



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

PLEASURE POINT NEIGHBORHOOD COMBINING ZONE DISTRICT

This project consists of the creation of a new Pleasure Point ("PP") Combining Zone overlay district in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, within which special residential development standards would apply. The Combining Zone district would also be created through County Code amendments and would implement the recommendations of the Pleasure Point Community Plan (Plan), a document that was accepted by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors in August 2008. In addition to the new regulations recommended by the Plan, the existing residential development standards that currently apply in Pleasure Point and throughout the County would remain in effect. In response to neighborhood concerns raised at three public workshops, the Plan recommended, and the proposed Ordinance would implement, several measures to reduce the overall bulk and mass of the second stories of new/remodeled residences to reduce visual and shading impacts on their neighbors, and a number of measures to enhance appearance of the public/private interface of new/remodeled houses as viewed from the street. These measures will become standards in the proposed new Pleasure Point Combining Zone District. Two alternate versions of the Ordinance are presented and evaluated here, each implementing slightly different proposed bulk/mass standards.

ZONE DISTRICT: VARIOUS

OWNER/APPLICANT: COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

STAFF PLANNER: FRANK BARRON, phone 454-2530

Email: pln782@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

ACTION: Negative Declaration (No Mitigations)

REVIEW PERIOD ENDS: November 12, 2009

The Planning Commission will consider this project at a public hearing. The time, date and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.

Findings:

This project, if conditioned to comply with required mitigation measures or conditions shown below, will not have significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the Initial Study on this project, attached to the original of this notice on file with the Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Required Mitigation Measures or Conditions:

☒ None
☐ Are Attached

Review Period Ends: November 12, 2009

Date Approved By Environmental Coordinator: Nov. 17, 2009

Claudia Slater
CLAUDIA SLATER
Environmental Coordinator
(831) 454-5175

If this project is approved, complete and file this notice with the Clerk of the Board:

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Final Approval of This Project was Granted by _____

on _____ No EIR was prepared under CEQA.
(Date)

THE PROJECT WAS DETERMINED TO NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Date completed notice filed with Clerk of the Board: _____



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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PERIOD

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

APPLICANT: County of Santa Cruz Planning Dept.

APPLICATION NO.: Pleasure Point Neighborhood Combining Zone District

APN: N/A

The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the Initial Study for your application and made the following preliminary determination:

XX Negative Declaration
(Your project will not have a significant impact on the environment.)

 Mitigations will be attached to the Negative Declaration.

XX No mitigations will be attached.

 Environmental Impact Report
(Your project may have a significant effect on the environment. An EIR must be prepared to address the potential impacts.)

As part of the environmental review process required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this is your opportunity to respond to the preliminary determination before it is finalized. Please contact Matt Johnston, Environmental Coordinator at (831) 454-3201, if you wish to comment on the preliminary determination. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period.

Review Period Ends: November 12, 2009

Frank Barron, staff planner

Phone: (831) 454-2530

Date: October 13, 2009



Environmental Review Initial Study

Application Number: N/A

Date: August 11, 2009

Staff Planner: Frank Barron, Policy Section

I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

APPLICANT: County of Santa Cruz

APN: N/A

OWNER: N/A

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: 1st

LOCATION: Pleasure Point Neighborhood

SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project consists of the creation of a new Pleasure Point ("PP") Combining Zone overlay district in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, within which special residential development standards would apply. The Combining Zone district would also be created through County Code amendments and would implement the recommendations of the Pleasure Point Community Plan (Plan), a document that was accepted by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors in August 2008. In addition to the new regulations recommended by the Plan, the existing residential development standards that currently apply in Pleasure Point and throughout the County would remain in effect. In response to neighborhood concerns raised at three public workshops, the Plan recommended, and the proposed Ordinance would implement, several measures to reduce the overall bulk and mass of the second stories of new/remodeled residences to reduce visual and shading impacts on their neighbors, and a number of measures to enhance appearance of the public/private interface of new/remodeled houses as viewed from the street. These measures will become standards in the proposed new Pleasure Point Combining Zone District (see Attachment 3 for map). Two alternate versions of the Ordinance are presented and evaluated here, each implementing slightly different proposed bulk/mass standards (see Attachments 1 and 2).

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE EVALUATED IN THIS INITIAL STUDY. CATEGORIES THAT ARE MARKED HAVE BEEN ANALYZED IN GREATER DETAIL BASED ON PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

<input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Natural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services & Utilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Resources & Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Population & Housing

<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Impacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING CONSIDERED

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Grading Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Exception
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: County Code/LCP Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Development Permit	

NON-LOCAL APPROVALS

Other agencies that must issue permits or authorizations: Calif. Coastal Commission


ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ACTION

On the basis of this Initial Study and supporting documents:

☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the attached mitigation measures have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.


