



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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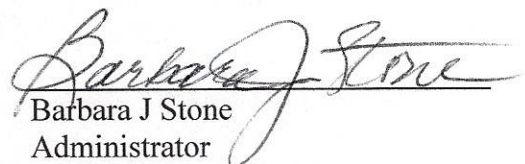
OF BOARD OF APPEALS

RE: Case No. V-39-22 Akwasi and Ethel Juliana Opoku

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Board Order setting forth the action taken by the Board of Appeals in your case on the following date: October 5, 2022.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on November 30, 2022, the above notice and attached Order of the Board were mailed, postage prepaid, to all persons of record.


Barbara J Stone
Administrator

cc: Petitioner
Adjoining Property Owners
M-NCPPC, Permit Review Section
DPIE/Building Code Official, Permitting

BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
Sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals

Petitioners: Akwasi and Ethel Juliana Opoku

Appeal No.: V-39-22

Subject Property: Lot 9, Block A, Hawthorne Hill Subdivision, being 7403 Hawthorne Street, Hyattsville,
Prince George's County, Maryland

Witness: Felix Brew, Nephew, and Designer

Heard: September 14, 2022; Decided: October 5, 2022

Board Members Present and Voting: Bobbie S. Mack, Chairperson

Vacant, Vice Chair

Anastasia T. Johnson, Member

RESOLUTION

This appeal is brought before the Board of Appeals, sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Board"), requesting a variance from the strict application of the provisions of Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code (the "Zoning Ordinance").

In this appeal, a proceeding pursuant to Section 27-3303 of the Zoning Ordinance, Petitioners request that the Board approve a variance from Section Ordinance Section 27-442(e)(2)(4) which prescribes that each lot shall have a rear yard at least 20 feet in depth/width. Petitioners proposes to construct a covered front porch. A variance of 3 feet rear yard depth/width is requested.

Evidence Presented

The following testimony and record evidence were considered by the Board:

1. The property was subdivided in 1999, contains 7,182 square feet, is Residential, Single-Family-65 (RSF-65) Zone and is improved with a single-family dwelling and deck. Exhibits (Exhs.) 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9 (A) through (G).
2. The subject property is square in shape with the front property line being curved. Exhs. 2 and 4.
3. Petitioners propose to construct a covered front porch.
4. Because the deck on the rear of the property line is 3 feet short of the required 20 feet rear setback, a variance of 3 feet rear yard depth/width is required. Exh. 2.
5. Petitioner Akwasi Opoku testified that after he and wife purchased the subject property last year, they discovered during the summertime, the sun causes the front of the house to be too hot to sit outside and enjoy the fresh air. He explained that his wife has medical issues and sometimes she wants to sit outside, but she is unable to do so. He opined that if they had a covered front porch, they would be able to enjoy sitting out front as well as enjoy their neighbors.
6. He stated that most of their neighbors have front porches. Exhs. 2, 3, and 5 (A) through (L).
7. Felix Brew, nephew of Petitioner, testified that because there is no shade in the front of the house, Petitioner does not want to go outside. He indicated that the deck on the rear of the house has no cover. He emphasized that the proposed porch will be located between the righthand side of the garage door to the front door. Exhs. 2, 3, and 5 (A) through (L).

Applicable Code Section and Authority

Section 27-230 of the Zoning Ordinance states a variance may only be granted when the District Council, Zoning Hearing Examiner, Board of Appeals, or the Planning Board as applicable, finds that: A specific parcel of land is physically unique and unusual in a manner different from the nature of

surrounding properties with respect to exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape, exceptional topographic conditions, or other extraordinary conditions peculiar to the specific parcel (such as historical significance or environmentally sensitive features); The particular uniqueness and peculiarity of the specific property causes a zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon that property, such that strict application of the provision will result in peculiar and unusual practical difficulties to the owner of the property. Such variance is the minimum reasonably necessary to overcome the exceptional physical conditions; such variance can be granted without substantial impairment to the intent, purpose and integrity of the general plan or any area master plan, sector plan, or transit district development plan affecting the subject property; and such variance will not substantially impair the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a variance may not be granted if the practical difficulty is self-inflicted by the owner of the property.

