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*Applicant: Name and Address	*Property Owner: Name and Address
Design Freedom, inc.	Longline Investments LLC
Cathy Svercl, Architect	Mike Nagy, Manager
2160 Victoria Drive, Clearwater, FL 33763	8025 12th Ave S, St Petersburg, FL 33707-2708
Telephone: (727) 688-6643	Telephone: (727) 871-1061
Email: architect@designfreedominc.com	Email: mnagy@bayforce.com
13230 Boca Ciega Ave, Madeira Beach, FL Legal Description: Page's Replat of Mitchell's E	Beach Blk I, Lot 5
Lot Area: _5,075.75 W	Vidth: <u>143.875 ft.</u> Depth: <u>36.5 ft.</u>
Zoning District: Low Density Multifamily Residen	ntial (R-2)
Present Structures on Property: 1-Story Fra	ame Duplex
Present Use of Property: Long-term (annual)	rentals
Date Building Permit Request denied: <u>N/A</u>	Α
Variance(s) needed from the zoning require Side Setback Variance from 25' total to 5' total, Rear S Front Setback Variance from 20' to 15'	

PLEASE ATTACH REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: SITE PLAN, PICTURES, DEED, SURVEYOR'S SKETCH, DRAWINGS, EXPLANATION, ETC.

** For City	of Madeira	Beach L	Jse Only**
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Fee: Check # _	Ca	ash 🗆	Receipt #
Date Received: 05 / 20 / 25		Receiv	ed by:
Special Magistrate Case # Assigned:	2025-07		
Special Magistrate Hearing Date: 07	_/ <u>07</u> / <u>25</u>	proved 🗆	Denied
Zoning Variance for Residential D	welling Units (One, Two	or Three Units)	\$ <u>1,800.00</u> per Variance
Zoning Variance for Multi-Family,	Tourist Dwellings or Com	mercial	\$2,000.00 per Variance
After-the-fact Variance			\$3,600.00 per Variance
<u>X</u>		Date:	//
Jenny Rowan, Community De	velopment Director		
<u>X</u>		Date: _	//
Robin Gomez, City Mana	ger		

Special Magistrate Case #:_

APPLICATION (Must submit the following analysis)

This application to the Special Magistrate is requesting permission to: ____

Side Setback Variance from 25' total to 5' total, Rear Setback Variance from 25' to 12', & Front Setback Variance from 20' to 15'

The special magistrate shall authorize, upon application to appeal, after public notice has been given and public hearing held, such variance from the terms of the city land development regulations as not being contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the land development regulations, subpart B of this Code will result in unnecessary and undue hardship. In order to authorize any variance from the terms of the city land development regulations, the special magistrate shall consider the following criteria and shall find that the criteria has been satisfied in full and that a hardship exists.

On a separate attached page, explain in detail how your request meets City Code Sec. 2-507 by complying with the following rules. Please note that your explanation demonstrate that your request meets one or more of the conditions listed under criteria #1 below and that it also meets in full criteria 2 through 6 below:

- Demonstrate that special conditions and circumstances exist which are particular to the land, building, or other structures in the same district. Special conditions to be considered shall include but are not limited to:
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 - e. Architectural and/or engineering considerations. If the proposed project utilizes architectural and/or engineering features that would render the project more disaster resistant.

- 2. Demonstrate that special condition (s) and circumstance (s) do not result from the actions of the applicant. A self-created hardship shall not justify a variance.
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OWNER CERTIFICATION

I hereby authorize permission for the Special Magistrate, Building Official and Planning & Zoning Director to enter upon the above referenced premises for purposes of inspection related to this petition.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the contents of this application, and that this application, together with all supplemental data and information, is a true representation of the facts concerning this request; that this application is made with my approval, as owner and applicant, as evidenced by my signature below.

It is hereby acknowledged that the filing of the application does not constitute automatic approval of the request; and further, if the request is approved, I will obtain all the necessary permits and comply with all applicable orders, codes, conditions, rules and regulations pertaining to the subject property.

I have received a copy of the Special Magistrate Requirements and Procedures (attached), read and understand the reasons necessary for granting a variance and the procedure, which will take place at the Public Hearing.