Matthew Johnston

10/9/09
Date

For: Claudia Slater
Environmental Coordinator

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

Parcel Size: N/A (Entire Pleasure Point Neighborhood)

Existing Land Use: N/A (Entire Pleasure Point Neighborhood)

Vegetation: N/A (Entire Pleasure Point Neighborhood)

Slope in area affected by project: N/A (Entire Pleasure Point Neighborhood)

Nearby Watercourse: Moran Creek, Moran Lagoon, Corcoran Lagoon, Pacific Ocean

Distance To: Variable

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND CONSTRAINTS

Groundwater Supply: N/A

Water Supply Watershed: N/A

Groundwater Recharge: Portions of 8 parcels

Timber or Mineral: N/A

Agricultural Resource: N/A

Biologically Sensitive Habitat: Some Mapped

Fire Hazard: N/A

Floodplain: N/A

Erosion: N/A

Landslide: N/A

Liquefaction: N/A

Fault Zone: N/A

Scenic Corridor: Possibly

Historic: N/A

Archaeology: N/A

Noise Constraint: N/A

Electric Power Lines: N/A

Solar Access: Possibly

Solar Orientation: Possibly

Hazardous Materials: N/A

SERVICES

Fire Protection: Central Fire District

School District: Live Oak School Dist.

Sewage Disposal: Santa Cruz Sanitation District

Drainage District: Zone 5

Project Access: East Cliff Dr., Portola Dr., 41st Ave.

Water Supply: Santa Cruz City Water & Soquel Water Dist.

PLANNING POLICIES

Zone District: Various

General Plan: Various

Urban Services Line:

Coastal Zone:

 X Inside

 X Inside

Special Designation: N/A

 Outside

 Outside

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PROJECT SETTING AND BACKGROUND: The proposed project encompasses the Pleasure Point neighborhood, an approximately 320-acre area bounded by 41st Avenue on the east, Portola Drive on the north, the eastern shore of Corcoran Lagoon on the west and Monterey Bay on the south. Pleasure Point is a unique, mostly residential community that is part of a larger unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County known as Live Oak. There are approximately 1,150 residentially zoned parcels in Pleasure Point that would be subject to the proposed new regulations.

Perched atop a coastal terrace bluff overlooking a portion of Monterey Bay, Pleasure Point is bounded by a coastal lagoon to the west, and two commercial corridors to the north and east. Pleasure Point has developed into a unique and eclectic enclave of irregular lots, modest homes, lush landscaping and a network of neighborhood streets. However, Pleasure Point's coveted beachfront location and increasing housing demand throughout the region have resulted in a recent trend characterized by older, smaller, generally one-story houses (e.g., beach bungalows) on small lots being torn down and replaced by new, larger and bulkier two-story houses that maximize allowed floor area and sometimes are out of scale with their neighbors. The Pleasure Point Community Planning Process was initiated to address this problem and other neighborhood issues. The Pleasure Point Community Plan, accepted by the County Board of Supervisors in August 2008, was the culmination of this process.

Pleasure Point is situated between the cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola, and it lies entirely within the California Coastal Zone administered by the California Coastal Commission. Within the Coastal Zone is the "Coastal Appealable Area" encompassing the parcels that lie within 300-feet of the coastline or near coastal waterways, in which Coastal Development Permits are required (involving design review and "discretionary" approval by County Planning), the approval of which requires a public hearing and may be appealed by members of the public. In the remainder of the area (i.e., outside the Coastal Appealable Area), a simple, non-appealable building permit ("ministerial" approval) is generally all that is required (i.e., no public hearing) to build a house or an addition if the application meets all the local zoning requirements. For simplicity, these two areas will be referred to as the "Discretionary Approval" and "Building Permit-Only" (or "ministerial") areas throughout this document.

In the fall of 2006, the County of Santa Cruz, with planning consultants, MIG, Inc., began a community planning process to study and address current development concerns in the Pleasure Point area. Through an extensive public participation process, the planning team explored multiple issues in private residential development and public realm improvements currently facing the community. One specific area of concern for the community was the relatively larger size of new construction and remodels of Pleasure Point's residential buildings. At the heart of this topic of concern as well as the overall project was a community dialogue about a collective definition about "Pleasure Point character" and what elements of Pleasure Point community design should be incorporated in the future development and redevelopment of the area.

