

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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October 23, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

# RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, consider the Belmont Heights Community Association's appeal, and uphold the decision of the Planning Commission to approve a Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit to allow the reconstruction of a second home, demolished without a permit, located at 213 Roswell Avenue within the Single Family Residential zone. (District 3)

# **DISCUSSION**

The proposed project is the reconstruction of a single-family home on the southwest corner of Roswell and Shaw Avenue. The site is a corner lot of 5,842 square feet in the R-1-N district (Single-Family District with Standard Lots). The site was developed with two single-family homes of approximately 1300 square feet each when the applicants purchased the property in October 2004. According to assessor records, the original home was built in 1924 and the second home in 1954. The two single-story homes together cover forty-five percent (45%) of the lot and were a legal non-conforming use on the property.

In November 2011, the applicants requested a building permit to add 140 square feet to the second residence, Home "B", at 213 Roswell Avenue, as part of a remodeling project. This expansion and renovation would have extended the existing bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen and provided a seismic upgrade, and was approved in January 2012. Subsequent to this approval, Home "B" was completely demolished.

The demolition of the home was a violation of the municipal code because it was completed without a permit. Once more than 50 percent of the perimeter of the structure was removed, the legal non-conforming rights to the unit were forfeited. In order to reinstate the legal non-conforming status of the second dwelling and rebuild the home, a Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit were required.

The Planning Commission heard the case on September 6, 2012. The staff report and minutes are provided in Exhibit A. At the hearing, neighbors spoke both in support of and opposition to the Standards Variance request. Opponents cited several reasons for their position. One was the need for additional off-street parking in the parking impacted neighborhood, because the home only had previously and is proposing a single-car garage. The most repeated sentiment, however, was the neighborhood's collective desire to see the single-family downzoning be implemented whenever opportunities presented themselves. This downzoning from R-2 duplex zoning was approved by the City Council in January 1998 after community efforts for nearly six years to reduce the overall density in the neighborhood. This position was reiterated by the Belmont Heights Community Association (BHCA) in their submitted comment letter and oral testimony.

After presentations by eight speakers in addition to the applicant, and a lengthy discussion behind the rail, the Planning Commission approved the Standards Variance, which would allow the home to be rebuilt as previously approved, subject to a building permit.

On September 17, 2012, the BHCA appealed the decision to the City Council. The appeal was filed within the prescribed timeframe in accordance with the Municipal Code (Exhibit B).

The Planning Commission approval focused on the fact that the proposal would result in two small houses, maintaining more of the neighborhood's prevailing development pattern, and would preclude the possibility of construction of a single, but much larger home on the lot in the future. Considering all of the possible outcomes, including denying the request to rebuild the home leaving the corner vacant or the possibility of a larger home in the foreseeable future, staff's recommendation is to uphold the Planning Commission decision.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 4, 2012.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Long Beach Municipal Code Section 21.21.504 requires City Council action within 60 days of receiving an application for appeal. The subject appeal was received on September 17, 2012.

# FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no local job impact as a result of the recommended action.

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# SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

AMYJ. BODEK, AICP

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Planning Commission staff report, attachments and minutes

Exhibit B - Appeal form

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER

# **EXHIBIT A**



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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September 6, 2012

CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
City of Long Beach
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a request for a Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit to reconstruct a single-family residence at 213 Roswell Avenue (District 3).

APPLICANT:

Marilin Posca 2619 Lime Avenue Signal Hill, CA 90755 (Application No. 1205-12)

# **DISCUSSION**

The proposed project is the reconstruction of a single-family home on the southwest corner of Roswell Avenue and Shaw Avenue. The current condition of the site is with a new foundation for the demolished home (Exhibit A – Location Map and Site Photographs). This item was continued from the July 19, 2012 Planning Commission hearing due to inadequate public noticing. The item has been re-noticed.

The site is a corner lot of 5,842 square feet in the R-1-N district (Single-Family District with Standard Lots). The site was developed with two single-family homes of approximately 1300 square feet each when the applicants purchased the property in October 2004. According to assessor records, the original home was built in 1924 and the second home in 1954. The two single-story homes together cover 45 percent of the lot and were a legal non-conforming use on the property.

In 2008, the applicants requested and were granted approval to complete a major renovation and new perimeter fence on Home "A", at 4130 Shaw Avenue, and continue to live in the remodeled residence.

In November 2011, the applicants requested a building permit to add 140 square feet to the second residence, Home "B", at 213 Roswell Avenue, as part of a remodeling project. This expansion and renovation would have extended the existing bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen and provided a seismic upgrade, and was approved in January 2012.

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Subsequent to this approval, Home "B" was completely demolished. Since the lot is zoned R-1-N, which allows one single-family residence per parcel, once more than 50 percent of the perimeter of Home "B" was demolished, the legal non-conforming status of the property to have two residences was forfeited.

The reason the entire home was demolished instead of a portion being remodeled is not entirely clear, but seems to be a result of significant damage that was uncovered once the walls were opened. Reports are that a significant portion of the residence (exceeding 50 percent) was demolished initially, with the western wall framing still in place for several weeks, and then the entire structure was demolished. At present, the foundation has been replaced with new joists. A stop work order and Planning and Building permit approval hold were placed on the property in April 2012.

