City of Novi Honorable Zoning Board of Appeals 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

RE: Novi Zoning Board of Appeals – 1181 West Lake Drive – "Dismondy Detached Garage" filed by David Dismondy & Family

To the Honorable Zoning Board of Appeals:

The purpose of this letter is to explain the nature of the project that we ask you to review and approve the necessary variances to construct a new detached garage. Our family owns two adjacent properties (1181 & 1185 West Lake Drive) located on a peninsula on the western shoreline of Walled Lake. I have been in front of the Zoning Board a few times in the past as we have worked hard to improve the property.

As you may recall, the properties are cut nearly in half by an easement, which is used 1) as an ingress/egress driveway for the neighbor to the north, and 2) as an underground utility easement. The easement, combined with the fact that the lots are small, has created many practical difficulties with setbacks and density that I have presented to you in the past, present to you today, and likely will present to you in the future as we continue to improve the property.

In response to the Board's suggestion at the September 2010 ZBA meeting, I am before you today to request your approval of the variances that are necessary to construct a new detached garage. The new garage will not impede light or air to adjacent properties, nor will it increase fire danger or public safety. A new garage, which replaces a vacant dirt parking lot, will increase the value of adjacent property and the spirit of the zoning ordinance will be observed.

Please review the attached building plans, survey, aerials, and other supporting documents. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

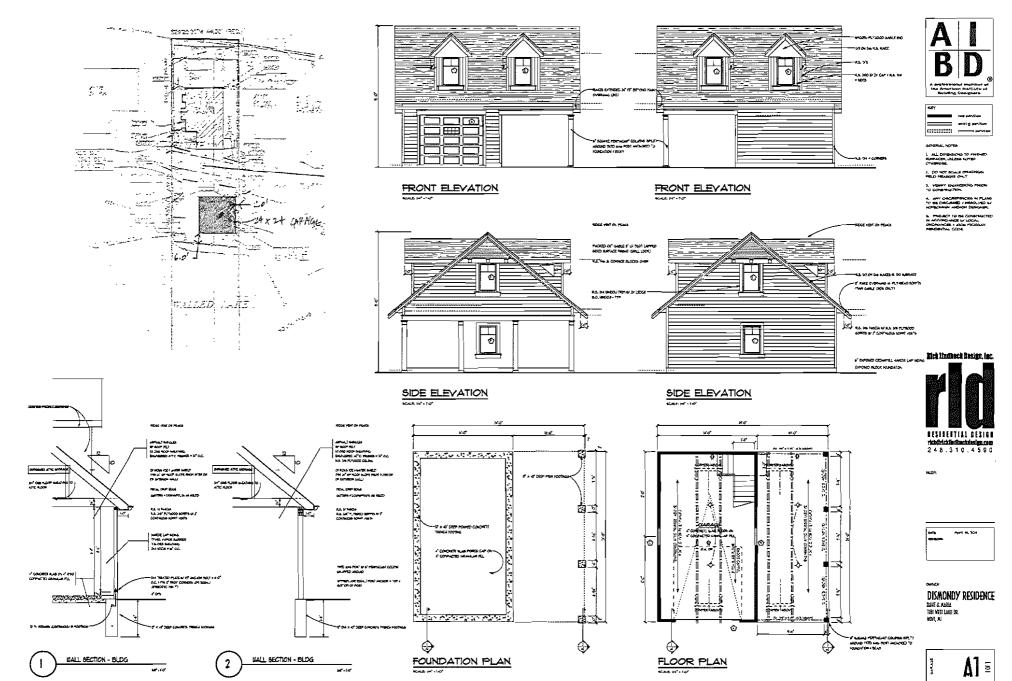
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