## **TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT**

## **Department of Planning and Building Services**

TO:

**Planning Commission** 

DATE:

April 28, 2022

FROM:

Linda Neal, Principal Planner

LOCATION: 155 Forrest Avenue; APN # 002-192-50

ZONING:

Residential Single-family RS-6

PROJECT: Legalization/expansion of a single-family residence and access driveway Hill Area Residential Development Permit, Design Review, Excavation

**ACTION:** 

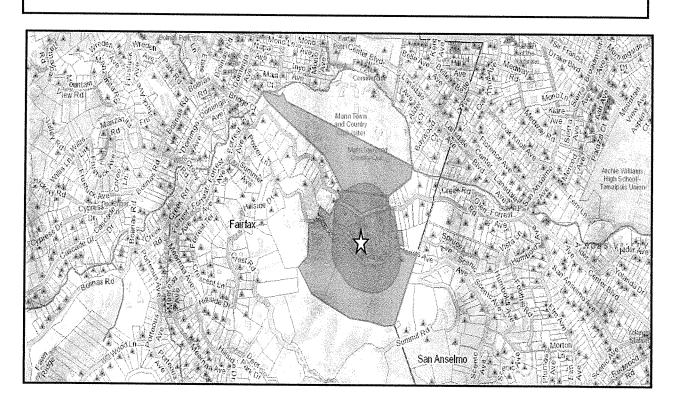
Permit and Tree Removal Permit; Application # 22-06

**APPLICANT:** Jeff Kroot, Architect

OWNER:

Gary Dowd

CEQA STATUS: Categorical Exemption, § 15301(e) and 15303(a)



**155 FORREST AVENUE** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

Move to approve Application # 22-06 by adopting Resolution No. 2022-09 setting forth the findings and the conditions for the project approval.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Conversion/expansion of an existing, 1,010 square-foot, unpermitted duplex structure into a 2,141 square-foot, five bedroom, three and one-half bathroom, single-family residence with an attached 336 square-foot, one car garage. There is also an existing 878 square-foot, two-bedroom, one bathroom, residence at the front of the site that was originally constructed over the western side property line into the ten-foot-wide public easement that runs the length of the western side of the site. The project includes removing the portion of the structure that extends into the required five-foot side-yard setback, and over the property line into the easement. The remodel and abatement of the encroaching portion of the building will result in a 777 square-foot, one bedroom, one bathroom accessory dwelling unit (ADU) that maintains a six-foot setback from the west side property line. The ADU is not being considered by the Planning Commission because it complies with the Town ADU Ordinance and will be reviewed, approved, and issued ministerially by staff in compliance with State of California and Town of Fairfax Residential Accessory Dwelling Unit and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations (Town Code Chapter 17.048).

Two existing retaining walls between the two existing structures will be replaced as part of the project. Neither will exceed the permitted six feet in height as is allowed by Town Code § 17.044.080(B)(2).

The proposed residence will comply with the regulations of the RS 6 Zone District as follows:

	Front Setback	Rear Setback	Combined Front/rear Setback	Side Setbacks	Combined Side Setbacks	FAR	Lot Coverage	Height
Required/ Permitted	6 ft.	12 ft.	35 ft.	5 ft. & 5 ft.	20 ft.	.40	.35	28.5 ft. ft., 3 stories
Proposed	146 ft.	124 ft.	270 ft.	24 ft. & 57 ft.	81 ft.	.09 (without ADU)	.06	26.5 ft., 2 stories

Note: The site is irregularly shaped with a very narrow lower half while widening at the rear half where the new five bedroom single-family structure is proposed and the driveway from Francis exists. The existing 878 square-foot single-family structure proposed for ADU conversion is located on the narrow lower half. Staff has not included the setbacks for the existing 878 square-foot single-family structure and its decks which predate the current setback regulations. While the existing 878 square-foot single-family structure meets the minimum front and rear setbacks and the combined front/rear setback, it maintains a zero side setback from the west side property line where it

crosses the property line and extends into the ten-foot-wide public easement and an existing deck off the building maintains only a two-foot setback from the east side property line due to the extreme narrowness of this portion of the site. These setbacks are currently legal non-conforming, and the proposed project will increase the side setback for the existing deck by removing the portion of the deck within the five-foot setback. The original residence, which is being converted to an ADU, will maintain an eastern side setback of six feet which exceeds the minimum four-foot side setback required for ADU's.

#### BACKGROUND

The 35,928 square-foot site slopes up from Forrest Avenue at an average rate of 28%. The original residence located at the front of the site was built in 1908 as a one bedroom, one bathroom summer cottage. In 1989 the Building Department discovered that an unpermitted driveway had been constructed accessing the rear of the property where a two story, garage/storage room structure had been built without planning or building permits. The Town tried to work with the owner for twelve years to try and get these improvements legalized with very little progress being made.

In 2011 the property sold to the current owner and at that time the resale report for the existing permitted residence noted that this structure was in a state of disrepair with major dry-rot and foundation settlement. In 2013 the Town began receiving complaints from the tenant of the permitted residence of the poor condition of her living unit. In August of 2013, the current owner was advised that the Town performed an inspection of the property at the request of that tenant. The inspection revealed that the rear unpermitted structure had been converted into two unpermitted living units. At the same time the Building Official posted the front permitted house as "Not Habitable for Human Occupancy". The Town then began working with the current owner to bring the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and the California Building Code.

On June 24, 2015, the owner submitted his applications for a Hill Area Residential Development Permit, Excavation Permit, and a Design Review Permit for the remodel/construction of a new single-family residence where the unpermitted structure is located at the rear of the site including legalization of the access driveway at the rear of the property.

During the ongoing process of determining how the property would be brought into compliance with all codes, it was determined legalization was going to face the following hurdles:

- 1. Construction of the driveway at the rear of the property had redirected the natural hillside drainage from above Francis Avenue and from the upper portions of the site onto the neighboring property at 148 Francis Avenue which would have to be legalized with an executed drainage easement.
- 2. The rear driveway did not meet Marin County driveway standards and plans would have to be submitted and approved by the Ross Valley Fire Department

showing compliance and becoming part of the legalization construction process.

- 3. The wooden access stairway leading to both the existing permitted residence and the rear unpermitted structure did not comply with fire codes and would have to be replaced with a suitable stairway constructed of fire-resistant materials.
- 4. Removing the portion of the original permitted structure that crosses the side property line and extends into the ten-foot right-of-way that runs along the entire west side of the property. If the proposed project for a new single-family residence at the rear of the property is approved, this structure will be converted into an accessory dwelling unit under a separate, ministerial, building permit and is not being considered as a part of this project review by the Planning Commission.
- 5. The site would have to meet Ross Valley Fire Department requirements for fire access. Originally the fire department required that the rear driveway be brought up to access standards so that they could access the buildings from Francis Avenue. Through the review process they have agreed to the owner providing a fire truck staging area at the front of the site on Forrest Avenue as long as a dry stand pipe is provided between the two structures in roughly the middle of the site with the final location to be determined by the Ross Valley Fire Department in the field once the building permit for the project is issued and during construction (this is the standard method for the final placement of a dry stand pipe). Use of the dry stand pipe includes pumping water from the hydrant at the bottom of the site to the fire truck where the pressure is increased and then the pressurized water is pumped back into another pipe at the bottom of the site and pumped up to the dry stand pipe where a fire hose can be attached to the dry stand pipe and the water can then be used to fight any fire (stand pipe and truck staging area shown on site plan, page1 of the plan set).
- A Ross Valley Sanitary District sewer easement runs through the project area that will have to be abandoned by the Ross Valley Sanitary District before the project can proceed.

#### DISCUSSION

The project requires the approval of a Hill Area Residential Development, Design Review Permit, and an Excavation Permit.

Hill Area Residential Development Permit (HRD) and Excavation Permit
The purpose of the HRD permit is to encourage maximum retention of natural topographic features such as drainage ways, streams, slopes, ridgelines, rock outcroppings, vistas and natural plant formations and trees, to minimize grading of hillside areas, provide safe ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, minimize water run-off and soil erosion during and after construction, prevent loss of life, minimize the potential of injuries, property damage and economic dislocations from geologic hazards, and to ensure that infill development on hillsides sites is of a size and

scale appropriate to the property and consistent with other properties in the vicinity under the same zone classification [Town Code sections 17.072.010(B)(1) through (6)].

The criteria set forth in the code for reviewing excavation permits shares many aspects of the purpose of the HRD ordinance as follows: eliminating projects that would unlawfully remove the lateral or subjacent support of the adjacent land, result in dangerous topographic conditions, cause seepage or slides, inappropriately divert the flow of drainage waters, create a nuisance, or otherwise endanger the health, safety or property of any other person, despite all precautions which the applicant might be ready, willing and able to take.

The current owner did not own the property and did not participate in creating the now long-standing site modifications (original "stop work" order was posted on 5/24/89) which includes the diversion of the natural seasonal creek onto the neighboring property so the access driveway from Francis Avenue could be constructed and leveling the area of the site where the existing unpermitted two story structure has been constructed. The Town's position since the violations were discovered in 1989, due to the substantial excavation/fill that was undertaken to create these improvements, has been to make the site safe, to legalize what can be legalized, and to abate what cannot be legalized. Historical records of the Town's processes in trying to deal with this situation have not included trying to restore the site to its original condition which at this point would be more invasive and disruptive to the natural environment than legalizing what has been done and bringing the construction into compliance with current code regulations.

The Town Engineer has reviewed the following multiple geotechnical reports/responses to Town Engineer's comments/questions and the memorandums prepared by the two previous Town Engineer's that have been involved in trying to bring the property into compliance, including a hydrology analysis:

Soils reports: Geotech report by Geoengineering dated 11/13/89, Geotech reports by Dennis Furby dated 5/4/93, 9/15/17 and 2/27/19

Hydrology Report: Registered Professional Engineer Michael Watkins dated 3/2/22

Town Engineer memorandums: Drainage memorandum by Town Engineer Ben Albritton dated 6/9/93, Project review by Town Engineer Ray Wrysinski dated 1/5/17, Project review by town consulting engineer Miller Pacific Engineering dated 8/17/18 and 4/1/19, Sewer Pipe Easement comment by Miller Pacific via e-mail dated 11/1/19,

The Ross Valley Fire Department has also performed the following reviews of the site:

Fire Inspector Tim Ecke – 8/9/90, Fire Inspector Michael Denning – undated but some time in 1993, Fire Inspector Ruben Martin – 1/5/17, Fire Inspector Rob Bastianon – 7/17/15 and 4/3/19, Acceptance of Alternate Materials or Methods Proposal – approved by Fire Chief Jason Weber – 6/16/17 (Attachment G).

One of the Town's initial concerns included the existence of a Sanitary District easement and main that runs across the middle of the site past the northwest corner of the unpermitted building. This project proposal includes an expansion that would be built over a portion of the sewer main and sewer easement. The Sanitary District's original position was that the project should be redesigned to avoid covering the sewer main. The owner has worked with the Ross Valley Sanitary District and has preliminary plans which are scheduled to go before the Board for approval soon. The Town has been advised by Phil Benedetti, Ross Valley Sanitary District Associate Engineer, that the Sanitary District is releasing its hold on the project because the owner "is in the process of relocating the sewer main currently within the Sanitary District easement via a Public Sewer Extension project that will address the conflict of our sewer main and the proposed building project" (Attachment B).

All the Town Engineer's that have reviewed the project have been concerned about the natural drainage that has been diverted onto the property at 148 Francis Avenue. The diversion of the water 148 Francis Avenue site has finally been addressed by the recording of the attached drainage easement and maintenance agreement between the current owner and the owners of that property (Attachment C).

#### Foundation Type/Slope Stability

The project design will be supported on a conventional spread footing foundation which is adequate based on the soil make up found in the geotechnical report test borings and is the foundation type recommended by the project engineer and accepted by the Town Engineer (Attachment D, page 3 of the Dennis Furby 9/15/17 report).

The geotechnical engineer, and the Town Engineer concurs, that there are no active slides on the site and that surface sloughing can be managed by removing loose soils from steep areas and installing an adequate drainage system. The Town Engineer has approved the preliminary drainage plans.

#### Drainage

Water currently drains to the site from the hillside above and from Francis Avenue, a roadway not constructed or maintained by the Town. The water then runs through a corrugated metal pipe installed underneath Francis Avenue at the top of the project site within the public roadway easement. From there the water runs across the site and along the east side of the property before being diverted onto the property at 148 Francis Avenue where it continues downhill, joins another drainage channel which veers to the west into the property at 153 Forrest, continuing downhill along the east side of 153 Forrest where it eventually flows to Forrest Avenue.

The project engineer has recommended, and the Town Engineer has accepted, the following recommendations for improving the existing site stability: debris and loose material from the slope at the end of the driveway turn-around shall be removed from the site, the slope surface shall be trimmed to expose firm soil which shall then be reseeded to grow erosion resistant vegetation (the planting may require temporary installation of jute mesh or other type of stabilization fabric to resist erosion until the

plantings become established); a new surface drain inlet shall be installed at the top of the slope at the northeast corner of the garage to collect the surface run-off with minor regrading/installation of an earth berm to intercept and divert surface water towards the inlet; the debris pile shall be removed from the inside curve of the driveway and a uniform slope shall be restored with the area planted with erosion-resistant vegetation; enlarge and line the drainage channel along the driveway with cobble rip-rap to maintain a uniform flow towards the natural drainage channel to reduce the risk of further surface erosion; Maintain the existing drainage channel along the uphill side of Francis Avenue and install a trash rack at the inlet to the corrugated metal pipe (Attachment D).

The project engineer in his 5/4/93 project report, page 3, third paragraph, suggested the installation of a trash rack at the inlet to the corrugated metal pipe uphill of the project site, might be the responsibility of the Town of Fairfax. The Fairfax Public Works Department has indicated that the Town has not done any maintenance, including clearing of this pipe in recent history. A search of the Town's historic records, indicate that Francis Avenue has never been accepted or maintained by the Town and was likely built by the developers of the existing residence at 175 Francis Avenue which was built in 1928 prior to the Town's incorporation in 1931. Staff has included in the resolution recommending approval of the project that the applicant be required to install the trash rack recommended by his engineer due to the significant use of Francis Avenue that will occur once the residents of the five-bedroom structure begin accessing the property from the driveway which takes access from Francis Avenue.

The above recommended conditions have been included as conditions in the attached draft resolution 2022-09.

The drainage coming down the hillside and from the graded driveway above the proposed new house will be collected in a concrete swale that will run behind the entire building, collecting the water, and directing it to two new drain inlets one on the east side and the other on the west side of the structure. There will be third drain inlet installed at the end of the driveway on the east side of the site where water from the inlet at the southeastern corner of the garage will travel by underground pipe and will also collect runoff water from the lower portion of the driveway. All the water collected in the previously described new drainage inlets will be collected and routed to the west side yard of the site where it will be directed into a pipe that will run along the west side of the existing residential structure where there will be another storm drain located to capture run-off from the roof of the existing residential structure and all the stormwater collected from above the two buildings will be directed to a stormwater dissipater which will slow the dispersion of the run off down before it is dispersed on the hillside to flow down to Forrest Avenue (see page C3.0 of the project plans).

#### **Driveway Grading/Excavation Permit**

Re-grading the driveway to meet Marin County Steep Driveway standards, construction of the additions to the upper structure, site drainage improvements, and installation of the other exterior features including the conforming concrete access stairway and small level behind both the ADU and the single-family residence will result in the excavation of

approximately 176 cubic yards of material and the fill of approximately 97 cubic-yards of material for a total off-haul amount of approximately 79 cubic yards of material. The proposed 273 cubic-yards of excavation/fill is the minimum amount necessary to correct the driveway, remove the portions of the existing structure that are not located on the site and bring it into compliance with setback regulations, install an access stairway that will meet the requirement for emergency response personnel access (concrete), to install the drainage system to improve the overall site drainage and not result in an increase in drainage amounts or drainage velocity crossing adjacent properties or adjacent public roadway improvements and make some minimal improvements to the outdoor living space for the residence and the ADU.

The findings to support staff's recommendation for the approval of the Excavation Permit are contained in Attachment A – Resolution 2022-09.

## **Neighborhood Context**

The table below presents the size of similar sized and sloped properties in the Forrest Avenue neighborhood and their FAR's as well as the property sizes and FAR's maintained by the residences in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project.

APN#	ADDRESS	LOT SIZE	HOUSE SIZE	# BEDROOMS	# BATHS	GARAGE	FAR
002-143-33	***************************************	30782	1863	4	2	280	.06
002-144-07		17050	2643	2	2.5	0	.16
002-191-36		30745	2151	4	2	0	.07
002-191-37		25336	2324	4	2.5	0	.09
002-191-38		19320	1488	3	2	324	.08
002-192-26		41796	1281	2	2	0	.03
002-192-38		17346	1362	3	2	405	.08
002-192-45		47088	1113	2	2	430	.02
002-192-47		25006	1074	2	2	0	
DEVELOPMENT	OF PROPERTIES IN THE IMM	EDIATE NEIGHBORH	OOD ON FORREST A	AVENUE	•		
002-191-12		14740	1284	2	1.5	0	.09
002-191-33		8,220	1365	3	2	220	.17
002-191-35		8346	2480	4	2	0	.30
002-192-06		8100	1384	2	1.5	420	.17
002-192-36		6400	1960	4	2.5	448	.31
002-192-10		8450	1209	1	1	0	.14
002-192-43		11900	901	2	2	0	.08
002-192-44		11424	1093	3	2	0	.10
002-192-49		18960	1553	2	3	0	.08
PROJECT SITE							
002-192-50	155 Forrest Ave.	33164	3928 includes 777 sf. ADU	5	3.5	336	.11 (.09 without ADU)

The site is one of the largest along Forrest Avenue and the new structure will be located over 146 feet back from the Forrest Avenue roadbed with only 40 feet of the structure face presented towards the street and the garage located behind the dwelling. The .11 FAR that the property will maintain if developed as proposed is well below the permitted .40 FAR and similar to the FAR's maintained by other developments on similar sized lots and less than the FAR's maintained by several of the residences in the immediate vicinity.

#### **Design Review Permit**

When considering a project application for action on a Design Review Permit the Commission is directed by the code to consider the following design review criteria:

- The proposed development shall create a well composed design, harmoniously related to other facilities in the immediate area and to the total setting as seen from hills and other key vantage points in the community.
- 2. Only elements of design which have significant relationship to the exterior appearance of structures and facilities shall be considered; these elements may include height, arrangement on the site, texture, material, color, signs, landscaping and appurtenances.
- 3. The proposed development shall be of a quality and character appropriate to, and serving to protect the value of, private and public investments in the immediate area.
- 4. The proposed development shall conform with all requirements for landscaping, screening, usable open space, and the design of parking and off-street loading areas set forth in this title.
- 5. Where the proposed development is located in an area where a neighborhood plan or precise plan has been adopted by the town, the design of the development shall conform in all significant respects with such plans.
- 6. There shall exist sufficient variety in the design of the structures and grounds to avoid monotony in external appearance.
- 7. The size and design of the structure shall be considered for the purpose of determining that the structure is in proportion to its building site and that it has a balance and unity among its external features so as to present a harmonious appearance.
- 8. The extent to which the structure conforms to the general character of other structures in vicinity insofar as the character can be ascertained and is found to be architecturally desirable.
- 9. The extent to which ornamentation is to be used and the extent to which temporary and second-hand materials, or materials which are imitative of other materials, are to be used.
- 10. The extent to which natural features, including trees, shrubs, creeks and rocks, and the natural grade of the site are to be retained.
- 11. The accessibility of off-street parking areas and the relation of parking areas with respect to traffic on adjacent streets.

- 12. The reservation of landscaping areas for the purpose of separating or screening service and storage areas from the street and adjoining building sites, breaking up large expanses of paved areas, separating or screening parking lots from the street and adjoining building sites, and separating building areas from paved areas to provide access from buildings to open space areas.
- 13. In the case of any commercial or industrial structure, the board shall consider its proximity to any residential district and shall consider the effect of the proposed structure upon the character and value of the adjacent residential district area.
- 14. The design review board may recommend design guidelines to the planning commission and town council for adoption in order to further the objectives of this section and to illustrate design criteria.

The proposed irregular shape of the single-family house, with additions at both the northwest and the southeast corners to the existing approximately square, two-story structure, alternating roof slopes, use of different sized and shaped windows, and upper wrap around deck all result in the building having a lot of articulation which helps minimize the mass of the 2,141 square foot, structure. The longest façade plane of the house, facing north, is further articulated with the eastern half of the front wall plane being stepped back six feet from the western half.

The siding for the residence will be cedar colored fiber cement shingles, the trim will be dark green (Benjamin Moore, Garden Cucumber, #644), the doors and windows will be white (Benjamin Moore, Swiss Coffee, #0C-45). The color palette will complement the surrounding wooded hillside.

Rodham Black LED Outdoor wall lantern sconces are proposed on each side off all the doors (sliding glass and standard) accessing both the lower and upper levels of the house and classic path lights are proposed in various location along the Francis Avenue access driveway and along the main access stairway from Forrest to both the existing and proposed structures (See the lighting plan page of the plan set). Both types of light fixtures direct light downward and are shielded. Staff has included in the conditions of approval contained in Resolution 2022-09 the following standard project condition:

All the exterior fixtures must be dark sky compliant (fully shielded and emit no light above the horizontal plane with no sag or drop lenses, side light panels or upplight panels) as well as compliance with color temperature to minimize blue rich lighting. The lighting plan shall be submitted with the building permit application and be approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance of the project building permit. The lighting shall not emit direct offsite illumination and shall be the minimum necessary for safety.

The color elevations, lighting plans and colors and materials board can be found as an attachment to the project plans.

The findings to support staff's recommendation for the approval of the Design Review Permit are contained in Attachment A – Resolution 2022-09 for approval of the project.

#### **Tree Removal Permit**

At the start of the project the Tree Committee recommendation that only one tree be removed from the site conflicted with the approved Vegetative Management plan that required that 33 trees be removed (32 bays and 1 oak).

The applicant presented an application to Ross Valley Fire for "Acceptance of Alternate Materials or Methods Proposal" that was approved by Fire Chief Jason Weber on 6/16/17. They were then able to submit a revised VMP to fire which only required the removal of the one bay tree at the bottom of the site. The applicant was then able to revise the tree removal plan to the Fairfax Tree Committee proposing the removal of only the one bay tree at the bottom of the site which the Fairfax Tree Committee recommended for removal to the Planning Commission at their 1/27/20 meeting (Attachment F).

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the removal of the one bay tree at the bottom of the site as recommended by the Tree Committee at their 1/27/20 meeting.

The finding to support staff's recommendation for the approval of the Tree Removal Permit are contained in Attachment A – Resolution 2022-09 for approval of the project.

## OTHER AGENCY/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS/CONDITIONS

## Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD)

RVFD submitted written requirements, and these are summarized as follows (Attachment G):

Vegetation and construction materials are to be maintained away from the residence during construction, a fire sprinkler system must be installed throughout the entire building which complies with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13-R and local standards, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors provided with AC power and interconnected must be installed in all required locations throughout the both the single-family residence and the ADU. address numbers at least four inches tall must be installed adjacent to the front doors of both structures and at the bottom of site where they are visible from Forrest Avenue and both must be illuminated at night, a complying fire truck pull out must be provided on Forrest Avenue along the property frontage and the dry stand pipe must be provided prior to the project final inspection, a new Forrest Avenue address shall be assigned to the residence prior to the project final inspection which will be routed to all agencies with jurisdiction over the project including emergency response agencies, the Ross Valley Fire Department. Fairfax Police Departments and Marin County Fire and the Marin County Sheriff Departments.

Vegetation Management Plan conditions: all vegetation within the 30-foot zone shall be irrigated, no tree shall be removed without the approval of a tree removal permit, erosion control methods shall be maintained that are in compliance with the Town regulations, vegetation shall be maintained to ensure address numbers are visible from the street and these requirements shall be met prior to the final fire clearance of the project.

## Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD)

RVSD submitted written requirements, and these are summarized as follows:

Sewer main must be relocated to the public easement that runs the entire length of the western side property line. The plans for this requirement have been reviewed by the RVSD who has requested/suggested some minor changes after which, the plan will be scheduled for approval by the RVSD Board (Attachment B).

## Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD)

MMWD submitted written requirements, and these are summarized as follows:

A copy of the building permit must be provided to the district along with the required application and fees, the foundation must be completed within 120 days of the date of application, all indoor and outdoor requirements or District Code Title 13, Water Conservation must be complied with, any landscaping plans must be reviewed and approved by the District, backflow prevention requirements must be met, Ordinance 420, requiring installation of grey water recycling system when practicable, must be incorporated into the project building permit plans or an exemption letter from the District must be provided to the Town, all of the District's rules and regulations in effect at the time service is requested must be complied.

Staff has added the following condition to the resolution recommending approval of the project in case MMWD puts into effect a ban on the issuance of new residence water meter permits: If MMWD official puts in place a prohibition on the provision of new water meters for new residential construction, issuance of the building permit for this project shall be withheld until such time as the prohibition is lifted.

## **Fairfax Building Department**

The Town adopted Ordinance # 856 on September 1, 2021, requiring all new buildings to have only electric service, no gas service, after March 1, 2022. The building permit for this project will only allow this structure to be supplied with electric service for heating and other purposes.

The Town received no comments or conditions relating to the project from the Fairfax Police or Public Works Departments.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A Resolution No. 2022-09
- Attachment B e-mails from RVSD and preliminary sewer relocation plans
- Attachment C recorded drainage easement
- Attachment D Project engineer memorandums 2/27/19, 9/15/17, 5/4/93
- Attachment E Hydrology study
- Attachment F Notice of Tree Committee action with attachments including approved VMP
- Attachment G 4/3/19 Ross Valley Fire review, Approved Application for Alternate Materials or Methods application, original 1/5/17 review.
- Attachment H site photos

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09**

A Resolution of The Fairfax Planning Commission Approving Application No. 22-06 for a Hill Area Residential Development Permit, Design Review Permit, Excavation Permit, and Tree Removal Permit for a Residence at 155 Forrest Avenue

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fairfax received an application from Gary Dowd to build a two-story, 2,141 square-foot, two-story structure and a 336 square-foot, one car attached garage on June? 24, 2015; and

WEREAS, The application was deemed complete on April 13, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, after holding a duly noticed public hearing on the project on April 28, 2022, at which time the Planning Commission determined that the project complies with the Hill Area Residential Development Overlay Ordinance, the Design Review Ordinance and the Excavation Ordinance and that findings can be made to grant the requested permits as well as the Tree Removal Permit to remove one bay tree; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has made the following findings:

The project is consistent with the 2010-2030 Fairfax General Plan as follows:

Policy LU-1.2.3: New and renewed development shall be designed and located to minimize the visual mass. The Town will require exterior materials and colors that blend the exterior appearance of structures with the surrounding natural landscape, allowing for architectural diversity.

Policy LU-4.1.4: New and renewed development shall be designed to minimize run-off in a manner that does not cause undue hardship on neighboring properties.

Policy LU-7.1.5: New and renewed residential development shall preserve and enhance the existing characteristics of the Town's neighborhoods in their diverse architectural style, size and mass.

Policy LU-7.2.2: to the extent feasible natural features including the existing grade, mature trees and vegetation shall be preserved for new and renewed development.

## Hill Area Residential Development (Town Code § 17.072.110)

- 1. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan (see above) and is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, Title 17, of the Fairfax Town Code.
- 2. The site planning preserves identified natural features as much as possible while also complying with other agency and department regulations.

- 3. Based on the soils report findings, the site can be developed without geologic, hydrologic, or seismic hazards.
- 4. Vehicular access and parking are adequate.
- 5. The proposed development harmonizes with the surrounding residential development, meets the design review criteria, and does not result in the deterioration of significant view corridors.

## Design Review (Town Code § 17.020.040)

The irregular shape of the house, with additions at both the northwest and the south east corners of the existing approximately square, two story structure, alternating roof slopes, different sized windows and upper wrap around deck and the stepped back front façade of the main front mass stepped back six feet, all result in the building having a lot of articulation which helps minimize the mass of the 2,141 square foot, structure. The exterior materials and colors, green white and cedar, will result in a structure of a quality and character appropriate to the neighborhood and the .09 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and .06 lot coverage maintained by the overall development of the site results in a development that is in proportion to the 35,928 square foot site and there is balance and unity between the design of the two structures. Therefore, the project complies with the Design Review Criteria set forth in Town Code § 17.020.040.

## Excavation Permit (Town Code § 12.20.080(B) (1 through 7)

The excavation permit, which includes; a) re-grading the existing driveway to comply with Marin County Steep driveway standards; b) installation of foundations for the new additions to the rear structure and garage; c) removal of the foundation beneath the portion of the existing structure to remove the portion within the adjacent public easement and required side yard setback; d) installation of concrete access stairs; e) removal of loose soils along the driveway and within the natural drainage channel and installation of the drainage system, including the stormwater dissipater and any excavation required to complete the fire truck staging area will result in the excavation of approximately 176 cubic-yards of material, the fill of approximately 97 cubic-yards of material and the off haul of approximately 79 cubic-yards of material. The proposed approximately 273 cubic yards of excavation/fill is the minimum amount necessary to correct the site violations and allow development of the single-family residence and garage while converting the existing structure into a conforming ADU while also protecting the site and the neighboring properties from increased drainage and soil stability impacts. The excavation permit can be approved based on the following findings:

- 1. The health, welfare and safety of the public will not be adversely affected by the project.
- 2. Adjacent properties are adequately protected by project investigation and design

from geologic hazards as a result of the work.

- 3. Adjacent properties are adequately protected by project design from drainage and erosion problems as a result of the work.
- 4. The amount of excavation or fill proposed is not more than is required to allow the property owner substantial use of his or her property.
- 5. The visual and scenic enjoyment of the area by others will not be adversely affected by the project more than is necessary.
- 6. Natural landscaping will not be removed by the project more than is necessary.
- 7. Town Code § 17.072.090(C)(4) prohibits initial grading during the raining season from October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, the time of year during which construction will take place is such that work will not result in excessive siltation from storm runoff nor prolonged exposure of unstable excavated slopes.

#### Tree Removal

The one bay tree being proposed for removal is in compliance with all the considerations listed in Town Code 8.36.060(B) (1 through 7) of the Tree Ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has approved the project subject to the applicant's compliance with the following conditions:

The project is approved based on the following plans and reports:

- 1. The architectural plans by Jeff Kroot, Architect with the revised site plan approved by both the Ross Valley Fire Department and the Fairfax Planning Commission showing the removal of only one bay at the bottom of the site adjacent to the existing water meter and the detail of the fire department required concrete access stair plan, the record of survey by Tracy Park, Professional Land Surveyor, and the engineering plans by Vlad Iojica, including the erosion control and construction management (drainage) plan, the site improvements and erosion control plan and the two driveway profile plans dated received by the Town on October 16, 2019, the revised lighting and site re-seeding locations plan by Architect Kroot received on 4/20/22.
- 2. Prior to issuance of any of the building permits for the project the applicant or his assigns shall:
- a) Submit a final construction plan to the Public Works Department for their approval. The amended plan shall include but is not limited to the following:
- I. Construction delivery routes approved by the Department of Public Works.

- II. Construction schedule (deliveries, worker hours, etc.)
- III. Notification to area residents (of the estimated project construction start and completion dates)
- IV. Emergency access routes
- V. Construction worker staging area
  - 3. The applicant shall prepare, and file with the Public Works Director, a video of the roadway conditions on the public construction delivery routes (routes to be pre-approved by Public Works Director).
  - 4. Submit a cash deposit, bond, or letter of credit to the Town in an amount that will cover the cost of grading, weatherization, and repair of possible damage to public roadways. The applicant shall submit contractor's estimates for any grading, site weatherization and improvement plan for approval by the Town Engineer. Upon approval of the contract costs, the applicant shall submit a cash deposit, bond or letter of credit equaling 100% of the estimated construction costs.
  - 5. The foundation and retaining elements shall be designed by a structural engineer certified as such in the state of California. Plans and calculations of the foundation and retaining elements shall be stamped and signed by the structural engineer and submitted to the satisfaction of the Town Structural Engineer.
  - 6. The grading, foundation, retaining, and drainage elements shall also be stamped and signed by the project geotechnical engineer as conforming to the recommendations made by the project Geotechnical Engineer.
  - 7. Prior to submittal of the building permit plans, the applicant shall secure written approval from the Ross Valley Fire Authority, Marin Municipal Water District and the Ross Valley Sanitary District noting the development conformance with their recommendations.
  - 8. Submit 3 copies of the recorded record of survey with the building permit plans.
  - 9. All retaining walls that are visible from the street and are constructed of concrete shall be heavily textured or colorized in a manner approved by the planning staff prior to issuance of the building permit. This condition is intended to mitigate the visual impact of the proposed walls.
  - 10. Prior to the removal of any trees not approved by the Planning Commission through this action, the applicant shall secure a tree cutting permit, if required, from the Fairfax Tree Committee prior to removal of any on-site trees subject to a permit under Town Code Chapter 8.36. To further minimize impacts on trees and significant vegetation, the applicant shall submit plans for any utility installation (including sewer, water, and drainage) which incorporates the services of an ISA certified arborist to prune and treat trees having roots 2 inches or more in diameter that are disturbed during the construction, excavation or

trenching operations. Tree root protection measures may include meandering the line, check dams, rip rap, hand trenching, soil evaluation and diversion dams.

- 11. During the construction process the following shall be required:
- a) The geotechnical engineer and the project arborist shall be on-site during the grading process and both shall submit written certification to the Town Staff that the grading and tree protection measures have been completed as recommended prior to installation of foundation and/or retaining forms and drainage improvements, piers, and supply lines.
- b) Prior to the concrete form inspection by the building official, the geotechnical and structural engineers shall field check the forms of the foundations and retaining elements and provide written certification to the Town staff that the work to this point has been completed in conformance with their recommendations and the approved building plans.
- c) The Building Official shall field check the concrete forms prior to the pour.
- d) All construction-related vehicles including equipment delivery, cement trucks and construction materials shall always be situated off the travel lane of the adjacent public right(s)-of-way. This condition may be waived by the Building Official on a case-by-case basis with prior notification from the project sponsor.
- e) Any proposed temporary closures of a public right-of-way shall require prior approval by the Fairfax Police Department and any necessary traffic control, signage or public notification shall be the responsibility of the applicant or his/her assigns. Any violation of this provision will result in a stop work order being placed on the property and issuance of a citation.
- 12. Prior to issuance of an occupancy permit the following shall be completed:
- a) The geotechnical engineer shall field check the completed project and submit written certification to the Town Staff that the foundation, retaining, grading and drainage elements have been installed in conformance with the approved building plans and the recommendations of the soils report.
- b) The Planning Department and Town Engineer shall field check the completed project to verify that all and planning commission conditions and required engineering improvements have been complied with including installation of landscaping and irrigation prior to issuance of the certificate of occupancy.
- 13. Excavation shall not occur between October 1st and April 1st of any year. The Town Engineer has the authority to waive this condition depending upon the weather.

- 14. The roadways shall be kept free of dust, gravel, and other construction materials by sweeping them, daily, if necessary.
- 15. Any changes, modifications, additions, or alterations made to the approved set of plans will require a modification of Application # 22-06. Modifications that do not significantly change the project, the project design or the approved discretionary permits *may* be approved by the Principal Planner. Any construction based on job plans that have been altered without the benefit of an approved modification of Application # 22-06 will result in the job being immediately stopped and red tagged.
- 16. Any damages to the public portions of Forrest Avenue, Francis Avenue, Vista Lane (San Anselmo) or Humbolt Avenue (San Anselmo) or other public roadway used to access the site resulting from construction activities shall be the responsibility of the property owner. The applicant shall submit with the building permit application verification from the Town of San Anselmo that they have no roadway damage requirements for projects using any of the above streets or provide evidence that they have complied with any of San Anselmo's roadway damage conditions.
- 17. The applicant and its heirs, successors, and assigns shall, at its sole cost and expense, defend with counsel selected by the Town, indemnify, protect, release, and hold harmless the Town of Fairfax and any agency or instrumentality thereof, including its agents, officers, commissions, and employees (the "Indemnitees") from any and all claims, actions, or proceedings arising out of or in any way relating to the processing and/or approval of the project as described herein, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of the project, and/or any environmental determination that accompanies it, by the Planning Commission, Town Council or Planning Director or any other department or agency of the Town. This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, suits, damages, judgments, costs, expenses, liens, levies, attorney fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted or incurred by any person or entity, including the applicant, third parties and the Indemnitees, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this project, whether or not there is concurrent, passive, or active negligence on the part of the Indemnitees. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Town from participating in the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding. The parties shall use best efforts, acting in good faith, to select mutually agreeable defense counsel. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the Town may select its own legal counsel and the applicant agrees to pay directly. or timely reimburse on a monthly basis, the Town for all such court costs, attorney fees, and time referenced herein, provided, however, that the applicant's duty in this regard shall be subject to the Town's promptly notifying the applicant of any said claim, action, or proceeding.
- 18. The applicant shall comply with all applicable local, county, state and federal laws and regulations. Local ordinances which must be complied with include, but are not limited to: the Noise Ordinance, Chapter 8.20, Polystyrene Foam, Degradable

and Recyclable Food Packaging, Chapter 8.16, Garbage and Rubbish Disposal, Chapter 8.08, Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention, Chapter 8.32 and the Americans with Disabilities Act and Best Management Practices for Stormwater Pollution Prevention.

- 19. Conditions placed upon the project by outside agencies, Town department or by the Town Engineer may be eliminated or amended with that agencies, departments, or the Town Engineer's written notification to the Planning Department prior to issuance of the building permit.
- 20. The building permit plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Town Engineer, at the expense of the applicant, prior to issuance of the building permit. The project shall be inspected by the Town Engineer prior to issuance of the occupancy permit for the residential structure for compliance with the engineering plans.

## **Ross Valley Fire Department**

- 21. All vegetation and construction materials are to be maintained away from the residence during construction,
- 22. The project requires installation of a fire sprinkler system that complies with the National Fire Protection Association regulation 13-D and local standards. The system will require a permit from the Fire Department and the submittal of plans and specifications for a system submitted by an individual or firm licensed to design and/or design-build sprinkler systems.
- 23. The property is located within the Wildland Urban Interface Area for Fairfax and the new construction must comply with Chapter 7A of the California Building Code or equivalent.
- 24. All smoke detectors in the residence shall be provided with AC power and be interconnected for simultaneous alarm. Detectors shall be located in each sleeping room, outside of each sleeping room in a central location in the corridor and over the center of all stairways with a minimum of 1 detector on each story of the occupied portion of the residence.
- 25. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in existing dwellings when a permit is required for alterations, repairs, or addition and the cost of the permit exceeds \$1,000.00. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be located outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on every level of the dwelling, including basements.
- 26. The new residence shall be assigned its own address in addition to the 155 Forrest Avenue address which will remain for the structure that is to become the ADU. Address numbers at least 4 inches tall for both the residence and the ADU

must be in place adjacent to the front door. If not clearly visible from the street, additional numbers must be placed in location that is visible from the street. The numbers must be internally illuminated or illuminated by, and adjacent light controlled by a photocell that can be switched off only be a breaker so it will remain illuminated all night.

- 27. The approved alternatives requests approved by the RVFD, and their supporting documentation, shall be included in the building permit plan sets submitted for final approval by the Fire Department.
- 28. The dry standpipe location and the completed fire truck staging area along the frontage in the Forrest Avenue right-of-way shall be approved by RVFD prior to the final inspection and issuance of the occupancy permit for the new residence.

## Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD)

- 29. A copy of the building permit must be provided to the district along with the required applications and fees.
- 30. The foundation must be completed within 120 days of the date of application.
- 31. All indoor and outdoor requirements or District Code Title 13, Water Conservation must be complied with.
- 32. Any landscaping plans must be reviewed and approved by the district.
- 33. Backflow prevention requirements must be met.
- 34. Ordinance 420., requiring installation of grey water recycling system when practicable, must be incorporated into the project building permit plans or an exemption letter from the district must be provided to the Town.
- 35. All the District's rules and regulations if effect at the time service is requested must be complied with.
- 36. If MMWD official puts in place a prohibition on the provision of new water meters for new residential construction, issuance of the building permit for this project shall be withheld until such time as the prohibition is lifted.

## Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD)

- **37.** A sewer connection permit and a side sewer connection permit are required for all work outside the new building footprint.
- 38. Fees will include sewer capacity charges as well as permit fees.

- 39. Test the sewer lateral(s) from the outer face of the building to the connection at the existing sewer main, in accordance with RVSD Ordinance 100 and Standards.
- 40. Include a sewer cleanout and backwater protection device within 2-feet of the building foundation, the Ross Valley Sanitary Standard Notes shall be shown and are found in Subsection L of Section 3 of the Design and Construction Standards and demonstrate that all materials used in the construction of the sewer improvements are from the approved materials list.
- **41.**A hold will be placed on the property when the building permit is issued and will not be released for occupancy until the district permit and sewer requirements have been fulfilled.
- **42.** A Certificate of Compliance for the lateral must be obtained from the RVSD prior to the project final inspection by the Fairfax Building Department.
- **43.** The sewer main relocation plan shall be approved by the Ross Valley Sanitary District Board and the sewer easement that runs across the property within the new residence footprint shall be vacated by the district prior to issuance of the project building permit.

## **Fairfax Public Works Department**

- 44. All large trucks with more than 2 axles accessing the site for construction will be limited to the hours of 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 45. All driveway improvements shall be completed and be signed off by the Building Official and Public Works Manager before construction begins on the house.
- 46. Complete road closures will be limited to concrete pours and steel placement and will be coordinated with the Fairfax Police Department and Ross Valley Fire Department.
- 47.A detailed construction management plan must be submitted with the building permit application that includes construction delivery routes, construction schedule (deliveries, worker hours, etc.), notification to area residents, emergency access and egress routes and proposed employee parking locations during construction and be approved by the Department of Public Works.
- 48. The applicant shall prepare, and file with the Public Works Director, a video of the roadway conditions on the construction delivery routes.
- 49. A bond will be submitted prior to issuance of the building permit in an amount that will cover the cost of grading, weatherization, and repair of possible roadway

- damage in an amount equaling 100% of the estimated construction costs and pay for the Town Engineer's/Plan Checker's time to review and confirm the contractor's estimate.
- 50. The building permit for this project will only allow this structure to be supplied with electric service for heating and other purposes.

## **Town Engineer**

- 51. The Town Engineer shall review the final, stamped, and signed project Civil and Structural plans.
- 52. The project Civil Engineer shall provide a letter certifying that the site grading and drainage improvements and the trash rack required within the Francis Avenue right-of-way adjacent to the corrugated metal pipe that runs beneath Francis Avenue shown but not called out on page C2.0 of the project preliminary engineering plans, have been installed per the site "drainage" plan designed by Vlad Iojica, Registered Professional Engineer prior to the project final inspection.
- 53. Debris and loose material from the slope at the end of the driveway turn-around shall be removed from the site, the slope surface shall be trimmed to expose firm soil which shall then be re-seeded to grow erosion resistant vegetation if deemed necessary by the Town Engineer/Building Official (the planting may require temporary installation of jute mesh or other type of stabilization fabric to resist erosion until the plantings become established);

## **Planning Commission Conditions**

54. All the exterior fixtures must be dark sky compliant (fully shielded and emit no light above the horizontal plane with no sag or drop lenses, side light panels or upplight panels) as well as compliance with color temperature to minimize blue rich lighting. The lighting plan shall be submitted with the building permit application and be approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance of the project building permit. The lighting shall not emit direct offsite illumination and shall be the minimum necessary for safety.

#### Miscellaneous

- 55. The surveyor shall mark the location of all the property lines in the field prior to the start of construction.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section the project is exempt per California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Article 19, categorical exemption number 15301(e) and 15303(a).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Planning Commission of the Town of Fairfax hereby finds and determines as follows:

The site can be developed as proposed in compliance with the Hill Area Residential Development, Design Review Permit, Excavation and Tree Removal sections of the Town code and the Commission can make the required legal findings to support development of the hillside property at 155 Forrest Avenue including the correction of the violations associated with the unpermitted construction of the access driveway from Francis Avenue and the two story accessory garage/storage building. Therefore, the project is in conformance with the 2010 – 2030 Fairfax General Plan, the Fairfax Town Code and the Fairfax Zoning Ordinance, Town Code Title 17; and

Construction of the project can occur without causing significant impacts on neighboring residences and the environment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held in said Town, on the 28th day of April 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES:		
	Chair Norma Fragoso	•
Attest:		
Linda Neal, Principal Planner		

#### Linda Neal

From:

Philip Benedetti <pbenedetti@rvsd.org> Wednesday, September 8, 2021 2:33 PM

Sent: To:

Linda Neal; Ben Berto

Cc:

Gary Dowd; Cristina Velazquez

Subject:

RE: 155 Forrest Ave. Sewer Depths

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Let me know if anything else is needed.

Best,

#### Phil Benedetti, P.E.

Associate Engineer
Ross Valley Sanitary District
2960 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901

Mobile: (415)847-7688 Office: (415)259-2949 x:212

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Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 2:46 PM

Subject: Fwd: 155 Forrest Ave. Sewer Depths

To: Linda Neal < <a href="mailto:lineal@townoffairfax.org">lineal@townoffairfax.org</a>>, Ben Berto < <a href="mailto:bberto@townoffairfax.org">bberto@townoffairfax.org</a>>

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#### Linda Neal

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:18 AM

To: Cc:

Gary Dowd

Subject:

Ben Berto RE: 155 Forrest Ave. Sewer Depths

Hi Gary,

Yes, if we could get the drawings of the sewer relocation and the water easement electronically, I can get them into your project file.

Sincerely,

Linda Neal Principal Planner (415) 453-1584

From: Philip Benedetti cptember 8, 2021 2:33 PM

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Grateful for your help,

Gary

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From: Vlad Iojica < viojica@via-eng.com > Date: Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 7:31 PM

Subject: Re: 155 Forrest Ave. Sewer Depths
To: Gary Dowd <gary@realisticrealtygroup.com>

Hi Gary,

Please let me know if there is anything else needed for this submittal. Vlad

Vlad Iojica, P.E., QSD Registered Civil Engineer VIA Atelier, Inc. T: 415.774.6776 E: viojica@via-eng.com

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 03:39:12 PM PDT, Gary Dowd <gary@realisticrealtygroup.com> wrote:

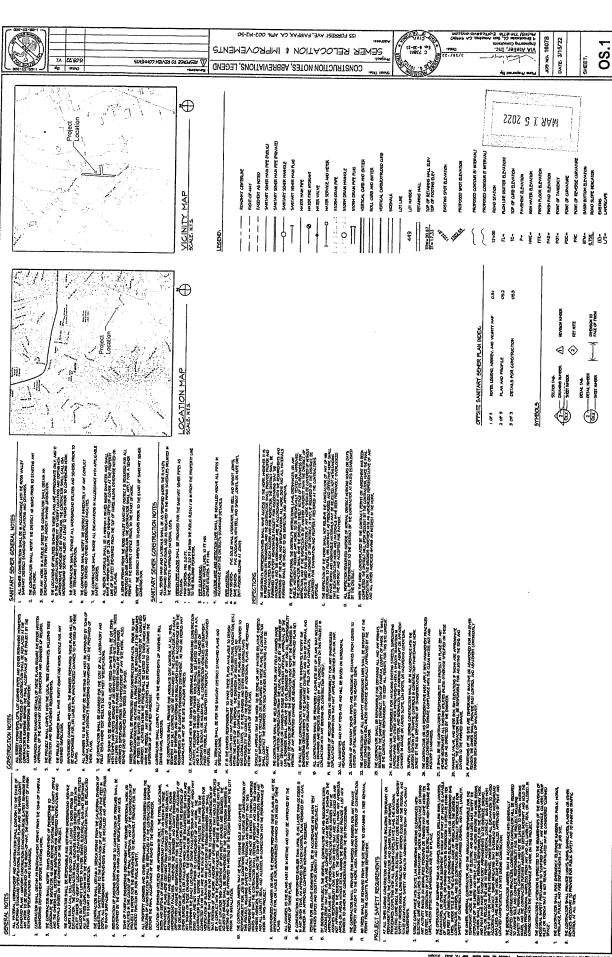
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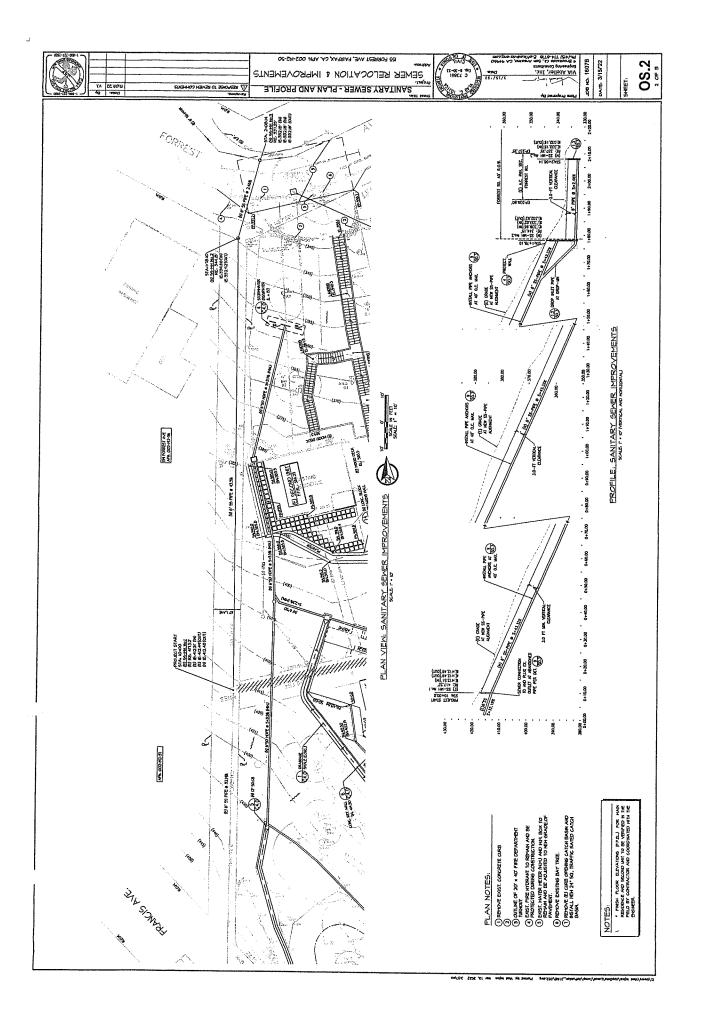
Gerry was finally able to send some guys up to get the sewer depth for our submittal to RVSD. All mains are the same at 6". Please let me know if you have any questions.

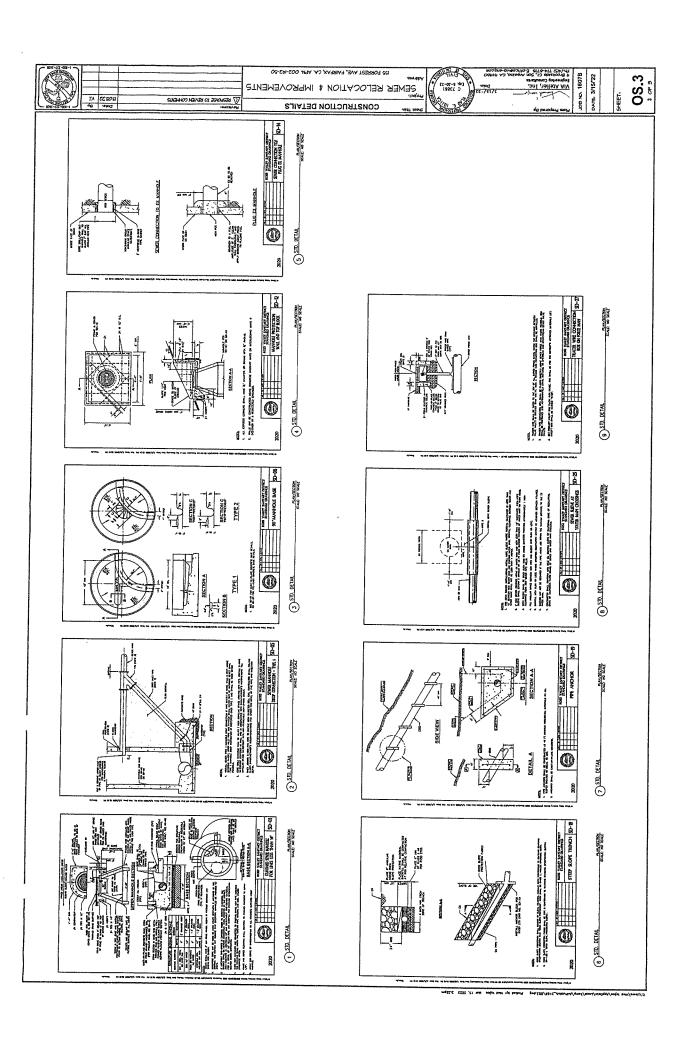
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Gary

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# RECORDING REQUESTED BY and WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Gary Dowd P.O. Box 325 Larkspur, Ca. 94977

APN: 002-192-44

# GRANT OF EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT

Value less than 4100,00

THIS GRANT OF EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT is made this 3 day of September 2021, by and between MELVIN J. DUGGAN and MARTA AGUILAR DUGGAN, TRUSTEES OF THE DUGGAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST, hereinafter referred to as Granters, and GARRETT DOWD, a single man and THOMAS G. HARDIMAN and MELISSA HARDIMAN, TRUSTEES OF THE THOMAS G. HARDIMAN AND MELISSA HARDIMAN REVOCABLE TRUST), dated April 19, 2018, hereinafter referred to as Grantees.

WHEREAS, Grantees are the owner of the real property located in the Town of Fairfax, County of Marin, State of California, being Assessor's Parcel No. 002-192-50, and more particularly described as follows:

#### PARCEL ONE:

Lot Number 226 as the said lot is delineated and laid down upon that certain map entitled, "Map No. 2, Deer Park, Fairfax, Marin Co., Cal. 1908", filed in the office of the Recorder of Marin County, State of California, October 9, 1908 in Book 2 of Maps at page 131.

#### PARCEL TWO:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 225, as said lot is laid down and delineated upon that certain map entitled, "Map No. 2 Deer Park, Fairfax, Marin Co., Cal. 1908", and filed in the office of the Recorder of said Marin County on October 9, 1908 in Map Book No. 2 at page 131; thence running along the Southerly line of said Lot 225, North 80° 24' East 50 feet; thence leaving the Southerly line of said Lot South 9° 36' East 216.4 feet to the Northeasterly line of a 30 foot road; thence

running along said Northeasterly line North  $80^{\circ}$  58' West 52.7 feet; thence leaving the line of said road North  $9^{\circ}$  36' West 199.6 feet to the point of beginning.

## PARCEL THREE:

Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of Lot No. 226 as said lot is laid down and delineated upon that certain Map entitled, "Map No. 2 Deer Park, Fairfax, Marin Co., Cal. 1908", filed in the office of the Recorder of Marin County, State of California, on October 9, 1908 in Book 2 of Maps at page 131; running thence South 9° 36' East 199.6 feet to the Northeasterly line of a 30-foot road; thence along said Northeasterly line North 80° 58' West 6.4 feet and North 70° 44' West 50.1 feet; thence leaving said 30-foot road and running North 9° 36' West 173.6 feet to a point in the Southerly line of said Lot 226; thence along said Southerly line North 80° 24' East 50 feet to the point of beginning.

#### PARCEL FOUR:

Beginning at a point which point is south 80° 24' West 50 feet from the Northwesterly corner of that certain lot which was conveyed by Crocker Land Company, a corporation, to S. P. Moller and Cecelia Moller, his wife, by Deed dated September 29, 1909 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Marin County, State of California in Liber 124 of Deeds at page 265; running thence south 9° 36' East 173.6 feet to the Northeasterly line of 30 foot road; thence following the Northeasterly line of said road the following courses and distances; North 70° 44' West 8.9 feet, North 40° 42' West 65.6 feet and North 40° 21' West 22.1 feet to the Easterly line of a 10-foot lane; thence following said Easterly line of said landNorth 4° 02' East 96.2 feet; thence leaving the line of said lane North 80° 24' East 30 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, Granters are the owners of the real property located in the Town of Fairfax, County of Marin, State of California, being Assessor's Parcel No. 002-192-44, and more particularly described as:

Lands of Duggan Trust as recorded in Document No. 2003-0100355, Marin County Records, being Lot 224A, as shown upon the Unrecorded portion of Map No. 2, Fairfax Park Tract

WHEREAS, Grantees have requested that Granters grant them an easement across the above-described lands owned by Granters in the Town of Fairfax, County of Marin, State of California, for the purpose

of allowing surface water from an adjacent water channel located on lands of the Grantees to flow onto, across, and over lands of the Grantors; and

WHEREAS, Grantors wish to grant said easement to  ${\sf Grantees.}$ 

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Granters do hereby grant to Grantees an easement for surface water drainage purposes, which easement is more particularly described in the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and labeled "10'Drainage Easement" on the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 2. Grantees shall have the right within such easement to maintain, repair, replace and operate an aboveground drainage channel of such reasonable dimensions as Grantees may elect, for the purpose of transmitting natural drainage waters from and over the properties of Granters and Grantees, together with reasonable ingress and egress rights over adjoining lands for the construction, repair, and maintenance of such above ground drainage channel.
- 3. Said easement shall be appurtenant to and for the benefit of the lands of Grantees, described above.
- 4. Grantees shall repair and maintain and keep in good repair and condition the drainage channel located in the easement.
- 5. The easement granted herein shall be and is nonexclusive, and the right is hereby reserved by Granters to use said easement for any and all purposes which will not interfere with or jeopardize the use of the easement for the purposes of Grantee.
  - 6. This Agreement shall be binding on the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Granters and Grantees have executed this Grant of Easement on the day and year first set forth above.

GRANTORS:

MELVIN J DUGGAN Trustee

MARTA AGUILAR DUGGAN, Trustee

GRANTEE:

GARRETT DOWD

THOMAS GARDIMAN, Trustee

MELISSA HARDIMAN, Trustee

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COUNTY OF Marin	
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Exhibit A

STEVEN H JACOBS LAND SURVEYOR P.O. BOX 7829 COTATI, CA. 94931 707-795-0733

# Legal Description for a Drainage easement

All that real property situated in the County of Marin, State of California, described as follows:

Lying within the lands of Duggan Trust as recorded in Document No.2003-0100355, Marin County Records, being Lot 224A, as shown upon the Unrecorded portion of Map No. 2, Fairfax Park Tract and being a drainage easement for the benefit of the lands of Hardiman Trust as recorded in Document No. 2018-015303, Marin County Records and being more particularly described as follows:

Being an easement 10' wide and lying 5' on each side of the following described centerline, commencing at the northwest corner of said lands of Duggan Trust, now occupied by a solitary 4"x4" post as shown on that Record of Survey recorded in Book 2017 of Maps at Page 35, M.C.R. from which point a found rebar & cap PLS 5296, as shown on said Record of Survey bears S80°24'W, 50.00 feet, thence southerly along the westerly line of said lot, being the line in common with said lands of Hardiman Trust, S9°36'E, 58.53 feet to the true point of beginning, from which point a found rebar and cap PLS 5296 as shown on said Record of Survey bears S9°36'E, 165.87 feet, thence leaving said line N28°40'50"E, 19.27 feet, thence N4°15'30"w, 43.58 feet to a point on the northerly line of Said Lot 224A, being the northerly line of said lands of Duggan Trust and the point of termination of said easement from which point the point of commencement bears S80°24'W, 16.00 feet.

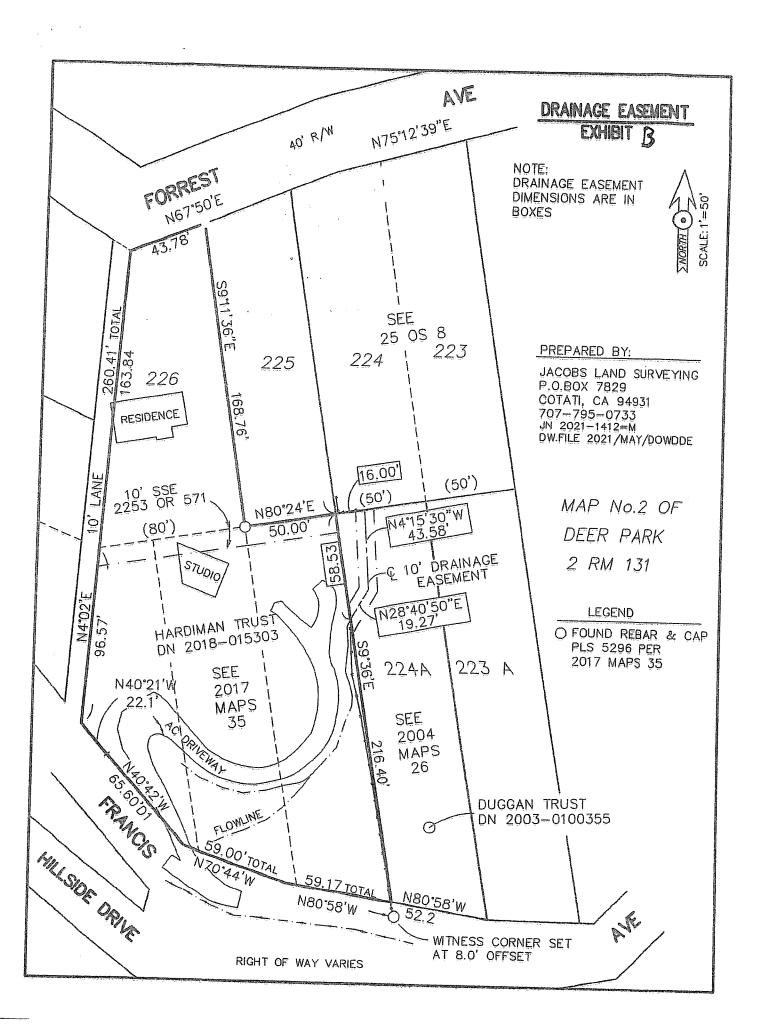
Being a portion of APN 002-192-44

See Exhibit attached.

Steven H Jacobs

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PLS 5296



## DENNIS H. FURBY, PE CONSULTING GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

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February 27, 2019 Job No. 1176-1

Town of Fairfax 142 Bolinas Road Fairfax, CA 94930

Attn: Linda Neal, Principal Planner

Subject:

Geotechnical Engineering Responses

Planning Review Comments Application for Dowd Property

155 Forrest Avenue, Fairfax, California

(APN: 002-192-50)

This letter documents my geotechnical engineering responses to the Town of Fairfax Planning Review comments regarding the subject property. I am providing services for this project in accordance with my Professional Services Agreement dated January 4, 2015. My comments are based on the following:

- Review of Fairfax letter of August 20 and the MPEG letter of August 17, 2018;
- Review of my Amended Geotechnical Feasibility Evaluations in a letter dated September 20, 2017; 0
- Review of the various VIA plans, sheets C1.0, -2.0 & -.1, -3.0 thru -.2 and -4.0 & -.1 dated  $\frac{5}{4}$ 18
- Supplemental site reconnaissance performed on August 31, 2018;
- Review of revised VIA plans/details (same sheets as above) dated 02/05/'19; and
- Previous experience with this site and other similar sites in the central Marin County vicinity.

My numbered comments below are keyed to the MPEG letter by page & item number.

- Page 4, Item #4: California Drainage Law provides that the downstream property owner is obligated to accept and make provisions for those waters that are natural flow from the land above, and that the upstream property owner shall not concentrate water where it was not concentrated before without making proper provision for its disposal without damage to the downstream property owner. With the planned grading and drainage improvements on the Dowd property (155 Forrest Avenue) we are complying with both of these elements in accepting surface water runoff from the hillside and Francis Avenue above and passing it thru to the adjacent properties below (153 Forrest Avenue). [It should be noted that over 95% of the runoff passing thru the Dowd property is coming from further uphill via the Francis Avenue right-of-way which the Town does not maintain. Not only is the Dowd project improving these flows by lining the channel and adding check dams & stilling basins, it is actually reducing the quantity of water by diverting a portion of it to the western side of the property where a new storm drain conveys it thru a dissipator to Forrest Avenue below.] This type of situation exists in many locations throughout the hillsides of Marin Co. without creating easements for surface water flows. Therefore, a legal easement for drainage across 153 Forrest Avenue is not required.
- Page 5, Item #9: My earlier test pits were only for evaluating the extent of weak surface soils with regards to necessary clean-up to remove hazards of debris flow and to determine the depth to rock in the area of the planned

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excavation for the new garage (Test Pit #4 adjacent to the shed); no laboratory testing or other evaluations were necessary. Further, the location of these test pits was indicated on my Site Plan but apparently were difficult to see on the reduced print, and the results were provided in the text of the report on Page 3. I judged that formal presentation of Test Pit Logs was not warranted for this evaluation.

- Regarding five feet of undocumented fill, that apparently is a mis-interpretation. There is no area of five feet of fill. However, there appears to have been a total of five feet of combined cut/fill to create the upper entrance road from Francis Avenue down and across the natural hillside. The area between the two residences has some amount of fill (less than three feet) that is currently retained by terraced stone walls that will be replaced with more suitable walls during construction, but this does not impact either of the two residential structures.
- My report does reference the published geologic mapping under <u>Site Conditions</u> on Page 2, along with my evaluation of the geologic conditions. A full geologic study with detailed map is not necessary for a simple addition/renovation of an existing residence.
- There is no extensive re-grading of the entrance driveway; only minor re-grading of the surface of less than one foot to establish a smooth and uniform driving surface with a cross slope to control surface water runoff. Additional requested comments are as follows;
  - As indicated in my report of September 20, 2017, the project's exposure to slope instability is limited to that of debris flows from weak near-surface soil and loose debris uphill of the structures. These areas are being eliminated by removal and proper landscaping/drainage control on the property. While we cannot remedy that risk from the undeveloped property uphill from Francis Avenue, I judge that the roadway, the upper driveway and the planned catchment walls all combine to provide adequate debris flow protection for the residences on the Dowd property.
  - Based on my surface reconnaissance and experience, there is not a significant risk of instability of Francis Avenue or the driveway slopes that will negatively impact the planned construction or future access to the residences. These roadways are primarily in stable cuts with little fill along the outside edges and, with proper surface drainage control, they will remain stable under the anticipated construction and residential use.
  - The stability of the drainage channel on the adjacent property (153 Forrest) is not our responsibility our planned drainage improvements for the Dowd property at 155 Forrest Avenue will greatly decrease the flow energies crossing the property line onto 153 Forrest.
  - To the best of my knowledge, there are no undocumented fills within the current building pads; they are all in cut areas with any fill occurring beyond the building foundations.
  - There are currently no indications of instability on the lower slope downhill from the residences. To maintain this stability, the future drainage discharge would be thru an energy dissipator located across the slope and as near as possible to the toe of the slope just uphill from the existing graveled parking/turn-around area adjacent to Forrest Avenue.
- Pg 5, #10: I have reviewed the following civil & structural plans & details and find them to be in conformance with the intent of my recommendations.
  - Site Improvements for 155 Forrest Ave., Fairfax, CA sheets C1.0, -2.0 & -.1, -3.0 thru -.2, and -4.0 &-.1 dated 02/05/'19 prepared by VIA Atelier

Formal documentation of these reviews will be included in my final geotechnical report for this project.

- Pg 6, #13: Grading along the existing driveway from Francis Avenue is NOT changing the alignment, only smoothing out the surface and providing a cross slope into the hillside for drainage control. I will observe this grading and perform field density tests where appropriate to confirm adequate soil compaction.
- Pg 6, #16: I am unsure what "marginally" means. The earlier report and my comments above do address the potential hazards to the extent necessary to mitigate them for this project. The only possible "design-level satisfy this requirement.

  I will add the following paragraphs to my report to

Areas to be graded must be cleared and stripped to remove vegetation, top soil and debris. I anticipate the depth of stripping will be approximately four to six inches, but deeper grubbing will be required to remove tree and large brush roots. Vegetation and debris should be disposed of off-site but topsoil can be stockpiled for reuse in future landscaping.

Following clearing, stripping and required excavations, the exposed soils within the building areas (extending to five feet beyond perimeter footings and three feet beyond exterior slabs or pavements) should be scarified to a depth of six inches, moisture conditioned to near-optimum moisture content, and compacted to at least 90% relative compaction. (Relative compaction refers to the in-place dry density of soil expressed as a percentage of the maximum dry density, as determined by laboratory test procedure. Optimum moisture is the water content, by percent of dry soil weight, that corresponds to maximum dry density.) If zones of soft, saturated or porous soils are encountered, they should be removed to expose uniformly firm soil and replaced with properly compacted fill. Soils and rock generated from on-site excavations will be suitable for reuse as fill provided that organic material, debris and over-sized rock (greater than six inches, maximum dimensions) are removed.

New fill should be placed in uniformly thin lifts (four to eight inches depending upon size of compaction equipment) and similarly moisture-conditioned to near-optimum moisture content and compacted to at least 90% relative compaction. Subgrade surfaces for pavement or vehicle parking areas should be further rolled to provide a smooth <u>unyielding</u> surface compacted to at least 95% relative compaction within the upper six inches.

