

# 3618 Morenci Rd.

Zoning Board of Adjustment — April 7, 2025



**CASE NUMBER:** PZBA25-00009  
**CASE MANAGER:** Blanca Perez, (915) 212-1561, PerezBM@elpasotexas.gov  
**PROPERTY OWNER:** Ruben Aguilar Jr.  
**REPRESENTATIVE:** Ruben Aguilar Jr.  
**LOCATION:** 3618 Morenci Rd. (District 2)  
**ZONING:** R-5 (Residential)  
**REQUEST:** Special Exception K (In Existence Fifteen Years or More)  
**PUBLIC INPUT:** None received as of April 3, 2025

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Applicant requests a Special Exception under Section 2.16.050 K (In Existence Fifteen Years or More) to allow to legalize an existing home that encroaches into the side yard setback in a R-5 (Residential) zone district.

**SUMMARY OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the special exception request as the requested encroachment has been in existence for more than fifteen (15) years.

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Figure A. Aerial of Subject Property & Immediate Surroundings

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:** The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow to legalize the construction of an existing home, which extends 3 feet into the side yard setback and of which 96 square feet of that structure encroach into the side yard setback.

**BACKGROUND:** The minimum side setback is 5 feet in the R-5 (Residential) zone district.

The current owner has owned the property since 2024 and the building was constructed in 1928 based on El Paso Central Appraisal District records. The existing encroachment has been in existence approximately for 97 years. Based on 2009 aerial imagery, the property existed back then as it does today, with the home in its current location.

| SETBACKS                | REQUIRED SETBACK | REQUESTED SETBACK |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Front                   | 20 Feet          | No Change         |
| Rear                    | 25 Feet          | No Change         |
| Cumulative Front & Rear | 45 Feet          | No Change         |
| Side (Left)             | 5 Feet           | No Change         |
| Side (Right)            | 5 Feet           | 2 Feet            |
| Cumulative Side         | N/A              | N/A               |

#### COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL EXCEPTION 2.16.050.K CRITERIA

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is empowered under Section 2.16.050.K to:

*Permit the encroachment into the required yard setbacks for structures; provided, however, that the applicant can prove the following conditions:*

| Criteria   | Does the Request Comply?  |
|--|---|
| 1. The encroachment into the required yard setback has been in existence for more than fifteen years;                                      | Yes. The encroachment has been in existence for more than fifteen years.                        |
| 2. Neither the applicant nor current property owner is responsible for the construction of the encroachment;                               | Yes. Neither the applicant nor owner were responsible for the construction of the encroachment. |
| 3. Neither the applicant nor the current property owner owned the property at the time the encroaching structure was constructed or built; | Yes. Neither the applicant nor owner owned the property at the time.                            |
| 4. The encroachment, if into the required front yard setback, does not exceed fifty percent of the required front yard setback;            | Not applicable. Encroachment is not into the front yard setback.                                |
| 5. The encroachment does not violate any other provision of the El Paso City Code.   | Yes. The encroachment does not violate any other provision of the El Paso City Code.            |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public notice was sent on March, 28, 2025 to all property owners within 300 feet of subject property. The Planning Division has not received any communications in support or opposition to the special exception request.

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OPTIONS:

