# CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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Staff: A Dobson – LB Date: January 21, 2016

# **ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT**

**Application No. 5-15-1822** 

**Applicant:** Bill and Mia Robins

**Project** 

**Description:** After-the-fact conversion of a 9-unit, 2-story, 30 foot high apartment building

to a 7,374 sq. ft. single family residence with guest unit. Construction of a

552 sq. ft. addition to the first and second floors, interior remodel,

improvements to landscaping and a new pool.

**Project** 

**Location:** 2419 Beverly Ave., Santa Monica (Los Angeles County)

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

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

NOTE: 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:

February 12, 2016 9:00 a.m. Inn at Morro Bay 60 State Park Road Morro Bay, Ca 93442

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>Amber Dobson</u> Coastal Program Analyst

# **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:** None.

# **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 applicant seeks an after-the-fact approval for the conversion of a 9-unit, 2-story, 30 foot high apartment building to a 7,374 sq. ft. single family residence with guest unit. The current proposal includes construction of a 552 sq. ft. addition to the first and second floors, interior remodel, improvements to landscaping and a new pool. All storm water runoff will be directed toward two on-site infiltration trenches and several planter boxes on the property. All landscaping will be primarily native and drought tolerant. The project contains 4 onsite parking spaces, which exceeds

the Commission's typical requirement of 2 spaces per unit. The proposed project has been given local approvals by the City of Santa Monica. The project is designed to be compatible with the residential character of the surrounding development.

The project site in the City of Santa Monica, inland of Ocean Park, near Lincoln Blvd. The site is approximately 3/4 mile away from the beach. Because of the distance from the beach and the existing residential development, the area does not provide significant public coastal access. The lot is designated Ocean Park Low Multiple Residential Development (OP2) by the City of Santa Monica, which is intended to provide a low density residential neighborhood that reflects the distinct identity of the Ocean Park neighborhood. Housing types include single unit housing, duplexes and triplexes, townhouses, and courtyard housing with at least 2,000 square feet of parcel area per unit exclusive of City and State density bonuses. In this case, the conversion from 9 units into a single family residence with a guest unit brings the structure into greater conformity with the existing zoning.

The property was converted from a 9 unit apartment building into a single family residence with guest unit in 2008. The City of Santa Monica determined that the rental units were withdrawn from the residential market pursuant to the Ellis Act in 2007 and would be owner occupied and therefore, complied with all applicable rent control laws of the local government. The owners at the time did not seek a coastal development permit for the conversion. The new owners took ownership of the property in 2010. The applicants applied for an exemption in 2015 to construct a 552 sq. ft. addition to the first and second floors and improvements to landscaping and a new pool. Ordinarily, these improvements would likely have been exempt, were it not for the unpermitted conversion previously done. Any change in intensity, including converting 9 units into a single family residence with a guest unit, are not exempt from Coastal Development Permits and required a permit at the time. Therefore, the applicant has applied for a permit for all improvements.

# B. 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, as proposed the development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

# C. DEVELOPMENT

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

# D. UNPERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

Unpermitted development has occurred at the project site subject to this coastal development permit application. The unpermitted development includes the conversion of a 9-unit, 2-story, 30 foot high apartment building to a 7,374 sq. ft. single family residence with guest unit without a valid coastal development permit issued by the Coastal Commission. The physical improvements subject to this application were constructed in 2008 without the benefit of a coastal development permit from the Commission for more than seven years. Any non-exempt development activity conducted in the

Coastal Zone without a valid coastal development permit, or which does not substantially conform to a previously issued permit, constitutes a violation of the Coastal Act.

The applicant is proposing after-the-fact approval of the unpermitted development noted above and described in more detail in the project description. Although the development has taken place prior to submittal of this application, consideration of this application by the Commission has been based solely upon the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. Commission review and action on this permit will resolve the violations identified in this section once the permit has been fully executed and the terms and conditions of the permit complied with by the applicant.

Section 30620 of the Coastal Act states, in relevant part:

The Commission may require a reasonable filing fee and the reimbursement of expenses for the processing by the Commission of any application for a coastal development permit...