- -Not every project requires a full geotechnical investigation with test borings, laboratory testing and detailed analysis. It is possible to utilize appropriate conservative judgements based on over 40 years' experience with the Marin County hillsides. For this particular project, the backhoe test pits have revealed stiff to very stiff Sandy Gravelly Silt (deeply weathered Sandstone) in TP's 1, 2 & 3, and moderately hard, strong and moderately fractured Sandstone rock in TP 4 within one to two feet of the surface. Further, TP 4 is located along the toe of the slope in the area of the planned excavation for the new garage, and the exposed soil/rock conditions correspond to what is already exposed in the cut behind the house in the area of the extension. This is all that is really needed to provide appropriate design criteria for the new footings and retaining walls that will be sited in this cut area.
- My Design-Level Geotechnical report will be prepared following Planning Approvals and will include all of the appropriate soil design criteria (either confirm or slightly modify what has already been presented in my Feasibility letter), along with specific recommendations for site grading (both permanent and temporary construction slopes) and drainage improvements. I will also include documenting my review of the appropriate project plans.

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- I agree that 500 pcf is not an appropriate passive pressure for loose creep-prone soils. However, this value was intended for the new foundations that will be in Sandstone rock exposed by the planned cuts for the new garage, retaining walls and house extension. We have no foundations in the weak near-surface soils.

This concludes my formal response to the MPEG plan review comments. If you or others have further questions or comments regarding the geotechnical engineering aspects of this project, please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours very truly,

D. H. FURBY, PE

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

Dennis H. Furby

Geotechnical Engineer - 326

(expires 12/31/2019)

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VIA Atelier, Inc. Attn: Vlad Iojica (vlad@via-eng.com)

(additional copies may be printed as required for submittal to the Fairfax Planning Department)

### DENNIS H. FURBY, PE CONSULTING GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

September 15, 2017 Job No. 1176-1

Gary Dowd 150 Francis Avenue Fairfax, CA 94930

Subject:

Amended Geotechnical Feasibility Evaluations Proposed Residential Modifications/Additions

150 Francis Avenue, Fairfax, CA

(APN 02-192-50)

Dear Mr. Dowd:

#### Introduction

This letter amends/supersedes my earlier preliminary geotechnical evaluations letter dated April 27, 2015, regarding the suitability of your property for the proposed renovations & additions to the two single-family residences; these are designated as the primary residence (uphill structure) and the second unit (lower structure) on the attached copy of the project Site Plan, sheet 1 with latest revision dated 6/17, prepared by Jeff Kroot, Architect. The amendments to this letter primarily respond to comments from the Town of Fairfax regarding the earlier Planning submittal.

The hillside site is situated between Forrest Avenue at the toe of the slope and Francis Avenue at the top. There is a pedestrian stairway access up from Forrest Avenue to the lower unit (155 Forrest Avenue) now designated as the Second Unit, and a driveway access down from Francis Avenue to what is now designated as the main residence (150 Francis Avenue). For the remainder of this report, future references to the property will be to 150 Francis Avenue, but is intended to include both addresses.

#### Scope of Services

I am providing services for this project in three separate phases (Planning, Design & Construction) in accordance with my Professional Services Agreement dated January 4, 2015. During the current planning phase, my services have included the following:

- 1. Evaluating the existing site conditions based on surface reconnaissance (including observation of exposed cuts into the slope), research of available geologic data, and my previous experience in the site vicinity;
- 2. Consulting with the Client and Architect, Jeff Kroot, to determine the approach and preliminary conclusions and recommendations regarding foundations, retaining walls and site drainage improvements;
- 3. Reviewing an existing Topographic Map (dated August 1989) prepared by Steven Jacobs, Land Surveyor, and preliminary Site Plan, Floor Plans and Elevations (3 sheets dated January & April, 2015) prepared by Jeff Kroot, Architect; and
- 4. Preparing a Preliminary Geotechnical Feasibility Evaluation dated April 27, 2015, for the initial planning submittal.

Subsequent to the Town of Fairfax's responses to that submittal, I have performed additional exploration and evaluations to address their concerns as follows:

5. Performed backhoe test pits at selected hillside locations to evaluate the stability of the underlying natural soil/rock;

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- 6. Consulted with the project Architect (Jeff Kroot) and Engineer (VIA-Engineering, Inc.) regarding recommended slope stability and drainage improvements for the project;
- 7. Provided soil design criteria for the new foundations and retaining walls; and
- 8. Prepared this Amended Feasibility Evaluation for re-submittal to the Fairfax Planning Department. Major portions of the previous Evaluation are incorporated into this letter for continuity.

Following planning approvals, I will continue my consultations with Jeff Kroot, Architect, and the project engineer (VIA-Engineering), regarding soil engineering recommendations for foundation and retaining walls, and site drainage improvements & guidelines. I also will be reviewing the project plans as they are nearing completion for conformance with the intent of my recommendations, and then formally documenting my evaluations and plan review in a report for the Permit submittal. During construction, I will be providing intermittent site observations of the site preparation & grading, building pad and foundation excavations, retaining wall backfills and final grading & drainage, for conformance with the intent of my recommendations and the approved plans. The results of these construction-related services will be summarized in a summary report upon satisfactory completion.

#### Project Description

The proposed project consists of additions/renovations to the existing two-story residence on the upper portion of the site, and modifications to the existing one-story second unit, as follows:

Primary Residence:

- Two-story addition to the west end for a lower-level bedroom/bath and upper level living room;
- Two-story addition at the southeast corner for a one-car garage at grade with an upper-level master bedroom/bath:
- Both additions will require excavations into the hillside that will be retained by concrete walls and foundation stem walls.

#### Second Unit:

- Removal of the west end to restore the required property line set-back;
- Small in-fill on the existing exterior deck to increase the size of the bedroom/bath;
- No new grading will be required for these modifications other than restoring the exterior drainage around the unit, and possible replacement of existing retaining walls.

The previously planned expansion and improvement of the existing driveway down from Francis Avenue for emergency fire equipment has been eliminated as a requirement by the Fire Department. Further, slope clean-up of debris and old fill is currently being implemented as part of normal slope maintenance. However, surface drainage improvements on hillside site are still being planned as part of the property improvements.

#### Site Conditions

The geologic mapping (California Division of Mines & Geology) for the site vicinity indicates that this hillside area of Fairfax & San Anselmo is underlain by the Franciscan Mélange. This formation typically consists of one to three feet of weak overburden soils (Sandy Gravel, with varying amounts of silt and clay binder) underlain by weathered and highly fractured Sandstone & Shale, which gradually becomes harder and less weathered/fractured with depth. The weak near-surface soils are subject to "creep" (gradual downhill movement) and sloughing (shallow landslides usually less than five feet) when saturated by extended winter rains. However, the bedrock unit of harder and less fractured Sandstone/Shale is relatively stable and not subject to deeper (over five feet) landslides provided that surface drainage is properly controlled.

The hillside property at 150 Francis Avenue slopes down to the north at an average inclination of three to one (horizontal to vertical ratio). Previous grading (cuts and fills of up to approximately five feet) have created terraces for the existing level building pads, the parking area adjacent to the upper residence, and the upper access road that extends down from the end of Francis Avenue. This grading has resulted in locally steeper slopes of two to one, with portions of these cuts and fills being retained by wood & stone walls from three to five feet high. Some of the wood walls, and the property line fences, are failing due to improper construction and deterioration. Surface vegetation beyond the graded areas consists of dense brush & ivy, moderately dense to scattered small bay & elm trees, and a few widely scattered tall redwoods. Beyond the property to the south, the natural hillside continues further uphill above Francis and Hillside Avenues at slightly steeper inclinations, with relatively dense tree and brush vegetation.

On August 5, 2017, I observed the excavation of four (4) backhoe test pits at the locations marked (by small squares) on the attached Site Plan, with the following results:

Test Pits #1 & #2 on the slope inside the loop of the driveway (previous debris & loose soil have been removed)

0 to 8" - Dark Brown Sandy Silt, w/ roots, soft to medium stiff, moist

8" to 24" - Light Brown Sandy Gravelly Silt, stiff to very stiff, moist, w/ hard rock fragments at 2 feet

Test Pit #3 at top of slope on downhill side of driveway (loose soil and debris still present)

0 to 16" - Brown Sandy Silt, soft, moist, w/ roots & debris

16" to 24" - Dark Brown Sandy Silt, w/ root hairs, medium stiff, moist

24" to 48" - Light Brown Sandy Gravelly Silt, stiff, moist,

becoming very stiff w/ hard rock fragments at 31/2 ft.

Test Pit #4 at bottom of slope between the house and shed

0 to 12" - Dark Brown Sandy Gravelly Silt, soft to medium stiff, moist, w/ roots & rock fragments

12" to 42" - Brown Sandstone, moderately hard, moderately fractured, w/ cobble sizes Becomes hard, strong at 42 inches ("refusal" for small backhoe)

No free water or seepage was encountered at this time of year. However, seepage is to be expected within the weak near-surface soil and fractured rock during and following periods of extended rain.

Surface water runoff enters the site from the hillside above via a drain pipe beneath the un-improved Francis Avenue above the property, and as surface water runoff from the road down the driveway. This water is currently being channeled downhill to Forrest Avenue via un-improved shallow ditch along the driveway and the east side of the property, and which extends onto the adjacent property. While there has been previous shallow sloughing of the weak near-surface soils during extended winter rains, and some of the trees are leaning downhill indicating past slope creep, there is currently no evidence of surface erosion or active sloughing or land-sliding on the property.

#### Conclusions and Discussion

My preliminary evaluations and previous experience in the site vicinity lead me to conclude that the site at 150 Francis Avenue is suitable for the proposed residential modifications and site improvements. The building additions can be safely supported on conventional spread footing bottomed in firm natural soil/weathered rock that will be exposed by the planned excavations. There are no geologic hazards that would preclude the proposed renovations. Faulting is not a hazard for this site as the nearest active fault is the San Andreas over 81/2 miles southwest of the site, and no other area faults project to pass thru or very near the site. Neither is flooding a hazard for this hillside property that is relatively high above the near-by Fairfax Creek flood plain.

The primary engineering concerns for improving and maintaining the stability of this hillside site relate to

- removing the existing zones of old uncontrolled fill and debris that both imped normal surface water runoff
  and can become saturated by winter rains, thereby contributing to the slope creep, debris flows and sliding;
  and
- 2) providing improved control of the site drainage as the large quantities of surface water runoff pass through the property.

These elements, along with providing suitable foundation support and retaining walls for the planned building additions and excavations, respectively, are briefly discussed in the following paragraphs.

#### Slope Clean-up

- Natural slopes should be cleaned of loose soil and debris to allow relatively uniform surface water runoff
  and reduce the risk of creep and sloughing of the weak surface soils. Much of this work has already been
  undertaken by the owner over the last two years, but additional removal is still in progress.
- Exposed soil surfaces on the slopes should be re-seeded to provide erosion-resistant vegetation. Specific
  options for this will be provided in the final geotechnical report.

### Site Drainage Improvements

The following list of remedial drainage measures has been discussed with the project team, and are being implemented into the project plans. These measures are a combination of adding berms to prevent water flow over the tops of slopes, collecting surface water into closed pipes for safer discharge to Forrest Avenue below, improving the existing open-channel ditches to better control surface water runoff, and providing short catchment walls to protect against erosion/sloughing from blocking the drainage facilities. The items are numbered and correspond to the locations shown (small circles) on the attached Site Plan for clarification.

- Install a trash rack (Marin Co. Dwg. 285) uphill of the drain inlet basin to prevent clogging the pipe and overflow across the road.
- 2) Re-grade entry driveway and upper parking area to direct surface water runoff to an improved drainage ditch along the uphill sides and a new drain inlet (DI), respectively. The outlet pipe should be tied into other surface drainage improvements that will discharge to Forrest Avenue below.
- 3) Remove the remaining loose soil and debris from the top of the slope, and install a curb (Marin Co. Dwg. 105, Type E) along the downhill side of the lower loop of the driveway to intercept and divert surface water runoff away from the top of the slope and towards new drain inlets.
- 4) Improve the existing drainage ditch along the toe of the slope between the driveway loops, and install a short catchment wall (similar to Marin Co. Dwg. 160) two feet high to protect the drainage ditch from slough material.
- 5) Restore/improve the alignment and flow characteristics of the existing drainage channel by removing obstacles (small tree & roots), adding protection to the larger exposed tree roots, and providing a suitable lining (heavy fabric and cobbles). Also, add at least two small check-dams to slow the velocity of the water flow prior to leaving the property to continue the existing flow down to Forrest Avenue below.
- 6) Re-grade the lower turn-around and parking area in front of the main residence to drain to a new DI that will discharge into other surface drainage improvements.

- 7) Provide approximately one foot of free-board and a lined drainage ditch to the top of the new retaining walls behind the garage and main residence additions to intercept and divert surface water runoff from the slope. Also, remove all loose debris from the slope and provide new erosion-resistant surface vegetation.
- 8) Provide a proper outlet with energy dissipater where the new drain line will discharge near Forrest Avenue at the bottom of the slope.

#### Foundations

Conventional spread footings can be used to safely support the lightly-loaded residential structures and retaining walls, but some localized deepening of footing excavations may be required to provide uniformly firm support in order to preclude differential settlement. New footings should be designed in accordance with the following soil criteria:

o Minimum dimensions:

12 inches wide by 18 inches below lowest adjacent grade

o Bearing capacities:

2500 psf for dead loads

3000 psf for dead + live loads

4000 psf for total loads, including wind or seismic forces

o Lateral resistance:

0.40 x net vertical dead load for friction

Fs = 1.000

500 pcf, triangular distribution, for passive pressure

o Seismic criteria:

Site Class C, dense soil & soft rock

 $S_S = 1.500g$ 

 $S_1 = 0.619g$  $F_{\rm V} = 1.300$ 

As a precaution against differential foundation movement during extended strong earthquake-induced ground shaking, the building foundations should be interconnected with either interior wall footings or reinforced concrete gradebeams.

#### Retaining Walls

New retaining walls must be constructed to support the planned excavations into the toe of slope for the garage and main residence additions. They should be designed using the following soil criteria:

o Active earth pressure:

40 pcf equivalent fluid pressure, triangular distribution

o "At-rest" earth pressure:

55 pcf (wall considered fixed against rotation - 0.1% retained height)

o Seismic surcharge:

8H, H = retained height of wall

Elsewhere, any small excavations for landscaping terraces can be retained by short wood walls, grouted stone walls, or timber header boards.

Again, following planning approvals, I should review the project details and then verify or modify the specific recommendations for site preparation & grading, soil design criteria and site drainage improvements. The results of these additional consultations and evaluations will be presented in a formal geotechnical report for the Permit submittal.

I trust this provides the information required at this time. Should you or others have further questions regarding the soil engineering aspects of this project, please call me.

EXP. 12/31/20

Yours very truly,

D. H. FURBY, PE

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

Dennis H. Furby

Geotechnical Engineer-326

(Expires 12/31/17)

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Attachment: Copy of Site Plan (marked with test pit and drainage improvement locations)

1 copy submitted (gary@realisticrealtygroup.com)

cc: Jeff Kroot, Architect (jkarch2@comcast.net)

cc: Via-Engineering, Inc., Attn: Vlad Iojica (viojica@via-eng.com)

(additional copies may be made for submittal to Fairfax Planning Department)

May 4, 1993 740.1

Conrad Grodsky P. O. Box 234 Fairfax, CA 94978

Dear Mr. Grodsky:

Subject:

Soil Engineering Evaluations Upper Access Driveway

155 Forrest Avenue, Fairfax, California

This letter summarizes my soil engineering evaluations regarding the existing slope conditions for the driveway at the upper end of your property at 155 Forrest Avenue, Fairfax, California. This driveway leads down and across the slope below Francis Avenue (off Scenic Avenue in San Anselmo) to a new garage/studio building recently constructed uphill of your residence. The property boundaries and the location and alignment of the driveway and other site improvements are shown on the attached Site Plan. This plan is a reduced copy of the topographic survey map (Sheet C-1, dated August 1989) prepared by Steven H. Jacobs, Land Surveyor, I have added the approximate property boundaries and house locations for the adjacent lots at 153 and 145 Forrest Avenue for information.

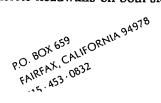
### Purpose and Scope of Services

The purpose of my services is to evaluate the existing conditions in the vicinity of the upper driveway and further downslope, and provide recommendations for remedial measures, as appropriate. These evaluations are being provided in response to the Town of Fairfax's request presented in their letter of April 1, 1993. My scope of services has included 1) research of the file at Fairfax Town Hall regarding your property, 2) discussions with you and Bob Klock (your General Contractor and a previous resident on the property), 3) review of an earlier plan for driveway improvements (1 sheet dated 3/29/90, revised 8/22/91) prepared by Frost, Meglio & Associates, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, 4) telephone discussions with both Phil Gorney and Ben Albritton, the Fairfax Planner and Town Engineer, respectively, and 5) a detailed site reconnaissance performed on April 22, 1993. I have not performed subsurface exploration, laboratory testing nor detailed slope stability calculations. My conclusions and recommendations are based solely on my research, site reconnaissance and previous experience in the site vicinity. My recommendations also stipulate that I have the opportunity to re-inspect the property either during or following implementation of remedial measures to verify that the work performed is in accordance with the intent of my recommendations. These supplemental services will also be summarized in a short letter following satisfactory completion.

#### Site Conditions

The irregularly-shaped parcel is located on the hillside which slopes down to the north from Francis Avenue to Forrest Avenue at an average inclination of 3:1 (horizontal to vertical); elevation contours are shown on the attached plan. The large hillside area above Francis Avenue drains to the ditch along the uphill side of the road and then through a new 12-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) which then discharges downslope of the road into the natural drainage ravine. The CMP culvert has concrete headwalls on both sides of the road,





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but there is no trash rack or other improvements of the Francis Avenue drainage ditch to reduce the risk of plugging the culvert. The natural drainage ravine below the road extends further downslope to the north along the east side of the Grodsky driveway and property line, and then follows along the approximate property line between the residences at 145 and 153 Forrest Avenue before discharging directly into Forrest Avenue below. The natural slope along the drainage ravine is less steep, but portions of the drainage channel have been deeply eroded. The surrounding slope area contains abundant dead tree limbs and branches resulting from previous tree trimming which has not been removed.

The gravel driveway alignment has been formed primarily by excavation into the slope, with the excavated material placed as fill for the upper turn-out near the west property line and for the turn-around area at the lower end of the drive just east of the garage. There are intermittent old wood fences and small wood retaining walls along the downslope side of the drive, portions of which are failing or have already been replaced. There is also a small drainage ditch along the uphill side of the drive which collects both surface water runoff and the discharge from the 12-inch CMP beneath Francis Avenue; this ditch discharges across the east property line and into the natural drainage ravine described above. In addition to the wood fences, there is also other debris and dense vegetation which tends to impede surface water flows within the driveway drainage ditch. Further, there are relatively large debris piles on the inside of the curved portion of the drive and on the old fill slope just downhill from the end of the driveway turn-around. Surface water runoff from the lower portion of the drive and turn-around is currently uncontrolled and flows over this fill and debris slope before entering the natural drainage ravine.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

My site reconnaissance and previous experience lead me to conclude that the driveway alignment and existing natural slope appear to be relatively stable. Since I have not observed the actual grading for the drive, I cannot make any specific conclusions as to the adequacy of the previous fill; there is always some level of risk involved with placing fill on hillsides. However, since the driveway and fill have been in place for over 20 years with no apparent problems, I do not believe that the driveway has any current adverse impacts on the overall slope stability within the natural drainage ravine. Further, while the driveway alignment and drainage ditch diverts surface water runoff across the east property line near the end of the drive, this is only water which would normally go into the natural drainage ravine further downslope; there does not appear to be any additional water being diverted into this ravine by the Grodsky driveway that would not naturally reach the ravine through normal surface water runoff.

However, there are two primary geotechnically-related concerns which I feel require remedial measures in order to reduce the risk of future slope instability which might adversely impact downslope properties. First, there is much debris and loose soil on both the fill slope at the end of the driveway and within the natural drainage ravine to the east which could become part of a future debris flow. I realize that some of this debris is from previous tree trimming on the adjacent property to be east, and is not your responsibility; however, these owners should be cautioned that the debris should be cleared before it becomes a problem. Secondly, it is important to maintain good surface drainage control along the drive and on the slopes in order to reduce the risk of future erosion and saturation of weak near-surface soils which could lead to stability problems. Specific remedial measures are itemized below with the corresponding numbers also shown on the attached plan to indicate the location of each item.

1. Remove the debris and loose soil, including the old wood fence, from the slope at the end of the driveway turn-around. The debris should be removed from the site, and the slope surface trimmed to expose firm soil

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and then planted with erosion-resistant vegetation. The re-planting may require temporary installation of jute mesh or other type of fabric to resist erosion until the new vegetation is established.

- 2. Provide a new surface drain inlet (DI) at the top of the slope near the northeast corner of the garage to collect all surface water runoff. Some minor re-grading or installation of an earth berm may be required along the top of the slope at the end of the drive to intercept and divert surface water runoff towards the DI. The DI should discharge through a rigid non-perforated smooth walled pipe (8" diameter) which outlets through cobble rip-rap directly into the natural drainage ravine.
- 3. Remove the existing debris pile from the inside curve of the driveway and restore a uniform slope surface similarly planted with erosion-resistant vegetation.
- 4. Remove the old fence and debris which currently blocks the drainage ditch along the driveway. This drainage channel should also be improved by enlarging and lining the channel with cobble rip-rap in order to maintain a uniform flow towards the natural drainage ravine and reduce the risk of further surface erosion.
- 5. Maintain the existing drainage channel along the uphill side of Francis Avenue and install a trash rack at the inlet to the CMP culvert to reduce the risk of plugging the channel and culvert with debris. (This item may be the responsibility of the Town of Fairfax.)

In addition to these specific items, all slope surfaces and drainage systems must be periodically maintained to reduce the risk of erosion, sloughing and debris flows which could adversely affect slope stability. It is particularly important to remove all loose debris from slope surfaces which could impede normal surface water runoff and/or which could become material for a future debris flow. These are normal precautions for all hillside properties to reduce the risk of slope instability.

I should be notified at the time these remedial measures are being implemented so that I can provide on-site observations to verify that the work is being performed in accordance with the intent of my recommendations, or to modify my recommendations, if appropriate.

I trust this provides the information required at this time. Should you others have further questions regarding the soil engineering aspects of this project, please call me.

