











View of the site looking east from Hedrick Avenue.



View of the existing home looking east from Hedrick Avenue.



View looking south on Hedrick Avenue.



View of the west side of Hedrick Avenue.

VARIANCE REQUESTED: Request is for a reduction in the minimum lot depth dimensions for all lots

- 1. Yes, because the existing parcel width cannot accommodate the minimum lot depth and proposed fire department access with any design that meets minimum lot size. The property is zoned R-7000 and we must be able to subdivide with a lot depth under 100 feet.
- 2. Yes, this parcel is an infill property with no room to widen it. The lot is existing and surrounded by already developed lots so there is no way to widen it. The surrounding neighborhood is categorized as single family residences.
- 3. No, because the other lot dimensions and minimum lot size complies with the zone and public improvements will be added. The integrity of the surrounding neighborhood wouldn't be compromised. The residential subdivision will yield sidewalks which will be a huge upgrade for the neighborhood.
- 4. No, because the overall development conforms with the neighborhood character and meets the General Plan Objectives. In the La Sierra neighborhood, Policy LU58:6 encourages for increased residential density as it enhances the role of la sierra as a major employment center in the city.

Applicant Supplied Modification Findings – Lot Depth

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Tentative Tract Map No. 37394 is a proposal to divide 1.72 acres into 8 lots ranging from 7068 sf to 8178 sf in size. The project will be served by a private street that connects to Hedrick Ave near the intersection of Mimosa Hill Ct.

MODIFICATIONS

Lots 1-3 and 5-8 Modification to the Lot Standards under the Subdivision Code for lot depth. Lots have a depth of between 80 and 90 feet where the subdivision code requirements indicate lots to have a depth of at least 100 feet.

REQUIRED FINDINGS

That the property of such size or shape, or affected by such topographic conditions, or are there such special circumstances or conditions affecting the property that it is impossible, impractical or undesirable for the petitioner to fully conform with the regulations prescribed by this Title, or requested conformance would result in undue hardship?

a. The project design and lot layout was dictated in many ways by the shape of the parent parcel. Street designs, lot layouts and street widths all needed to be considered due to this constraining land feature that is not present in much of the area.

That the modification necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner?

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That the modification be detrimental to public health, safety of welfare, or be injurious to other properties in the vicinity?

2. No. The granting of the modification will provide for safe circulation and lots that are similar in character to the existing neighborhood. With lots 2-8 access to Hedrick Avenue being avoided due to safety the proposed tentative map design takes advantage of the shape of the parent parcel and existing topography by providing lot sizes and shapes that will minimize the amount of grading being proposed which will likely minimize the amount of retaining wall construction needed. Further, the shape of the lots will promote the use of building footprints that are in keeping with the surrounding

neighborhood, keeping the style and identity of the neighborhood consistent, thus minimizing the physical impacts of extensive grading as well as the visual impact of houses that do not blend with the existing neighborhood character.

That granting of the modification in accordance with the purposes set forth in Title 18- Subdivision Code (Chapter 18.020- Purpose and Scope) of the Riverside Municipal Code?

3. No. The modifications requested for individual lot shape will allow the lots to have a size and shape that are appropriate for the proposed houses as well as being similar to the very established surrounding area and will provide for the design of house footprints that are in the same character as the existing neighborhood while maintaining the minimum 13,000 square foot minimum lot size. As noted in the 2025 General Plan, which is in keeping with the objective of the Subdivision Code (Chapter 18.020.01 item B) the project has a land use designation of medium density residential (MDR). MDR allows for up to 6.0 dwelling units per acre, however the R-1-7000 zoning designation requires a minimum lot size of 7000 square feet. The proposed project is designed to maximizing safety for both vehicles and pedestrians which is in keeping with the objective of the Subdivision Code (Chapter 18.020.01 item C). This project clearly implements the applicable objectives of the Subdivision Code (Chapter 18.020.01 item A-J)

That granting of the modification contrary to the objectives of the Zoning Code set forth in Title 19-Zoning Code of the Municipal Code of the General Plan?

4. No. Title 19 endeavors to regulate, restrict and segregate the highest and best use of buildings, residences, etc. This project is in keeping with the objectives of the Zoning Code and provides the appropriate design measures to ensure neighborhood compatibility and safety. This project is appropriate in mass and density to the neighborhood and is appropriate in lot size and density with respect to the Zoning Code, thus meeting the objectives set forth by Title 19- Zoning Code of the Municipal Code of the General Plan.