



PIMA COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Variance Application

Property Owner: Marbin Cortes Phone: 520-833-7819
Owner's Mailing Address, City, State & Zip: 8029 W. Tree Frog Tr Tucson, AZ 85735
Applicant (if different from owner): _____ Phone: _____
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Applicant's or Owner's Email Address: _____
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I request a variance to: (identify the structure and the proposed setback in feet and/or identify the structure and the lot coverage increase in square feet, etc.): I am respectfully requesting that the number of pigeons allowed in the property would be higher. Max 200

Terms and Conditions

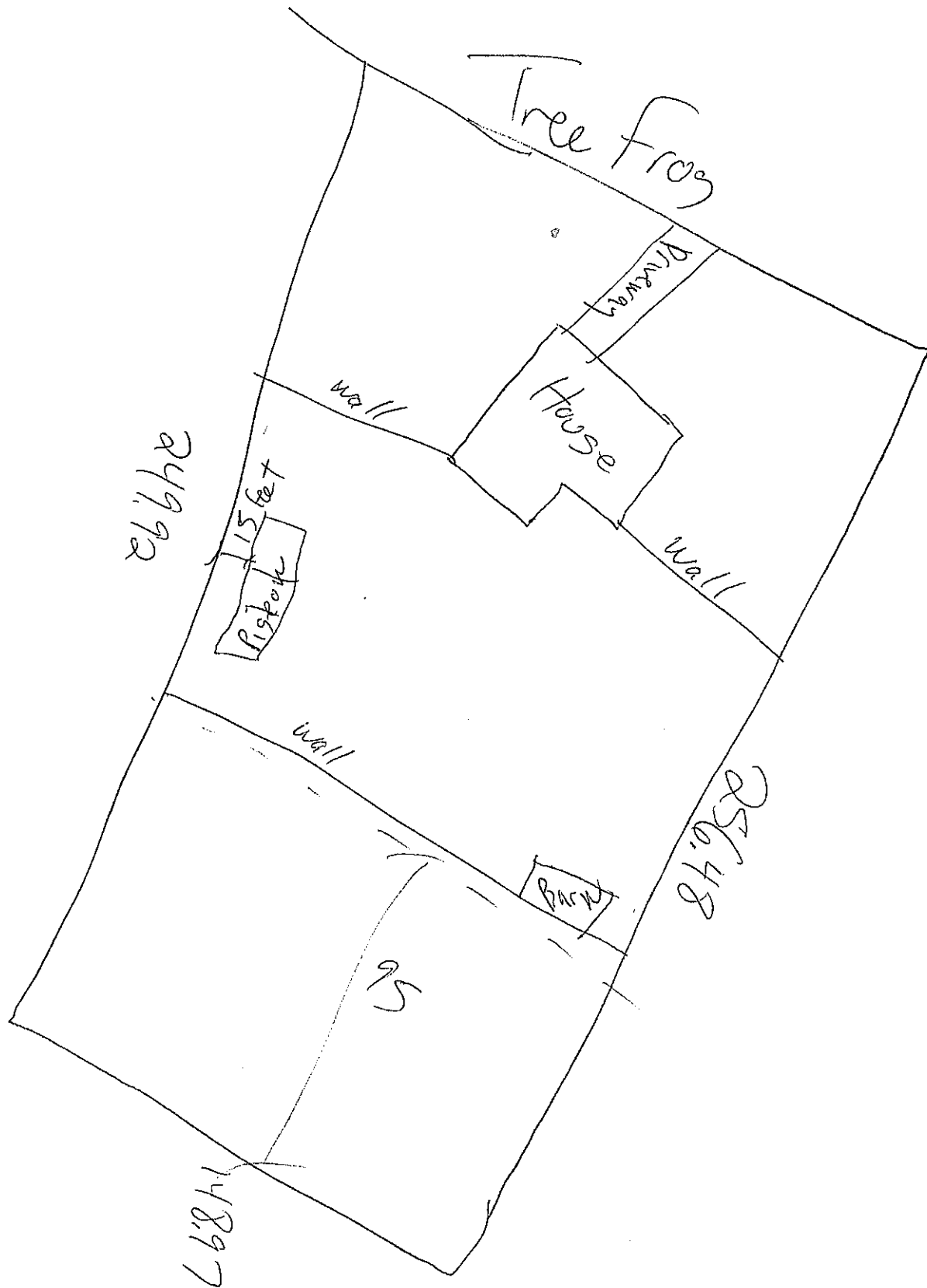
I confirm the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am the owner of the above described property or have been authorized by the owner to make this application. I have considered the applicable standards that apply to my request from the Pima County Zoning Code Section 18.93.030B and certify that my request conforms to the standards. (By checking the box, I am electronically signing this application.)

Date: 06-25-21

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GR-1

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Board of adjustment District, Board members,

I am requesting a variance to increase the number of pigeons permitted on my property. My property is zoned GR-1, Rural residential where the maximum allowed is currently 40 pigeons. I am an active member of the American Racing Pigeon Union, and I am an officer on the board of the Arizona Valleys Pigeon Club. Our club consist of both adults and junior membership who are most often 4H members as well and are involved in showing their pigeons every year at the Pima County Fair. AVI is a club that promotes sportsmanship in the areas of racing, breeding, training and showing racing pigeons. We compete racing the pigeons from 100 to 500 miles the fastest bird home wins the race. My family has been involved with racing pigeons since 1979 and have been racing and breeding pigeons with no issues with my neighbors or county officials for five years at my current location. My entire family is involved with the racing, breeding, training and showing the pigeons. Pigeons are a very important part of our daily lives.

In order to compete in club races, I start with breeding eighty young birds from sixty breeders. My breeders are fully contained in one area and are cleaned 100% every day to keep them sanitary. I have made changes in the pen in order that no feathers or feces can escape the pen. My racing loft by season start will have 80-100 young birds under ten months old. They will be trained and raced from September thru December. Their loft too is cleaned every day and kept in sanitary conditions. By the end of the racing season (October-December) I will be finish up with a 30 to 40 young bird team which will be raced again from February thru March. By the end of both young bird and old bird races I will be reduced to a total of approximately 60 birds at the year ends. It is important to note that my pigeons are released in the morning or the afternoon to exercise. They are never permitted to land anywhere except in their home loft. Once back in the loft they cannot come out again until I released them. They are not permitted free loft to come and go as they please. They are under my complete control. The pigeons cannot land on neighbor's property. When the birds return from a race, they cross a scanner to register their time and go directly to their perches.

I am asking for a variance to have up to 110 young racing pigeons under a year old to start the racing season at the beginning of October thru December. By the race season end I projected to be down to 40 young birds. A total of 40 young birds and 80 breeders would be the numbers for most of the calendar year.

This is a hobby and sport that brings my family much pleasure. We spend our weekends with the club racing and or showing our pigeons. We have never had any complaints. Please grant me this variance so we can continue to enjoy our sport and hobby.

Thank you in advance.