@phd1.idaho.gov</a> To: Bonner County Planning <a href="mailto:planning@bonnercountyid.gov">planning@bonnercountyid.gov</a>

Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 9:19 AM



Denis Twohig | Technical Records Specialist 1

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P: 208.265.6384

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# Panhandle Health District

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

August 21, 2025

Bonner County Planning Department 1500 Highway 2, Suite 208 Sandpoint, ID 93964

Re: File VA0024-25 - Variance - Administrative - Street setback

Bonner County Planning Department,

Panhandle Health District(PHD) does not have an opinion regarding the Street Setback Variance, however, PHD would like Planning and the Applicant know that there are errors/discrepancies in the application.

The applicant indicates on the Application that the property's sewage disposal will be provided by Existing Community System, which it will not be. The property is proposing to dispose of wastewater utilizing an Individual System. The subject parcel is not associated with the Community System that the applicant is referencing.

Thank you,

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# **VARIANCE APPLICATION**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:			
FILE #	RECEIVED:	RECEIVED:	
Administrative Variance			
Public Hearing Required			
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:			
The applicant is requesting a variance fro	m a: Front yard setback		
Front yard setback 25'-0"	Rear yard setb	ack	
Side yard setback	☐ Water front set	back	
The applicant is requesting a 17'-6" fo (Specify the type of structure and use) The Single family residence  Other (Please specify)	ot setback to allow for the co ils is a 30% reduction due to	nstruction of: the slope of the land.	
— Other (Flease specify)			
APPLICANT INFORMATION:  Landowner's name: Lewis E Patrick trust  Mailing address:  City: Scottsdale	State: Arizona	7:1-0E0C7	
Telephone:		Zip code: 85267	
E-mail:	Fax:		
REPRESENTATIVE'S INFORMATION:			
Representative's name: Brennen Chasse			
Company name: Studio Ascent			
Mailing address: 203 N Washington St # 3	01		
City: Spokane	State: WA	Zip code: 99201	
Telephone: 509.795.1375	Fax:		
E-mail: chasse@studioascent.design			
ADDITIONAL APPLICANT/REPRESENTA	ATIVE INFORMATION:		
Name/Relationship to project:			
Company Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Fax:		
E-mail:			

## PARCEL INFORMATION: Section #: Township: Range: Parcel acreage: .97 Parcel # (s): RP57N01W084690A Legal description: 8-57N-1Wtax40 Current landowner's name: Lewis E Patrick Trust Current zoning: Suburban Current use: Vacant lot What zoning districts border the project site? Suburban North: Suburban East: lake pend oreille South: Suburban West: Suburban Comprehensive plan designation: Suburban Uses of the surrounding land (describe lot sizes, structures, uses): North: 1 acre, single family residence South: .3 acres, single family residence East: Lake Pend Orielle West: 4.6 Acres, single family residence Within Area of City Impact?: Yes V No If yes, which city?: NA Detailed directions to site: From Sandpoint, head North on highway 200 for 4.5 Miles, turn right on W Oden Bay road for .9 Miles, then the lot will be on your left hand side. NARRATIVE STATEMENT: Describe whether conditions apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity, which conditions are a result of lot size, shape, topography, or other circumstances over which the applicant has no control. BCRC 12-234(a) Explain why it is not possible to comply with the ordinance standards. Example: A site may have excessive slopes that prevent a structure from meeting the required setbacks. The lot is incredibly steep on the West and central portion then flattens out closer to the water front. We are asking for a reduction in the front yard setback in order to pull the house away from the water front and up the hill. This will not only preserve the water front but also help reduce the retaining and height needed. Explain how special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant. BCRC 12-234(b) Example: Did the applicant reduce the size of his/her parcel, thereby creating an "unbuildable" parcel? The lot owner purchased the lot in its current state. They have not manipulated the boundary lines or topography.

