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File Number	PL 22-074	Contact	Chris Lee, clee@duluthmn.gov	
Type	Interim Use Permit – Vacation Dwelling Unit	Planning Commission Date		June 14, 2022
Deadline for Action	Application Date	April 25, 2022	60 Days	June 24, 2022
	Date Extension Letter Mailed	May 13, 2022	120 Days	August 23, 2022
Location of Subject		232 S 59 th Avenue W		
Applicant	ALN Properties	Contact	N/A	
Agent	N/A	Contact	N/A	
Legal Description		PID # 010-4500-01800		
Site Visit Date		June 1, 2022	Sign Notice Date	
			May 31, 2022	
Neighbor Letter Date		May 25, 2022	Number of Letters Sent	
			39	

Proposal

Applicant proposes use of a 3-bedroom home as a vacation rental unit. The permit would allow maximum of 7 occupants.

Vacation dwelling units located in the R-1 zone district. This property was on the list of eligible properties from the 2021 drawing.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the permit with conditions.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	R-1	Single-family Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
North	R-1	Single-family Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
South	R-1	Single-family Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
East	R-1	Single-family Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
West	R-1	Single-family Residential	Traditional Neighborhood

Summary of Code Requirements:

UDC Section 50-19.8. Permitted Use Table. A Vacation Dwelling Unit is an Interim Use in the R-1 zone district.

UDC Sec. 50-37.10.E . . . the Council shall only approve an interim use permit, or approve it with conditions, if it determines that:

1. A time limit is needed to protect the public health, safety and welfare from potential longer term impacts of the requested use in that location;
2. The applicant agrees to sign a development agreement with the city.
3. There is a city-



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wide cap on vacation dwelling units or accessory vacation dwelling units; permits issued for vacation dwelling units or accessory vacation dwelling units in any form district shall not be counted against the maximum number of permits that may be issued, 4. Except for properties within the Higher Education Overlay District as identified in 50-18.5, the minimum rental period and off-street parking requirements of 50-20.3.U and 50-20.5.M shall not apply for vacation dwelling units or accessory vacation dwelling units in form districts.

Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #8 - Encourage mix of activities, uses, and densities.

Econ. Dev. Policy #3 - Build on Existing Economic Strengths & Competitive Advantages

- **S9:** Encourage expansion of the city's tourism economy through efforts to expand in areas of current activity, such as in Canal Park, but also through marketing and investment in destination neighborhoods and iconic tourism experiences unique to Duluth.

Applicant is proposing to provide another type of lodging product for visitors to the City of Duluth and surrounding area.

Future Land Use – Traditional Neighborhood: Characterized by grid or connected street pattern, houses oriented with shorter dimension to the street and detached garages, some with alleys. Limited commercial, schools, churches, and home businesses. Parks and open space areas are scattered through or adjacent to the neighborhood. Includes many of Duluth's older neighborhoods, infill projects, neighborhood extensions, and new traditional neighborhood areas.

History: The home is a single-family structure built in 2019 and contains 1,440 square feet.

Review and Discussion Items:

- 1) Applicant's property is located at 232 S 59th Avenue W. The proposed vacation dwelling is a 3-bedroom single family home. The unit would allow for a maximum of 7 guests.
- 2) As shown on the site plan, the existing driveway off the alley features room for 2 off-street parking spaces.
- 3) There will be no campers or trailers parked on the property.
- 4) The site plan indicates outdoor amenities including a grill, firepit, pergola, and seating. The applicant is proposing new privacy fencing on all sides of the rear yard.
- 5) Permit holders must designate a managing agent or local contact who resides within 25 miles of the city and who has authority to act for the owner in responding 24 hours a day to complaints from neighbors or the city. Permit holder must provide the contact information for the managing agent or local contact to all property owners within 100 feet of the property boundary. The applicant has listed Rose Hale as the managing agent, which meets the criteria.
- 6) A time limit on this Interim Use Permit ("IUP") is needed to minimize negative impacts to surrounding residential uses thereby causing damage to the public's health, safety and welfare. Section 50-20.3.U.7 states the IUP shall expire upon



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change in ownership of the property or in six years, whichever occurs first.

7) Applicant must comply with Vacation Regulations (included with staff report), including providing information to guests on city rules (included with staff report as "Selected City Ordinances on Parking, Parks, Pets, and Noise").

8) No comments from citizens, City staff, or any other entity were received regarding the application.

