

MIAMI BEACH

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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LAND USE BOARD HEARING APPLICATION

The following application is submitted for review and consideration of the project described herein by the land use board selected below. A separate application must be completed for each board reviewing the proposed project.

Application Information			
FILE NUMBER DRB19-0426			
<input type="radio"/> Board of Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Variance from a provision of the Land Development Regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal of an administrative decision		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Design Review Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design review approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Variance	
<input type="radio"/> Planning Board <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional use permit <input type="checkbox"/> Lot split approval <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to the Land Development Regulations or zoning map <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or future land use map		<input type="radio"/> Historic Preservation Board <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Appropriateness for design <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Historic district/site designation <input type="checkbox"/> Variance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Property Information – Please attach Legal Description as “Exhibit A”			
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY 199 N Coconut Lane, Miami Beach, Florida 33139-5159			
FOLIO NUMBER(S) 02-4205-002-0270			
Property Owner Information			
PROPERTY OWNER NAME Alyssa C. D'Amico & Anthony J. D'Amico II			
ADDRESS 199 N Coconut Lane		CITY Miami Beach	STATE FL
ZIP CODE 33139-5159			
BUSINESS PHONE (305) 827-2661 Ext. 103	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS alyssa@majesticmirror.com	
Applicant Information (if different than owner)			
APPLICANT NAME Same			
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE
ZIP CODE			
BUSINESS PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS	
Summary of Request			
PROVIDE A BRIEF SCOPE OF REQUEST Demolition of existing pre-1942 single family residence and replacement with new two story single family residence with variances for front setback for decorative wall, unit size and lot coverage, and waiver for second floor to first floor area.			

Project Information			
Is there an existing building(s) on the site?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project include interior or exterior demolition?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Provide the total floor area of the new construction.		4059	SQ. FT.
Provide the gross floor area of the new construction (including required parking and all usable area).		4597	SQ. FT.
Party responsible for project design			
NAME Timothy DuPont		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
ADDRESS 2750 NW 3rd Ave #23		CITY Miami	STATE FL ZIPCODE 33127
BUSINESS PHONE (305) 531-8688	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS tim@bluedesigncompany.com	
Authorized Representative(s) Information (if applicable)			
NAME Michael W. Larkin, Esq.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
ADDRESS 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 850		CITY Miami	STATE FL ZIPCODE 33131
BUSINESS PHONE 305-374-5300	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS mlarkin@brzoninglaw.com	
NAME Matthew Amster, Esq.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
ADDRESS 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 850		CITY Miami	STATE FL ZIPCODE 33131
BUSINESS PHONE 305-374-5300	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS mamster@brzoninglaw.com	
NAME Emily Balter, Esq.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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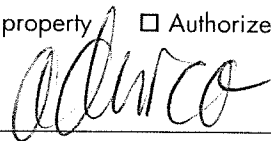
- A separate disclosure of interest form must be submitted with this application if the applicant or owner is a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or trustee.
- All applicable affidavits must be completed and the property owner must complete and sign the "Power of Attorney" portion of the affidavit if they will not be present at the hearing, or if other persons are speaking on their behalf.
- To request this material in alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice is required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and accommodation to review any document or participate in any City sponsored proceedings, call 305.604.2489 and select (1) for English or (2) for Spanish, then option 6; TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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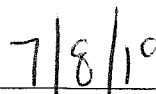
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- In accordance with the requirements of Section 2-482 of the code of the City of Miami Beach, any individual or group that will be compensated to speak or refrain from speaking in favor or against an application being presented before any of the City's land use boards, shall fully disclose, prior to the public hearing, that they have been, or will be compensated. Such parties include: architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors, or other persons responsible for project design, as well as authorized representatives attorneys or agents and contact persons who are representing or appearing on behalf of a third party; such individuals must register with the City Clerk prior to the hearing.
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Alyssa C. D'Amico

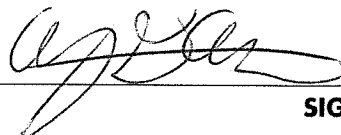
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Anthony J. D'Amico II

PRINT NAME

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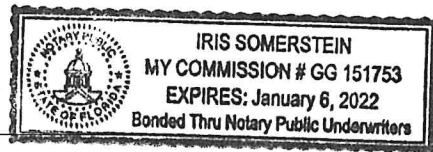
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of July, 2019. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by Alyssa C. D'Amico, who has produced personally known as identification and/or is personally known to me and who did/did not take an oath.

