

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

STAFF REPORT

PLANNING DIRECTOR DECISION

DATE:	December 5, 2012
FILE NO.:	MISC-12-17
REQUEST:	Request for Expansion/Alteration of a Non-Conforming Structure (deck) at 2337 Taylor Drive
PLANNER:	Peter Spir, Associate Planner

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SPECIFIC DATA

OWNER/

APPLICANT:

Richard Hunter

SITE LOCATION:

2337 Taylor Drive, West Linn, OR 97068

SITE SIZE:

8,160 square feet

LEGAL

DESCRIPTION:

Assessor's Map 2 1E 35 BD Tax Lot 4700

COMP PLAN

DESIGNATION:

Low-Density Residential

ZONING:

R-7, Single-Family Residential Detached (7,000 square foot minimum

lot size)

APPROVAL

CRITERIA:

Community Development Code (CDC) Chapter 66, Non-conforming

Structures

ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE

CHAPTERS:

CDC Chapter 12, Single-Family Residential Detached, R-7; Chapter 38,

Additional yard area required; exceptions to yard requirements;

storage in yards; projections into yards

120-DAY RULE:

The application was deemed complete on November 15, 2012. The

120-day period therefore ends on March 15, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice was mailed to property owners within 100 feet of the subject property and all neighborhood associations on November 20, 2012.

The notice was also posted on the City's website. Therefore, public

notice requirements of CDC Chapter 99 have been met.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is an R-7 (single family residential-7,000 square foot minimum lot size) zoned parcel in the Willamette neighborhood. The property is occupied by a single family home.

ZONING /VICINITY MAP

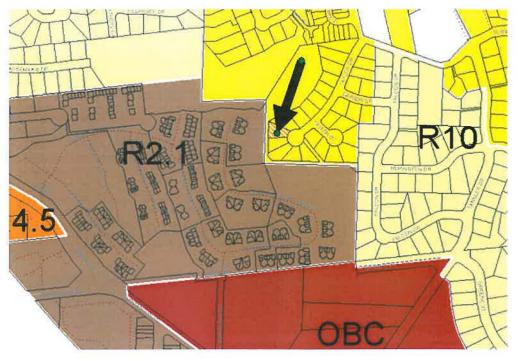


Figure 1

Table 1

DIRECTION FROM SITE	LAND USE	ZONING
North	Vacant lot	R-7
East	Public right of way/Cul-de-sac	R-7
South	Vacant lot	R-7
West	Madison Heights Condominium project, 150 feet west and 70 feet below applicant's property	R-2.1

The house was built, circa 1999, with a deck at the rear that stands 25-30 feet above grade. The deck has been in this location for 13 years at no apparent detriment to the adjoining properties or neighborhood. The nearest housing west of the deck is 150 feet away in the Madison Heights Condominiums which are also 75 feet in elevation below the applicant's property and separated by a year round buffer of mature coniferous trees. The residential lots to the north and south are unoccupied.



Figure 2



Figure 3

According to the applicant, the deck's angled columns were either not properly engineered or constructed to support the deck load. Consequently, the deck beams, which extend back into the house, are causing uplifts of the living room floor when people are standing on the deck.



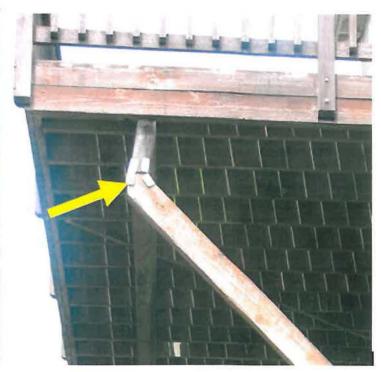


Figure 4 (L) and Figure 5 (R)



Figure 6

The applicant wants to rebuild the deck so that:

- 1) it is structurally sound, with particular attention paid to the angled columns
- 2) it does not cause uplifts of the flooring in the house
- 3) dry rotted sections of decking are removed and replaced

To accomplish that, the applicant has submitted an engineered and stamped set of plans to the Building Department for plan review.

