

# #2016-47 Cotter – Variation Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: November 2, 2016

**Request:** To construct a screen porch and deck, which extends 9 feet from

the house, an encroachment of 73 feet into the required 159-foot

average front yard setback.

**Location:** 651 Woodland Drive

**Acreage:** approximately 27,000 square feet

**Existing Zoning:** R-2 Single Family

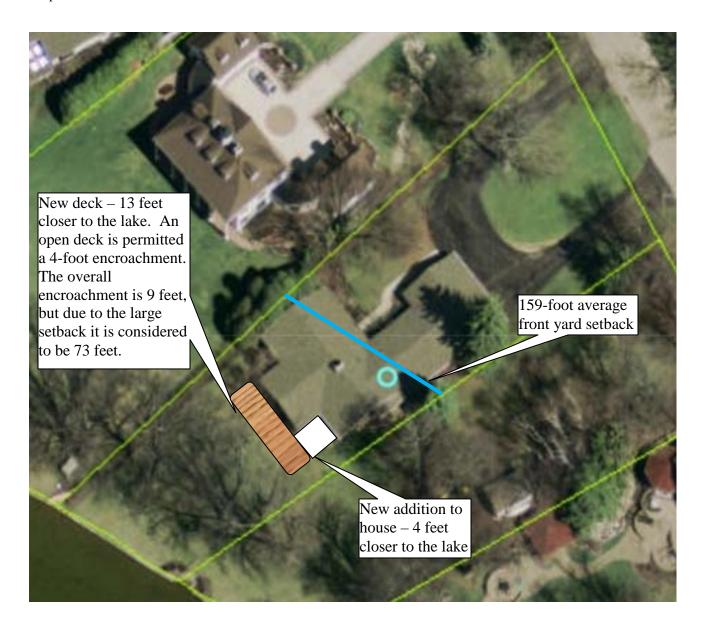
**Surrounding Properties:** North: R-2 Single Family

South: R-2 Single Family
East: R-2 Single Family
West: R-2 Single Family

**Staff Contact**: Elizabeth Maxwell (815.356.3615)

#### **Background:**

- The property is improved with a single family home.
- The current house is situated 95 feet back from the seawall.
- The front yard (lake side) setback is determined by averaging the adjacent properties over a length of 400 feet. The average setback is 159 feet, as measured from the seawall.
- The new addition of the principal structure is a screen porch and is 4 feet beyond the existing footprint of the house.
- A new deck is also proposed that extends 13 feet from the existing footprint of the house. Decks are permitted a 4-foot encroachment, making only the first 9 feet of the deck part of the variation.
- Although the property owner is only adding 4 feet of enclosed house space and a 13-foot deck off the house, the requested encroachment is 73 feet due to the large average setback.
- The illustration below helps highlight the request.



#### **Development Analysis:**

#### General

- Request: Variation to allow the construction of a screen porch and deck off the house in the lakeside front yard setback.
- <u>Land Use</u>: The land use map shows the area as Urban Residential. This land use designation is appropriate for this use.
- Zoning: The site is zoned R-2 Single Family. This property is used as a single-family home.

#### Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2020 Vision Summary Review:

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Urban Residential, which allows for existing and future single-family residential uses. The following goal is applicable to this request:

#### Land Use - Residential

Goal: Encourage a diversity of high quality housing in appropriate locations throughout the city that supports a variety of lifestyles and invigorates community character.

This can be accomplished with the following supporting action:

**Supporting Action:** Preserve and enhance the character and livability of existing residential area with architectural and development guidelines.

#### Housing – Single Family Housing

Goal: Promote strong neighborhoods by preserving their character and historical significance and ensuring that they are well serviced by a variety of community facilities and services.

This can be accomplished with the following supporting action:

**Supporting Action:** Preserve the unique character of existing neighborhoods.

#### **Findings of Fact:**

#### ZONING ORDINANCE VARIATION

The petitioner is requesting a variation from Article 3-300 B3. Front yard setback to allow a 73-foot encroachment to allow the construction of a screened porch and deck.

