

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Petitioners have owned an oceanfront lot on Oak Island in Brunswick County, North Carolina since 1997. In March of 2002, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a large-scale beach nourishment project, resulting in the implementation of a static line, based on the Commission's rules. On or around August 6, 2014, Petitioners applied for a CAMA minor permit proposing to build a residential structure of 2,500 square feet that would not meet the 60-foot setback from the static line. Said permit application was denied on September 8, 2014 due to its inconsistency with the applicable setback. On September 15, 2014, Petitioners submitted this Variance Petition seeking a variance from the oceanfront erosion setback as measured from the static line, in order to build the residential structure as proposed in their CAMA permit application.

The following additional information is attached to this memorandum:

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RELEVANT RULES

15A NCAC 07H .0301 OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORIES

The next broad grouping is composed of those AECs that are considered natural hazard areas along the Atlantic Ocean shoreline where, because of their special vulnerability to erosion or other adverse effects of sand, wind, and water, uncontrolled or incompatible development could unreasonably endanger life or property. Ocean hazard areas include beaches, frontal dunes, inlet lands, and other areas in which geologic, vegetative and soil conditions indicate a substantial possibility of excessive erosion or flood damage.

15A NCAC 07H .0302 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORY

(a) The primary causes of the hazards peculiar to the Atlantic shoreline are the constant forces exerted by waves, winds, and currents upon the unstable sands that form the shore. During storms, these forces are intensified and can cause significant changes in the bordering landforms and to structures located on them. Ocean hazard area property is in the ownership of a large number of private individuals as well as several public agencies and is used by a vast number of visitors to the coast. Ocean hazard areas are critical, therefore, because of both the severity of the hazards and the intensity of interest in the areas.

(b) The location and form of the various hazard area landforms, in particular the beaches, dunes, and inlets, are in a permanent state of flux, responding to meteorologically induced changes in the wave climate. For this reason, the appropriate location of structures on and near these landforms must be reviewed carefully in order to avoid their loss or damage. As a whole, the same flexible nature of these landforms which presents hazards to development situated immediately on them offers protection to the land, water, and structures located landward of them. The value of each landform lies in the particular role it plays in affording protection to life and property. (The role of each landform is described in detail in Technical Appendix 2 in terms of the physical processes most important to each.) Overall, however, the energy dissipation and sand storage capacities of the landforms are most essential for the maintenance of the landforms' protective function.

15A NCAC 07H .0303 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE OF OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

(a) The CRC recognizes that absolute safety from the destructive forces indigenous to the Atlantic shoreline is an impossibility for development located adjacent to the coast. The loss of life and property to these forces, however, can be greatly reduced by the proper location and design of structures and by care taken in prevention of damage to natural protective features particularly primary and frontal dunes. Therefore, it is the CRC's objective to provide management policies and standards for ocean hazard areas that serve to eliminate unreasonable danger to life and property and achieve a balance between the financial, safety, and social factors that are involved in hazard area development.

(b) The purpose of these Rules shall be to further the goals set out in G.S. 113A-102(b), with particular attention to minimizing losses to life and property resulting from storms and long-term erosion, preventing encroachment of permanent structures on public beach areas, preserving the natural ecological conditions of the barrier dune and beach systems, and reducing the public costs of inappropriately sited development. Furthermore, it is the objective of the Coastal Resources Commission to protect present common-law and statutory public rights of access to and use of the lands and waters of the coastal area.

15A NCAC 07H .0304 AECS WITHIN OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

The ocean hazard AECs contain all of the following areas:

(1) Ocean Erodible Area. This is the area in which there exists a substantial possibility of excessive erosion and significant shoreline fluctuation. The oceanward boundary of this area is the mean low water line. The landward extent of this area is determined as follows:

(a) a distance landward from the first line of stable and natural vegetation as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0305(a)(5) to the recession line that would be established by multiplying the long-term annual erosion rate times 60, provided that, where there has been no long-term erosion or the rate is less than two feet per year, this distance shall be set at 120 feet landward from the first line of stable natural vegetation. For the purposes of this Rule, the erosion rates are the long-term average based on available historical data. The current long-term average erosion rate data for each segment of the North Carolina coast is depicted on maps entitled "2011 Long-Term Average Annual Shoreline Rate Update" and approved by the Coastal Resources Commission on May 5, 2011 (except as such rates may be varied in individual contested cases, declaratory or interpretive rulings). In all cases, the rate of shoreline change shall be no less than two feet of erosion per year. The maps are available without cost from any Local Permit Officer or the Division of Coastal Management on the internet at http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net; and

(b) a distance landward from the recession line established in Sub-Item (1)(a) of this Rule to the recession line that would be generated by a storm having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

(2) The High Hazard Flood Area. This is the area subject to high velocity waters (including hurricane wave wash) in a storm having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, as identified as zone V1-30 on the flood insurance rate maps of the Federal Insurance Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

15A NCAC 07H .0305 GENERAL IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDFORMS

(a) This Section describes natural and man-made features that are found within the ocean hazard area of environmental concern.

(1) Ocean Beaches. Ocean beaches are lands consisting of unconsolidated soil materials that extend from the mean low water line landward to a point where either:

(A) the growth of vegetation occurs, or

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(B) a distinct change in slope or elevation alters the configuration of the landform, whichever is farther landward.

(5) Vegetation Line. The vegetation line refers to the first line of stable and natural vegetation, which shall be used as the reference point for measuring oceanfront setbacks. This line represents the boundary between the normal dry-sand beach, which is subject to constant flux due to waves, tides, storms and wind, and the more stable upland areas. The vegetation line is generally located at or immediately oceanward of the seaward toe of the frontal dune or erosion escarpment. The Division of Coastal Management or Local Permit Officer shall determine the location of the stable and

natural vegetation line based on visual observations of plant composition and density. If the vegetation has been planted, it may be considered stable when the majority of the plant stems are from continuous rhizomes rather than planted individual rooted sets. The vegetation may be considered natural when the majority of the plants are mature and additional species native to the region have been recruited, providing stem and rhizome densities that are similar to adjacent areas that are naturally occurring. In areas where there is no stable natural vegetation present, this line may be established by interpolation between the nearest adjacent stable natural vegetation by on ground observations or by aerial photographic interpretation.

(6) Static Vegetation Line. In areas within the boundaries of a large-scale beach fill project, the vegetation line that existed within one year prior to the onset of initial project construction shall be defined as the static vegetation line. A static vegetation line shall be established in coordination with the Division of Coastal Management using onground observation and survey or aerial imagery for all areas of oceanfront that undergo a large-scale beach fill project. Once a static vegetation line is established, and after the onset of project construction, this line shall be used as the reference point for measuring oceanfront setbacks in all locations where it is landward of the vegetation line. In all locations where the vegetation line as defined in this Rule is landward of the static vegetation line, the vegetation line shall be used as the reference point for measuring oceanfront setbacks. A static vegetation line shall not be established where a static vegetation line is already in place, including those established by the Division of Coastal Management prior to the effective date of this Rule. A record of all static vegetation lines, including those established by the Division of Coastal Management prior to the effective date of this Rule, shall be maintained by the Division of Coastal Management for determining development standards as set forth in Rule .0306 of this Section. Because the impact of Hurricane Floyd (September 1999) caused significant portions of the vegetation line in the Town of Oak Island and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to be relocated landward of its pre-storm position, the static line for areas landward of the beach fill construction in the Town of Oak Island and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, the onset of which occurred in 2000, shall be defined by the general trend of the vegetation line established by the Division of Coastal Management from June 1998 aerial orthophotography.

(7) Beach Fill. Beach fill refers to the placement of sediment along the oceanfront shoreline. Sediment used solely to establish or strengthen dunes shall not be considered a beach fill project under this Rule. A large-scale beach fill project shall be defined as any volume of sediment greater than 300,000 cubic yards or any storm protection project constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The onset of construction shall be defined as the date sediment placement begins with the exception of projects completed prior to the effective date of this Rule, in which case the award of contract date will be considered the onset of construction.

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15A NCAC 07H .0306 GENERAL USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

(a) In order to protect life and property, all development not otherwise specifically exempted or allowed by law or elsewhere in the Coastal Resources Commission's Rules shall be located according to whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) The ocean hazard setback for development is measured in a landward direction from the vegetation line, the static vegetation line or the measurement line, whichever is applicable. The setback distance is determined by both the size of development and the shoreline erosion rate as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0304. Development size is defined by total floor area for structures and buildings or total area of footprint for development other than structures and buildings. Total floor area includes the following:

(A) The total square footage of heated or air-conditioned living space;

(B) The total square footage of parking elevated above ground level; and

(C) The total square footage of non-heated or non-air-conditioned areas elevated above ground level, excluding attic space that is not designed to be load-bearing.

Decks, roof-covered porches and walkways are not included in the total floor area unless they are enclosed with material other than screen mesh or are being converted into an enclosed space with material other than screen mesh.

(2) With the exception of those types of development defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0309, no development, including any portion of a building or structure, shall extend oceanward of the ocean hazard setback distance. This includes roof overhangs and elevated structural components that are cantilevered, knee braced, or otherwise extended beyond the support of pilings or footings. The ocean hazard setback is established based on the following criteria:

(A) A building or other structure less than 5,000 square feet requires a minimum setback of 60 feet or 30 times the shoreline erosion rate, whichever is greater;

(8) Beach fill as defined in this Section represents a temporary response to coastal erosion, and compatible beach fill as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0312 can be expected to erode at least as fast as, if not faster than, the pre-project beach. Furthermore, there is no assurance of future funding or beach-compatible sediment for continued beach fill projects and project maintenance. A vegetation line that becomes established oceanward of the pre-project vegetation line in an area that has received beach fill may be more vulnerable to natural hazards along the oceanfront. A development setback measured from the vegetation line provides less protection from ocean hazards. Therefore, development setbacks in areas that have received large-scale beach fill as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0305 shall be measured landward from the static vegetation line as defined in this Section. However, in order to allow for development landward of the large-scale beach fill project that is less than 2,500 square feet and cannot meet the setback requirements from the static vegetation line, but can or has the potential to meet the setback requirements from the vegetation line set forth in Subparagraphs (1) and (2)(A) of this Paragraph, a local government or community may petition the Coastal Resources Commission for a "static line exception" in accordance with 15A NCAC 07J .1200. The

static line exception applies to development of property that lies both within the jurisdictional boundary of the petitioner and the boundaries of the large-scale beach fill project. This static line exception shall also allow development greater than 5,000 square feet to use the setback provisions defined in Part (a)(2)(K) of this Rule in areas that lie within the jurisdictional boundary of the petitioner as well as the boundaries of the large-scale beach fill project. The procedures for a static line exception request are defined in 15A NCAC 07J .1200. If the request is approved, the Coastal Resources Commission shall allow development setbacks to be measured from a vegetation line that is oceanward of the static vegetation line under the following conditions:

(A) Development meets all setback requirements from the vegetation line defined in Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2)(A) of this Rule;

(B) Total floor area of a building is no greater than 2,500 square feet;

(C) Development setbacks are calculated from the shoreline erosion rate in place at the time of permit issuance;

(D) No portion of a building or structure, including roof overhangs and elevated portions that are cantilevered, knee braced or otherwise extended beyond the support of pilings or footings, extends oceanward of the landward-most adjacent building or structure. When the configuration of a lot precludes the placement of a building or structure in line with the landward-most adjacent building or structure, an average line of construction shall be determined by the Division of Coastal Management on a case-by-case basis in order to determine an ocean hazard setback that is landward of the vegetation line, a distance no less than 30 times the shoreline erosion rate or 60 feet, whichever is greater;

(E) With the exception of swimming pools, the development defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0309(a) is allowed oceanward of the static vegetation line; and

(F) Development is not eligible for the exception defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0309(b).

(i) Prior to the issuance of any permit for development in the ocean hazard AECs, there shall be a written acknowledgment from the applicant to the Division of Coastal Management that the applicant is aware of the risks associated with development in this hazardous area and the limited suitability of this area for permanent structures. By granting permits, the Coastal Resources Commission does not guarantee the safety of the development and assumes no liability for future damage to the development.

