

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 20, 2026
TO: Zoning Board of Appeals
FROM: Ray Heitner, Planner
RE: Petition Number: 2026-40
Applicant: Oswaldo Guzman
Status of Applicant: Owner
Location: 1111 Clement Street
Request: A Variation to reduce the required side yard setback to allow construction of a rear covered patio (COUNCIL DISTRICT #4)

Purpose

The applicant is requesting a Variation to reduce the required side yard setback from 8 feet to 4.8 feet to allow construction of a rear covered patio, located at 1111 Clement Street. The Zoning Board of Appeals makes the final decision on the requested petition.

Site Specific Information

The subject property is approximately 6,916 square feet in size (52 feet by 133 feet) and contains a two-story, 25-foot by 46-foot, two-dwelling residence that was built in 1904. Section 47-7.4 of the City's Zoning Ordinance requires lots improved with two-family dwellings to be 7,000 square feet in size, with a lot width of 50 feet. The same code section requires a minimum 6-foot side yard setback for two-story two-family dwellings in the R-3 zone. When the existing main structure was built in 1904, it was placed just 4.8 feet off the north side yard lot line.

The applicant wishes to build a covered rear patio that would match the width of the rear (west) side of the house and extend 14 feet deep into the rear yard. The patio would be 11 feet tall. Elevations of the proposed new patio have been included in the staff report packet. The covered patio would have three wooden support beams and a pitched wooden roof covering a cement patio. The ground floor dwelling unit is owner occupied and the proposed patio would be for that unit's use. Approval of the patio building permit is contingent upon approval of the request setback variation.

Surrounding Zoning, Land Use and Character

The subject property is in the Cunningham neighborhood on the City's near west side and is surrounded by single-family and two-unit residences with a combination of R-3 (one and two-family residential) and R-2 (single-family residential) zoning.

Applicable Regulations

- Section 47-7.3 Permitted Accessory Uses within the R-3 Zone
- Section 47-7.4 Yard and Lot Requirements within the R-3 Zone
- Section 47-19.8 Findings of Facts Supporting a Variation (refer to attachment)

Analysis

Approval of the requested variation would allow the owner to construct a 25-foot by 14-foot covered patio in the property's rear yard. The subject variation is needed to allow the rear patio to be built as proposed 4.8 feet from the north side yard lot line.

Section 47-19.8 of the City's Zoning Ordinance details the conditions that must be met to establish whether adequate evidence has been submitted to establish whether a practical difficulty or particular hardship exists to warrant approval of the requested variation. Staff finds that the property in question would still be able to yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations in the particular zone, as the R-3 zoning regulations that are in place do not negate the fact that the home was previously purchased without the proposed patio. However, staff does find that the plight of the owner is due to the unique circumstances that are present due to the undersized nature of the subject lot and the location of the principal structure within the lot that predates the application of the R-3 zoning designation. Furthermore, staff does not believe that the variation, if granted, would alter the essential character of the locality, as several residences in the neighborhood contain additional accessory structures within their respective rear yards such as detached garages, pools, and patios. Staff does not find the size or design of the proposed rear patio to be aesthetically out of character with the main building or with the architecture that can be found in the surrounding area.

Conditions

If the Zoning Board of Appeals wishes to approve the requested variation, staff recommends the following conditions:

1. That the new patio compliments the materials and color of the principal structure on the subject property.
2. Should the property be declared a public nuisance, it shall be subject to a rehearing and a possible revocation of the Variation.



Zoning Board of Appeals Application Packet

Variation

This packet should contain all of the following documents:

- Application;
- Ownership disclosure form;
- Public notice sign posting requirements and sign template

If you have any questions please contact the Planning Division staff.

Joliet Planning Division - 150 West Jefferson Street,
First Floor-South Wing, Joliet, Illinois 60432

Phone Number: (815) 724-4050

Email Address: zoning@joliet.gov

Filing Fees:

The following fees **will be invoiced** once the petition is accepted:

Filing Fee Type	Amount
Variation for a Single-Family Home	\$200.00
Variation for a Mutli-Family Property	\$500.00
Variation for a Non-Residential Property	\$500.00
Additional Variations	\$50.00 each
Sign Deposit Fees (properties that are less than one (1) acre)	\$100.00 (\$50.00 for an English sign & \$50.00 for a Spanish sign)

Notice of Petition Request:

In accordance with Resolution No. 1694 of the City of Joliet, all persons residing within 600 ft. of the property referred to in this application must be notified of the proposed re-zoning. The Planning Division will notify these residents 10 days prior to the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sign Deposits:

