March 23, 2018

Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals
c/o Carmella Braswell, Zoning Administrator
327 N Ashley Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

RE: VARIANCE REQUEST – LOCH LAUREL ROAD

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to you requesting a Variance for the property survey that was completed for me as the Administrator of the Willie Pearl Shiver Estate (March 12, 1993) – copies of said survey and my appointment are enclosed.

Specifically, Section 4.04.03 (D) – Site Design Standards – Easements, I provided a twenty (20') feet access easement to each lot from the paved Loch Laurel Road. All of the fourteen (14) heirs agreed to the survey and easement in writing at the time and we all understand that the easement was created with intention and will be used for that purpose. Furthermore, Lowndes County provided our access to Loch Laurel Road through the construction and placement of a culvert pipe, at no cost, because the property was zoned agricultural at that time with five (5) acre zoning. I, along with others, have continued to use this easement and each of us have paid property taxes on our individual lots since 1993.

Specifically, Section 6.01.01 – Streets and Rights-of-Way – Access (D), it was not possible to provide a paved road to each lot at that time since the area was zoned agricultural and had five (5) acre requirements for building.

I have provided to your zoning office the following:

1) land lot survey
2) my appointment as Administrator
3) 2017 Property Tax Statement (paid continuously since 1993)
4) address assigned to my lot by the county
5) individual septic tank, well, and electric provided to my lot for an RV use by the Zoning office
6) I have continued to grow fruit trees on this land (pecan, peaches and lemons)

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable approval due to criteria b, c, d, f, g, and i of your standards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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