

# BUILDING, ZONING& LICENSING DEPARTMENT 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, New Hampshire 03867-1917

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Abutter:

You are hereby notified of a <u>Public Hearing</u> to be held at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> on **Wednesday, March 12**, **2014** in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the following:

2014-04 Application by The Lamoureux Family Revocable Living Trust for a variance

under Article 42, Section 10 (a) of the City's Zoning Ordinance to approve

an 8 ft. fence in height.

Location: 6 Cemetery Rd

Map 258 Lot 36 Agricultural Zone

If you are planning to attend the meeting and have paperwork you wish to have reviewed, or if you are *not* planning to attend the meeting, you may comment by letter, fax or email (karen.grenier@rochesternh.net). However, for the Board to consider your comments they MUST be received NO LATER than 12:00 noon on the Monday before the meeting (March 10, 2014).

The project application is available for review by the public in the Department of Building Safety or you can view the entire application on the City's website — www.rochesternh.net. Click on *Boards & Commissions*, then *Zoning Board of Adjustment*, then *Zoning Board Projects*. Look under the map and lot number shown above.

Please feel free to contact this department with any questions or if you have any disability requiring special provisions for your participation.

Office Hours are between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Karen Grénier, Building, Zoning & Licensing Secretary

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# APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

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#### CRITERIA FOR VARIANCE

Case # 2014-04 A Variance is requested by The Lamoureux Family Revocable Living Trust from Section 42 Subsection 10(a) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit: a fence to be eight (8) feet in height at 6 Cemetery Road, Rochester Map 258 Lot 36 Zone Agriculture Facts supporting this request: 1) The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values because: See attached. 2) Granting the variance is not contrary to the public interest because: See attached. 3.) Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of the following special circumstances of the property: See attached. 4.) Granting the variance would do substantial justice because: See attached. 5.) The use is not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance because: See attached. Date: 2/19/14

# The Lamoureux Family Revocable Living Trust

# Variance Application

6 Cemetery Road Rochester, New Hampshire

### INTRODUCTION

The property subject to this application is located at 6 Cemetery Road, and is depicted on the City's Tax Map at Map 258, Lot 36. The property consists of one single family residential dwelling. The size of the parcel is 27,387 square feet or 0.63 acres. The parcel is located in the agricultural zone. The parcel is unique with respect to its location and proximity to NH Route 125, and is separate from other parcels near the highway as it is on the easterly side of Cemetery Road, closest to the highway. The parcel abuts commercial property owned by the same Owner, which operates Rte. 125 RV & Marine (hereinafter referred to as the "Business").

The Applicant, the owner of parcels 36 and 33, as depicted on the Plan, wishes to use a portion of parcel 36 for additional parking of recreational vehicles for the existing Business. The parcel has the benefit of natural buffers along the southerly side. However, in order to create a buffer between the Business and Lot 37, which the Applicant also owns, and the abutters across Cemetery Road, the Applicant has already constructed a fence, as shown on the attached Plan.

After consultation with the City Planner, the Applicant was advised that two variances were required. As a result, the Applicant obtained a variance from Section 42-17(b) in order to allow two uses on the lot comprised of 27,387 square feet where 60,000 square feet is required. In addition, the Applicant has obtained a variance from the Table of Permitted Uses at Section 42.14(B)(17) to allow storage of RVs on the parking lot.

When the Applicant constructed the existing fence, it was unaware that a fence could only be six (6) feet in height. The Applicant now seeks a variance from Section 42-10(a) to be permitted to allow the fence, being used as a buffer between the Business and abutting lots to be eight (8) feet, as opposed to the required six (6) feet in order to provide a buffer to the parking area with the Business activities occurring at Map 258, Lot 33.

# APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS REQUEST

# 1. The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values because:

It is respectfully submitted that all of the surrounding property values have a value associated with them which is premised upon the existence of the existing buildings located on the Applicant's property. In this instance, the extra two (2) feet of fence would provide additional buffer to the approved commercial use of the lot. There are no negative aspects with respect to the Applicant's proposal, and there are no activities proposed by the Applicant that would have any negative affect upon the value of the surrounding properties.

## 2. Granting the variance is not contrary to the public interest because:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed fence height represents a reasonable use of the property in question. The proposed use is not only reasonable, given the surrounding circumstances, but is consistent with the existing uses of the adjacent property. Given the buffer to be added with the fence, the lack of lighting of the area, restricting the activity on the site, and no access to Cemetery Road, the grant of the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

# 3. Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of the following special circumstances of the property:

The general purpose of the ordinance is to promote orderly development and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. By allowing the variance, the Applicant would be able to proceed with orderly development of the project in a way that protects the health, safety and general welfare of the abutters as it would add a significant buffer to the traffic of NH Route 125, without adding lights or significant commercial activity on the lot or Cemetery Road. In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that denial of the variance is unnecessary in light of the general public purposes of the zoning ordinance, and that there is no relationship between the general public purpose of the ordinance and the specific application of the zoning requirement to this parcel, given the unique characteristics of the property, which include its location to NH Route 125, and its existing abutting uses.