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My Commission Expires: _____

SIGNATUREAlyssa C. D'AmicoIris Somerstein**NOTARY PUBLIC**Iris Somerstein**PRINT NAME****ALTERNATE OWNER AFFIDAVIT FOR CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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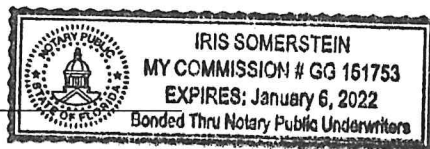
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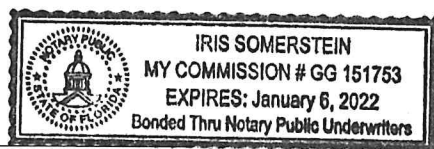
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If the applicant is not the owner of the property, but the applicant is a party to a contract to purchase the property, whether or not such contract is contingent on this application, the applicant shall list the names of the contract purchasers below, including any and all principal officers, stockholders, beneficiaries or partners. If any of the contact purchasers are corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts, or other corporate entities, the applicant shall further disclose the identity of the individuals(s) (natural persons) having the ultimate ownership interest in the entity. If any contingency clause or contract terms involve additional individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts, or other corporate entities, list all individuals and/or corporate entities.

N/A**NAME****DATE OF CONTRACT**

NAME, ADDRESS AND OFFICE

% OF STOCK

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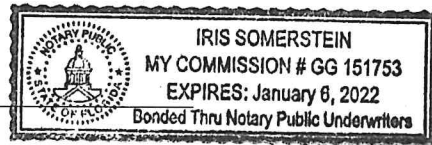
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TRUSTEE

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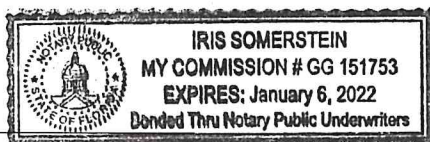
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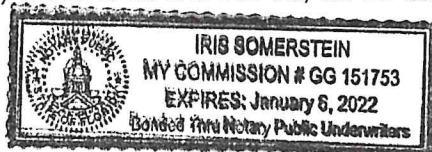
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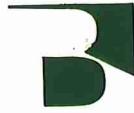


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Exhibit A

Legal Description

Lot 31 and a 20-foot strip adjacent thereto, Block 2A, RIVIERA FIRST AND SECOND ADDITIONS, as AMENDED, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 37, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.



BERCOW RADELL FERNANDEZ & LARKIN

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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL & HAND DELIVERY

November 12, 2019

James G. Murphy, Chief of Urban Design
Planning Department
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Re: DRB19-0426 - Design Review, Waiver and Variance Approvals for the Property
Located at 199 N. Coconut Lane, Miami Beach, Florida - REVISED SUBMITTAL

Dear James:

This law firm represents Alyssa C. and Anthony J. II D'Amico, (the "Applicants"), the owners of the property located at 199 N. Coconut Lane, Miami Beach (the "Property"). The Property is the subject of Design Review Board ("DRB") application number DRB19-0426 for the design of a new single-family home on the Property, including waiver and variance requests. Please allow this letter to serve as a supplemental letter of intent in connection with the DRB application.

November DRB Meeting. At the November 5, 2019 meeting, the DRB expressed general concerns with the overall size of the proposed home and architectural details of the side elevations. The DRB recognized the extensive neighbor outreach and support, and understood the practical difficulty to design on this narrow lot at a T-shaped intersection without any access control.

