

PLANNING DEPARTMENT CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Notice of Hearing on Application For Zoning Variance

CITY HALL - Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Session Begins at 9:30 A.M.

Public Hearing

Corey A. Teague, Zoning Administrator
Eva Atijera-Taylor, Recording Secretary

Notice is hereby given to the general public and to owners of the subject property and other property within 300 feet that an application for variance under the Planning Code as described below has been filed with the Zoning Administrator.

Any remaining questions concerning this application review process may be answered by the Planning Information Center at (415) 558-6377.

Variance Calendars and **Audio Recording of the Hearing** are available on the Internet at <http://www.sfplanning.org>

Accessible Meeting Policy

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Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact The Administrator by mail at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, by phone at (415) 554-7724, by fax at (415) 554-7854 or by E-mail at sotf@sfgov.org.

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Si desea asistir a la audiencia, y quisiera obtener información en Español o solicitar un aparato para asistencia auditiva, llame al 415-558-6309. Por favor llame por lo menos 48 horas de anticipación a la audiencia.

CHINESE:

歷史保護委員會議程。聽證會上如需要語言協助或要求輔助設備，請致電415-558-6309。請在聽證會舉行之前的至少48個小時提出要求。

TAGALOG:

Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa 415-558-6309. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
NOTICE OF HEARING ON
APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE**

Notice is hereby given to the general public and to owners of the subject property and other property within 300 feet that an application for variance under the Planning Code as described below has been filed with the Zoning Administrator and will be considered at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on the date, time, and place listed on the first page of this Calendar:

A. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Zoning Administrator will consider a request for continuance to a later date. He may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

To be continued to Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the regularly scheduled Variance Hearing in Room 408:

1. **2018-008250VAR** (LAURA AJELLO)
63 RICO WAY, Lot 041 in Assessor's Block 0439A in a RH-1 (Residential, House, One Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The proposal is add a third floor with a roof deck and stair penthouse to the existing two-story single-family dwelling.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of 25 feet. The proposed rear addition will encroach approximately 2 feet into the required rear yard and result in a rear yard of approximately 23 feet. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-008250VAR.pdf>.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar and are considered to be routine by the Zoning Administrator. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the public so requests, in which case the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this time or at a future hearing.

2. 2018-009355VAR (CHRISTOPHER MAY)

63 LAUSSAT STREET, Lot 012 in Assessor's Block 0858 in an RTO (Residential, Transit-Oriented) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The project proposes is to construct a new three-story, single-family dwelling of approximately 2,000 square feet within the required rear yard of the recently-subdivided 1,060 square foot lot fronting Laussat Street.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of 15 feet. The property's buildable area is also restricted by a 3-foot easement along the east side property line. The proposed structure will obstruct into the required rear yard by 5 feet, leaving a rear yard of only 10 feet. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-009355VAR.pdf>.

3. 2018-013169VAR (MONICA GIACOMUCCI)

630-632 VERMONT STREET, Lot 001I in Assessor's Block 4028 in an RH-3 (Residential-House, Three Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The proposal is to add a small deck (approximately 6 feet by 8 feet) to the existing stair structure at the third story.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of approximately 43 feet. The proposed rear deck would encroach approximately 9 feet into the required rear yard and result in a rear yard of 34 feet. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-013169VAR.pdf>.

4. 2017-006433VAR (NATALIA KWIATKOWSKA)

650 & 650A DE HARO STREET, Lot 028 in Assessor's Block 4031 in a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The proposal is to remove and reconstruct the rear walls of the existing noncomplying rear structure, and an interior remodel including the legalization of an Unauthorized Dwelling Unit per Planning Code Section 207.3.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of approximately 53 feet. The existing rear structure is located entirely within the required rear yard. Therefore, the proposed work to the rear structure

requires a variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:

<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2017-006433VAR.pdf>.

