



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PROJECT REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM**

ATTENTION: _____ DATE: 06/13/2023

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salida Public Works | <input type="checkbox"/> Xcel Energy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salida Fire Chief | <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Communications |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Consulting Engineer - Streets | <input type="checkbox"/> CO Dept. of Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Consulting Engineer – Water/Sewer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaffee Co. Building Dept. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> School District R-32-J |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centurylink Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atmos Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Poncha Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | Other: _____ |

APPLICANT: Adriane & Martin Kuhn PHONE: 206-769-2805 FAX: _____

EMAIL: kuhnlandia@gmail.com

PROPERTY LOCATION: 147 W. 4th Street

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The owners have applied for one variance from the required 3' side yard setback for an accessory structure. The request is to receive a variance from the minimum side setback of three (3) feet required for a side yard setback an accessory structure under 12' in height. The applicant is requesting a minimum allowed side yard setback of 16" on the southwest side of the property for the existing accessory structure.

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | _____ @ _____ P.M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Council | _____ @ _____ P.M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <u>06/26/23</u> @ <u>6:00</u> P.M. |

TRANSMITTAL INCLUDES:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form/Cover Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Vicinity Map |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plat | |

NOTE: A written response, even if only to advise that you have no concerns, is requested.

REPLY: The square footage of the shed is not included in this report, if the shed is less than 200 sq ft. it would be exempt from a building permit however it would still have to meet zoning set backs. If a permit was required there would have been fire rating of the structure and no projections permitted with the close vicinity of the lot line.

RESPONSE NEEDED BY: 06/20/22

RECEIVED: _____

PLANNING STAFF: Franco Palumbo

Building Department comments



VARIANCE APPLICATION

448 East First Street, Suite 112

Salida, CO 81201

Phone: 719-530-2626 Fax: 719-539-5271

Email: planning@cityofsalida.com

A. TYPE OF VARIANCE REQUESTED (Fill In Applicable Requests)

1. **Variance from Maximum Height:** Existing Height (in feet): N/A Proposed Height (in feet): N/A
2. **Minimum Variance from Floor Area:** Required Floor Area: N/A Proposed Floor Area: N/A
3. **Variance from Maximum Lot Coverage:** Allowed Lot Coverage: N/A Proposed Lot Coverage: N/A
4. **Variance from Parking Requirements:** Existing Spaces: N/A Required Spaces: N/A
Total Spaces Proposed: N/A Percent Reduction Proposed: N/A

5. Variance from Minimum Setback Requirements

a. Setback Variance Information:

- i. Type of setback: ☐ Front yard ☐ Rear yard ☒ Side yard
- ii. Which direction: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West
☐ Northeast ☐ Northwest ☐ Southeast ☒ Southwest
- iii. Type of Building: ☐ Principal ☒ Accessory Building
- iv. Current Setback: 16''
- v. Proposed Setback: 16''
- vi. Required Setback: 36''

b. Second Setback Variance Information (if applicable):

- i. Type of setback: ☐ Front yard ☐ Rear yard ☐ Side yard
- ii. Which direction: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West
☐ Northeast ☐ Northwest ☐ Southeast ☐ Southwest
- iii. Type of Building: ☐ Principal ☐ Accessory Building
- iv. Current Setback: _____
- v. Proposed Setback: _____
- vi. Required Setback: _____

6. **Variance from Land Use Code Section:** 16-4-180

Additional Information:

Our house at 147 W 4th street was built in 1887. We like to say that as owners we are really just the current caretakers of this old house. As you can imagine there is not a lot of storage area. Certainly not for a modern family of 4. We have no garage and there is no room for one due a 12 ft wide easement on the SE lot line that serves as driveway access to our neighbors' lot at 435 G St. There used to be a garage but it was converted to a studio apartment by a prior owner and serves as long term affordable housing for a home-grown Salidan. This shed is very necessary for us for all the things you would expect: yard and maintenance tools, camping and rafting gear, kids' stuff. There is nowhere else practical on our lot for the shed, and we can't imagine figuring out what we would do without it.