The Pleasure Point Community Plan (Plan) was the result of this analysis and dialogue and it provided the County with recommended tools to:

- Respect and retain the eclectic and historic character of Pleasure Point

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- Guide future development of the neighborhood, and
- Improve the public realm, including the streetscape environment and circulation.

The Plan articulated the vision, goals and assets of the community and identified a set of actions that can be implemented to help preserve Pleasure Point's assets and adhere to the community's goals. This Plan also provided the County, developers, architects and property owners with a clear set of building, site, landscaping, and circulation standards and guidelines that will help attain the community vision that came out of the public participation process.

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project consists of proposed County Code amendments to institute a new Pleasure Point Combining Zone District overlay in the Pleasure Point neighborhood (see Attachment 3 for map) that would implement the recommendations of the Pleasure Point Community Plan (available online at www.sccoplanning.com). Unless modified by the new regulations recommended by the Plan, the existing residential development standards that currently apply in Pleasure Point and throughout the County would remain in effect. The Plan recommends several measures to reduce the overall bulk and mass of the second stories of new/remodeled residences to reduce visual and shading impacts on neighbors, and a number of measures to enhance appearance of the public/private interface of new/remodeled houses as viewed from the street. Specific issues that were identified by Pleasure Point community members and that are addressed by the proposed required standards include: (1) overly massive and bulky houses being built on small lots, creating out of scale buildings that may excessively shade neighboring parcels, (2) a need to retain and enhance community appearance and neighbor interaction through encouraging front porches, and (3) reducing the visual impact of automobile-oriented features on facades and in front yards, such as large prominent garages and wide, space consuming on-site parking areas. Two alternate versions of the Ordinance are presented and evaluated here, each implementing slightly different proposed bulk/mass (i.e., second story setback) standards (see Attachments 1 and 2). Alternative 1 (Attachment 1) would provide for slightly less shading of parcels adjacent to new residential development than would Alternative 2 (Attachment 2). The only difference between the two alternatives is that under Alternative 1 the building envelope includes a 45 degree slope that would serve to limit the height of flat roofs to 22-feet (instead of 28-feet under Alternative 2). This difference can most clearly be seen by comparing Figures 1, 2 and 3 of each alternative (i.e., Attachments 1 and 2).

The specific standards being proposed to apply to all new residential development (except for mobile homes and mixed use development in commercial zone districts) in the proposed new Pleasure Point Combining Zone District are as follows:

A. PROPOSED STANDARDS TO REDUCE BUILDING MASS & BULK

These standards are proposed to help reduce the perceived mass/bulk in residential buildings to achieve a scale and character that is more compatible with the Pleasure Point neighborhood. These proposed measures would apply to new residential construction and home additions.

Standard A1: Second Story Setbacks Required – For new two-story residential structures or second story additions, reduce the perceived mass and bulk and reduce shadowing of

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neighboring parcels by setting back second stories at least 10-feet from the sideyard property line. Residential buildings on typical lots must fit within the dimensions of the building volume envelope limit diagram illustrated in proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446(a)(1)(A) (see Attachments 1 and 2), with certain exceptions for narrow lots as described in proposed new Subsections 13.10.446(a)(1)(B) and 13.10.446(a)(1)(C). Walkways/decks would be allowed on the setback portion of roof of the first story, so long as the top of the hand railing does not exceed 15-feet in height from grade (under proposed new Subsection 13.10.446[a][1][D]).

As noted above, two alternate versions of the Ordinance are presented and evaluated here, each implementing slightly different proposed bulk/mass (i.e., second story setback) standards (see Attachments 1 and 2) in Pleasure Point. Alternative 1 (Attachment 1) would provide for slightly less shading of parcels adjacent to new residential development than would Alternative 2 (Attachment 2). Alternative 1, in addition to requiring second floor setbacks on lots 30-feet or greater in width, would require that the outer (side) portion of any second story wall be limited in height to 22-feet, instead of the currently allowed 28-feet, thereby decreasing the amount of shade cast onto neighboring houses/yards, especially during winter months (the roof peak would still be allowed to go up to 28-feet but only in the middle of the structure – see pp. 4 and 5 of Attachment 1). Alternative 2 would still require second floor setbacks on lots 30-feet and greater in width, but would retain the current 28-foot height limit for the outer (side) portions second story walls (see pp. 4 and 5 of Attachment 2).

