CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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Staff: Matt Stone – LB Date: November 20, 2014

# **ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT**

# Application No. 5-14-1815

Applicant: Greg Jacobson

Project Description:

South Coast Area Office 200 Oceangate, Suite 1000

(562) 590-5071

Long Beach, CA 90802-4302

Construction of an approximately 787 square foot second story addition with a 113 square foot balcony to an existing approximately 1,207 square foot single-family residence.

ProjectLocation:343 28th Avenue, Venice, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County<br/>(APN:4227-016-024)

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION**

The findings for this determination, and for any special conditions, appear on subsequent pages.

<u>NOTE</u>: P.R.C. Section 30624 provides that this permit shall not become effective until it is reported to the Commission at its next meeting. If one-third or more of the appointed membership of the Commission so request, the application will be removed from the administrative calendar and set for public hearing at a subsequent Commission meeting. Our office will notify you if such removal occurs.

This permit will be reported to the Commission at the following time and place:

Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:00 am Portola Plaza Hotel 2 Portola Plaza Monterey, CA 93940

#### IMPORTANT - Before you may proceed with development, the following must occur:

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 13150(b) and 13158, you must sign the enclosed duplicate copy acknowledging the permit's receipt and accepting its contents, including all conditions, and return it to our office. Following the Commission's meeting, and once we have received the signed acknowledgement and evidence of compliance with all special conditions, we will send you a Notice of Administrative Permit Effectiveness.

#### **BEFORE YOU CAN OBTAIN ANY LOCAL PERMITS AND PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED BOTH YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AND THE NOTICE OF PERMIT EFFECTIVENESS FROM THIS OFFICE.**

CHARLES LESTER Executive Director

By: <u>Matt Stone</u> Title: <u>Coastal Program Analyst</u>

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

This permit is granted subject to the following standard conditions:

- 1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment**. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. **Expiration**. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. **Interpretation**. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any term or condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 4. **Assignment**. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land**. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS: See pages five thru six.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION (continued):**

The Executive Director hereby determines that the proposed development is a category of development, which, pursuant to PRC Section 30624, qualifies for approval by the Executive Director through the issuance of an Administrative Permit. Subject to Standard and Special Conditions as attached, said development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976 and will not have any significant impacts on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act. If located between the nearest public road

and the sea, this development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3.

# FINDINGS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION:

# A. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject site is located at 343 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Venice, City of Los Angeles (**Exhibit 1**). The total lot area is approximately 4,226 square feet. The subject site is located within a developed residential neighborhood, and is within the dual permit jurisdiction area of the City of Los Angeles' Coastal Zone, for the subject site is less than 300 feet from the Venice Canals (**Exhibit 2**).

The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 787 square foot second story addition with a 113 square foot balcony to an existing approximately 1,207 square foot single-family residence (**Exhibits 3-5**). The addition of a second story will increase the height of the existing building to approximately 22-feet high (**Exhibit 6**). No changes are proposed to the existing detached two-car garage and uncovered guest parking spot located at the rear of the residence. And no landscaping is proposed.

On February 27, 2014, the proposed project was approved by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department (Case No. DIR 2014-0698-VSO), whereby the City determined that the proposed project is consistent with the development regulations for the Oakwood-Milwood-Southeast Venice Subarea, including the standards for density, height, access, and parking. In addition, on October 21, 2014, the Venice Neighborhood Council unanimously recommended approval of the proposed project, finding that the project is De Minimis.

Furthermore, the continued change in the residential character of Venice is a cause of concern among some Venice residents as has been expressed during either the public comment period or public hearings on specific projects at most Coastal Commission meetings since the Commission's March 2014 meeting. In particular, at the Commission's March and June 2014 meetings, many public comments were received regarding the issuance of De Minimis Waivers by the Commission for demolition and construction of single-family homes. The demolition of existing residential buildings in Venice is not a recent phenomenon, but an increasing number of new applications for Coastal Development Permits has created concern over: 1) the lack of policies to ensure the preservation of the community character; 2) the preservation of historic homes; 3) the preservation of low-cost housing; and 4) the lack of opportunities for public participation during the local review process.

The proposed development does not raise such community character concerns. No existing structures will be demolished, and all construction will take place within the footprint of the existing structure. The height of the structure will increase, and the structure's appearance will change, however, the structure's mass and scale is consistent with the development standards, as well as with other residences in the vicinity. In addition, the proposed project is surrounded by a mix of one- to three-story residences exhibiting a variety of architectural styles, many of which were granted De Minimis waivers by the Commission including, but not limited to the following waivers for projects located on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue: 5-09-224-W; 5-09-080-W; 5-08-231-W; 5-07-173-W; 5-06-356-W; and 5-03-462-W.

To ensure that the proposed project is developed in a manner which would not adversely affect community character, or otherwise deviate from the approved plans, **Special Condition 1** requires strict compliance with the proposal set forth in the application. Any changes to the proposed project must be submitted to the Executive Director for review and approval. **Special Condition 2** requires the applicant to utilize additional best management practices (BMPs) during the construction phase in order to minimize adverse impacts to water quality.