To address the DRB's suggestions, the Applicants have purposefully redesigned the garages, entryway, and side elevations. These changes eliminate the front setback and unit size Variance requests all together. The changes also increase the side yard setbacks and incorporate more architectural articulations and variety of materials on the side elevations. Overall, the Applicants have significantly reduced the size of the home and removed two of the requests, both variances. The home is now more compatible with the neighborhood and more effectively addresses the intent and goals of the City's Land Development regulations.

Modified Plans for Revised Submittal. In order to reduce the overall size of the home and massing, the plans reflect the following changes:

- a. Lot coverage decreases from 35.5% to 31.4%.
- b. Unit size decreases from 54.1% to 49.9%, eliminating the Variance request.
- c. The percentage of second floor volume slightly increases from 80.1% (82% as per staff report) to 89.7% due to the reduced lot coverage.
- d. The two garages and two driveways are combined, and the front entrance is now located on the east side of the front of the lot.
- e. Setbacks at ground level and at second floor increase.
 - i. The east and west side setbacks increase from 7'-6" to 8'-0"; therefore, the sum of the side yards increases from 15' to 16'-0", providing a greater sensitivity to the neighbors.
 - ii. The front setback increases from 24' to 30', eliminating a front setback variance request. The front entrance decorative red wall is now at 30' and the garage, which is the first enclosed area, has been pushed back to 33' from the front property line.
 - iii. Relocating the entrance to the east side of the front of the Property and eliminating the second floor front terraces, significantly reduces the massing and adds variation to the side yard elevations.
 - iv. The roof deck remains centrally located on the home and is slightly smaller in size.
 - v. To eliminate the Variance request for the front setback, the rear setback only reduces from 45'-4" to 44'-6", which is well above the minimum required rear setback of 23'. Leaving the views of the neighboring properties unobstructed.
- f. Adding significant articulations on both east and west side elevations, and reducing the size of the second floor. The elevations have more significant and interesting cut outs that break the massing and minimize impact on the side neighbors.
 - i. On the east, the front entrance is recessed with a floating, cantilevered bedroom above. The front terrace at second floor is removed. This pushes the side elevation back on the Property. While pushed back from the front, the red decorative feature wall maintains its presence and

flanks the open front porch of the home, which is open to the east. Offset cut outs at the ground level and second floor, as well as the exchange between the stacked stone and the stained wood elements add further character to the east elevation.

- ii. On the west side, the air conditioning equipment at the ground level is now open for the 2-story volume, and the front terrace at second floor has been removed softening the side elevation. Special elements, such as the spiral staircase and stacked stone wall, are also visible from the west elevation, and the stained wood elements are continued to the second floor.

The Applicants appreciate the DRB's feedback and reconfigured the garages and eliminated the front terraces to decrease the massing of the home. The reconfiguration also allowed the Applicants to play-up the use of materials and add variety to the side elevations. The described modifications resulted in the elimination of two Variance requests and modification of the Waiver requests.

Waiver Requests. The Applicants respectfully request DRB approval of the following waivers:

1. Code Section 142-105(b)(4)(c), to permit 89.7% second floor volume where 70% maximum is permissible.

The proportion of the second floor volume has slightly increased because the overall lot coverage has decreased. The Applicants have increased the front setbacks at ground and second levels and eliminated the second floor terraces at the front, all of which reduce the massing of the second floor. Notably, three nearby homes have second floor volumes of approximately 94% - 99%, which are greater than that proposed by the Applicants.

2. Code Section 142-106(2)(d), to permit a second story side elevation of approximately 64' on the west side of the Property when 60' is the maximum allowed.

The revised design reduces the 2-story side elevation by 2'-11," and the red spiral stair remains open to the air without any columns on the north side. Adding to the architectural articulations of the elevations, the area of the air conditioning equipment located within the side elevation, has been made open for the 2-story elevation, which effectively provides for a noticeable break in the elevation. While not fully compliant with the requirements for a full courtyard, this satisfies the intent of the Code to reduce the scale and

massing of the 2-story elevation, and if not for the red spiral staircase, would not be required. The red stair also adds color and interest and itself is inset offering further articulation.

