

Parcel II – 203 1st Ave. South

VAR-00176-2025 – 15' - Landscape Buffer / Vehicle
Maneuvering in setbacks & Escape Lane for Drive-
thru

April 21, 2025



Historical Background

❖ 1995 – 2007

Vacation files for 1st Ave S.

During this time the Vacation of 1st St. South was approved, vetoed, taken to court and approved again with an easement via the Idaho Supreme Court. This was to allow access to 2nd Street South via access easement

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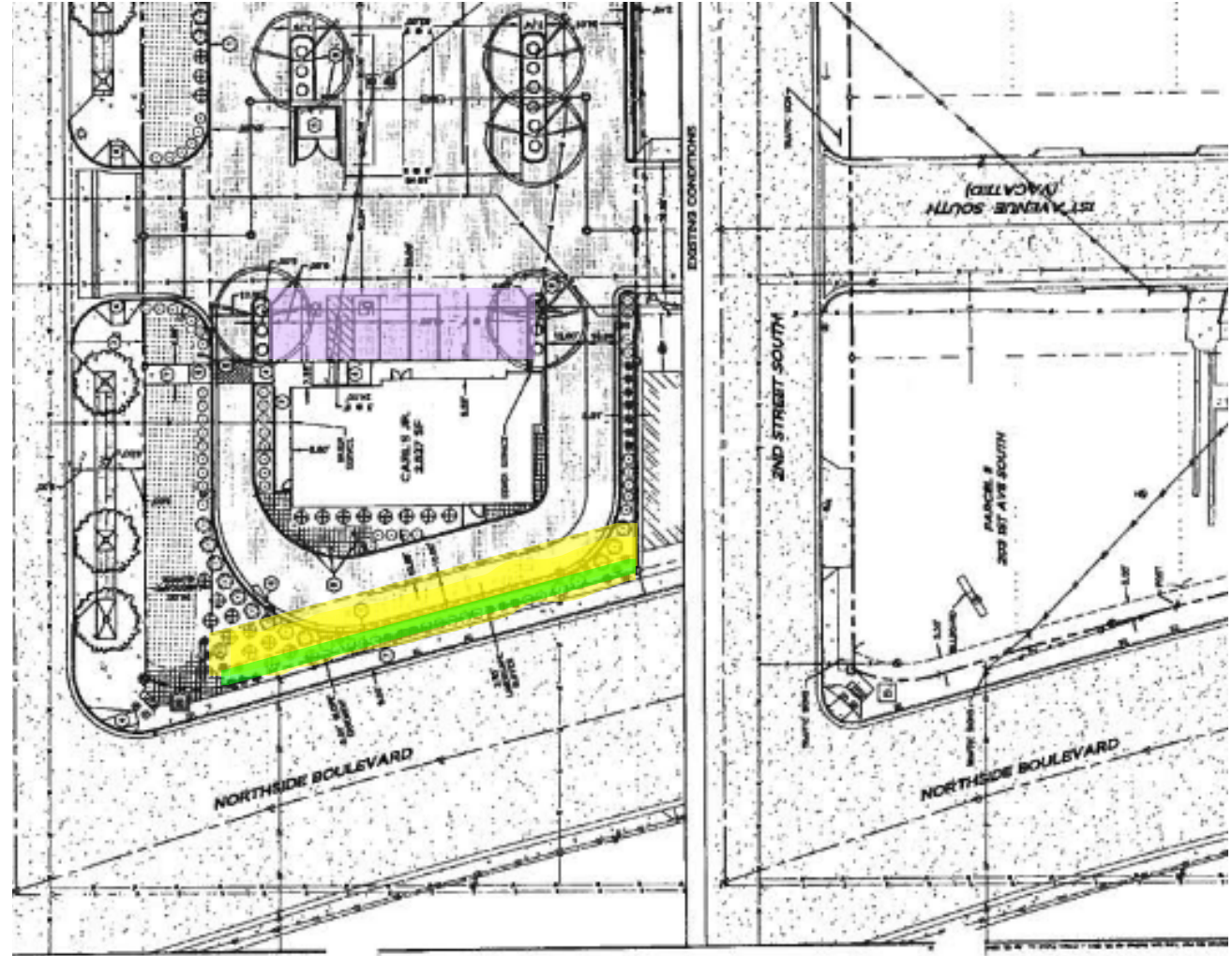
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6. This variance granted relief to allow for internal parking and pass-thru window service.



Variance Request

- ❖ **Landscape Buffer along Northside Blvd.**

This was previously approved through VAR-1703-2014

- ❖ **Vehicle Maneuvering within street side yard setbacks**

This was previously approved through VAR-1703-2014

- ❖ **Eliminate the 10' escape lane for the drive-thru**

This variance request is for the removal of a 10'-wide emergency escape lane per 10-22-C. All other regulations per 10-22-9 are being met.

The 2007 Idaho Supreme Court ruling directing this parcel to maintain delivery access, thus bisecting the parcel presents a practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship inconsistent with the objectives of code and does create limitations site design and use because of the unique shape of the parcel, location of access points and the legally required area for delivery truck maneuverability and customer parking and queuing.