Therefore, the proposed project is consistent with community character, and will have no negative effects on visual resources or coastal access. In addition, the proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act, as well as with previous Commission approvals, and will not prejudice the City's ability to prepare an LCP.

### **B.** COMMUNITY CHARACTER

The development is located within an existing developed area and will be compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area; has been designed to assure structural integrity; and will avoid cumulative adverse impacts on public access. Therefore, the proposed development conforms with Sections 30250 and 30251 of the Coastal Act.

# C. PUBLIC ACCESS

The proposed development will not affect the public's ability to gain access to, and/or to make use of, the coast and nearby recreational facilities. Therefore, the proposed development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

# **D.** WATER QUALITY

The proposed development has a potential for a discharge of polluted runoff from the project site into coastal waters. The development, as proposed and as conditioned, incorporates design features to minimize the effect of construction and post-construction activities on the marine environment. These design features include, but are not limited to, the appropriate management of equipment and construction materials, reducing runoff through the use of permeable surfaces, the use of non-invasive drought tolerant vegetation to reduce and treat the runoff discharged from the site, and for the use of post-construction best management practices to minimize the project's adverse impact on coastal waters. Therefore, the proposed development, as conditioned, conforms with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act regarding the protection of water quality to promote the biological productivity of coastal waters and to protect human health.

# E. DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is located within an existing developed area and is compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area. The proposed development contains adequate parking based on the Commission's typically applied parking standards. Therefore, as conditioned, the development conforms with Sections 30250, 30251, 30252 of the Coastal Act.

# F. LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

Coastal Act section 30604(a) states that, prior to certification of a local coastal program ("LCP"), a coastal development permit can only be issued upon a finding that the proposed development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the Act and that the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that is in conformity with Chapter 3. The Venice Land Use Plan was effectively certified on June 14, 2001. The proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified Land Use Plan for the area. Approval of the project will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

# G. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

There are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available that would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect that the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project, as submitted, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

This permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

# **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- 1. **Permit Compliance.** The permitted use of the approved development is for residential related uses only. All development must occur in strict compliance with the proposal as set forth in the application for permit, subject to any special conditions. Any deviation from the approved plans must be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is required.
- 2. **Construction Responsibilities and Debris Removal.** By acceptance of this permit, the applicants agree that the approved development shall be carried out in compliance with the following BMPs:
  - (a) No demolition or construction materials, debris, or waste shall be placed or stored where it may enter sensitive habitat, receiving waters or a storm drain, or be subject to wave, wind, rain, or tidal erosion and dispersion.
  - (b) No demolition or construction equipment, materials, or activity shall be placed in or occur in any location that would result in impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat areas, streams, wetlands or their buffers.
  - (c) Any and all debris resulting from demolition or construction activities shall be removed from the project site within 24 hours of completion of the project.
  - (d) Demolition or construction debris and sediment shall be removed from work areas each day that demolition or construction occurs to prevent the accumulation of sediment and other debris that may be discharged into coastal waters.

- (e) All trash and debris shall be disposed in the proper trash and recycling receptacles at the end of every construction day.
- (f) The applicant shall provide adequate disposal facilities for solid waste, including excess concrete, produced during demolition or construction.
- (g) Debris shall be disposed of at a legal disposal site or recycled at a recycling facility. If the disposal site is located in the coastal zone, a coastal development permit or an amendment to this permit shall be required before disposal can take place unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment or new permit is legally required.
- (h) All stock piles and construction materials shall be covered, enclosed on all sides, shall be located as far away as possible from drain inlets and any waterway, and shall not be stored in contact with the soil.
- (i) Machinery and equipment shall be maintained and washed in confined areas specifically designed to control runoff. Thinners or solvents shall not be discharged into sanitary or storm sewer systems.
- (j) The discharge of any hazardous materials into any receiving waters shall be prohibited.
- (k) Spill prevention and control measures shall be implemented to ensure the proper handling and storage of petroleum products and other construction materials. Measures shall include a designated fueling and vehicle maintenance area with appropriate berms and protection to prevent any spillage of gasoline or related petroleum products or contact with runoff. The area shall be located as far away from the receiving waters and storm drain inlets as possible.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Good Housekeeping Practices (GHPs) designed to prevent spillage and/or runoff of demolition or construction-related materials, and to contain sediment or contaminants associated with demolition or construction activity, shall be implemented prior to the on-set of such activity.
- (m)All BMPs shall be maintained in a functional condition throughout the duration of construction activity.