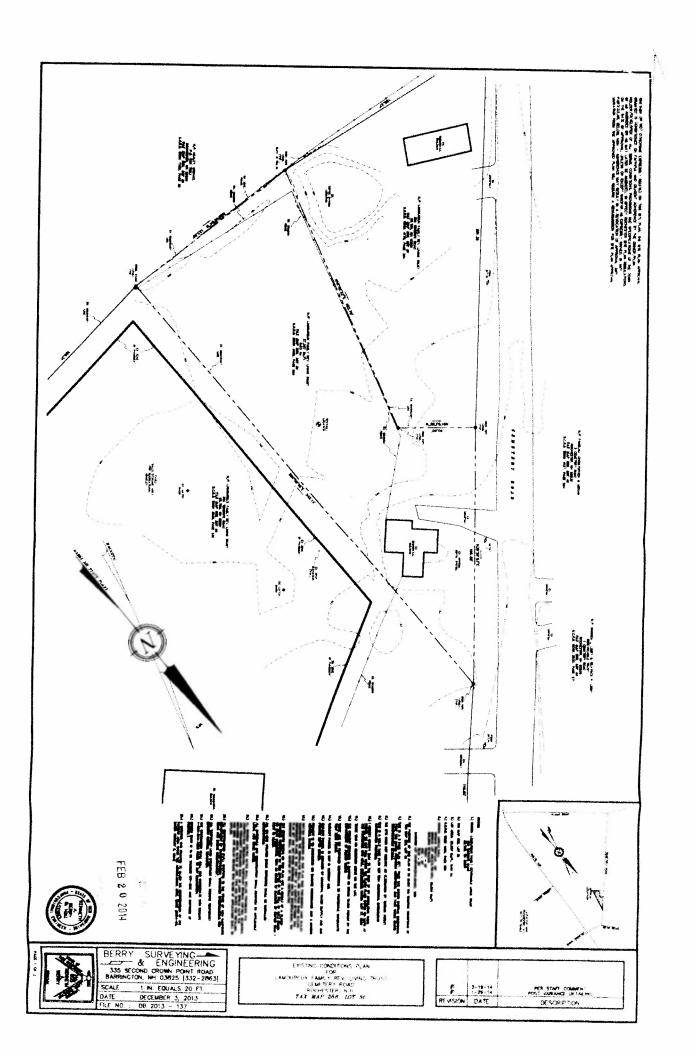
The Applicant submits that the proposed use is reasonable as it provides for the Applicant to provide a buffer between residential and commercial uses.

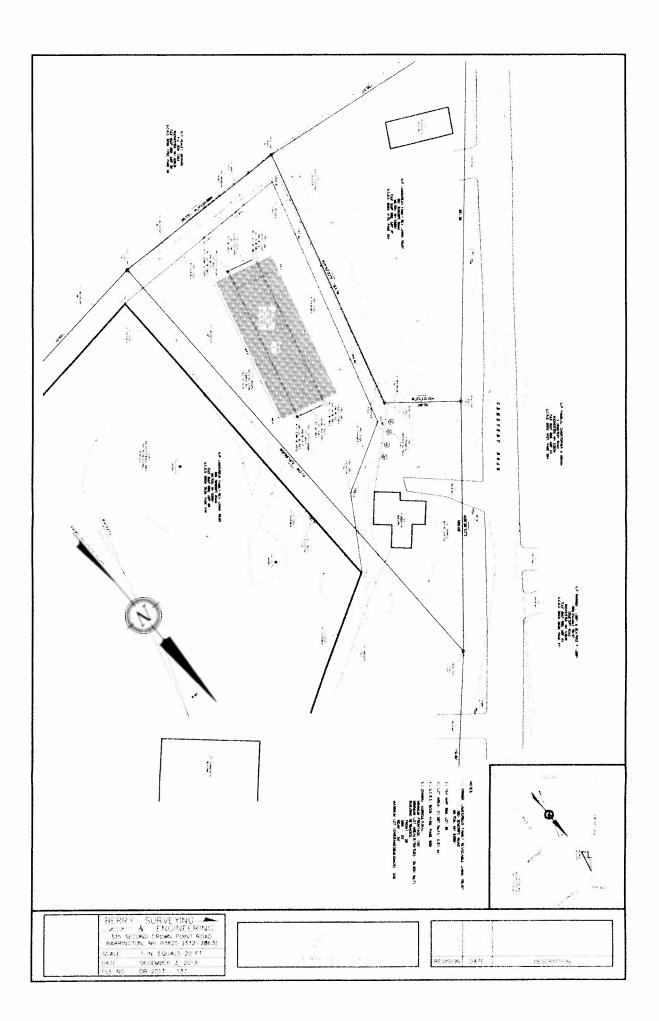
### 4. Granting the variance would do substantial justice because:

The granting of the variance would result in substantial justice because it would allow the Applicant to further buffer commercial uses from to those uses located within the area. This test requires a balancing of the benefit to the Applicant versus the burden to public. In this instance, there would be no burden to the public whatsoever in terms of allowing the Applicant to increase the fence height by two (2) feet. Accordingly, the benefit to the Applicant would exceed the burden to the public, thus, resulting in substantial justice being done.