For the Planning Department, there is the concern, relative to the CDC: the deck is within the 20-foot rear yard setback and is above a 20-foot wide sanitary sewer easement. No decks over 30-inches high are allowed in the rear setback and no structures (with exceptions) are allowed to be built on or over easements. For these reasons the deck is classified as a Non-Conforming Structure. In order for the deck to be repaired, a CDC Chapter 66 permit must be obtained to allow continued encroachment into the rear setback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff has received no public comments as of December 5, 2012

DECISION

Based on findings contained in the applicant's submittal in the City record and the staff findings, there are sufficient grounds to **approve** this application (MIS-12-17) subject to the following condition of approval:

1. The final deck shall conform to the plans approved by the Building Department.

I declare to have no interest in the outcome of this decision due to some past or present involvement with the applicant, the subject property, or surrounding properties, and therefore, can render an impartial decision. The provisions of the Community Development Code Chapter 99 have been met.

OHN SONNEN, Planning Director

12/11/2012 DATE

Appeals to this decision must be filed with the West Linn Planning Department within 14 days of mailing date. Cost is \$400. The appeal must be filed by an individual who has established standing by submitting comments prior to, or on, December 19, 2012.

Approval will lapse 3 years from effective approval date.

Mailed this 11 day of DECEMBER, 2012.

Therefore, the 14-day appeal period ends at 5 p.m., on

DECEMBER 25, 2012

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ADDENDUM

APPROVAL CRITERIA AND STAFF DETERMNATION

MISC-12-17

Staff recommends adoption of the findings for approval contained within the applicant's submittal, with the following additions:

The following standards of the R-7 zone (Chapter 12) apply:

12.070 DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, USES PERMITTED OUTRIGHT AND USES PERMITTED UNDER PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

- E. The minimum yard dimensions or minimum building setback areas from the lot line shall be:
 - 1. For the front yard, 20 feet, except for steeply sloped lots where the provisions of CDC <u>41.010</u> shall apply.
 - 2. For an interior side yard, seven and one-half feet.
 - 3. For a side yard abutting a street, 15 feet.
 - 4. For a rear yard, 20 feet.
- F. The maximum building height shall be 35 feet, except for steeply sloped lots in which case the provisions of CDC <u>41.010</u> shall apply.
- G. The maximum lot coverage shall be 35 percent.
- H. The minimum width of an accessway to a lot which does not abut a street or a flag lot shall be 15 feet.
- I. The floor area ratio shall be 0.45. Type I and II lands shall not be counted toward lot area when determining allowable floor area ratio, except that a minimum floor area ratio of 0.30 shall be allowed regardless of the classification of lands within the property. That 30 percent shall be based upon the entire property including Type I and II lands. Existing residences in excess of this standard may be replaced to their prior dimensions when damaged without the requirement that the homeowner obtain a non-conforming structures permit under Chapter 66 CDC.
- J. The sidewall provisions of Chapter <u>43</u> CDC shall apply.

Staff Response:

Staff has determined that all setback, height, dimensional and lot coverage provisions of this chapter are met with this deck except Subsection 12.070(E) (4) which requires a 20-foot rear yard setback in the R-7 zone. The deck intrudes to within five feet of the rear lot line which violates the required rear setback. Whereas a variance would be an appropriate solution if the applicant wanted to build a brand new deck in the rear setback, the applicant has the recourse of applying for a permit under Chapter 66 since this is a non-conforming (deck) structure. Therefore, by applying for and obtaining approval for the nonconforming deck under Chapter 66, the applicant is able to address the rear setback standards of section 12.070(E) (4).

In practical terms, the encroachment of the deck into the setback has no impact on any neighboring properties (see figures 2 and 3). The residential lots to the north and south have not been built upon while the Madison Heights Condominiums lie 150 feet to the west and are 75 feet in elevation below the applicant's property. In addition, there is a buffer of mature coniferous trees between the condominiums and the applicant's property which renders the deck invisible from that direction.

Staff notes that the deck has been in existence since 1999 at no known prejudice or harm to nearby properties or the neighborhood.



Figure 7

Staff has also determined that there is a sanitary sewer easement across the rear of the property on a north to south axis.

