

## **RESOLUTION NO. ZA2021-018**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. NP2021-001 FOR TWO (2)-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES LOCATED AT 703 AND 703 ½ JASMINE AVENUE (PA2021-023)**

THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

#### **SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FACTS.**

1. An application was filed by 703 Jasmine LLC (Applicant), with respect to property located at 703 and 703 ½ Jasmine Avenue, and legally described as Lot 3, Block 736 Corona del Mar Tract, requesting approval of a tentative parcel map for condominium purposes.
2. The applicant requests a tentative parcel map for two (2)-unit condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is currently under construction. No waivers of Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Title 19 (Subdivisions) are proposed. The tentative parcel map would allow each unit to be sold individually.
3. The subject property is located within the Two-Unit Residential (R-2) Zoning District and the General Plan Land Use Element category is Two Unit Residential (RT).
4. The subject property is not located within the coastal zone; therefore, a coastal development permit is not required.
5. A public hearing was held online on April 15, 2021, observing restrictions due to the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19. A notice of time, place and purpose of the hearing was given in accordance with the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC). Evidence, both written and oral, was presented to, and considered by, the Zoning Administrator at this hearing.

#### **SECTION 2. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DETERMINATION.**

1. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Class 15 exemption allows the division of property in urbanized areas zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use into four (4) or fewer parcels when the division is in conformance with the General Plan and Zoning, no variances or exceptions are required, all services and access to the proposed parcels are available, the parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous two (2) years, and the parcel does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent. The Tentative Parcel Map is for condominium purposes and is consistent with all requirements of the Class 15 exemption.

### SECTION 3. REQUIRED FINDINGS.

The Zoning Administrator determined in this case that the Tentative Parcel Map is consistent with the legislative intent of NBMC Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and is approved based on the following findings per NBMC Section 19.12.070 (Required Findings for Action on Tentative Maps):

Finding:

*A. That the proposed map and the design or improvements of the subdivision are consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan, and with applicable provisions of the Subdivision Map Act and this Subdivision Code.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map is for two (2)-unit residential condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is currently under construction. The proposed subdivision and improvements are consistent with the density of the R-2 Zoning District and the RT General Plan Land Use Designation.
2. The subject property is not located within a specific plan area.
3. The project has been conditioned to require public improvements, including the reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along the Jasmine Avenue frontage and any damaged concrete alley panels consistent with NBMC Title 19.

Finding:

*B. That the site is physically suitable for the type and density of development.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The lot is physically suitable for two (2)-unit residential development because it is regular in shape. An existing duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is currently under construction.
2. The subject property is accessible from the alley and is adequately served by all existing utilities.

Finding:

*C. That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the decision making body may nevertheless approve such a subdivision if an environmental impact report was prepared for the project and a finding was made pursuant to Section 21081 of the California*

*Environmental Quality Act that specific economic, social, or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the environmental impact report.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. A duplex has been demolished and a new duplex is currently under construction.
2. The property is located in an urbanized area that does not contain any sensitive vegetation or habitat.
3. The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 (Article 19 of Chapter 3) of the CEQA Guidelines – Class 15 (Minor Land Alterations).

Finding:

*D. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements is not likely to cause serious public health problems.*

Fact in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map is for residential condominium purposes. All improvements associated with the project will comply with all Building, Public Works, and Fire Codes, which are in place to prevent serious public health problems. Public improvements will be required of the developer per NBMC Section 19.28.010 (General Improvement Requirements) and Section 66411 (Local Agencies to Regulate and Control Design of Subdivisions) of the Subdivision Map Act. All ordinances of the City and all Conditions of Approval will be complied with.

Finding:

*E. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. In this connection, the decision making body may approve a map if it finds that alternate easements, for access or for use, will be provided and that these easements will be substantially equivalent to ones previously acquired by the public. This finding shall apply only to easements of record or to easements established by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction and no authority is hereby granted to the City Council to determine that the public at large has acquired easements for access through or use of property within a subdivision.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The design of the development will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large, for access through, or use of property within the proposed development, because there are no public access easements located on the property.
2. An existing 4-foot wide easement for sewer purposes currently exists on the lot. The project has been conditioned to increase the easement to 10 feet wide. The easement will be centered on the existing sewer main running through the property.

Finding:

*F. That, subject to the detailed provisions of Section 66474.4 of the Subdivision Map Act, if the land is subject to a contract entered into pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), the resulting parcels following a subdivision of the land would not be too small to sustain their agricultural use or the subdivision will result in residential development incidental to the commercial agricultural use of the land.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The property is not subject to the Williamson Act because the subject property is not designated as an agricultural preserve and is less than 100 acres in area.
2. The property was previously developed with a residential use and is located in a Zoning District that permits residential uses.

Finding:

*G. That, in the case of a "land project" as defined in Section 11000.5 of the California Business and Professions Code: (1) there is an adopted specific plan for the area to be included within the land project; and (2) the decision making body finds that the proposed land project is consistent with the specific plan for the area.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. California Business and Professions Code Section 11000.5 has been repealed by the Legislature. However, this project site is not considered a "land project" as previously defined in Section 11000.5 of the California Business and Professions Code because the project site does not contain 50 or more parcels of land.
2. The project is not located within a specific plan area.

Finding:

*H. That solar access and passive heating and cooling design requirements have been satisfied in accordance with Sections 66473.1 and 66475.3 of the Subdivision Map Act.*

Fact in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map and any future improvements are subject to Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (the California Building Code) that requires new construction to meet minimum heating and cooling efficiency standards depending on location and climate. The Newport Beach Building Division enforces Title 24 compliance through the plan check and inspection process.