Similar to other homes in the immediate area, the residence was constructed on top of a pounded sand foundation, and had significantly deteriorated over the decades as evidenced by irregularities in the interior floor. It seems likely that this home should have been rebuilt to repair this damage, but this was not the original request. Once construction began and the foundation and structural damage was exposed, it seems logical that the contractor should have stopped work, called for an inspection and had Building officials confirm that the damage was beyond repair. This was not done.

At this time, the applicant is requesting a Standards Variance to reinstate the non-conforming status of the second residence, and rebuild the home as it was configured in the expanded plan from January 2012. The Standards Variance is required since more than 50 percent of the perimeter was demolished. Because the work completed was beyond the approved permit, fees for this application were doubled. Plans and building record information are provided in Exhibit B.

Staff has had a number of conversations with the applicant, project architect, and others familiar with the project. The request is consistent with the prevailing neighborhood development pattern, especially in light of the fact that per zoning, a single-family home covering 50 percent of the lot of up to 3,500 square feet could be built by right on the subject property. Based on the fact that the request is for no more than the original residence and the expansion approved earlier this year, Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission approve this request for a Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit (Exhibit C – Findings and Exhibit D – Conditions of Approval).

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The public hearing was re-noticed, with the applicant paying for the additional postage. Mailed and onsite notices were provided in accordance with the Long Beach Municipal Code. Several public inquiries and two comment letters were received as of the writing of this report and are attached in Exhibit F. These comments question the motivation of the demolition and request clarification about the validity of the request.

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

In accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Categorical Exemption (CE) was prepared for the proposed project (Exhibit E – CE 12-038).

Respectfully submitted,

DEREK BURNHAM

PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR

AMY J. BODEK, AICP

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** 

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**Attachments** 

Exhibit A – Location Map and Site Photographs

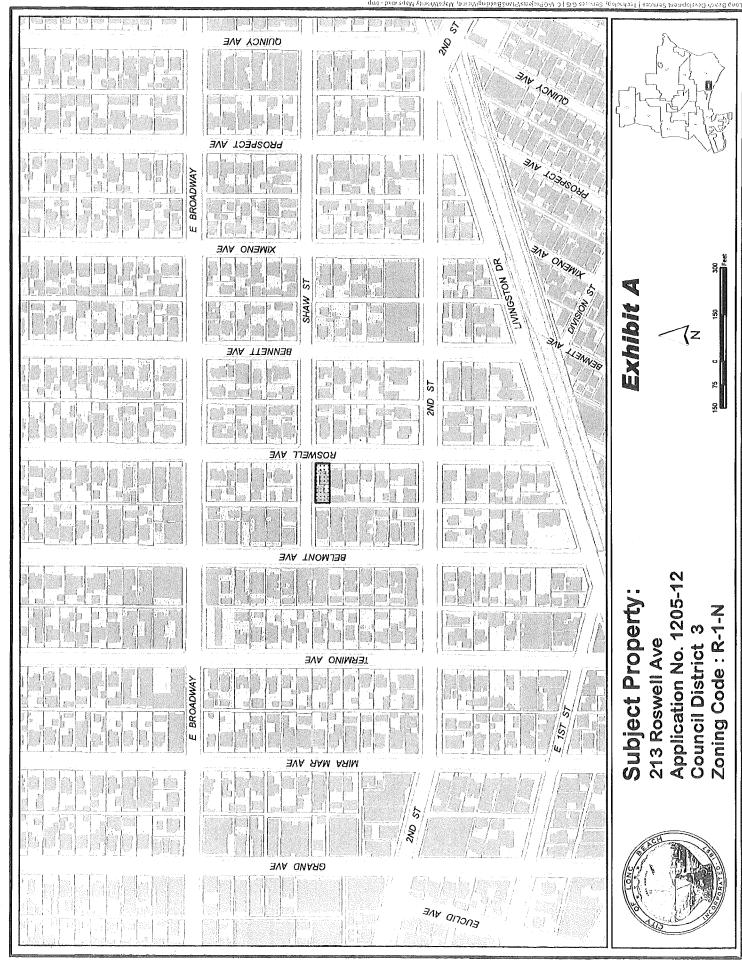
Exhibit B – Plans and Building Permit Information

Exhibit C - Findings

Exhibit D - Conditions of Approval

Exhibit E - Categorical Exemption CE 12-038

Exhibit F - Public Comments Received



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**INFORMATION - APPLICATION# BADD128374** 

Application Type BADD

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Current milestone is Inspections.

Primary Applicant

MARIANO and POSCA, MARILIN

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Current unpaid amount of \$0.00.

Address

213 ROSWELL AVE LONG BEACH CA 90803

Location

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room, create 1/2 bath, laundry area, change out windows and seismic upgrade.