Section 13055 of the California Code of Regulations sets the filing fees for coastal development permit applications, and states in relevant part:

- (d) Fees for an after-the-fact (ATF) permit application shall be five times the amount specified in section (a) unless such added increase is reduced by the Executive Director when it is determined that either:
  - (1) the ATF permit application can be processed by staff without significant additional review time (as compared to the time required for the processing of a regular permit,) or
  - (2) the owner did not undertake the development for which the owner is seeking the ATF permit, but in no case shall such reduced fees be less than double the amount specified in section (a) above. For applications that include both ATF development and development that has not yet occurred, the ATF fee shall apply only to the ATF development. In addition, payment of an ATF fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code or of any permit granted thereunder or from any penalties imposed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code.

The applicant submitted a request to pay the reduced after-the-fact filing fees, and pursuant to the section above, gave sufficient evidence that the current owner did not undertake the unpermitted development for which they are now seeking approval. The Commission must consider after-the-fact development as if it has not already occurred. If the applicant had applied for a permit for the conversion and minor addition and landscape improvements, as proposed, it would likely have been processed as an administrate permit because there are no significant Coastal Act issues, and therefore the after-the-fact permit has not required any additional significant staff review time. As such, the Executive Director has determined that the fee shall be reduced to double the amount normally required for an administrative permit. Sufficient filings fees have been provided to date.

# E. 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. In August 1992, the Commission certified, with suggested modifications, the land use plan portion of the City of Santa Monica's Local Coastal Program, excluding the area west of Ocean Avenue and Neilson way (Beach Overlay District). On September 15, 1992, the City of Santa Monica accepted the LUP with suggested modifications. 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.

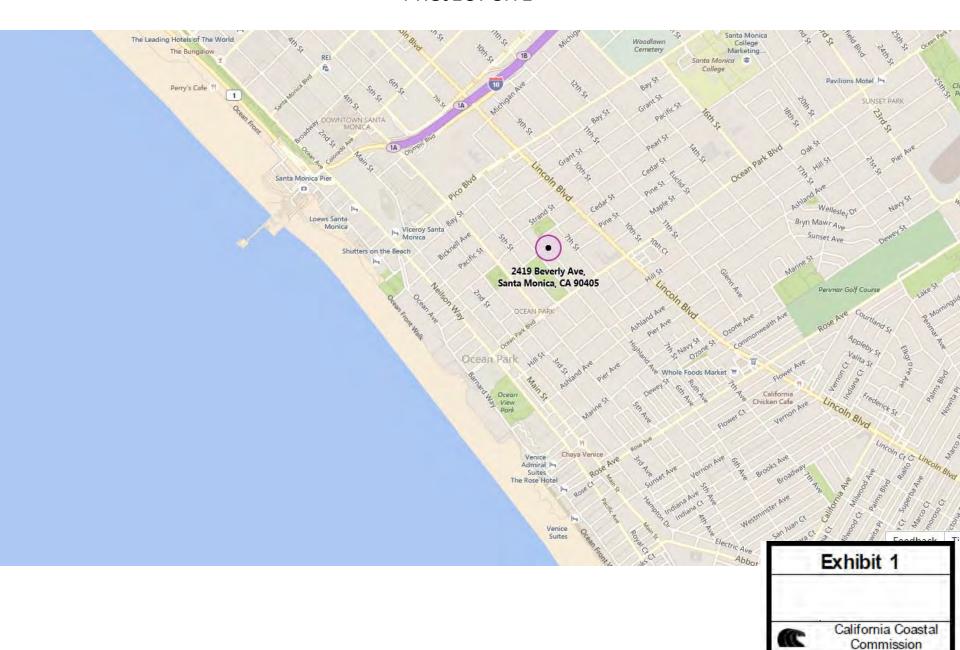
# F. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