Findings of the Board

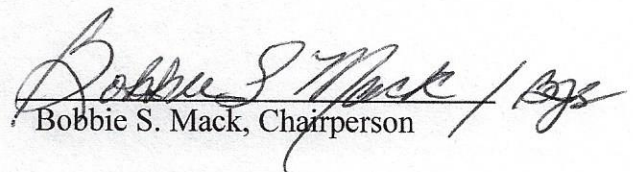
After hearing all the testimony and reviewing the evidence of record, the Board finds that the requested variance complies with the applicable standards set forth in Section 27-230, more specifically:

Due to the excessive heat/sunlight in front of house, the need for a shaded area to accommodate Petitioner who has medical concerns, the existence of other covered front porches in the neighborhood and the character of the neighborhood, granting the relief requested would not substantially impair the intent, purpose and integrity of the General Plan or Master Plan, and denying the request would result in a peculiar and unusual practical difficulty upon the owners of the property.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, unanimously, that a variance of 3 feet rear yard depth/width in order to construct a covered front porch on the property located at 7403 Hawthorne Street, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland, be and is hereby APPROVED. Approval of the variance is contingent upon development in compliance with the approved site plan, Exh. 2 and approved elevation plan Exh. 3.

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By:


Bobbie S. Mack, Chairperson

NOTICE

Within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision, any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency who was a party to the Board's proceedings and is aggrieved by its decision may file an appeal to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County.

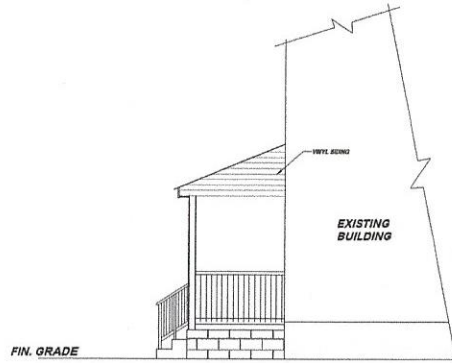
Further, Section 27-233(a) of the Prince George's County Code states:

A decision of the Board, permitting the erection of a building or structure, shall not be valid for more than two (2) years, unless a building permit for the erection is obtained within this period and the construction is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of the decision and the permit.

