

# North Fair Oaks Community Council San Mateo County Coordinated Departmental Response



Date: February 17, 2016

NFOCC Meeting Date: February 25, 2016

Special Notice / Hearing: None Vote Required: Majority

To: Members, North Fair Oaks Community Council

**From:** Tiare Pena, Project Planner

**Subject:** Consideration of an Off-Street Parking Exception pursuant to the County

Zoning Regulations (*Parking*) Section 6120 (Exceptions), to allow two tandem parking spaces within a covered carport to meet the requirement of two covered side-by-side parking spaces for the existing two bedroom single-family residence. Located at 421 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in the unincorporated

North Fair Oaks area of San Mateo County. County File Number:

PLN2015-00353.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend to the Community Development Director whether the Council concludes that the required finding for the Off-Street Parking Exception can be made:

That the establishment, maintenance and/or conducting of the off-street parking facilities as proposed are as nearly in compliance with the requirements set forth in County Zoning Regulations (Parking) Section 6119 as are reasonably possible.

#### PROPOSAL:

The applicant proposes to legalize a two-car tandem carport to meet the parking requirements for the existing two bedroom, 878 sq. ft. single family residence. The applicant is requesting an Off-Street Parking Exception to legalize the parking for the existing single-family residence.

The applicant is also proposing to construct a 683 sq. ft. second dwelling unit. The proposal includes uncovered parking along the left side of the property, which satisfies the requirements of the Zoning Regulations.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Owner: Juan Nizama

Applicant: Manuel Torres

Location: 421 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Redwood City

APN: 060-056-060

Lot Size: 6,000 sq. ft. (existing 878 sq. ft. residence)

Zoning: R-1/S-73 (Single Family Residential/5,000 sq. ft. lot minimum)

General Plan: Single Family Residential

Existing Land Use: Single Family residence

Water Supply: California Water Service Company

Sewage Disposal: Fair Oaks Sewer District

Flood Zone: Flood Zone X (area of minimal flooding) pursuant to FEMA Community Panel 06081C0304E, effective October 16, 2012.

Environmental Evaluation: Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303, Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the construction and/or conversion of small structures.

Setting: The project site is located within a built-out single family residential neighborhood in the North Fair Oaks area of San Mateo County.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff has reviewed the proposal, and has determined that the proposal to rely on a twocar tandem carport to meet the parking requirements for the existing 878 square foot residence is as nearly in compliance with the requirements set forth in County Zoning Regulations (Parking) Section 6119 as is reasonably possible. The lot configuration makes provision of two side-by-side covered parking spaces infeasible.

The new attached 683 sq. ft. second dwelling unit is not a component of the discretionary review for this project. State law prohibits discretionary review of second units that otherwise comply with all zoning requirements. The proposed second unit complies with the R-1/S-73 (Single Family Residential/5,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) Zoning Regulations and the Second Dwelling Unit Regulations (floor area limits and parking requirements). The applicant will provide the required parking for the second unit along the left side of the property. Therefore, public notification and discretionary approval is not required for this component of the project.

#### PROPOSED MOTION BASED ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Council recommend approval of the Off-Street Parking Exception for 421 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on the basis that the required finding can be made.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

None

Attachments:

Vicinity Map Proposed Plans