At least one sign shall be posted no later than 15 days, but not more than 30 days before, the hearing date. The sign shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and the nature of the request. It shall be placed in a conspicuous location on the property so it may be observed and read from the street. If the property is less than one (1) acre, the sign shall be provided by the City of Joliet Planning Staff upon the applicant's payment of the \$50.00 deposit for each sign. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to post the sign. If the property is larger than one (1) acre, the applicant shall be responsible for creating and erecting the sign. **For properties larger than one (1) acre, please refer to the "*Requirements For Posting Land Use Change Informational Signs*" sheet in this packet.**

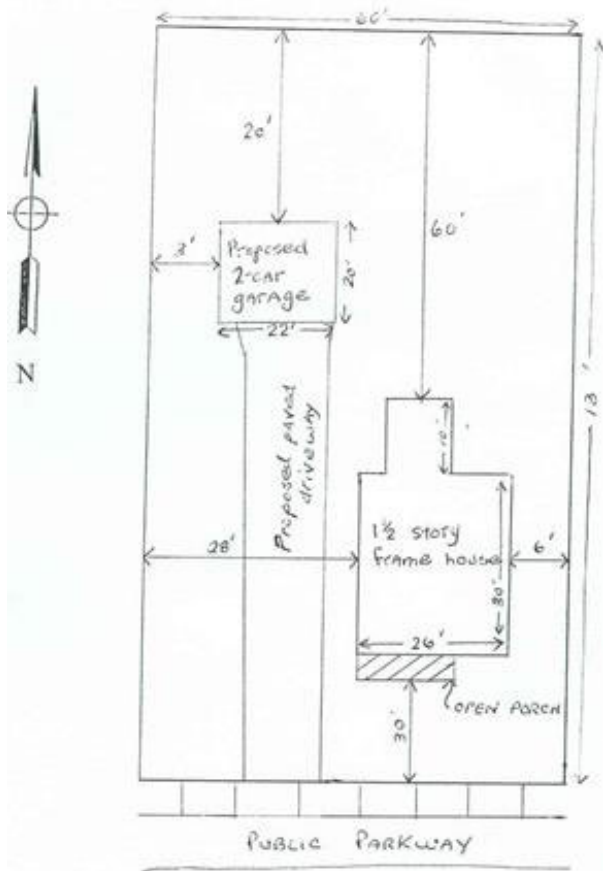
Upon completion of the public hearing, the sign(s) shall be removed and returned to the City of Joliet within ten (10) days. If the applicant fails to remove the sign within ten days, the City of Joliet may remove the sign, and the cost of the removal shall be deducted from the applicant's sign deposit. Please allow approximately 10-15 days for sign deposit refund processing.

Failure to post the notice sign as required may result in the deferral of action on, or the denial of the applicant's petition.

EXAMPLES:

PLAT OF SURVEY

LOT 3, EXCEPT THE NORTH 90 FEET THEREOF, IN KATHERINE S. NICHOLSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST PART OF BLOCK 43, OF THE CANAL TRUSTEES' SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 9, IN TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, AND IN RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 3, 1901, IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 66, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF JOLIET, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



Sample Site Plan
(For illustrative purposes only)



Sample Floor Plan
(For illustrative purposes only)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Verified by Planner (please initial):_____

Payment received from: _____

Petition #: _____

Common Address: _____

Date filed: _____

Meeting date assigned: _____

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

PETITION FOR VARIATION/APPEAL

City of Joliet Planning Division, 150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432

Ph (815)724-4050 Fax (815)724-4056

ADDRESS FOR WHICH VARIATION IS REQUESTED: 1111 Clement St

PETITIONER'S NAME: Oswaldo Guzman

HOME ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: (Primary) _____ (Secondary) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: _____

PROPERTY INTEREST OF PETITIONER: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY: Waldo

HOME ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: _____

Any use requiring a business license shall concurrently apply for a business license and submit a copy with this petition. Additionally, if this request is for operation of a business, please provide the following information:

BUSINESS REFERENCES (*name, address, phone or email*):

OTHER PROJECTS AND/OR DEVELOPMENTS:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER (TAX NO. OR P. I. N.): _____;
_____; _____; _____.

Property Index Number/P.I.N. can be found on tax bill or Will County Supervisor of Assessments website

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (an attached copy preferred):

2 unit residential home

LOT SIZE: WIDTH: 51' 10" DEPTH: 132' 07" AREA: 6750

PRESENT USE(S) OF PROPERTY: Residential Living

PRESENT ZONING OF PROPERTY: MULTI, R-3

VARIATION/APPEAL REQUESTED: Distance from property line to build 5' away instead of the 8'
allowing to extend a covered attached roof in same dimensions as the back side of the house

RESPONSE TO VARIATION CRITERIA

The Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant or recommend relief only when it has received adequate evidence to establish a practical difficulty or hardship. The evidence must support each of the following three conditions:

- (a) The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return by use permitted and subject to the conditions allowed by the regulations in the particular district or zone.
- (b) The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.
- (c) The variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

Please describe how this request meets the criteria by responding to the following questions in your own words.