Appeals. (City Code, Sec. 2-109) An aggrieved party, including the local governing authority, may appeal a final administrative order of the Special Magistrate to the circuit court. Such an appeal shall not be a hearing *de novo* but shall be limited to appellate review of the record created before the Special Magistrate. An appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the execution of the order to be appealed.

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Property Owner's	Signature	
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COUNTY OF		- 1
Before me this $\underline{/ 7}$ day of $\underline{/ 7}$ appeared in person who, being sworn, of and is \Box personally known to me or \square	leposes and says that the fore	· · ·
[SEAL] JENNIFER L. STEPHENS Notary Public State of Florida Comm# HH226608 Expires 4/4/2026	Jeninfi	Public Notary Signature

NOTICE: Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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FOR YOUR RECORDS

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES (City Code Sec. 2-507)

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In granting any variance, the Special Magistrate may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with the city land development regulations. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted shall be deemed a violation of this Code. The Special Magistrate may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed or both. Under no circumstances except as permitted in the applicable zoning district of the city land development regulations. A nonconforming use of neighborhood lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district shall not be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance. **Financial loss** standing alone is not sufficient justification for a variance.

The hearing will be conducted in the following manner:

- 1. Public notice will be read along with correspondence received.
- 2. City presents its case, and the applicant may cross-examine.
- 3. The Applicant presents his or her case supported by witnesses and evidence; and the City has the right to crossexamine each witness.
- 4. Public comment will only be solicited or received form parties directly affected by the variance. Individuals testifying do not have the right to cross-examine the parties.
- 5. Public participation will be closed, the Special Magistrate deliberates and makes a decision to grant or deny each variance requested in the application.

All variances granted by the Special Magistrate and not acted on within on (1) year of being granted will automatically expire.

The granting of a variance does not relieve the applicant from obtaining a building permit. The Special Magistrate does not have the authority to grant variances from the 100 Year Flood Level for Residential or Commercial Property.



18 May 2025

Revised June 12, 2025

Variance Application for the Property Located at: 13230 Boca Ciega Ave, Madeira Beach, FL

Question 1: Demonstrate that special conditions and circumstances exist which are particular to the land, building, or other structures in the same district.

Part A: Substandard or Irregular-Shaped Lot

The lot at 13230 Boca Ciega Ave is substandard in multiple respects. It has a total area of only 5,075.75 square feet, which is slightly below the 6,000 square feet minimum lot size required for duplex development in this zoning district.

The lot's width of 145.31 feet (north side) and 142.44 feet (south side) averages out to 143.875 feet, well above the minimum 60-foot lot width requirement. However, the triangular-shaped lot depth of 73.00 feet on the east side and 0 (zero) feet on the west side averages out to be 36.5 feet, all of which is less than the minimum 80-foot depth required by code.

With the current setbacks, the buildable area of the lot would only be 170.25 square feet, compared to the current building footprint of 1,559 SF. The lot is a highly irregular triangular shape which minimizes the buildable area.

With a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.80, about 4,060.6 SF of building area is permitted—compared to the 4,800 SF that could be built on a standard 6,000 SF lot.

These conditions are not common across the district and present unique challenges to compliance with current zoning codes.

Part B: N/A

Part C: Residential Neighborhood Character

The existing duplex, built in 1942, reflects the historic development pattern of the surrounding neighborhood. Its front setback of approximately 2.68' to 7.34', side setbacks ranging from 2.94' at the carport to 14.91' at the living area, and a rear setback of 6.54' to 9.37' are consistent with other dwellings on the block. Refer to the "Sketch of Nearby Streets Area Map" attachment showing the approximate location of the 50' street Right of Way (ROW). The proximity of nearby buildings to the right-of-way, as well as to front and rear property lines, demonstrates a consistent neighborhood character. Nearby addresses include:

- 13212 Boca Ciega Ave adjacent to the property and its neighbor 13210 Boca Ciega Ave
- 13206, 13246, 13248, and 13250 4th St E at the rear of the property
- 13200 Boca Ciega Ave & 13201 4th St E at the end of the block
- 13203 and 13255 Boca Ciega Ave across the street, waterside
- 13119 Boca Ciega Ave farther down the street

The proposed replacement structure aims to preserve this established character, maintaining a similar relationship to the street and neighboring dwellings.