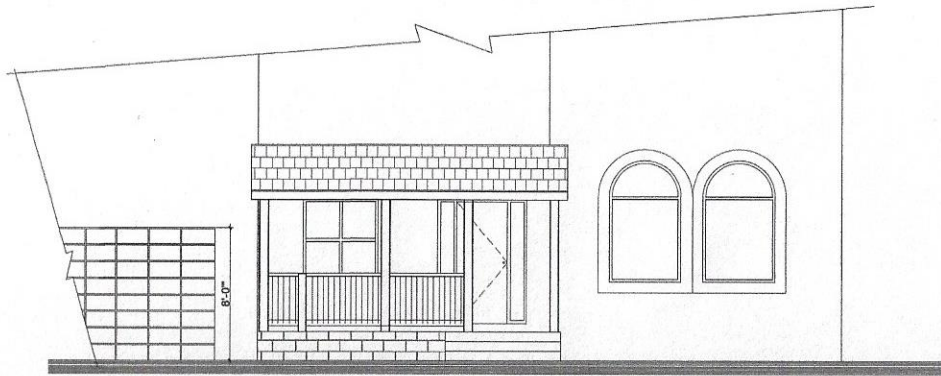
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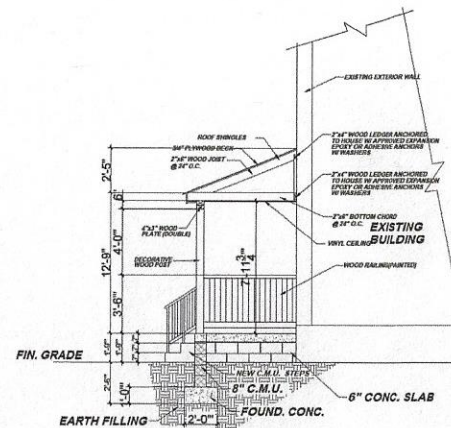
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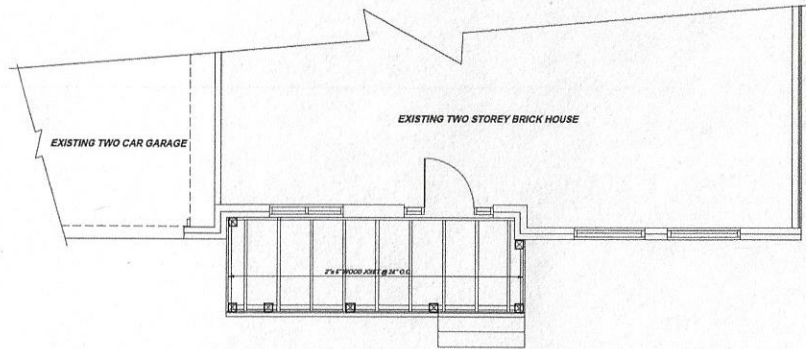
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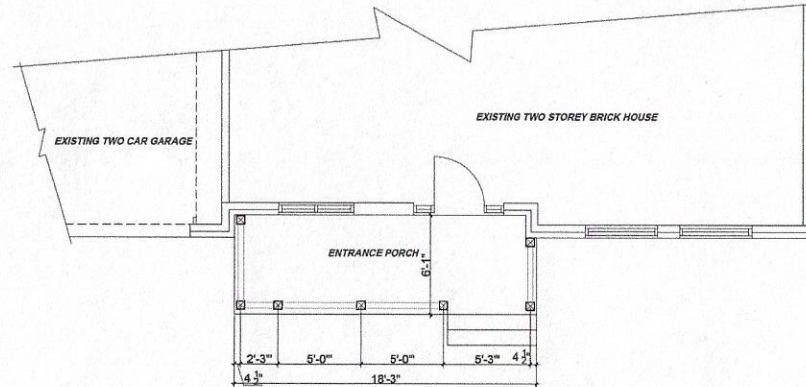
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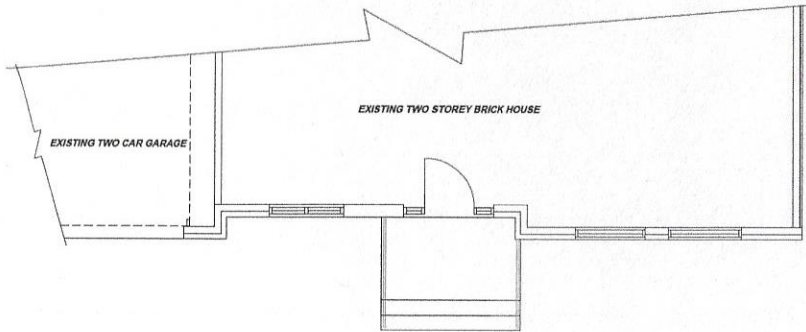
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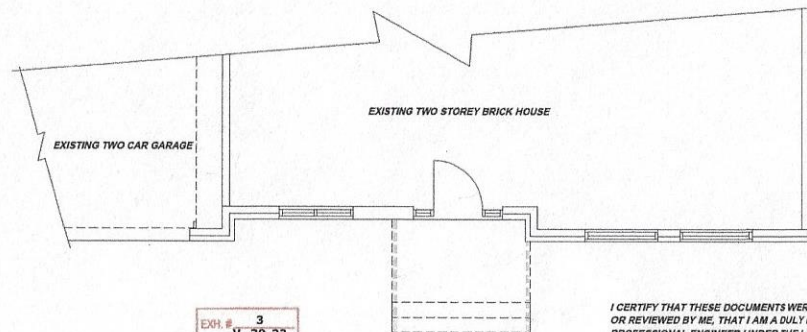
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PROPOSED PARTIAL FLOOR PLAN
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PARTIAL EXISTING FLOOR PLAN
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EXH. # 3
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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER



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PROJECT TITLE
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7403 HAWTHORNE STREET
HYATTSVILLE, MD. 20785

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FOR ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS ON THE JOB
AND THIS AREA MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ANY
VIOLATION FROM THE DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS

DATE: FEB 5, 2021

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IMAGE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN GROUP
DESIGN CONSULTANTS
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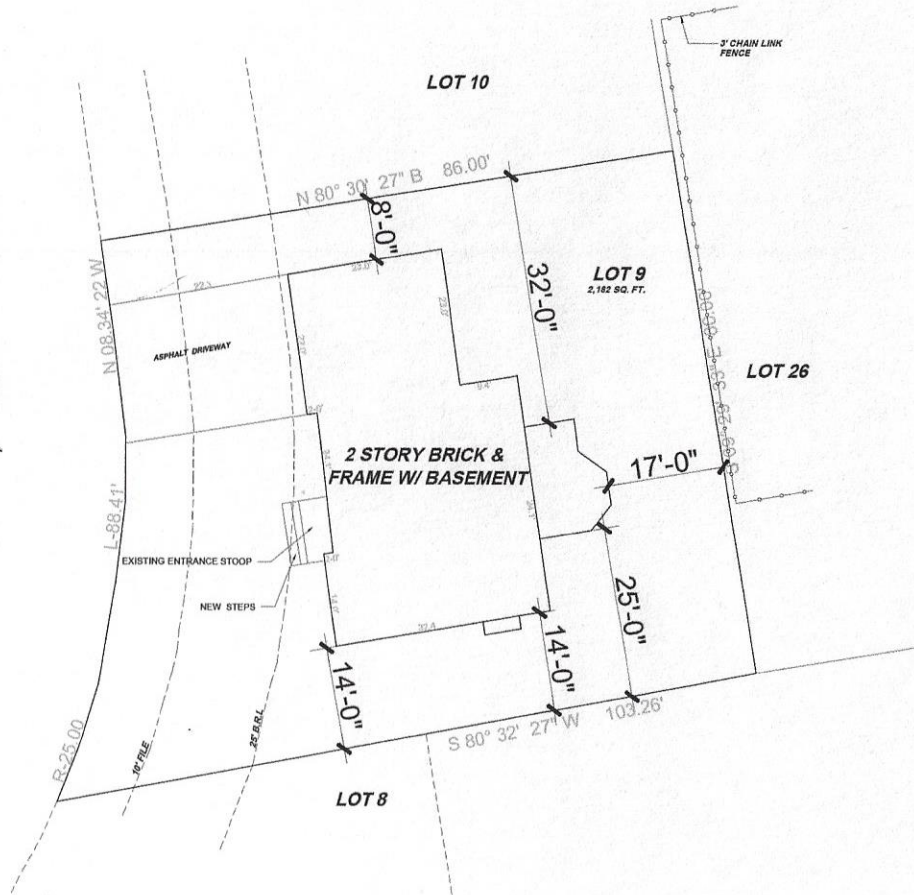
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DEMOLITION GENERAL NOTES

1. THE SITE SHALL BE STRIPPED OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PERIMETER CITY SIDEWALKS AND OWNERS PROPERTY.
2. REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE AS REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT. THE MATERIALS REMOVED FROM THE SITE SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN A PROPER AND LEGAL MANNER PER FEDERAL, STATE, AND/OR LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES.
3. IF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE ENCOUNTERED THE OWNER SHALL BE NOTIFIED. THOSE MATERIALS SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF IN A MANNER AS APPROVED BY ALL GOVERNING AGENCIES AND IN A LANDFILL OR DISPOSAL FACILITY LICENSED TO ACCEPT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.
4. EXISTING PAVEMENT, SIDEWALKS, CURBS, DRIVEWAYS, ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER, DITCHES, DRAINAGE PIPES AND STRUCTURES, FENCES, GREEN AREAS, TREES, BUSHES, MULCHES, SIGNS AND POWER POLES ETC. TO REMAIN SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE BY THE CONTRACTOR. ANY DAMAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE RESTORED, RECONSTRUCTED OR REPLACED BY HIS EXPENSE. ALL DAMAGED SHALL BE RESTORED OR REPLACED TO AT LEAST THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION OR AS REQUIRED OR DICTATED BY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY OR GOVERNING AGENCIES. ANY UTILITIES REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN SERVICE FOR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PROTECTED.
5. SAW CUT THE EDGES OF PAVED AREAS CLEAN, NEAT AND TRUE TO LINE SO NO UNWANTED CHIPPING OR BREAKING OF EXISTING PAVEMENT TO REMAIN WILL OCCUR.