**Building Holds** 

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Front home has been completely demolished. Zone only allows 1 residence, loss of non-conforming rights with demo of front house as there is a 2nd unit in rear property (4130 Shaw Ave)

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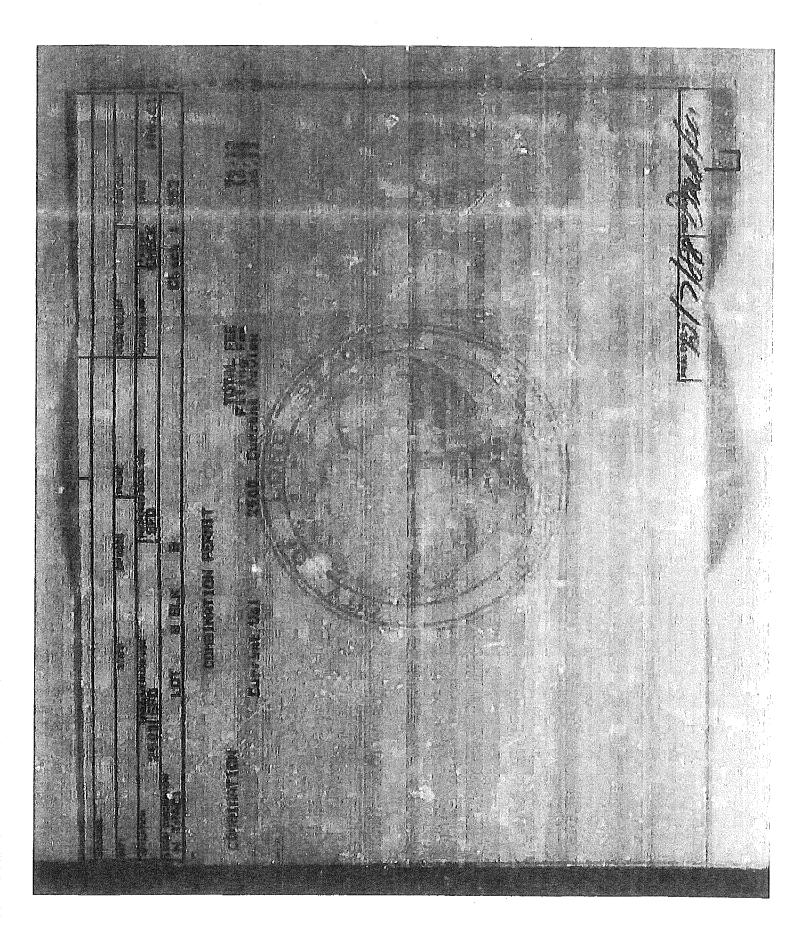
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# Certificate of Occupancy

As Authorized By The Building Official City of Long Beach

This document certifies that, at the time of issuance, this structure, or portion thereof, was in compliance with the various ordinances of the city of Long Beach regulating building construction or use.

Address: 213 ROSWELL AVE

Occupancy Type: R-3 VN

Permit No.: 531874

Portion of Building: ADD TO KIT&DNRM,RERF,ADD PATIO,CMPLTE IN TR RMDL,W/ EL,ME,PL

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**Building Official** 

Date: February 14, 2011

Situs Address: 213 ROSWELL AVE Print This Page LONG BEACH, CA 90803 Assessor Parcel Number: 7256012024 Owner: POSCA, MARILIN S Legal Description: N TRACT LOT 8 BLK B Last Record Date: 20060801 Mailing Address: 213 ROSWELL AVE Oldest Year Built: 1921 LONG BEACH, CA 90803-1534 Number of Dwelling Units: 2 Zoning Classification: R-1-N PD Subarea: Zoning Overlay: PD-29 Subzone: 0 General Plan District: 100 General Plan Description: SINGLE FAMILY Medical Marijuana Restriction Zone: N Coastal Zone: Coastal Zone PD30 Height: Redevelopment Area: PD30 Setbacks: Fence Height Limit: PD30 Setback Distance: PD30 Neighborhood Overlay: Homeowners Association: Special Setbacks: 20 Interim Ordinance: Setback Conditions: Within Harbor District: Historic District: Within Liquefaction: Historic Landmark: Oil Operating Area: Parking Impacted Area: Special Restriction Area: Within Special Flood Hazard Zone: N Earthquake Zone: Zoning Classification: X Within Airport Property: Base Flood Elev: Within CDBG: FEMA Document: STUDY5 Within Enterprise Zone: Effective Date: 9/26/2008 12:00:00 AM Redevelopment Area: Outcome Description: N/A NIS Area: FEMA Case No: N/A Census 2000 Tract: 577200 Council District: 3 Census 2000 Block: 1012 Council Representative: GARY DeLONG Bldg Insp Comml District: SOUTH Fire Code Enforce District: FCE 2 Bldg Insp Res District: 3 Fire New Constr District: FNC 1 Bldg Insp Elec District: EAST Fire Res Insp District: FRI 2 Community CE Area: Health Housing Program Quadrant: EAST CE Housing Action Plan: Health Hazmat CUPA District: 42 CE Corridor Description: CE Corridor Phase: Bus Lic Inspector Area: 20 CE Corridor Name: Within Lotmerge Area: CE Other Proactive Area Name: Health Food Program District: 2 CE Division Name: EAST

# STANDARDS VARIANCE FINDINGS Case No. 1205-012 Date: September 6, 2012

Pursuant to Chapter 21.25, Division III of the Long Beach Municipal Code, the variance procedure is established to allow for flexibility in the Zoning Regulations. This flexibility is necessary because not all circumstances relative to all lots can be foreseen and evaluated in the writing of such regulations. In order to prevent abuse of the flexibility, certain findings of fact must be made before any variance can be granted. These findings have been incorporated in the Long Beach Municipal Code.