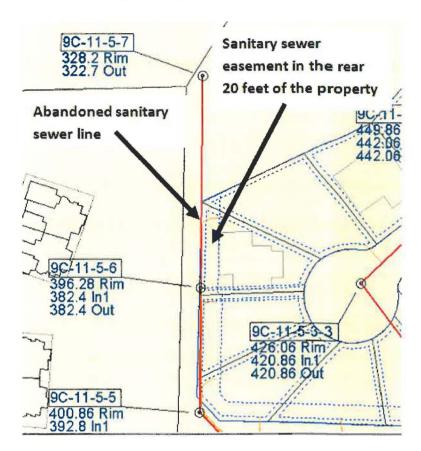


Figure 8

To address the issue of encroachment of the deck into the sanitary sewer utility easement there are two solutions. One is to vacate the easement. But based on discussions with the Engineering Department, staff found that it was unlikely that it would be vacated since a functional sewer line, albeit abandoned, exists in that easement. The second solution is to have the deck's angled columns at least 12 feet above grade per 38.060(A):

"An open deck may extend into an existing utility easement, provided a minimum vertical clearance of 12 feet is maintained between the lowest point of the deck and the ground, and that no posts are installed within the easement. No other structures shall be allowed."

Staff has reviewed the applicant's construction drawings which show the angled deck support columns connecting to the rear house wall at over 12 feet above grade. So long as the repairs are consistent with the construction drawings then the utility easement issue will have been satisfactorily addressed and 38.060(A) is met.

66.080 ENLARGEMENT OF OR ALTERATION TO A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE: PROCESS AND APPROVAL STANDARDS

An enlargement or alteration to a non-conforming structure containing a conforming use may be permitted subject to the following:

(B)(1). If the enlargement, in and of itself, meets all provisions of this code, the enlargement will be permitted. This exception does not preclude design review or other applicable provisions of this code.

Staff Response:

With this chapter, the applicant is given the option of meeting subsections (B) (1) or (B) (2). (B)(1) cannot be used since the proposed enlargement/alteration does not meet all the provisions of this code; specifically, it will not meet the rear 20-foot setback. Therefore the applicant must rely upon the criterion of (B) (2).

- (B)(2). If the enlargement, in and of itself, does not meet all provisions of the code, review and approval by the Planning Director for single-family structures, and by the Planning Commission for non-single-family structures under the provisions of CDC 99.060 (B) is required subject to the following standards.
 - a. The enlargement or alteration will not change the non-conformity; and
 - b. All other applicable ordinance provisions will be met. (Ord. 1192, 1987)

Staff Response:

This is not an enlargement of the deck. Instead, it is a "replacement in kind" project which will replace dry rotted decking and poorly engineered deck supports. There will be no increase or further expansion of the deck into the rear yard setback. Consequently, the non-conformity will not change. That satisfies subsection (B) (2) (a).

Regarding the requirement of (B)(2)(b) that "all other applicable provisions are met" staff has already determined and discussed the fact that (a) all applicable provisions of the underlying R-7 zone are satisfied with the exception of the rear setback which is being addressed through this application; and, (b) the encroachment over the utility easement is allowed thanks to 12 feet or more of vertical clearance. Thus, (B)(2)(b) is met.

EXHIBITS

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Richard Hunter 2337 Taylor Drive West Linn, OR 97068

SUBJECT: MIS-12-17

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Staff has determined that your application is **complete**. The City has 120 days to exhaust all local review. Per ORS 227.178, that 120 day period will lapse March 15, 2013. Having said that, staff expects that the application will be noticed and a Planning Director decision rendered by December 5, 2012.

You will have a greater sense of the intended decision date when you receive the notice.

Please feel free to contact me at 503-723-2539, or by email at pspir@westlinnoregon.gov if you have questions or comments regarding this application.

Best Regards,

Peter Spir

Peter Spir Associate Planner

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AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned do hereby certify that, in the interest of the party (parties) initiating a proposed land use, the following took place on the dates indicated below:

GENER File No.	MISC-12-17 Applicant's Name Richar	d Hunter
Develop	ed Meeting Decision Date 100. 4, 20/2	
Schedule	ed Meeting Decision Date 100. 4, 20/ 2	
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TYPE A		
A.	The applicant (date)	(signed)
В.	Affected property owners (date)	(signed)
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D. /	Other affected gov't. agencies (date)	(signed)
E.	Affected neighborhood assns. (date)	(signed)
F.	All parties to an appeal or review (date)	(signed)
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	(signed)	/
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	REPORT mailed to applicant, City Council/Planning C the scheduled hearing.	
(date)_	(signed)	
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CITY OF WEST LINN PLANNING DIRECTOR DECISION FILE NO. MISC-12-17

The West Linn Planning Director is considering a request by Richard Hunter for the repair of a non-conforming structure at 2337 Taylor Drive. The non-conforming structure is an existing deck at the rear of the house which encroaches into the 20 foot rear yard setback and extends over a sanitary sewer utility easement. The applicant would like to replace dry rotted decking and replace angled columns which support the deck. The deck will not be increased in size beyond its current dimensions.

