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Members of the River Edge Land Use Board  
Borough of River Edge  
705 Kinderkamack Road  
River Edge, New Jersey 07661

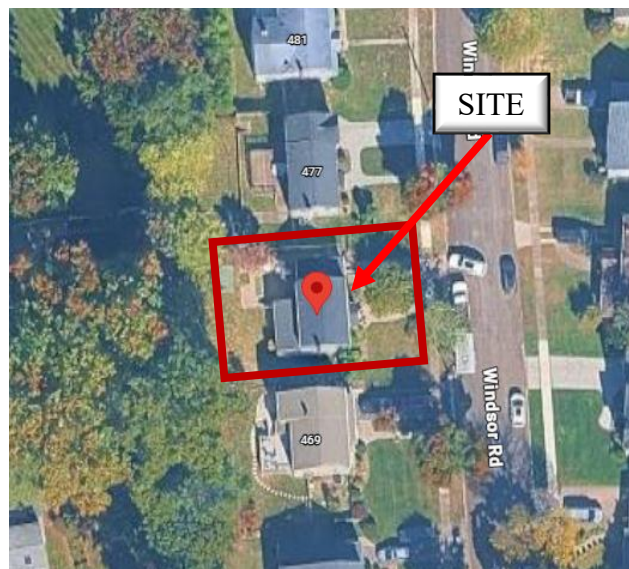
**RE: Proposed Covered Deck  
265 Adams Avenue  
Block 506, Lot 3  
Borough of River Edge  
Bergen County, New Jersey**

Dear Board Members:

Our office has reviewed the application and plans submitted for the proposed covered deck at the above-referenced property. The subject site is located in the Residential (R-1) Zoning District and is characterized by an undersized, rectangular-shaped interior lot that does not conform to the minimum lot width, lot area, building coverage and lot coverage requirements of the R-1 Zone, and where the existing dwelling does not conform to the side yard setback requirement. The property is bounded by Adams Avenue to the north and single-family dwellings to the east, south and west. Existing site improvements include a two-story frame dwelling, covered front porch, paver driveway, paver walkway, steps, retaining walls and a vinyl fence.

The Applicant is proposing a covered deck at the rear of the existing dwelling. The proposed improvements will require variance relief for building coverage, lot coverage (excluding yard amenities), lot coverage (including yard amenities) and rear yard setback. An analysis of the applicable R-1 District zoning requirements, the associated variances, and our comments based on the submitted application materials are provided below.

**Aerial Photograph**



**Materials Reviewed**

1. Architectural Plan, entitled “Deck, 265 Adams Avenue, Lot: 3 Block: 506”, consisting of three (3) sheets, signed and sealed by Tsampicos A. Perides, R.A. of Archi-Tap Designs, Inc., dated April 29, 2026.
2. Property Survey prepared by Christopher Lantelme, P.E. & L.S. of Lantelme, Kurens & Associates, PC, dated September 4, 2025.
3. Zoning Review Letter of Noncompliance from Stephen Depken River Edge Construction Official / Zoning Officer dated April 23, 2026.
4. The Borough of River Edge Land Use Board of Adjustment Application.

**Zoning Analysis**

<b>Zoning Requirements Residential (R-1) Zoning District</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Lot Area	7,500 S.F.	6,000 S.F. <b>(EN)</b>	No change	None
Lot Width	75 Ft.	60.00 Ft. <b>(EN)</b>	No change	None
Lot Depth	100 Ft.	100.00 Ft.	No change	None
Front Yard Setback	30 Ft.	30.73 Ft. <sup>(2)</sup>	No change	None
Side Yard Setback	6 Ft. <sup>(3)</sup>	7.80 Ft. 4.60 Ft. <b>(EN)</b>	No change No change	None
Combined Side Yard Setback	15 Ft. <sup>(3)</sup>	12.40 Ft. <b>(EN)</b>	No change	None
Rear Yard Setback	25 Ft.	26.66 Ft.	12.95 Ft.	<b>Required</b>
Building Height	30 Ft.	27.66 Ft.	No change	None
Number of Stories	2 ½ Stories	2 Stories	No change	
Building Coverage	25% (1,500 SF)	26.80% <b>(EN)</b> (1,610 SF)	31.50% (1,887 SF)	<b>Required</b>
Lot Coverage (Excluding Yard Amenities)	30% (1,800 SF)	39.56% <b>(EN)</b> (2,374 SF)	39.56% (2,374 SF)	<b>Required</b>
Lot Coverage (Including Yard Amenities)	35% (2,100 SF)	43.20% <b>(EN)</b> (2,590 SF)	47.80% (2,867 SF)	<b>Required</b>
Minimum Space Between Buildings on Adjoining Properties	12 Ft.	Not Provided <sup>(1)</sup>	Not provided <sup>(1)</sup>	To be confirmed

**(EN)** - Existing Non-Conformity; N/A – Not Applicable

Notes:

- (1) The Applicant must provide all missing zoning information noted above.
- (2) Front yard setback taken from the covered front porch.
- (3) See General Comment #2 below.