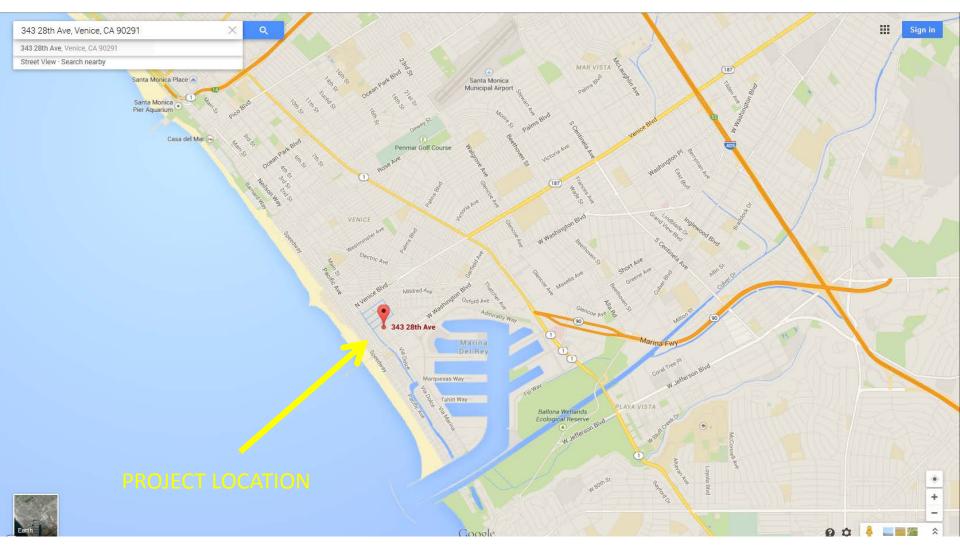
#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERMIT RECEIPT/ACCEPTANCE OF CONTENTS:

I/We acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of this permit and have accepted its contents including all conditions.

Applicant's Signature

Date of Signing







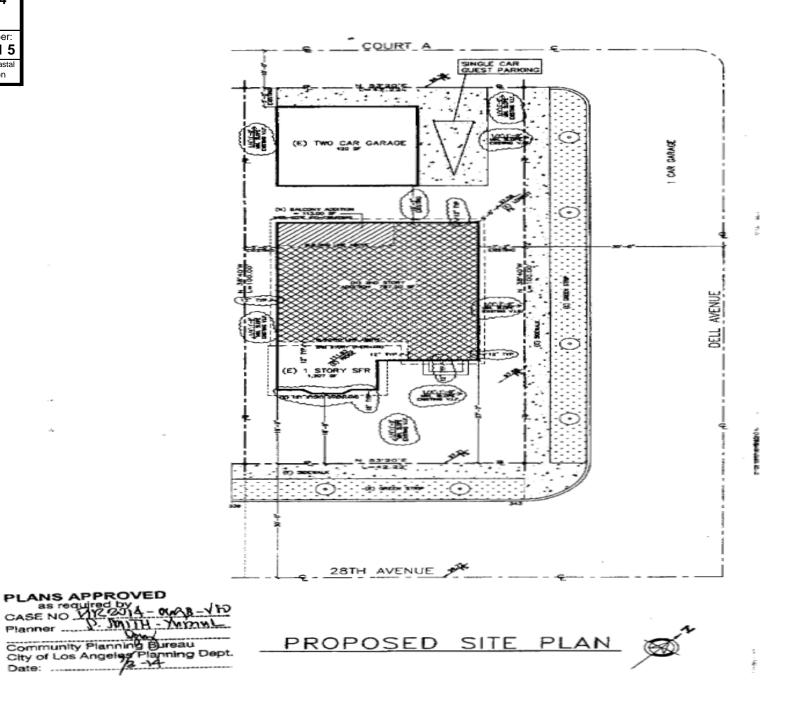


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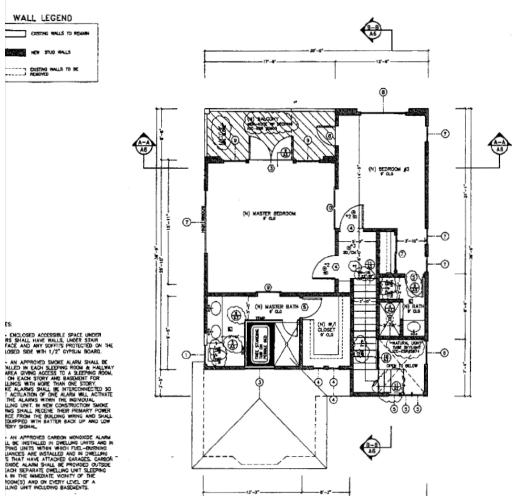


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LY INSTALLED BATHROOM EXHAUST FANS

ES:

EXHAUST FANS SHALL BE ENERGY STAR COMPLIANT AND BE DUCTED TO TERMINATE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING.

EXHAUST FAN, NOT FUNCTIONING AS A COMPONENT OF A WHOLE HOUSE VENTILATION SYSTEM, MUST BE CONTROLLED BY A HUMDISTAT WHICH SHALL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE.

## PROPOSED 2ND FLR PLAN

- 30' -- 0" ---

#### PLANS APPROVED as required by

10'-5'

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