5. **2018-016493VAR** (STEPHANIE CISNEROS)

200 MADRID STREET, Lot 002 in Assessor's Block 6010 in a RH-1 (Residential-House, One Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The project proposes an addition of a two-story spiral staircase connecting the upper floors to the rear yard. The proposal also includes 2 landings at the first and second stories of the rear of the building, which measure approximately 8 feet by 3 feet in dimension, and will extend approximately 2 feet into the required rear yard. The spiral staircase will extend approximately 4 feet 6 inches into the required rear yard.

PLANNING CODE PER SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of approximately 18 feet 9 inches. The proposed staircase and landings would encroach approximately 4 feet 6 inches into the required rear yard. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:

<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-016493VAR.pdf>.

6. **2018-010781VAR** (ZINYU LIANG)

34 GLADYS STREET, Lot 007 in Assessor's Block 5712 in a RH-2 (Residential House, Two Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The project to vertically expand the gable roof and dormers, reconstruct rear decks, and perform interior alterations to the existing single-family structure, which would increase the residence by approximately 177 gross square feet and reduce the size of non-conforming rear decks.

PLANNING CODE SECTIONS 134 and 242 require the subject property to maintain a rear yard of 36 feet. The proposed deck reconstruction and the new firewall would extend into the required rear yard and result in a rear yard of only 30 feet. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:

[http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-010781VAR .pdf](http://notice.sfplanning.org/2018-010781VAR.pdf).

B. REGULAR CALENDAR

7. **2016-005596VAR** **(ELLA SAMONSKY)**
953-955 FOLSOM STREET, Lot 114 in Assessor's Block 3753 in a MUR (Mixed Use - Residential Zoning District and a 45-X 85-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD & EXPOSURE VARIANCES SOUGHT: The project proposes to demolish a single-story automotive shop and construct a six-story mixed-use building (approx. 14,000 square feet) containing 23 Single-Room-Occupancy (SRO) dwelling units and 795 square feet of ground floor commercial space. The project proposes a roof deck and 23 bicycle parking spaces, and no on-site vehicle parking.

PLANNING CODE PER SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of 25% of the total lot depth at the lowest floor containing a dwelling unit and all successive stories. The proposed building spans the through lot from Folsom to Shipley Streets with dwelling units facing both frontages. Therefore, a rear yard variance is required.

PLANNING CODE PER SECTION 140 requires all dwelling units in all districts to have at least one room with a minimum area of 120 square feet that faces directly on an open area meeting the requirements of the Planning Code. Six of the twenty-three proposed dwelling units face a courtyard open area that does not meet the requirements of Planning Code Section 140. Therefore, a variance is required.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2016-005596VAR.pdf>.

8. **2015-003953VAR** **(NANCY TRAN)**
1915 DIAMOND STREET, Lot 004 in Assessor's Block 7539 in a RH-1 (Residential House, One-Family) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

LOT AREA VARIANCE SOUGHT: The subject property is developed with two dwelling units in an existing structure fronting Diamond Street. The Project proposes to subdivide the existing through lot to construct a new single-family dwelling along Beacon Street. The existing lot measures an average 35 feet wide by 123 feet deep and will be divided into two lots - one complying and one with substandard lot area.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 121 requires each lot front on a public street or alley, that each lot have a minimum lot width of 25 feet, and a minimum lot area of 2,500 square feet. The proposed subdivision will create two lots, each with a minimum lot width of 25 feet. The Diamond Street-fronting lot will have 2,861 square feet in area while the Beacon Street lot will have only 1,461 square feet. As such, the proposal requires a variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2015-003953VAR.pdf>.

9. **2017-005404VAR** **(SEEMA ADINA)**
1765 LEAVENWORTH STREET, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0152 in a RH-3 (Residential-House, Three Dwelling) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

REAR YARD VARIANCE SOUGHT: The project proposes a one-story vertical addition, removal of the exterior rear stair fronting Vallejo Street, primary and side facade alterations, and new decks on the roof and third-story.

