

# Planning & Development Division

Planning & Economic Development Department





File Number	PLSUB-2510-0014		Contact		Jason Mozol, <u>imozol@duluthmn.gov</u>		
Туре	Minor Subdivision		Planning Commission		n Date	December 9, 2025	
Deadline	Application Date		October 22,	October 22, 2025		December 21, 2025	
for Action	Date Extension Letter Mailed		November 1	November 13, 2025		February 19, 2025	
Location of Subject		3705 Piedmont Ave					
Applicant	Blue Mod	on Properties LLC	Contact	Shivaun	Shivaun Siegl		
Agent			Contact				
Legal Description		010-0615-00030					
Site Visit Date		October 31, 2025	Sign Notice	Sign Notice Date		N/A	
Neighbor Letter Date		N/A	Number of	Number of Letters Sent		N/A	

### **Proposal**

Subdivide the existing parcel to create two buildable parcels.

**Recommended Action:** Approve with conditions.

	Current Zoning	<b>Existing Land Use</b>	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	R-1	Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
North	R-1	Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
South	R-1	Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
East	R-1	Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
West	R-1	Restaurant	Traditional Neighborhood

#### **Summary of Code Requirements:**

50-33.1 General: All subdivision plats and replats, and all registered land surveys, shall create lots, streets and walkways and open spaces consistent with the requirements of the zone district within which the land is located.

50-37.5.D.1. Minor Subdivision. The planning commission shall approve the application if it determines that: (a) The lot or lots to be subdivided or combined have frontage on an improved public street; (b) Each proposed lot meets the minimum zoning requirements of the district that it is in; (c) If an existing structure on a lot complies with the requirements of this Chapter, then after the minor subdivision structures on each of the resulting lots will still comply with the requirements of this Chapter; and (d) If one or more of the existing lots, or a structure on one or more of those lots, does not comply with the requirements of this Chapter, the proposed relocation will not create any new nonconformity or increase any existing nonconformity between the requirements of this Chapter.

50-14.5-1 R-1 minimum lot area: 4,000 square ft for a one family dwelling, 2,000 sq ft per family for a two-family dwelling, and 2,500 sq ft for a townhouse unit; minimum lot frontage: 40 ft for one or two family and 20 ft for townhomes.

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

Principle #1- Reuse previously developed lands. This subdivision provides the opportunity for infill residential development within an existing neighborhood on land that has been impacted by the surrounding residential development.

**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 existing home and attached garage that will remain on Parcel A were built in 1919. The detached garage was built in 1978. Other outbuildings, including the pole building, were built at an unknown time.

#### **Review and Discussion Items:**

#### Staff finds:

- 1. Applicant is requesting a Minor Subdivision to divide one parcel into two separate parcels. The land is owned by the applicant. The proposed Parcel A is occupied by a house and pole building. Parcel B is occupied by a detached garage and a shed.
- 2. The garage and shed on Parcel B are not principal structures and may not remain as the only structures on Parcel A. The garage would also not conform to the side yard setback for accessory structures. The applicant has expressed a willingness to remove the garage and shed on Parcel B. They prefer to do so after the construction of a new home on Parcel B so the garage can be used as storage to support that project. Staff recommends that approval of this minor subdivision be conditioned on the applicant providing the City escrow to cover the cost of demolition of the structures and sign an access agreement with the City. These conditions will allow the City to access the site and remove the structures if the applicant does not do so in a timely manner.
- 3. Lots created by this subdivision are subject to the zoning requirements of the R-1 district in UDC Table 50-14.5-1. Parcels A and B will meet minimum frontage and lot area requirements.
- 4. Both parcels have access to gas, water and sanitary sewer utilities in the streets surrounding the site.
- 5. After the accessory structures are removed from Parcel B, the proposed subdivision would not make the parcels or existing structures non-conforming due to lot frontage, lot area, setbacks or similar bulk standard.
- 6. St Louis County commented that the applicant will need to apply for driveway permits for any new accesses since both Piedmont Ave and Haines Rd are county roads.
- 7. No other public, agency, or other City comments were received.
- 8. Approval of this Minor Subdivision signifies that City of Duluth UDC standards are met. St. Louis County may have additional requirements. This subdivision approval lapses if deeds are not recorded with St. Louis County within 180 days. Applicant must provide the City with proof of recording.

#### Staff Recommendation:

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the Planning Review with the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to recording the minor subdivision, the applicant must provide escrow equal to the cost of removal of the shed and garage on Parcel B and enter into an access agreement with the City to allow removal of the structures.
- 2. Appropriate deeds be filed with St. Louis County within 180 days. Prior to recording the deed that results from this adjustment, the Planning Division will need to stamp the deed, indicating compliance with the local zoning code.
- 3. Any alterations to the approved plans that do not alter major elements of the plan may be approved by the Land Use Supervisor without further Planning Commission approval; however, no such administrative approval shall constitute a variance from the provisions of Chapter 50.

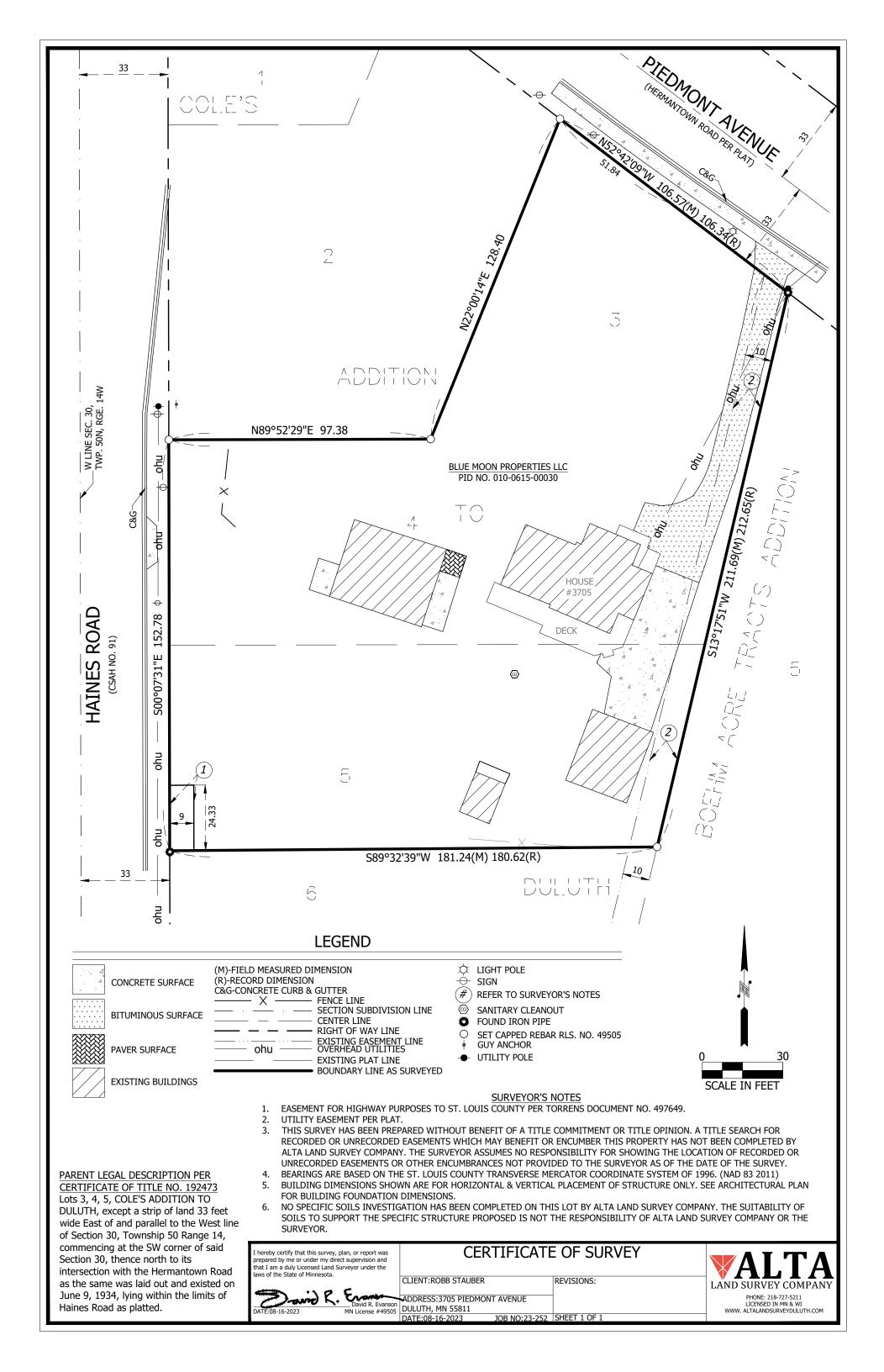


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3724 PIEDMONT AVE HAINES 3626 PIEDMONT AVE 3705 MON7 PIEDMONT 25 150 Feet Prepared by: City of Duluth Planning & Economic Development, November 12, 2023, Source: City of Duluth Aerial Imagery Captured 2025

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# PARENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION PER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 192473

Lots 3, 4, 5, COLE'S ADDITION TO DULUTH, except a strip of land 33 feet wide East of and parallel to the West line of Section 30, Township 50 Range 14, commencing at the SW corner of said Section 30, thence north to its intersection with the Hermantown Road as the same was laid out and existed on June 9, 1934, lying within the limits of Haines Road as platted.

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL A

Lots 3, 4 and 5, COLE'S ADDITION TO DULUTH, except a strip of land 33 feet wide East of and parallel to the West line of Section 30, Township 50 Range 14, commencing at the SW corner of said Section 30, thence north to its intersection with the Hermantown Road as the same was laid out and existed on June 9, 1934, lying within the limits of Haines Road as platted, FURTHER EXCEPTING the South 50.93 feet of

Said parcel contains 30,655 square feet or 0.70 acres.

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL B

The South 50.93 feet of Lot 5, COLE'S ADDITION TO DULUTH, except a strip of land 33 feet wide East of and parallel to the West line of Section 30, Township 50 Range 14, commencing at the SW corner of said Section 30, thence north to its intersection with the Hermantown Road as the same was laid out and existed on June 9, 1934, lying within the limits of Haines Road as platted. Said parcel contains 9,541 square feet or 0.22 acres.

# SURVEYOR'S NOTES

- EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY PER TORRENS DOCUMENT NO. 497649.
- LITTLITY FASEMENT PER PLAT
- THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A TITLE COMMITMENT OR TITLE OPINION. A TITLE SEARCH FOR RECORDED OR UNRECORDED EASEMENTS WHICH MAY BENEFIT OR ENCUMBER THIS PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED BY ALTA LAND SURVEY COMPANY. THE SURVEYOR ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOWING THE LOCATION OF RECORDED OR UNRECORDED EASEMENTS OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES NOT PROVIDED TO THE SURVEYOR AS OF THE DATE OF THE SURVEY.
- BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY TRANSVERSE MERCATOR COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1996. (NAD 83 2011)
- BUILDING DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE FOR HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURE ONLY. SEE ARCHITECTURAL PLAN FOR BUILDING FOUNDATION DIMENSIONS.
- NO SPECIFIC SOILS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THIS LOT BY ALTA LAND SURVEY COMPANY. THE SUITABILITY OF SOILS TO SUPPORT THE SPECIFIC STRUCTURE PROPOSED IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALTA LAND SURVEY COMPANY OR THE SURVEYOR.

I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota. ADDRESS:3705 PIEU David R. Evanson MN License #49505 DATE:09-08-2025

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

CLIENT:ROBB STAUBER **REVISIONS:** 

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