

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JULY 17, 2018 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – PUPPYLAND, LLC LOT 50, S&S'S HARVEST HILL (7505 THORN APPLE LN)	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	ANN BIRCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A public hearing has been scheduled and a resolution prepared for Council to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a home occupation for dog training, daycare, and overnight stays at 7505 Thorn Apple Lane.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

A public hearing has been scheduled to consider an application submitted by Puppyland, LLC, for a Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit to operate a dog daycare, training site and overnight stays out of her home. The property is zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential, and home occupations are listed as a conditional use within this district. The applicant has been running this home occupation and is seeking to obtain the required approval via the Conditional Use Permit to come into conformance with the Zoning Ordinance.

A detailed staff report is attached.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 21, 2018, and voted 5 in favor and one opposed to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit as the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PUPPYLAND, LLC, TO OPERATE A HOME OCCUPATION DOG DAYCARE, TRAINING SITE, AND OVERNIGHT STAY ON LOT 50, S&S'S HARVEST HILL.

WHEREAS, Puppyland, LLC has applied for approval of a conditional use permit for a home occupation dog daycare, training site, and overnight stay on Lot 50, S&S'S Harvest Hill, located at 7505 Thorn Apple Lane; and

WHEREAS, the La Vista Planning Commission has reviewed the application and recommends approval; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista are agreeable to the issuance of a conditional use permit for such purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista hereby authorize the execution of a Conditional Use Permit in form and content submitted at this meeting, with such modifications that the City Administrator or City Attorney may determine necessary or advisable, for Puppyland, LLC to allow for a home occupation dog daycare, training site, and overnight stay on Lot 50, S&S'S Harvest Hill.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY 2018.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Pamela A. Bueth, CMC
City Clerk



**CITY OF LA VISTA
PLANNING DIVISION**

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CASE NUMBER: PCUP-18-0002

For Hearing of: July 17, 2018
Report Prepared on: June 27, 2018

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. APPLICANT:** Puppyland, LLC
- B. PROPERTY OWNER:** Joe Sjoberg
- C. LOCATION:** 7505 Thorn Apple Lane
- D. LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 50, S&S'S Harvest Hill
- E. REQUESTED ACTION(S):**
Approval of Condition Use Permit to allow Home Occupation-Dog Daycare/Training
- F. EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USE:**
R-1, Single-Family Residential
- G. PROPOSED USES:** Applicant proposes to run a dog daycare/dog training business, which specializes in service dogs, from her home.
- H. SIZE OF SITE:** .25 Acres.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. EXISTING CONDITION OF SITE:**
Single-family residence on a generally regular lot within a single-family residential subdivision. Land is relatively flat with a gradual downward slope to the south.
- B. GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD/AREA LAND USES AND ZONING:**
 - 1. **North:** Single-Family Residential-R-1
 - 2. **West:** Single-Family Residential-R-1
 - 3. **South:** Single-Family Residential-R-1
 - 4. **East:** Single-Family Residential-R-1
- C. RELEVANT CASE HISTORY:** N/A

D. APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

1. Section 5.06 of the Zoning Ordinance: R-1 Single-Family Residential
2. Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance- Conditional Use Permits

III. ANALYSIS

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan designates this property as residential.

B. OTHER PLANS: N/A

C. TRAFFIC AND ACCESS:

1. The property has access to Thorn Apple Lane through the Western edge of the property.

E. UTILITIES: All utilities are available to the site.

IV. REVIEW COMMENTS:

1. The use shall be limited to the type of operation as described in the applicant's Operational Statement (Exhibit "A") and staff report. Any change in the operational characteristics including, but not limited to, expansion of the hours of operation and additional services provided, shall require review by the Planning Department and may require an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit, subject to either City Planner or Planning Commission and City Council approval, depending on the nature of the proposed change.
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8. Client parking shall consist of owner's driveway (off-street parking) only to avoid parking impact on neighbors.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Condition Use Permit for Puppyland, LLC as the CUP request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

VI. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – CUP:

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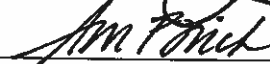
VII. ATTACHMENTS TO REPORT:

1. Vicinity Map
2. Statement of Use and Site Plan
3. Letters of Support
4. Draft of Conditional Use Permit

VIII. COPIES OF REPORT TO:

1. Puppyland, LLC
2. Joe Sjoberg, Property Owner
3. Public Upon Request


Prepared by:


Community Development Director

6-26-18

Date



Project Vicinity Map



Puppyland, LLC Home Occupation CUP

6-11-18
JMC



PupPLAND!