The Unified Development Ordinance lists specific standards for the review and approval of a variation. The granting of a variation rests upon the applicant proving practical difficulty or hardship caused by the Ordinance requirements as they relate to the property. To be considered a zoning hardship, the specific zoning requirements; setbacks, lot width and lot area must create a unique situation on this property. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to prove hardship at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

#### Standards

When evidence in a specific case shows conclusively that literal enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance would result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship because:

a.	The plight of the pr	operty owner is due to unique circumstances, such as, unusual
	surroundings or cor	ditions of the property involved, or by reason of exceptional
	narrowness, shallow underground condit	vness or shape of a zoning lot, or because of unique topography, or ions.
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b.	Also, that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
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conside	e purposes of supplementing the above standards, the Commission may take interation the extent to which the following facts favorable to the application have been hed by the evidence presented at the public hearing:
a.	That the conditions upon which the application for variation is based would not b applicable generally to other property within the same zoning classification;
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
b.	That the alleged difficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presentl having interest in the property;
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
c.	That the granting of the variation will not be detrimental to the public welfare of injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the propert is located; or
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
d.	That the proposed variation will not impair an adequate supply of light or air tadjacent property, will not unreasonably diminish or impair the property values of adjacent property, will not unreasonably increase congestion in the public streets substantially increase the danger of fire or otherwise endanger public safety.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet

Where the evidence is not found to justify such conditions, that fact shall be reported to the City Council with a recommendation that the variation be denied.

#### **Recommended Conditions:**

If a motion to recommend approval of the petitioner's request is made, it should be with the following conditions:

- 1. Approved plans, reflecting staff and advisory board recommendations, as approved by the City Council:
  - A. Application (Cotter, received 10/12/16)
  - B. Plat of Survey (Luco, dated 04/30/16, received 10/12/16)
  - C. Site Drawing Sketch (staff, dated 10/12/16)
  - D. Plans (Richard Olsen, dated 07/04/16, received 10/12/16)
- 2. The open deck portion shall remain open and cannot contain a roof, pergola, trellis, sides or become enclosed in any way.
- 3. The petitioner shall address all of the review comments and requirements of Community Development Department.

#### 2016-47 COTTER – 651 WOODLAND DR





### Application for Simplified Residential Variation

Projec	ation Number: FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  It Name:  Of Submission:
I.	Applicant
••	DENNIS AND DINA COTTER
Name	
	651 WOODCHUU DKWB
Street	RYSMR LAKE IL 60014
City	State Zip Code
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II.	Owner of Property (if different)
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III.	Project Data
1.	a. Location/Address: 651 WOODLAWN, CRYSTAL LAKE
	b. PIN#: 19-06-177-010
2.	Description of proposal/Reason for request (including how the standards for variation are met,
	any unique circumstance of the property, or particular hardship):  DESCRIBE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROPERTY: REQUESTIVE  A SECOND DESCRIBE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROPERTY: REQUESTIVE  TO SECOND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: REQUESTIVE A SECOND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Dennis and Dina Cotler

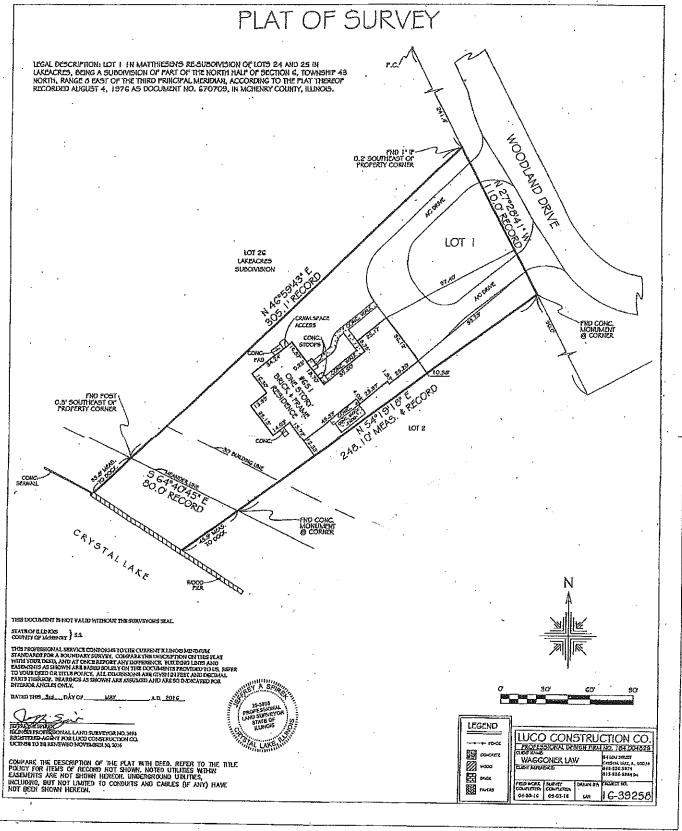
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission upon the application from Dennis and Dina Cotler for approval of a variation relating to the following real estale known as 651 Woodland Drive, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, Piln. 19-06-177-010.