1. How do the applicable zoning regulations prevent the property in question from yielding a reasonable return?

The current zoning regulations prevent me from making improvements to my home that would blend
seamlessly with the existing structure and maintain the property's overall appearance
in a manner that is architecturally consistent with the existing house.

2. *What unique circumstances exist which mandate a variance?*

The home was originally constructed in a location that does not conform to the current zoning regula

3. *What impact would the granting of this variance have upon the essential character of the general area? Please include both positive and negative impacts.*

Granting the requested variance would provide useful shelter from the weather, allowing for greater of the backyard throughout the year. The improvement would also enhance the appearance and fun the property, increasing its overall value. I do not anticipate any negative impacts on the surrounding

REQUIRED SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Site plan / concept plan / floor plan / building elevation plan
- ☐ Joliet Ownership Disclosure form
- ☐ Business license application (if applicable)

NOTARIZATION OF PETITION

STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss
COUNTY OF WILL)

I, [REDACTED], depose and say that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to be present in person or by representation when this petition is heard before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

— [REDACTED] —
Petitioner's Signature

Owner's Signature
(If other than petitioner)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this ____ day of _____, 20____

CITY OF JOLIET OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

The City of Joliet requires that applicants for zoning relief, subdivision approval, building permits and business licenses disclose the identity of all persons having an ownership interest in the business and the real property associated with the application. A copy of this form must be completed and submitted with other application materials. Failure to properly complete and submit this form may result in the denial of the application.

I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION

This form is submitted as part of an application for the following (check all that apply):

- ☐ Rezoning, Special Use Permit, Variation, or Other Zoning Relief (Complete Sections II and III)
- ☐ Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, or Record Plat of Subdivision (Complete Sections II and III)
- ☐ Building Permit (Complete Sections II and III)
- ☐ Business License (Complete All Sections)

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY

The address and PIN(s) of the real property associated with this application are:

1111 Clement St Joliet IL 60435 United States

PIN(s): 41.54399° N, 88.09691° W

III. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Select the type of owner of the real property associated with this application and fill in the appropriate contact information below:

- ☒ **Individual:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the individual owner(s)
- ☐ **Corporation:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons holding 3% or more of the stock of the corporation and the percentage of shares held by such stockholders
- ☐ **Limited Liability Company:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all members of the company along with the percentage of ownership held by each member
- ☐ **Land Trust:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the trustee(s) and all beneficiaries
- ☐ **Partnership:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all partners
- ☐ **Other type of organization:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons having a legal or equitable ownership interest in the organization or the right to direct the affairs of the organization

E-MAIL: [REDACTED] FAX: _____

IV. BUSINESS OWNERSHIP

If the owner of the business is different than the owner of the real property associated with the application, then the following information must be provided:

Select the type of business owner associated with this application and fill in the contact information below:

- ☒ **Individual:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the individual owner(s)
- ☐ **Corporation:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons holding 3% or more of the stock of the corporation and the percentage of shares held by such stockholders
- ☐ **Limited Liability Company:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all members of the company along with the percentage of ownership held by each member
- ☐ **Partnership:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all partners
- ☐ **Other type of organization:** State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons having a legal or equitable ownership interest in the organization

E-MAIL: _____ **FAX:** _____

NOTE:

If a stockholder, member, beneficiary or partner disclosed in Section III or Section IV is not an individual, then the individuals holding the legal or equitable title to the real property or business associated with the application must also be disclosed. For example, if the real property associated with an application is owned by a land trust, and the beneficiary of the land trust is a limited liability company, then the members of the limited liability company must be disclosed. If one of the members of the limited liability company is a partnership, then the identity of the partners must be disclosed. If one of the partners is a corporation, then all persons owning 3% or more of the issued stock must be disclosed.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: 06/26/2026 _____

Name, Title, and Telephone Numbers of Person Completing and Submitting This Form:

PRINT

How to Post a Sign for any Land Use Change

In an effort to increase the awareness of neighborhoods of potential land use changes in their areas, the City of Joliet requires posting of a sign giving notice of a hearing on a proposed land use change. All petitions filed for review by the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission must follow these procedures:

1. At least one sign for every 500 feet of street frontage, with a minimum of one sign on each street abutting the property shall be posted. If the property in question is more than 1 acre please refer to page 2 for information.
2. The sign shall be posted at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing date.
3. The sign shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and the nature of the land use change being requested. It shall be placed in a conspicuous location on the property so it may be observed and read from the street.
4. The sign shall be provided by the City of Joliet Planning Division upon the applicant's payment of a \$50.00 deposit for each sign.
5. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to post the sign. Written certification of the posting of the sign shall be provided by the applicant to the City with the date and location of the posting of the sign.
6. Upon completion of the public hearing, the sign shall be removed and returned to the City within ten days. The applicant's deposit shall be refunded upon return of the sign.
7. Failure to post the sign as required may result in the deferral of action on, or the denial of, the applicant's petition.