Finding:

*I. That the subdivision is consistent with Section 66412.3 of the Subdivision Map Act and Section 65584 of the California Government Code regarding the City's share of the regional housing need and that it balances the housing needs of the region against the public service needs of the City's residents and available fiscal and environmental resources.*

Fact in Support of Finding:

1. The two (2)-unit dwelling that is under construction is consistent with the intended uses of the R-2 Zoning District, which allows two (2) residential units on the property. Therefore, the Tentative Parcel Map for condominium purposes will not affect the City in meeting its regional housing need.

Finding:

*J. That the discharge of waste from the proposed subdivision into the existing sewer system will not result in a violation of existing requirements prescribed by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.*

Fact in Support of Finding:

1. The new two (2)-unit dwelling is designed so that wastewater discharge into the existing sewer system complies with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requirements.

Finding:

*K. For subdivisions lying partly or wholly within the Coastal Zone, that the subdivision conforms with the certified Local Coastal Program and, where applicable, with public access and recreation policies of Chapter Three of the Coastal Act.*

Fact in Support of Finding:

1. The subject property is not within the Coastal Zone.

SECTION 4. DECISION.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach hereby finds this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15315 under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach hereby approves Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2021-001, subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached here to and incorporated by reference.
3. This action shall become final and effective 10 days after the adoption of this Resolution unless within such time an appeal or call for review is filed with the Director of Community Development in accordance with the provisions of NBMC Title 19 Subdivisions.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.**



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Jaime Murillo  
Zoning Administrator

**EXHIBIT “A”****CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL****Planning Division**

1. The project is subject to all applicable City ordinances, policies, and standards, unless specifically waived or modified by the conditions of approval.
2. Prior to the recordation of the Parcel Map, the existing duplex shall be demolished.
3. Subsequent to the recordation of the Parcel Map, the applicant shall apply for a building permit for a description change of the subject project development from “duplex” to “condominium.” The development will not be condominiums until this permit is final.
4. The building permit for the new construction shall not be final until after recordation of the parcel map.
5. This approval shall expire and become void unless exercised within 24 months from the actual date of review authority approval, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with the provisions of Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code.
6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, applicant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its City Council, its boards and commissions, officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, losses, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, costs and expenses (including without limitation, attorney’s fees, disbursements and court costs) of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from or in any manner relate (directly or indirectly) to City’s approval of the 703 Jasmine LLC Condominiums including, but not limited to, Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2021-001 (PA2021-023). This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages awarded against the City, if any, costs of suit, attorneys’ fees, and other expenses incurred in connection with such claim, action, causes of action, suit or proceeding whether incurred by applicant, City, and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding. The applicant shall indemnify the City for all of City’s costs, attorneys’ fees, and damages, which City incurs in enforcing the indemnification provisions set forth in this condition. The applicant shall pay to the City upon demand any amount owed to the City pursuant to the indemnification requirements prescribed in this condition.

**Public Works Department**

7. A parcel map shall be recorded. The Map shall be prepared on the California coordinate system (NAD83). Prior to recordation of the Map, the surveyor/engineer preparing the Map shall submit to the County Surveyor and the City of Newport Beach a digital-graphic file of said map in a manner described in Sections 7-9-330 and 7-9-337 of the Orange County Subdivision Code and Orange County Subdivision Manual, Subarticle 18. **The**

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**Map to be submitted to the City of Newport Beach shall comply with the City's CADD Standards. Scanned images will not be accepted.**

8. Prior to recordation of the parcel map, the surveyor/engineer preparing the map shall tie the boundary of the map into the Horizontal Control System established by the County Surveyor in a manner described in Sections 7-9-330 and 7-9-337 of the Orange County Subdivision Code and Orange County Subdivision Manual, Subarticle 18. Monuments (1-inch iron pipe with tag) shall be set On Each Lot Corner unless otherwise approved by the Subdivision Engineer. Monuments shall be protected in place if installed prior to completion of construction project.
9. All improvements shall be constructed as required by Ordinance and the Public Works Department.
10. The curb, gutter and sidewalk along the Jasmine Avenue frontage and all damaged alley panels along the alley frontage, shall be reconstructed per City Standard.
11. The existing street tree along the Jasmine Avenue frontage shall be protected in place.
12. Each unit shall be served by its individual water meter and sewer lateral and cleanout. Each water meter and sewer cleanout shall be installed with a traffic-grade box and cover.
13. A 10-foot wide easement for sewer purposes shall be dedicated to the City of Newport Beach. The easement shall be centered on the existing sewer main running through the property.
14. All existing overhead utilities shall be undergrounded.
15. No above ground improvements are permitted within the 5-foot rear alley setback area.
16. New sod or low groundcovers of the type approved by the City shall be installed throughout the Jasmine Avenue parkway fronting the development site.
17. An encroachment permit is required for all work activities within the public right-of-way.
18. Any non-standard encroachments within the Jasmine Avenue public right-of-way shall be removed.
19. In case of damage done to public improvements surrounding the development site by the private construction, additional reconstruction within the public right-of-way could be required at the discretion of the Public Works Inspector.

**Building Division**

20. Independent utility services shall be provided for each unit.



21. Independent fire risers shall be required for each unit.
22. Construction shall comply with the California Code of Regulations.