(k) Permits shall include the condition that any structure shall be relocated or dismantled when it becomes imminently threatened by changes in shoreline configuration as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0308(a)(2)(B). Any such structure shall be relocated or dismantled within two years of the time when it becomes imminently threatened, and in any case upon its collapse or subsidence. However, if natural shoreline recovery or beach fill takes place within two years of the time the structure becomes imminently threatened, so that the structure is no longer imminently threatened, then it need not be relocated or dismantled at that time. This permit condition shall not affect the permit holder's right to seek authorization of temporary protective measures allowed under 15A NCAC 07H .0308(a)(2).

15A NCAC 07H .0308 SPECIFIC USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS(a) Ocean Shoreline Erosion Control Activities:

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Temporary Erosion Control Structures:

(B) Temporary erosion control structures as defined in Part (2)(A) of this Subparagraph shall be used to protect only imminently threatened roads and associated right of ways, and buildings and their associated septic systems. A structure is considered imminently threatened if its foundation, septic system, or right-of-way in the case of roads, is less than 20 feet away from the erosion scarp. Buildings and roads located more than 20 feet from the erosion scarp or in areas where there is no obvious erosion scarp may also be found to be imminently threatened when site conditions, such as a flat beach profile or accelerated erosion, increase the risk of imminent damage to the structure.

(E) Temporary erosion control structures shall not extend more than 20 feet past the sides of the structure to be protected. The landward side of such temporary erosion control structures shall not be located more than 20 feet seaward of the structure to be protected or the right-of-way in the case of roads. If a building or road is found to be imminently threatened and at an increased risk of imminent damage due to site conditions such as a flat beach profile or accelerated erosion, temporary erosion control structures may be located more than 20 feet seaward of the structure being protected. In cases of increased risk of imminent damage, the location of the temporary erosion control structures shall be determined by the Director of the Division of Coastal Management or their designee in accordance with Part (2)(A) of this Subparagraph.

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15A NCAC 07H .0309 USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS: EXCEPTIONS

(a) The following types of development shall be permitted seaward of the oceanfront setback requirements of Rule .0306(a) of the Subchapter if all other provisions of this Subchapter and other state and local regulations are met:

- (1) campsites;
- (2) driveways and parking areas with clay, packed sand or gravel;
- (3) elevated decks not exceeding a footprint of 500 square feet;
- (4) beach accessways consistent with Rule .0308(c) of this Subchapter;
- (5) unenclosed, uninhabitable gazebos with a footprint of 200 square feet or less;
- (6) uninhabitable, single-story storage sheds with a foundation or floor consisting of wood, clay, packed sand or gravel, and a footprint of 200 square feet or less;
- (7) temporary amusement stands;
- (8) sand fences; and
- (9) swimming pools.

In all cases, this development shall be permitted only if it is landward of the vegetation line or static vegetation line, whichever is applicable; involves no alteration or removal of primary or

frontal dunes which would compromise the integrity of the dune as a protective landform or the dune vegetation; has overwalks to protect any existing dunes; is not essential to the continued existence or use of an associated principal development; is not required to satisfy minimum requirements of local zoning, subdivision or health regulations; and meets all other non-setback requirements of this Subchapter.

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15A NCAC 07M .0201 DECLARATION OF GENERAL POLICY

It is hereby declared that the general welfare and public interest require that development along the ocean and estuarine shorelines be conducted in a manner that avoids loss of life, property and amenities. It is also declared that protection of the recreational use of the shorelines of the state is in the public interest. In order to accomplish these public purposes, the planning of future land uses, reasonable rules and public expenditures should be created or accomplished in a coordinated manner so as to minimize the likelihood of damage to private and public resources resulting from recognized coastal hazards.

STIPULATED FACTS

Property Description

- 1. The Petitioners are James Hysong and Page Hysong ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners own an undeveloped oceanfront lot ("Lot") at 3613 West Beach Drive, between 36th and 39th Streets in the Town of Oak Island ("Town"), Brunswick County, North Carolina.
- 2. The Petitioners purchased the Lot on August 28, 1997 as evidenced by a deed recorded at Book 1167, Page 1188 of the Brunswick County Registry, a copy of which is attached as a stipulated exhibit.
- 3. The dimensions of the Lot as platted are 50 feet wide by 150 feet deep, for a total of 7,500 square feet, as shown on a survey dated May 19, 2003, prepared by VCS, Inc., a copy of which is attached as a stipulated exhibit.
- 4. The elevation of the Lot is approximately 19 feet on the landward side of the proposed residence, and approximately 14 feet at the waterward edge of the proposed residence, as shown in the survey submitted as part of Petitioners' August 20, 2014 application materials, attached as a stipulated exhibit.
- 5. The Lot is located in a mostly developed area along the oceanfront. The area of the Lot is shown on aerial photographs attached as stipulated exhibits.
- 6. The Lot is located within the Ocean Erodible and High Hazard Flood Areas of Environmental Concern ("AECs"), both of which are subcategories of the Ocean Hazard AEC designated by the Coastal Resources Commission ("CRC") in 15A NCAC 7H .0304.

Permit Application

- 7. In a permit application received August 6, 2014, Petitioners applied to the Town's CAMA Local Permit Officer ("LPO") for a CAMA minor development permit to construct a single family residence on the Lot. By letter dated August 15, 2014, Petitioners were informed that their application was incomplete. Petitioners submitted a revised application dated August 20, 2014 and received on August 25, 2014 addressing the earlier deficiencies. A copy of the application materials is attached as a stipulated exhibit.
- 8. As required, Petitioners sent notice of the application to their two adjacent riparian neighbors, and to the public through onsite posting. DCM and the LPO received no comments related to Petitioner's application.
- 9. The proposed residence is a two story, five-bedroom residence with a footprint of approximately 1,258 square feet and total floor area of 2,500 square feet, as seen in the site plans and minor permit application attached as stipulated exhibits.

- 10. As shown in the site plans attached as stipulated exhibits, the Hysongs propose to align the oceanward side of the proposed residence along the "average line of construction," which is the approximate line formed by the oceanward sides of the residences which already are constructed on lots to the east and west of the Lot. However, the covered gazebo and uncovered decks proposed to abut the house extend waterward of the alignment of the adjacent dwellings.
- 11. The LPO denied the permit application by letter dated September 8, 2014, due to the application of the 60-foot Erosion Setback to the Lot (further explained below). The LPO also indicated that the proposed residence did not comply with the local land use plan. By letter sent August 14, 2014, the LPO corrected the denial letter, rescinding the language regarding non-compliance with the local land use plan. A copy of the two letters from the LPO are attached as stipulated exhibits.

Beach Nourishment

- 12. In the winter of 2001-2002, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began a "Section 933" spoil deposition project on the oceanfront at Oak Island (the "933 Project").
- 13. In March of 2002, the 933 Project was completed.
- 14. Since completion of the 933 Project, the beach in the vicinity of the Lot has remained stable.

Applicable Setback under CAMA

- 15. The CRC has adopted an erosion setback requirement that applies to structures along the oceanfront. 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a).
- 16. Generally, CAMA regulations provide that structures of less than 5,000 square feet must be set back at a distance of 30 times the long-term annual erosion rate affecting the Lot from the first line of stable natural vegetation on the beach in front of the Lot. 15A NCAC 07H .0306(a).
- 17. In areas where the long-term annual erosion rate is less than 2 feet per year, the minimum distance permitted by the rules for the erosion setback is 60 feet. 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(2)(A).
- 18. Based on the average annual erosion rate for the Lot of 2 feet per year, the erosion setback applicable to the Lot is 60 feet (30 years x 2 feet) for the size of house proposed by Petitioners as measured from the applicable measurement line ("Erosion Setback").
- 19. The Erosion Setback generally is measured from the first line of stable natural vegetation. "This line represents the boundary between the normal dry sand beach which is subject to constant flux due to waves, tides, storms and wind and more stable upland areas. It is generally located at or immediately oceanward of the seaward toe of the frontal dune or

erosion escarpment." 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(5). However, "[i]n areas within the boundaries of a large-scale beach fill project, the vegetation line that existed within one year prior to the onset of initial project construction shall be . . . used as the reference point for measuring oceanfront setbacks in all locations where it is landward of the vegetation line." 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(6); see also 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8).

- 20. Because the 933 Project, a large scale beach nourishment project, was completed in March of 2002, the first line of stable natural vegetation that existed prior to the 933 Project ("Static Line") is used to measure the Erosion Setback pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(6).
- 21. "Because the impact of Hurricane Floyd (September 1999) caused significant portions of the vegetation line in the Town of Oak Island and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to be relocated landward of its pre-storm position, the static line for areas landward of the beach fill construction in the Town of Oak Island and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, the onset of which occurred in 2000, shall be defined by the general trend of the vegetation line established by the Division of Coastal Management from June 1998 aerial orthophotography." 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(6).
- 22. The Static Line is identified on the Hysongs' site plan as "1998 static vegetation line."

Actual First Line of Stable Natural Vegetation

- 23. The *actual* first line of stable natural vegetation was staked by LPO Donna Coleman on July 16, 2014, and is depicted on the Hysong's current site plan as "current line of vegetation." The July 16, 2014 vegetation line is located approximately 50 feet seaward of the Static Line.
- 24. The relatively stable location of the *actual* first line of natural stable vegetation since the completion of the 933 Project is likely due to the relative lack of damaging hurricanes affecting Oaks Island since 2002.

Setback Exception

- 25. In 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8), the CRC has acknowledged that when a beach fill project allows the first line of stable natural vegetation to become established seaward of the Static Line, that vegetation line "may be more vulnerable to natural hazards along the oceanfront." Furthermore, "[a] development setback measured from the vegetation line provides less protection from ocean hazards." 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8).
- 26. A local government may petition the CRC pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8) for a "static line exception" for properties within "the boundaries of a large-scale beach fill project."

- 27. The Town has not applied for a setback exception pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8). There has not been a beach nourishment project in the vicinity of the Lot since the 933 Project.
- 28. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0306(k), all new construction on the oceanfront must be removed if it becomes imminently threatened.

Variance Petition

- 29. Written notification that the Petitioners are seeking a variance to allow the proposed development was provided to the adjacent property owners. A copy of each notice is attached as a stipulated exhibit. Both adjacent property owners have signed statements indicating that they have no objections to the proposed development.
- 30. On September 15, 2014, the Hysongs' petition for a variance was received.
- 31. On February 11, 2014 the Town Council approved an ordinance amendment reducing the front yard setback for all oceanfront lots from 20 feet to 15 feet. As a result, approximately 51 lots were able to meet the minimum building depth required by the Town to classify the lot as buildable. A number of lot owners requested a greater reduction of the 15-foot front yard setback, the Town believed that such a reduction would make it difficult for lot owners to provide the required parking, i.e., one 9 foot by 18 foot parking space per bedroom. A copy of an email from the Town's Planning and Zoning Administrator describing this process and the anticipated result is attached as a stipulated exhibit.
- 32. The Hysongs have not sought relief from the Town's front yard setback as required by 15A NCAC 7J .0701(a). However, the Division of Coastal Management agrees that doing so would likely be futile. The Staff believe that in this case, Petitioners' actions combined with the Town's recent actions satisfy the requirements of 15A NCAC 7J .0701(a).
- 33. Without a variance from the CRC, the Hysongs would be limited to an available building envelope approximately 34 feet by 25 feet, allowing a house with a footprint of 855.5 square feet, or a maximum total floor area of 1,711 square feet for a two-story structure.