We moved to our home in August 2017. The utility shed in question was already here. We had no idea for how long. We were concerned about the shed being over the property line and discussed this with our realtor (see attached email). An ILC was required. It showed that the shed was not encroaching. However, when the property line was surveyed in 2020, we discovered the ILC was in error and the shed did encroach by about 6 inches, more with the eave.

In early 2021 we began preparing for a backyard improvement project. We feel it is important to say that we don't have deep pockets. Someday we hope to do some remodeling to improve on the 1970s kitchen and bathroom and fixing the floors in the dining and living room. But with our beautiful weather we decided we first wanted to make our backyard space special - and secure. We put all of our available resources into this project.

We knew that first we should address the shed. At the time, we just assumed it was "grandfathered" in like all the other sheds in the neighborhood that don't have proper setbacks, including our neighbors' shed along the same property line. We did what we thought made sense at the time by shifting it about 4 feet to the SE to clear the corner of the house, enabling us to shift it 2 feet to the NE and off the property line. Any more and the shed would have been obstructing a house window. In addition to moving the shed, we improved its appearance at this time by re-siding it on all sides, to match other elements of the project.

We did this of our own accord. The neighbors had never complained or said a word about the shed. We weren't trying to circumvent the rules. We thought what we did was okay and made sense. We became aware of setback requirements during our backyard project planning process, but didn't realize they applied to the shed. Again, we thought it was "grandfathered" in. There had always been a shed there (and again, we didn't know when this shed was placed). In fact the 2017 ILC was incorrect because Landmark Survey made an assumption that the shed in question was the same shed that was present when a previous ILC was done. That previous shed, which is (incorrectly) shown in the attached 2017 ILC, was in the same location, with no setback, but was not as wide so it did not encroach. Our shed, which by 2021 had apparently been there for 5 years had never been a problem. In our conversations with the neighbors at 435 G St over the years, it had never been brought up, except in one conversation

a few years ago where Aaron Stephens said it was odd that the prior owner put his shed over the property line. Because of the incorrect ILC, we shared with him that we believed it wasn't encroaching, but regardless, he didn't indicate he had any problem with it.

As we started our backyard project we wanted to take this opportunity to fix the encroachment. We thought getting it off the neighbors' property was the only consideration, since we believe it to be "grandfathered". Our intention was to be thoughtful, considerate, and proper by doing this unasked.

All of our incorrect assumptions about the legality of this shed were further strengthened by the several permits we obtained for elements of our project. A site plan, showing the current location of the utility shed, was submitted for a permit for the new craft shed (see attached). Permitted electrical infrastructure is mounted to the shed, in 2022 the site plan was again submitted for an 8 ft fence that was permitted to be "connecting to the shed" (see attached). Speaking with Franco in late May, he admitted that he didn't know how long the shed had been there and, like us, assumed it was "grandfathered".

If the shed was a problem, and if a legitimate complaint was to be made, it should have been made when it was placed (apparently in 2016). We believe shifting the shed only had a positive impact on the neighboring property. Why is this complaint made now in 2023, after we've finished our backyard improvements? Why is this complaint made two years after the shed was shifted off their property and 7 years after it was initially placed by a previous owner with a negative setback?

Now a concrete slab and walkway to the door have been poured right up to and adhered to the shed's skirting. A hot tub was placed in early 2022 (with a permitted electrical panel connected to the shed), a permitted fence that attaches to the shed has been constructed, and the deck was just completed this past winter going between the hot tub and the house, filling the space and leaving no room to move the shed (see attached site plan). Is it fair or reasonable to uphold the Land Use Code to the letter, now that our project is complete?

If the shed were to be removed, the custom fence could not be extended in the same fashion because it is constructed with reclaimed boards from our old fence, the rest of the boards have been given away, and the fence builder just moved to Wisconsin.

We ask you to consider the practical difficulties, hardship, and cost that would obviously ensue if we are forced to adhere to the 3 foot setback.

1. Special Circumstances Exist. Strict application of the standards adopted in this Chapter would result in undue hardship or practical difficulties for the owner of such property...

The special circumstances are:

- Our house is old, with limited storage. We need the storage space.

