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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: August 22, 2016

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Peter Sachs, architect

David and Louisa West, applicants

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request to exceed FAR

Applicant: David and Louisa West			
Site: 20 Morton Road	SBL: 24043 0018		
Zoning: SR2	Lot Area: 8,705 square feet		
Current use: Single-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change		

BACKGROUND:

The property at 20 Morton Road consists of an 8,705 square foot lot improved with a single-family dwelling constructed in 1921 and a detached garage. The applicant proposes to raze the detached garage and enclosed rear porch and construct an addition adding a two-car attached garage, family room and new kitchen on the first floor with a new master bedroom above the garage, requiring a special permit to exceed FAR.

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

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Peter Sachs, architect, dated 8/8/2016
- FAR Worksheet, submitted 8/8/2016
- Site Plan, prepared by Peter Sachs, architect, dated 7/25/2016
- Architectural Plans, prepared by Peter Sachs, architect, dated 7/25/2016
 - o Floor Plans
 - o Elevations

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

1. The applicants propose to construct additions consisting of a two-car attached garage, and living space on the first and second floors totaling 2,085 square feet. The applicants' existing FAR is .25, where .40 is allowed. The proposed additions create an FAR of .49, which exceeds the .40 allowed, requiring a special permit per Section 3.1.9.A.2.

SR2 Zone	Required	Existing	Proposed
Lot Size	10,000 square feet	8,705 square feet	No change
Frontage	80 feet	95.83 feet	No change
Setbacks			
• Front	25 feet	25 feet	No change
• Side	7.5 feet	± 15 feet	7.5 feet
• Rear	15 feet	32 feet	15 feet
Building Height	36	30.47 feet	31.81 feet
Max Number of Stories	2.5	2.5	No change
FAR	.40	.25	.49
Max Lot Coverage	30%	15.3%	28.2%
Min Open Space	50%	78.6%	63.9%

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required				
Ordinance		Action Required		
§3.1.9	Request to exceed maximum FAR	S.P. per §7.3.3		