Stipulated Exhibits:

- 1. Deed to Petitioners' lot
- 2. First CAMA minor permit application dated August 5, 2014
- 3. Letter noting incomplete application dated August 15, 2014
- 4. Second CAMA minor permit application August 20, 2014
- 5. Denial of permit application dated September 8, 2014
- 6. Letter from Town regarding denial of permit sent August 14, 2014
- 7. E-mail dated November 14, 2014 from Town of Oak Island regarding front yard setback
- 8. Historical hurricane and tropical storm information as reported by Southport Times

9. Aerial and ground-level photographs of the Lot and surrounding area, in PowerPoint format

PETITIONERS' AND STAFF'S POSITIONS

I. Will strict application of the applicable development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission cause the petitioners unnecessary hardships? If so, the petitioners must identify the hardships.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

- 1. Does not allow us to build a large enough house that is consistent with excellent lot elevation and established current vegetation line of the lot. This is one of the most stable sections of beach on Oak Island.
- 2. The current allowed footprint would place our home out of line and out of character with other houses in both directions for some distance.
- 3. Inadequate parking space available for planned 5-bedroom house.
- 4. It would be it very difficult, if not totally impractical, to build a house adequate to accommodate an elevator as well as handicap accesses. A smaller house would not be able to generate the rentals necessary to justify the cost of construction, or be adequate as a family retreat.
- 5. We have owned, paid taxes/assessments, and maintained this lot since 1997. The other homes along this stretch have been there without undue endangerment since the 1970's or before. If a Thirty Year Renourishment Plan were in effect on Oak Island, this process would not be necessary. The stability of this well elevated and established portion of the beach for at least the past 40 or 50 years should indicate that it has withstood the renourishment criteria.

Staff's Position: No

Application of the oceanfront setback using the static line pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(6) would allow Petitioners, without a variance, a building envelope of 855.5 square feet, or a total of 1,711 square feet of maximum total floor area for a two-story building. While Petitioners understandably may prefer a larger building envelope to accommodate additional bedrooms and parking, they could make reasonable use of their property without a variance by building a 1,711 square foot home. Therefore, in addition to reasons cited below, it is Staff's position that Petitioners have failed to meet their burden to demonstrate that application of the oceanfront setback using the static line will cause an unnecessary hardship.

Petitioners also assert that, without a variance, they would have "[i]nadequate parking space available for planned 5-bedroom house." Pursuant to 15A NCAC 7H .0309(a)(2), "parking areas with clay, packed sand or gravel" are permitted seaward of the oceanfront setback. Petitioners have not demonstrated that they must locate the parking spaces on the street side of the lot due to a local ordinance or other requirements. Further, Petitioners could build a smaller house requiring less

parking. Therefore, it is Staff's position that Petitioners have also failed to show that application of the oceanfront setback using the static line will cause an unnecessary hardship due to Petitioners' preference to use street-front parking for their preferred number of bedrooms.

Petitioners' assertions regarding the lack of a local beach renourishment plan are addressed under factor number four below.

II. Do such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioners' property, such as location, size, or topography of the property? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

As stated previously, the elevation of this lot is one of the highest on the entire island for oceanfront properties. It is 18-19' above sea level in its current state. Our plan is to build the concrete slab underneath at approximately the 18' level. The renourishment of the entire oceanfront beach that took place in 2001 has not only held, but has actually become higher and wider. The original rope line stakes have virtually been buried. New rope line and pilings have been recently installed. The well established line of vegetation on the waterward toe of this frontal dune is approximately 113' from our requested variance building line. We may have to provide some filler after leveling and reallocating existing sand on the lot to form the proper base for the concrete slab underneath. No filler beyond that point is planned or deemed necessary. There will be no disturbance to the dunes or vegetation beyond that point except that resulting from the decks and walkways. (See side view rendering of proposed house)

Staff's Position:

The static line represents the location of the first line of stable natural vegetation in 1998. Oak Island has not experienced major impacts from hurricanes since the time of the nourishment project's completion in 2002. While there is a significant distance between the present line of stable natural vegetation and the static line at this property, this condition may be temporary, as noted in the Commission's rules in 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8):

[B]each fill . . . can be expected to erode at least as fast as, if not faster than, the pre-project beach. Furthermore, there is no assurance of future funding or beach-compatible sediment for continued beach fill projects and project maintenance. A vegetation line that becomes established oceanward of the pre-project vegetation line in an area that has received beach fill may be more vulnerable to natural hazards along the oceanfront. A development setback measured from the vegetation line provides less protection from ocean hazards.

The Town of Oak Island has not demonstrated that it has a long-term nourishment plan in place. Therefore, Staff's position is that the favorable location of the present-day vegetation line is

insufficient to support a finding that any alleged hardships faced by Petitioners are due to conditions peculiar to their property.

III. Do the hardships result from the actions taken by the petitioners? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: No.

Our lot has not been touched by machinery or any excavation efforts since we bought it in 1997. The only thing that we have done is post "No Trespassing" signs and maintain a sand fence across the lot to keep people from taking a short-cut to the beach and harming the dunes and vegetation on our lot. We also have planted sea grass and plants to stabilize the slope of the dune.

Staff's Position: Yes.

It is Staff's position that any hardship alleged by Petitioners is caused by Petitioners' preferred design and use for their property. Petitioners wish to increase their building envelope and the resulting total floor area of their proposed house. The property was purchased in 1997, prior to implementation of the beach nourishment project and the resulting use of the static line for CAMA permitting purposes. However, even measuring the applicable setback from the static line affords Petitioners a buildable lot, without a variance, using a 1,711 square foot, two-story home. Petitioners have caused their own hardship by choosing a building size and design requiring a larger building envelope than that allowed under the existing oceanfront setback rules.

IV. Will the variance requested by the petitioners (1) be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules, standards or orders issued by the Commission;
(2) secure the public safety and welfare; and (3) preserve substantial justice? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

It is our desire and intended purpose to be good and responsible neighbors to those home owners along this established section of Oak Island. By having more space for parking (taking into consideration the additional underneath space) we will alleviate any potential nuisance or safety problems for neighbors and traffic along W. Beach Drive. We intend to comply fully with all CRC rules and building code requirements in the construction of our home and unattached decks, walkways and gazebo. We plan to add indigenous plants close to and around the oceanfront decks for landscaping and to maintain dune stability. We also will install PVC storm water pits at each corner of the house to protect our dunes and vegetation, as well as those of our neighbors on either side.

We built (and still own) an oceanfront home in King's Lynne (far west end of OI) in 2000, and owned the home next door to our vacant lot at 3611 West Beach Drive prior to that. So, we have been home owners on Oak Island for about 17 years and value Oak Island and the importance of neighbors and being a good neighbor.

We think that our request for this variance is reasonable and represents no risk to ourselves, our neighbors or to the general well being of Oak Island. In fact, by granting our request, we think that our proposed home will not only be more compatible and consistent with this section of oceanfront properties, but will enhance it by a more visually appealing presence than what the current allowable footprint would afford.

Staff's Position: No.

Staff does not agree that the proposed residence is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules. As noted above, 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8) provides that:

A vegetation line that becomes established oceanward of the pre-project vegetation line in an area that has received beach fill may be more vulnerable to natural hazards along the oceanfront. A development setback measured from the vegetation line provides less protection from ocean hazards.

Staff recognizes that this part of Oak Island has remained stable since the completion of the "Section 933" project in 2002. However, the static line exception provided for in 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8) allows a local government to petition the Commission for the ability to allow development seaward of the static line. Such an exception would allow development similar to that proposed in this variance petition. The local government must meet the requirements of 15A NCAC 7J .1200, including, among other things, a plan for maintenance to allow the beach nourishment already performed to last for at least 25 years, and identification of funding for such maintenance. 15A NCAC 7J .1201(d).

The Town of Oak Island has not applied for such an exception, and does not currently have a long-term nourishment plan in place. The 933 Project was a one-time project and not part of an established long-term nourishment plan, which is a prerequisite for a local government to receive static line exception status and corresponding relaxation of the oceanfront erosion setback. Furthermore, the Commission's concerns as articulated in 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8) are not otherwise addressed by the location of the proposed development. Therefore, a variance would not be in keeping with the Commission's rules.

While acknowledging that the Town does not have a long-term renourishment plan, Petitioners argue in their position on factor number one that "[t]he stability of this well[-]elevated and established portion of the beach for at least the past 40 or 50 years should indicate that it has withstood the renourishment criteria." As noted above, without an approved static line exception from the Commission, including a long-term renourishment plan, Petitioners' observations on the recent stability of this area do not adequately address the concerns expressed in the Commission's rules. Furthermore, Staff notes that significant portions of the vegetation line at Oak Island moved landward in 1999, as acknowledged in 15A NCAC 7H .0305(a)(6), due to Hurricane Floyd. This movement of the vegetation line landward indicates that the area is not entirely stable, as is to be

expected. In addition, Oak Island has not experienced major impacts from hurricanes since completion of the 933 Project in 2002. Therefore, while the area has enjoyed some relative stability since 2002, it is entirely possible that a hurricane could cause further landward movement of the vegetation line in the future, of the very kind predicted by the Commission in 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8).

It is Staff's position that 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(8) appears to indicate that in the absence of an approved setback exception, including a properly funded, long-term nourishment plan, an exception from the oceanfront static line setback for the proposed project is not in keeping with the Commission's rules.

ATTACHMENT D

Petitioners' Variance Request Materials excluding Petitioners' first draft of proposed facts and any exhibits already included as stipulated exhibits in Attachment E

Jim and Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791 September 11, 2014

Director Division of Coastal Management 400 commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Davis,

Please find enclosed our CAMA Variance Request with supporting documents. We have complied with all information requested to the best of our understanding and wish to express our thanks to Donna Coleman, LPO Oak Island and Heather Coats of DCM, Wilmington. Angela Willis has also been a big help in putting our request together.

We look forward to working together to review our request and arriving at a decision that will be correct and mutually agreeable.

Sincerely

Jîm and Page Hysong cc: Attorney General's Office

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CAMA VARIANCE REQUEST FORM

DCM FORM 11 DCM FILE No.:

PETITIONER'S NAME

JIM & PAGE HYSONG

COUNTY WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED BRUNSWICK

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 113A-120.1 and 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0700 *et seq.*, the above named Petitioner hereby applies to the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) for a variance.

VARIANCE HEARING PROCEDURES

A variance petition will be considered by the CRC at a regularly scheduled meeting, heard in chronological order based upon the date of receipt of a complete petition. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). A complete variance petition, as described below, must be *received* by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) a minimum of six (6) weeks in advance of the first day of a regularly scheduled CRC meeting to be eligible for consideration by the CRC at that meeting. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). The final set of stipulated facts must be agreed to at least four (4) weeks prior to the first day of a regularly scheduled meeting. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). The dates of CRC meetings can be found at DCM's website: www.nccoastalmanagement.net

If there are controverted facts that are significant in determining the propriety of a variance, or if the Commission determines that more facts are necessary, the facts will be determined in an administrative hearing. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(b).

VARIANCE CRITERIA

The petitioner has the burden of convincing the CRC that it meets the following criteria:

- (a) Will strict application of the applicable development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission cause the petitioner unnecessary hardships? Explain the hardships.
- (b) Do such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property such as the location, size, or topography of the property? Explain.
- (c) Do the hardships result from actions taken by the petitioner? Explain.
- (d) Will the variance requested by the petitioner (1) be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules, standards or orders issued by the Commission; (2) secure the public safety and welfare; and (3) preserve substantial justice? Explain.

Please make your written arguments that Petitioner meets these criteria on a separate piece of paper.

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Due to the above information and pursuant to statute, the undersigned hereby requests a variance.

Signature of Petitioner or Attorney

JAMES B. HYSONG

Printed Name of Petitioner or Attorney

391 HYSONG LANE

Mailing Address

1- ENDERSONVILLE NC City

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

Date jhysong@bellsouth.net Email address of Petitioner or Attorney

(828) 891-2102 Telephone Number of Petitioner or Attorney

28791 State Zip

N/A () Fax Number of Petitioner or Attorney

DELIVERY OF THIS HEARING REQUEST

This variance petition must be **received by** the Division of Coastal Management at least six (6) weeks before the first day of the regularly scheduled Commission meeting at which it is heard. A copy of this request must also be sent to the Attorney General's Office, Environmental Division. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e).