1. THE SITE OR THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE SITE ARE PHYSICALLY UNIQUE COMPARED TO THE OTHER SITES IN THE SAME ZONE;

The subject site was previously developed with two detached units. The unit fronting on Roswell Avenue was inadvertently demolished as part of a permitted remodel likely due to damage uncovered once the walls were opened. As a result of the demolition, the site now only contains a structure that is located at the rear 1/3 of the lot. This is inconsistent with the overall development pattern of the neighborhood that has a unit fronting on Roswell Avenue with another structure, either another dwelling unit or a garage, along the alley. Allowing the inadvertently demolished unit to be rebuilt will bring the site back into consistency with the overall development pattern of the neighborhood and result in a structure that fits within the context of the adjacent lots.

2. THE UNIQUE SITUATION CAUSES THE APPLICANT TO EXPERIENCE HARDSHIP THAT DEPRIVES THE APPLICANT OF A SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT TO USE OF THE PROPERTY AS OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE SAME ZONE ARE USED AND WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A GRANT OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE INCONSISTENT WITH LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON SIMILARLY ZONED PROPERTIES OR INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS;

The inadvertent demolition of the front unit resulted in the removal of a legal non-conforming unit that was consistent with the overall development pattern of the neighborhood. While this section of Roswell Avenue has a zoning designation of R-1-N (single family), a number of lots in the immediate vicinity are developed with multiple units. Granting of the Standards Variance to allow the inadvertently demolished unit to be rebuilt does not constitute a grant of special privilege, as the resulting development will be consistent with the existing neighborhood.

3. THE VARIANCE WILL NOT CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON THE COMMUNITY; AND

This request is to replace a structure that had been in place for several decades, and will not cause any additional adverse effects once construction is completed.

Standard Variance Findings Case No. 1205-012 September 6, 2012 Page 2

4. IN THE COASTAL ZONE, THE VARIANCE WILL CARRY OUT THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PHYSICAL, VISUAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF ACCESS TO OR ALONG THE COAST.

The site is located within the coastal zone, and requires a Local Coastal Development Permit. However, the proposed development is the reconstruction of a previous structure in the same location and size, and will not adversely impact the coastal area in terms of replacing affordable housing, or will in no way limit access to the coast by the public.

# **COASTAL PERMIT FINDINGS**

Case No. 1204-12 Date: September 6, 2012

1. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONFORMS TO THE CERTIFIED LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING

The site is located within an existing neighborhood. The zoning is currently single-family, but formerly allowed multiple family development. The proposed action would allow the reconstruction of a single-family home on a lot that contained two such dwellings, but is consistent with the predominant neighborhood pattern.

2. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONFORMS TO THE PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION POLICIES OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE COASTAL ACT.

Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act deals with the public's right to use the beach and water resources for recreational purposes. The chapter provides the basis for state and local governments to require beach access dedications and prohibit development, which restricts public access to the beach and water resources.

The development will not impede public access to the coast, as all development will occur on an existing corner residential lot. Therefore, the proposed development conforms to the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

# STANDARDS VARIANCE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL Case No. 1205-12

Date: September 6, 2012

- 1. This permit and all development rights hereunder shall terminate one year from the effective date of this permit unless construction is commenced or a time extension is granted, based on a written request approved by the Zoning Administrator, submitted prior to the expiration of the one year period as provided in Section 21.21.406 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.
- 2. The standards variance is required to allow the legal non-conforming use of a second single-family home on an R-1-N lot in the same location as the previous structure to continue on the subject site because more than fifty percent (50%) of the perimeter has been demolished.
- All work must be consistent with and completed in accordance with the plans submitted to Long Beach Development Services dated March 23, 2012, as revised during plan check review.
- 4. This permit shall be invalid if the owner(s) and/or applicant(s) have failed to return written acknowledgment of their acceptance of the conditions of approval on the *Conditions of Approval Acknowledgment Form* supplied by the Planning Bureau. This acknowledgment must be submitted within 30 days from the effective date of approval (final action date or, if in the appealable area of the Coastal Zone, 21 days after the local final action date). Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit a revised set of plans reflecting all of the design changes set forth in the conditions of approval to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator.
- 5. If, for any reason, there is a violation of any of the conditions of this permit or if the use/operation is found to be detrimental to the surrounding community, including public health, safety or general welfare, environmental quality or quality of life, such shall cause the City to initiate revocation and termination procedures of all rights granted herewith.
- 6. In the event of transfer of ownership of the property involved in this application, the new owner shall be fully informed of the permitted use and development of said property as set forth by this permit together with all conditions that are a part thereof. These specific requirements must be recorded with all title conveyance documents at time of closing escrow.
- 7. This approval is required to comply with these conditions of approval as long as the use is on the subject site. As such, the site shall allow periodic re-

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Date: September 6, 2012

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inspections, at the discretion of city officials, to verify compliance. The property owner shall reimburse the City for the inspection cost as per the special building inspection specifications established by City Council (Sec. 21.25.412, 21.25.212).

