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Barney S. Heath Director

ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: April 6, 2021

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Neil Cronin, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: John Caruso, Applicant

Terrence P. Morris, Attorney

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor

RE: Request to extend a nonconforming two-family use

Applicant: John Caruso		
Site: 9-11 Noble Street	SBL: 44004 0019	
Zoning: SR3	Lot Area: 6,258 square feet	
Current use: Two-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change	

BACKGROUND:

The property at 9-11 Noble Street consists of a 5,673 square foot lot improved with a two-family dwelling constructed in 1928 and a detached garage in the Single Residence 3 zoning district. The petitioner intends to construct dormers in the attic level extending the nonconforming two-family use.

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

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Terrence P. Morris, attorney, submitted 2/22/2021
- Plan of Land, signed and stamped by Frank lebba, surveyor, dated 5/28/2018, revised 10/2/2020, 11/24/2020, 12/23/2020
- FAR worksheet, signed and stamped by Joseph F. Fournier Jr, architect, submitted 2/22/2021
- Floor Plan and Elevations, signed and stamped by Joseph F. Fournier Jr, architect, dated 2/19/2021

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

- 1. The existing two-family dwelling use is nonconforming, as two-family dwellings are prohibited in the Single Residence 3 zoning district per section 3.4.1. The petitioner intends to construct dormers in the front and rear of the dwelling, increasing the attic floor area by 84 square feet. A special permit is required to alter and extend the nonconforming two-family dwelling use per sections 3.4.1 and 7.8.2.C.2.
- 2. Per section 3.1.9 the allowable FAR for the parcel is .48. The petitioner intends to raze an existing 324 square foot detached garage to accommodate the dormer expansion, resulting in a net decrease in the nonconforming FAR from .57 to .53, requiring no relief.
- 1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required		
Ordinance		Action Required
§3.4.1 §7.8.2.C.2	Request to extend a nonconforming two-family use	S.P. per §7.3.3

Next Steps

Please contact a Planner by calling 617.796.1120 to obtain a copy of the Special Permit Application. If there have been any changes made to the plans since receipt of your Zoning Review Memorandum you must inform the Zoning Code Official to ensure additional relief is not required. You will need an appointment with a Planner to file your Special Permit Application. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

The following must be included when filing a Special Permit Application:

- 1. Two (2) copies of the completed Special Permit Application (signed by property owner)
- 2. Filing Fee (see Special Permit Application)
- 3. Two (2) copies of the Zoning Review Memorandum
- 4. Plans (Thirteen sets signed and stamped by a design professional). Each set shall contain:
 - Site Plans showing existing and proposed conditions (including topography as applicable)
 - Architectural plans showing existing and proposed conditions (including façade materials)
 - Landscape plan (as applicable)
- 5. One (1) Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Worksheet, (signed and stamped by a design professional)
- 6. One (1) copy of any previous special permits or variances on the property (as applicable)
- 7. One (1) copy of any other review/sign-off (Historic, Conservation, Tree Removal, etc. as applicable)
- 8. Two (2) electronic copes of the application with all above attachments (USB or CD)

Copies of all plans shall either be 8.5 x 11 or 11 x 17, except as requested by staff

Special Permit Sign (\$20 fee)

Incomplete applications will delay the intake and review of your project.

Depending on the complexity of the project additional information may be requested to facilitate a full review of the application.

Has the proposed project been presented to and discussed with abutting property owners?

Y/N