The decision will be based on the approval criteria in Chapter 66 of the Community Development Code (CDC). The approval criteria from the CDC are available for review at City Hall, at the City Library, and at http://www.westlinnoregon.gov.cdc.

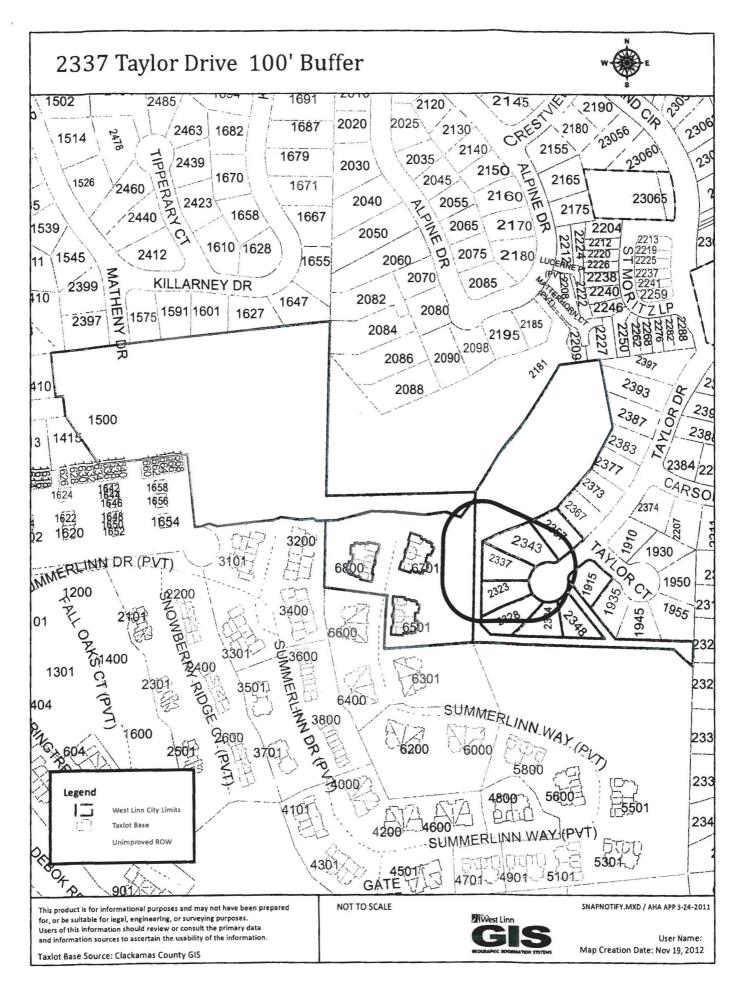
You have received this notice because County records indicate that you own property within 100 feet of this property (tax lots 4700 of Clackamas County Assessor's Map 2-1E-35BD) or as otherwise required by the CDC.

All relevant materials in the above noted file are available for inspection at no cost at City Hall, and on the city web site at http://westlinnoregon.gov/planning/2337-taylor-drive-non-conforming-structure-replacement-existing-deck or copies may be obtained for a minimal charge per page. Although there is no public hearing, your comments and ideas are invited and can definitely influence the final decision of the Planning Director. Planning staff looks forward to discussing the application with you. The final decision is expected to be made on, and no earlier than, December 4, 2012, so please contact us prior to that date. For further information, please contact Peter Spir, Associate Planner, City Hall, 22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn, OR 97068, (503) 723-2539, pspir@westlinnoregon.gov.

Any appeals to this decision must be filed within 14 days of the final decision date with the Planning Department. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes the raising of the issue at a subsequent time on appeal or before the Land Use Board of Appeals.