- 8. All conditions of approval must be printed verbatim on all plans submitted for plan review to Long Beach Development Services. These conditions must be printed on the site plan or a subsequent reference page.
- 9. The Director of Long Beach Development Services is authorized to make minor modifications to the approved design plans or to any of the conditions of approval if such modifications shall not significantly change/alter the approved design/project. Any major modifications shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission, respectively.
- 10. Site development, including landscaping, shall conform to the approved plans on file with Long Beach Development Services. At least one set of approved plans containing Planning, Building, Fire, and, if applicable, Redevelopment and Health Department stamps shall be maintained at the job site, at all times for reference purposes during construction and final inspection.
- 11. All landscaped areas must be maintained in a neat and healthy condition. Any dying or dead plants materials must be replaced with the minimum size and height plant(s) required by Chapter 21.42 (Landscaping) of the Zoning Regulations. At the discretion of City officials, a yearly inspection shall be conducted to verify that all irrigation systems are working properly and that the landscaping is in good healthy condition. The property owner shall reimburse the City for the inspection cost as per the special building inspection specifications established by the City Council.
- 12. All structures shall conform to the Long Beach Building Code requirements. Notwithstanding this subject permit, all other required permits from the Building Bureau must be secured.
- 13. Separate building permits shall be required for fences, retaining walls, flagpoles, and pole mounted yard lighting foundations.
- 14. Demolition, site preparation, and construction activities are limited to the following (except for the pouring of concrete which may occur as needed):
  - Weekdays and federal holidays: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
  - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.; and
  - Sundays: not allowed

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Case No. 1205-12

Date: September 6, 2012

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15. Any unused curb cuts shall be replaced with full height curb, gutter and sidewalk and shall be reviewed, approved and constructed to the specifications of the Director of Public Works.

16. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Long Beach, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Long Beach or its agents, officers, or employees brought to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the City of Long Beach, its advisory agencies, commissions, or legislative body concerning this project. The City of Long Beach will promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Long Beach and will cooperate fully in the defense. If the City of Long Beach fails to promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding or fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant shall not, thereafter, be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the City of Long Beach.



NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

333 W. OCEAN BLVD., 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 570-6194 Fax: (562) 570-6068
| bds.longbeach.gov

TO: Office of Planning & Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	FROM: Department of Development Services 333 W. Ocean Blvd, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Long Beach, CA 90802
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July 16, 2012

Long Beach City Planning Commission

c/o Department of Development Services: Steve Gerhardt

Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Standards Variance Application for 213 Roswell (R-1-N); July 19, 2012 Hearing

We object to approval of the requested variance for the following reasons:

- 1. Untimely public posting of the notice of public hearing, including the on site property notice less than 14 days in advance.
- 2. Lack of on-site parking and required garages.
- 3. Lack of required rear yard setbacks.
- 4. Lack of required lot area coverage.
- 5. Lack of floor area ratio standards.
- 6. Lack of sufficient open space provisions as required by zoning.
- 7. Negative impact on the surrounding community, especially impacted parking.
- 8. Lack of compelling standards for granting the proposed variance to the benefit of the community.

Of specific note in considering this application, consider that the parking in the area is already severely impacted, including on the specific lot itself: the residents park across their own driveway overnight as well as in the driveway overhanging the sidewalk. This parking situation on the site itself will only deteriorate with the approval of the proposed variance.

We are home owners at 212 Bennett Avenue, previously owners of 213 Bennett Avenue, for the past 34 years. Our neighborhood has remained a stable single family residential community throughout that time. The attractiveness of our neighborhood to the current home owners has been maintained by the long time owners who have worked to preserve the neighborhood's single family quality. If a zoning variance is approved whenever anyone requests one, what confidence can a citizen have in the zoning code or other rules of the City?

Sincerely,

Mary Lou and Donald Cook

212 Bennett Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803

August 26, 2012

Re: Standards Variance Request - #1205-12, 213 Roswell Ave.

Dear Planning Commission Members,

In our letter of July 14<sup>th</sup> (Attached), we expressed our concerns regarding granting the variance request for the 213 Roswell. We want to reiterate our opposition in light of the flagrant violations in the remodeling activities at 213 Roswell. We feel that any further construction on the site must meet all current zoning standards for new construction. The actions of the applicants in this matter show a clear pattern of ignoring our community rules by first demolishing their entire structure and then beginning to rebuild, both without city approval. We urge you to not grant their request for a non-conforming building permit.

Additionally, we would like to provide you with correct information regarding our neighborhood which in the Coastal Permit Findings has been characterized as mostly single story homes in a low to middle class income range.

With respect to this characterization consider the following: The home prices estimated by Zillow.com within the three block area (approximately 400 feet) immediately surrounding the subject property range from \$593,200 to \$1,671,700. The average price for a single family home is \$927,200. This excludes the apartment buildings 100 feet to the west which contribute heavily to our parking problems. These values can hardly be characterized as low income. More correctly the neighborhood is middle to high income.

Staff has reported that the neighborhood is characterized by modest homes single story in height. In the two block area in question there are 16 single story, 23 two story homes and 2 condos/apartment buildings (excluding Belmont which is 100% apartments).

Staff concludes that allowing the reconstruction of the subject property as a one story home will be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and allowing a two story structure that may maximize the building size will be detrimental. From the numbers above, two stories in perfectly in keeping with the current mix.