Requirements For Posting Land Use Change Informational Signs

(6) Land Use Change Informational Signs: In addition to the publication of newspaper notice for a public hearing on any request for a land use change (such as a petition for a variation, special exception, variation of use, or zoning reclassification) and any request for subdivision approval (preliminary plat), notice of a public hearing on such land use change shall be given by posting one or more land use change informational signs on the subject property in accordance with the following provisions:

(A) For parcels comprising 1 acre or more:

- (1) The applicant or the applicant's agent shall erect a sign or signs with minimum dimensions of three (3) by four (4) feet. The number and location of the sign(s) shall be determined by the City Manager or his designee.
- (2) The sign(s) shall conform to the format provided by the City Manager or his designee and shall contain the time and place of public hearing and the nature of the application (SEE BELOW)
- (3) The sign(s) shall be posted at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the public hearing date.
- (4) It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to prepare and create such signs and to erect whatever framework that may be necessary to display the signage.
- (5) Upon completion of the public hearing, the sign(s) shall be removed within 10 days. If the applicant fails to remove the sign, the City of Joliet may remove the sign, and the cost of such removal shall be billed to the applicant and shall constitute a debt payable to the City.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF JOLIET, IL**

DATE/TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 815-724-4040 OR

815-724-4050

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CITY OF JOLIET**

Permit # _____

Office Use Only

**CITY OF JOLIET****Building & Inspectional Services**

150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432

Phone: 815-724-4070 Email: permitapplication@joliet.gov

Gazebo & Pergola Permit Application

If permit applications are incomplete, and/or submitted without the required permit information and supporting documents, they will be returned to the applicant.

All Contractor's must submit a copy of the contract with all permit applications.

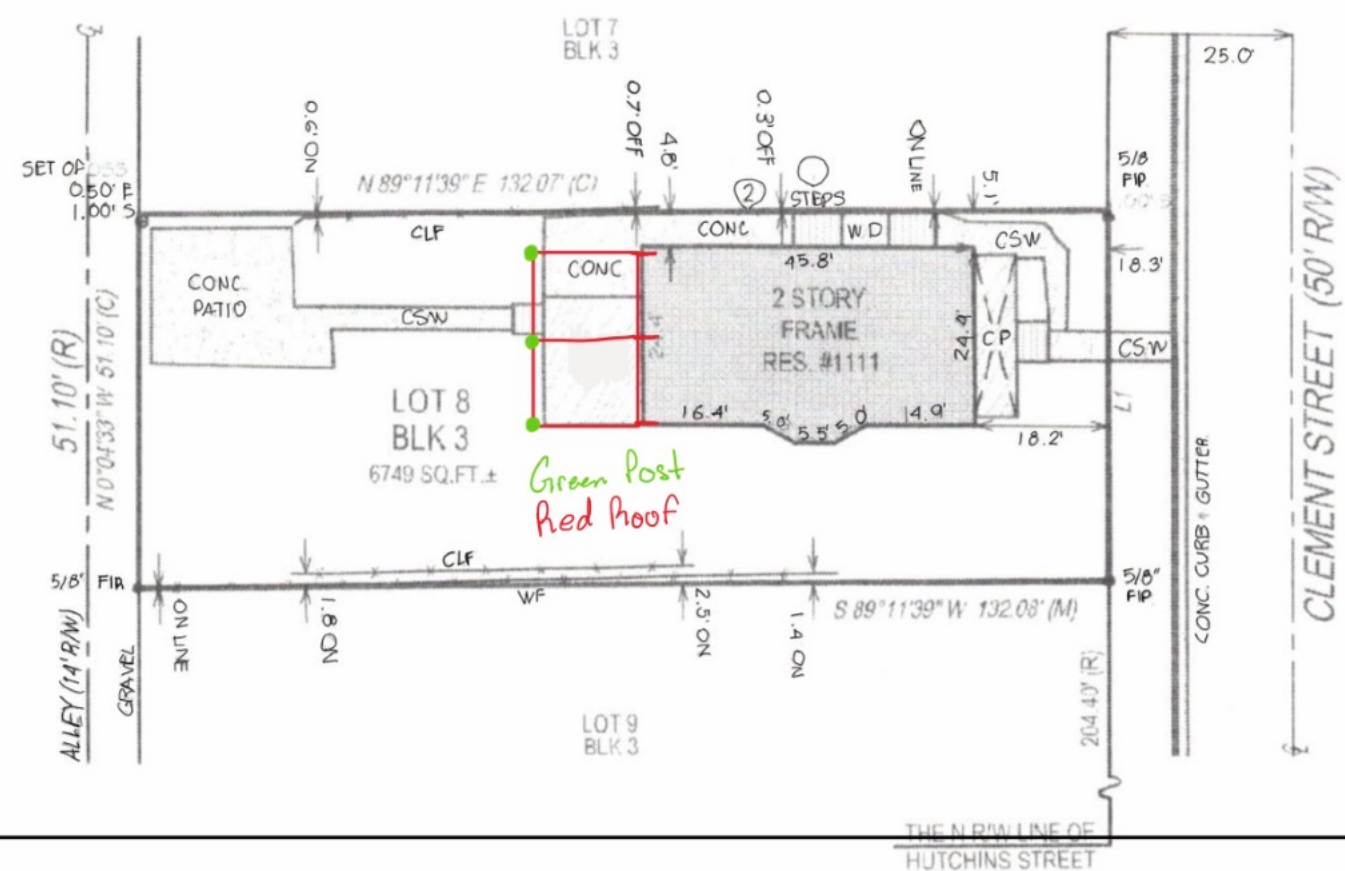
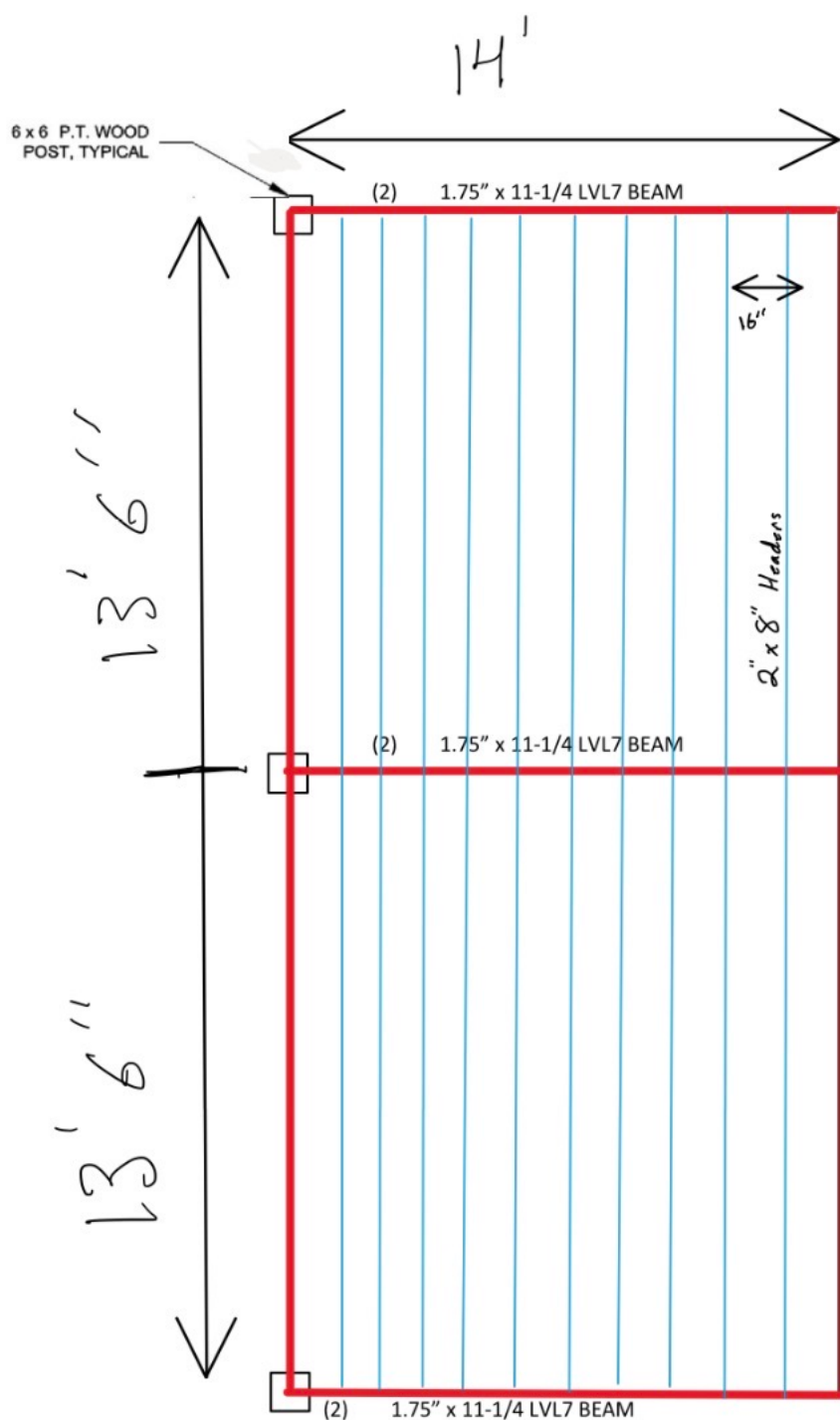
Address: [REDACTED]		City: Joliet
☐ Single Family ☒ Multi-Family - Number of Units <u>2</u>		
Is this property registered with the Neighborhood Services Rental Program? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
Work Being Completed By: ☒ Homeowner ☐ Contractor		
Homeowner's Name: Oswaldo Guzman		
Address: [REDACTED]		
Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]	
Contractor's Name: N/A		
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
Description of Work		
Type: ☐ Gazebo or ☒ Pergola ☒ Attached or ☐ Detached		
Dimensions: Length: <u>25</u> ft. <u>0</u> in. Width: <u>14</u> ft. <u>0</u> in. Height: <u>11</u> ft. <u>0</u> in.		
Base Type: ☒ Concrete ☐ Wood ☐ Brick Pavers ☐ Other: _____		
Description of Work: Attached roof extension from old roof to cover backyard deck from weather.		
Total Cost \$4,000		
Applicant Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 6/18/2026

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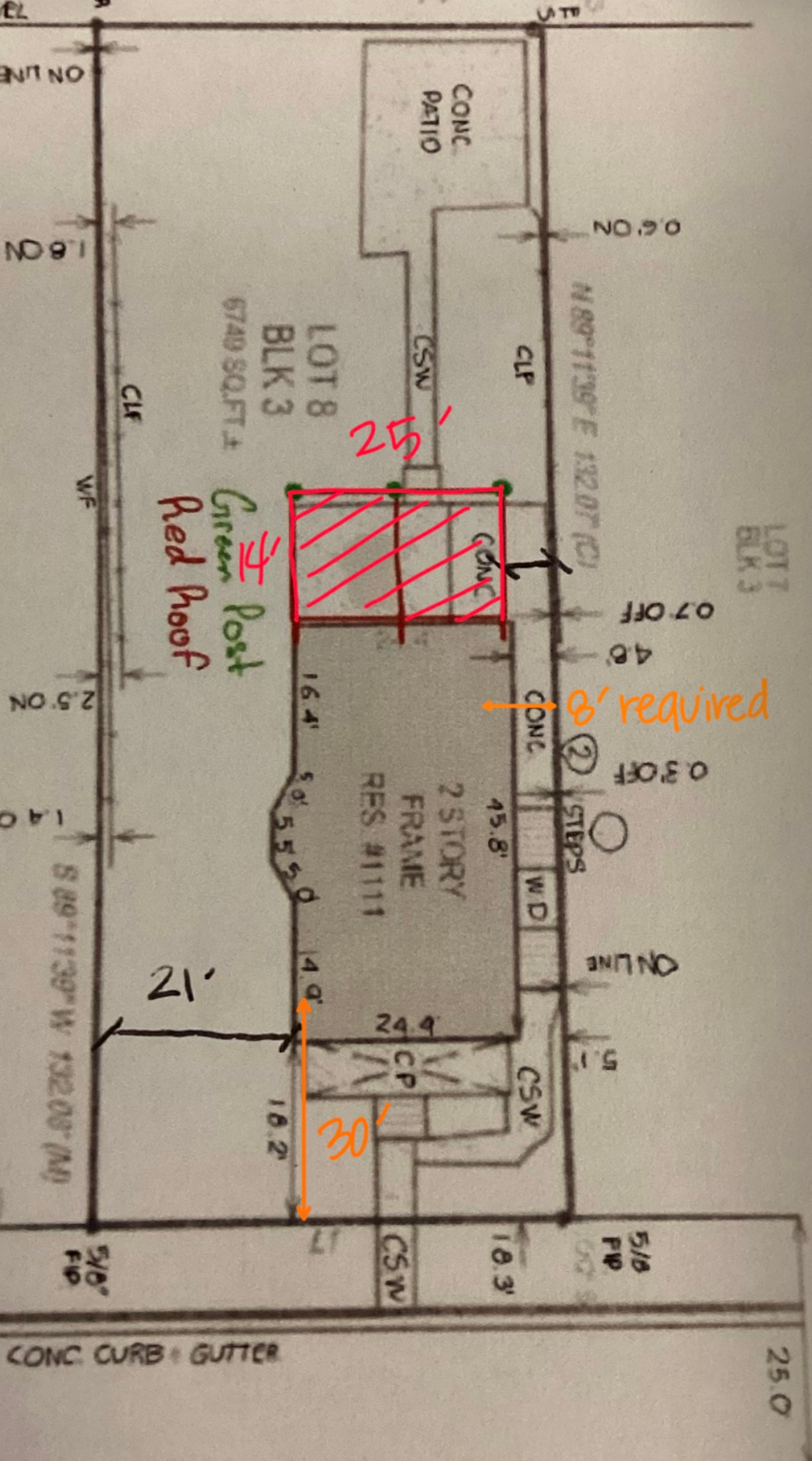
Building Official Signature _____