No. GE-326 Exp. 12/31/93

Yours very truly,

D. H. FURBY, PE

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT** 

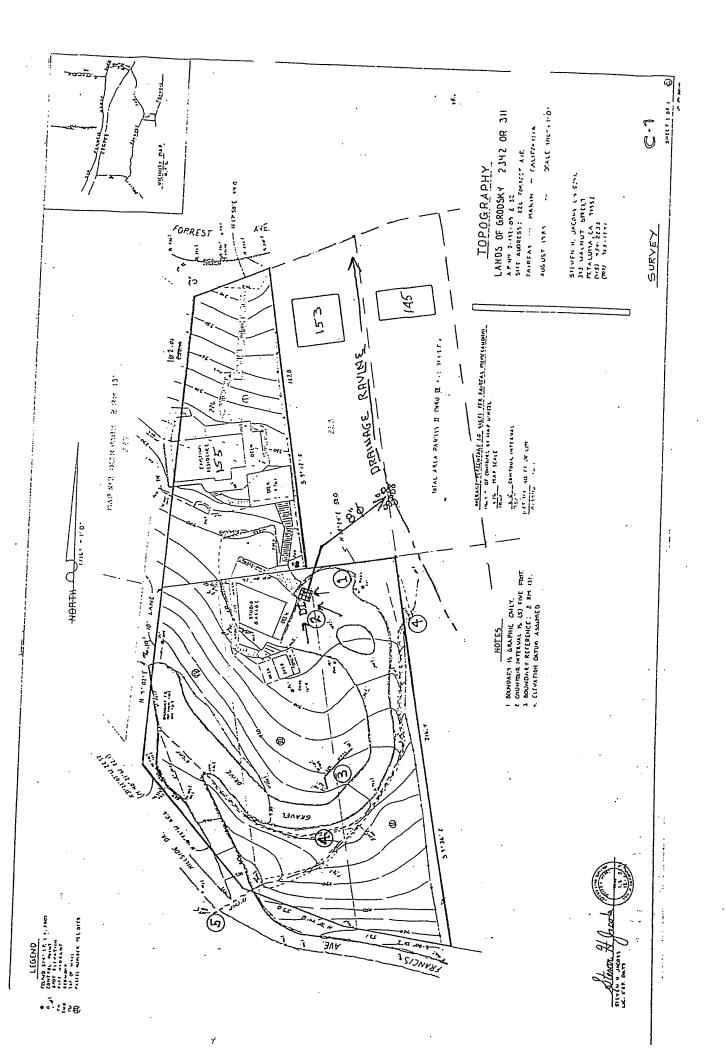
Dennis H. Furby

Geotechnical Engineer-326

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Attachment: Site Plan 3 copies submitted

cc: Bob Klock



# BALLARD WATKINS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

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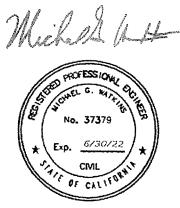
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for

## **Gary Dowd**

155 Forrest Avenue Fairfax, CA 94930

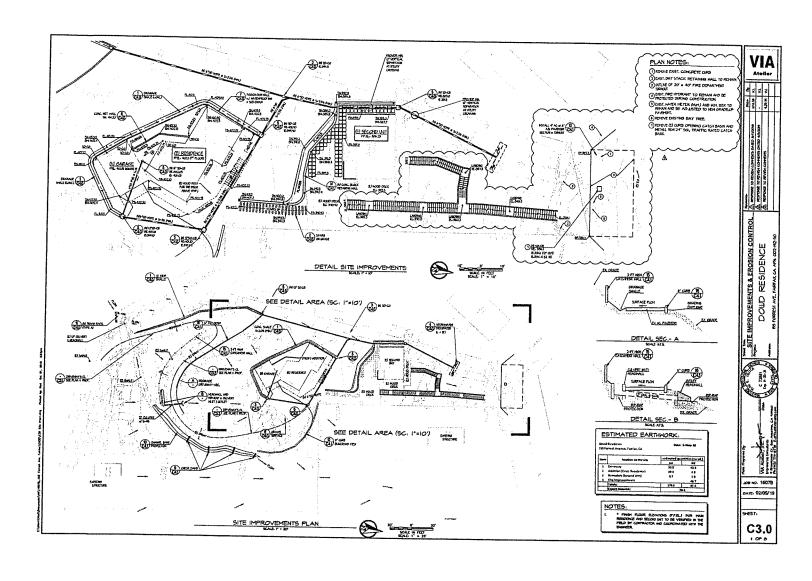
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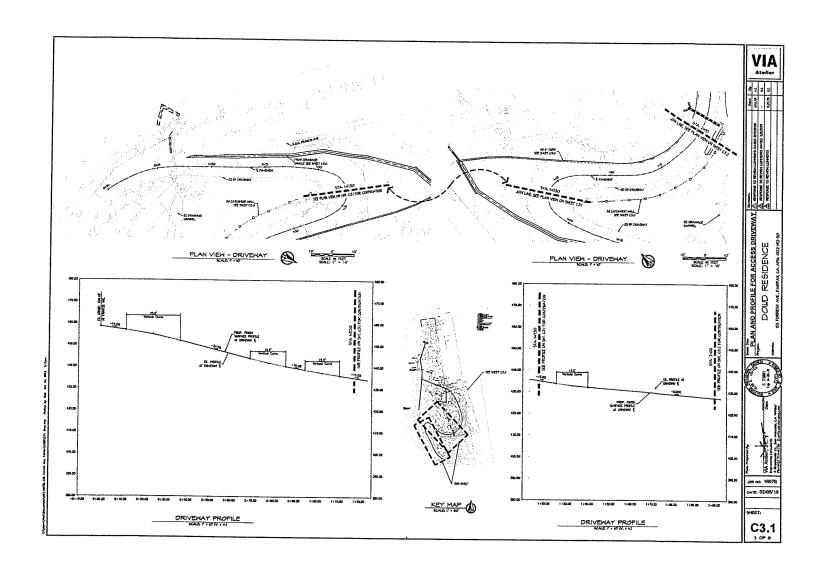


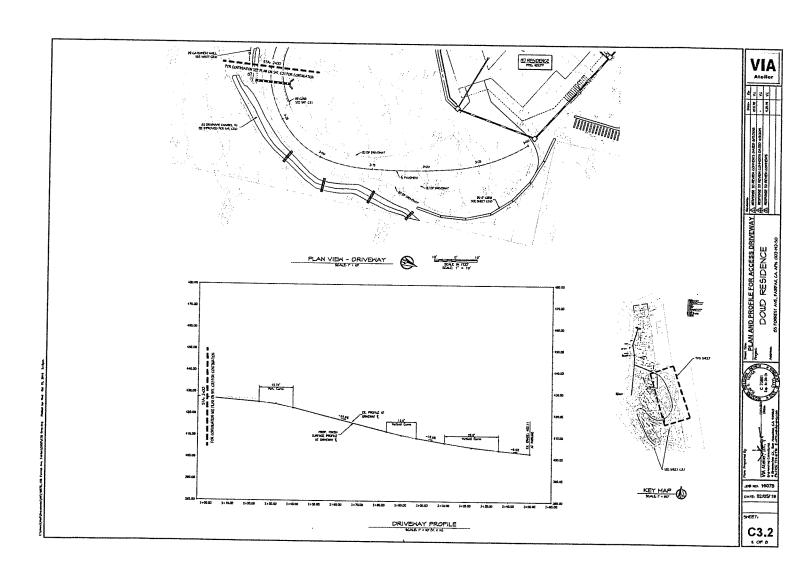
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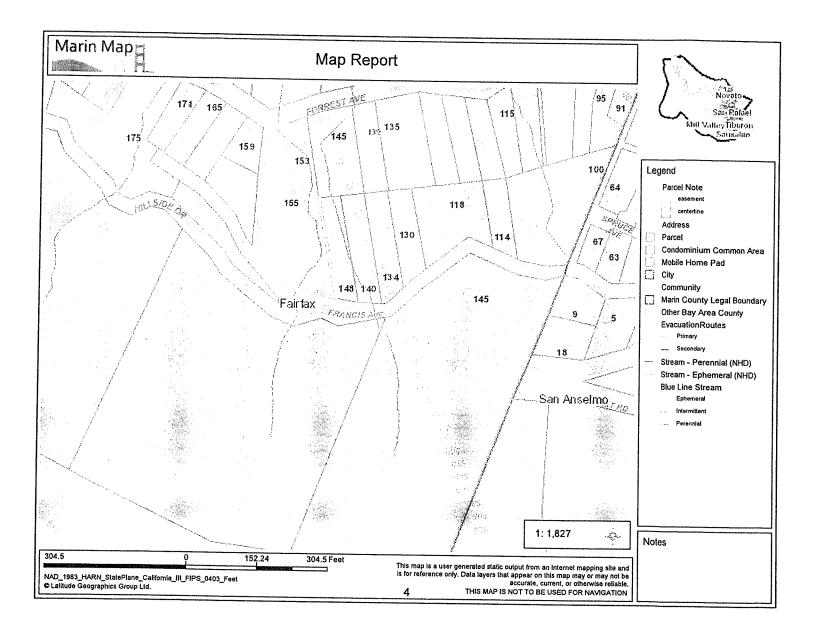
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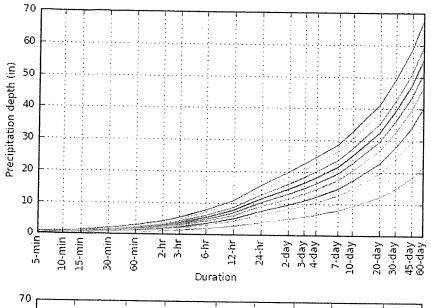








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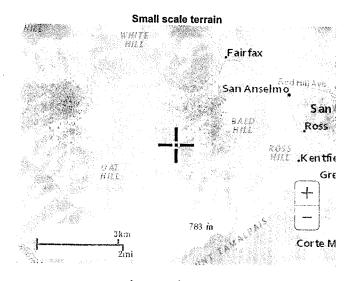
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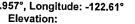


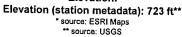
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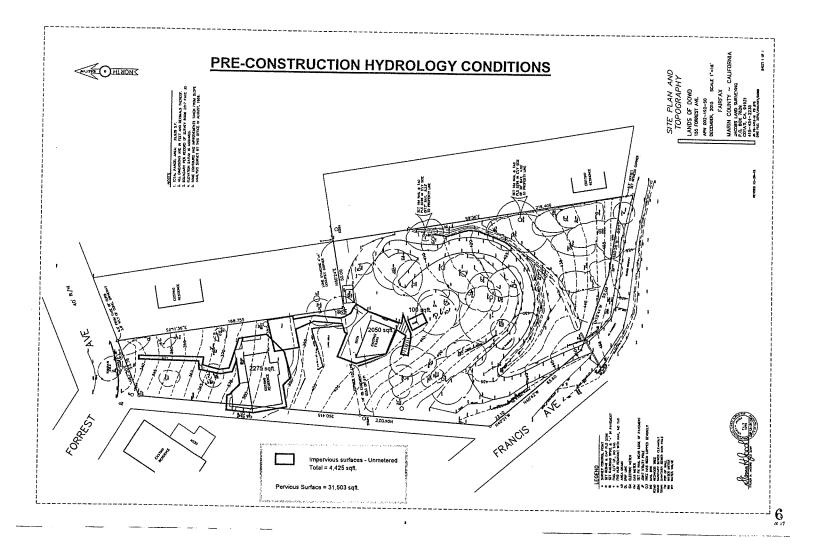
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6-hr	1.88 (1.67-2.13)	<b>2.32</b> (2.07-2.64)	2.93 (2.60-3.34)	3.44 (3.02-3.96)	<b>4.17</b> (3.51-5.00)	<b>4.75</b> (3.90-5.84)	<b>5.36</b> (4.27-6.78)	6.01 (4.63-7.86)	6.92 (5.08-9.52)	<b>7.66</b> (5.40-11.0)	
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7-day	<b>7.80</b> (7.03-8.85)	9.86 (8.87-11.2)	12.5 (11.2-14.2)	14.6 (13.0-16.7)	17.4 (15.0-20.5)	19.5 (16.5-23.4)	<b>21.5</b> (17.8-26.5)	<b>23.6</b> (19.1-29.9)	26.4 (20.5-34.7)	<b>28.5</b> (21.5-38.7)	
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30-day	<b>14.8</b> (13.3-16.7)	19.0 (17.0-21.5)	24.0 (21.5-27.3)	<b>27.8</b> (24.8-31.9)	32.6 (28.2-38.5)	36.0 (30.5-43.4)	39.3 (32.5-48.4)	42.4 (34.2-53.6)	46.3 (36.0-60.8)	<b>49.2</b> (37.0-66.6)	
45-day	<b>18.1</b> (16.3-20.5)	23.2 (20.9-26.4)	29.4 (26.3-33.4)	<b>33.9</b> (30.2-38.9)	39.6 (34.2-46.8)	<b>43.6</b> (36.9-52.5)	47.3 (39.2-58.3)	50.8 (41.1-64.3)	55.2 (42.9-72.5)	58.3 (43.9-79.1)	
60-day	<b>21.5</b> (19.3-24.3)	27.5 (24.8-31.2)	<b>34.7</b> (31.1-39.4)	40.0 (35.6-45.8)	46.5 (40.1-54.9)	50.9 (43.2-61.4)	<b>55.1</b> (45.7-67.9)	59.1 (47.7-74.6)	63.9 (49.7-83.9)	<b>67.3</b> (50.6-91.2)	

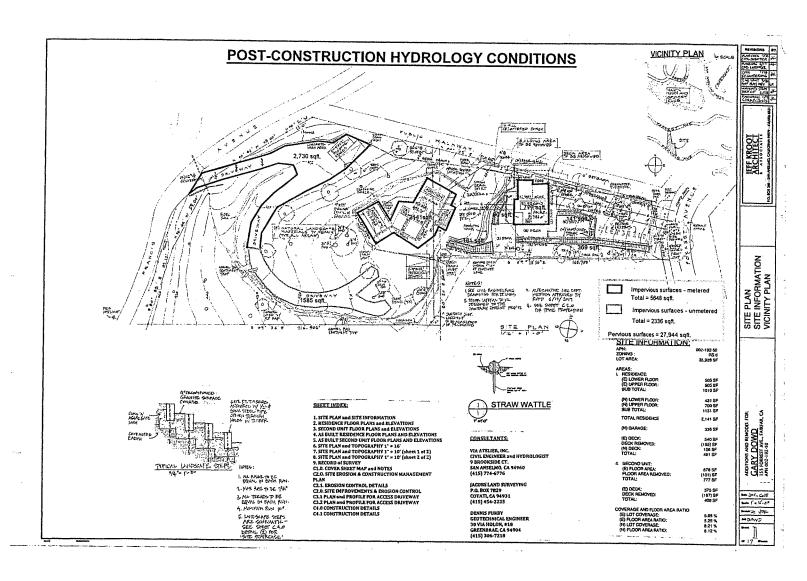
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Hydraulic Analysis of Drainage	February 25, 2022
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155 Forrest Avenue Fairfax, CA	MG. Watkins, PE

#### SITE DEVELOPMENT CALCULATIONS

TOTAL S	SITE AREA:	35,928 sqft.		0.825 acre	
EXISTING	G AREA:				
	Impervious:	4,425 sqft.	=	0.102 acre	
	tal Pervious:	31,741 sqft.	=	0.729 acre	
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	Impervious:	8,026 sqft.	=	0.184 acre	
To	tal Pervious:	27,902 sqft.	=	0.641 acre	
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		3,839 sqft.	=	0.088 acre	(Net Increase)
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Existing	:				
_	Building Roof			2,497 sqft.	
	Driveway & Parking			0 sqft.	
	Impervious Patios,	Walkways & Pads			
	Deck & Stairs			1,115 sqft. 575 sqft.	
	Total			4,187 sqft.	is the second se
Proposed:	:				
	Building Roof			2,950 sqft.	
	Driveway & Parking	a		4,275 sqft.	
	Impervious Patios,	, Walkways & Pads		899 sqft.	
	Deck & Stairs	•		•	
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	Total			8,026 sqft.	

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#### SITE HYDROLOGY CALCULATION SUMMARY

Calculations based on a 100 year event with a 60 minutes Initial Time of Concentration

"C" Values Impervious Areas: C= 0.90 Pervious Areas = C= 0.30 Rain Fall Intensity (I) 1.910 in/hr (From NOAA Web Site) Pre-Construction: Impervious = 4,425 saft. 0.102 acre  $\Omega =$ 0.175 cfs Q=ciA Q=peak discharge, cfs Pervious = 31,503 sqft. 0.723 acre c= Rational method runoff coefficient Q = 0.414 cfs i= Rainfall intensity, inch/hour A= Drainage area, acre Total Pre-Construction Run-off = 0.589 c.f.s. Post-Construction Without Retention: Impervious = 7,984 sqft. 0.183 acre  $\Omega =$ 0.316 cfs Pervious = 27,944 sqft. 0.641 acre Q = .367 cfs Total Post-Construction Run-off = 0.683 c.f.s. Without Metering Change in Run-Off from Pre-Construction condition Without Retention

### **Runoff Mitigation Measures**

The following runoff mitigation measures are utilized to address the added .094 c.f.s. runoff on this site:

 $\Delta Q = Q_{POST} - Q_{PRE}$ 

1) Rip-rap is utilized in the natural stream course to prevent erosion of the stream bed, and to slow the speed of the water runoff in the stream bed. See Sheet C3.2.

 $\Delta Q = 0.094$  c.f.s.

(NET INCREASE)

- Rip rap check dams are installed across the natural stream course to minimize erosion, and to create weirs which will slow the water down in the stream course and provide retention during high storm flows. See Sheet C3.2 and C4.1.
- 3) A 2 feet high catchment wall and downslope V ditch are proposed to collect any water which may run off the middle section of the driveway and pass it under the driveway to be deposited in rock dissipater where it can be absorbed into the native vegetation at the center of the site. See See Sheet C3.0, C3.1, and C3.2.
- 4) 18" V ditches are installed upslope of the impervious structures and these are served by drop inlets which feed 6" storm water drainage systems to collect the water and dissipate it at a rock dissipaters at the lower part of the site. This will insure that the water is collected responsibly and deposit it on the site in a manner that will minimize site erosion and optimize infiltration. See the Civil Sheets C3.0, C4.0, and C4.1.

While it is possible to do calculations for each component of this system, the calculations are extensive and tedious, and it is reasonable to validate this system by observation and general calculations of flow rates.

REPORT	DATE
Hydraulic Analysis of Drainage	February 25, 2022
PROJECT	BY
155 Forrest Avenue Fairfax, CA	MG. Watkins, PE

# RETENTION CALCULATIONS Calculations based on a 100 year event with a 60 minutes Initial Time of Concentration

#### **DESIGN CRITERIA**

Retain and Meter runoff from a 100 year storm event with a 60 minutes initial time of concentration without increasing the peak runoff rate above the un-developed condition flow rate

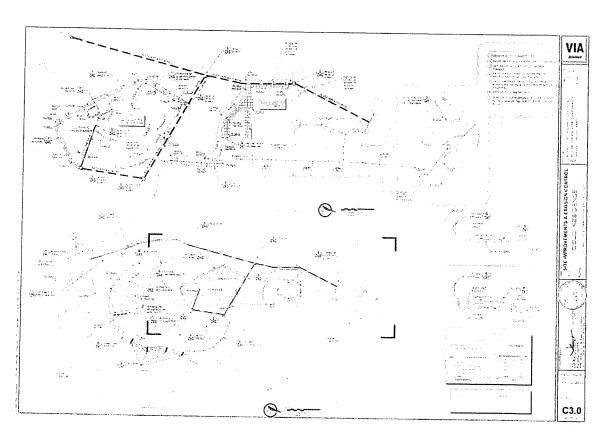
TOTAL POST-CONSTRUCTION RUNOFF ALLOWED (Must be Equal to or Less than Pre-Construction Rate)

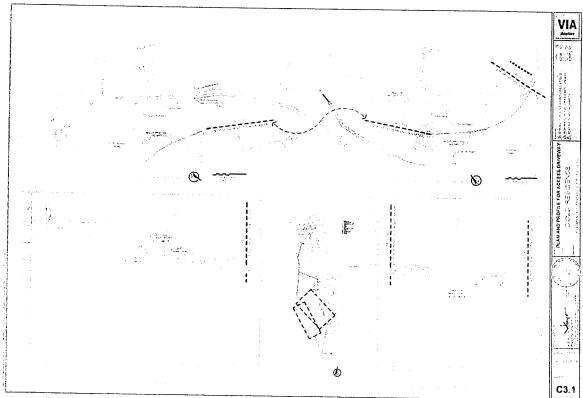
Pre-Construction Without Metering:	Imperviou	s Area	9,890 sqft			
J	n		0.227 acre	Q=	0.253 cfs	
	Perviou	s Area	13,320 sqft			
	Total D.	- 67 57 - 4	0.306 acre	Q =	0.114 cfs	
	rotal Rui	юп кас	For Pre-Cons	Q =	0.367 cfs <	
Post-Construction Without Metering:						
-	Impervious	7,98	4 sqft.	==	0.183 acre	
	= Q =	0.3	16 c.f.s.			
	Pervious =	27,9	44 sqft.	=	0.641 acre	
	Q =		7 c.f.s.			
Total Post-Constru	ction Run-off =	0.68	3 c.f.s.	w	ithout Metering	UK
METERED WATER REQUIRED						
	Impervious	Area	5,648 sqft.			
	·		0.130 acre	Q =	0.316 cfs	1
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Acceptance Criteria - The Post-construction Runoff rate must be less than or equal to the Post- Construction Runoff Rate

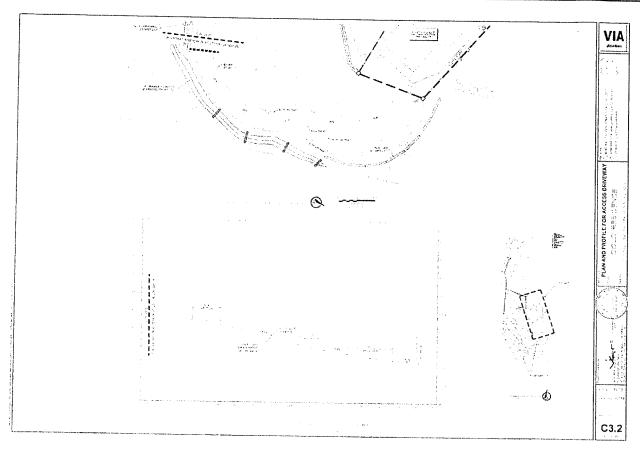
Total Pre-construction Runoff rate = Post Construction Runoff Rate - OK

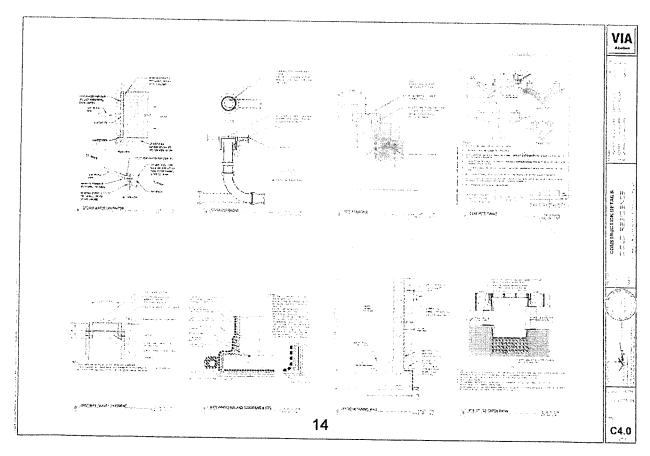
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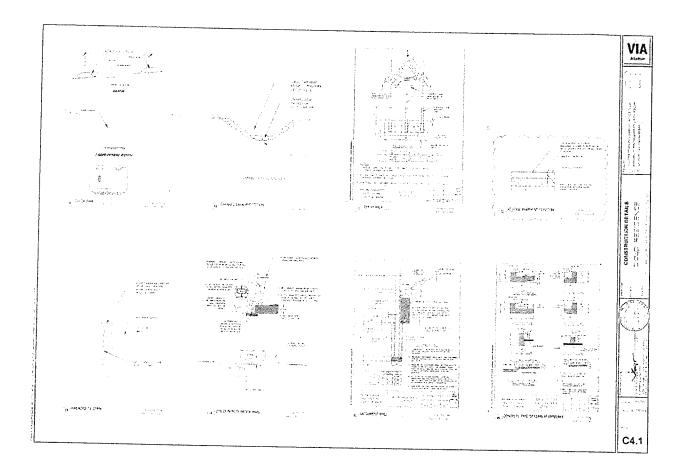


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# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

142 BOLINAS ROAD, FAIRFAX, CALIFORNIA 94930 (415) 453-1584/FAX (415) 453-1618

Date: January 30, 2019

Permit #19-T-114

### NOTICE OF TREE COMMITTEE ACTION

This action may be appealed to the Fairfax Town Council within 10 days of the Tree Committee decision. <u>This permit is not in effect until the 10 day appeal period is over.</u>

Request for a tree permit to remove: (32) Bay

Address of Tree(s) to be removed: 155 Forrest Ave

Applicant's Phone: Gary Dowd (415) 747-1466

On January 30, 2020 the Fairfax Tree Committee took the following action on the above referenced tree permit application:

# \_\_\_X\_\_\_FOR RECOMMENDATION TO PLANNING COMMISSION -

Richardson-Mack made a motion to recommend that the only tree to be removed be the single bay tree identified on the RVFD approved plans submitted to the Town and not per the plans submitted with the application. Additionally it is recommended that per section 8.36.060 (D) of the Town Code, the removed trees be replaced at a minimum ratio of 1:1. The motion was seconded by Benson and voted on.