RE: Caring for dogs of service (Service Dogs, Emotional Support Dogs, Therapy Dogs) and dogs in training in our home (David and Cyndi Bates) at 7505 Thorn Apple Lane

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- Structured social time
- Desensitizing-social events, public places, parks, etc.
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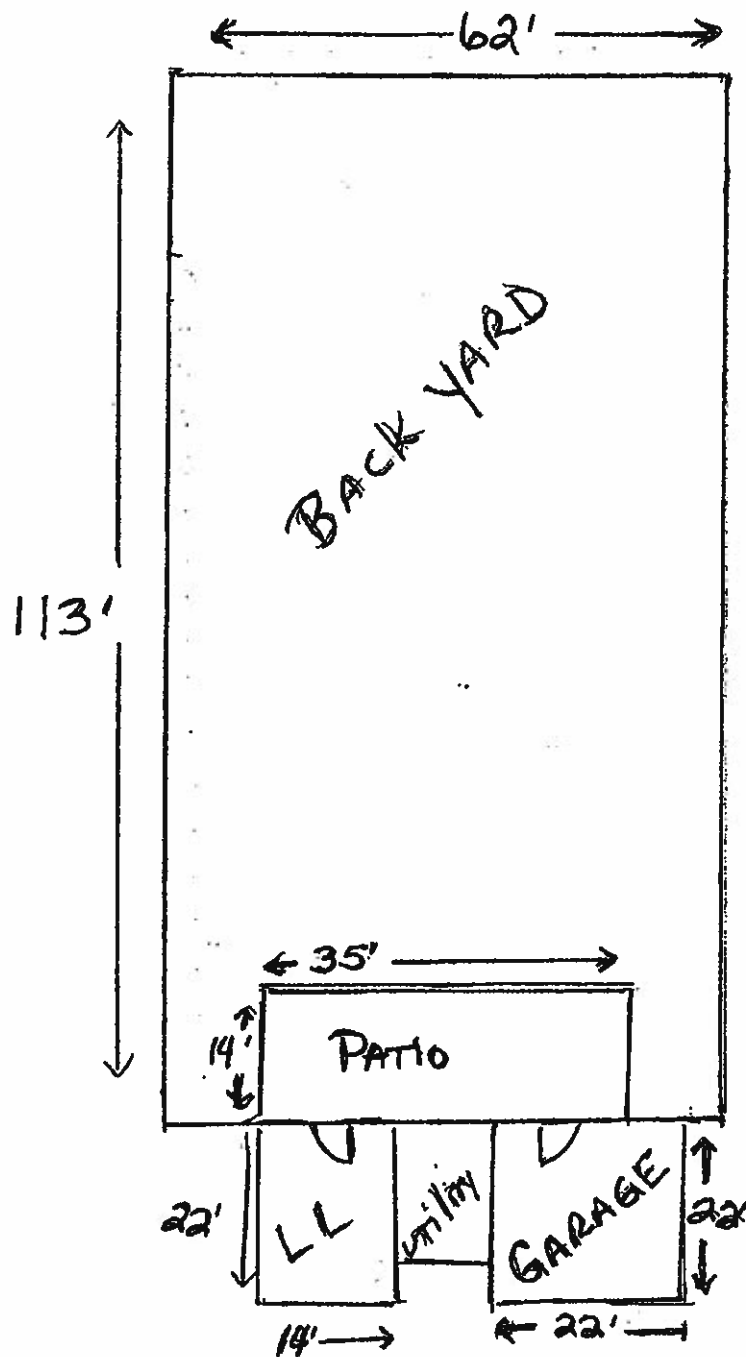
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7505 THORN APPLE LANE

Planning Commission

June 12, 2018

City of La Vista

La Vista City Hall

8116 Park View Blvd

La Vista, NE 68128

To whom it may concern:

As a 35-year LaVista resident, I strongly support the mission and services of Cyndi Bates and Puppyland. She helped us immensely in training our dog, Buster, who has now received the American Kennel Club's "Canine Good Citizen" designation. This designation made it possible for Buster to work with children in the Omaha Nation Public School, where I am an English teacher.

The services of Puppyland represent an ongoing asset to our community and I strongly support their application for a "Conditional Use Permit" from the City.

Regards,

Monte Lund

Monte Lund

8817 Bayberry Rd.

LaVista, Nebraska 68128

402-707-6314

June 13, 2018

To Whom This May Concern:

Cyndi Bates is an asset to the LaVista community. She is committed in making peoples lifestyle better. Her abilities and knowledge of working with dogs for people with disabilities and Veterans is amazing.

I have known Cyndi for 7 months and she is very responsible and caring person working with my 9-month old Goldendoodle while I work at the Omaha VA Medical Center.

It would be a GREAT disappointment not only to the community but the individuals who get the benefit of her business if the services are discontinued.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Gravelle". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kris Gravelle

June 15, 2018

City of LaVista Planning Commission

Me and my husband have 2 dogs. We have been using Puppyland since December 2016. In the 12 years we have owned dogs, we have never sent our dogs anywhere when we go out of town. We would always have a sitter stay at the house. A situation arose back in December 2016 where we needed to send the dogs somewhere when we went out of town. Our dog trainer highly recommended Puppyland.

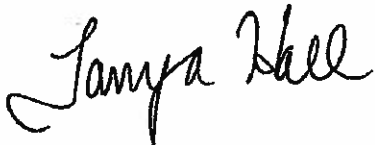
We do not have children and so our dogs are our children. We are very protective of our dogs. This was new territory for us, so we were a little leery about the situation, even though Puppyland came highly recommended.

Needless to say, we have been using Puppyland exclusively since December 2016, and me and my husband travel quite a bit. We feel that Puppyland treats our dogs like they are their own dogs. They are a very professional and reliable business. Our dogs get lots of playtime, walks, homemade treats and we get a CD of pictures taken during the stay, constant updates by text etc.. In addition to this, Puppyland keeps our dogs on the training program they went through back in 2016. It's like a mini boot-camp for them when they stay there.

One of our dogs has had 6 major ACL related surgeries since September 2017. We have appreciated the advice we have received from Puppyland concerning similar surgery stories and various 'puppy' situations that have arisen. Puppyland truly has a lot of experience with dogs.

We always know our dogs are in good hands at Puppyland and they will do whatever it takes to make sure our babies have a good experience while there.

We have relied on Puppyland for 18 months now and don't know what we would do without them!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanya Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Travis & Tanya Hall
5823 S. 238th St.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

THERESA M. BECK

9134 Granville Pkwy
La Vista, NE 68128

June 20, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

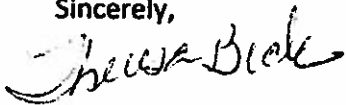
I am a client of Puppyland and would like to convey my support for its continued operation. As a La Vista resident, I have found their services outstanding and they are providing a much-needed business for our community.

The owner, Cyndi provides specialized training which have greatly enhanced our dog. This training went far beyond the typical obedience and was customized for him. The result was a well-adjusted dog that responds to handlers.

Puppyland also provides personalized care which goes above industry norms. This care is identical to what an owner provides. They minimize the number of concurrent animals on property, ensure each animal is behaved and maintain a clean facility.

This business operates with the highest standards and represents strong values for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Beck".

Theresa Beck

June 21, 2018

LaVista City Hall
8116 Parkview
LaVista, NE 68128

To The City of LaVista:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Puppyland for a Conditional Use Permit. I have known the proprietors of Puppyland for five years as a client, fellow dog trainer and friend.

Puppyland provides an excellent alternative to large intimidating; institutional dog boarding facilities by providing an intimate in home setting that reflects clients' very own home environments. Puppyland offers dog owners a safe and well supervised option to leaving their fur babies for extended periods of time at home, confined without exercise or social stimulation.

Puppyland proprietors Cyndi Bates and her husband David Bates have dedicated a portion of their home into a dog haven. Both Cyndi and David are patient and kind while still maintaining discipline and gaining the utmost respect of the dogs in their care. Cyndi, the primary caregiver manages Puppyland much like a child day care setting. She has an organized schedule for each dog in her care which includes basic obedience and therapy work training if requested and supervised indoor and outdoor play time. Puppyland offers supervised outdoor playtime in a secured fenced in yard where furry patrons are treated to days filled with exercise and supervised socialization.

One of the most impressive things about Puppyland's program is the curriculum. Prior to accepting a new applicant, Cyndi schedules time with each dog owner(s) to gain valuable information about the prospective fur client. She requires extensive health, vaccination and behavioral history records. Puppyland specializes in caring for dogs that require extra attention, i.e. basic obedience, good citizen or therapy dog preparation. It is not uncommon to see Cyndi socializing her furry clients at dog friendly stores and area recreational areas.

It is difficult to leave your fur babies in someone else's care and finding a provider you can trust is vital. Some liken it to entrusting their human children to a day care facility. I do not hesitate to entrust my dogs with Cyndi. In fact, after a stay at Puppyland, I am not really sure my dogs want to return home with me! I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 402-681-9044 or carol.olson@neb.vet.