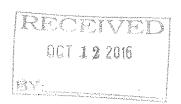
This application is filed for the purposes of seeking a Simplified Residential Zoning Variation from Article 3-300 Density and Dimensional Standards 3. Front Selback to allow a screened porch and deck to extend 9 feet into the 159-tool established front yard selback, a variation of 73 feet, as well as any other variations that may be necessary to allow the plans as presented. Plans for this project can be viewed at the City of Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Commission on the request will be held at 7:30 p.m. or Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the Crystal Lake City Holi, 100 West Woodstack Street, at which time and place any person determining to be heard may be present

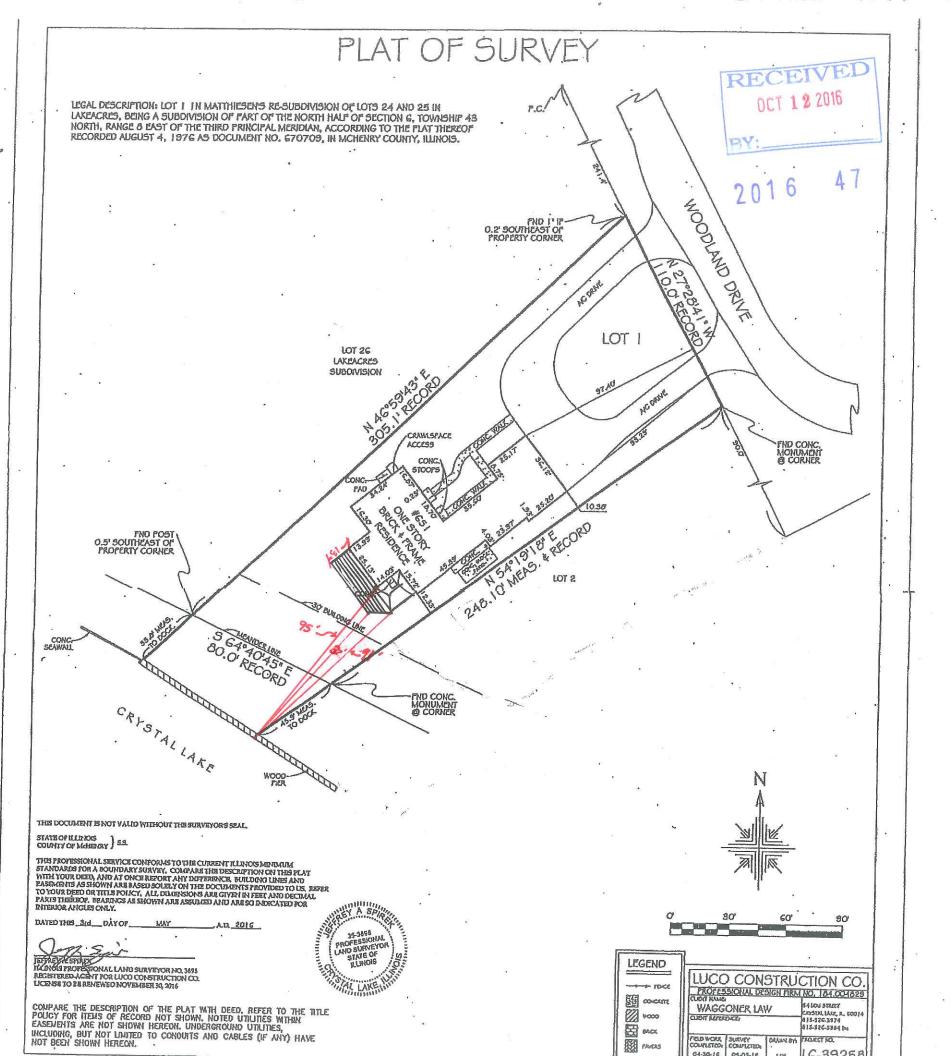
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Planning and Zoning Commission
City of Crystal Lake