Vote:
Benson- Aye
Flores- Aye
Pugh- Aye
Richardson-Mack- Aye
Romaidis- Aye

Vote: Ayes- 5, Noes- 0

APPROVED	
REMINDER: PLEASE KEEP P PERIOD	PERMIT NOTICE UP DURING THE 10 DAY WAITING
CONTINUED	
DENIED	



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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# APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL OR ALTERATION

A permit is required to remove or alter one or more trees on any parcel in the Town of Fairfax All trees for which a permit is requested shall be tagged with an orange ribbon, a minimum of 10 days prior to the Tree Advisory Committee meeting date. Applicants must also post a notice of intent to alter or remove the marked Tree(s) in a prominent location visible along the frontage of the affected property.

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

OWNER (APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY PROPERTY OWNER):	· ·
GARY DOWD	DATE OF APPLICATION:
JOB ADDRESS/ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. IF SITE IS VACANT	Nov. 12, 2019
155 FORREST AND	PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS	(415) 147-1466
GARY @ REALISTICREALTY GROUP. COM	FAX NUMBER:
P.O.BOX 325 LARKSPUR 94977	ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

### TREE INFORMATION

SPECIES AND DESIGNATION OF HERITAGE/SPECIMEN/UNDESIRABLE TREE: BAY TREES ARE TO BE REMOVED AS REQUIRED BY THE RVFD SPECIES AND DESIGNATION OF HERITAGE/SPECIMEN/UNDESIRABLE TREE:	CIRCUMFERENCE BREAST HEIGHT:  32 BAYS 6"0 TO 36"0  REASON FOR REMOVALYALTERATION  CIRCUMFERENCE BREAST HEIGHT: FOR FIRE PROTECT 10  REASON FOR REMOVAL/ALTERATION
SPECIES AND DESIGNATION OF HERITAGE/SPECIMEN/UNDESIRABLE TREE:	CIRCUMFERENCE BREAST HEIGHT:
· ·	REASON FOR REMOVAL/ALTERATION
SPECIES AND DESIGNATION OF HERITAGE/SPECIMEN/UNDESIRABLE TREE:	CIRCUMFERENCE BREAST HEIGHT:
	. REASON FOR REMOVAL/ALTERATION

Please attached a site plan to this application showing the location and species of all trees with a diameter of 4 inches (circumference of 12 inches or more), measured 4.5 feet above grade at tree base, property boundaries and easements, location of structures, foundation lines of neighboring structures and paved areas including driveways, .

Any tree company used for the removal or alteration must have a current and valid Fairfax Business license. Please include the name, address, and phone number of the person or company doing the above listed work:

NAME: TRD ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:
	CONTRACTOR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER
Please note the Tree Advisory Committee may require Qualified Arborist for a report or recommendation at a defined as a Certified Arborist, A Certified Urban For Registered Professional Forester.	applicants to submit their application to a the expense of the applicant. A Qualified Arborist is ester, a Registered Consulting Arborist, or a

OWNER'S STATEMENT

I understand that in order to properly process and evaluate this application, it may be necessary for Town personnel to inspect the property, which is the subject of the application. I also understand that due to time constraints it may not always be possible for Town personnel to provide advanced notice of such inspections. Therefore, this application will be deemed to constitute my authorization to enter upon the property for the purpose of inspecting the same, provided that Town personnel shall not enter any building on the property except in my presence or the presence of any other rightful occupant of such building. I understand that my refusal to permit reasonable inspection of any portion of the property by town personnel may result in a denial of this application due to the lack of adequate information regarding

[AREA BELOW FOR STAFF USE ONLY]

Permit Number: 19-7-114  Date Received: 11-12-19  Conditions of Approval:	Received by: S. Waler
Tree Committee Action:  Tree Committee Actions can be appealed to the Tree Committee Actions.	Date:

Tree Committee Actions can be appealed to the Town Council within 10 days of the Tree Committee Action. Contact Town Hall for more information.



# Landscape Tree Inspection Report

155 Forrest Avenue Fairfax, CA

Prepared for:

**Gary Dowd** 

Prepared on:

August 06, 2019

Prepared by:

**Robert Morey** 

ISA Certified Arborist

WC-0167

Marin Tree Service, Inc. 34 DeLuca Place, Suite M San Rafael, CA 94901



#### Scope and Limitations

On August 6, 2019 I inspected the landscape trees at 155 Forrest Avenue, Fairfax, CA. The inspection of all trees was made from the ground and involved inspection of the external features only. No invasive, diagnostic or laboratory testing was carried out. The identification of these trees was based on broad features visible at the time of inspection.

I have also examined the existing site plan in order to assess the impact of the proposed construction on the trees. Where recommendations are made in this report including those recommendations contained in the Tree Protection Guidelines it is essential that these recommendations be able to be implemented. Any additional drawings, details or redesign that impact on the ability to do so may negate the conclusions made in this report.

Arborists are specialists who use their education, knowledge, experience, and training to provide proper care and professional evaluations and diagnosis of individual trees. Arborists attempt to minimize the risk of living near trees while enhancing and maintaining the overall beauty and health of the trees. Recommendations by the arborist may be accepted or disregarded by the client.

Trees inherently pose a certain degree of hazard and risk from breakage, failure, or other causes and conditions. Marin Tree Service makes recommendations, to minimize or reduce these hazardous conditions but cannot guarantee to eliminate them, especially in the event of a storm or other act of nature. While a detailed inspection normally results in the detection of hazardous conditions, there can be no guarantee or certainty that all hazardous conditions will be detected.

There always will be some risk involved with all trees. With proper monitoring and care, trees can be managed. The only way to eliminate all risks is to remove the trees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marin Tree Service for assistance.

#### **Observations and Tree Schedule**

There is a new garage planned for construction which will be located approximately 15' from the closest 24" Redwood in the schedule below. The foundation consists of a spread footing construction. The soil structure appears to have good drainage since there are no surface roots. At that distance there should only be minimal root loss on one side of the closest tree. This root loss will not be enough to compromise the vitality and structural integrity of the Redwood. There will be some improvements to the grade of the existing driveway but the driveway will not come any closer to the existing California Bay Laurels. There are other trees on this property which will not be affected by the construction. The Tree Protection Guidelines in Appendix A should be followed to protect all of the trees on the property during construction.

Scientific Name	Condition	Location	DBH	Recommendation
Coast Redwood (Sequola sempervirens)	Four trees that are regrowth from the original Redwood in a stump circle typically referred to as a "fairy ring". All trees are of normal vitality and structural integrity.	Located to the southeast of the residence.	16", 24", 24", 36"	Follow the Tree Protection Guidelines in Appendix A.

Scientific Name: Identification is made on the basis of visual features visible from ground level at the time of inspection.

DBH (Diameter at Breast Height): The trunk diameter at approximately 4 ½' above ground or at the point at which the trunk develops a constant diameter.



#### Appendix A -Tree Protection Guidelines

Before development, avoid tree damage during construction by protecting the root zone. The following should be considered:

- A) Physical protection of the trees can be accomplished in stages during the progression of work:
  - Installing an inexpensive chain link, wire mesh, or wood fence around the drip line of trees is the
    most effective way to protect trees and help with tree preservation. This fence should be
    installed at the drip line during the initial stages of development.
  - As development progresses, the fence can be moved to within 6 feet of the trunks.
  - If continued progress requires access closer than 6 feet to the trunk, other precautions can be taken, such as placing hay bales around the trunks so the bark is not struck with equipment or placing 8' lengths of 2' X 4' lumber around the tree and wrapping them with orange plastic fencing.
- B) Signage: all sections of fencing should be clearly marked with signs that the area within is a tree protection zone and no one is allowed to disturb the area.
- C) Root Pruning: Whenever roots over 1 inch (2.5 cm) in diameter must be severed, they should be cut flush to eliminate jagged edges. There are three methods of root pruning:
  - Soil excavation using supersonic air tools, pressurized water or hand tools, followed by selective root cutting.
  - Cutting through the soil along a determined line on the surface using a tool specifically designed to cut roots.
  - Mechanically excavating (with trenching machine or backhoe) the soil and pruning what is left of the exposed roots.
- D) Irrigate the root zone with a soaker hose allowing water to penetrate the soil to the depth of the tree roots, generally the upper 6-18" (15-45 cm) of soil.
- E) Aerate the root zone: improve aeration and reduce compaction. Spread organic mulch or wood chips (2-4 inches) over the surface to reduce evaporation and conserve soll moisture and temperature.
- F) Fertilization of the preserved trees before construction is recommended if nutrient deficiencies exist to boost the trees vigor and tolerance.
- G) Preventive pesticide applications to reduce pest attacks should be initiated prior to construction and continued until trees have recovered from construction related stress.
- H) Alternative trenching methods are available to avoid unnecessary root damage. Boring machines that tunnel under root systems and allow the installation of pipes and wires without root severance are a good alternative to trenching. If digging trenches is unavoidable, dig trenches and tunnels by hand to avoid unnecessary root damage.
- I) Avoid adding backfill over the root zones of existing trees to avoid root suffocation and die back.
- J) Avoid compacting soil over the root zones. Do not traffic with heavy equipment, pile debris or materials or leave equipment standing over the root zones of the trees.
- K) Crown cleaning before construction is recommended to reduce the risk of branch failures in areas where people structures, and equipment are within striking distance. When removing large limbs, the final cut should not be flush with the trunk of the tree. This removes the branch collar that contains a chemical barrier zone that controls rotting organisms. Traditional surgery paint should not be used. It is of no value and may promote rot.
- L) Roots absorb oxygen from the atmosphere through the soil and in return release carbon dioxide (gas exchanges). Therefore, adding backfill, compressing soil, paving, etc. retards gas exchanges and limits water percolation through the soil to the roots, promoting root die back. This form of chronic stress may cause trees to die prematurely within five to twenty years after development, depending on the degree of impact. Compensation can be attempted through fertilizing, soil mulching and aerating the soil using high-pressure equipment.

Mark Mills FIRE CHIEF

January 23, 2020

Address:

155 Forrest, FWX

Applicant:

Jeff Kroot

Application #: 19-0214 #3

The revised Vegetation Management Plan submitted for review by the Ross Valley Fire Department is APPROVED with conditions.

Plans do not show any existing vegetation other than trees. A site visit has determined that very little vegetation is present other than trees. Any planting of vegetation shall be in compliance with RVFD Standard #220 and shall be reviewed and approved by Ross Valley Fire prior to planting.

Please do not remove any tree that requires a permit from the town without first securing such permit.

Please note that all vegetation within the 30 foot zone shall be irrigated. Seasonal grasses within the 30 foot zone are not permitted unless regularly irrigated. If not kept as green grass the area shall be covered in a weed barrier which should be covered in a layer of mulch.

Every effort shall be taken to ensure erosion control efforts are in compliance with standards established by Town regulations.

The approved plan is to last the life of the property. Any changes to the plan now or in the future will require Fire Department review. It is recommended that if the applicant has plans to landscape in the future that those plans be intermingled into this plan.

Vegetation shall be maintained to ensure address numbers are visible from both angles of approach.

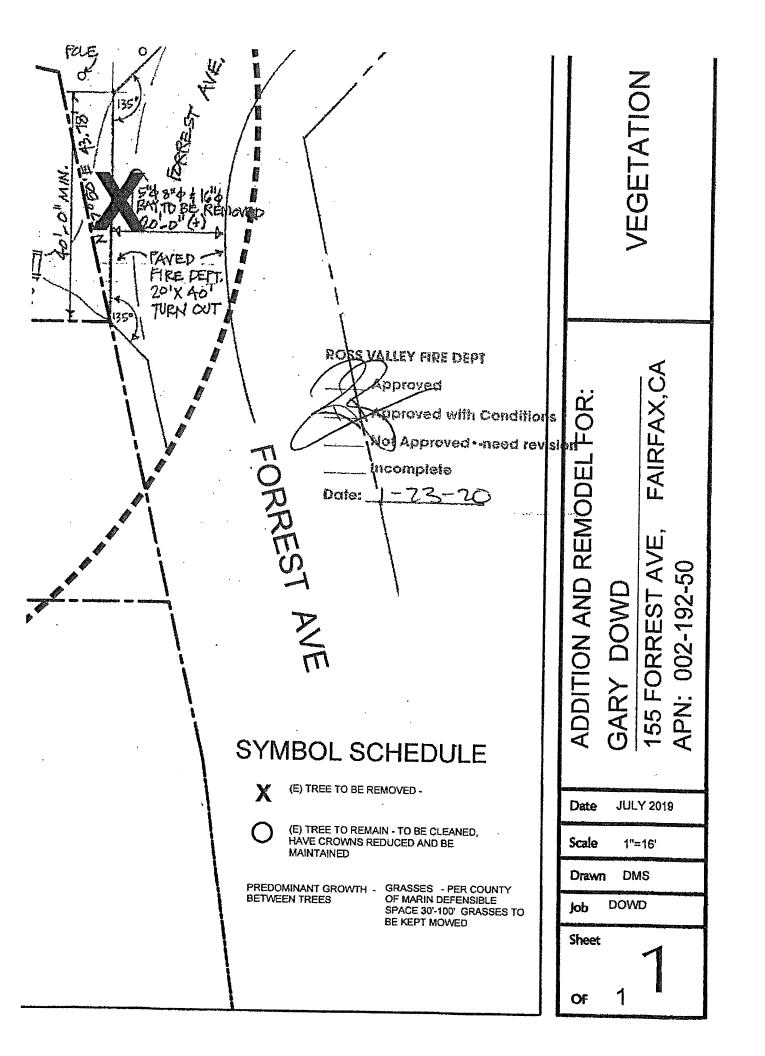
Minimum standards shall be in place prior to final fire clearance.

If you have any questions about any of the items listed above please call me. I am available to meet with you on site to help you develop a plan. Please contact me to schedule (415) 453-1289 Ext 21 if you desire my assistance.

Sincerely

Committed to the protection of life, property, and environment.

SAN ANSELMO • FAIRFAX • ROSS • SLEEPY HOLLOW



	Date; 9/28/09	Revision	Page: 4 . 6	5
VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire Protection Standard 220	Vegetation Fuels	Management Plan	
ROSS Developed by	Robert Bastlanon Fire Instructor	Approved by	Roger Meagor, Fire Chief	

### Figure I

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Hazard Points:

30 FT Minimum Horizontal Modification Requirement in feet

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 >	50x50x100 ft.
7	30x30x50 ft
1234567	30x30x30 ff.

### Fuel Types:

- A. Specimen Garden: a well-maintained ornamental garden, usually irrigated. Trees and shrubs are well spaced or clustered, thinned and free of deadwood. The lawn is mowed and clean. No pyrophytic plants within 10 ft of house.

  B. Hardwood (Model 9): Broadlenf (non-pyrophytic) trees such as oaks, maples, ash, etc.

  C. Grass (Model 1): Wild field grass dominates; frees and sinubs occupy less than 1/3 of the
- D. Mostly Grass (Model 2): Brush and tree reproduction occupy more than 1/3 and less than 2/3 of the area.

  E. Mostly Brush (Model 5): Brush and tree reproduction occupies 2/3 of the area. Includes
- Pyrophytic Hardwoods (Model 12): Broadleaf trees that is high in volatile oils, which produce heavy debris and burn intensely. May have some conifers mixed in but the flammable hardwoods dominate the fire behavior. young chaparral, coastal scrub and broom stands.
  - Chaparral (Model 4): Six foot and taller old, pyrophytic brush with excessive deadwood. Includes mixed chaparral of Manzanita, scrub osk, chaparral pea, tall ceanothus, chamise, Ġ
- etc. Often has some young Douglas fir or pines.
  Conifer (Model 8): Needleleaf trees typically with heavy litter, low branches and plentiful deadwood. Often mixed with some hardwoods or even pyrophyric hardwoods, but conifers dominated and carry the fire.

diagram of the defensible space and proposed treatments of the defensible space The following report is the Vegetation Fuels Management Plan for Gary Dowd at his property at 155 forrest Ave., Fairfax, Calif. The project is a two-story addition to the existing residence and the remodel and reduction of an existing one-story. accompanying this report shows the property boundaries, existing trees, the residence, accessory dwelling unit, decks, driveway, fire turnout as well as the accessory dwelling unit. This report describes the project and outlines the measures being taken to provide effective fire hazard mitigation. The plan

B. SITE DESCRIPTION

Francis Ave. on the south side. The west side of the parcel is bordered by a public walkway. The property slopes uphill from Forrest Ave. to Francis Ave. at a slope of approximately 27%. The property is a mixture of grasses, bay and redwood trees. There are adjacent residences to the east and west of the property. It is proposed to remove 6 bay trees. The remaining trees will be cleaned, and the crowns of the bay trees will be reduced and maintenance program will be created to manage the cleaning of the trees yearly. The 35,928 sq.ft. parcel is bordered by Forrest Ave. at the north side and by

### C. ASSESSMENT

Defensible spaces or fire fuel breaks are required around all residences to provide fire suppression personnel with adequate time to protect homes and neighborhoods during wildiand fires. The size of these defensible spaces is determined by using the hearth Assessment Matrix from the property. The metrix uses factors of slope, aspect, vegetation hell type to dirate the size of these defensible spaces. See the Hazard Assessment Matrix attached. The Dowd property scored 13 points requiring a protection zone of 30 feet around north and south sides and 50' at the south side of the residence as defined by the fire protection standards,

# D. VEGETATION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT DEFENSIBLE

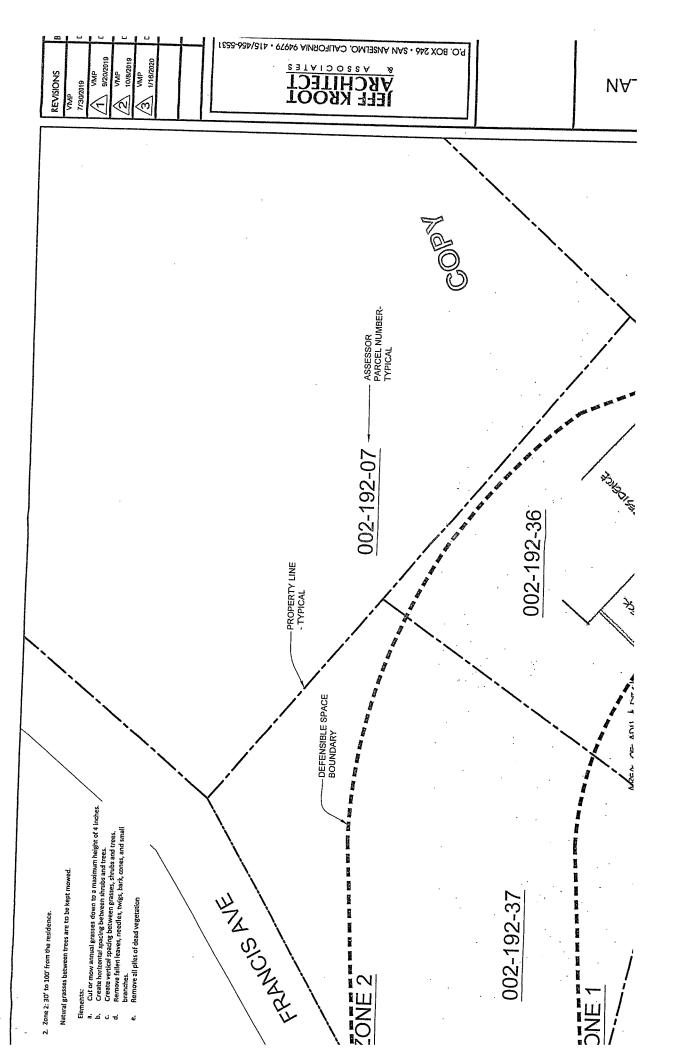
groundcovers or plants. Install weed barrier and cover with mu crowns shall be trimmed to maintain a minimum of 10' betwee The zone is the area surrounding the residence to a point appr from the residence. This are will have no pyrophytic trees, shri Zone 1: O' to 30' from the residence.