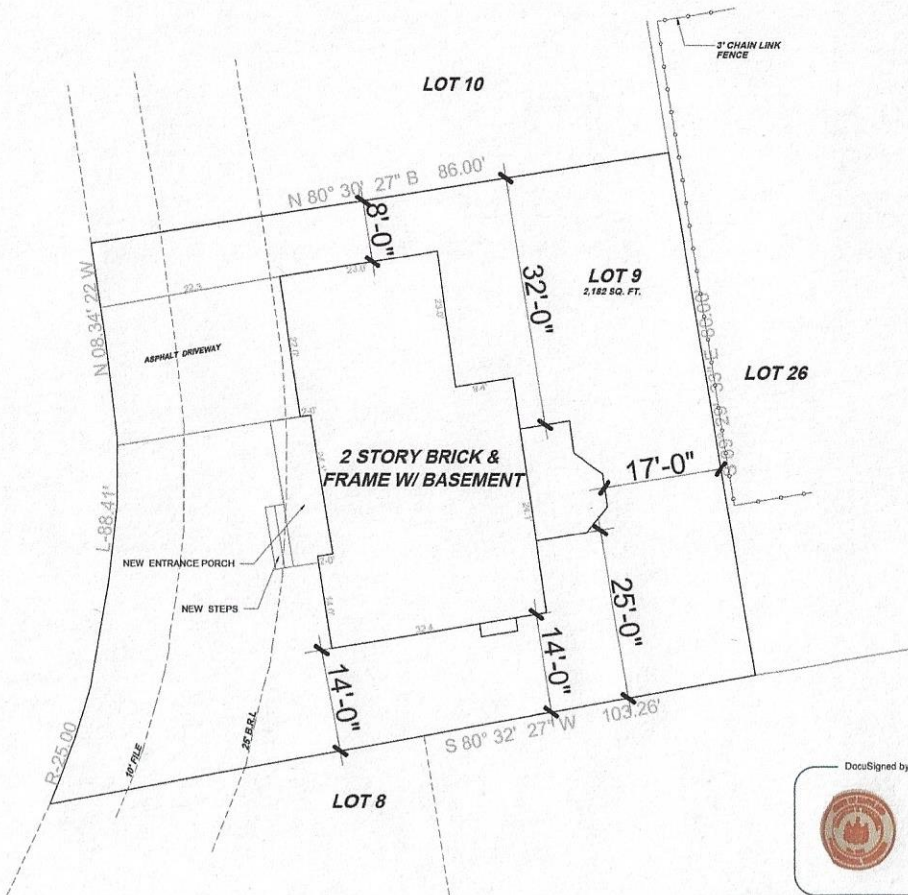
6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING EVERY DAY AND REMOVE ALL MUD, DIRT, GRAVEL AND LOOSE MATERIALS TRACKED, DUMPED, SPILLED OR WIND BLOWN FROM THIS SITE ONTO OTHER SITES, RIGHT OF WAY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR ROADS, DRIVEWAYS, YARDS OR SIDEWALKS. THE CONTRACTOR MUST CLEAN OR PICK UP DAILY IF NECESSARY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REDUCE THE AIRBORNE DUST DURING THE ENTIRE DEMOLITION SCHEDULE.
7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN EROSION CONTROL DEVICES AS REQUIRED DURING DEMOLITION.
8. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO NOTIFY THE OWNER AND ALL THE UTILITY COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS 72 HOURS OR AS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION TO VERIFY ANY UTILITIES THAT MAY BE PRESENT ON SITE. ALL VERIFICATIONS, LOCATIONS, SIZES, AND DEPTHS SHALL BE MADE BY THE APPROPRIATE UTILITY COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENTS. WHEN EXCAVATING AROUND OR OVER EXISTING UTILITIES, THE CONTRACTOR MUST NOTIFY THE UTILITY COMPANY SO A REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE PRESENT TO INSTRUCT AND OBSERVE DURING THE EXCAVATION. VERIFY THAT UTILITIES HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED AND CAPPED BEFORE DEMOLITION STARTS.
9. REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONCRETE OR OTHER PAVED AREAS SHALL INCLUDE ALL AGGREGATE BASE MATERIALS. AREAS TO BE REMOVED SHALL BE SAW CUT CLEAN, NEAT, AND TRUE TO LINE.
10. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF DEMOLITION OPERATIONS. NO DEMOLITION, GRADING OR OTHER WORK SHALL BEGIN WITHIN EASEMENTS ON ADJACENT PROPERTIES UNTIL A COORDINATION MEETING BETWEEN THE CITY, OWNER, ARCHITECT, AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS.

11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE AT HIS EXPENSE ALL AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES REQUIRED BY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY OR LOCAL AGENCIES.
12. RECYCLED CRUSHED OR PULVERIZED CONCRETE OR MASONRY MAY BE USED AS BACKFILL OR IN NEW CONSTRUCTION ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE STRUCTURAL OR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER.
13. PERFORM CLEARING, GRUBBING, STUMP REMOVAL, TOPSOIL STOCKPILE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF TREES, SHRUBS, STUMPS, AND ROOT SYSTEMS TO A MINIMUM DEPTH TO ERADICATE FROM SUB-GRADE, A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 42 INCHES.
14. THE CONTRACTOR MUST VISIT THE SITE AND STUDY EXISTING PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, REVIEW DRAWINGS, AND REACH HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS ON WORK NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH INTENDED RESULTS DESCRIBED BY THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS.



EXISTING
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