- Our lot is constrained by an easement for our neighbors.
- The shed has been there for many years without complaint.
- Our master plan for our backyard space is now complete.
 - We were granted multiple permits related to this project and a site plan showing the location of the shed was submitted and approved twice. The fence permit specifically spelled out that the fence was to be attached to this shed.
 - Concrete has been poured right up to and adhering to the skirting of the shed on 2 sides.
 - A hot tub has been placed next to the shed, according to the site plan, and permitted electrical has been installed on the side of the shed.
 - A small deck was just completed this winter that fills up the remaining space between the house and the shed.
 - Custom fencing attached to the shed by permit could not be extended in the same fashion if the shed were removed.

2. Substantial Detriment. The requested variance would not create a substantial detriment to the public good and would not substantially impair the intent and purpose of this Chapter, this Code or the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- No impact. The shed has been in about the same location for years and there was a shed with no setback in the same place for years before that. Many other properties in the neighborhoods around downtown have similar sheds with no setbacks, including our neighbors. We now understand that our shed is not considered nonconforming according to the Land Use Code. We've learned that it was placed by the prior owner after the setback requirements went into effect. However, we believe allowing the shed to remain where it is satisfies the spirit, though not the letter, of Section 16-4-160 because there has historically been a shed in basically the same location for a long time.

3. Adverse Impacts. The requested variance would not result in significantly adverse impacts to the natural environment or to the surrounding properties and neighborhoods.

















- No adverse impact. The neighbors have expressed a desire for privacy at prior points in time. In addition they approved our request to build an 8 foot tall fence along the property line. The shed continues this line of privacy and as you can see in the attached pictures, it is minimally higher than the fence in the required setback area.

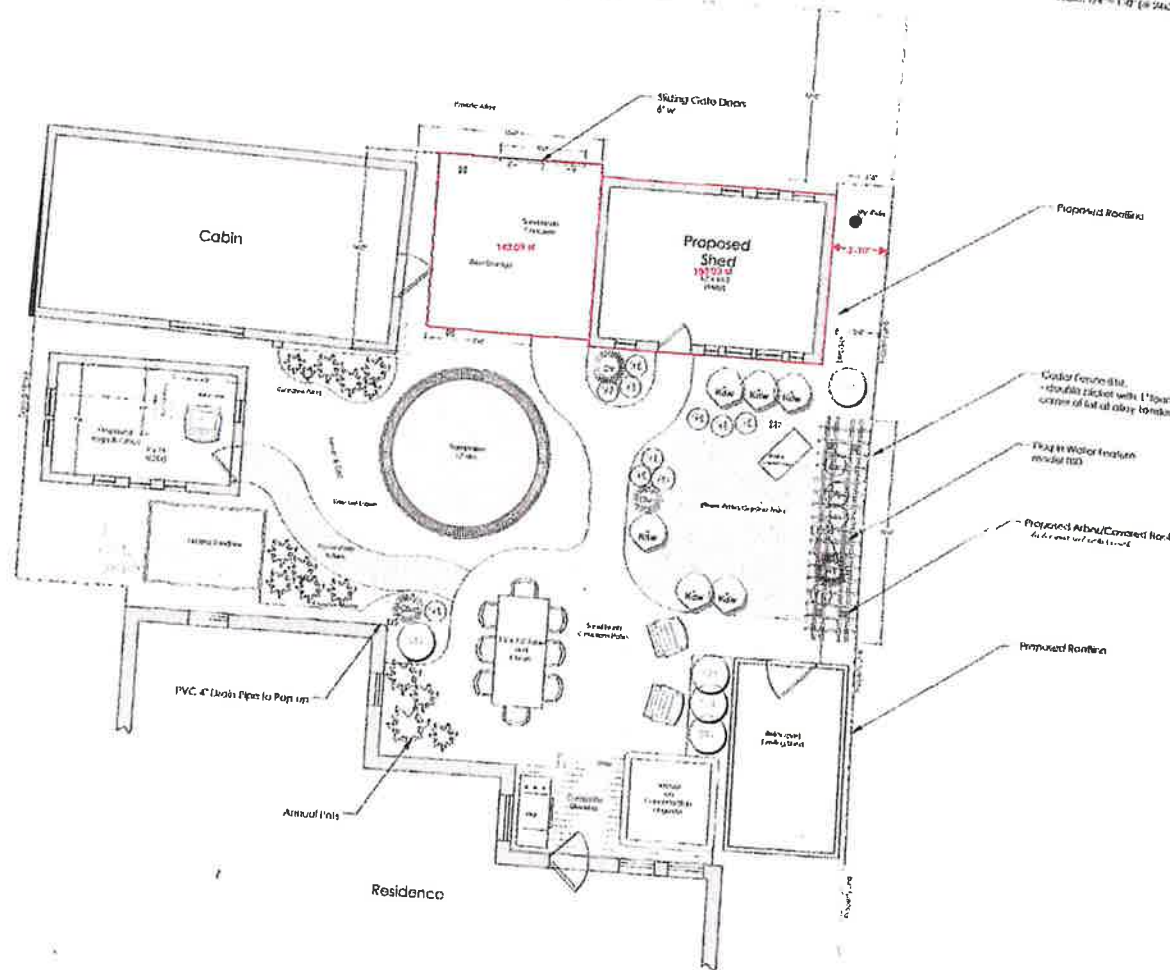
4. Minimum Variance Necessary for Reasonable Use.