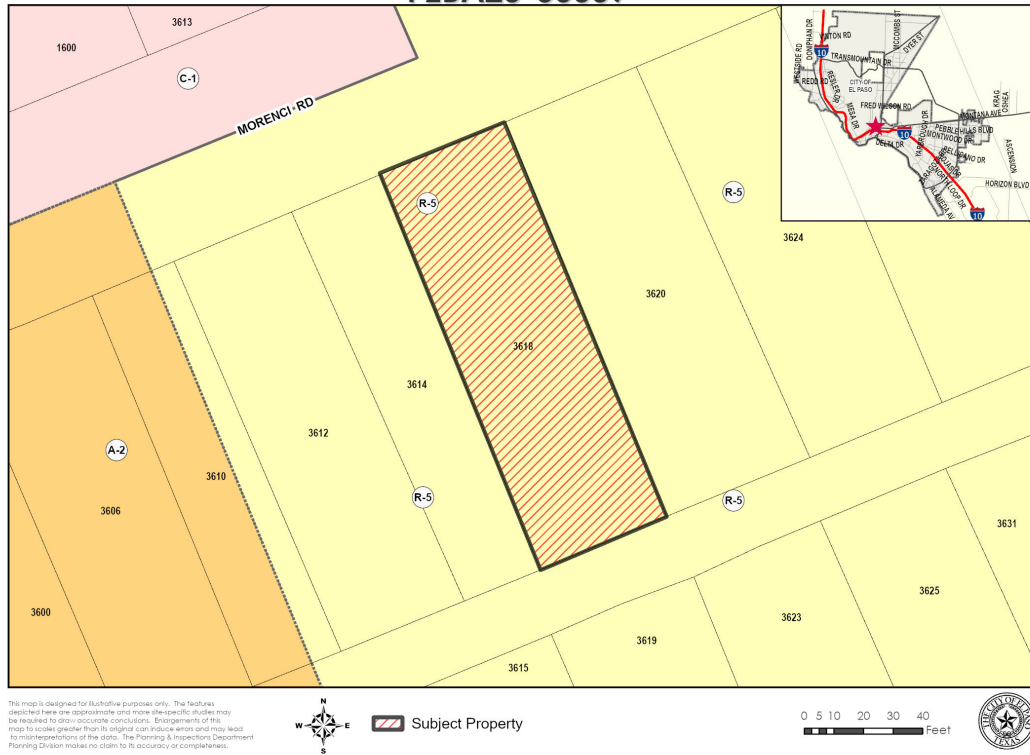
The purpose of the Zoning Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City. The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has the authority to grant a special exception to the zoning code only as provided in El Paso City Code Titles 2 and 20. In evaluating the request, the ZBA may take any of the following actions:

1. **Approval** of the special exception request, finding that the request is in in harmony with the spirit and purposes of Titles 2 and 20, including the preservation of the essential character of the district in which the property is located, that the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served, and that the use of neighboring property will not be substantially injured. **(Staff Recommendation)**
2. **Approval with Modifications** of the special exception request to bring the request into conformance as provided in El Paso City Code Titles 2 and 20 as the board deems appropriate.

3. **Denial** of the special exception request, finding that the request does not conform to the review criteria as provided in El Paso City Code Titles 2 and 20.