Date _____





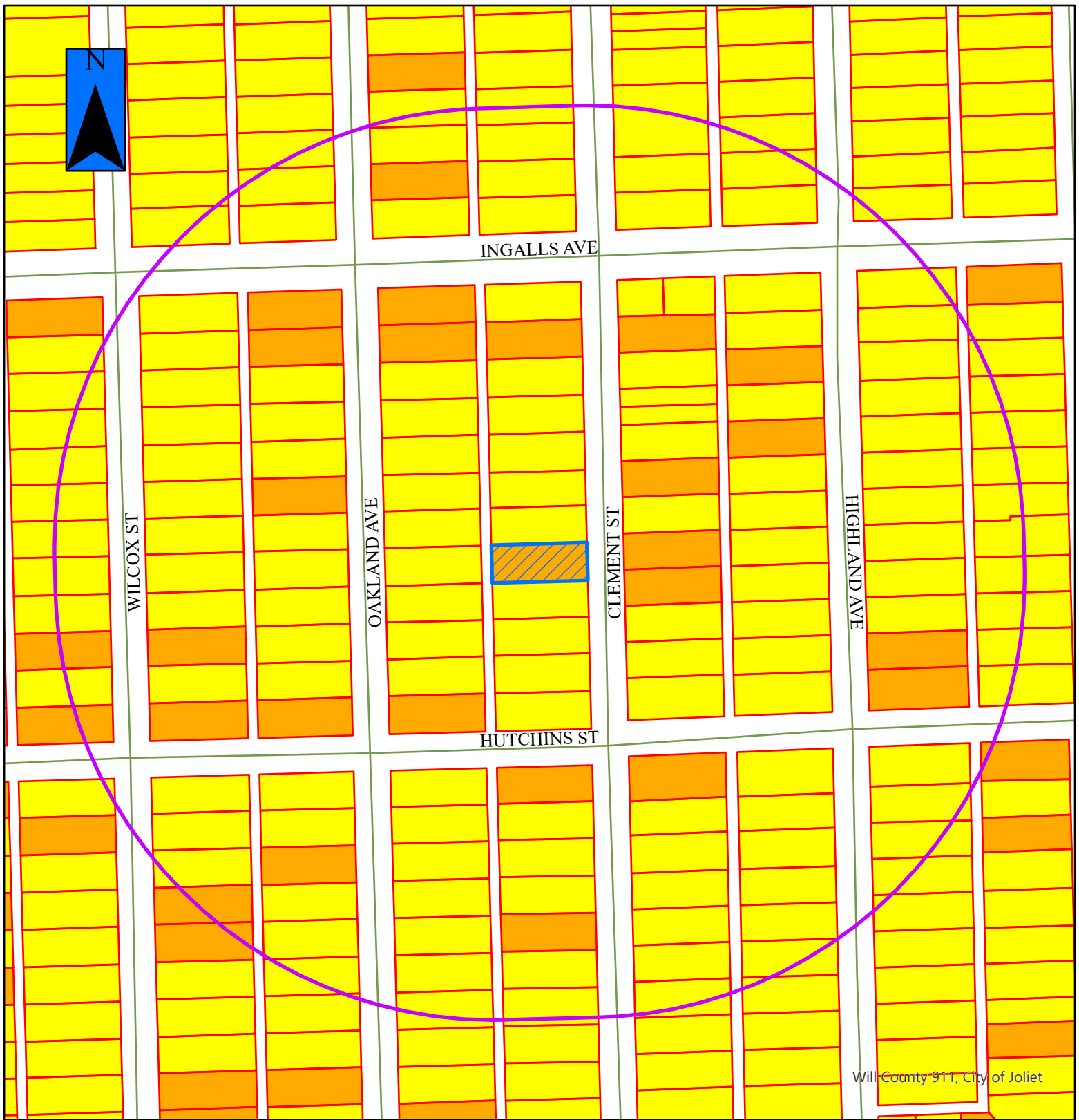
Front House



CLEMENT STREET (50' R/W)