The minimum variance necessary for continued reasonable use is to allow the shed to stay where it is. I am unable to be as precise as I would like by placing a string line along the lot line due to the neighbors' encroaching fence. The shed is approximately 16 inches from the lot line. The setback should be 36 inches. Please grant a variance for a setback of 16 inches and allow the shed to stay where it is.

Kuhn Residence
 147 W. South Street | Salida, CO 81210
Landscape Improvement Plan - Back
 Rev. 4.2020 REV. 3.12.21 REV. 3.16.21
 Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0" (8 Sheets total)

Plant List

-  Baccharis
-  Cornus rugosa
-  Hydrangea Double Rubra Mini
-  Self Honk
-  Gaura - Blue Avenue
-  Gaura - Feather Road K.F.
-  Eubry Origwood
-  Rhododendron
-  Dianthus
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City of Salida requirements:
 Number of trees required per Section 16-3-906(b)
3 TREES REQUIRED

City of Salida requirements:
 All exterior light fixtures must be fully shielded
 per Section 16-8-100 (c)

APPROVED
 FRANCO PALUMBO
 09/13/2021

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR CODE
 COMPLIANCE UNDER THE 2015 A-CODES AND
 2020 NEC. PLANS ARE APPROVED AS
 CORRECTED
 09/14/2021
 Chad Crickwick

Approved plans shall be on site during all inspections
 per IRC R105.3.1

Proposed 8' fence at 147 W 4th St, Salida - Kuhn residence

This fence will be near the back (south) corner of our lot from the west corner of our recently built structure up to (but not on) the property line, and then along (but not on) the property line for 23.5 to 24.5' to a point 3 - 4' past the nearest (south) corner of the existing shed, and from there (with a right angle) connecting to the existing shed.

The fence will be constructed with 4x4 cedar posts with 8' spacing, sunk 32" below grade in concrete. It will have 1 inch foam board insulation (for sound dampening) sandwiched between some combination of metal roofing and wood boards on the inside of the fence and painted plywood on the outside. The foam board insulation will be covered with a dark fabric to prevent it from showing through with any board shrinkage.

APPROVED

FRANCO PALUMBO

01/04/2022

City of Salida requirements:

All exterior light fixtures must be fully shielded
per Section 16-8-100 (2)

City of Salida requirements:

Number of trees required per Section 16-8-90(6)