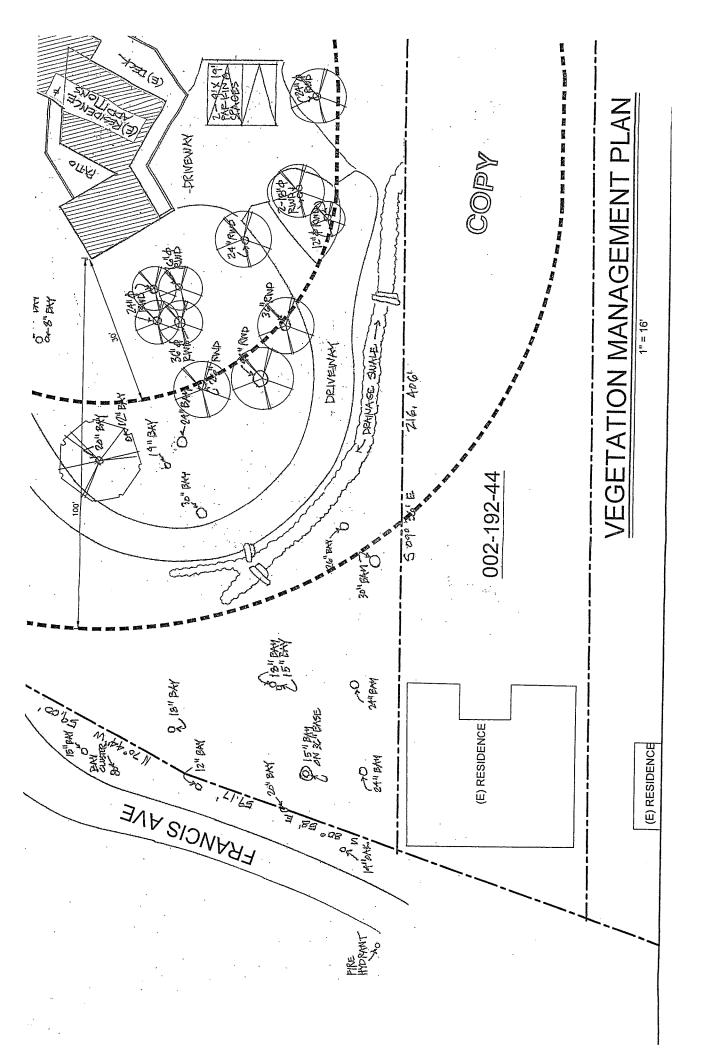
The owner will Initiate a dialog with the eastern and western n explore vegetation management on the neighboring property

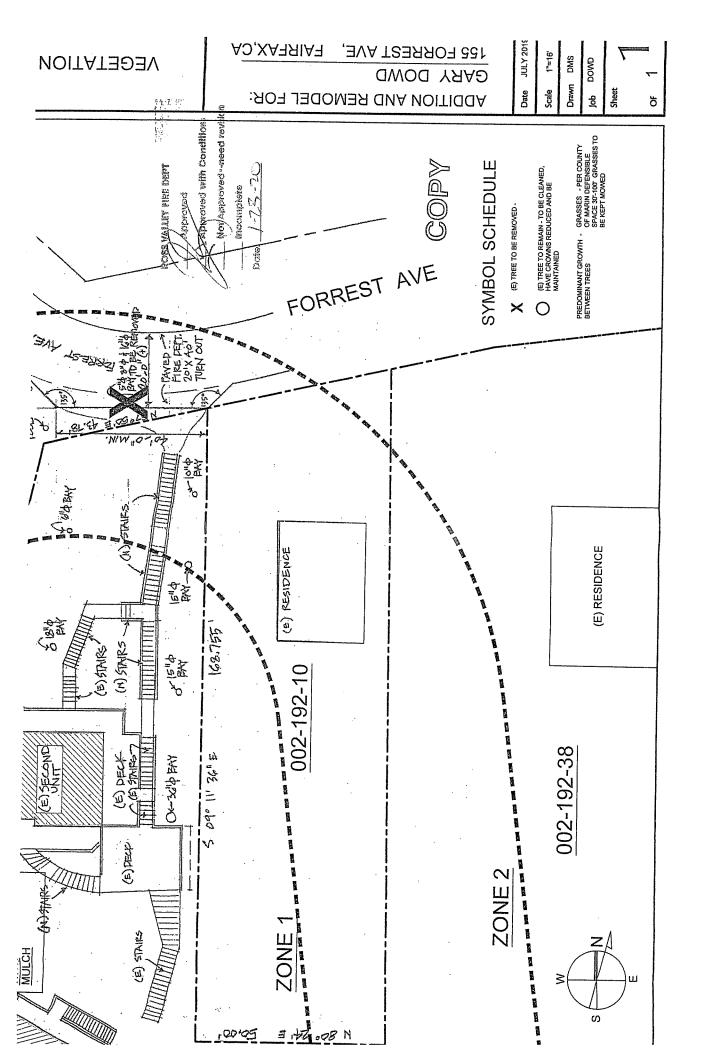
### Elements:

- Remove all dead grasses, weeds, plants & follage. Remove all fallen leaves, needles, tvigs, bark, cones a Use only compost or heavy bark mulch over weed ban Remove "Gorilla Hair" or shredded bark mulch
  - soll moisture, or for erosion control. Choose only fire-resistant plants and keep them health
    - - Remove fire-prone plants.
- Provide spacing between shrubs at least 2 times the himature plant. Add space on steeper slopes.

  Trim trees to remove limbs 6" to 10" from the ground.
  - Move firewood & lumber out of Zone 1, or cover in a fi Remove branches that overhang the roof or within 10' بديد غد
    - Remove combustables around and under decks and av 로 :: É č Å &;\_
- Clear vegetation around fances, sheds and outdoor fur Outbuildings should have at least 10' of clearance, Maintain regulary, locusing on the areas closest to SEM OVE ALL TREES UNDER FOR ALL TREES OF ALL
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777 San Anselmo Ave San Anselmo, Ca 94960 Ph. 415-258-4686

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW

PROJECT: New Single Family Dwelling

ADDRESS: 155 Forrest Ave Fairfax, CA. Page:1of 3 Date:04/03/19

Reviewed by: R Bastianon (415) 258-4686 Ext 12

TYPE OF REVIEW: Planning

Email:rbastianon@rossvalleyfire.org

Building Dept. 03/05/19 Fire Dept. # 19-0074

Review No. 1

Fire Department Standards can be found at: www.rossvalleyfire.org

Applicant\*: Jeff Kroot

Address PO Box 246, San Anselmo Ca 94960 415-456-5531

#### \*Applicant is responsible for distributing these Plan Review comments to the Design Team.

Occupancy Class: R-3	Fire Flow Req:	1000 GPM	Sprinklers Required:	YES
Type of Construction: V-B	On-site Hyd. Req:	YES	Fire Alarm Required:	NO
Bldg Area: 2141sf	Fire Lane Req:	YES	Permits Required: Spri	nkler,
Stories: 2	Fire Flow Test Req	uired: NO	Standpipe, VMP	
Height:	Wildland Urban Inte	erface: YES		

#### The project listed above has been reviewed and determined to be:

( ) APPROVED (no modifications required)

( ) APPROVED AS NOTED (minor modifications required - review attached comments)

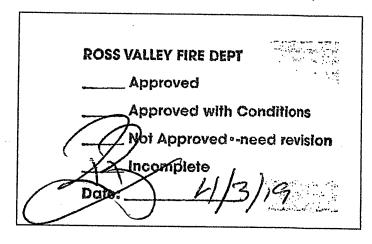
) NOT APPROVED (revise per attached comments and resubmit)

(X) INCOMPLETE (provide additional information per attached comments and resubmit)

NOTE: Please review the comments

as required. Changes and/or additions shall be clouded and referenced by date on a legend. Approval of this plan

deviation from the applicable regulations. Final approval is subject to field inspection. Approved plans shall be on site and available for review at all times.



#### Inspections required:

- (X) Access/Water Supply prior to delivery of combustibles
- (X) Defensible Space/Vegetation Management Plan
- (X) Sprinkler Hydro/Final
- (X) Final



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Building Dept. 03/05/19 Fire Dept. # 19-0074

No. 1

ITEM #	SHEET	COMMENTS	Corr. Made
1		Per the planning transmittal sheet sent to fire for review, the project is described as the applicant is applying to legalize the driveway, and expand and convert the unpermitted structure at the rear of the site into a single family residence with one car garage. The existing residence would then be converted to a legal 2 <sup>nd</sup> unit.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof	
2		This project has an approved alternate methods and materials request.  The alternate requires the following:	
		<ul> <li>Address change so both structures are addressed from Forrest Ave</li> <li>A new permanent and substantially constructed stairway leading from Forrest Ave to the main house. Design and materials shall be approved by the Fire Department, Town Engineer and the Building Official.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Both units shall have a residential fire sprinkler system installed which meets or exceeds minimum requirements of NFPA 13R and local standards.</li> <li>All existing exterior siding to be replaced with WUI complaint materials</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>5/8" Type "X" sheet rock shall be used in all areas with exception of moisture resistant required areas</li> <li>Improvement of Forrest Ave and lower portion of property for staging of fire ground operations.</li> </ul>	
		A dry standpipe serving both structures	
		Approved alternate and supporting documentation shall be included in the plan set.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	
3		Your project is located within a designated wildland urban interface zone within the Town of Fairfax. All construction shall comply with the 2016 California Residential Code Section R337, 2006 Wildland Urban Interface Code and the 2016 California Fire Code as amended by the Town of Fairfax.	
		Shall be noted on plans. Submitter's Response:	
		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of □Plans □Calculations.	



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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW

PROJECT: New Single Family Dwelling

ADDRESS: 155 Forrest Ave Fairfax, CA.

Date:04/03/19 Reviewed by: R Bastianon

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TYPE OF REVIEW: Planning

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4		Fire apparatus staging area, standpipe and new stairway shall be installed and made service able prior to construction.	
		Shall be noted on plans	
		Submitters Response:	
5		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of Plans  Fire apparatus access turnout is required for this project. The access shall	
-		be located along the property frontage at Forrest Ave. The turnout as designed does not meet minimum fire code requirements.	
		Please review RVFD Standard #210, redesign and resubmit for review.	
		The location of the turnout is approved as a condition of the approved alternate request.	
	İ	Submitters Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof Plans	
6		A fire hydrant capable of supplying not less than 500 gpm shall be located within 350 feet from all portions of the structure.	
		A dry standpipe is required for this project as an alternate to providing a hydrant within 350 feet. A separate deferred fire permit is required for this system. Plans shall be submitted directly to the fire department for review.	
		Standpipe shall be noted as a deferred submittal	
	i i	Submitters Response:	
7		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of Plans	
/		A Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) designed in accordance with Ross Valley Fire Standard #220 is required for this project. A separate deferred	
	1	permit is required for this plan. Please submit directly to the Fire Department for review.	
		Town of Fairfax requires the approval of VMPs prior to planning approval.	
		Submitters Response:	···
<del>-</del> -		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of Plans Calculations	
7		A fire sprinkler system shall be installed throughout each unit which complies with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association	
	(	NFPA) 13-R and local standards. A separate deferred permit shall be	



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		required for each system. Plans and specifications for the system shall be submitted by an individual or firm licensed to design and /or design-build sprinkler systems.	
		Sprinkler system shall be noted on plans as deferred submittal	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheet of □Plans □Calculations.	
8		All smoke detectors in the residence shall be provided with AC power and be interconnected for simultaneous alarm. Detectors shall be located in each sleeping room, outside of sleeping rooms centrally located in the corridor and over the center of all stairways with a minimum of one detector per story of the occupied portion of the residence.	
		Submitter's Response:	
9		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of Plans Calculations.  Carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in existing dwellings when a permit is required for alterations, repairs, or addition exceeds one thousand dollars. CO alarms shall be located outside of each dwelling unit sleeping are in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s) and on every level of a dwelling unit including basements.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	
10		Address numbers at least 4" tall must be in place adjacent to the front door. If not clearly visible from the street, additional numbers are required at the street and along the path of travel to the residences. Residential numbers must-be internally illuminated (backlit), placed to a light or be reflective numbers. If your project is a new house or substantial remodel, they may only be internally illuminated or illuminated an adjacent light controlled by a photocell and switched only by a breaker so it will remain illuminated all night. If not currently as described, they must be installed as part of this project.	
		Both units shall be address from Forrest Ave.	
	1	Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	

If re-submittal is required, all conditions listed above shall be included in revised drawings. Fire and life safety systems may require a separate permit. Fire permits may be noted as deferred.



## Ross Valley Fire Department 777 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

Roger Meagor FIRE CHIEF

#### APPLICATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATE MATERIALS OR METHODS

Application Date: 5-9-/7	
Project Information  Name: Gary Down  Address: So Forces five fair  Permit Number:	Applicant Information  Name:
DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATE MATERI	ALS OR METHODS (Include code section)
and attach two site/floor plans)	RIALS OR METHODS, (Describe, in detail, rnate, use additional pages if necessary
	Signed 9 M. Juliant
Approved  Denied  Comments / Additional Mitigation(s):	- Арріісай; /
Signed: Fire Marshal	Date: 6-16-17

Acceptance of an alternate for Fire Department requirements does not establish, or override, requirements of other Town departments.

In regard to the project at 150 Francis Avenue, the existing unsprinklered older home sits on the upper portion of the lot with a smaller second unit situated on the lower portion of the lot approximately 100 feet from Forrest Avenue. We fully acknowledge the difficult nature of this existing non-conforming structure on the upper portion of this lot. In conjunction with the Fire District's desire to provide service to both structures from Forrest Avenue, eliminating the need to utilize the existing nonconforming Francis Avenue, we propose to improve on the current situation in the following manner. In order to reduce any confusion regarding the new preferred access to the structures, both units will be provided with addresses from Forrest Avenue. A new access stairway of permanent and substantial construction shall be built and maintained near the southern edge of the property providing as direct of a route as the terrain shall allow to the upper residence. The existing lower unit will be reduced in size to approximately 700 square feet. Both units will be equipped throughout with an automatic fire sprinkler system designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13R standards and local requirements. This will, in a practical sense, double the capability of the required NFPA 13D system. The project will replace all existing exterior siding with siding that complies with W.U.I. requirements. The project will also use 5/8" Type "X" sheetrock in all areas that are not required to be moisture resistant (i.e., bathrooms). While we are not proposing a one-hour structure complete with dampers and penetration protection, the 5/8" Type "X" sheetrock provides superior protection from fire intrusion to the structural elements of the dwelling from any fire originating in the interior of the dwelling. The lower portion of the lot abutting Forrest Avenue will be improved to provide additional room for staging fire ground operations. Additionally, the project will install a dry standpipe. The standpipe will originate at the staging area on Forrest Avenue and provide an outlet near the lower unit and terminate with another outlet at the top of the stairs near the upper main residence with exact locations to be approved by Ross Valley Fire. We are asking that the additional measures outlined above be considered for the alternate means of protection. We believe this will result in a more fire-safe situation than currently exists.

Description of alternate materials or methods:

For CFC Section 503.1.1 exception 1.2

The automatic fire sprinkler system to be installed throughout the dwelling shall be upgraded from the required NFPA 13D standard, to the NFPA 13R standard. In addition, all existing and new exterior siding, shall meet or exceed W.U.I. standards. All sheetrock shall be 5/8" Type "X" sheetrock in areas that are not required to be moisture resistant (i.e., bathrooms). A dry standpipe system shall be installed from the staging area on Forrest Avenue to the top of the stairs at the upper building pad with exact locations to be approved by Ross Valley Fire. The upper residence shall be assigned a new address from Forrest Avenue.

#### Justification:

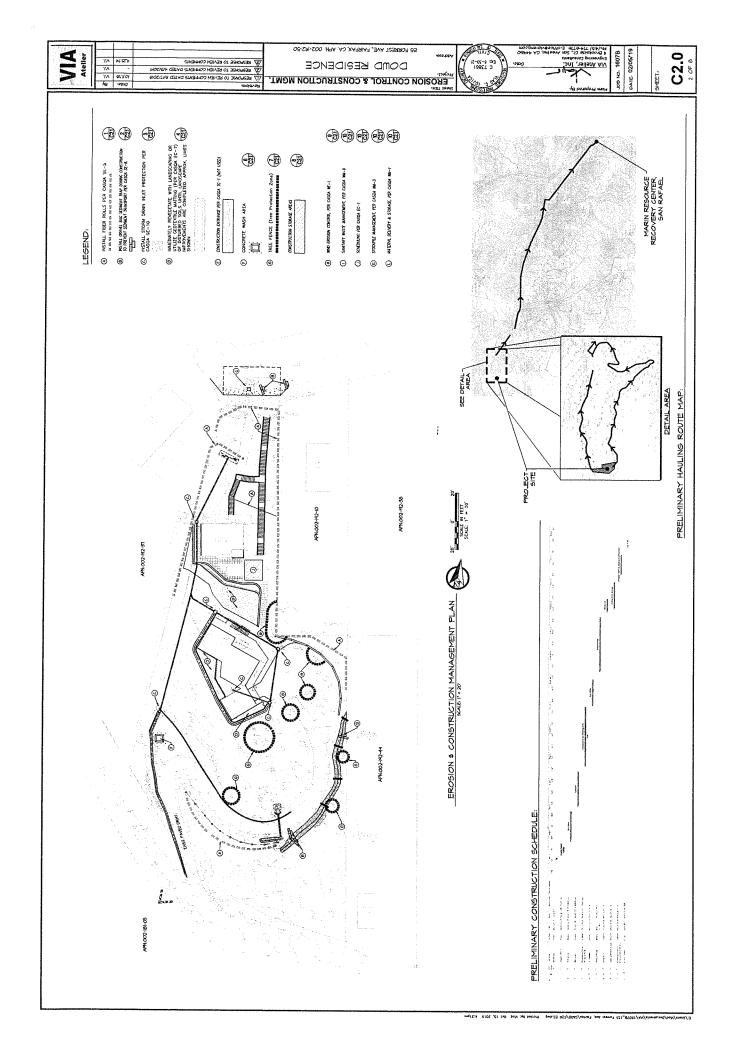
CFC Section 503.1.1 specifically allows an increase in the 150-foot distance when any of the following conditions occur:

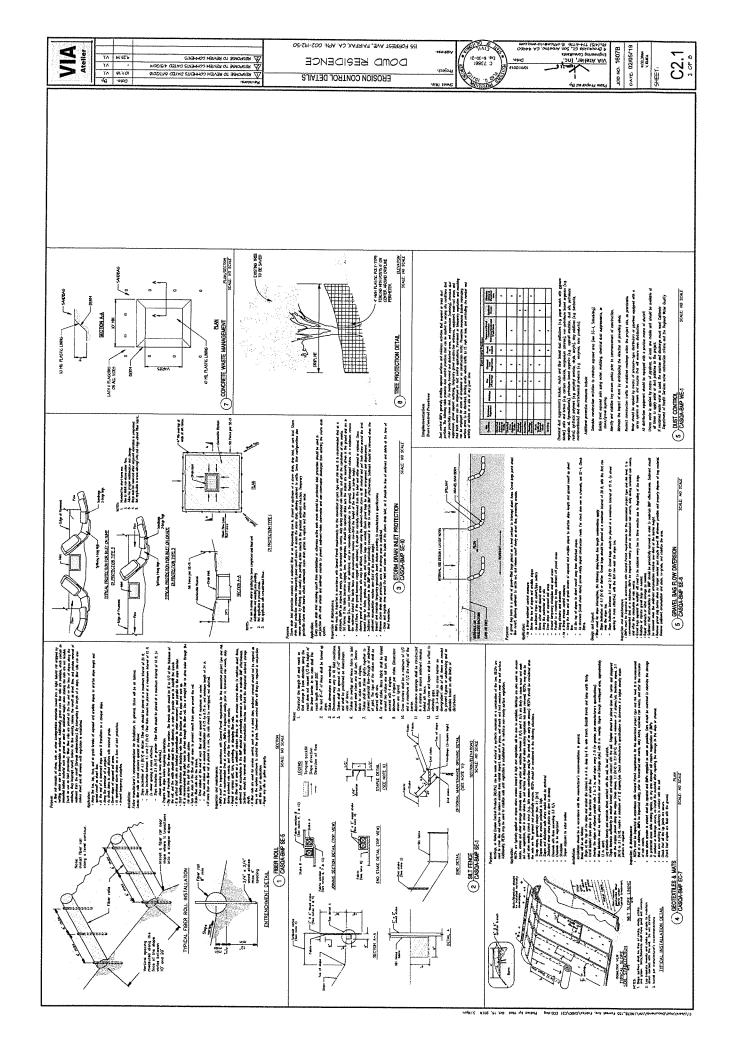
- The building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system of NFPA 13D, 13R, or commercial 13 system standards. This would apply to commercial or residential occupancies.
- 2. There are not more than two Group R-3 or Group U occupancies. This would apply with or without an automatic fire sprinkler system.
- When fire apparatus roads cannot be installed because of topography or nonnegotiable grades or other conditions and an approved alternate means of fire protection is provided.

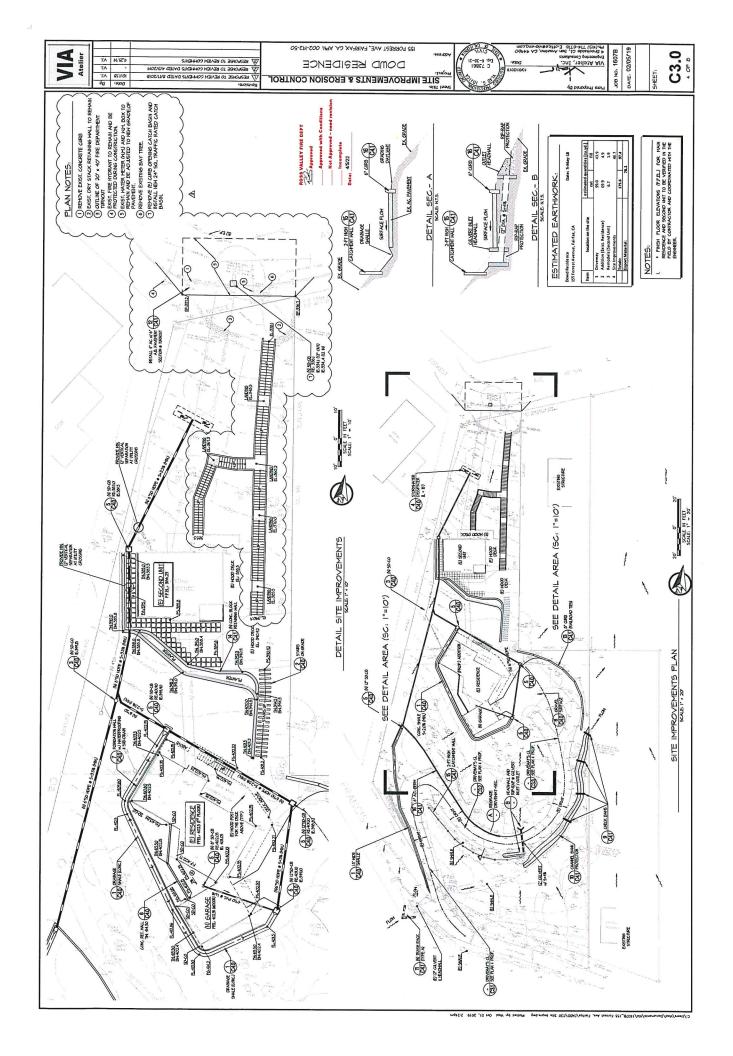
As the unique situation of this property presents some unusual difficulties, we understand the Fire Code Official's hesitancy to utilize the first two exceptions and believe this alternate means provides for a safer environment than the current situation, if left unaltered. The increase in the design of the automatic fire sprinkler system, and the use of fire resistive Type "X" sheetrock substantially increases the ability for these components to control a fire originating within the structure allowing fire fighting forces additional time. The "hardening" of the exterior of the structure through the increased fire resistive nature of the siding will slow the ability of any fire originating outside the structure from involving the structure itself. This will allow arriving fire fighting forces additional time to engage an approaching wildland fire. The new dry standpipe system will save firefighters valuable time and resources when deploying hose lines at the site. If you consider this as you would a mid-rise building, where firefighting forces climb stairs to access fires above the first floor, then the measures above mimic what would be required. The structures will have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 and local standards, additional fire resistive construction built in, and a standpipe system will be in place for firefighters when they arrive at the fire level. The assignment of a new address will minimize any confusion as to the proper access for firefighting resources allowing them to start fire ground operations faster than trying to access the structure from Francis Avenue, and provides access to a hydrant with superior fire flow to the one on Francis Avenue as well.