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

# 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

# **PROJECT SITE**

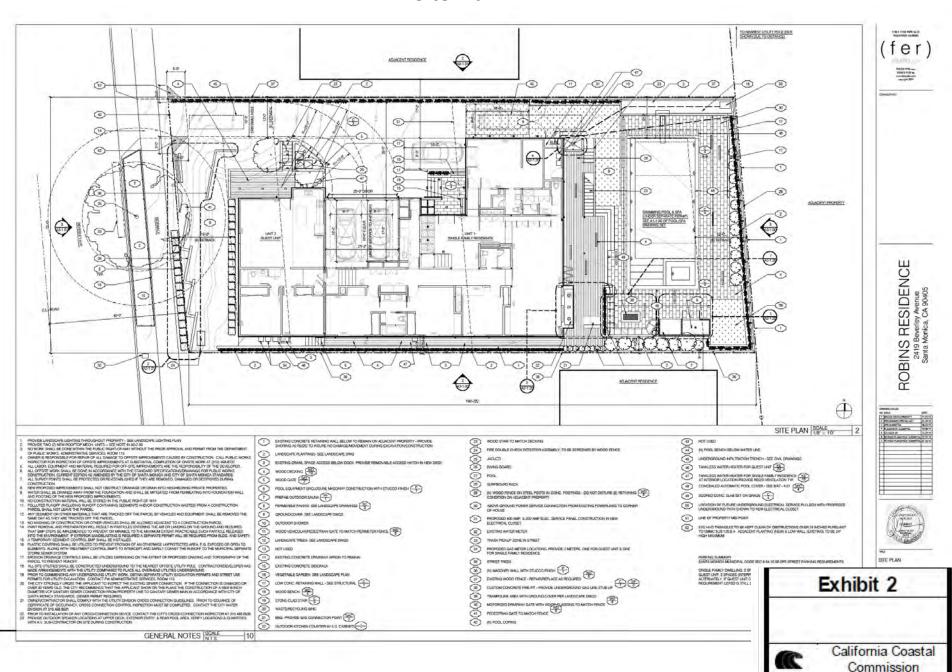


# PROJECT SITE



California Coastal Commission

# Site Plan



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CITY OF SANTA MONICA CITY PLANNING DIVISION

# OCCUPANCY PERMIT DETERMINATION

Case Number:

Occupancy Permit, OC 08-002

Address:

2419 Beverly Avenue

Zoning:

OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Residential) District

Proposed Use:

Allow the conversion of nine units into two units and allow owner

occupancy and residential use of the two units following withdrawal

of nine units from Rent Control pursuant to the Ellis Act

**CEQA Status:** 

Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301(Class 1) of the

California Environmental Quality Act in that the project consists of the re-occupancy of an existing multi-family dwelling following

removal from the rental market.

Applicant:

Tomas Osinski, Architect

Property

Owner:

Robert and Charlotte D'Elia

Rent Control

Status:

The property contains nine units. The Rent Control Board has confirmed that all nine units were withdrawn from the residential

rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, effective March 30, 2007.

# **GENERAL PLAN & MUNICIPAL CODE CONFORMANCE**

Category	General Plan	Municipal Code	<u>Project</u>
Permitted Use:	Low Density Housing	Multi-family dwelling units	9-unit multi-family residential property withdrawn from the rental market and converted to 2

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		residential units.			
Parking	2 spaces/2 BR Unit x 2 2BR Units = 4 spaces required.	Four uncovered parking spaces provided at rear of property.			

Comments/Conclusion: Proposed is the conversion of a nine unit apartment building into a two unit apartment building and the owner occupancy of the property that was previously removed from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, Government Code Sections 7060 et seq. As a condition, these units shall not be rented and may be occupied by family members or other persons in compliance with all applicable Rent Control and Santa Monica laws.

This application for an	Occupancy Permit	(08OC-002) is:
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- Denied
- Subject to separate administrative or discretionary review.
- X Granted with the following findings and conditions:

#### **FINDINGS:**

- The proposed use is in compliance with SMMC 4.32.130(c)(1) in that one unit on the property will be occupied by an owner of the property and other unit on the property is occupied by occupants who do not have any ownership interest in the property and do not pay rent as defined by Section 1801 (f) of the City Charter.
- 2. The proposed occupancy conforms to the Land Use Element of the General Plan in that the multi-family residential use will not be altered.
- The proposed occupancy conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use and Zoning Ordinance in that the existing multi-family residential use will remain and in that four onsite parking spaces are provided for the two units.
- 4. The Rent Control Board has confirmed that the withdrawal of the property from the residential rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act was completed on March 30, 2007.

#### **CONDITIONS:**

1. Within ten (10) days of transmittal of City Planning Division approval, project applicant shall sign and return a copy of the Occupancy Permit determination prepared by the City Planning Division, agreeing to the conditions of approval and acknowledging that failure to comply with such conditions shall constitute grounds for revocation of the

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permit approval. Failure to comply with this condition grounds for permit revocation, pursuant to Section 9.04.20.28.040 2, 2008 Determination by: ( mand / co Amanda Schachter Zoning Administrator Case Planner: Gina Szilak, Assistant Planner EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTION: Acknowledgement by Permit Holder I agree to the above conditions of approval and acki ire to comply with any and all conditions shall constitute grounds cation of the permit approval. Charlotk Bjodin O'Elin Drivers Lic Robert DElia

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