Variance Requests. Based on the revisions, the Applicants withdrawn the requests for unit size and front setback, and respectfully request DRB approval of the following variance:

1. A variance of Section 142-105(b)(1) to permit lot coverage of 31.4% where a maximum of 30% is allowed.

The revised design reduces lot coverage from 35.5% to 31.4%, a significant decrease of 4.1%. The reduced lot coverage results in smaller unit size, which is now compliant, and greater front and side setbacks. This overall reduction provides a much more sensitive home, but still addresses the practical difficulty to place the house on a narrow property at the T-intersection of N. Coconut Lane. Notably, the narrowness of the lot prohibits turning the garage entry away from the street and as such the Applicants cannot utilize the credit the garage space. If the Property could permit such a garage, the credit would reduce lot coverage to under 30% and the variance would not be necessary.

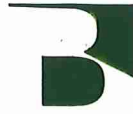
Conclusion. Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request approval of the design as revised, including waivers, and approval of the one remaining Variance to exceed the permitted lot coverage. We look forward to your favorable review of the application. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 305-377-6236.

Sincerely,



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Re: DRB19-0426 - Design Review, Waiver and Variance Approvals for the Property
Located at 199 N. Coconut Lane, Miami Beach, Florida

Dear James:

This law firm represents Alyssa C. and Anthony J. II D'Amico, (the "Applicants"), the owners of the above-reference property (the "Property"). Please allow this letter to serve as the required letter of intent in connection with a request to the Design Review Board ("DRB") for design review, waivers and variances for a single-family home on the Property.

The Property. The Property is a very narrow, 50 foot wide, waterfront lot located at the top of North Coconut Lane's eastern curve comprised of approximately 7,650 square feet. The Property is in the RS-4, Single Family Residential Zoning District and is identified by Miami-Dade County Folio No. 02-4205-002-0270. The Property is currently developed with a 1-story single-family residence built in 1936.

The area contains a mix of 1- and 2-story single-family homes. Abutting to the east of the Property is a private roadway/easement providing access to the neighboring single-family residences at 195 and 191 N. Coconut Lane. This effectively means that the narrow Property fronts on a T-intersection. When observed from the eastern intersection of Palm Avenue and N. Coconut Lane, the Property is bookended by two large, similarly-sized 2-story single-family residences at 199 and 201 Palm Avenue.

Description of the Proposed Development. The Applicants, who have been long-standing residents of Miami Beach, propose replacing the existing 1-story residence with

a thoughtfully designed 2-story residence of approximately 4,143 square feet that can accommodate the Applicants' growing family. To ensure that the residence is centrally located on the lot, the proposed home includes larger setbacks than required in the rear and at both the front and rear at the second level.

The proposed home contains two garages framing the central, open air entrance way to a recessed front door. A prominent but slender 1-story red decorative wall projects out from front façade, defining the front entrance and breaking up the 2-story volume at the front. In addition to the wall, the design incorporates shifting architectural planes and uses several materials to create interesting architectural features and movement, including projecting framing elements, an open corridor to the home's entrance, glass-lined terraces, Resysta wood, smooth concrete slabs, and stacked stone. These architectural features, which are central to the design, complement the more recent redevelopments in the neighborhood and make the home aesthetically pleasing to significantly reduce the appearance of the home's scale and massing.

The proposed home complies with the City of Miami Beach Code (the "Code") requirements for rear and side setbacks and height. Specifically, the garages are located at the required front setback, but the second floor is further setback 10'-9" and the rear setback, at 45'-4" at ground level and 52'-3" at the second level, is at or over twice the required amount of 23'. As a result, the home's central location is sensitive to the neighbors' privacy. In addition, dense landscaping will be placed along the perimeter of the Property, especially the rear of the home where the pool area is to further protect the neighbors' privacy.