Contact Information for DCM:

By mail, express mail or hand delivery: Director Division of Coastal Management 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28557

By Fax: (252) 247-3330

By Email:

Check DCM website for the email address of the current DCM Director www.nccoastalmanagement.net

Braxton Davis@ncdenr.gov Revised: February 2011

Contact Information for Attorney General's Office:

By mail: **Environmental Division** 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

By express mail: **Environmental Division** 114 W. Edenton Street Raleigh, NC 27603

By Fax: (919) 716-6767 (919) 716-6400 Email: ncago@ncdoj.gov

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Petitioner supplies the following information:

Your Name Jim and Page Hysong Address 391 Hysong Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791 Telephone (828) 891-2102 Fax and/or Email jhysong@bellsouth.net

Name of Your Attorney (if applicable) N/A Address Telephone Fax and/or Email

Reference: Property at 3613 West Beach Drive, Oak Island, NC 28465

Have you received a decision from the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) or a Local Permit Officer denying your application for a CAMA permit?

no

(You are not entitled to request a variance until your permit application has been denied.)

X yes (You may proceed with a request for a variance.)

What did you seek a permit to do?

To expand permissible building footprint by an additional ten feet (approximately) forward toward the ocean and in line with the home at 3611 West Beach Drive, and 7 or 8' behind the lived neighboring home at 3615 W. Beach Drive.

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What Coastal Resources Commission rule(s) prohibit this type of development? DCM-MHD CITY The use of the 1998 Static Line of Vegetation as the determining criteria in establishing the building footprint.

Also relevant is the absence of a Thirty Year Renourishment Plan for Oak Island.

Can you redesign your proposed development to comply with this rule? <u>No</u> If your answer is no, explain why you cannot redesign to comply with the rule.

The currently allowable footprint does not provide ample space for parking or to build a rental property (and secondary residence) that would be a) consistent with what this lot calls for (great

elevation and extended line of established vegetation), and b) sufficient for elevator and handicap accesses in a five-bedroom house, and c) complement and be consistent with neighboring beach houses.

Can you obtain a permit for a portion of what you wish to do? <u>No</u> If so, please state what the permit would allow.

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State with specificity what you are NOT allowed to do as a result of the denial of your permit application. It will be assumed that you can make full use of your property, except for the uses that are prohibited as a result of the denial of your permit application.

We are not permitted to build a large enough house that is in line with and consistent with other homes along this stretch of the beach. Additionally, we are left with inadequate parking space based on the 15' MBL.

RESPOND TO THE FOUR STATUTORY VARIANCE CRITERIA:

I. Identify the hardship(s) you will experience if you are not granted a variance and explain why you contend that the application of this rule to your property constitutes an unnecessary hardship. [The North Carolina Court of Appeals has ruled that this factor depends upon the unique nature of the property rather than the personal situation of the landowner. It has also ruled that financial impact alone is not sufficient to establish unnecessary hardship, although it is a factor to be considered. The most important consideration is whether you can make reasonable use of your property if the variance is not granted. [*Williams v. NCDENR, DCM, and CRC*, 144 N.C. App. 479, 548 S.E.2d 793 (2001).]

1- Does not allow us to build a large enough house that is consistent with excellent lot elevation and established current vegetation line of the lot. This is one of the most stable sections of beach on Oak Island.

2- The current allowed footprint would place our home out of line and out of character with other houses in both directions for some distance.

3- Inadequate parking space available for planned 5-bedroom house.

4- It would be it very difficult, if not totally impractical, to build a house adequate to accommodate an elevator as well as handicap accesses. A smaller house would not be able to generate the rentals necessary to justify the cost of construction, or be adequate as a family retreat,

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5- We have owned, paid taxes/ assessments, and maintained this lot since 1997. The other homes along this stretch have been there without undue endangerment since the 1970's or before. If a Thirty Year Renourishment Plan were in effect on Oak Island, this process would not be necessary. The stability of this well elevated and established portion of the beach for at least the past 40 or 50 years should indicate that it has withstood the renourishment criteria.

II. Describe the conditions that are peculiar to your property (such as location, size, and topography), and cause your hardship.

As stated previously, the elevation of this lot is one of the highest on the entire island for oceanfront properties. It is 18-19' above sea level in its current state. Our plan is to build the concrete slab underneath at approximately the 18'level. The renourishment of the entire oceanfront beach that took place in 2001 has not only held, but has actually become higher and wider. The original rope line stakes have virtually been buried. New rope line and pilings have been recently installed. The well established line of vegetation on the waterward toe of this frontal dune is approximately 113' from our requested variance building line. We may have to provide some filler after leveling and reallocating existing sand on the lot to form the proper base for the concrete slab underneath. No filler beyond that point is planned or deemed necessary. There will be no disturbance to the dunes or vegetation beyond that point except that resulting from the decks and walkways. (See side view rendering of proposed house)

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IV. Explain why the granting of the variance you seek will be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the CRC's rules, standards, or orders; preserve substantial justice; and secure public safety.

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We think that our request for this variance is reasonable and represents no risk to ourselves, our neighbors or to the general well being of Oak Island. In fact, by granting our request, we think that our proposed home will not only be more compatible and consistent with this section of oceanfront properties, but will enhance it by a more visually appealing presence than what the current allowable footprint would afford.

Please attach copies of the following:

Permit Application and Denial documents

Site Drawing with Survey and Topographical Information

Any letters filed with DCM or the LPO commenting on or objecting to your project Provide a numbered list of all true facts that you are relying upon in your explanation as to why you meet the four criteria for a variance. Please list the variance criterion, ex. unnecessary hardship, and then list the relevant facts under each criterion. [The DCM attorney will also propose facts and will attempt to verify your proposed facts. Together you will arrive at a set of facts that both parties agree upon. Those facts <u>will be the only facts that the Commission will</u> consider in determining whether to grant your variance request.]

Attach all documents you wish the Commission to consider in ruling upon your variance request. [The DCM attorney will also propose documents and discuss with you whether he or she agrees with the documents you propose. Together you will arrive at a set of documents that both parties agree upon. Those documents <u>will be the only documents that the Commission will consider in</u> <u>determining whether to grant your variance request.</u>]

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 113A-120.1 and 15A NCAC 7J .0700, the undersigned hereby requests a variance.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Variance Request has been served on the State agencies named below by United States Mail or by personal delivery to the following:

Original served on:

Director **Division of Coastal Management** 400 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28557

copy:

Attorney General's Office **Environmental Division** 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

This the 10 th day of <u>September</u>, 2019. Page B. Hysong James B. Hysong

Signature of Petitioner or Attorney

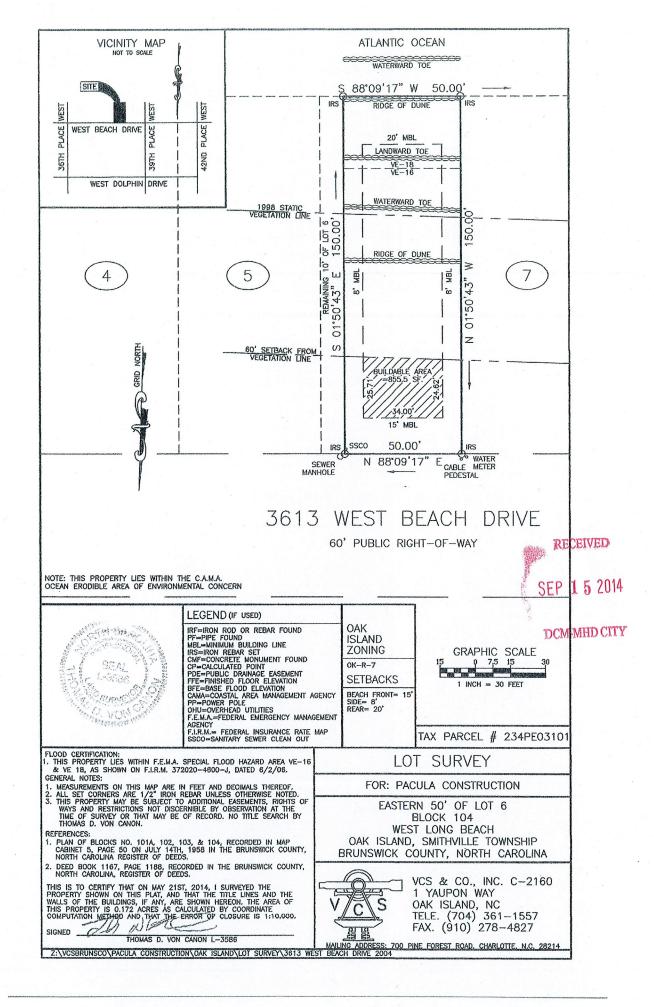


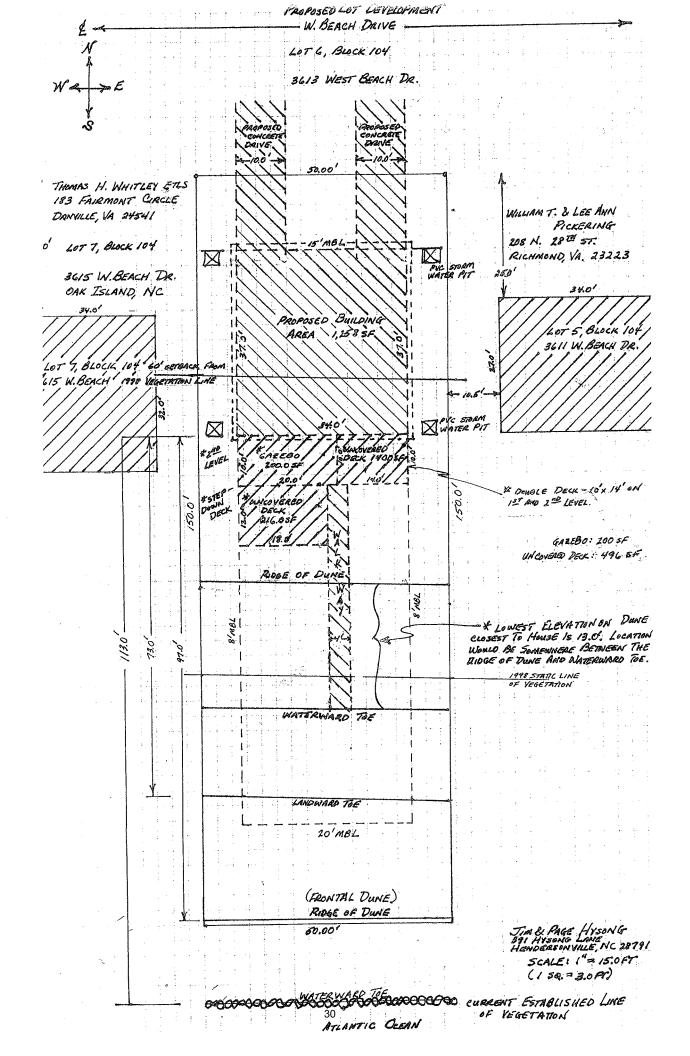
Description of Proposed Development

Our CAMA Variance Request is for new construction on an oceanfront lot on Oak Island, NC. The current allowable footprint is based on the 1998 Static Line of Vegetation. We are asking for recognition of the current line of vegetation resulting from the 2001 Oak Island Renourishment Project as the point of reference for measuring the Oceanside setback. Specifically, we would like to build our 5 bedroom, $4\frac{1}{2}$ bath oceanfront house in a direct line with the home at 3611 West Beach Drive. This would involve moving the front of our construction about 12 or 13 feet forward from the current allowable footprint. The elevation of 18+ feet for the lot lends further margin of safety in moving our home closer to the beach and more in line with other homes to either side of us.

A site plan drawing is provided to show all pertinent facts and measurements.

