

RESOLUTION NO. HDP20-008

RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3728 SKYFARM DRIVE, SANTA ROSA, APN: 173-750-011.

The Santa Rosa Zoning Administrator has completed the review of your application. Please be advised that your Hillside Development Permit to construct a retaining wall for backyard landscaping and patio area has been granted based on your project description and official approved exhibit dated August 24, 2020. The Santa Rosa Zoning Administrator has based this action on the following findings:

- Site planning minimizes the visual prominence of the hillside development by taking advantage of existing site features for screening including tree clusters, depressions in topography, setback hillside plateau arrears, and other natural features;
- Site development minimizes alteration of topography, drainage patterns, and vegetation on land with slopes of 10 percent or more;
- Site development does not alter slopes of 25 percent or more except in compliance with Section 20-32.020.B (Applicability-Limitation on hillside development);
- Project grading respects natural features and visually blends with adjacent properties;
- Building pad location, design, and construction avoids large areas of flat pads and building forms will be stepped to conform to site topography;
- The proposed project complies with the City's Design Guidelines;
- The proposed project complies with the requirements of this Article and all other applicable provision of this Zoning Code;
- The proposed project is consistent the General Plan and any applicable specific plan;
- The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use will not under the circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare; and
- The proposed Project has been found exempt from the provisions of the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 because all proposed excavation and earthmoving activities can be identified as a necessary and integral part of a construction project; and
- The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and qualifies for a Class 3 exemption under Section 15303 in that the project consists of the construction of a small accessory structure (retaining wall).

This entitlement would not be granted but for the applicability and validity of each and every one of the below conditions and that if any one or more of the below conditions is invalid, this entitlement would not have been granted without requiring other valid conditions for achieving the purposes and intent of such approval. The approval of the project is contingent upon compliance with all the conditions listed below. Use shall not commence until all conditions of approval have been complied with. Additional permits and fees are/may be required. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to pursue and demonstrate compliance.**

1. Grading shall be limited to roadways, driveways, garage pads, and understructure areas including accessory structures such as swimming pools.
2. Construction hours shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. No construction is permitted on Sundays and holidays.
3. All grading shall be designed to blend into the natural contours of the site. Slope grading and contour grading techniques shall be utilized. All disturbed areas shall be revegetated with native plants to the maximum extent possible.
4. Provide a geotechnical investigation and soils report with the building permit application. The investigation shall include subsurface exploration and the report shall include grading, drainage, paving and foundation design recommendations.
5. Obtain building permits for the proposed project.

This Hillside Development Permit for the construction of a retaining wall is hereby approved on this 17th day of November, 2020. If conditions have not been met or if work has not commenced within two years from approval date, this approval shall automatically expire and shall be invalid unless an application for extension is filed prior to expiration. The approval is subject to appeal within ten calendar days from the date of approval.

APPROVED: _____
ANDY GUSTAVSON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR