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February 24, 2009

VIA MESSENGER

Chris Kerr Senior Planner City of West Linn Planning and Building Department Suite 1000 22500 Salamo Road West Linn, OR 97068

Re: Parker Crest Subdivision, Lot 17; Application for Class I Variance

Dear Chris:

This office represents D.R. Horton, Inc.-Portland with regard to the above-referenced application. Enclosed with this letter is an application for a Class I Variance to the non-garage front yard setback standard for Lot 17 of the Parker Crest Subdivision located at 4300 Parker Road pursuant to City of West Linn Development Code 75.000. Enclosed with this letter are the following documents:

- A City of West Linn development review application form signed by the owner and applicant.
- An application narrative addressing the applicable approval criteria with exhibits.
- A check made payable to the City of West Linn in the amount of \$825.00 as the applicable application fee.
- Three (3) copies of the variance application.
- One (1) CD of the variance application.

I am the applicant's representative. Please provide me with copies of all correspondence to and from the City regarding this application and the completeness determination letter.

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My client would very much appreciate learning of completeness as soon as your schedule allows. If the completeness review determines that additional information is required, please notify me at once and I will provide it to you as quickly as I can.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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Michael C. Robinson

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BEFORE THE CITY OF WEST LINN PLANNING COMMISSION

In the Matter of an Application for a Class I Variance by D.R. Horton, Inc.-Portland to Allow a Variance to the Front Yard Setback in the Parker Crest Subdivision Located in the R-7 Zoning District) NARRATIVE ADDRESSING
) APPLICABLE APPROVAL
) CRITERIA IN WEST LINN
) COMMUNITY
) DEVELOPMENT CODE
) ("CDC") SECTION 75.060

I. INTRODUCTION

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This application requests approval of the following variance in the R-7 Zoning District:

 A variance to allow an 18-foot 10-inch (18' 10") front yard setback where 20 feet is required for the living area (non-garage) portion of the dwelling. (Exhibit 1.) This variance request applies to Lot 17 of the subdivision. (Exhibit 2.)

West Linn Community Development Code (the "CDC") Section 75.020(B)(2) authorizes a Class I variance where the applicant requests no more than a 2 foot front yard setback reduction and a 3 foot rear yard setback reduction. This application is subject to a Class I variance since the requested setback reduction is less than two feet (2'). This variance is decided by the Planning Director. CDC Section 75.030(A).

The need for this variance was not intentional, but rather, was the result of a misunderstanding by D.R. Horton, Inc.–Portland as to the redlined comments received from the City on Lot 17's approved site plan. D.R. Horton, Inc.–Portland had previously submitted a Hub and Tack Certification for the affected lot showing the front yard setback dimension and had received foundation and footing permit approval from the City, leading D.R. Horton, Inc.–Portland to conclude that it had met the front yard setback standard.

A pre-submittal neighborhood meeting is not required for this application. CDC Section 99.038.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The Parker Crest Subdivision (the "subdivision") is located at 4300 Parker Road and identified on Assessor's Map 2-1E-36 as Tax Lot 100. The West Linn Planning Commission approved the tentative plat for the subdivision on March 23, 2006. No party appealed the Planning Commission's approval of the tentative subdivision plat.

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The subdivision slopes up to the eastern boundary. A natural drainageway bisects the property from north to south. The subdivision is located on 8.2-acres and contains 31 lots. The zoning is R-7 with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet. Lots range in size from 7,009 to 9,813 square feet.

The internal street curves north from Beacon Hill Drive and wind its way through the site before eventually exiting the site westwards into Maxfield Subdivision. Also, a street stub out extends southwards to provide a future link to the undeveloped land to the south. There is no direct vehicular access from the subdivision to Parker Road or Lancaster Street. Pedestrian and bicycle access to Parker Road/Lancaster are provided. The applicant requests a variance to the front yard setback of less than two feet (2') for one (1) interior-facing lot.

The benefit of approving the variance is two-fold. First, the garage setback will remain at twenty feet (20'), allowing appropriate off-street parking in the garage driveway. Second, the variance will allow greater articulation on the home's front facades, thus providing more street-side interest.

This application contains the site plans and map required by CDC Section 75.070(A)(B).

III. DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED VARIANCES

This application requests a variance to the required front yard setback on one lot in the subdivision. This application proposes that Lot 17 be allowed to have an 18-foot 10-inch (18' 10") front yard non-garage setback instead of twenty feet (20'). The variance is justified by the circumstances of approval and the lot's location within the subdivision.