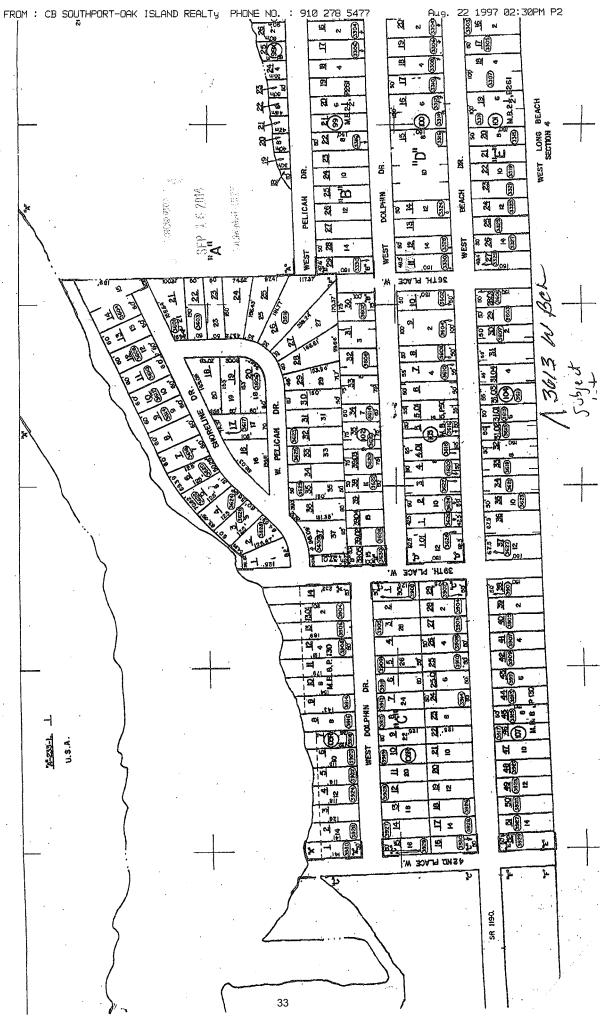








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	Home FOOTPOINT (34×37)
This application includes: general inforn ownership statement, the Ocean Hazard A any information as may be provided orall incorporated without reference in any per any permit. Any person developing in an	STATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: Is the project located in an area subject to a State Stormwater Management Permit issued by the NC Division of Water Quality? YES $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$
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I furthermore certify that I am authorized the Local Permit Officer and their agents related to this permit application.	(1) OCEAN HAZARD AECs: TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE; Square feet (includes air conditioned living space, parking elevated above ground level, non-conditioned space elevated above ground level but excluding non-load-bearing attic space)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: I, the undersigned, acknowledge that the i may be susceptible to erosion and/or floor lar hazard problems associated with this I tion and floodproofing techniques.	SIZE OF LOT/PARCEL: $2, 500$ square feet $, 172$ acres PROPOSED USE: Residential \mathbb{K} (Single-family \mathbb{K} Multi-family \square) Commercial/Industrial \square Other \square COMPLETE EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW (Contact your Local Permit Officer if you are not sure which AEC applies to your property):
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cerning my intent to develop this property and to apply for a CAMA permit. rsons are owners of properties adjoining this property. I affirm that I have given

ERING 208 N. 28th ST. RICHMOND, VA 2323 (Address)

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to enter on the aforementioned lands in connection with evaluating information to grant, and do in fact grant, permission to Division of Coastal Management staff,

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his/her agent for purpose of filing a CAMA permit application

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SATISFACTION OF SECURITY INSTRUMENT BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. #:000006109216664 "HYSONG" Lender ID:005/001/6109216664 Brunswick, North Carolina PIE: 09/05/2007

THE UNDERSIGNED corporation certifies that it is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the hereafter described Deed of Trust and that the debt or other obligation in the original amount of \$40,000.00 secured by the Deed of Trust executed by JAMES B HYSONG AND PAGE B HYSONG, Grantors, to MICHAEL C GERALD, Trustee, for COASTAL FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Beneficiary, and Recorded in Brunswick County, State of North Carolina on 08/29/1997 in Book/Reel/Liber: 1167 Page/Folio: 1192 as Instrument No.: N/A, was satisfied on 09/05/2007 .

Property Address: 3613W BCH DR, LONG BEACH, NC 28465-7842

The undersigned corporation requests that this certificate of satisfaction be recorded and the above-referenced security instrument be cancelled of record.

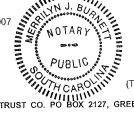
BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY On September 28th, 2007

Bv MARCIA L PRIDGEON, Assistant Vice-President

STATE OF South Carolina COUNTY OF Greenville

On September 28th, 2007, before me, MERRILYN J BURNETT, a Notary Public in and for Greenville in the State of South Carolina, personally appeared MARCIA L PRIDGEON, Assistant Vice-President being by me duly sworn and duly executed of BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument a acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal on September 28th, 2007

MERRILYN J BURNETT/ Notary Expires: 12/21/2014



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Jim and Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

September 11, 2014

Mrs. Thomas H. Whitley 183 Fairmont Circle Danville, VA 24541

Dear Denise,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of our effort to expand the permissible footprint for the construction of our beach house next door to you at 3613 West Beach Drive on Oak Island.

As we told you when we saw you back in late June or early July, we had applied for a CAMA Minor Permit that would allow us to build in line with the Pickering's house at 3611 West Beach Drive and back about 6 or 7 feet from yours at 3615 W. Beach Drive. As we explained, the process would involve our permit application being denied and then moving on to appearing before the DCM (Division of Coastal Management) Commission to present our CAMA Variance Request.

This is to let you know that our CAMA Minor Permit has been officially denied, and we are in the process of taking the next step of meeting with the DCM Commission, hopefully on October 22nd in Wilmington.

We will keep you apprised of our progress and appreciate your cooperation in our efforts. If you have any questions or wish to contact us for any reason, please call us at (828) 891-2102 or email at jhysong@bellsouth.net.

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Jim and Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

September 11, 2014

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Pickering 208 N. 28th Street Richmond, VA 23223

Dear Bill and Lee Ann,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of our effort to expand the permissible footprint for the construction of our beach house next door to you at 3613 West Beach Drive on Oak Island.

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ATTACHMENT E

Stipulated Exhibits

- 1. Deed to Petitioners' lot
- 2. First CAMA minor permit application dated August 5, 2014
- 3. Letter noting incomplete application dated August 15, 2014
- 4. Second CAMA minor permit application August 20, 2014
- 5. Denial of permit application dated September 8, 2014
- 6. Letter from Town regarding denial of permit sent August 14, 2014
- 7. E-mail dated November 14, 2014 from Town of Oak Island regarding front yard setback
- 8. Historical hurricane and tropical storm information as reported by Southport Times
- 9. Aerial and ground-level photographs of the Lot and surrounding area, in PowerPoint format

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WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Long Beach Smithville Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

SEE SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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The property hereinabove described was acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in Book 540, Page 13 and

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Book 441, Page 808, Brunswick County Registry,

TO LAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple.

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the premises in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except for the exceptions hereinafter stated. Title to the property hereinabove Jescribed is subject to the following exceptions:

Restrictions as recorded within the chain of title.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has bereunio set his hand and seal, or if corporate, has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be bereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, the day and year first hore writing

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SCHEDULE "A"

TRACT ONE:

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BEGINNING at a stake located in the southern line of Ocean Drive, Thomas H. Whitley et als northeast corner; stake being south 88 degrees 30 minutes east 385 feet as measured along the southern line of Ocean Drive from its intersection with the eastern line of Ash Street; from said beginning point runs thence south 88 degrees 30 minutes east 50 feet to a point; runs thence south 01 degree 30 minutes west and parallel with Ash Street approximately 150 feet to the high water mark of the Atlantic Ocean; runs thence with the high water mark of the Atlantic Ocean approximately north 88 degrees 30 minutes west 50 feet to a point; runs thence north 01 degree 30 minutes west 50 feet to a point; runs thence north 01 degree 30 minutes east and parallel with Ash Street approximately 150 feet to the southern line of Ocean Drive, the place and point of BEGINNING, the same being the eastern fifty (50) feet of Lot 6, Block 104, according to a map of same recorded in Map Book 5 at Page 50 of the Brunswick County Registry.

TRACT TWO:BEGINNING at a stake in the southern edge of Ocean Drive, said stake
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Block 104, according to a map of same duly recorded in Map Book 5 : 1
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STATE STORMWATH	ER MANAGEMENT PERMI	T. Is the project	located in an area subject to a	Stata Stormwater

Management Permit issued by the NC Division of Water Quality? YES NO

If yes, list the total built upon area/impervious surface allowed for your lot or parcel: 1,884 square feet

HOME FOOTPRINT (34×37)

OTHER PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED: The activity you are planning may require permits other than the CAMA minor development permit, including, but not limited to: Drinking Water Well, Septic Tank (or other sanitary waste treatment system), Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Insulation and Energy Conservation, FIA Certification, Sand Dune, Sediment Control, Subdivision Approval, Mobile Home Park Approval, Highway Connection, and others. Check with your Local Permit Officer for more information.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP:

I, the undersigned, an applicant for a CAMA minor development permit, being either the owner of property in an AEC or a person authorized to act as an agent for purposes of applying for a CAMA minor development permit, certify that the person listed as landowner on this application has a significant interest in the real property described therein. This interest can be described as: (check one)

an owner or record title, Title is vested in TAMES PAGE HYSONG, see Deed Book 1167 page 1188 in the BRUNSWICK County Registry of Deeds.

an owner by virtue of inheritance. Applicant is an heir to the estate of ______; probate was in ______ County.

if other interest, such as written contract or lease, explain below or use a separate sheet & attach to this application.

NOTIFICATION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

I furthermore certify that the following persons are owners of properties adjoining this property. I affirm that I have given ACTUAL NOTICE to each of them concerning my intent to develop this property and to apply for a CAMA permit.

(Name)	(Address)			
(1) WILLIAM T. & LEE AWN RICKERING	208 N. 28#ST. K	PICHMOND, VA	23223	
(2) THOMAS H. WHITLEY, ETLS	183 FAIRMONT C	JECLE, DANVIO	UE, VA	24541
(3)				
(4)				2010

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that the land owner is aware that the proposed development is planned for an area which may be susceptible to erosion and/or flooding. I acknowledge that the Local Permit Officer has explained to me the particular hazard problems associated with this lot. This explanation was accompanied by recommendations concerning stabilization and floodproofing techniques.

I furthermore certify that I am authorized to grant, and do in fact grant, permission to Division of Coastal Management staff, the Local Permit Officer and their agents to enter on the aforementioned lands in connection with evaluating information related to this permit application.

This the 5th day of Aug. 2014 Agues B. Hyson g

Landowner of person authorized to act as his/her agent for purpose of filing a CAMA permit application

This application includes: general information (this form), a site drawing as described on the back of this application, the ownership statement, the Ocean Hazard AEC Notice where necessary, a check for \$100.00 made payable to the locality, and any information as may be provided orally by the applicant. The details of the application as described by these sources are incorporated without reference in any permit which may be issued. Deviation from these details will constitute a violation of any permit. Any person developing in an AEC without permit is subject to civil, criminal and administrative action.

AEC HAZARD NOTICE

Project Is In An:	🗶 Ocean Erodible Area	X_ High Hazard Flood Area	Inlet Hazard Area
Property Owner:	JAMES B. & PAG	E B. HYSONG	
Property Address:	3613 W. BEACH	DRIVE, OAK ISLAND,	NC 28465
Date Lot Was Platte	ed: Juzy 14, 1958		

This notice is intended to make you, the applicant, aware of the special risks and conditions associated with development in this area, which is subject to natural hazards such as storms, erosion and currents. The rules of the Coastal Resources Commission require that you receive an AEC Hazard Notice and acknowledge that notice in writing before a permit for development can be issued.

The Commission's rules on building standards, oceanfront setbacks and dune alterations are designed to minimize, but not eliminate, property loss from hazards. By granting permits, the Coastal Resources Commission does not guarantee the safety of the development and assumes no liability for future damage to the development. Permits issued in the Ocean Hazard Area of Environmental Concern include the condition that structures be relocated or dismantled if they become imminently threatened by changes in shoreline configuration. The structure(s) must be relocated or dismantled within two (2) years of becoming imminently threatened, and in any case upon its collapse or subsidence.

The best available information, as accepted by the Coastal Resources Commission, indicates that the annual long-term average ocean erosion rate for the area where your property is located is ______ feet per year.

The rate was established by careful analysis of aerial photographs of the coastline taken over the past 50 years.

Studies also indicate that the shoreline could move as much as <u>325</u> feet landward in a major storm.

The flood waters in a major storm are predicted to be about 18 feet deep in this area.

Preferred oceanfront protection measures are beach nourishment and relocation of threatened structures. Hard erosion control structures such as bulkheads, seawalls, revetments, groins, jetties and breakwaters are prohibited. Temporary sand bags may be authorized under certain conditions.

The applicant must acknowledge this information and requirements by signing this notice in the space below. Without the proper signature, the application will not be complete.