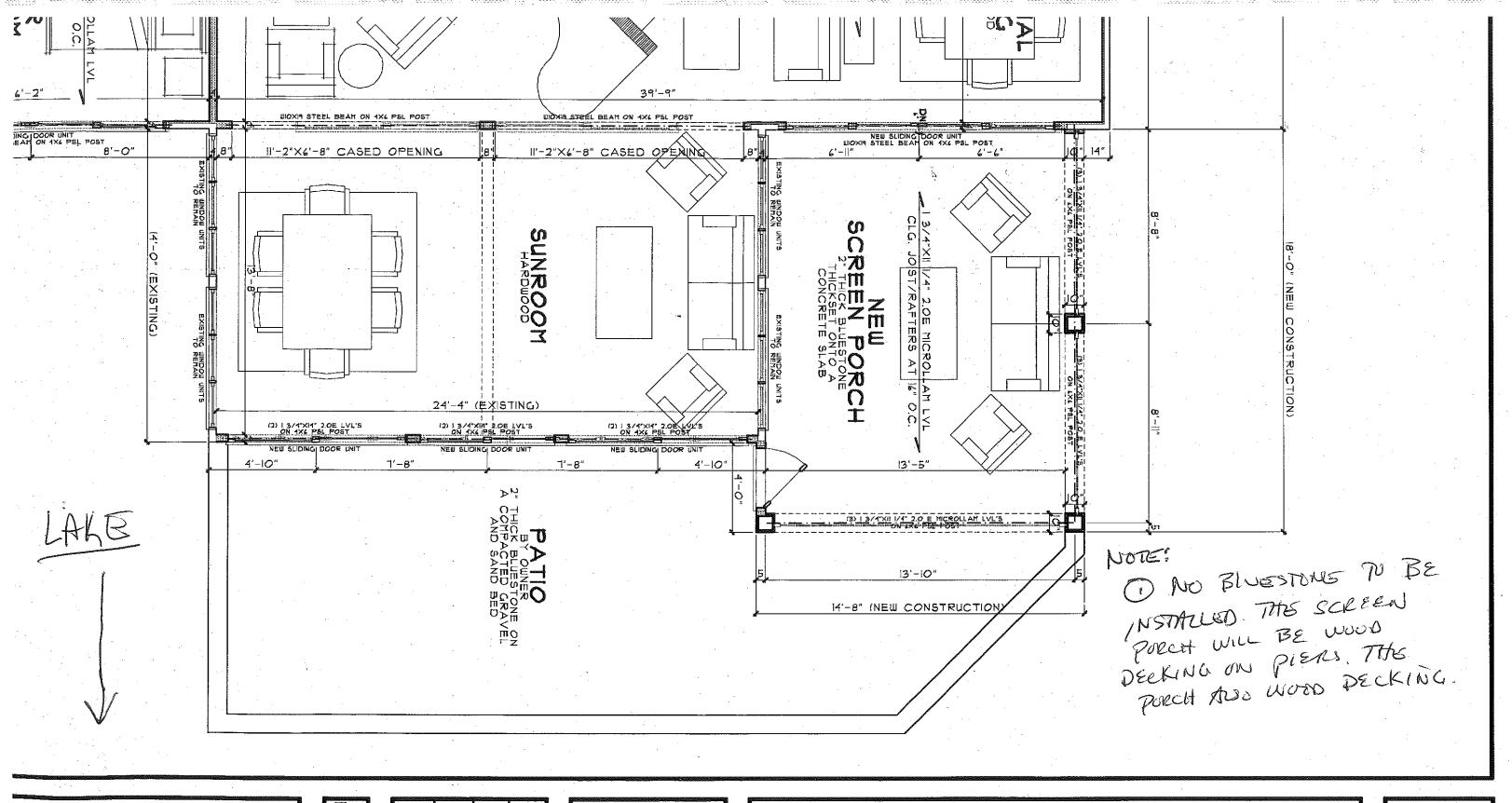
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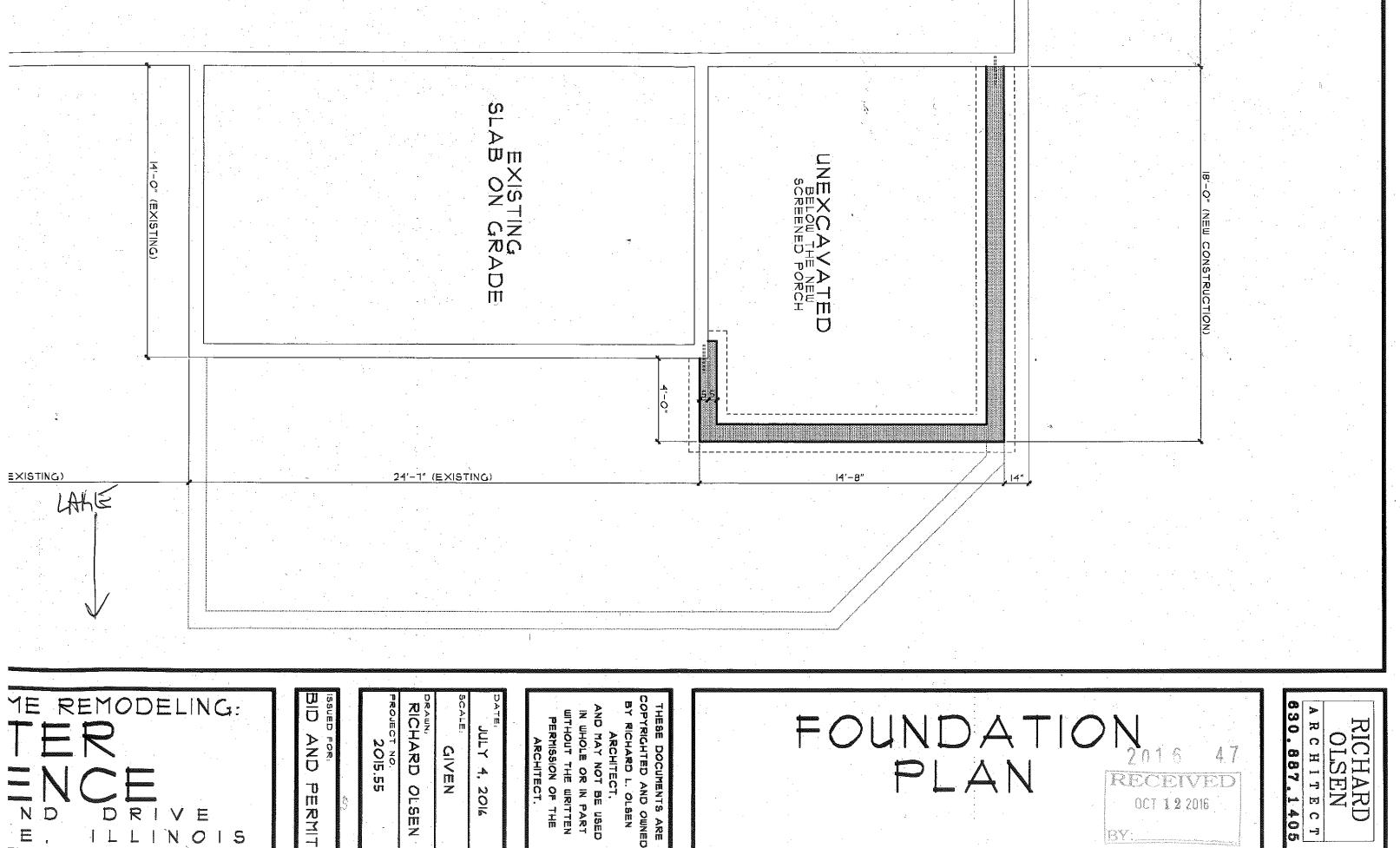
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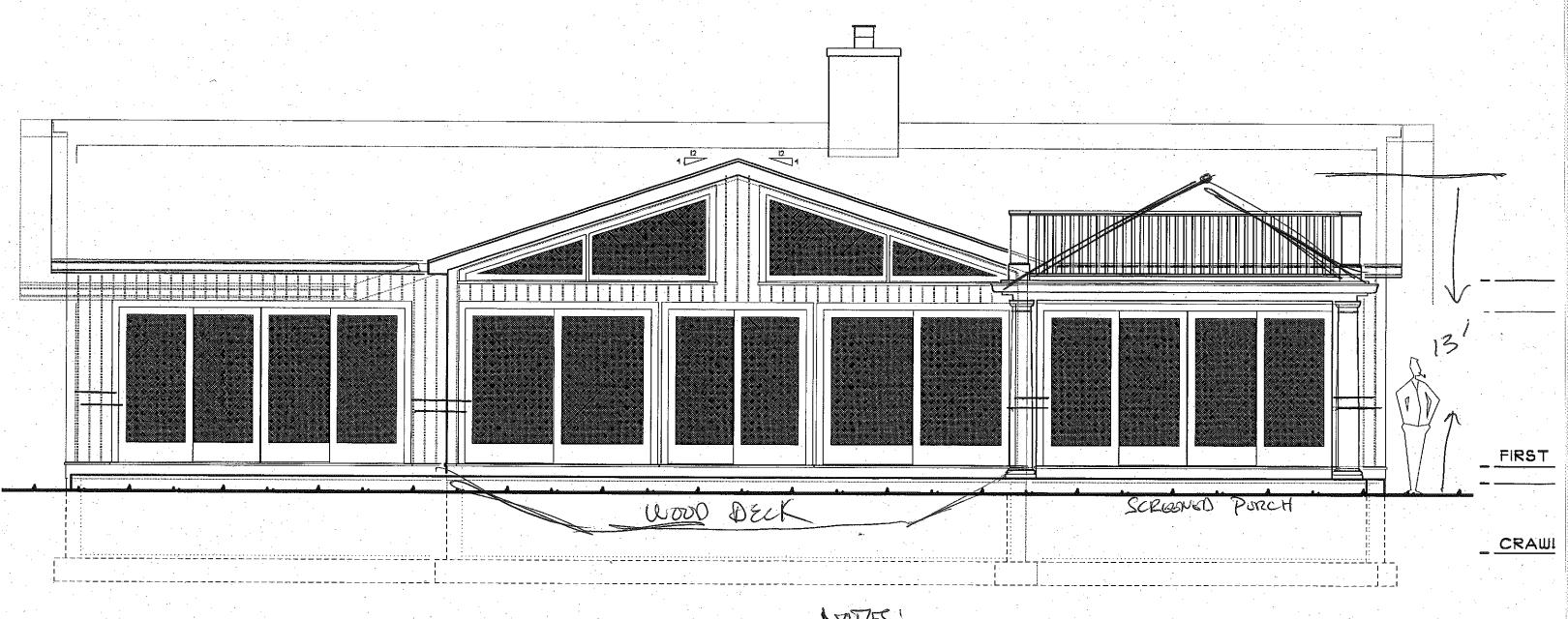


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ARCHITECT 630.887.1405 RICHARD OLSEN

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1) THE SECOND FROOR OUTDOOR DECK DEPICTED.
WILL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED. A 13' LOW SLOPE VANLTED CEILING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

2) TARE SCREENS ON THE PORCH WILL ELECTROLICARY
LOWER + RAISE.