9) The permit will expire 6 years from the approval date. The permit will lapse if no activity takes place within 1 year of approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the interim use permit based on the following:

1. The Interim Use Permit shall not be effective until the applicant has received all required licenses and permits for operation.
2. The applicant shall adhere to the terms and conditions listed in the Interim Use Permit.



PL22-074
Interim Use Permit
232 S 59th Ave W

Legend

- Gas Main
- Water Main
- Hydrant

Sanitary Sewer Mains

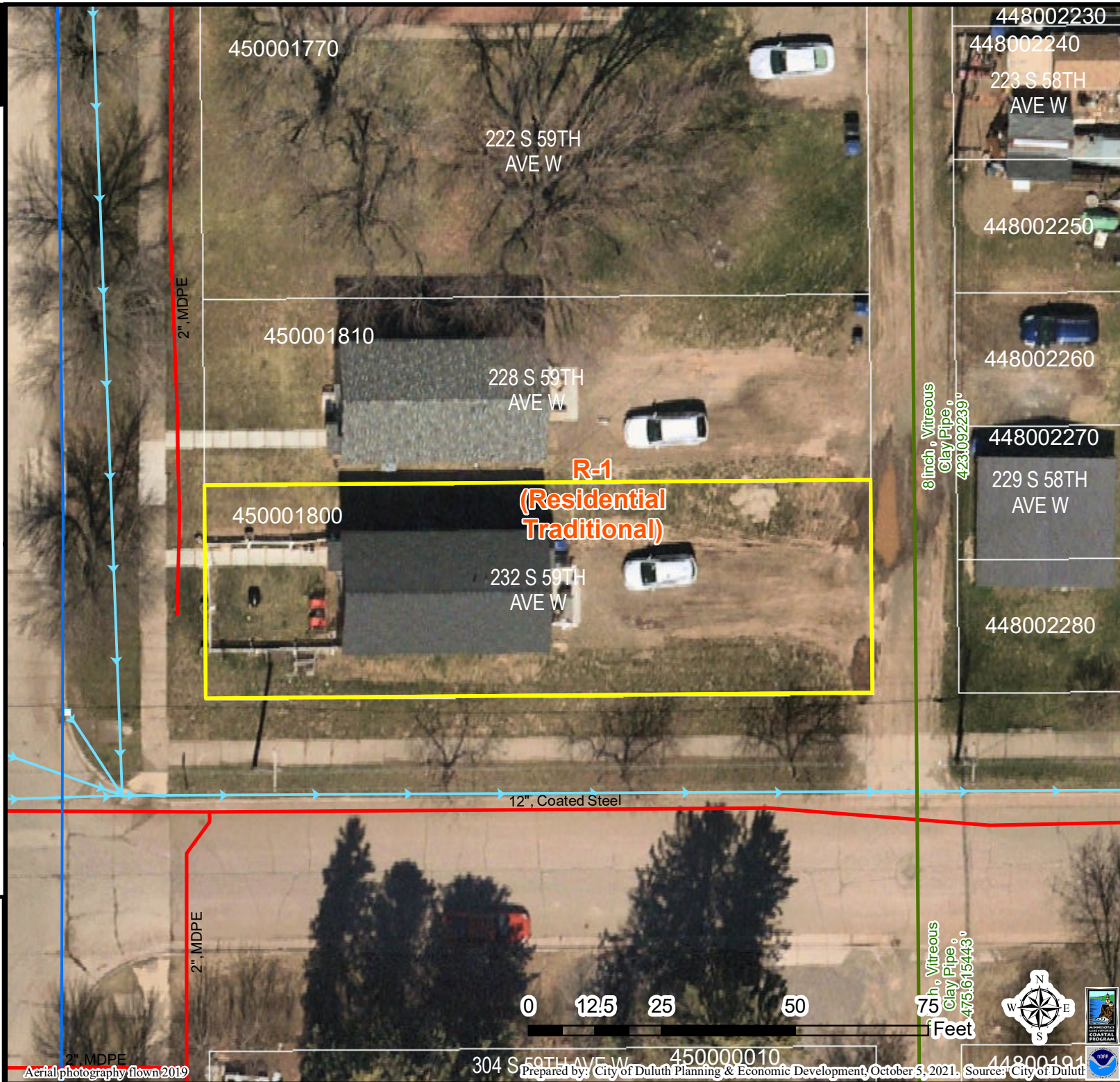
- CITY OF DULUTH
- WLSSD; PRIVATE
- Sanitary Sewer Forced Main
- Storage Basin
- PS Pump Station