Due to the extreme narrowness of the lot, minor waivers and limited variances that do not contradict the intent of the Code are needed to implement a thoughtful design that fully realizes the Property's development potential without adversely impacting the neighborhood.

Waiver Requests. The Applicants respectfully request DRB approval of the following waivers:

1. Code Section 142-105(b)(4)(c), to permit 80.7% second floor volume where 70% maximum is permissible.

The proposed home will only have a modest increase over the preferred 2-story volume amount. The intent of the second floor volume requirement is to reduce the overall scale and massing of the home, and the Applicants have very effectively addressed this in the design.

The second floor is substantially setback farther at the front 40'-9" when only 30' are required, and at the rear 52'-3" when only 23' feet are required. These liberal setbacks significantly reduce the scale and massing of the home and centrally locate the home to protect the neighbors' privacy. The numerous architectural articulations offered, such as the front red wall, projecting framing elements and variety of materials, will also reduce the impact of the size of the second story portion. Therefore, the entire design significantly reduces the size of the home and compliments the character of the neighborhood. The intent of the Code will be accomplished in the proposed design.

2. Code Section 142-106(2)(d), to permit a second story side elevation of 66'-11" on the west side of the Property when 60' is the maximum allowed.

The proposed home incorporates many interesting architectural features in a conscious effort to reduce the home's scale and massing while realizing a design that is aesthetically pleasing. One of these features is a red spiral staircase located at the rear of the home on the west side of the second floor providing open air access to the roof deck. The terrace on which the staircase sits is 6'-11" long and, with the exception of the staircase and a glass railing, it is an open area. Not counting this open area, the enclosed 2-story portion on the west elevation is 60' long, which otherwise complies with the Code, and is the condition for the east elevation that does not require a waiver. The openness significantly reduces the proposed home's scale and massing. Accordingly, a minimal waiver is needed to permit the second story western side elevation to be 66'-11" long.

Variance Requests. The Applicants respectfully request DRB approval of the following variances:

1. A variance of Section 142-105(b)(1) to permit lot coverage of 35.5% where a maximum of 30% is allowed ("Variance 1");
2. A variance of Section 142-105(b)(1) to permit a unit size of 54.1% where a maximum of 50% is allowed ("Variance 2");
3. A variance of Section 142-106(1)(b), to permit a front setback of 24'-0" for the red wall where a minimum of 30'-0" is required ("Variance 3").

Satisfaction of Hardship Criteria. The Applicants' requests satisfy all of the hardship criteria as follows:

- (1) **Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district;**

Variances 1 and 2: The Property is located on a constricted 50 foot wide lot at the crest of the curve of N. Coconut Lane. The narrowness of the lot makes safely maneuvering and parking the family vehicles on the Property difficult and constructing garages perpendicular to the street impractical. Accordingly, to ensure safety, the narrowness of the lot forces the Applicants to build garages facing the right of way. Because the Applicants are forced by the lot's narrowness to build garages facing right of way, they cannot utilize the 500 square foot reduction in lot coverage calculation for garages. If the deduction was applied the proposed design would have a lot coverage of 29.0% which is below the 30% maximum. For similar reasons, a slight variance in unit size to permit an additional 4.1% (only 318 square feet) is needed. The proposed design makes a conscious effort to develop the narrow lot in a way that is both respectful of the adjacent homeowners' privacy and an adequate realization of this lot's potential.

Variance 3: The proposed design strives to incorporate interesting architectural features that complement the recent redevelopments in the neighborhood, make the residence aesthetically pleasing, and reduce the scale and massing of the home. One of the many architectural features is a beautifully-designed 1-story tall red decorative wall that divides the western garage from the front entrance. The warm color and delicate lighting play with the dark wood trimmings and smooth concrete slabs present in the façade. This decorative wall, which is modest in width, minimally encroaches on the front setback, making the front setback 24'-0". Notably, the decorative wall would be allowed if the proposed design was a 1-story home, and at 6' in length, although not an allowed projection, meets the maximum projection that would be permitted in a 30' front yard.