3 TREE(S) REQUIRED

**Schedule inspection of concrete
post footings prior to placing
concrete**

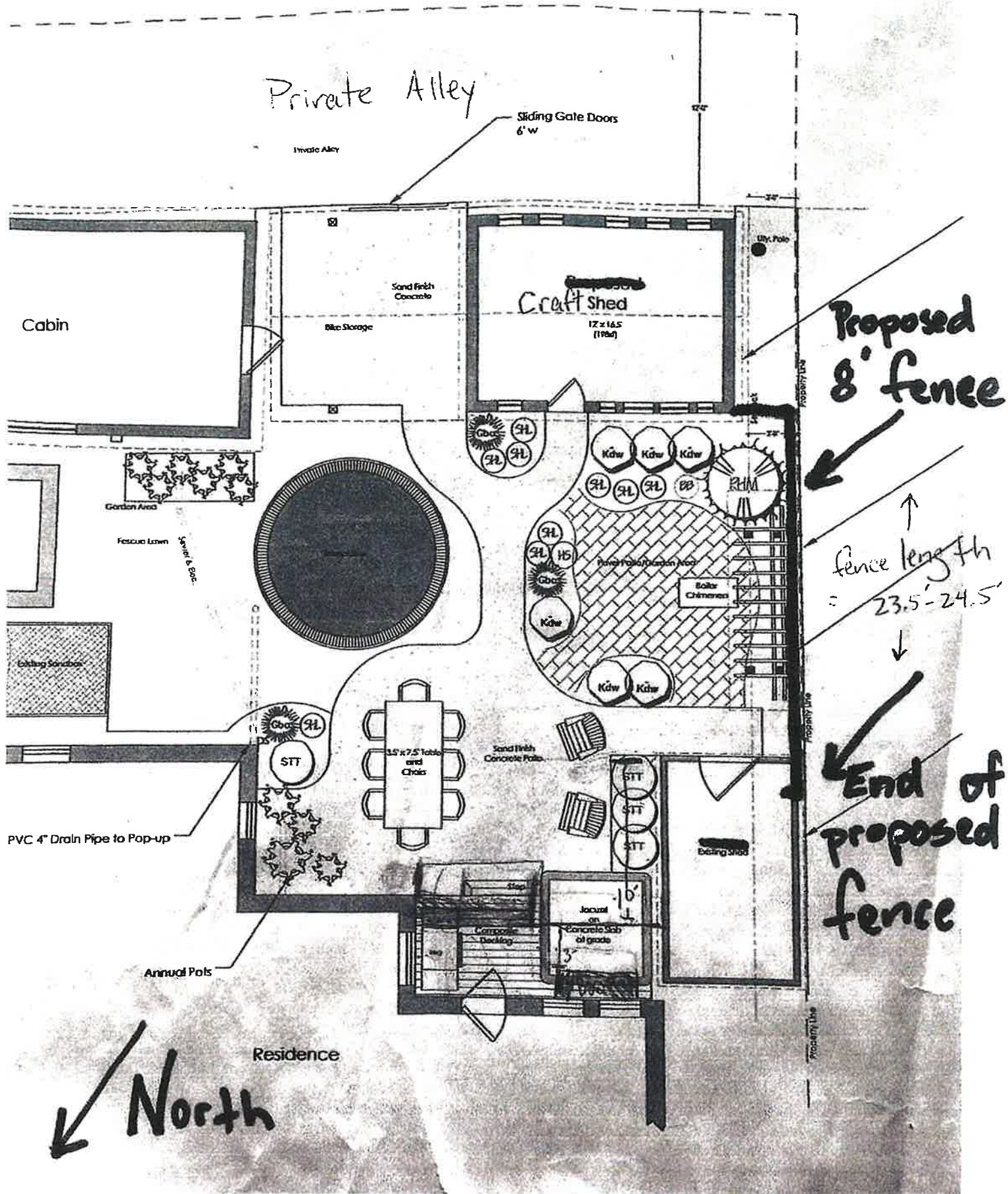
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COMPLIANCE UNDER THE 2015 I-CODES AND
2020 NEC. PLANS ARE APPROVED AS
CORRECTED**

01/18/2022

Chad Chadwick

**Schedule inspection of all framing
connections prior to covering**

Approved plans shall be on site during all inspections
per IRC R106.3.1



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**Kim Boudin**

5/24/17

To: Marty, Adriane >

ILC

Hi Marty and Adriane,

I've attached the ILC and Invoice. I've also forwarded to the title company. Landmark may prefer payment prior to closing since it's so far out, but generally payment can happen at settlement. Should you have any questions, you can contact Syd at Landmark Survey, at [719-539-4021](tel:719-539-4021). It doesn't look to me like the shed is encroaching, so that is good news!

*Asked about
Shed in person*

Can you please send me your lender information?

Thanks,

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