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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2016

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Chris and Susan Kim, applicants

Peter Sachs, architect

James Freas, Acting Director of Planning and Development

Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request to allow a three-story single-family structure

Applicant: Chris and Susan Kim		
Site: 65 Oakmont Road	SBL: 65012 0008	
Zoning: SR3	Lot Area: 13,301 square feet	
Current use: Single-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change	

BACKGROUND:

The property at 65 Oakmont Road consists of a 13,301 square foot lot at the corner of Oakmont Road and Jackson Street improved with a single-family ranch style dwelling constructed in 1948. Due to the average grade of the property, the structure has two stories, though it functions as a single-story structure. The applicant proposes to add a second floor, which will create a three-story structure for the purposes of zoning, requiring a special permit.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Peter Sachs, architect, dated 4/18/2016
- Area Plan, signed and stamped by Joseph R. Porter, surveyor, dated 3/21/2016
- Site Plan-Proposed Conditions, sighed and stamped by Joseph R. Porter, surveyor, dated 3/18/2016
- Architectural Plans, prepared by Peter Sachs, architect, dated 2/2/2016

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

1. The average grade plane surrounding the structure creates 2 stories per Section 1.5.4.D through F. Section 3.1.3 allows a maximum of 2.5 stories in the SR3 zoning district. To add a second story of living space creates a three story structure. A special permit pursuant to Sections 3.1.3 is required to allow a three-story single-family dwelling.

SR3 Zone	Required	Existing	Proposed
Lot Size	7,000 square feet	13,301 square feet	No change
Frontage	80 feet	133.5 feet	No change
Setbacks			
 Front (Oakmont) 	25 feet	26.9 feet	25 feet
Front (Jackson)	25 feet	+/-40 feet	27.2 feet
• Side	7.5 feet	11.4 feet	No change
• Rear	15 feet	61 feet	60.4 feet
Building Height	36	21 feet	31 feet
Max Number of Stories	2.5	2	3
FAR	.39	.20	.38

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required				
Ordinance		Action Required		
§1.5.4.D- F §3.1.3,	Request to allow three stories	S.P. per §7.3.3		