1. Lot 17.

The application requests a variance to allow an 18-foot 10-inch (18' 10") front yard setback where twenty feet (20') is required for the living area (non-garage) portion of the dwelling on Lot 17. Lot 17 is an internal-facing lot that fronts a planter strip and sidewalk along a curved portion of the local road. By reducing the non-garage front yard setback, the lot will have a large useable rear yard without affecting adjacent properties because the cumulative amount of setbacks around the dwelling exceeds the minimum standards. In addition, the lot coverage and FAR standards are still met.

IV. APPLICABLE APPROVAL CRITERIA

The approval criteria for variances are contained in CDC Section 75.060. CDC Section 75.060 requires that the Planning Commission approve the variance if the criteria

are met. The Planning Commission may impose appropriate conditions of approval to ensure compliance with the approval criteria.

The approval criteria and the applicant's responses are shown below.

1. CDC 75.060(1): "Exceptional or extraordinary circumstances apply to the property, which do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity, and result from lot size or shape, legally existing prior to the date of this ordinance, topography, or other circumstances for which the applicant has no control."

RESPONSE: The exceptional or extraordinary circumstances that apply to this property that are not generally applicable to other properties in the R-7 zoning district or in the vicinity of this site are the shape and characteristics of the affected lot, the location of the lot within the subdivision, and the building permit approval.

As shown on **Exhibit 1**, Lot 17 is an interior-facing lot that does not front any major public roadway. Moreover, as shown on **Exhibit 2**, the dwelling exceeds the required twenty feet (20') front yard setback when measured from the street because it is adjacent to a planter strip and sidewalk. Visually, the dwelling does not appear to encroach heavily into the front yard due to the curve of the street and because the dwelling is appropriately sized for the lot. The lot allows enough room to have exceeded the required amount of rear yard setback; therefore, the design results in more than the equivalent amount of setback area around the dwelling as a whole.

The need for the variance was not intentional as all other 29 lots in the subdivision meet all dimensional standards. The exceptional circumstances regarding this property include the fact that the City's building officials appeared to have approved the current front yard setback for Lot 17. As shown on **Exhibit 3**, the Hub and Tack Certification for Lot 17 clearly shows the front yard setback and was sent to and received by Jim Clark at the City prior to the foundation inspection, which was approved. **Exhibit 4** shows that the foundation and footing permit for Lot 17 was approved by the City.

The Planning Commission can find that these are exceptional circumstances not generally applicable to the R-7 zone in this vicinity

2. CDC 75.060(2): "The variance is necessary for the preservation of a property right of the applicant, which is substantially the same as a right possessed by owners of other property in the same zone or vicinity."

RESPONSE: The relevant property right is the right to enjoy single-family dwellings with appropriately sized and useable front, side and rear yards. Without the

requested variance, the single-family dwelling on the requested lot will have to be razed or moved at a prohibitive cost. This is a right possessed by owners of other property in the R-7 zone.

3. CDC 75.060(3): "The authorization of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the purposes and standards of this Code, will not be inconsistent with all other regulatory requirements, and will not conflict with the goals and policies of the West Linn Comprehensive Plan."

RESPONSE: The variance will not be materially detrimental to the purpose and standards of this code. The purpose and standards for the R-7 zoning district are shown in CDC 12.010. The purpose statement for the R-7 zoning district is as follows: "The purpose of this zone is to provide for urban development at levels which relate to the site development limitations, the proximity to commercial development, and to public facilities and public transportation. This zone is intended to implement the policies and locational criteria set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. "

The variance is not detrimental for the purpose of the R-7 zoning district. In fact, because the purpose statement calls for this zone to accommodate urban development at levels which relate to the site development limitations, the variance is appropriate. The variance is based upon four fundamental justifications:

- the lot is an interior-facing lot which does not face a major public roadway;
- the lot fronts along a planter strip and sidewalk which are not calculated in the front yard setback calculation;
- the dwelling is appropriately sized for the lot and contains a cumulative amount of setback area that exceeds the required standards; and.
- a non-garage front yard setback variance will allow off-street driveway parking while providing for more variety in the home's articulation.

The variance is related to the site development limitations for this site.

The variance will not conflict with the policies and goals of the West Linn Comprehensive Plan. The relevant Comprehensive Plan Policy is Goal 10, Housing, Policy 5 providing as follows: "Allow for flexibility in lot design, size, and building placement to promote housing variety and protect natural resources."

This policy recognizes that the City should allow flexibility in building placement location. In this case, this policy is fulfilled by flexibility in the non-garage front yard

setback to allow a variance for an interior-facing dwelling that fronts along a planter strip and sidewalk. The appropriately sized dwelling along a curved street, which requires a front yard setback variance, also fulfill this policy by allowing housing variety and design without encroaching on adjacent properties.