PLANNING CODE SECTION 134 requires the subject property to maintain a rear yard of approximately 21 feet. The proposed building would encroach entirely into the required rear yard, resulting in no rear yard. Therefore, the project requires a rear yard variance.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: The site plan and elevations of the proposed project are available on the Planning Department's website at:
<http://notice.sfplanning.org/2017-005404VAR.pdf>.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, members of the public may address the Zoning Administrator on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Zoning Administrator except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Zoning Administrator will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Zoning Administrator for up to three minutes.

The Zoning Administrator will not take action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment. In response to public comment, the Zoning Administrator may:

- (1) respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- (2) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- (3) direct staff to place the item on a future agenda.(Government Code Section 54954.2(a))

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Hearing Procedures

The **Zoning Administrator** typically holds Variance Hearings on the **4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**, at the **San Francisco City Hall, Room 408**. City Hall is located at One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. Hearings are open to the public.

At the hearing, the **Project Sponsor** (Variance Applicant) will be given 5 minutes to present their case, including relevant testimony and evidence. The hearing room is equipped with a projector that can display photographs, architectural plans or other drawings and images. **Members of the public** will be given 3 minutes each to speak on the item. If a member of the public speaks against an item, the Project Sponsor will be given a 3 minute **rebuttal**.

Persons attending a hearing may comment on any scheduled item. When speaking, please note that a **timer** is displayed for each speaker and indicates how much time remains. Speakers will hear a loud sound indicating that the speaker's opportunity to address the Zoning Administrator has ended.

Please note that some items may appear on the **Consent Calendar**. These items are considered routine and may be granted by the Zoning Administrator. There is no separate discussion of consent items unless the Zoning Administrator, member of the public or staff so requests, in which event the matter is removed from the Consent Calendar and will be moved to the Regular Calendar in the Agenda.

In addition, the Zoning Administrator may consider a request for **continuance** to a later date. He may choose to continue the item to the date proposed, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

After all of the testimonies are submitted, the Zoning Administrator will consider the evidence, deliberate, and either make a decision, take the matter under advisement, or continue the matter in order for additional information to be presented.

Each hearing ends with **general public comment**, at which time members of the public may address the Zoning Administrator for up to 3 minutes on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Zoning Administrator, except agenda items. With respect to Agenda items, your opportunity to address the Zoning Administrator will be afforded when the item is reached during the meeting.

All Agenda of Variance Hearings and its Audio Recording (from June 2010 to present) are available on our website for access.

Sound-Producing Devices Prohibited

The ringing of and use of mobile phones and other sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Zoning Administrator may order the removal of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a mobile phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (*67A.1 Sunshine Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings*).

Decision Letter and Appeal Process

No decision is final until a **Variance Decision Letter** is issued. Due to current backlogs, decision letters may take **up to 2 months** to complete from the date of the hearing. The Zoning Administrator's action to grant or deny a variance application may be appealed to the Board of Appeals within **10 days** of the date of the Decision Letter. For more information on how to file an appeal, please contact the **Board of Appeals** in person at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 304, call **(415) 575-6880**, or visit the [San Francisco Board of Appeals](#) website.

Protest of Fee or Exaction

You may protest any fee or exaction subject to Government Code Section 66000 imposed as a condition of approval in accordance with Government Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

The Zoning Administrator's approval or conditional approval of the development subject to the challenged fee or exaction as expressed in its Motion, Resolution, or Discretionary Review Action or the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision Letter will serve as Notice that the 90-day protest period under Government Code Section 66020 has begun.

Challenges

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge, in court, (1) the adoption or amendment of a general plan, (2) the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance, (3) the adoption or amendment of any regulation attached to a specific plan, (4) the adoption, amendment or modification of a development agreement, or (5) the approval of a variance, conditional-use authorization, or any permit, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CEQA Appeal Rights under Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code

If the Zoning Administrator's or Commission's action on a project constitutes the Approval Action for that project (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA determination prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. This appeal is separate from and in addition to an appeal of an action on a project. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action for a project that has received an exemption or negative declaration pursuant to CEQA. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Department's Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained on-line at <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3447>. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Privacy Policy

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