2014 Applicant Signature Date

SPECIAL NOTE: This hazard notice is required for development in areas subject to sudden and massive storms and erosion. Permits issued for development in this area expire on December 31 of the third year following the year in which the permit was issued. Shortly before work begins on the project site, the Local Permit Officer must be contacted to determine the vegetation line and setback distance at your site. If the property has seen little change since the time of permit issuance, and the proposed development can still meet the setback requirement, the LPO will inform you that you may begin work. Substantial progress on the project must be made within 60 days of this setback determination, or the setback must be remeasured. Also, the occurrence of a major shoreline change as the result of a storm within the 60-day period will necessitate remeasurement of the setback. It is important that you check with the LPO before the permit expires for official approval to continue the work after the permit has expired. Generally, if foundation pilings have been placed and substantial progress is continuing, permit renewal can be authorized. It is unlawful to continue work after permit expiration.

For more information, contact:

NNA Address Locality dcoleman@ ci.oak-island. nc.us

EXHIBIT 2

ADJACENT RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER STATEMENT FOR CAMA MINOR PERMITS

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He has described to me as shown in the attached application and project drawing(s), the development he is proposing at that location, and, I have no objections to his proposal.

(APPLICATION AND DRAWING OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ATTACHED)

<u>Jennife W Whitley</u> Signature <u>Jennifer W Whitley</u> Print or Type Name

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<u>8.4.14</u> Date

EXHIBIT 2

ADJACENT RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER STATEMENT FOR CAMA MINOR PERMITS

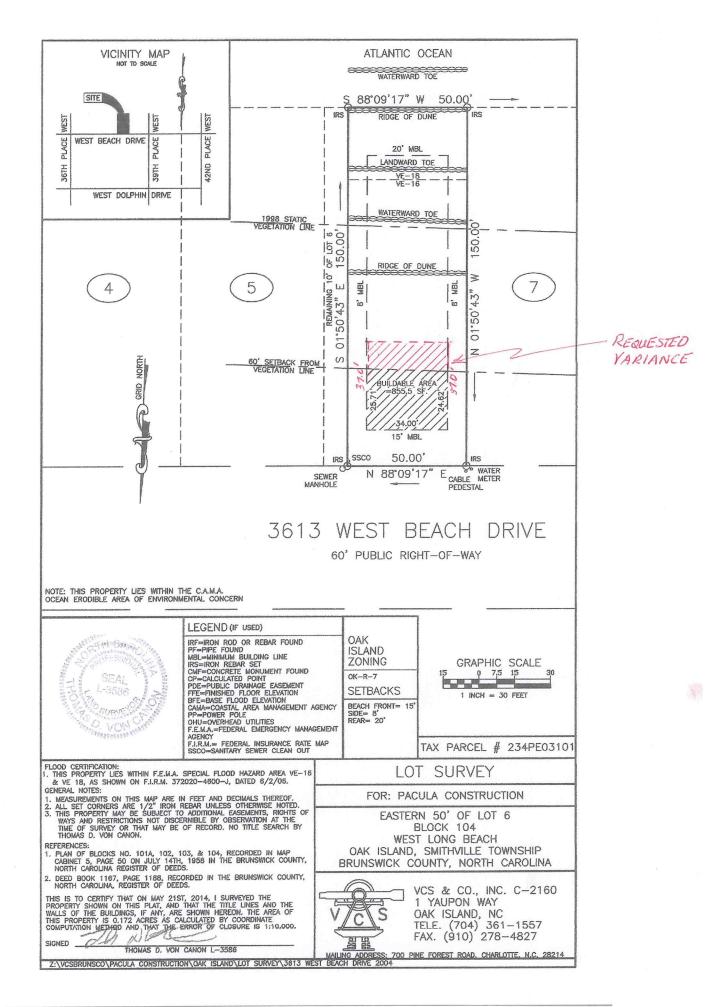
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Address, Lot, Block, Road, etc.)	
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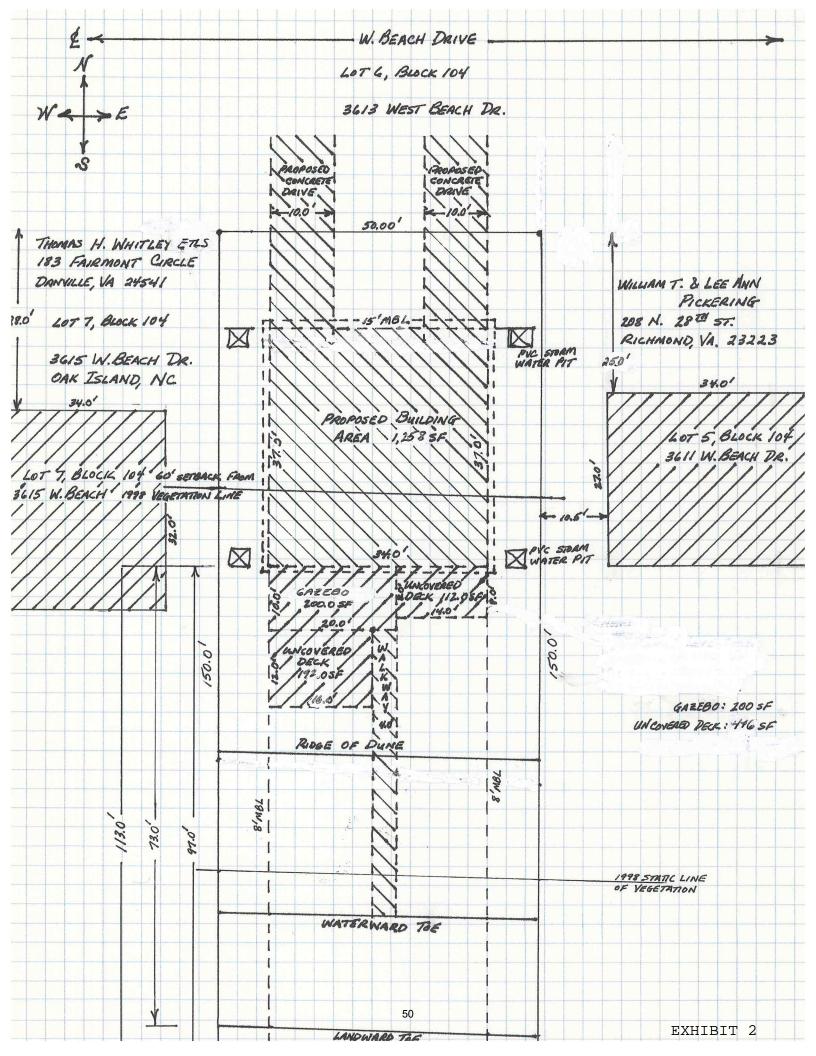
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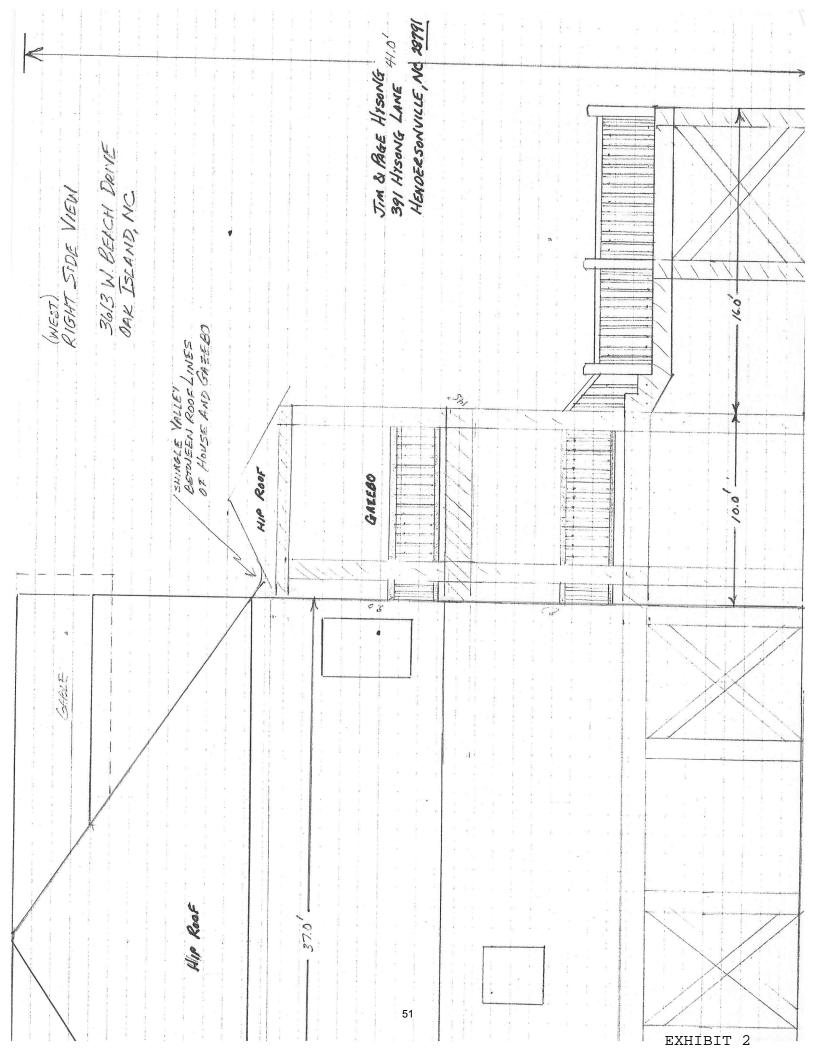
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8/15/2014

James & Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

RE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED APPLICATION NUMBER- OI 14-47 PROJECT ADDRESS- 3613 W. Beach Dr.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hysong:

We originally accepted your application under the impression that it was complete. On subsequent review, I have discovered that additional information is needed to complete the review process. Accordingly, I am requesting that you submit the following additional information to this office:

- 1. Need to provide information on the survey as to where the actual vegetation in on the property.
- 2. Re-draw the side view rendering to show actual ground elevation of dune under the proposed deck.
- 3. Correct length of covered deck and open deck span on side view rendering to match site plan.
- 4. Label frontal dune.
- 5. Show landward dune toes and or depression in center of lot.

In accordance with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regulations, we note that a certain time has passed while the application has remained in our office. Upon resubmission of a complete application, a local decision will be made in 16 days, provided this period is not extended as provided by law.

Please contact me at (910)278-5024 if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,	U.S. Postal Service TM CERTIFIED MAIL TM RECEIPT (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)
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Jim and Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

8/20/2014

Donna F. Coleman Town of Oak Island 4601 E. Oak Island Drive Oak Island, NC 28465

Ref: App #OI 14-47 for 3613 W. Beach Drive

Dear Donna,

Please find enclosed revised lot drawing and side view rendering of our proposed plans. All points requested in your letter of 8/15 (copy enclosed) have been answered and hopefully satisfactorily!

I would like to reiterate that we do not intend to use any fill beyond the ocean side wall of the proposed house footprint. We will level the upper portion of the lot and redistribute the available sand to attain 18 foot above sea level for the slab. We think that minimum fill will be required to complete the process for the slab prep. We will plant shrubs on the ocean side of the house and will not be disturbing the vegetation or dunes beyond that point.

Thank you again for all your help in guiding us through this process.

Regards, Jim Skysong

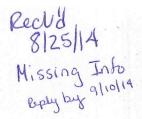
Jim and Page Hysong

Encl: 1) Side view rendering of proposed house and decks.2) Drawing of lot and positioning of proposed site.

3) Your letter of 8/15/2014

cc: Heather Coats, DCM-Wilmington





8/15/2014

James & Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

> RE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED APPLICATION NUMBER- OI 14-47 PROJECT ADDRESS- 3613 W. Beach Dr.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hysong:

We originally accepted your application under the impression that it was complete. On subsequent review, I have discovered that additional information is needed to complete the review process. Accordingly, I am requesting that you submit the following additional information to this office:

- 1. Need to provide information on the survey as to where the actual vegetation in on the property.
- 2. Re-draw the side view rendering to show actual ground elevation of dune under the proposed deck.
- 3. Correct length of covered deck and open deck span on side view rendering to match site plan.
- 4. Label frontal dune.
- 5. Show landward dune toes and or depression in center of lot.