The design compensates for this slight intrusion by providing larger than required setbacks at the second floor, 40'-9" at the front more than double the minimum requirement at the rear. Additionally, the design complies with side setbacks and height requirements to ensure that the residence is centrally-located and moderate in size.

(2) The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant;

The Property's very narrow width located at the crest of the curve of N. Coconut Lane is an existing condition and did not result from the action of the Applicants.

(3) Granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by these land development regulations to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district;

Variance 1 and 2: The Applicants will not derive any special privilege from the approval of these variances. In fact, some of the surrounding residences have a unit size above the 50% maximum. The residences directly to the southwest and southeast of the Property have a unit size of 55% and 53% respectively. Another residence two lots to the southwest of the Property has an approximately 76% unit size. Granting the Applicants modest request of 54.1% when 50% is allowed will enable the Applicant to construct the proposed structure which enhances the overall look of the neighborhood with its unique architectural features without adverse impacts.

Variance 3: Similarly the Applicants will not derive any special privilege from a 6' variance in the front setback which only physically pertains to the slender width of the decorative wall, which does not enclose any space in the front, or have any second floor or covering above. The Code allows other similarly situated property owners to seek similar variances that allow for the construction of these features. The purpose and intent of the Code is to ensure homes are modest in size and do not intrude on the neighbors. Here, granting a variance so that at the decorative wall the setback can be 24'-0" while the main structure remains at the required 30'-0" at the first level is consistent with the intent of the Code and does not confer any special privilege on the Applicant.

(4) Literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of these land development regulations and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant;

A literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would force the Applicants to construct garages that create a safety issue and also to forego interesting architectural features that are a central part of the proposed design and make this home unique and compatible with the neighborhood. As a result, the Code would deprive the Applicant of the right to build what is enjoyed by other properties. Further, a literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would work an unnecessary and undue hardship on the Applicant. The variances are requested in order to effectuate the development of the proposed structure with certain integral design elements, while still maintaining the intent of the Code because overall, the new

home minimizes the scale and massing from impacting the abutting neighbors by centralizing the home with liberal front and rear setbacks.

(5) The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure;

Variances 1 and 2: The slight increase in lot coverage and unit size are the minimum variance that will make reasonable use of the lot and are no greater than those of other nearby homes. The narrowness of the lot forces a design with garages facing the right-of-way, which disqualifies Applicants from a 500 square foot discount when calculating lot coverage. The proposed variances are modest and any less would force the Applicants to forego architectural features that are a central part of the design and effectively reduce the scale and massing.

Variance 3: Allowing the front setback to be 24'-0" for a 1-story wall is the minimum variance that will make reasonable use of the front yard. The wall does not intrude on the uses and openness of the front yard. To the contrary, its design complies with the intent of the Code to reduce the scale and massing of the 2-story home, and from some views helps to screen the street facing garages that cannot be avoided on this narrow lot. This beautifully-designed red textured stucco decorative wall that divides the western garage from the front entrance readily distracts the eye. The slight encroachment into the front setback at the decorative wall is the minimum variance that will make reasonable use of the proposed building and produce the intended effect.

(6) The granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of these land development regulations and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare; and

The residence will be in harmony with the surrounding properties, many of which have a lot coverage and unit size above the maximum and unique architectural features. The residence aims to further the intent and purpose of the land development regulations. The home will be centrally-located and the architectural design reduces the scale and massing, and is sensitive to the neighbors' privacy.

(7) The granting of this request is consistent with the comprehensive plan and does not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan. The planning and zoning director may require applicants to submit documentation to support this requirement prior to the scheduling of

a public hearing or any time prior to the board of adjustment voting on the applicant's request.

The variance requests are consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and do not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan.