Storm Sewer Mains

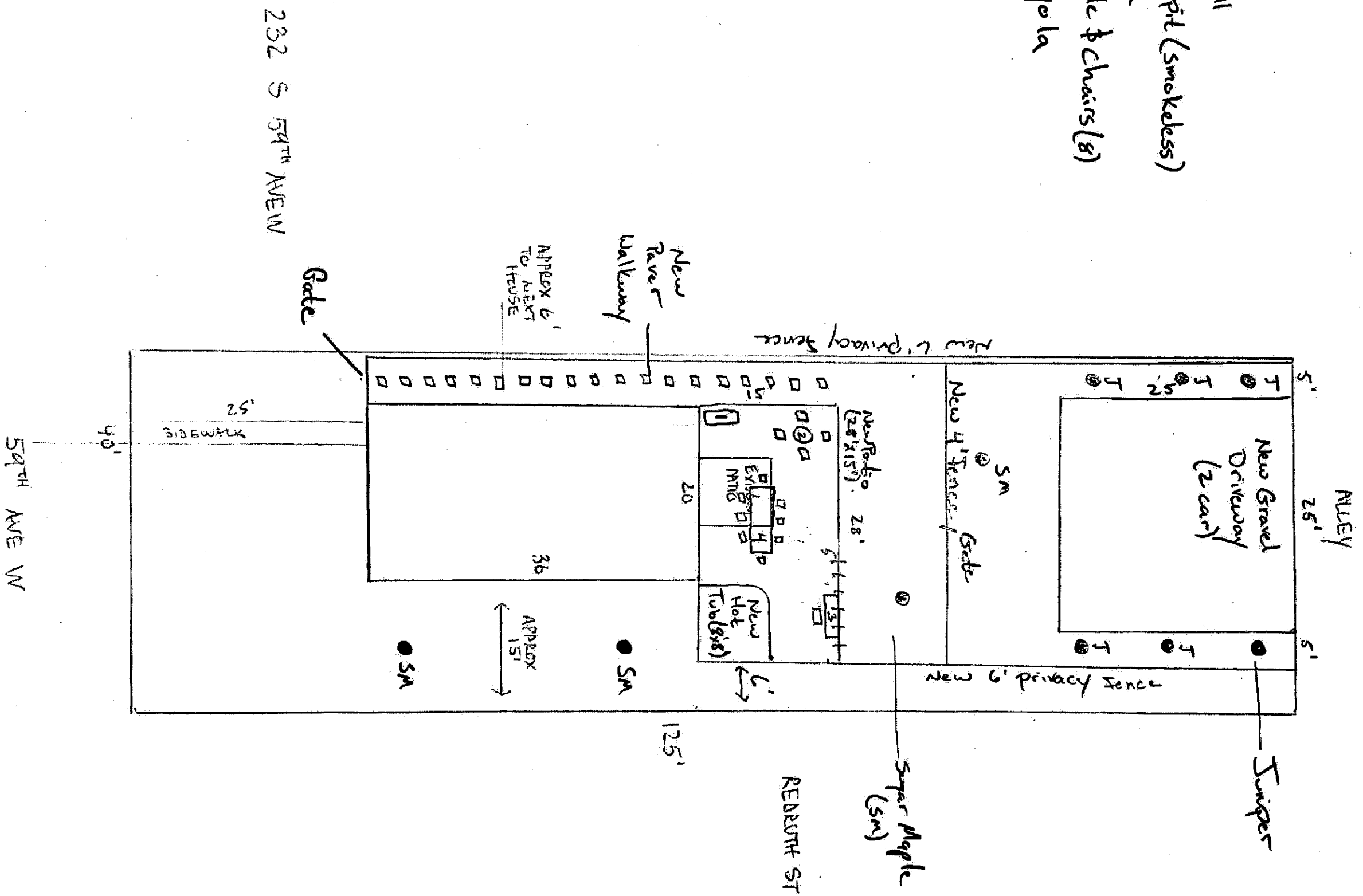
- Storm Sewer Pipe
- Storm Sewer Catch Basin

Zoning Boundaries

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- 1 - Grill
- 2 - Firepit (smokeless)
- 3 - Sofa
- 4 - Table & chairs (8)
- 5 - Pergola





Vacation Dwelling Unit Worksheet

1. The minimum rental period shall be not less than two consecutive nights (does not apply to Form districts). What will be your minimum rental period? 2 nights

2. The total number of persons that may occupy the vacation dwelling unit is one person plus the number of bedrooms multiplied by two. You may rent no more than four bedrooms.