In accordance with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regulations, we note that a certain time has passed while the application has remained in our office. Upon resubmission of a complete application, a local decision will be made in 16 days, provided this period is not extended as provided by law.

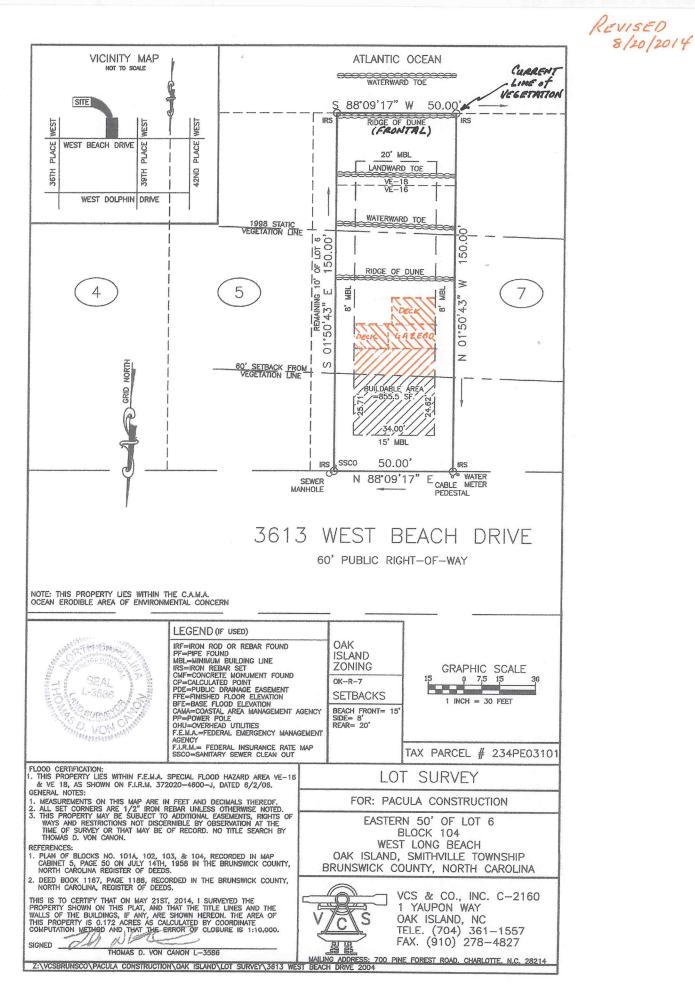
Please contact me at (910)278-5024 if you have any questions.

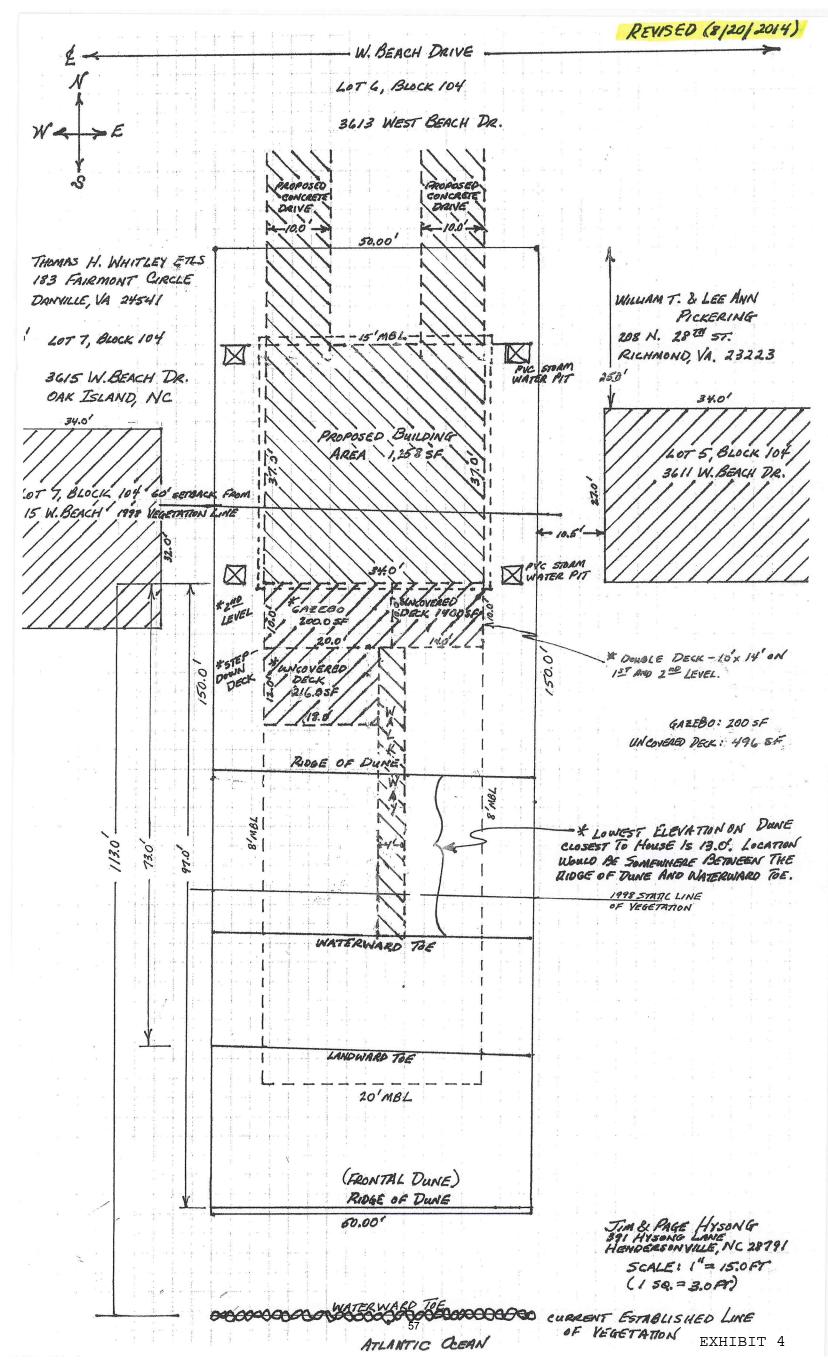
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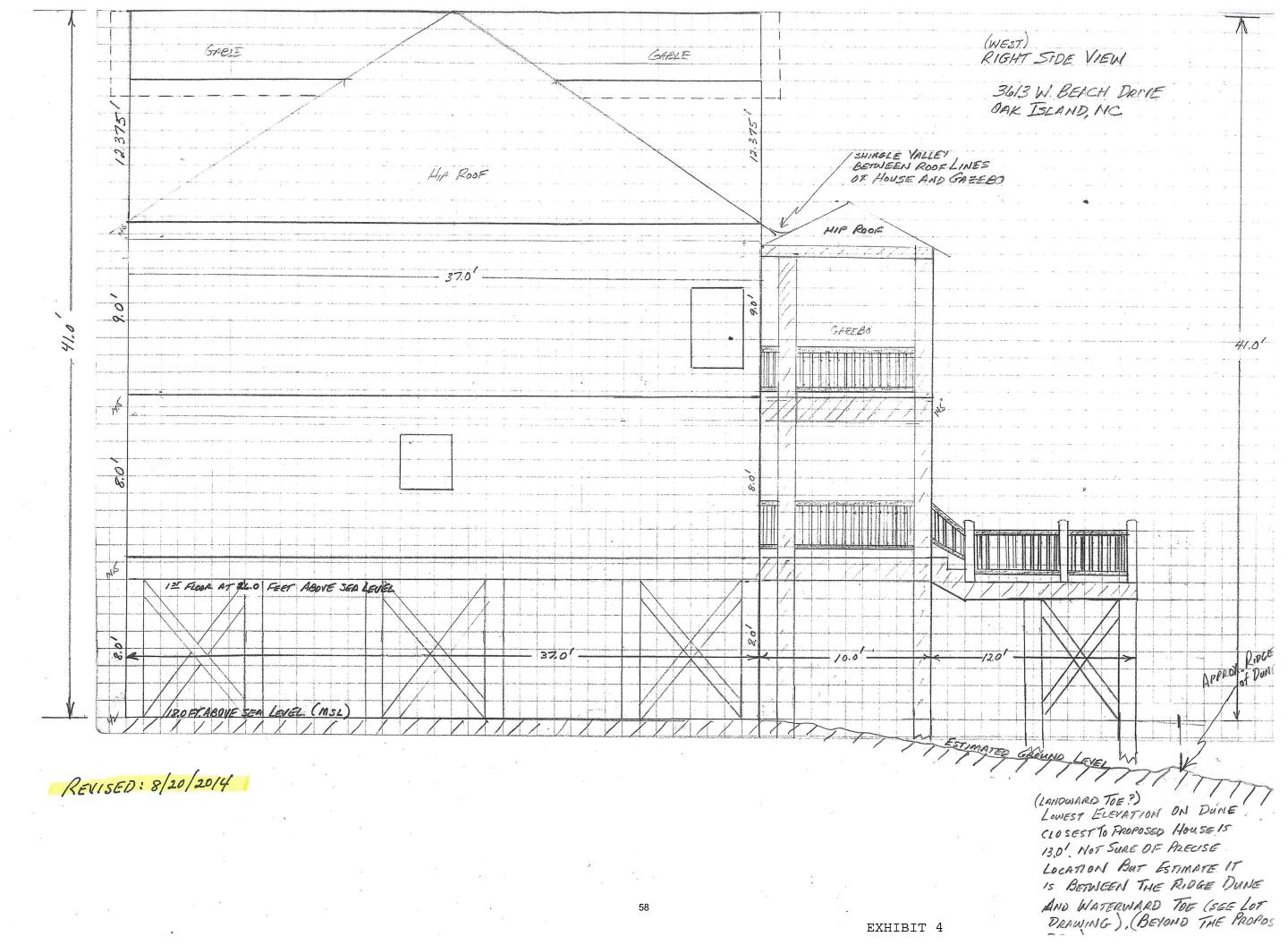
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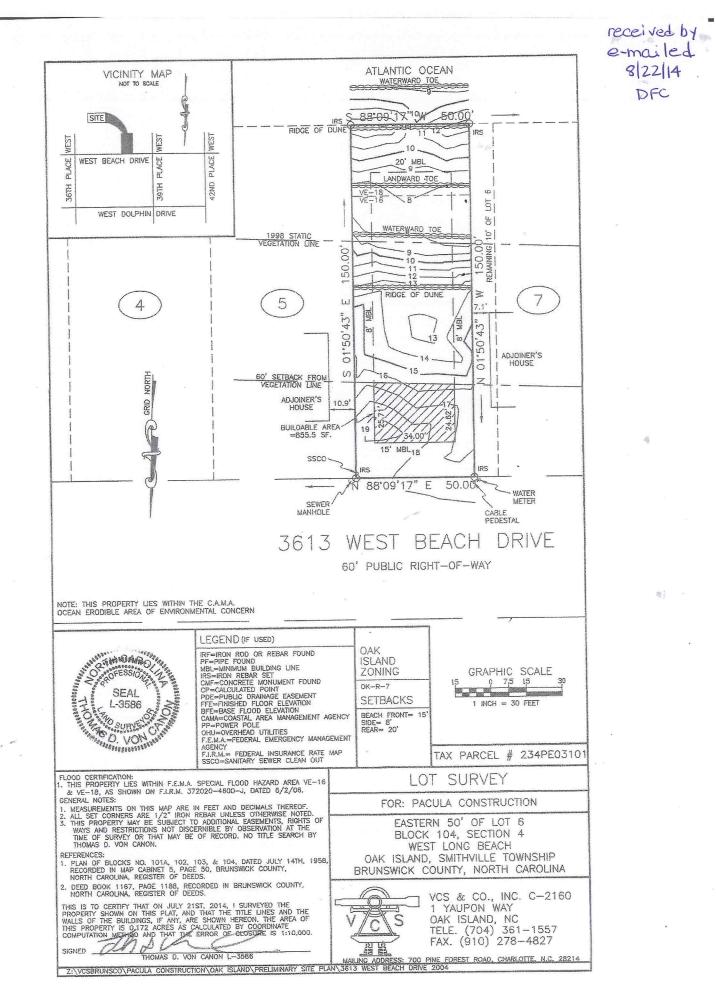
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EXHIBIT 4











September 8, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL - # 7014 0150 0002 1641 364 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jim & Page Hysong 391 Hysong Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791

RE: DENIAL OF CAMA MINOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER- OI 14-47 PROJECT ADDRESS- 3613 W. Beach Dr.

