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**RE: 1618 THE MIDWAY STREET  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION CASE NO. PAE 1231704**

Dear Mr. Ghivandian:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 30.44.020 (E), the Community Development Department has processed your application for an Administrative Exception to allow an existing garage to be maintained with an interior clear depth of 10 percent less than what is required for an existing two-car covered and enclosed garage in conjunction with a 484 square foot addition at the rear of the existing house, as required by Chapter 30.32.050 of the Glendale Municipal Code. The subject property is located at **1618 The Midway**, in the "R1" - (Low Density Residential) Zone, Floor Area Ratio District II and described Lots 64 and 65, Tract 5948, in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: This project is exempt from environmental review.

**REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS**

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

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

The subject property is a 5,125 square-foot lot developed in 1940 with a modest 971 square-foot, one-story single-family residence and a detached 330 square-foot single-car garage. The house is separated from the garage by 20 feet, 6 inches.

The house is centrally located on the lot, while the one-car garage is situated behind the house in the corner of the lot and has four-foot, four-inch setback from the rear property line at the alley. The proposed project will result in 484 square feet of additional floor area to the existing single-family residence. The addition will not increase the number of bedrooms; it will only result in an expansion of the living room, addition of a laundry room, bathroom, and walk-in closet at the rear of the building.

The Zoning Code requires that a one-car garage be expanded to meet the minimum parking requirement upon any addition to the existing residence. The applicant is requesting to maintain the existing garage which is 3.7 percent less than the minimum depth required to qualify as a two-car garage. The existing garage has an interior depth of 17 feet four inches where 18 feet is allowed by the Zoning Code.

The site is limited by the topography of the lot. The garage level is 2', 8" above the floor level of the rear patio and has a setback to the alley, at the rear, of four feet, four inches. Due to the elevation difference and the current location of the garage it cannot be easily modified without substantially changing the existing site conditions. To deny the addition would unduly restrict the flexibility for reasonable use and improvement of the property.

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

This proposed expansion will be located at the rear of the residence. The purpose of the addition is to make the house more functional by creating a laundry room and additional bathroom, as well as enlarging a dining area and creating new closets in two of the bedrooms. The proposed addition would not create additional bedrooms and would not intensify parking demand, and as such, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, injurious to the property, or improvements in the zone. The addition will not be visible from the street and will still allow for adequate open space, light, and ventilation for the subject residence as well as adjacent residences.

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

The proposed addition meets all other Zoning Code requirements of the "R1" Zoning Code standards, such as lot coverage, floor area ratio, landscaping, and setback distances. The purpose of the administrative exception procedure is to provide a simplified means for considering applications for minor deviations from Code standards. These standards have been developed to allow reasonable use of properties in order to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. The proposed 484 square foot addition will allow reasonable development of the site that meets all other Zoning regulations, and the existing 17 foot four-inch by 17 foot four-inch garage still serves the single family residence. Therefore, granting the 3.7 percent exception of less than the minimum garage depth will not be contrary to the objectives of the applicable regulations.

## **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

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

1. That the development shall be in substantial accord with the plans submitted with the application except for any modifications as may be required to meet specific Code standards or other conditions stipulated herein to the satisfaction of the Hearing Officer.
2. That all necessary permits shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division and all construction shall be in compliance with the Glendale Building Code and all other applicable regulations.
3. That design review approval or exemption shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit.
4. That any expansion or modification of the dwelling which is different than what is represented as part of this Administrative Exception application, shall require a new application as determined by the Hearing Officer.

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

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

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the Planning Commission if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented.

It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within **fifteen (15) days** following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Building and Safety Division upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee **prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before January 23, 2013**, in the Building and Safety Division, 633 East Broadway, Room 101.

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

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

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

**EXTENSION:** Permits granted by such right or privilege may be requested one time and extended for up to a maximum of one (1) additional year upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and demonstration that a reasonable effort to act on such right and privilege has commenced within the two (2) years of the approval date. In granting such extension the applicable review authority shall make a written finding that neighborhood conditions have not substantially changed since the granting of the administrative exception.

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

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

#### **TRANSFERABILITY**

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

#### **VIOLATIONS OF THESE CONDITIONS**

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

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

#### **REVOCATION**

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

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

The Applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner first and then, the Hearing Officer who

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acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **By Appointment Only**, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Bradley Collin during normal business hours at (818) 548-3210, between 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Kristen Asp  
Senior Planner

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cc: City Clerk; City Attorney's Dept. (G. van Muyden/M.Yun); Fire Prevention Engineering Section-(D.Nickles); Community Development Dept. (H.Malis); City Engineer; Dir. of Public Works Dept.; Water Section (R.Takidin); Electric Section (Belinda Ortiz); Dir. of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept.; Neighborhood Services Admin. (A.Jimenez); Integrated Waste Management Admin. (D.Hartwell); Maintenance Services Section Admin. (D.Hardgrove); Street and Field Services Admin.; Environmental Management (M.Oillataguerra); Traffic & Transportation Division; and case planner Brad Collin.