imp use pote adjo	plain how granting the variance is not in conflict with the public interest in that it will not be rimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or provements in the vicinity of the subject parcel or lot. BCRC 12-234(c) Explain how the proposed is compatible with adjoining land uses. Example: Will approval of the variance result in a sential obstruction of public access or cause a safety hazard? Are there effects of elements on oining property such as noise, light glare, odor, fumes and vibration?  Diving the reduction in street front setback will allow the waterfront to remain in a natural state. It is will also allow emergency vehicles to more easily access the structure in case of an emergency		
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	CESS INFORMATION:		
Plea	ase check appropriate boxes:		
	Private Easement Existing Proposed  Describe travel surface (e.g., gravel, dirt, paved, etc.), travel way width, road grade and easement width. Include recorded instrument number for existing easements & name, if existing:		
	Public Road Existing Proposed  Describe travel surface (e.g., gravel, dirt, paved, etc.), travel way width, road grade right-of-way width and name, if existing:  W Oden bay Road is currently an 18' wide, two way paved road.		
	Combination of Public Road/Private Easement  Existing Proposed  Describe travel surface (e.g., gravel, dirt, paved, etc.), travel way width, road grade and right-of-way/easement width and road name, if existing:		
	E INFORMATION:		
	ase provide a detailed description of the following land features: pography (lay of the land), including estimated maximum slope, rock outcroppings, benches, etc:		
The lot slopes from Oden Bay road down to Lake Pend Oreille. Over the approx. 200' deep lot the elevation drops approx. 62'			
Water courses (lakes, streams, rivers & other bodies of water):			
	ce Pend Oreille touches the Eastern edge of the property.		
	to the property.		

Is s Spr	ite within a floodplain?
The	e property is served but the local water disctrict.
	sting structures (size & use):
Vac	cant lot.
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	d cover (timber, pastures, etc):
The	e lot has been cleared of most trees.
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Oth	wetlands present on site? Yes V No Source of information: GIS er pertinent information (attach additional pages if needed):
	ase see the proposed site plan attached.
SER	EVICES:
	age disposal will be provided by:
<b>X</b>	Existing Community System - List name of sewer district or provider and type of system:  I believe that Jeff Bond owns the sewer system for the community.
,	Proposed Community System – List type & proposed ownership:
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	Individual system – List type:
Expl and	ain the type of sewage system, capacity, maintenance plan, location of facilities, if applicable other details: We are working on engineering the on site drain field.

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Wat	er will be supplied by:			
X	Existing public or community system - List name of provider: Oden bay water district			
	Proposed Community System – List type & proposed ownership:			
	Individual well:			
and	se explain the water source, capacity, sy other details: plan to tap into the water districts line.	stem maintenance plan, storage and delivery system		
Dist	ance (in miles) to the nearest:			
Pub	lic/Community Sewer System: .1 miles	Solid Waste Collection Facility: 4.3 Miles		
	lic/Community Water System: ,1 miles	Fire Station: North side fire - 4.5 miles		
	nentary School: 3.5 miles	Secondary Schools: 7.8 Miles		
Cou	nty Road: on it	County Road Name: W Oden Bay Road		
Whi	ch fire district will serve the project site?	North side Fire		
	ch power company will serve the project s			
How is the use/plan in accordance with the general and specific objectives of the Comprehensive Plan? (Copy of goals and objectives attached)  Property Rights:				
<u>The</u>	rights should be unchanged as it is still be	ing used as a single family residence.		
Popu	ulation:			
		till being used as a single family residence.		
School facilities & Transportation: The school facilities and transportation should be unchanged as it is still being used as a s single family residence.				
Ecor The	nomic Development:_ development of this lot will add tax dollars	to the community.		
	l Use: land use should be unchanged as it is still	being used as a single family residence.		
	ral Resources: resources should be unchanged as it is sti	Il being used as a single family residence.		
	ardous Areas: re are no hazardous areas found on site.			
Publ The	ic Services:services should be unchanged as it is still	being used as a single family residence.		
Tran	sportation:			

The transportation should remain unchanged as it is still being used as a single family residence.
Recreation: The recreation should be unchanged as it is still being used as a single family residence.
Special Areas or Sites: The special areas should be unchanged as it is still being used as a single family residence.
Housing: The population should be unchanged as it is still being used as a single family residence.
Community Design:  The community design should be unchanged as it is still being used as a single family residence.
Implementation: ( Not required to complete this element)
I hereby certify that all the information, statements, attachments and exhibits submitted herewith are true to the best of my knowledge. I further grant permission to Bonner County employees and representatives, elected or appointed officials to enter upon the subject land to make examinations post the property or review the premises relative to the processing of this application.
Landowner's signature: BRENNEN CHOSE B la Date: 728/25
Landowner's signature: Date:

