

Class 2-Driveway Approach Permit

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SRC 804.025 (d) Criteria. A Class 2 Driveway Approach Permit shall be granted if:

(1) The proposed driveway approach meets the standards of this Chapter and the Public Works Design Standards;

Applicant Response: The subject properties are about 10.11 acres in size, zoned Fairview Mixed-Use (FMU) and located in the Fairview Refinement Plan II (083W11A/Tax Lot 1002 and 083W02/Tax Lot 100).

The applicant is proposing a development consisting of 183 apartment units as shown on the site plans.

083W11A/Tax Lot 1002 (5.82 acres):

AC (Adaptive Zone)-51 Units

MI (Mixed-Intensity Zone)-27 Units

083W02/Tax Lot 100 (4.29 acres):

VC (Village Center Zone)-105 Units

The proposed development will have access onto Strong Road, Chapel Drive, VC Loop, Heritage Street, Strong Road, and Lindburg Road. VC Loop and Heritage Street are both private streets. Reed Road is designated as a 'arterial' street on the Salem Transportation System Plan. Strong Road is designated as a 'collector' street on the Salem Transportation System Plan. Both Chapel Drive, Heritage Street, and Lindburg Road are designated as 'local' streets on the Salem Transportation System Plan. All proposed driveways will meet Public Works design standards. As shown on the site plan the driveways are required for access to the site and are in compliance with design standards.

(2) No site conditions prevent placing the driveway approach in the required location;

Applicant Response: The location of the driveways was taken into consideration prior to laying the site out. The location of the proposed driveways take into consideration the location of internal streets adjacent to the site, access onto the local streets, and existing development. Therefore, all factors were taken into consideration and there are no conditions on the site that prevent the driveway approach.

(3) The number of driveway approaches onto an arterial are minimized;

Applicant Response: There are no direct driveways proposed onto an arterial. Therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

(4) The proposed driveway approach, where possible:

(A) Is shared with an adjacent property; or

(B) Takes access from the lowest classification of street abutting the property;

Applicant Response to (4)(B): The proposed development is sharing access within the existing development within the Refinement Plan (The Grove Phase 1). All direct access is onto local streets, access onto an arterial or collector is via a shared accessway or private street. Therefore, this criterion has been met.

(5) The proposed driveway approach meets vision clearance standards;

Applicant Response: Through the pre-app process, the applicant has been working with Public Works to ensure that the driveway approach is in the required location and meets vision clearance standards. As shown on the site plan, this criterion has been met.

(6) The proposed driveway approach does not create traffic hazards and provides for safe turning movements and access;

Applicant Response: The driveway approach does not create traffic hazards. As shown on the site plan, this criterion has been met.

(7) The proposed driveway approach does not result in significant adverse impacts to the vicinity;

Applicant Response: Public Works has had the opportunity to review the site plan for any adverse impacts. No adverse impacts to the vicinity have been identified. As shown on the site plan, the location of the driveway will not have any impacts on the subject property or adjacent properties. This criterion has been met.

(8) The proposed driveway approach minimizes impact to the functionality of adjacent streets and intersections; and

Applicant Response: The applicant has been working with Public Works to ensure that the driveway approach is in the required locations to minimize impacts to adjacent streets and intersections. As shown on the site plan, this criterion has been met.

(9) The proposed driveway approach balances the adverse impacts to residentially zoned property and the functionality of adjacent streets.

Applicant Response: The applicant has been working with Public Works to ensure that the driveway approach is in the required location to help balance the adverse impacts to residentially zoned property. The location of the proposed driveways takes into consideration the location of the streets adjacent to the site and existing development. As shown on the site plan, this criterion has been met.