## **General Comments**

1. The Applicant shall confirm the variances sought and provide testimony in support of all requested variances from the bulk standards of the R-1 District.
2. Per §416-64D(1)(b) *For lots with a width of 60 feet to but not including 75 feet, the combined side yards shall be not less than 15 feet and the smaller side yard shall not be less than six feet.*
3. The Applicant shall provide testimony regarding the proposed deck including material and style. We recommend the Applicant submit color renderings of the proposed addition.
4. If the Applicant proposes to disturb more than 5,000 square feet of land, a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification must be obtained from the Bergen County Soil Conservation District. The Applicant shall confirm the total disturbance area and provide evidence of compliance with this requirement.
5. The Applicant shall ensure that the operations of soil movement vehicles are not to be utilized in a way that would deposit soil on any streets, sidewalk, public place, or any other private property. A note stating the same shall be added to the Architectural Plan.

## **Engineering Comments**

### Utilities

1. The Applicant shall confirm there will be no changes to the existing gas, water, electric or sewer utility connections.

### Stormwater Management

2. The Applicant is proposing to increase the building coverage of the site by 277 square feet. Stormwater management improvements will be required to store runoff from the increase in impervious coverage for a three-inch rainfall event. The plan must be revised to illustrate the proposed stormwater improvements and supporting calculations must be submitted for review.
3. All stormwater improvements shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet away from all property lines and building foundations.
4. All stormwater conveyance piping shall be illustrated on the plan and constructed using Schedule 40 PVC.
5. Prior to the installation of the stormwater improvements, the Applicant shall confirm that the seasonal high groundwater table is at least two (2) feet below the bottom of the proposed stone layer. If this requirement cannot be met, the stormwater management design must be revised to ensure proper system functionality.
6. A permeability test shall be conducted on-site prior to the installation of the stormwater improvements. The results of this test shall be submitted to our office for review to confirm the suitability of the proposed stormwater management system and ensure it functions as intended.

7. The Applicant is responsible for any negative drainage impacts to adjacent properties due to on-site grading or drainage. Should a negative impact be identified during and/or upon completion of the project, the impact shall be addressed immediately. Notation indicating the same shall be added to the Architectural Plan.

#### Lighting & Landscaping

8. The Applicant shall confirm if new lighting is proposed on the deck. Light spillage at property lines shall not exceed 1.0 footcandles per §350-28F,

#### Traffic

9. No change to the number of bedrooms in the existing dwelling is proposed as part of this application. Therefore, there is no change in the parking requirements.

#### Grading

10. A grading plan has not been submitted. The Applicant shall provide testimony confirming whether any regrading of the property is proposed. If regrading is anticipated, a grading plan must be submitted showing both existing and proposed contours.

#### **Approvals Required**

It is the Applicant's responsibility to determine what, if any, permits are required from outside agencies in order to construct the proposed development. Including, but not limited to, the following:

##### ➤ **Bergen County Soil Conservation District**

A copy of all permits obtained from outside agencies shall be submitted to this office.

#### **General Requirements**

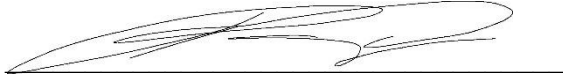
1. The Applicant shall comply with the requirements of Borough Ordinance Chapter 354 regarding Soil Removal, if approved.
2. Construction activities may only be conducted during hours stipulated by Borough Ordinance.
3. Any adjacent structure, retaining wall, landscaping, curb, piping, pavement, fencing, etc. damaged during construction must be repaired or replaced.
4. If approved and upon completion of the proposed work a signed a sealed as-built shall be provided and shall include a breakdown of the building and lot coverage.
5. The Applicant's plans should indicate an appropriate notation and reference that all construction work for the project must be performed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Occupational safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the New Jersey Uniform Code, and good construction and engineering practice as it pertains to safety.

The above comments are based on our review of the submitted application and plans. We have made every effort to provide a thorough review; however, any future submissions, depending on the nature of revisions, may require additional review and comments.

Should you require additional information or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our office at (201) 487-0015.

Very truly yours,

COSTA ENGINEERING CORPORATION



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