SHAUNA SHROYER
Planning Administrative Assistant

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Request for Expansion/Alteration of a Non-Conforming Structure (deck) at 2337 Taylor Drive

APPLICANT'S SUBMITTAL

APPLICATION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF OR ALTERATION TO A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE (EXISTING DECK) AT 2337 TAYLOR DRIVE

- B. An enlargement or alteration to a non-conforming structure containing a conforming use may be permitted subject to the following:
 - 1. If the enlargement, in and of itself, meets all provisions of this code, the enlargement will be permitted. This exception does not preclude design review or other applicable provisions of this code.

Response: (B) (1) cannot be used since the proposed enlargement/alteration will still not meet the rear 20 foot setback. Therefore the criterion of (B)(2) applies.

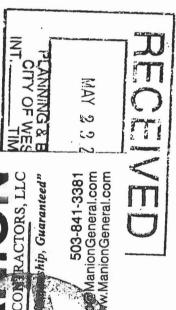
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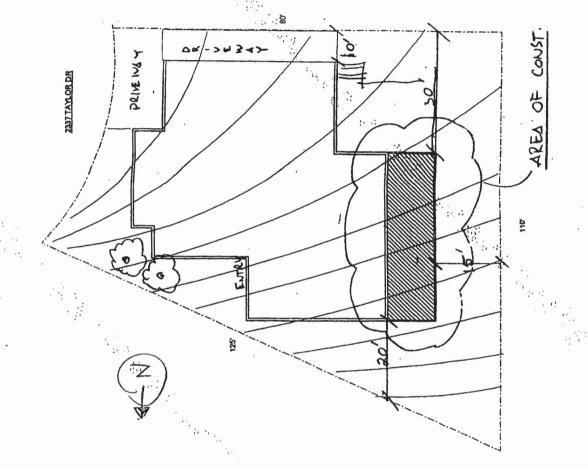
Response: This is not an enlargement of the deck. Instead, it is a "replacement in kind" project which will replace dry rotted decking and replace poorly engineered deck supports. There will be no increase or further expansion of the deck into the rear yard setback. Consequently, the non-conformity will not change.

Regarding the requirement that "all other applicable provisions are met" the applicant finds that all applicable provisions of the underlying R-10 zone are satisfied with the exception of the rear setback which is being addressed through this application. The deck has been in this location for 14 years at no apparent detriment to the adjoining properties or neighborhood. The nearest housing west of the deck is 150 feet away in the Madison Heights Condominiums which are also 75 feet in elevation below the applicant's property and separated by a year round buffer of mature coniferous trees. The residential lots to the north and south are unoccupied.

CDC section 38.060(A) allows an open deck to extend into an existing utility easement, provided a minimum vertical clearance of 12 feet is maintained between the lowest point of the deck and the ground, and that no posts are installed within the easement. The applicant has submitted plans showing the angled columns tying back into the house at over 12 feet above grade thus meeting the standards of 38.060(A).

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DATE 5/20/12			
PROJECT LOCATION: 2337 TAYLOR DI	R. WEST LINN, OR 9797068		
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City of West Linn GIS (Geographic Information System), SnapMap Date: 10/23/2012

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW APPLICATION

	For Office Use Only	
STAFF CONTACT PETER SPIR	PROJECT NO(S). MI-12-17	
NON-REFUNDABLE FEE(S)	REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT(S)	TOTAL 300 -
Type of Review (Please check all that apply):	
Appeal and Review (AP) * Legis Conditional Use (CUP) Design Review (DR) Easement Vacation Extraterritorial Ext. of Utilities Final Plat or Plan (FP) Pre-A	oric Review Ilative Plan or Change ine Adjustment (LLA) */** or Partition (MIP) (Preliminary Plat or Plan Conforming Lots, Uses & Structures ned Unit Development (PUD) Application Conference (PA) */** et Vacation ralk Use, Sign Review Permit, and Tem available on the City website or at City	Water Resource Area Protection/Single Lot (WAP) Water Resource Area Protection/Wetland (WAP) Willamette & Tualatin River Greenway (WRG) Zone Change porary Sign Permit applications require
Site Location/Address:		Assessor's Map No.: 21E 35 BD
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