Part D: N/A

Part E: Architectural and/or Engineering Considerations

The existing duplex is a wood-frame, siding-clad building constructed on a crawlspace in 1942, with a finished floor elevation approximately 24 inches above grade. During Hurricane Helene in September 2024, the structure sustained about 28 inches of flood damage.

Given the extent of damage and the building's age, any substantial renovation would trigger the FEMA 50% Rule, requiring full compliance with current floodplain regulations.

The proposed design will fully conform to FEMA and Florida Building Code requirements. The new duplex will include parking and entry at ground level, with all habitable space elevated above the Base Flood Elevation. This resilient approach ensures safety and durability while respecting the scale and character of the neighborhood. The updated structure will replace a vulnerable, outdated dwelling with a modern and flood-resistant one, offering long-term protection for future residents.

Question 2: Demonstrate that special condition(s) and circumstance(s) do not result from the actions of the applicant.

The existing lot was legally platted decades ago. Its substandard dimensions and irregular triangular shape predate current zoning regulations. The hardship is not self-created but is the result of subsequent zoning amendments that imposed new minimum standards on older, established lots.

Per Sec. 110-96(b)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance, duplexes on nonconforming lots may be rebuilt to match existing nonconforming conditions. While we intend to meet current requirements for height, parking, and floodplain compliance, the current code's reduced setbacks would make it impossible to reconstruct a comparable duplex footprint without a variance.

Absent the variance, the allowable building footprint would be limited to approximately 170.25 square feet, which is not functionally or economically viable for a two-unit structure.

Question 3: Demonstrate that the granting of the variance will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district.

The requested variance aligns with the established development pattern in this area, where many dwellings were built prior to current zoning regulations. These dwellings maintain nonconforming setbacks and footprints similar to the existing structure.

The requested variance is consistent with what has been granted to other properties in the district with similar historic, nonconforming lots. Many nearby dwellings were built before current zoning requirements and maintain setbacks, densities, and building footprints that would not be allowed under today's code. The applicant is seeking to maintain the established development pattern and ensure reasonable use of the property by replacing a two-unit structure with another of comparable size and use. Granting the variance for dimensional requirements would not confer a special privilege, but rather allow the continuation of a long-standing residential use that is typical of the surrounding neighborhood.

Question 4: Demonstrate that the literal interpretation would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district and would work unnecessary and undue hardship.

Strict application of current setback and lot standards would effectively prohibit the rebuilding of a functional duplex on this site. The lot has long supported two residential units, and denying a variance would prevent the applicant from continuing that established use, despite similar allowances made for neighboring nonconforming properties.

The hardship is not self-imposed and is unnecessary, especially considering that the zoning code (Sec. 110-96(b)(2)) explicitly allows for the continuation of nonconforming use and form under certain circumstances. Without a variance, the remaining buildable footprint would not support reasonable redevelopment of the site.

Question 5: Demonstrate that the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land.

The variance request is limited to only those elements necessary to reconstruct a code-compliant, resilient duplex with a comparable footprint to the existing building. The proposed structure will not exceed the 0.40 maximum lot coverage permitted by code (2,030.3 SF on a 5,075.75 SF lot), and no additional variances for height, parking, or ISR are being sought.

The design is compact and efficient, adhering to all other applicable development standards while reflecting the intent of the zoning code and the character of surrounding properties.

Question 6: Demonstrate that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the City Land Development Regulations, and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

The project supports the City's goals for resilient and compatible redevelopment. It removes a vulnerable, flood-damaged structure and replaces it with a modern, elevated duplex that meets current safety, floodplain, and construction standards.

The proposal maintains the scale, massing, and density of the original structure and the neighborhood. Granting the variance will promote public welfare by enabling a safer, more durable housing option without negatively impacting neighboring properties or the community as a whole. The modest increase in density—from 15 to 18 units per acre—aligns with the historic use of the property and supports the City's goals for sustainable, infill redevelopment. The replacement duplex continues the long-standing residential pattern on this street and ensures the property remains viable and functional despite modern zoning constraints.