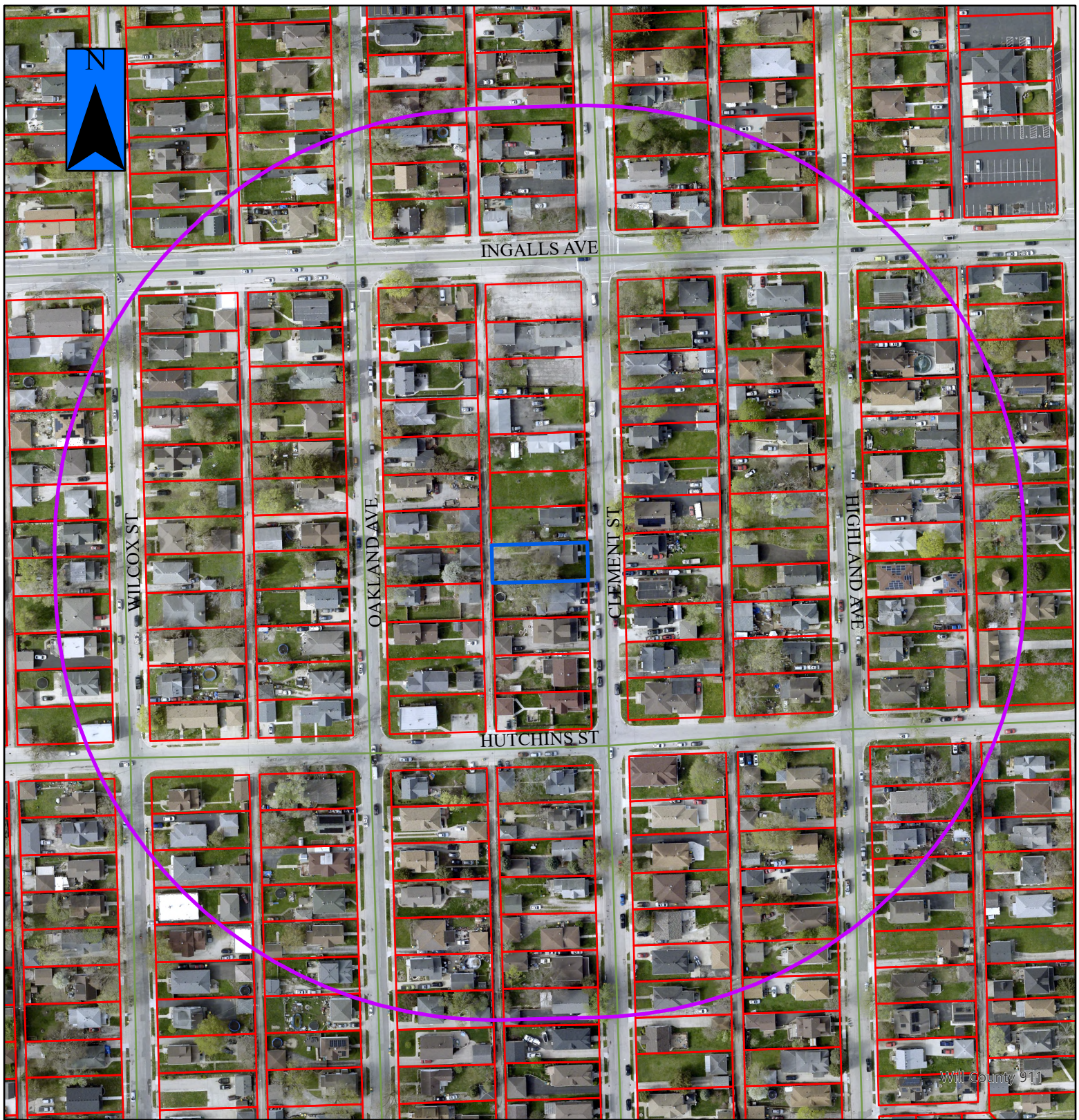
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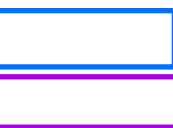
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 = 600' Public Notification Boundary

Legend					
	B-1		I-TA		R-2
	B-2		I-TB		R-2A
	B-3		I-TC		R-3
	I-1		R-1		R-4
	I-2		R-1A		R-5
	I-T		R-1B		R-B

Will County 911, City of Joliet



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= Property in Question / Propiedad en cuestión
 = 600' Public Notification Boundary /
 Límite de notificación pública de 600 ft (180 m)