Dear Mr & Mrs Hysong:

After reviewing your application in conjunction with the development standards required by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and our locally adopted Land Use Plan and Ordinances, it is my determination that no permit may be granted for the project which you have proposed.

This decision is based on my findings that your request violates NCGS 113A-120(a)(8) which requires that all applications be denied which are inconsistent with CAMA guidelines and Local Land Use Plans. You have applied to construct a new single family residence which is inconsistent with 15 NCAC 7H .0306, which states that:

15A NCAC 07H .0306 GENERAL USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

"(a) In order to protect life and property, all development not otherwise specifically exempted or allowed by law or elsewhere in the Coastal Resources Commission's Rules shall be located according to whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) The ocean hazard setback for development is measured in a landward direction from the vegetation line, the static vegetation line or the measurement line, whichever is applicable. The setback distance is determined by both the size of development and the shoreline erosion rate as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0304. Development size is defined by total floor area for structures and buildings or total area of footprint for development other than structures and buildings. Total floor area includes the following:

(A) The total square footage of heated or air-conditioned living space;

(B) The total square footage of parking elevated above ground level; and

(C) The total square footage of non-heated or non-air-conditioned areas elevated above ground level, excluding attic space that is not designed to be load-bearing.

Decks, roof-covered porches and walkways are not included in the total floor area unless they are enclosed with material other than screen mesh or are being converted into an enclosed space with material other than screen mesh.

(2) With the exception of those types of development defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0309, no development, including any portion of a building or structure, shall extend oceanward of the ocean hazard setback distance. This includes roof overhangs and elevated structural components that are cantilevered, knee braced, or otherwise extended beyond the support of pilings or footings. The ocean hazard setback is established based on the following criteria:

(A) A building or other structure less than 5,000 square feet requires a minimum setback of 60-feet or 30 times the shoreline erosion rate, whichever is greater..."

4601 E. Oak Island Drive • Oak Island, North Carolina 28465 Phone: (910) 278-5024 • Fax: (910) 2780 1811 • Website: www.oakislandnc.com In your case, the long-term erosion rate is 2'/year and the setback for structures less than 5,000 square feet in total floor area is measured 60' landward of the static vegetation line. Your application is also inconsistent with our Local Land Use Plan. On page 45 of the Land Use Plan, you will find that the plan states: "The majority of beachfront lots within the oceanfront area are built out. The total number of oceanfront lots that are unbuildable according to Oak Island's Community Development Department is 475 lots. These remain undeveloped lots and are unstable due primarily to erosion". Also on page 64 the statement under:

Planning and Community Development Department

The Planning and Community Development Department is responsible for all aspects of the development activity that occurs inside the Town's jurisdiction. The Department reviews plans for development, issues building permits, enforces all Town ordinances and codes and creates and reviews all planning and development documents. The Planning and Development Services Department is a one-stop for all residents and developers interested in building projects in Oak Island. The department provides services such as construction consultations and an on-staff arborist available for the public at no cost. As with all plans adopted by the Town, the Community Development Department will monitor the progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to ensure the activities carried out under this plan are consistent with the CAMA Land Use Plan.

Should you wish to appeal my decision to the Coastal Resource Commission or request a variance from that group, please contact me so I can provide you with the proper forms and any other information you may require. The Division of Coastal Management central office in Morehead City must receive appeal notices within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter in order to be considered.

Respectfully yours,

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Donna F. Coleman, LPO Town of Oak Island

CC:

Heather Coats DCM-Wilmington

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Division of Coastal Management Mike Christenbury 127 Cardinal Ext. N Wilmington, NC

REF: Hysong, CAMA Minor Permit # OI 14-47

Mike,

After further review of the Hysong CAMA Minor Permit application the Town would like to correct a Portion of the denial letter sent to the applicant. It is our request to rescind our determination that the Information submitted is in conflict with our Land Use Plan and just in conflict with the static vegetation line.

Sincerely,

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Donna F. Coleman CAMA-LPO Town of Oak Island

From: crook, Josh <jcrook@ci.oak-island.nc.us>
To: Coleman, Donna
Subject: RE: Hysongs - variance from town
Date: 11/14/2014 4:31:53 PM

Heather,

On February 11, 2014 the Town Council approved an ordinance amendment reducing our front yard setback for all oceanfront lots from 20 feet to 15 feet. This action was taken to allow approximately 51 lots the ability to have the minimum building depth required by the Town to classify the lot as buildable. The minimum depth is 20 feet between the front yard setback and the 60 static line buffer. While many lot owners requested a greater reduction of the front yard setback, staff believed that it would render the owner's no ability to provide the required parking spaces of one 9 x 18 space per bedroom. The Hysong's do have the option of petitioning the Board of Adjustments for a variance on the front yard setback, but it's most certainly going to be denied due to the fact that the Council has already granted the same relief as the other lot owners and they would also have the burden of proving all of the following criteria from Sec. 18-334 of the Town's code of ordinances.

a. Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

b. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as circumstances that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. c. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of

purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as self-created hardship.

d. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Regards,

Joshua N. Crook Planning & Zoning Administrator

Town of Oak Island

(910) 201-8054

From: Coleman, Donna

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 3:18 PM

To: crook, Josh

Subject:

FW: Hysongs - variance from town

Hey Josh,

Can you send me an e-mail addressing the problem as to why the front street setback could not be reduced any further. (see below)

Thanks,

Donna

From: Coats, Heather [mailto:heather.coats@ncdenr.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 10:50 AM

To: Coleman, Donna

Subject:

FW: Hysongs - variance from town

Donna,

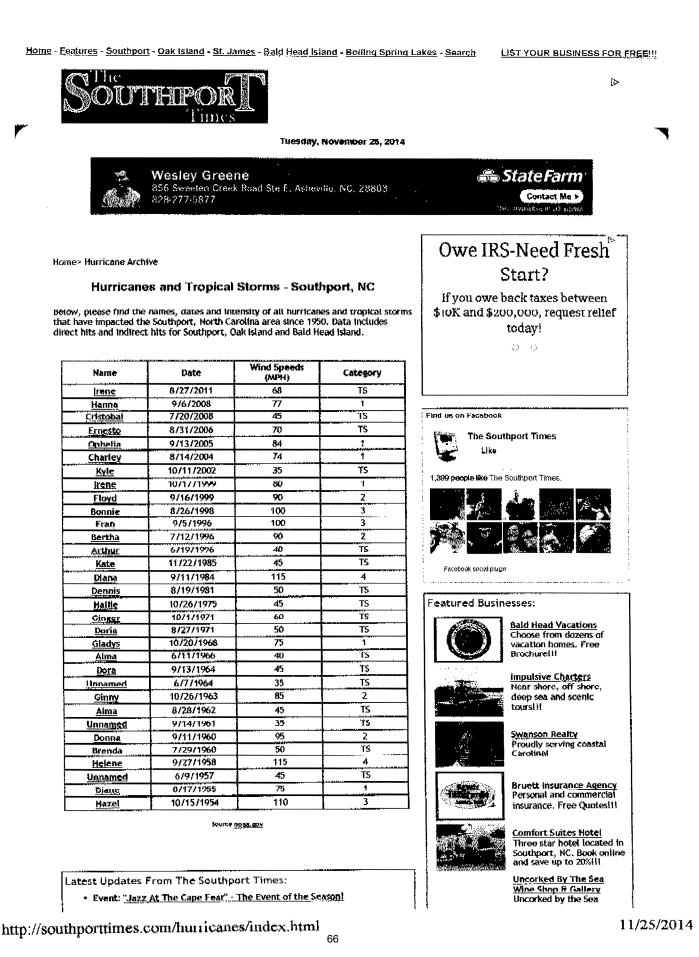
Did the Hysong's request relief from the front street setback from the Town prior to applying for the

permit? If not, they need to try that before applying for the variance- even if you know the answer will be no.

Thanks. Heather Heather Coats, Field Representative NC Division of Coastal Management 127 Cardinal Drive Extension Wilmington, NC 28405-3845 (910) 796-7424 Fax (910) 395-3964 E-mail: heather.coats@ncdenr.gov Please visit www.nccoastalmanagement.net to subscribe to Coastal Management's quarterly newsletter, the CAMAgram. * E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties. From: Menard, Brenda [mailto:BMenard@ncdoj.gov] Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 10:44 AM To: Coats, Heather; Wilson, Debra Subject: Hysongs - variance from town ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION; PRIVILEGED; CONFIDENTIAL; NOT A PUBLIC RECORD Deb & Heather, You are checking on whether there has been any request for a variance from the Town (regarding the setback from the road), right? Could you please let me know what you find out by close of business today? I had hoped to get the stipulated facts to the Hysongs later today or Monday morning at the latest, and if they need to go to the Town for a variance first, that will save them the step of reviewing the stipulated facts at this point. Thanks. Brenda Brenda Menard Special Deputy Attorney General North Carolina Department of Justice P. O. Box 629 Raleigh, NC 27602-0629 (919) 716-6600 Phone (919) 716-6767 Fax bmenard@ncdoj.gov

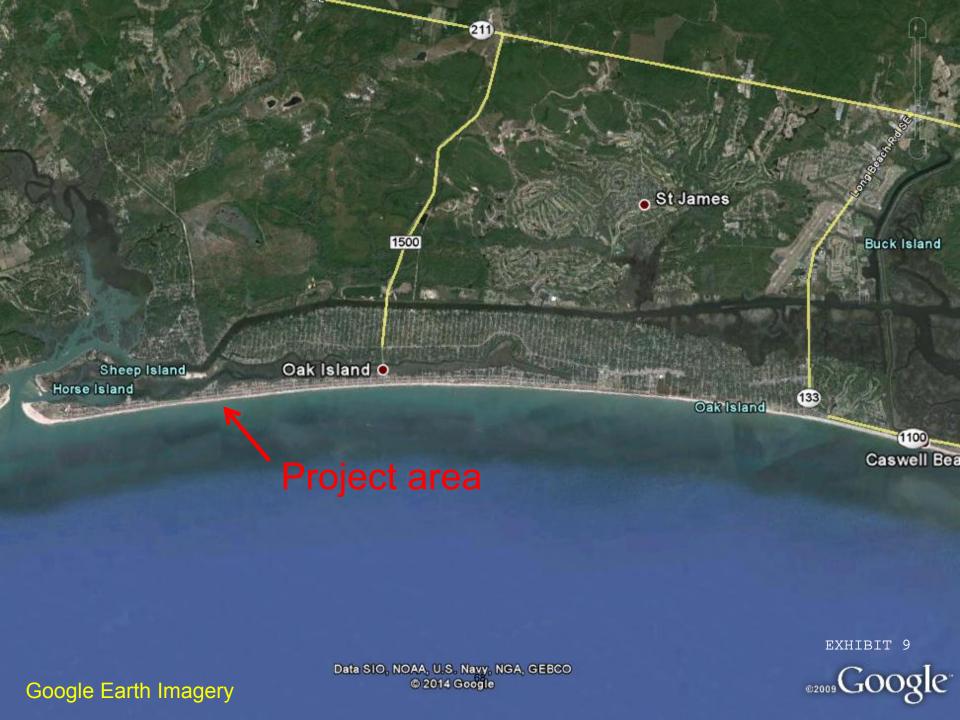
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Hysong VARIANCE REQUEST

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VARIANCE CRITERIA

15A NCAC 07J.0703(f)

To grant a variance, the Commission must affirmatively find each of the four factors listed in G.S. 113A-120.1(a).

- (1) that unnecessary hardships would result from strict application of the development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission;
- (2) that such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property such as location, size, or topography;
- (3) that such hardships did not result from actions taken by the petitioner; and
- (4) that the requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the Commission's rules, standards or orders; will secure the public safety and welfare; and will preserve substanțial justice.