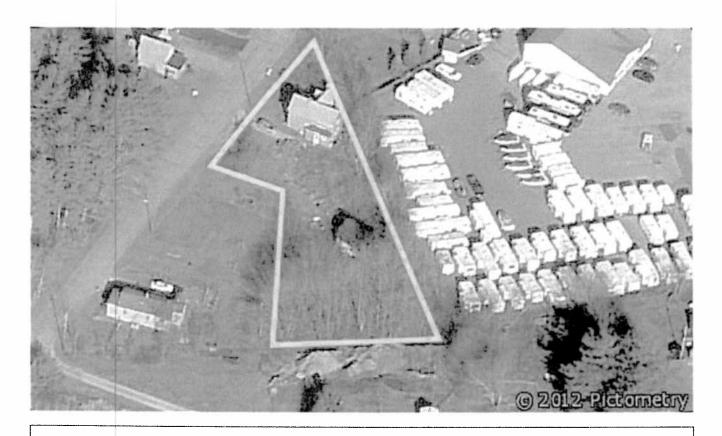
### 5. The use is not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance because:

The Applicant respectfully submits that if the variance was granted, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed because the fence would be suitable for the property considering the existing uses of the surrounding property and its location to NH Route 125. In addition, by granting the variance, the intent of the ordinance will be sustained as the increased buffer from NH Route 125, and lack of access to Cemetery Road, would benefit the existing residential abutters. To be contrary to the public interest or injurious to the public rights of others, the variances must unduly and in a marked degree conflict with the ordinance, such that it violates the ordinance's basic zoning objective. In this instance, the grant the variance would promote the public health, safety and general welfare by better protecting the existing abutters with increased buffers without a significant increase in commercial activities.



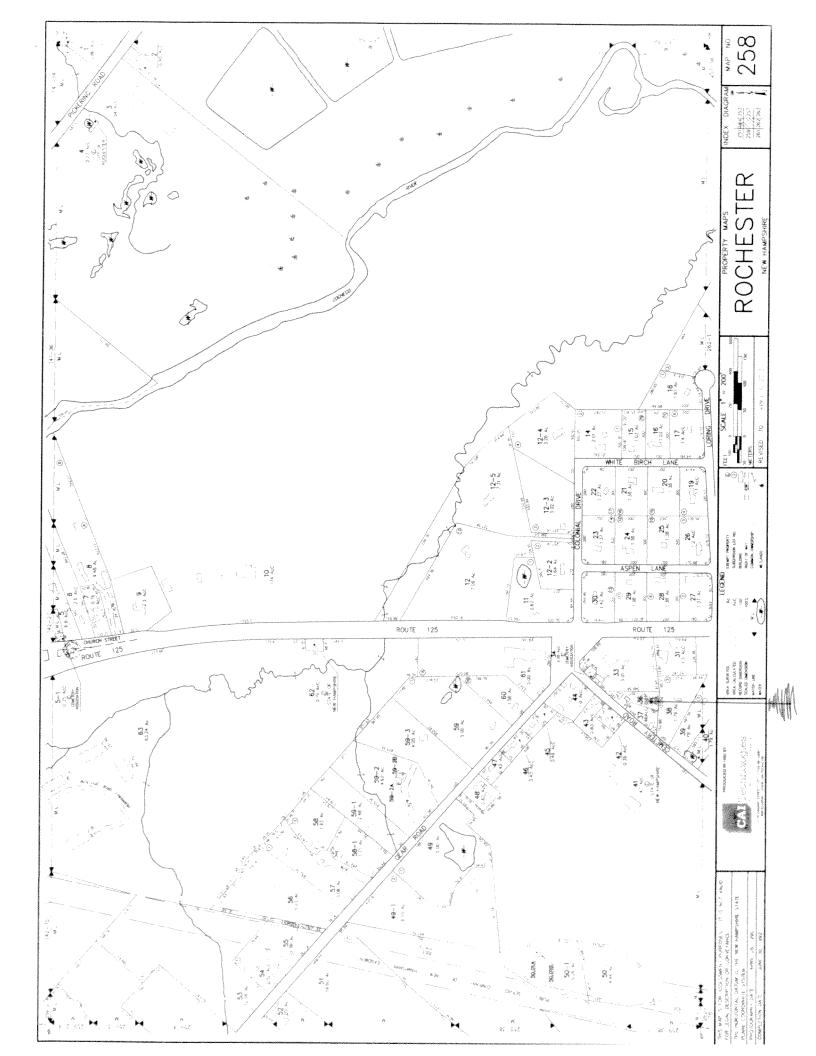


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## THE LAMOUREUX FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

Map 258, Lot 36

6 Cemetery Road Rochester. New Hampshire

February 19, 2014

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