Attached you will find materials supporting the above statements.

In the mid-80s this community spearheaded efforts to draft and ultimately have adopted a city wide uniform set of zoning standards. We ask that you enforce our zoning laws and protect our neighborhood against this substandard variance request.

Thank You

Bruce & Jan Peterso 217 Bennett Ave.

Long Beach, Ca.

July 14, 2012

Long Beach Planning Commission 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, Ca 90802

Re: Application # 1205-12 Variance Hearing 213 Roswell Ave.

Dear Planning Commission Member,

We would like to express our concern regarding the proposed rebuilding of the front house located at 213 Roswell Avenue. We have long wondered what was going on at that location when the rear house was rebuilt taking the original garages of the front house.

We now learn that although the front house had a permit to remodel a kitchen and bath adding approximately 100 sq ft., by some strange mistake the whole structure was demolished without city approval and construction of a new residence was begun without plans or city approval.

It is quite a leap to believe that the owners went away for a few days and somehow the total structure was demolished except for a back wall which was subsequently removed as well. In an old structure there often problems uncovered during demolition requiring a more extensive removal of the structure than originally permitted. However, in such an instance any contractor working in the City of Long Beach would know to notify the inspector to seek approval for further action.

The city was not notified and the reconstruction was started without approval. Also of note is that the official notice of this variance hearing was not posted on the property in a timely fashion as required by city code. These circumstances taken together have all the appearances of someone trying to work around our city building codes.

While we don't want to see this property stand in limbo, at the same time we strongly believe that since the demolition was extensive, a new structure built in its place needs to meet current building codes for new construction. This should include adequate garage space, proper setbacks, floor area ratios and building height.

We live in a parking impacted R1 area with a street of apartments with little or no parking  $\frac{1}{2}$  block from this address. The parking spillover from these units extends for several blocks in all directions . To allow this construction to proceed without off street parking sets a dangerous precedent that a property owner can flagrantly ignore the rules and be rewarded for their efforts.

-t∤nank You,

Bruce & Jan Peterson

217 Bennett Ave.

# Planning Commission Hearing September 6, 2012 Standards Variance Request #1205-12

# 400 Ft. Surrounding Demographics for 213 Roswell Ave.

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	219 Roswell	221 Roswell	223 Roswell	225 Roswell		4124 Broadway
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	2 Story	1 Story	1 Story	1 Story		1 Story
	216 Roswell	218 Roswell	220 Roswell	222 Roswell		4214 Broadway
	\$885.1		\$860.8	\$950.1		\$687.8
	1 Story		1 Story	1 Story		1 Story
	217 Bennett		221 Bennett	223 Bennett		4242 Broadway
	\$727.6	Rental \$3,550	\$905.3	737.7	\$690.0	\$854.9
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Shaw Street	216 Bennett	218 Bennett	220 Bennett	222 Bennett	224 Bennett	4300 Broadway

Average price of a single family home is \$927,187 Single story homes in surrounding area 16, two story homes 23

August 24, 2012

Long Beach City Planning Commission

c/o Department of Development Services: Steve Gerhardt

Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Standards Variance Application for 213 Roswell (R-1-N); September 6, 2012 Hearing

We object to approval of the requested variance for the following reasons:

- 1. Negative impact on neighborhood, especially severely impacted parking.
- 2. Lack of on-site parking and required garages.
- 3. Lack of required rear yard setbacks.
- 4. Lack of required lot area coverage.
- 5. Lack of floor area ratio standards.
- 6. Lack of sufficient open space provisions as required by zoning.
- 7. Lack of compelling standards for granting the proposed variance to the benefit of the community (or even to realize a neutral effect on the neighborhood).

Of specific note in considering this application, consider that the parking in the area is already severely impacted, including on the specific lot itself: the residents park across their own driveway overnight as well as in the driveway overhanging the sidewalk, on a regular basis. This parking situation on the site itself will only deteriorate with the approval of the proposed variance.

The evolution of the recent construction activity also raises significant cause for concern with regard to the credibility of current and future assertions and assurances by the petitioner(s). Initially, the owner received City approval for minor construction improvements to the front structure. Without notifying the City or requesting further permits, the owner subsequently proceed to tear down ever increasing parts of the building until nothing was left standing, over a period of several months. Then, a totally new foundation was built. Apparently, at this point the City inspectors issued a stop work order. Only after the City's actions did the property owners bother to request a permit for construction activity that had been going on for months. It is apparent from the initial improvement request to the City from the petitioner, as well as previous construction permits on the back structure by the petitioner, the petitioner was familiar with City building permit process and code regulations. Yet, the petitioner chose to proceed with an entirely new structure without any permits whatsoever.

This lack of adherence to the City's building laws and regulations is by itself more than sufficient to distrust any future assertions and assurances by the petitioner with regard to the construction on this property. Added to this, the notice for the previous planning hearing was not posted in a timely manner, although the petitioner claimed at the beginning of the hearing on July 12 that he had signed an affidavit verifying that he had posted it in a timely manner on July 5, 2012.

It is also notable that the property is listed on the Los Angeles County Property Defaulted Tax Rolls, as of August 24, 2012, giving rise to concerns with regard to the financial strength and capability of the petitioner to proceed and complete significant property construction activity in a timely manner.

