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## ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT

**Application No.:** 5-21-0052

**Applicant:** Nathan Clark and Allen Loeb

**Location:** 662 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles County (APN No.: 4412013015)

**Project Description:** Conversion of a 346 square foot office space above a detached garage to a detached ADU.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION

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

**NOTE:** Public Resources Code (PRC) 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 on July 7, 2021. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING.** As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, this Coastal Commission meeting will occur virtually through video and teleconference. Please see the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov) for details on the procedures of this hearing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures, please call 415-904-5202.

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

Pursuant to 14 CCR 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.**

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director

by: Christine Pereira  
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:** See pages five through 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.

## **FINDINGS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION**

### **A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is proposing to convert a 346 square foot office space above a detached garage to a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at 662 Haverford in the Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles County ([Exhibit 1](#)). The existing 346 square foot area is currently used as storage and office space, and the proposed development will include the addition of plumbing to make the space habitable with a bathroom and kitchen area. **Special Condition 1** requires the applicant to adhere to construction best management practices (BMPs) to minimize the potential of pollutants entering coastal waters and the continued use and maintenance of post construction BMPs. There will be no change in the overall square footage of the existing space, and no new landscaping is proposed. The proposed project received conceptual approval (a Ready to Issue stamp) from the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety on May 20, 2021 ([Exhibit 2](#)).

The subject site is located approximately 0.6 miles from the inland extent of the beach and is not located between the first public road and the sea. The site is a 7,800 sq. ft. lot, designated R1-1 within the City of Los Angeles's zoning code which allows single-family residences. The project does not propose any changes to the existing single-family residence on site. The applicant proposes to maintain the existing on-site parking with two spaces in the garage and three spaces in the driveway apron for a total of five on-site parking spaces. The proposed ADU is within a ½ mile of public transit, and no additional parking is proposed on-site.

As it relates to the City of Los Angeles, which determined, pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30600(b), to establish a procedure to issue coastal development permits prior to certification of a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP), Section 30600(c) of the Coastal Act provides for the issuance of coastal development permits directly by the Commission when the development is not subject to the requirements of Section 30600(b). Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 13300(c) excludes development subject to Coastal Act Section 30624 from the local government coastal development permits. The City of Los Angeles does not have a certified LCP. The proposed development is located in the single jurisdiction area of the City of Los Angeles, and generally, the City of Los Angeles has permitting authority for projects within this jurisdiction. However, in this case, Commission staff has determined that this project meets the requirements for the issuance of an administrative permit under

Coastal Act Section 30624. The City of Los Angeles has provided conceptual approval of the applicants' plans, and this project will further encourage increased housing density in the coastal zone.

## **B. PUBLIC ACCESS**

The proposed development will not have any new adverse impacts on public access to the coast or to nearby recreational facilities. Thus, the proposed development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

## **C. 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 best management practices (BMPs) to minimize the effect of construction and post-construction activities on the marine environment. These BMPs include, but are not limited to, the appropriate management of equipment and construction materials and the use of post-construction best management practices to minimize the project's adverse impact on coastal waters, as imposed in **Special Condition 1**. Therefore, the Commission finds that 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.

## **D. LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP)**

The Coastal Act required that the Commission consider the effect on a local coastal program when it approves a project. The Commission is prevented from approving projects that might prejudice the completion of local coastal program.

Section 30604(a) of the Coastal Act states:

Prior to certification of the Local Coastal Program, a Coastal Development Permit shall be issued if the issuing agency, or the Commission on appeal, finds that the proposed development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200) and that the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a local coastal program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200).

In 1978, the Commission approved a work program for the preparation of Local Coastal Programs in a number of distinct neighborhoods (segments) in the City of Los Angeles. In the Pacific Palisades, issues identified included public recreation, preservation of mountain and hillside lands, and grading and geologic stability. Geologic stability was one of the primary issues because of the number of landslides that had occurred in the sixties and early seventies.

The City has submitted five Land Use Plans (LUP) for Commission review, and the Commission has certified three (Playa Vista, San Pedro, and Venice), though the Playa Vista LUP was not accepted by the City. However, the City has not prepared a Land Use Plan for Pacific Palisades. In the early 1970s, a general plan update for the Pacific Palisades had just been completed. When the City began the LUP process in 1978, with the exception of two tracts (a 1200-acre and 300-acre tract of land) that were then undergoing subdivision approval, all private lands in the community were subdivided and built out. The Commission's approval of those tracts in 1980 meant that no major planning decisions remained in the Pacific Palisades. The tracts were approved on appeal by the Commission: A-381-78 (Headlands) and A-390-78 (AMH). Consequently, the City concentrated its efforts on communities that were rapidly changing and subject to development pressure and controversy, such as Venice, Airport Dunes, Playa Vista, San Pedro, and Playa del Rey. To date, the City of Los Angeles has six LCP segments, all of which are uncertified.

With the proposed conditions that address public access, water quality, and hazards related to the project and the general area, approval of the proposed development will not prejudice the City's ability to prepare a local coastal program in conformity with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. The Commission, therefore, finds that the proposed project is consistent with the provisions of Section 30604(a) of the Coastal Act.

#### **E. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

The permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

- 1. Storage of Construction Materials, Mechanized Equipment and Removal of Construction Debris.** By acceptance of this coastal development permit, the permittee agrees 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 stockpiles 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 is 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.
- L. 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.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date of Signing