Respectfully submitted for consideration by,

Carol Olson

**City of La Vista
Conditional Use Permit**

Conditional Use Permit for Home Occupation (Puppyland, LLC)

This Conditional Use Permit issued this _____ day of _____, 2018, by the City of La Vista, a municipal corporation in the County of Sarpy County, Nebraska ("City") to, Puppyland, LLC ("Owner"), pursuant to the La Vista Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, Owner wishes to locate and operate a home occupation (dog daycare, dog training) in a single-family dwelling at 7505 Thorn Apple Lane upon the following legally described property of land within the City of La Vista zoning jurisdiction:

Lot 50, S & S'S Harvest Hill, located in the NW ¼ Section 15, Township 14 North,
Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. Sarpy County.

WHEREAS, Owner has applied for a conditional use permit for the purpose of locating and operating a home occupation (dog daycare, dog training); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista are agreeable to the issuance of a conditional use permit to the owner for such purposes, subject to certain conditions and agreements as hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT subject to the conditions hereof, this conditional use permit is issued to the owner to use the area of the property described herein for a home occupation (dog daycare, dog training), said use hereinafter being referred to as "Permitted Use or Use".

Conditions of Permit

The conditions to which the granting of this permit is subject are:

1. The rights granted by this permit are transferable and any variation or breach of any terms hereof shall cause permit to expire and terminate without the prior written consent of the City (amendment to permit) or unless exempted herein.
2. In respect to the proposed Use:
 - a. The use shall be limited to the type of operation as described in the applicant's Operational Statement (Exhibit "A") and staff report. Any change in the operational characteristics including, but not limited to, expansion of the hours of operation and additional services provided, shall require review by the Planning Department and may require an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit, subject to either City Planner or Planning Commission and City Council approval, depending on the nature of the proposed change.
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- h. There shall be no storage, placement or display of goods or supplies outside described areas relating to permitted use.
 - i. Client parking shall consist of owner's driveway (off-street parking) only to avoid parking impact on neighbors.
 - j. The home occupation shall not generate any noise, odor, dust, vibrations, fumes, smoke, glare, or electrical or electronic interference with the residential use of neighboring properties.
 - k. The use shall comply with all applicable sign regulations.
 - l. Owner shall obtain all required permits from the City of La Vista and shall comply with any additional requirements as determined by the Building Inspector.
 - m. Owner shall comply (and shall ensure that all, invitees, suppliers, structures, appurtenances and improvements, and all activities occurring or conducted, on the premises at any time comply) with any applicable federal, state and/or local regulations, as amended or in effect from time to time, including, but not limited to, applicable environmental or safety laws, rules or regulations.
 - n. Owner hereby indemnifies the City against, and holds the City harmless from, any liability, loss, claim or expense whatsoever (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees and court cost) arising out of or resulting from the acts, omissions or negligence of the owner, his/her agents, employees, assigns, suppliers or invitees, including, but not limited to, any liability, loss, claim or expense arising out of or resulting from any violation on the premises of any environmental or safety law, rule or regulation.
3. The applicant's right to maintain the use as approved pursuant to these provisions shall be based on the following:
 - a. An annual renewal of a home occupation license and annual inspection to determine compliance with the conditions of approval. The conditional use permit may be revoked upon a finding by the City that there is a violation of the terms of approval.
 - b. The use authorized by the conditional use permit must be initiated within one (1) year of approval and shall become void two (2) years after the date of approval unless the applicant has fully complied with the terms of approval.
 - c. All obsolete or unused structures and accessory facilities or materials specifically pertaining to such permitted use shall be removed at owner's expense within twelve (12) months of cessation of the conditional use, if required by the City.
 4. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, this permit, and all rights granted hereby, shall expire and terminate as a permitted use hereunder upon the first of the following to occur:
 - a. Owner's abandonment of the permitted use. Non-use thereof for a period of twelve (12) months shall constitute a presumption of abandonment.
 - b. Cancellation, revocation, denial or failure to maintain any federal, state or local permit required for the Use.
 - c. Owner's breach of any other terms hereof and his/her failure to correct such breach within ten (10) days of City's giving notice thereof.
 5. If the permitted use is not commenced within one (1) year from _____, 2018, this Permit shall be null and void and all rights hereunder shall lapse, without prejudice to owner's right to file for an extension of time pursuant to the La Vista Zoning Ordinance.
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hazards in accordance with the terms of this permit, and the right of the City to enter the premises as necessary or appropriate to carry out any other provision of this permit.

7. If any provision, or any portion thereof, contained in this agreement is held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof, or portions thereof, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.

Miscellaneous

The conditions and terms of this permit shall be binding upon owner, his/her successors and assigns.