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Sincerely,

Mary Lou and Donald Cook

212 Bennett Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803

Los Angeles County

Treasurer and Tax Collector

**Property Tax Payment Inquiry** 

Last updated Friday August 24, 2012

Your Annual Tax Information for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 will not be available until the end of Sept online payment, please email us at info@ttc.lacounty.gov, or call 213-974-2111.

## **Defaulted Tax Roll**

#### Last updated Friday August 24, 2012

AIN Number	7256-012-024	5-Pay Account Number	
Default Year	2012	5-Pay Status	
Redemption Amount	\$4,172.60	5-Pay Installment Amount Due	
Monthly Penalty Amount	\$61.66	5-Pay Due Date	•
Amount Paid	\$3,046.32	5-Pay Installment Paid	
Last Payment Date	07/26/2012		

#### Message:

STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE APPLY PAYMENTS TO COSTS, PENALTIES AND THE BALAQUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL US TOLL-FREE AT (888) 807-2111.

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For telephone inquiries visit us at **ttc.lacounty.gov** for a list of telephone numbe Our business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific), Monday through Friday, excluding Los Ang Our office is located on the first floor at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 225 North Hill Street

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213 Roswell Project Linda Evashwick to: Steve.Gerhardt@longbeach.gov 08/28/2012 10:00 AM Please respond to Linda Evashwick Show Details

History: This message has been replied to.

August 27,2012

To: Mr. Steve Gerhardt

From: Helen and Linda Evashwick 204 Roswell Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90803

Re: Permits requested for project at 213 Roswell Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803

Dear Mr. Gerhardt:

Thank you very much for returning my telephone call so promptly last week and answering my questions regarding the above project. I apologize for being a bit delayed in sending you this email, as you requested if we wanted to give our input. I was hoping to have an opportunity to discuss it with a few of the neighbors, but I believe you have given my mother and me sufficient information for us to voice our opinion on this matter.

This entire scenario is upsetting. The neighbors were not given sufficient notice about the first meeting. No notice came in the mail. I found out about it a couple of days after the fact when I happened to be walking by the property at 213 Roswell. At least the neighbors were given sufficient notice about this second meeting and were sent official notices in the mail.

It is very difficult to believe that the former house was "inadvertently demolished more than 50 percent of the exterior perimeter." Certainly a concerned owner, especially if the owner is a developer, would keep a close eye on this project, and any contractor who was so incompetent and committed an act of such gross negligence would be held responsible. This act of inadvertent demolition was transparently a planned accident. While one hesitates to reward duplicity, it is a fait accompli, and the issue must be resolved in the manner most befitting the neighborhood.

I have discussed the matter with my mother, Helen Evashwick, who is the homeowner and has lived at 204 Roswell since 1956. Given the information and options you provided us, we have concurred that it would be best just to let the owner rebuild the single-family one- storey home in a manner and style in keeping with the area, as they did with the house at 4130 Shaw. Certainly a two- storey structure on such a small lot and on a corner would be an eye-sore. Although parking is a terrible problem on this block of Roswell, a two-car garage and driveway onto Roswell would be an eye-sore as well and would destroy the long-term harmony of the architecture and buildings on this block.

Thus, my mother, Helen Evashwick, and I, Linda Evashwick Sayers, are of the opinion that the variance should be granted on strict condition that no two-storey structure be built there....ever! No more

accidents.

Thank you for your help and advice regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Helen Evashwick and Linda Evashwick Sayers

Regarding Application #1205-12 Christine Moore to: steve.gerhardt@longbeach.gov 08/27/2012 11:49 AM Please respond to Christine Moore Show Details

#### Steve Gerhardt:

I am sending this e:mail in response to a letter I received regarding the proposed construction at 213 Roswell Avenue (Application #1205-12). I have several points I would like to make regarding the request to build a second house on this lot.

First, I understand that the request is being made because the property was "inadvertently" demolished. As I believe the owner is a contractor, I have a hard time believing this was a mistake. Certainly one a professional would not make.

Second, the current owner seems to have a large quantity of cars and trucks that already impact the parking in the neighborhood. They often park across their own driveway as parking in our area is limited. I understand that there will be no new parking available for the proposed new house. This would further impact the already limited spaces available for current residents.

Third, there used to be two small, charming Spanish homes on this lot. I am not sure how two homes were built as I believe that we are zoned for one home only. Now we have one rather large home on the same lot with the proposal of building another one (same size??). I know we all must deal with progress but cramming two large homes on one lot really does change the character of Belmont Heights.

Four, zoning is usually done for a reason. One home on a lot is what we are zoned for. Enough said!

Five, if this (or any) construction is allowed, please make sure the owner understands the ordinance for residential construction. He blatantly ignored the hours that are authorized for construction and we residents had to deal with almost three months of construction on our Sundays before we were forced to have the city contact him. He was not at all receptive to our requests to do construction only during hours approved by the ordinance. Even after the city came out and posted the acceptable hours, Sunday construction (and after 6pm on Saturday) was periodically continued.

Thank you for your time.