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Prepared by and return to: Jessica Valind Coastline Title of Pinellas 8550 Blind Pass Road St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 (727) 363-1000 File No: SPB-2024-2345 Consideration: \$720,000.00 Parcel Identification No: Property 1: 15-31-15-65304-009-0040 Property 2: 15-31-15-65304-009-0050

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WARRANTY DEED

(STATUTORY FORM - SECTION 689.02, F.S.)

This indenture made the 31st day of January, 2024 between Ann Bunting, a single person, whose post office address is PO Box 413, Venice, FL 34284, Granter, to Longline Investments, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, whose post office address is 8025 12th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707, Grantee:

Witnesseth, that said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (U.S.\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations to said Grantor in hand paid by said Grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, and sold to the said Grantee, and Grantee's heirs and assigns forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in Pinellas, Florida, to-wit:

Parcel 1:

Lot 4, Block I, Page's Replat of Mitchell's Beach, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 20, Page(s) 69, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Parcel 2:

Lot 5, Block I, Page's Replat of Mitchell's Beach, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 20, Page(s) 69, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Subject to taxes for 2024 and subsequent years, not yet due and payable; covenants, restrictions, easements, reservations and limitations of record, if any.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same in fee simple forever.

And Grantor hereby covenants with the Grantee that the Grantor is lawfully seized of said land in fee simple, that Grantor has good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land and that the Grantor hereby fully warrants the title to said land and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, Grantor has hereunto set Grantor's hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence:

WITNESS #1
sign: Janenaus
Print: Sarenalt. Czarnedi
8550 Bind Pass Rd
St. Petersbruc, [133706
(Witness #1 Address)

non Ann Bunting

PO Box 413 Venice, FL 34284

WITNESS #2

Sign: Bargne	
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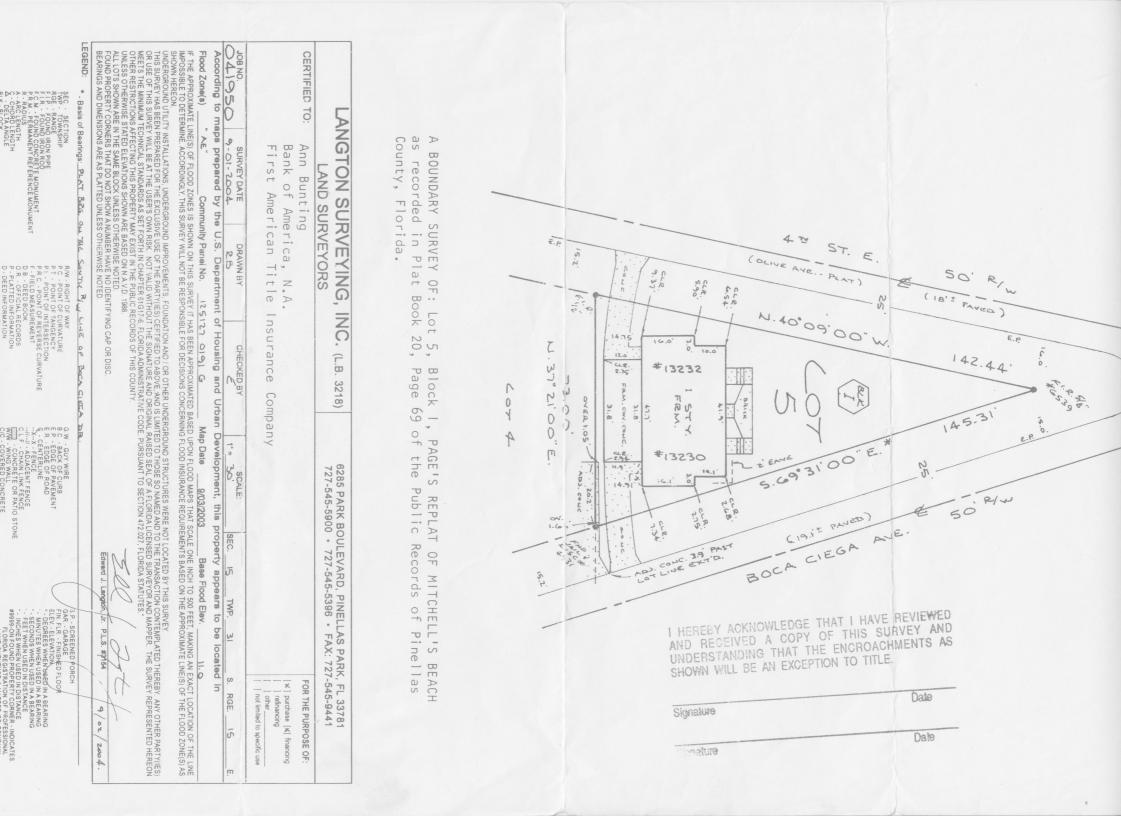
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of () physical presence or () online notarization this 3 day of January, 2024, by Ann Bunting.

