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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: February 7, 2013

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Eve Tapper, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Marc Hershman, Architect

Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development

Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request to exceed FAR

| Applicant: Jeffrey Orlin | | |
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| Site: 105 Nonantum Street | SBL: 72021 0014 | |
| Zoning: SR-2 | Lot Area: 5,872 square feet | |
| Current use: Single-family dwelling | Proposed use: No change | |

BACKGROUND:

The property at 105 Nonantum Street consists of a 5,872 square foot lot improved with a single-family residence constructed about 1915. The dwelling consists of two stories and an attic level. A variance issued in 1990 granted permission to build a 10'x16' deck on the rear of the house creating a lot coverage 1.3% greater than permitted in Section 30-15 of the Ordinance. The applicant proposes to renovate the existing attic space into a master bedroom and bath suite increasing the floor area ratio above that allowed by right.

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

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Marc Hershman, MSH Architecture Assoc., submitted 1/4/13
- Architectural plans, prepared by Marc Hershman, MSH Architecture Assoc., submitted 1/4/13
 - Existing basement plan
 - Existing first floor plan
 - Existing second floor plan
 - Existing attic plan
 - **Existing elevations**
 - Proposed second floor plan



- o Proposed attic floor plan
- o Proposed elevations
- Existing and proposed FAR calculations, prepared by Marc Hershman, Architect, dated 1/4/13
- Area plan of land, signed and stamped by Bruce Bradford, Land Surveyor, dated 1/2/13
- Variance decision dated 2/23/1990
- Quitclaim Deed
- Original building permit application dated 5/28/1914

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

1. The proposed attic renovation increases the dwelling's FAR to .53, which exceeds the .45 permitted by the Ordinance per Section 30-15, Table A. To construct the renovation as proposed, the applicant must obtain a special permit from the Board of Aldermen per Section 30-15(u)(2).

| SR2 Zone | Required/Allowed | Existing | Proposed |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Lot Size | 10,000 square feet | 5,872 square feet | No change |
| Frontage | 80 feet | 60 feet | No change |
| Setbacks for existing | | | |
| structure | | | |
| Front | 25 feet | 19.9 feet | No change |
| • Side | 7.5 feet | 8.5 feet on right | No change |
| | | 8.9 feet on left | |
| • Rear | 15 feet | 34.6 feet | No change |
| FAR | .45 | .41 | .53 |
| Building Height | 36 feet | 31.8 feet | No change |
| Maximum Stories | 2.5 | 2.5 | No change |
| Max. Lot Coverage | 30% | 31.3%* | No change |
| Min. Open Space | 50% | 66% | No change |

^{*}allowed by variance in 1990

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

| Zoning Relief Required | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Ordinance | | Action Required | |
| §30-15 Table A, §30-15(u), §30-15(u)(2) | Exceed floor Area Ratio (FAR) | S.P. per §30-24 | |