How many legal bedrooms are in the dwelling? 3 What will be your maximum occupancy? 7

3. Off-street parking shall be provided at the following rate:

a. 1-2 bedroom unit, 1 space

b. 3 bedroom unit, 2 spaces

c. 4+ bedroom unit, number of spaces equal to the number of bedrooms minus one.

d. Vacation dwelling units licensed on May 15, 2016, are entitled to continue operating under the former off-street parking requirement. The parking exemption for vacation dwelling units licensed on May 15, 2016, expires upon transfer of any ownership interest in the permitted property.

e. Form districts are not required to provide parking spaces.

How many off-street parking spaces will your unit provide? 2

4. Only one motorhome (or pickup-mounted camper) and/or one trailer either for inhabiting or for transporting recreational vehicles (ATVs, boat, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, etc.) may be parked at the site, on or off the street. Will you allow motorhome or trailer parking? If so, where? No

5. The property owner must provide required documents and adhere to additional requirements listed in the City of Duluth's UDC Application Manual related to the keeping of a guest record, designating and disclosing a local contact, property use rules, taxation, and interim use permit violations procedures.

6. The property owner must provide a site plan, drawn to scale, showing parking and driveways, all structures and outdoor recreational areas that guests will be allowed to use, including, but not limited to, deck/patio, barbeque grill, recreational fire, pool, hot tub, or sauna, and provide detail concerning the provision of any dense urban screen that may be required to buffer these areas from adjoining properties. Please note that this must be on 8 x 11 size paper.

7. The interim use permit shall expire upon change in ownership of the property or in six years, whichever occurs first. An owner of a vacation dwelling unit permitted prior to May 15, 2016, may request, and the land use supervisor may grant, an application for adjustment of an existing permit to conform to this section, as amended, for the remainder of the permit term.

8. Permit holder must keep a guest record including the name, address, phone number, and vehicle (and trailer) license plate information for all guests and must provide a report to the City upon 48 hours' notice. Please explain how and where you will

keep your guest record (log book, excel spreadsheet, etc):

will be maintained electronically - electronic log book

9. Permit holder must designate a managing agent or local contact who resides within 25 miles of the City and who has authority to act for the owner in responding 24-hours-a-day to any complaints from neighbors or the City. The permit holder must notify the Land Use Supervisor within 10 days of a change in the managing agent or local contact's contact information.

Please provide the name and contact information for your local contact:

Rose Hale - 768-447-1472

10. Permit holder must disclose in writing to their guests the following rules and regulations:

- The managing agent or local contact's name, address, and phone number;
- The maximum number of guests allowed at the property;
- The maximum number of vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers allowed at the property and where they are to be parked;
- Property rules related to use of exterior features of the property, such as decks, patios, grills, recreational fires, pools, hot tubs, saunas and other outdoor recreational facilities;
- Applicable sections of City ordinances governing noise, parks, parking and pets;

Please state where and how this information will be provided to your guests:

In the house rules provided at booking & in the guidebook available electronically & physically in the house

11. Permit holder must post their permit number on all print, poster or web advertisements. Do you agree to include the permit number on all advertisements? yes

12. Prior to rental, permit holder must provide the name, address, and phone number for the managing agent or local contact to all property owners within 100' of the property boundary; submit a copy of this letter to the Planning and Community Development office. In addition, note that permit holder must notify neighboring properties within 10 days of a change in the managing agent or local contact's contact information.

Additional Contacts

Other contacts that may be needed for your vacation dwelling unit:

- 1.) City of Duluth Construction Services and Inspections, for a **Change of Use Permit** and/or **Building Permit**: <https://duluthmn.gov/csi/> or 218-730-5240.
- 2.) Life Safety Division of the Fire Department, for an **Operational Permit**: <https://duluthmn.gov/fire/> or 218-730-4380.
- 3.) State Department of Health, for a **Lodging License**: Sara Bents, 218-302-6184, or <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>
- 4.) **State Tax Identification Numbers** can be obtained by calling 651-282-5225 or visiting <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us>
- 5.) Make sure you sign up for **City of Duluth Tourism Tax** by contacting the City Treasurers office at 218-730-5350 or www.duluthmn.gov/finance/tourism-taxes/.