Practical Difficulty. The constrictive 50-foot wide waterfront lot represents a practical difficulty inhibiting the Applicant from meeting all Code requirements. The Applicants could not safely maneuver their family vehicles into parking spaces that are perpendicular to the right of way. Accordingly, they were forced to design their garages facing the right-of-way and cannot take advantage of the 500 square feet lot coverage discount. However, the design compensates for the minor inconsistencies with the Code by providing liberal front and rear setbacks that increase significantly at the second floor. This centrally locates the residence and respects the neighbors' privacy. Additionally, the design contains multiple architectural features that are aesthetically pleasing and minimize the impact of the building's scale and massing. The Applicants' proposal satisfies the intent and purposes of the Code to provide a modestly-sized home centrally located on the lot that does not adversely impact the neighborhood. The slight encroachments are minimal and necessary in light of the practical difficulties created by the nature of the lot's narrowness.

Sea Level Rise and Resiliency Criteria. The proposed project advances the sea level rise and resiliency criteria in Section 133-50(a) as follows:

(1) A recycling or salvage plan for partial or total demolition shall be provided.

The Applicants will provide a recycling or salvage plan during permitting.

(2) Windows that are proposed to be replaced shall be hurricane proof impact windows.

The proposed structure will have hurricane impact windows throughout the residence.

(3) Where feasible and appropriate, passive cooling systems, such as operable windows, shall be provided.

The proposed structure includes passive cooling systems such as operable windows and sliding doors.

(4) Resilient landscaping (salt tolerant, highly water-absorbent, native or Florida friendly plants) shall be provided, in accordance with Chapter 126 of the City Code.

The Applicants have worked with a landscape architect to provide landscaping that is appropriate for the Property, with plant species that are native and Florida-friendly. The proposed plantings are appropriate for the area and are salt tolerant species.

(5) The project applicant shall consider the adopted sea level rise projections in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan, as may be revised from time-to-time by the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. The applicant shall also specifically study the land elevation of the subject property and the elevation of surrounding properties.

The Applicants propose the new structure to have a finished floor elevation at 10' NGVD, one foot above the Base Floor Elevation (BFE).

(6) The ground floor, driveways, and garage ramping for new construction shall be adaptable to the raising of public rights-of-ways and adjacent land and shall provide sufficient height and space to ensure that the entry ways and exits can be modified to accommodate a higher street height up to three (3) additional feet in height.

The Applicants propose the new structure to have a finished floor elevation at 10' NGVD with the garage at adjusted grade of 6.83'. The interior of the garage is approximately 12' and can accommodate raising if needed. Further, the driveway at 30' long can also accommodate appropriate ramping from the street to the garages and entrance to the home so that the project will be compatible to future raising of public right-of-ways and adjacent land.

(7) As applicable to all new construction, all critical mechanical and electrical systems shall be located above base flood elevation. All redevelopment projects shall, whenever practicable and economically reasonable, include the relocation of all critical mechanical and electrical systems to a location above base flood elevation.

All critical mechanical and electrical systems will be located above the BFE.

(8) Existing buildings shall, wherever reasonably feasible and economically appropriate, be elevated up to base flood elevation, plus City of Miami Beach Freeboard.

The Applicants propose a new replacement home at BFE + 1' of City of Miami Beach Freeboard.

(9) When habitable space is located below the base flood elevation plus City of Miami Beach Freeboard, wet or dry flood proofing systems will be provided in accordance with Chapter of 54 of the City Code.

No habitable space will be located below BFE.

(10) As applicable to all new construction, stormwater retention systems shall be provided.

The Applicants have engaged the services of an engineer to analyze and provide an appropriate drainage plan for the Property. Accordingly, a stormwater retention system will be implemented.

(11) Cool pavement material or porous pavement materials shall be utilized.

The Applicants propose a porous wood pool deck and a pervious "Hydro Pavers" driveway.

(12) The design of each project shall minimize the potential for heat island effects on-site.

The Applicants propose cool pavement, a light-colored roof and extensive landscaping that will minimize the potential for heat island effects.

Conclusion. Granting this design review application and associated waivers and variances will permit the development of a beautifully-designed modern single-family home that meets the intent and purposes of the Code and is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. We look forward to your favorable review of the application. Please call me at 305-377-6236 with any questions or comments.

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