



City of Santa Barbara California

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STAFF HEARING OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 071-13 345 W. MOUNTAIN DRIVE MODIFICATION NOVEMBER 27, 2013

APPLICATION OF TOM OCHSNER, ARCHITECT FOR ROB AND MICHELLE FOSTER, PROPERTY OWNERS, 345 W. MOUNTAIN DRIVE, APN 021-102-003, A-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (1 DU/ACRE) (MST2013-00414).

The 28,257 square foot lot is located in the Hillside Design District and is developed with a 1,311 square foot one-story residence, a 482 square foot detached two-car garage, and a 505 square foot one-story accessory structure. The proposal involves a remodel and the construction of a 427 square foot one-story addition to the existing residence, and a new 385 square foot covered deck. The discretionary application required for this project is a Front Setback Modification to allow improvements to be constructed within the 35-foot front setback along West Mountain Drive (SBMC § 28.15.060 and SBMC § 28.92.110).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 and 15305 (Existing Facilities and Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

WHEREAS, the Staff Hearing Officer has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

WHEREAS, no one appeared to speak either in favor or in opposition of the application thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, November 20, 2013.
2. Site Plans
3. Correspondence received in opposition to the project:
 - a. Paula Westbury, Santa Barbara, CA.

I. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Staff Hearing Officer approved the requested Front Setback Modification making the findings and determinations that the Modification is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, and necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The proposed addition is an appropriate improvement for a single family residence and the location is appropriate because the lot is constrained by three front setbacks, oak trees, and topography, which make it difficult to construct a conforming addition. The project is not anticipated to adversely impact the adjacent neighbors or the visual openness of the public street.

II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

- A. Ground disturbance is prohibited on the north side of the residence; and
- B. All construction equipment will take access to the site from the existing driveway or off of Mountain Drive.

Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Contractor Notification. The Standard discovery measures shall be implemented per the City Master Environmental Assessment throughout grading and construction: Prior to the start of any vegetation or paving removal, demolition, trenching or grading, contractors and construction personnel shall be alerted to the possibility of uncovering unanticipated subsurface archaeological features or artifacts. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and the Owner shall retain an archaeologist from the most current City Qualified Archaeologists List. The latter shall be employed to assess the nature, extent and significance of any discoveries and to develop appropriate management recommendations for archaeological resource treatment, which may include, but are not limited to, redirection of grading and/or excavation activities, consultation and/or monitoring with a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List, etc.

If the discovery consists of possible human remains, the Santa Barbara County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner shall contact the California Native American Heritage Commission. A Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

If the discovery consists of possible prehistoric or Native American artifacts or materials, a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

A final report on the results of the archaeological monitoring shall be submitted by the City-approved archaeologist to the Environmental Analyst within 180 days of completion of the monitoring and prior to any certificate of occupancy for the project.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 27th day of November, 2013 by the Staff Hearing Officer of the City of Santa Barbara.

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the City of Santa Barbara Staff Hearing Officer at its meeting of the above date.



Kathleen Goo, Staff Hearing Officer Secretary

11/27/13

Date

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

1. This action of the Staff Hearing Officer can be appealed to the Planning Commission or the City Council within ten (10) days after the date the action was taken by the Staff Hearing Officer.
2. If the scope of work exceeds the extent described in the Modification request or that which was represented to the Staff Hearing Officer at the public hearing, it may render the Staff Hearing Officer approval null and void.
3. If you have any existing zoning violations on the property, other than those included in the conditions above, they must be corrected within thirty (30) days of this action.
4. **PLEASE NOTE: A copy of this resolution shall be reproduced on the first sheet of the drawings submitted with the application for a building permit.** The location, size and design of the construction proposed in the application for the building permit shall not deviate from the location, size and design of construction approved in this modification.
5. **NOTICE OF APPROVAL TIME LIMITS:** The Staff Hearing Officer's action approving the Performance Standard Permit or Modifications shall expire two (2) years from the date of the approval, per SBMC §28.87.360, unless:
 - a. A building permit for the construction authorized by the approval is issued within twenty four months of the approval. (An extension may be granted by the Staff Hearing Officer if the construction authorized by the permit is being diligently pursued to completion.) or;
 - b. The approved use has been discontinued, abandoned or unused for a period of six months following the earlier of:
 - i. an Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the use, or;
 - ii. one (1) year from granting the approval.