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City of Albuquerque
Planning and zoning department

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of my development review application for a variance needed to build a carport.

DESCRIPTION: 20' wide x 22' long x 10' tall carport. Constructed from 8" structural steel purlins, R-panel galvanized roofing. The four posts for carport will be within zoning regulation. The roof height of the carport will not exceed the height of the house. The carport will be set back 3 ft back from property line to provide wheelchair user/driver to navigate van entry while covered (Thus variance request.)

This structure will be comparable to many of the other carports in the neighborhood.

EXPLANATION: Carport will house an extended-cab with raised-ceiling van modified and equipped with wheelchair lift for a wheelchair user/driver. Structure will provide van coverage and safety for disabled homeowner who drives the van.

JUSTIFICATION: Homeowner has been a quadriplegic for 33 years. She has recently purchased a handicapped modified van that will not fit in garage. Homeowner's disability (spinal cord injury) does not allow her to regulate her body temperature. Getting into a hot van can become a serious medical issue in a matter of minutes. The carport will provide coverage from the hot direct sun on van. Carport will also provide safety from rain, snow and ice in the winter. Homeowner lives by herself and has no available in-home support to provide assistance through difficult weather elements and situations.

There is no neighborhood association to meet with. Homeowner has told the other three homeowner neighbors that she wants to build a carport for van. All agree with the structure and the need to cover the van.

A carport will be of great benefit to homeowner. It will enhance the value of property and improve the overall quality of the neighborhood.

Thank You,
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