

## City of Newton, Massachusetts

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## **ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 24, 2013

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning

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Cc: Robert Moruzzi, Fallon Custom Homes, representing the applicants

Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development

Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request to exceed FAR

Applicant: Celine Gregoire & Yves Raymond		
Site: 31 Loring Street	SBL: 73 29 05	
Zoning: SR-2	Lot Area: 11,374 square feet	
Current use: Single-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change	

## **BACKGROUND:**

The property at 31 Loring Street consists of an 11,374 square foot lot improved with a single-family residence constructed circa 1930. The structure consists of two and one-half stories with a total gross floor area of 5,287 square feet. The applicant proposes to add an additional 122 square feet by converting an existing open porch into a mudroom, and to build a new enclosed basement staircase, 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 Robert Moruzzi, contractor, submitted 5/30/13
- FAR Worksheet, prepared by Robert Moruzzi, contractor, dated 5/22/13
- Plan of Land, signed and stamped by Lawrence W. DeCelle, surveyor, dated 4/17/13, revised 5/10/13, 5/22/13
- Architectural plans, prepared by t works, architect, dated 3/16/11
  - o Site Plan
  - o Basement and First Floor Plan
  - o Exterior Elevations
  - Building Sections
  - o Interior Elevations



## **ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:**

1. The proposed additions increase the structure's nonconforming FAR, from .46, to .48, which exceeds the .39 maximum permitted by the Ordinance per Section 30-15, Table A. To construct the additions as proposed, the applicant must obtain a special permit from the Board of Aldermen per Section 30-15(u)(2) and 30-21(b).

SR2 Zone	Required	Existing	Proposed
Lot Size	10,000 square feet	11,374 square feet	No change
Frontage	80 feet	95.58 feet	No change
Setbacks for existing		,	
structure			
• Front	25 feet	25.7 feet	No change
• Side	7.5 feet	20.1 feet on right	17.4 feet
,		25.1 feet on left	No change
• Rear	15 feet	31.3 feet	No change
FAR	.39	.46	.48
Max. Lot Coverage	30%		23.4%
Min. Open Space	50%		63.1%

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required			
Ordinance		Action Required	
§30-15 Table A, §30-15(u), §30-21(b)	Exceed Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	S.P. per §30-24	