Regards Christine Moore 4119 Shaw Street

## CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Becky Blair, Chair Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Molly Campbell, Commissioner Mark Christoffels, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Melani Smith, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

#### FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER (5:01 PM)

At 5:01 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL (5:01 PM)

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**Commissioners** Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van **Present:** Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

Also present: Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

#### FLAG SALUTE (5:02 PM)

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Commissioner Campbell led the flag salute.

#### **MINUTES (5:05 PM)**

see media

(Item taken out of order)

see media

12-062PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of August 16, 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik,

Becky Blair and Mark Christoffels

Abstain: 2 - Alan L. Fox and Molly Campbell

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:03 PM)**

see media

(Item taken out of order)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced new Planning Commissioner, Molly Campbell.

Chair Blair spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

#### **SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:05 PM)**

see media

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

#### **CONTINUED ITEM (5:05 PM)**

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#### **1.** <u>12-051PL</u>

Recommendation to approve a request for a Standards Variance and a Local Coastal Development Permit to reconstruct a single-family residence at 213 Roswell Avenue. (District 3) (Application No. 1205-12)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Steve Gerhardt, Planner, who presented the staff report.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Steve Gerhardt.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a guery from Commissioner Christoffels.

Diego Perone, representing the applicant, spoke.

Marilin Posca, applicant, spoke.

Diane Sundstrom, President of the Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a guery from Chair Blair.

John Friese provided public comment.

Donald Cook provided public comment.

Ron Herbst provided public comment.

Pat Doyle provided public comment.

David McCaughy provided public comment.

Bruce Peterson provided public comment.

Mary Lou Cook provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a guery from Commissioner Campbell.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Mariano Posca responded to gueries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Mariano Posca responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Marilin Posca spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Alan L. Fox, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

No: 2 - Phillip Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

#### **REGULAR AGENDA (6:05 PM)**

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#### 2. 12-063PL

Recommendation to approve a Standards Variance request for a building height of 24 feet, 9 inches to the midpoint of a sloped roof, and a height of 25 feet, 10 inches to the top of a parapet wall, instead of not more than 24 feet for both, and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit for the project, a single-family dwelling located at 332 Claremont Avenue in the R-1-S zoning district. (District 3) (Application No. 1206-04A)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Phil Bennett, Architect, spoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Michaels, property owners, spoke and showed a power point presentation.

Mark Michaels responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

The Michaels responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Phil Bennett responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Mark Michaels spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Mike Coughlin provided public comment.

Phil Bennett spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

#### STUDY SESSION (6:44 PM)

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#### see media

12-064PL

Recommendation to conduct a study session to discuss the Zoning Code Amendments Omnibus.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administator, introduced the study session item.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, presented the study session item.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to comments made by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Blair and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a comment made by Commissioner Saumur.

Maureen Neely provided public comment.

Chair Blair spoke.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:20 PM)**

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There was no public comment given.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:20 PM)

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Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Maureen Neely responded to a guery from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Blair and Derek Burnham.

### ADJOURNMENT (7:26 PM)

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At 7:26 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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PLANNING BUREAU

## **APPLICATION FOR APPEAL**

An appeal is hereby made to Your Honorable Body from the decision of the								
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### Statutory Provisions for Appeal, from LBMC Chapter 21.21 (Administrative Procedures)

#### Division V. - Appeals

#### 21.21.501 - Authorization and jurisdiction.

- A. Authorization. Any aggrieved person may appeal a decision on any project that required a public hearing.
- B. Jurisdiction. The Planning Commission shall have jurisdiction on appeals of interpretations made pursuant to Section 21.10.045 and decisions issued by the Zoning Administrator and Site Plan Review Committee, and the City Council shall have jurisdiction on appeals from the Planning Commission as indicated in Table 21-1. Decisions lawfully appealable to the California Coastal Commission shall be appealed to that body.
- **21.21.502 Time to file appeal.** An appeal must be filed within ten (10) days after the decision for which a public hearing was required is made.
- **21.21.503 Form of filing.** All appeals shall be filed with the Department of Planning and Building on a form provided by that Department.
- 21.21.504 Time for conducting hearing of appeals. A public hearing on an appeal shall be held:
- A. In the case of appeals to the City Planning Commission, within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of the appeal with the Department of Planning and Building; or
- B. In the case of appeals to the City Council, within sixty (60) days of the receipt by the City Clerk from the Department of Planning and Building of the appeal filed with the Department.
- **21.21.505 Findings on appeal.** All decisions on appeal shall address and be based upon the same conclusionary findings, if any, required to be made in the original decision from which the appeal is taken.

#### 21.21.506 - Finality of appeals.

- A. Decision Rendered. After a decision on an appeal has been made and required findings of fact have been adopted, that decision shall be considered final and no other appeals may be made except:
  - Projects located seaward of the appealable area boundary, as defined in Section 21.25.908 (Coastal Permit—Appealable Area) of this title, may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission; and
  - 2. Local coastal development permits regulated under the city's Oil Code may be appealed to the city council.
- B. No Appeal Filed. After the time for filing an appeal has expired and no appeal has been filed, all decisions shall be considered final, provided that required findings of fact have been adopted.
- C. Local Coastal Development. Decisions on local coastal development permits seaward of the appealable area shall not be final until the procedures specified in Chapter 21.25 (Coastal Permit) are completed.

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