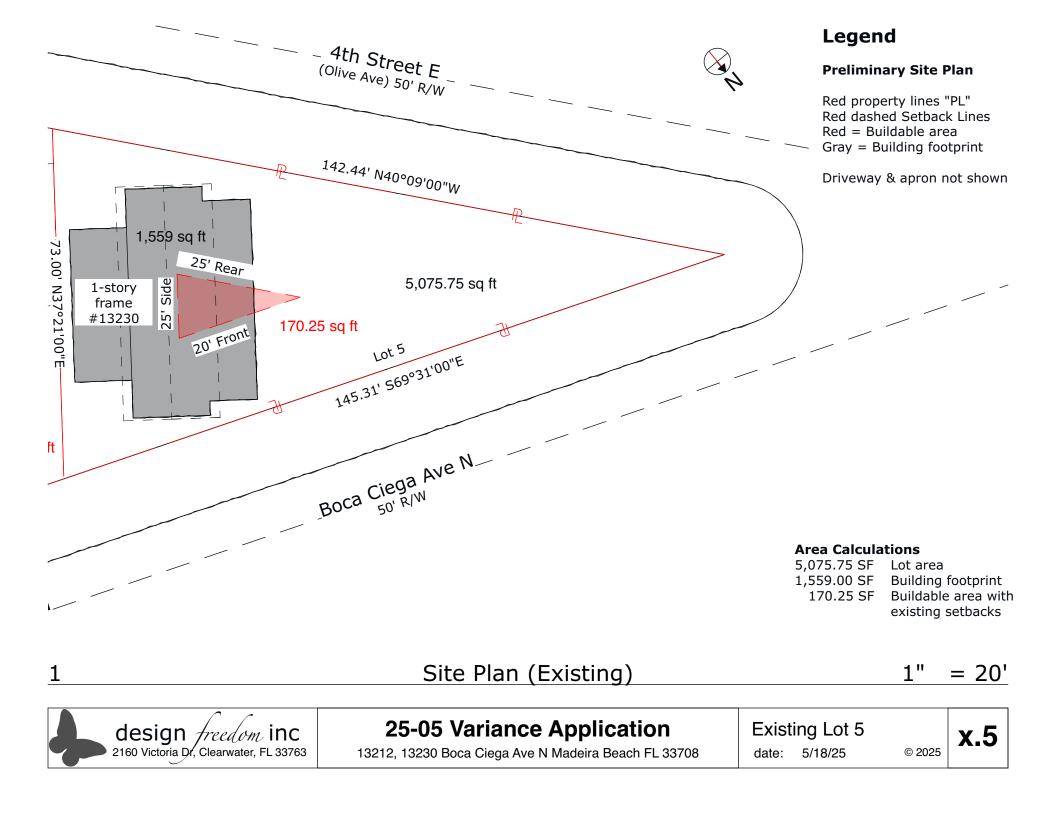
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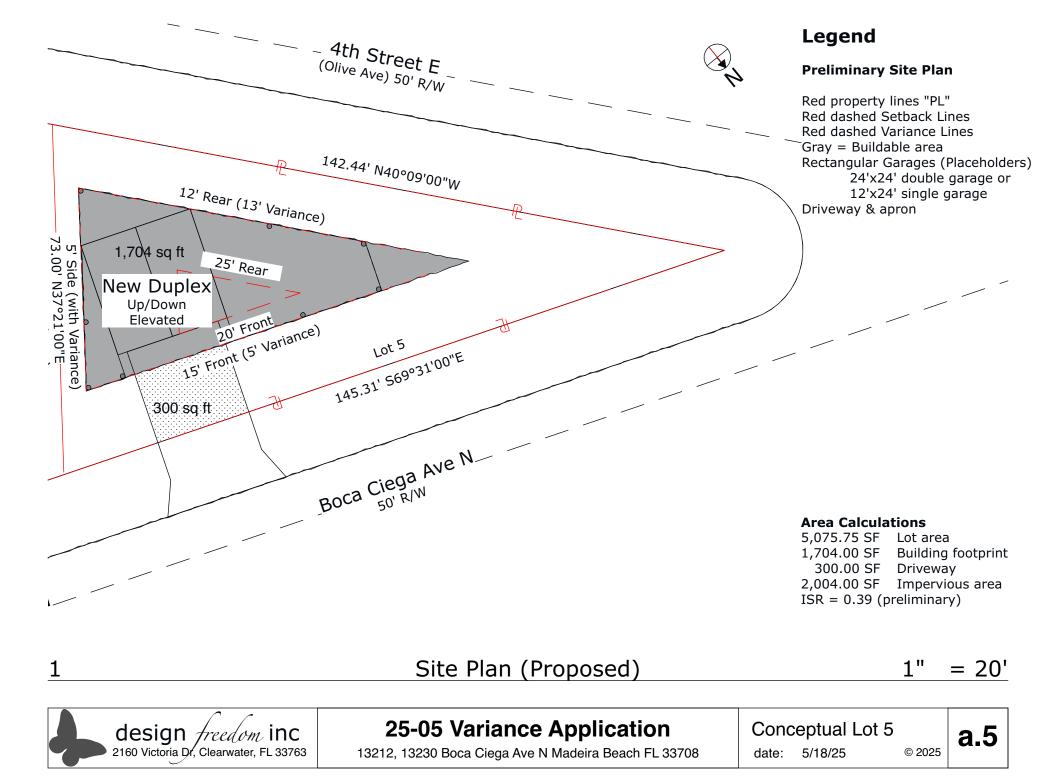
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	Code	Existing	Proposed
Address		13230 Boca Ciega	13230 Boca Ciega
Legal (Partial)		Lot 5 (Triangle)	Lot 5 (Triangle)
District	R-2 Low-Density Multi-Family Residential		
Permitted Use	SFH, Duplex, Triplex, Townhouse	Duplex	Duplex
Lot Size	Duplex: 3,000 SF min. per dwelling unit = 6,000 SF	5075.75	5075.75
Lot Width	Duplex: 60' min.	143.875	143.875
Lot Depth	80' min	36.5	36.5
Density	15 DU/acre max	1.75	
	18 DU/acre		2.10
Setbacks (Principle)	Front 20', Rear 25', Side 15' Total (8'/7') for lots 50'-80' w		
Setbacks (Principle)	Front 20', Rear 25', Side 25' Total (13'/ 12') for lots 120' or greater width	Front 20', Rear 25', Side 25' Total (13'/ 12') for lots 120' or greater width	Front 15', Rear 12', Side 5' Total (5') for lots 120' or greater width
FAR max	0.80	4060.6	4060.6
Structures coverage max	0.40	2030.3	2030.3
ISR max	0.70	3553.025	3553.025
Conforming/Non		Non-conforming	Non-conforming
Buildable Area (to setbacks/with variances)		170.25	1704
Floor Area per Level (existing/ proposed)		1559	1695.25
Floor Area for 2 Levels(proposed)		N/A	3390.5
FAR (excludes ground floor)	0.80	0.31	0.67
Parking Spaces	2 per unit	2/unit, 4 total	2/unit, 4 total

Variance - Zoning Chart for 13230 Boca Ciega Ave, Madeira Beach, FL





Sketch of Nearby Streets with Approximate 50' Right of Way

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Photos of Existing Structure



Front View (Boca Ciega)

Rear View (4th Street)



Photos of Street Views



Photos of Neighboring Buildings



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