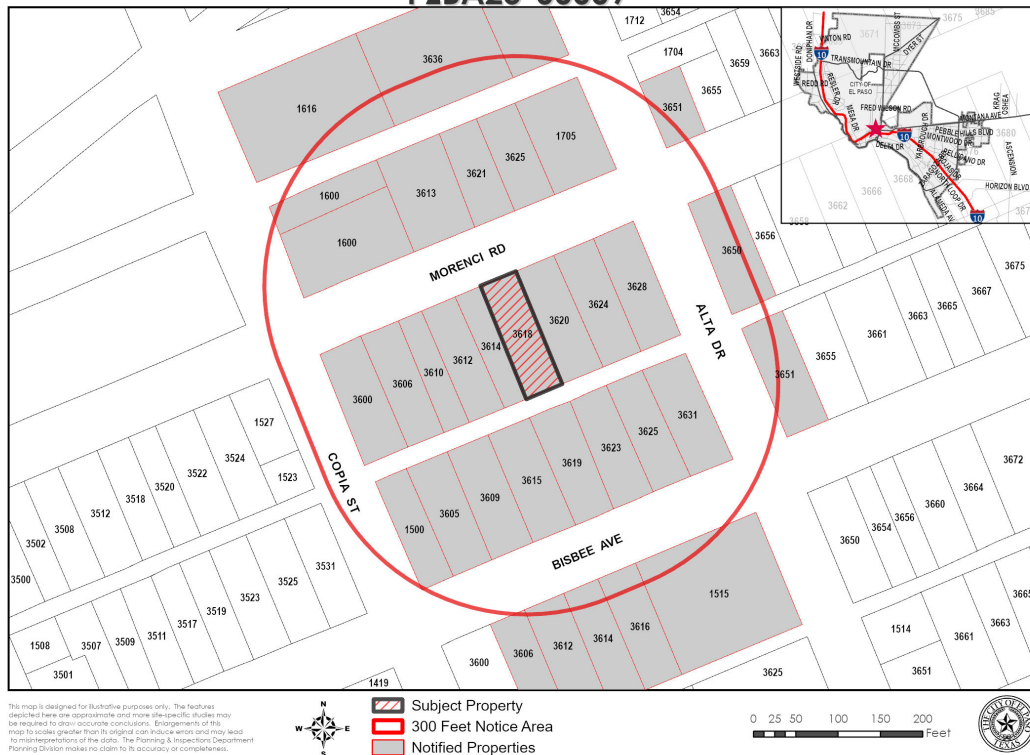
# ZONING MAP

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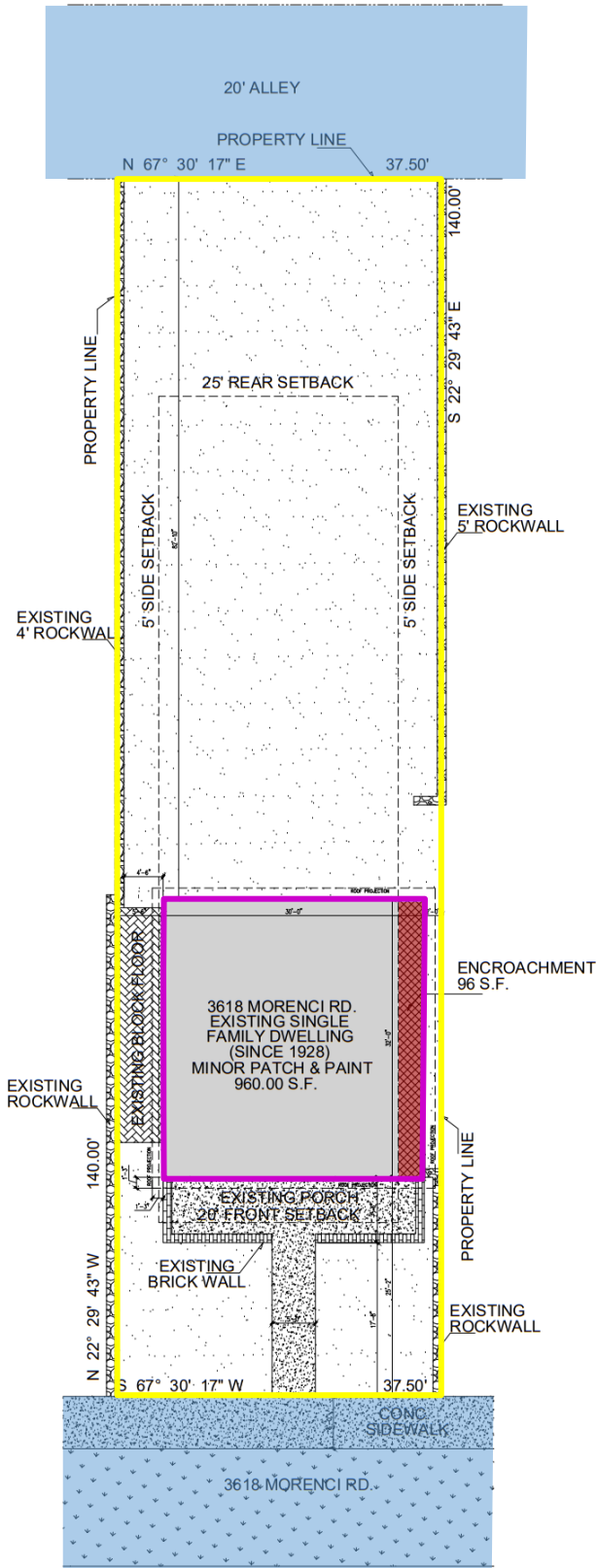


# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION MAP

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# SITE PLAN





# 2014 AERIAL

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 Subject Property

0 10 20 40 60 80 Feet

