# 9701 Norton Street

## Zoning Board of Adjustment — July 22, 2024

CASE NUMBER: PZBA24-00054

CASE MANAGER: Jose Beltran, (915) 212-1607, BeltranJV@elpasotexas.gov

**PROPERTY OWNER:** DSDB LLC. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Ray Baca

**LOCATION:** 8701 Norton St. (District 2)

**ZONING:** A-2 (Apartment)

**REQUEST:** Special Exception K (In Existence Fifteen Years or More)

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None received as of July 16, 2024

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** Applicant requests a Special Exception under Section 2.16.050 K (In Existence Fifteen Years or More) to allow to legalize two apartment buildings that encroach into the side street setback in an A-2 (Apartment) 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.

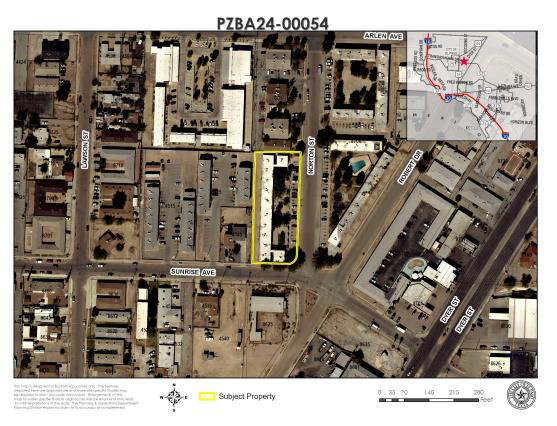


Figure A. Aerial of Subject Property & Immediate Surroundings

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:** The applicant is requesting a special exception to legalize the construction of two existing apartment buildings, which extend 1 foot 10.75 inches and 1 foot 10.625 inches into the side street yard setback and of which 103.65 square feet total of these structures encroach into the street side yard setback.

**BACKGROUND:** The minimum street side setback is 10 feet in the A-2 (Apartment) zone district. The current owner has owned the property since 2019 and the buildings were constructed in 1962 based on El Paso Central Appraisal District records. The existing encroachment has been in existence approximately for 62 years. Based on 2009 aerial imagery, the property existed back then as it does today, with the apartment buildings in their current location.

SETBACKS	REQUIRED SETBACK	REQUESTED SETBACK
Front	0 Feet	No Change
Rear	25 Feet	No Change
Cumulative Front & Rear	N/A	No Change
Side (West)	5 Feet	No Change
Side Street (East)	10 Feet	8 Feet 1.125 inches
Cumulative Side	N/A	No Change

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 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.

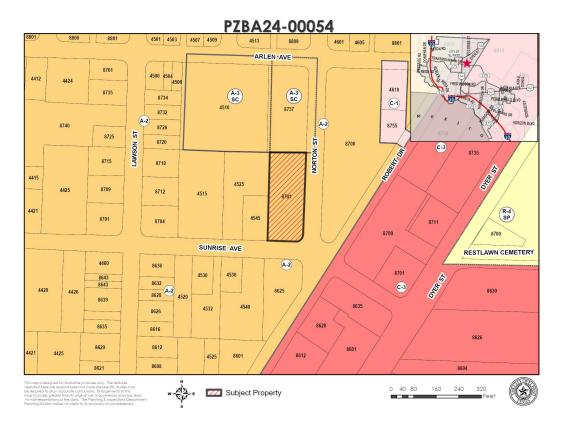
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public notice was sent on July 11, 2024 to all property owners within 300 feet of subject property. The Planning Division has not received any communications in support or opposition to the special exception request.

#### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OPTIONS:**

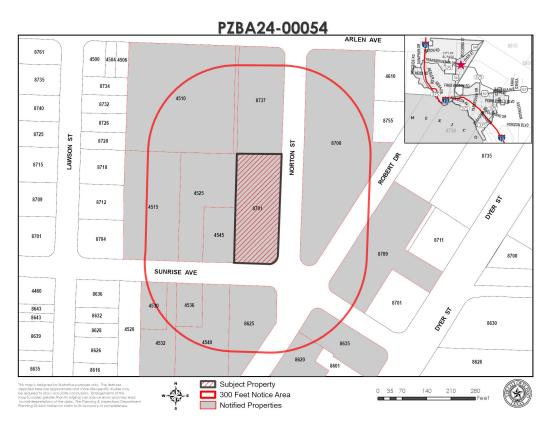
The purpose of the Zoning Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City. The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has the authority to grant a special exception to the zoning code only as provided in El Paso City Code Titles 2 and 20. In evaluating the request, the ZBA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

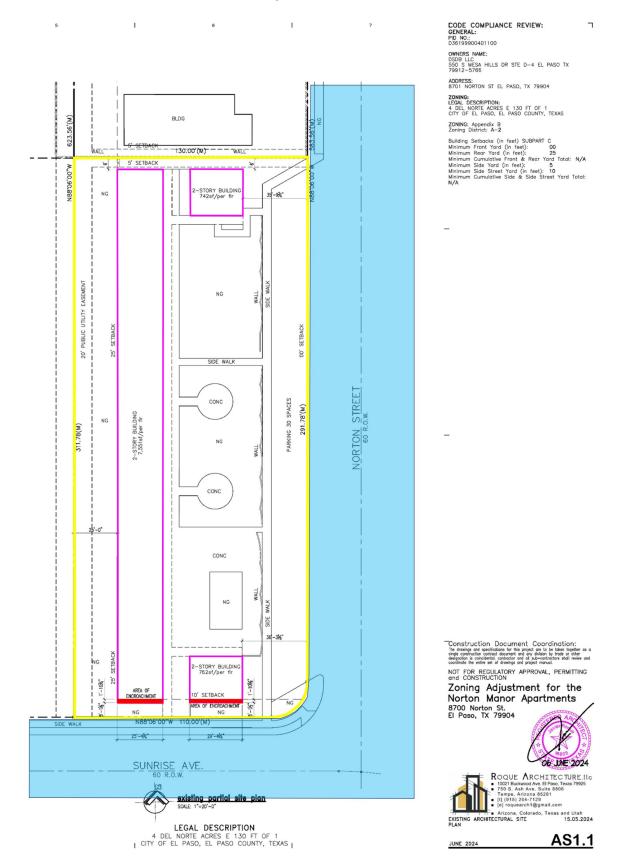
### **ZONING MAP**



### **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION MAP**



#### SITE PLAN



### 2009 AERIAL