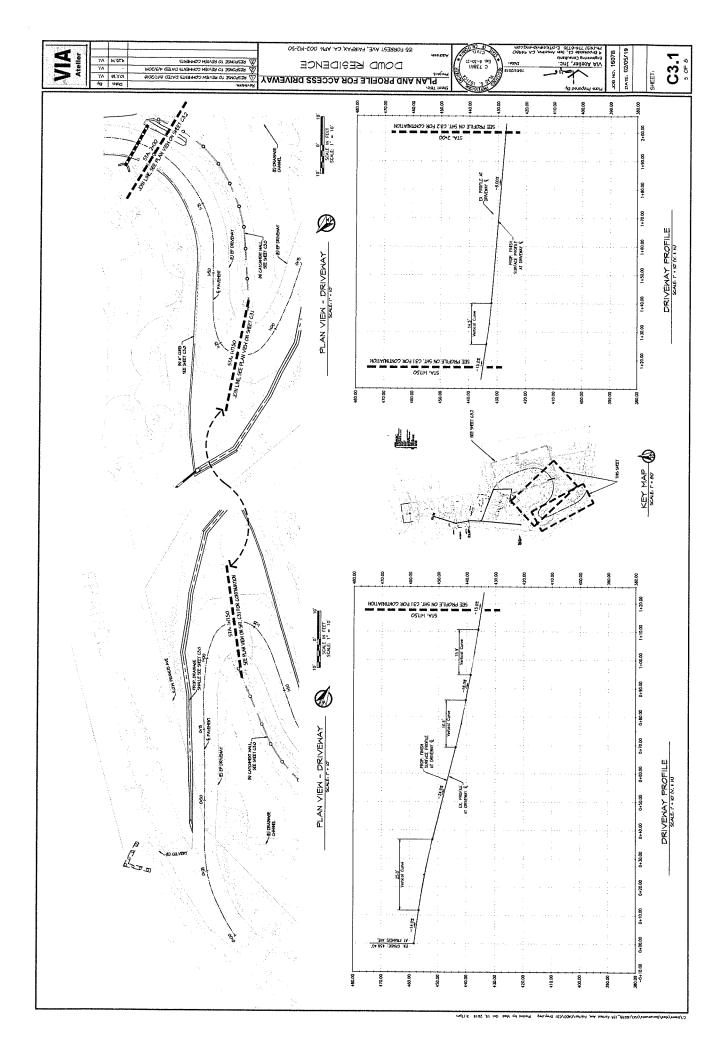
SITE LOCATION (SEE VICINITY HAP)

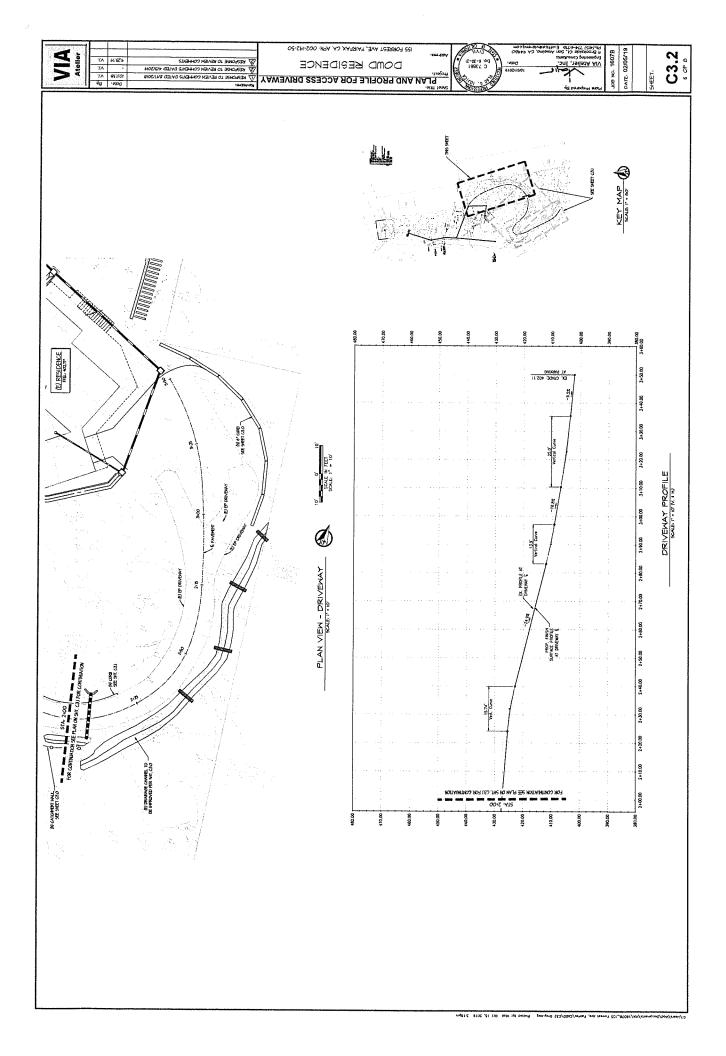
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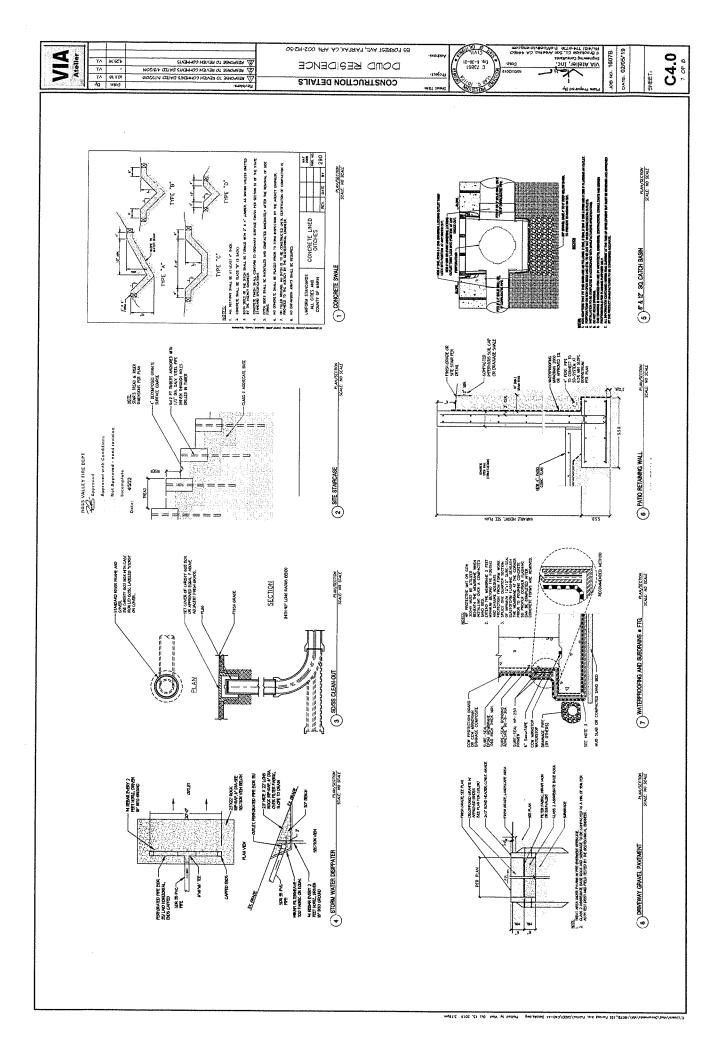


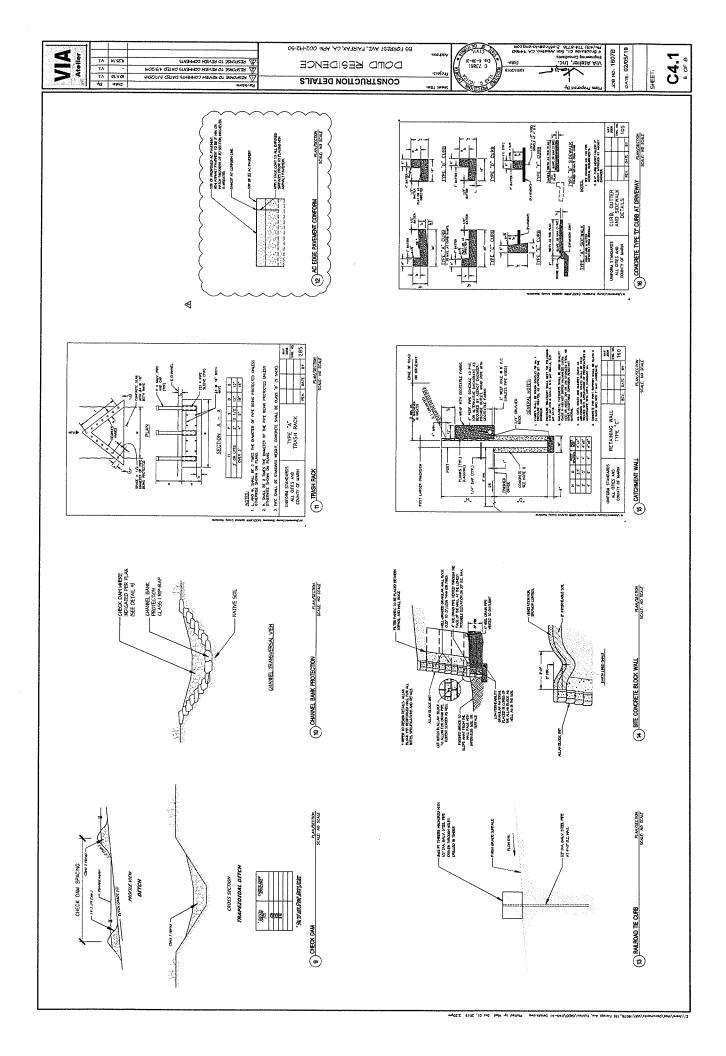














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ADDRESS: 150 Francis

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Page: 1 of 5 Date: 01/05/2017

Reviewed by: Ruben Martin

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TYPE OF REVIEW: Planning

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Applicant\*: GARY DOWD

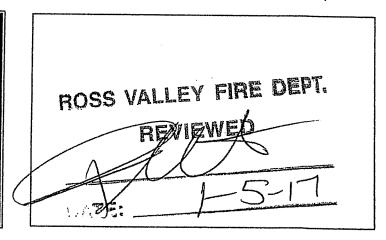
#### \*Applicant is responsible for distributing these Plan Review comments to the Design Team.

Occupancy Class: R-3	Fire Flow Req: 1000	GPM	Sprinklers Required	YES
Type of Construction: V-B	On-site Hyd. Req:	YES	Fire Alarm Required	: NO
Bldg Area: <b>2141sf</b> + <b>696sf 2</b> <sup>ND</sup> <b>Unit</b>	Fire Lane Req:	YES	Permits Required:	Sprinkler
Stories: +2	Fire Flow Test Required	: YES		VMP
Height: +ft.	Wildland Urban Interface	e: YES		

#### The project listed above has been reviewed and determined to be:

- ( ) COMPLETE (no modifications required)
- ( ) APPROVED AS NOTED (minor modifications required review attached comments)
- ( ) NOT APPROVED (revise per attached comments and resubmit)
- (X) INCOMPLETE (provide additional information per attached comments and resubmit)

NOTE: Please review the comments and make corrections and/or add notes as required. Changes and/or additions shall be clouded and referenced by date on a legend. Approval of this plan does not approve any omission or deviation from the applicable regulations. Final approval is subject to field inspection. Approved plans shall be on site and available for review at all times.



#### Inspections required:

- (X) Access/Water Supply prior to delivery of combustibles
- (X) Defensible Space/Vegetation Management Plan
- (X) Sprinkler Hydro/Final
- (X) Final



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1		The scope of work for this project consists of a conversion, expansion and remodel of an existing unpermitted 1010sf two story structure (originally illegally constructed as a detached garage with storage room on the second floor) into a 2141sf, two story, 4 bedroom, 31/2 bath, single family home with an attached 1 car garage. Project also includes the remodel of the existing single family home and conversion into a 2 <sup>nd</sup> living unit.  This project shall be designed to meet minimum 2006 Wildland Urban Interface and 2013 California Fire Codes as amended and adopted by the Town of Fairfax. Please note on the cover sheet that the project was designed to these codes in addition to other required	Made
		This project as currently designed does not meet minimum code requirements. Please review the following comments below, make necessary corrections and resubmit for review.  Submitter's Response:	
2		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of Plans Calculations.  Both structures scope of work were found to fall within the definition of a substantial remodel. The unpermitted structure shall be considered new.	
		A "Substantial Remodel" is defined as follows: The renovation of any structure, which combined with any additions to the structure, affects a floor area which exceeds fifty percent of the existing floor area of the structure. When any changes are made in the building, such as walls, columns, beams or girders, floor or ceiling joists and coverings, roof rafters, roof diaphragms, foundations, piles or retaining walls or similar components, the floor area of all rooms affected by such changes shall be included in computing floor areas for purposes of applying this definition. This definition does not apply to the replacement and upgrading of residential roof coverings.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	
3		Properties located in the Wildland Urban Interface shall be constructed using fire resistant materials. Material and methods shall meet CBC Chapter 7A & CRC Chapter 337 requirements or equivalent. Please provide details how compliance will be met.	



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		Submitter's Response:	<del> </del>
4		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of □Plans □Calculations.	
7		Current access road is not a Town of Fairfax maintained road and does not meet, and was not constructed to meet Fire Code requirements for fire apparatus access (20 feet required, 10 feet actual). Fire apparatus access to the property shall meet Wildland Urban Interface Code Section 402.2.1.	
		402.2.1. Access Individual structures hereafter constructed, substantial remodels, or relocated into or within wildland urban interface areas shall be provided with fire apparatus access in accordance with the California	
		Fire Code and driveways in accordance with Section 403.2.	
		Current driveway was constructed unpermitted and substandard.	
		403.2 Driveways. Driveways shall be provided when any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of a building is located more than 150 feet from a fire apparatus access road. Driveways shall provide a minimum unobstructed width of 16 feet and a minimum unobstructed height of 13 feet 6 inches. Driveways in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with turnarounds. Driveways in excess of 300 feet in length and less than 20 feet in width shall be provided with turnouts in addition to turnarounds. A driveway shall not serve in excess of five dwelling units. Exception: When such driveways meet the requirements for an access road in accordance with the California Fire Code.	
		Driveway turnarounds shall have inside turning radius of not less than 27 feet and outside turning radii of not less than 45 feet. Driveways that connect with a road or roads at more than one point may be considered as having a turnaround if all changes of direction meet the radii requirements for driveway turnarounds. Driveway turnouts shall be an all-weather road surface at least 10 feet wide and 30 feet long, not including the approach or departure ramps. Driveway turnouts shall be located as required by the code official. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges on driveways and private roads. Design loads for bridges shall be established by the code official.	
		Please review Ross Valley Standard 210 for specific design requirements and Standard 204 for how to properly mark the fire lane.	



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		Please provide a detailed plan showing how minimum code requirements will be met.	
		It shall be noted on the plans submitted for permit that access shall be installed and made serviceable prior to delivery of combustible materials to the site.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	
5		A fire hydrant capable of supplying 1000 GPM @ 20PSI shall be provided so that no portion of the structure is greater than 350 feet from the closest hydrant if one does not already exist. Distance shall be measured along the path of travel as a hose would lie.	
		(Closest hydrant located on Francis is approximately 420 feet to the base of the driveway, with a Flow of 365 GPM).  If a new hydrant is needed, please put a note that reads "new hydrant"	
		installation to be coordinated with Marin Municipal Water District".  It shall be noted on the plans submitted for permit that the hydrant shall be installed and made serviceable prior to delivery of combustible materials to the site.	
		Submitter's Response:	
		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of □Plans □Calculations.	
6		A fire sprinkler system shall be installed throughout both buildings which complies with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13-D and local standards. A separate deferred permit shall be required for this system. Plans and specifications for the system shall be submitted by an individual or firm licensed to design and /or design-build sprinkler systems. Shall be noted on the plans submitted for permit. Submitter's Response:	
		Correction has been completed. See Sheet of □Plans □Calculations.	
7		A Vegetation Management Plan designed in accordance with Ross Valley Fire Standard #220 is required for this project. A separate deferred permit shall be required for this plan. Please submit directly to the Fire Department for review. Shall be noted as deferred submittal	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof	



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8		All smoke detectors in the residence shall be provided with AC power and be interconnected for simultaneous alarm. Detectors shall be located in each sleeping room, outside of sleeping rooms centrally located in the corridor and over the center of all stairways with a minimum of one detector per story of the occupied portion of the residence. Shall be noted on the plans submitted for permit.	
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		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof	······································
11		A class A rated roof assembly is required for this project. Shall be noted on the plans submitted for permit.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	
12		Applicant may propose alternate materials or method in accordance with Section 103.3. All approved alternates requests and supporting documentation shall be included in the plans set submitted for final approval.	
		Submitter's Response:  Correction has been completed. See Sheetof □Plans □Calculations.	

If re-submittal is required, all conditions listed above shall be included in revised drawings.

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### TOWN OF FAIRFAX DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

142 Bolinas Road, Fairfax, California 94930 Phone (415) 453-1584 FAX (415) 453-1618

#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

From: Fairfax Planning and Building Services Department
Date: December 20, 2016
To: Town Engineer Fairfax Police Dept. Marin County Open Space Dist.
Town Attorney Sanitary Dist. 1 Other – Building Official
MMWD Public Works Dept.
X Ross Valley Fire Marin County Health Dept.
Address and Parcel No: 150 Francis Avenue/155 Forrest Avenue; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-192-50
Project Description: Conversion/expansion/remodel of an existing unpermitted, 1,010 square foot two story structure (originally illegally constructed as a garage with a storage room on the second floor) into a 2,141 square foot, two story, 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath, single-family residence with attached 1 car garage <u>accessed from Francis Avenue</u> . Project includes remodel/demolition of the existing 2 bedroom, 1 bath, single-family resident that is currently <u>accessed from Forrest Avenue</u> from an 878 square foot structure to a 696 square foot, 1 bedroom, 1 bath second residential unit.  These plans are being transmitted for review either: a) prior to public hearings on discretionary permits before the Fairfax Design Review Board and Planning Commission; or, for review prior to issuance of a building permit. Please provide your comments on the completeness and adequacy of the submittal for your agencies reviewing purposes within 10 days.
1 11/16 preliminary development plans
REMARKS  Rob and/or Rubin, These guys are trying to say that they will be accessing the large, 4 bedroom home proposed at the rear of the site from Forrest Avenue (see how they crossed the 150 Francis Avenue out on the plans), but all their parking is accessed from Francis via the illegally improved driveway. Just so you know.  Please respond by January 5th, 2016. Thanks
If you have any questions please contact: Linda Neal, Principal Planner, <a href="mailto:lneal@townoffairfax.org">lneal@townoffairfax.org</a> , (415) 453-1584

# ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT Developed by Robert Bastianon, Fire Inspector Approved by Roger Meagor, Fire Chief ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Protection Standard 204 Fire Protection Standard 204 Revision: Page: 1 of

This standard has been developed pursuant to Chapter 5, California Fire Code as adopted the Towns of San Anselmo and Fairfax. It is intended that this standard be used as a guide for installation and placement of signs and markings designated as a "Fire Lane", where required by the Fire Marshal, in order to provide adequate Fire Department vehicle access.

#### I. General

- A. "No Parking Fire Lane" signs and curb markings shall conform to the requirements specified in Option #1 or Option #2 outlined below as required by the Fire Marshal.
- B. Signs and curb markings shall be installed on any highway, at any curb, or in any location in a publicly or privately owned or operated off-street parking facility, required to be posted by the Fire Marshal, in order to provide the necessary unobstructed width and adequate turning radius of Fire Department apparatus.
- C. All signs and curb markings are to be installed and maintained by the property owner.
- D. All curbs adjoining Fire Lanes or posted areas shall be painted red and labeled "No Parking Fire Lane". Curb markings and lettering shall conform to Figure IV.
- E. Detailed plans of the proposed Fire Lane markings shall be provided to the Fire Marshal for review prior to installation.
- F. Signs and curb lettering are subject to the approval of the Fire Marshal.

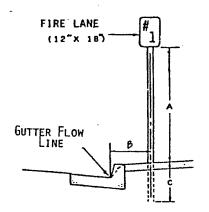
#### II. Option #1 - No Parking Signs - Figure VI - Sign #1

#### A. Location

- 1. Signs marking Fire Lanes are to be spaced so they are within 3 feet of each end of curbed areas and spaced a minimum of fifty (50) feet apart thereafter (see Figures I and II.).
- 2. In addition, 1 sign is required for each island adjacent to a Fire Lane or access road if the road width is less than 20 feet (see reference A, Figure II).
- 3. Signs are to face oncoming vehicular traffic.
- 4. All curbs adjoining Fire Lanes or posted areas shall be painted red and labeled (see Figure IV).

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#### Figure I



#### POST INSTALLATION

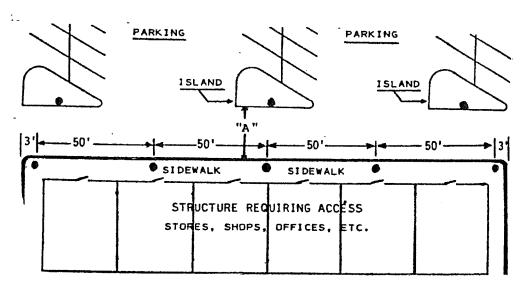
A = 7' in sidewalk or pedestrian areas

B = 18" with standard curb, 24" width rolled curb, to center of post.

C = 24" minimum embedment

Note: Signs may be mounted on existing posts or buildings, if post or building is no more than 24" from curb or edge of road surface.

#### Figure II

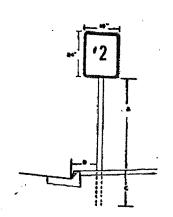


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#### III. Option #2 - Entrance Signs (see figure III, sign #2)

#### A. Sign #2 Locations

- 1. One (1) sign is required at all points of entry to properties with marked parking stalls. (see Figures III and V).
- 2. Signs are to face oncoming vehicular traffic.
- 3. All curbs adjoining fire lanes or posted areas to be painted red and labeled (see Figures IV and V).



#### Figure III

#### SIGN AND POST INSTALLATION

Sign #2

A = 7' in sidewalk or pedestrian areas

B = 18" Standard Curb 24" Rolled Curb

C = 24" minimum embedment

Note: Signs may be mounted on entrance gates, building, or existing posts if the above are within 24" of the curb or edge of road surface.

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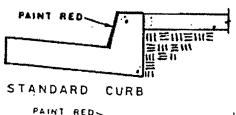
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#### Figure IV





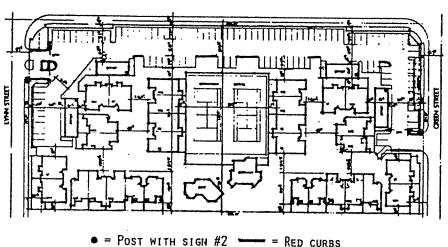
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#### CURB LETTERING

All raised curbs in "No Parking" areas shall be painted RED with acceptable red curb paint and lettered to the above standards. Lettering shall be 3" high, white and have a 34" stroke.

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Figure VI

Sign #2

Sign #1

FIRE LANE
NO
PARKING
TOW AWAY
ZONE

U.F.C. SEC. 902.2.4.1
C.V.C. 22500.1

NOTICE ALL ROADS ARE FIRE LANES

PARK IN MARKED STALLS ONLY

VIOLATING VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT VEHICLE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

> U.F.C. SEC. 902.2.4.1 C.V.C. 22500.1

Fire Lane Sign

12 X 18" Red on White Reflectorized .063 Gauge Entrance Sign

18" X 24" Red on White Reflectorized .080 Gauge

Note: Change U.F.C. SEC. 902.2.4.1. To C.F.C. SEC. 503.3 All other information on signs must appear as shown.

