

February 13, 2014

Lera and Eric Sauppe  
3708 Los Olivos Lane  
La Crescenta, CA, 91214

**RE: 3708 LOS OLIVOS LANE  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION CASE NO. PAE1400362**

Dear Ms. and Mr. Sauppe:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 30.44.020 (E) for a maximum ten (10) percent deviation from one or more numeric standards in this Title, the Community Development Department has processed your application for an Administrative Exception to allow an existing garage to be maintained with a garage door width of 15 feet, six inches (three percent deviation) which is less than the required 16 feet garage door width for a two-car garage by Chapter 30.32.050 of the Glendale Municipal Code in conjunction with a 383 square-foot addition at the rear of the existing house. The subject property is located at **3708 Los Olivos Lane**, in the "R1" – (Low Density Residential) Zone, Floor Area Ratio District II and described as Lot 11, Tract No. 14912 in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: This project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 "Existing Facility" exemption (Section 15301 (e) (1) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

#### **REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS**

After considering the evidence presented with respect to this application, the plans submitted therewith, the Planning Hearing Officer has **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** your application based on the following findings:

- A. The granting of the exception will result in design improvements, or there are space restrictions on the site that preclude full compliance with the Code requirements without hardship.**

The subject property is a 5,614 square-foot lot with an existing 1,008 square-foot, one-story single-family residence and an attached 400 square-foot garage constructed in 1948. The two-car garage is set back 25 feet from the street property line and it is accessed by a 19-foot wide driveway. The exception will result in design improvements because the existing garage door width cannot be easily modified without substantially changing its structural support system and its existing

design. Furthermore, limiting construction of the proposed addition to the rear of the house will provide the least disruption to the street-facing side and maintain the existing house's design integrity. Finally, the garage door width at 15-feet, 6-inches is approximately 97 percent of meeting the zoning code requirement for this standard while the interior garage width and length complies. Requiring the expansion or construction of a new garage door for this minimal deviation unduly restricts the flexibility for reasonable use and improvement of the property for a small 383 square-foot addition to the rear of the house designed for a kitchen, pantry, dining room and a second bathroom. The addition will match the architectural style of the existing house and garage.

**B. The granting of the exception will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such zone or neighborhood in which the property is located.**

This proposed expansion will be located at the rear of the residence and will not create additional bedrooms and therefore is not anticipated to intensify parking demand. As such, the project will not be detrimental to the public welfare, injurious to the property, or improvements in the zone. The existing garage will continue to provide two enclosed parking spaces for the sole purpose of parking vehicles and the approximately 25-foot long driveway also provides temporary parking. The addition will not be visible from the street; it will maintain the existing architectural design for the house and will still allow for adequate open space, light, and ventilation for the subject residence as well as adjacent residences.

**C. The granting of the exception will not be contrary to the objectives of the applicable regulations.**

The proposed addition meets all other Zoning Code requirements of the R1 Zone, such as lot coverage, floor area ratio, driveway width, landscaping, and setback. The purpose of the administrative exception procedure is to provide a simplified means for considering applications for minor deviations from Code standards. These standards have been developed to allow reasonable use of properties in order to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. The proposed 383 square foot addition will allow reasonable development of the site that will meet all other Zoning regulations and allow the existing 15-foot, 6-inch garage door width to still serve the single family residence. Therefore, granting the minor exception for less than the minimum garage door width will not be contrary to the objectives of the applicable regulations.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

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**APPROVAL** of this Administrative Exception shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development shall be in substantial accord with the plans submitted with the application except for any modifications as may be required to meet specific Code standards or other conditions stipulated herein to the satisfaction of the Hearing Officer.

2. That all necessary permits shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division and all construction shall be in compliance with the Glendale Building Code and all other applicable regulations.
3. That design review approval or exemption shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit.
4. That any expansion or modification of the dwelling which is different than what is represented as part of this Administrative Exception application, shall require a new application as determined by the Hearing Officer.

#### **APPEAL PERIOD, TIME LIMITS, LAPSE OF PRIVILEGES, TIME EXTENSIONS**

The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this grant is not a permit or license and that any permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper City and public agency.

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the Planning Commission if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented. It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Permit Services Center (PSC) or the Community Development Department (CDD) upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before **FEBRUARY 28, 2014** at the Permit Services Center (PSC), 633 East Broadway, Room 101, Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, or at the Community Development Department (CDD), 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Monday thru Friday 12:00 pm to 5 pm.

#### **GMC CHAPTER 30.41 PROVIDES FOR**

**TERMINATION:** Every right or privilege authorized by an Administrative Exception shall terminate two (2) years after the granting of such, unless the exercise of such right or privilege has commenced in good faith prior to such time, except as otherwise provided for.

**CESSATION:** An Administrative Exception may be terminated by the review authority upon any interruption or cessation of the use permitted by the Administrative Exception for one year or more in the continuous exercise in good faith of such right and privilege.

**EXTENSION:** Permits granted by such right or privilege may be requested one time and extended for up to a maximum of one (1) additional year upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and demonstration that a reasonable effort to act on such

right and privilege has commenced within the two (2) years of the approval date. In granting such extension the applicable review authority shall make a written finding that neighborhood conditions have not substantially changed since the granting of the administrative exception.

**APPEAL FORMS available on-line**  
<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/SubmittingAProject.asp>

To save you time and a trip - please note that some of our FORMS are available on line and may be downloaded. AGENDAS and other NOTICES are also posted on our website.

### **TRANSFERABILITY**

This authorization runs with the land or the use for which it was intended for and approved. In the event the property is to be sold, leased, rented or occupied by any person or corporation other than yourself, it is incumbent that you advise them regarding the conditions and/or limitations of this grant.

### **VIOLATIONS OF THESE CONDITIONS**

Violations of conditions required by this determination may constitute a misdemeanor or infraction under section 1.20.010 of the Glendale Municipal Code (GMC) and/or a violation of other local, State or Federal laws or regulations. Unless a specific penalty is provided, any person convicted of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Infractions are punishable by a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation.

Violations of conditions required by this determination may be grounds for a revocation.

### **REVOCATION**

Section 30.64.020 – Revocation – The Community Development Department shall have continuing jurisdiction over variances, conditional use permits and administrative exceptions. To consider the revocation, the Director of Community Development shall hold a public hearing after giving notice by the same procedure as for consideration of a variance at least 10 days notice by mail to the applicant or permittee.

### **NOTICE – subsequent contacts with this office**

The Applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner first and then, the Hearing Officer who acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **By Appointment Only**, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Chris Baxter during normal business hours at his direct line (818) 937-8162 or office line (818) 548-2115 or [cbaxter@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:cbaxter@ci.glendale.ca.us), between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Kristen Asp  
Senior Planner

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CC: City Clerk (K.Cruz); Police Dept. (Lt.S.Bickle/Z.Avila); City Attorney's Dept. (G. van Muyden/Y.Neukian); Fire Prevention Engineering Section- (D.Nickles); City Engineer and Traffic & Transportation Section (R.Golianian/G.Tom); Director of Public Works and General Manager for Glendale Water and Power (S.Zurn); Glendale Water & Power--Water Section (R.Takidin); Glendale Water & Power--Electric Section (M.Kelley/M.Jackson); Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept. (E.Tatevosian); Neighborhood Services Division (A.Jimenez); Integrated Waste Management Admin. (D.Hartwell); Maintenance Services Section Admin. (D.Hardgrove); Street and Field Services Admin.; Environmental Management (M.Oillataguerra); and case planner-Christopher E. Baxter.