The Planning Commission can find that the relevant Comprehensive Plan policy is satisfied.

4. CDC 75.060(4): "The variance request is the minimum variance, which would alleviate the exceptional and extraordinary circumstance."

RESPONSE: The requested variance is the minimum variances necessary to adjust the dwelling's location in order to account for the frontage along the planter strip and sidewalk and to provide useable front, side and rear yards on the lot.

To mitigate any affect from the requested variance, the applicant would agree to increase the amount of front yard landscaping and to exceed the required front yard setback on new lots in the subdivision.

5. CDC 75.060(5): "The exceptional or extraordinary circumstance does not arise from a violation of this ordinance."

RESPONSE: No violation of the ordinance justifies this variance.

6. CDC 75.060(6): "The variance will not impose physical limitations on other properties or use in the area, and will not impose physical limitations on future use of neighboring, vacant or undeveloped properties as authorized by the underlying zoning classification."

RESPONSE: The variance will have no impact on other properties or uses in the area, nor will it impose limitations on adjacent vacant or undeveloped properties. The adjacent uses are single-family homes. Because the variance is for a front yard setback on an interior lot that fronts a planter strip, sidewalk and curved street, the variance will not reduce the setback adjacent to neighboring properties.

V. CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully requests that the Planning Commission approve the variance with any reasonable conditions of approval.

EXHIBITS

- 1. Tentative Subdivision Plat.
- 2. Approved Site plan for Lot 17.
- 3. Hub and Tack Certification and email to City.
- 4. Foundation/Footings Approval.





VICINITY MAP

APPLICANT

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GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

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SITE INFORMATION

4300 S PARKER ROAD WEST LINN, OR TAX MAP 251E36, TAX LOT 100 GROSS SIE AREA = 8.2 AC. ZONING: CITY OF WEST LINN R-7

PARKER CREST

TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION PLAT

REVISED DECEMBER 27, 2005, JANUARY 24, 2006, JANUARY 26, 2008 AND MARCH 21, 2008 SHEET INDEX

- 1 Cover Sheet and Vicinity Map
- 2 Vicinity Transportation Network Map
- 3 Existing Conditions and Aerial Photo
- 4 Slope Analysis Map and
- Tree Plan (Revised 3/14/06) 5 Tentative Subdivision Plat
- and Typical Street Sections
- 6 Tentative Grading Plan and Tree Plan
- 7 Tentative Utility Plan
- 8 Parker Road Profile
- 9 Interior Street Profiles
- 10 Interior Street Profiles



CITY OF WEST LINN EROSION CONTROL APPROVED with conditions DATE 7/21/08 BY SK Erosion Control Comments

DATE

Keep the street free of mud, & debris at all times. Storage of construction materials on the street is not allowed. Any steep slopes or stockpiles that will remain uncovered for more than 7 days during the wet weather season, shall be covered with straw, mulch, or plastic. Dependent on site conditions, you may be required to cover all bare ground before occupancy is granted

Erosion Control Comments (cont) Connect roof-drain downspouts, foundation drains, wall-drains, or other storm drains to an approved collection system, immediately after installation. Do-not pump sediment-laden water off-site. I.E. Water that accumulates in foundations.

Erosion Control Comments (cont) 6. Maintain Bio-Bags daily. If not maintained you may be responsible for cleaning the downstream catch-basin(s) prior to approval of the final inspection.

Reed L Couch

From:Kyle J BradstreetSent:Tuesday, February 17, 2009 12:44 PM

To: Reed L Couch

Subject: FW: Parker Crest Lot 17

Attachments: PC 17 hub and tack cert 001.jpg

Kyle Bradstreet Superintendent DR Horton- Portland 503-572-9578 This e-mail and any files transmitted with it are confidential and are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to which they are addressed. This communication may contain PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS. If you are not one of the intended recipients, any use, dissemination, forwarding, printing, or copying of this e-mail is strictly prohibited. Please immediately destroy all copies or versions you have of this message and notify the sender at 503/222-4151 or kjbradstreet@drhorton.com in order that we can take steps to prevent any further inadvertent disclosure.

From: Kyle J Bradstreet Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 7:32 PM To: 'jclark@ci.west-linn.or.us' Cc: Kyle J Bradstreet Subject: Parker Crest Lot 17

Jim, Here is the Hub and Tack Certification for Parker Crest lot 17. Permit # 08-547 2921 Winkle Way.

I have this foundation inspection called in for Friday 9/26/08 Thank you,

Kyle Bradstreet Superintendent DR Horton- Portland 503-572-9578



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