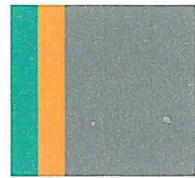


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Lowndes County Planning Commission

To Whom it may Concern,

Please accept my application for a variance to build a 40'x40'x16' metal agricultural building on my property at 5010 Eastridge Drive.

In September, 2016 Hurricane Hermine came through our area and completely destroyed my original building except for the concrete foundation. The storm blew a huge Oak Tree on my building and caused major damage to the extent that I had to tear the building down. This original building was built in June, 1992. The original building dimensions were 20'x30'x10' with a 512 pitch. The building housed my lawn and garden equipment, various old furniture, vegetable plant growing cabinet and supplies, a home office, office furniture, and miscellaneous "stuff" that was collected and used over the years. After Hurricane Hermine came through and destroyed this building, I decided that now would be a good time to build a bigger building that would house my fifth wheel camper, boat, and also the aforementioned stuff. I set about to decide on a metal building vendor, building erector contractor, and concrete contractor. I have negotiated with Hornet Steel Buildings in Adel, GA to buy their metal agricultural building. I have given Hornet Steel Buildings a deposit on the Hornet Steel Building and they have engineered the building. I have the engineered building plans in hand. The concrete contractor has been lined up to do the concrete work. The building erector contractor has been decided on and has been committed to build this new building. Basically, this is what I plan to do on site. I plan to add 20' across the front (west side) of the existing concrete pad and extend the existing pad (south side) 10'. The increased slab size will allow me to build a building 40'x40'x16' with a 512 pitch. This increased building size will just barely accomplish what I need for it to house. If I am forced, due to existing regulations, to downsize this building it will cost me significant re-engineering fees. I am estimating fees of