1. Delay of City to terminate this permit on account of breach of owner of any of the terms hereof shall not constitute a waiver of City's right to terminate, unless it shall have expressly waived said breach, and a waiver of the right to terminate upon any breach shall not constitute a waiver of the right to terminate upon a subsequent breach of the terms hereof, whether said breach be of the same or different nature.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to be a waiver or suspension of, or an agreement on the part of the City to waive or suspend, any zoning law or regulation applicable to the premises except to the extent and for the duration specifically authorized by this permit.
3. Any notice to be given by City hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the owner as follows:

Contact Name and Address: Puppyland, LLC
Cyndi Bates
7505 Thorn Apple Lane
La Vista, NE 68128

Effective Date:

This permit shall take effect upon the filing hereof with the City Clerk a signed original hereof.

THE CITY OF LA VISTA

By _____
Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Attest:

Pam Buethe
City Clerk

CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

The undersigned does hereby consent and agree to the conditions of this permit and that the terms hereof constitute an agreement on the part of the undersigned to fully and timely perform each and every condition and term hereof, and the undersigned does hereby warrant, covenant and agree to fully and timely perform and discharge all obligations and liabilities herein required by owner to be performed or discharged.

Owner:

By: _____

Title: owner/operator

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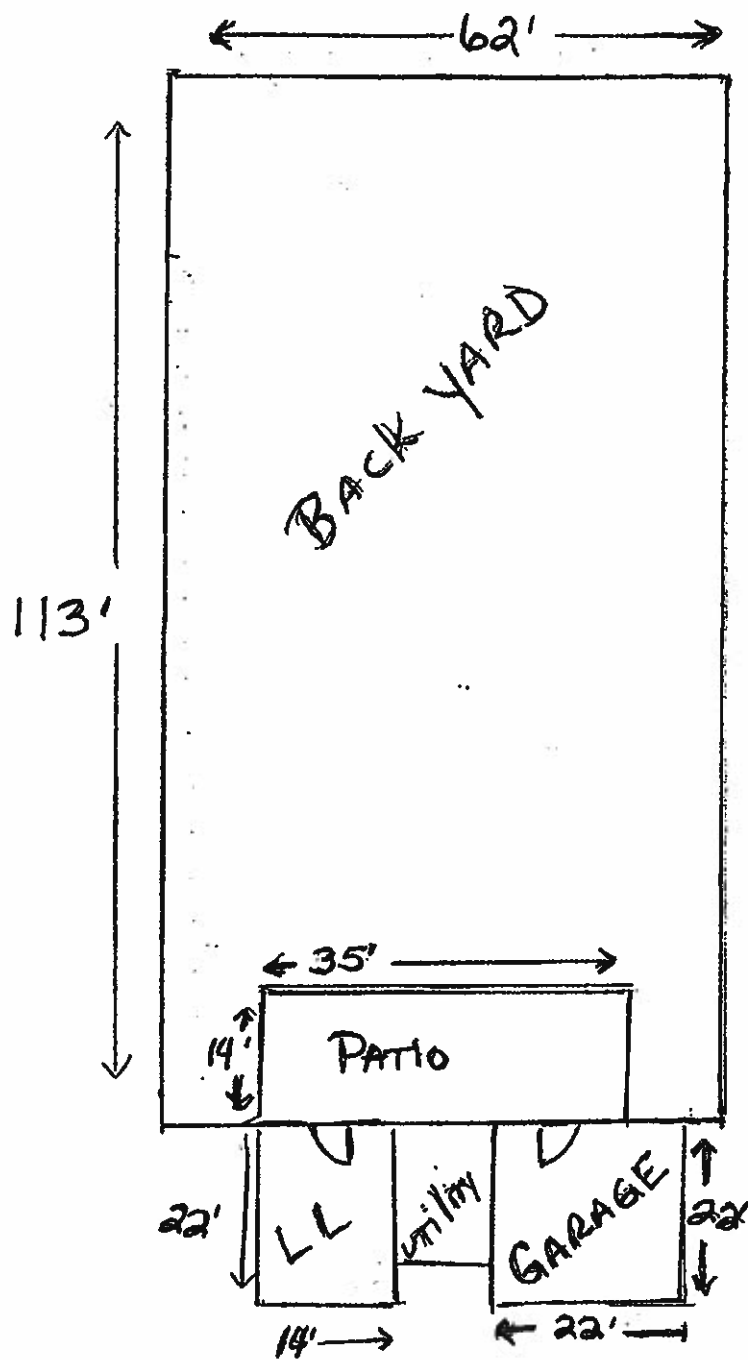
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