Standard A2: Increased Allowed Lot Coverage for Small Lots – To reduce the perceived mass and bulk of houses, and to reduce shadowing of second stories on neighboring parcels, a greater percentage of lot coverage would be allowed on smaller lots under proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446(a)(2)(see Attachments 1 and 2). On lots less than 3,500 square feet in size, the lot coverage limit would be 45% instead of the standard 40%. This relaxation of the lot coverage limit is intended to encourage smaller second floors, or eliminate the need for second floors entirely, on smaller parcels in Pleasure Point.

B. PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE INTERFACE

Community life can be affected by various built and open space components including size, width and location of garage doors and driveways, and landscaping within the front yards. The following four standards are proposed to improve the public/private interface in residential developments to encourage community interaction, and walkable and bike-friendly edge conditions along the private residential lots in the Pleasure Point neighborhood.

Standard B1: Encourage More Front Porches – To provide an incentive to building front porches on new houses in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, and on existing houses that do not exceed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) or lot coverage standards, incentives to building front porches are proposed, based on the following criteria (see proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446[b][1] in Attachment 1).

- Front porches may extend up to 6-feet into the front yard setback;

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- Up to 140 square feet of front porch area shall not be included in lot coverage or FAR calculations;
- Height of any front porch roof subject to these incentives must not exceed 15-feet.
- A stairway to the front porch may extend up to 4 additional feet into the front yard setback (i.e., for a total of 10-feet) if the stairs are no more than 4-feet wide.
- Any front porch subject to these incentives must remain unenclosed (i.e., including glass).

Standard B2: Limit garages to a maximum of 2-car widths wide, and occupying no more than 50% of facade width – To reduce domination of house facades by garage doors, for all new or expanded garages, combined garage door-width are proposed to be limited to a maximum of 2 car-widths wide, and to occupying no more than 50% of the building facade width. Three or more car-width garages would not be allowed if located at the front of the house. Single one car-width garage doors would be allowed regardless of parcel width (see proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446[b][2] in Attachment 1).

Standard B3: Allow Three-Car Tandem Parking – To reduce the amount of front yard area devoted to parking, it is proposed that on-site 3-car tandem parking be allowed by-right, with one car behind the other, three in a row, either within a garage or in the frontyard setback, as illustrated in Attachment 1 (see proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446[b][3]).

Standard B4: Keep Garages Flush With or Behind Facade – To reduce the visual impact of garages as viewed from the street, for new houses or garage additions, it is proposed that garages be kept flush with, or preferably behind, the rest of the house/building facade, as illustrated in Attachment 1 (see proposed new County Code Subsection 13.10.446[b][4]).

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

A. Geology and Soils

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Expose people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of material loss, injury, or death involving:

- A. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or as identified by other substantial evidence?

		X	
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The project potentially affects over 1,100 parcels in the Pleasure Point neighborhood but would not, in and of itself, result in any change in the seismic risk to residents or structures. Any new development that would result from the proposed policy change will be subject to County Code Chapter 16.10 (Geologic Hazards Ordinance) and would require geologic/geotechnical investigations to minimize potential adverse impacts if it could potentially result in a geologically-related hazard. The proposed project does not constitute a significant additional seismic or landslide risk to County residents or structures.

- B. Seismic ground shaking?

		X	
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See A.1.A.

- C. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

		X	
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See A.1.A.

- D. Landslides?

		X	
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See A.1.A.

2. Subject people or improvements to damage from soil instability as a result of on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, to subsidence, liquefaction, or structural collapse?

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See A.1.A.

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3. Develop land with a slope exceeding 30%?

X

Any new development that would result from the proposed policy changes will be subject to County Code Chapters 16.10 (Geologic Hazards Ordinance) and 16.20 (Erosion Control Ordinance) and would generally be prohibited from occurring on slopes exceeding 30%.

4. Result in soil erosion or the substantial loss of topsoil?

X

Any new development that would result from the proposed policy changes will be subject to County Code Chapter 16.20 (Erosion Control Ordinance), which would prevent excessive loss of soil.

5. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to property?

X

The proposed project would not change the County's regulations regarding expansive soils, and thus would result in only minimal, if any, additional risks from construction on such soils. Any development resulting from this policy change would be subject to preparation of applicable soils and geologic reports and meeting any identified mitigations.

6. Place sewage disposal systems in areas dependent upon soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks, leach fields, or alternative waste water disposal systems?

X

The proposed project could not result in the installation of any additional septic systems.

7. Result in coastal cliff erosion?

X

Any new development that would result from the proposed policy change will be subject to County Code Chapters 16.10 (Geologic Hazards Ordinance), 16.20 (Erosion Control Ordinance), and 13.20 (Coastal Zone Regulations) and would generally be prohibited from resulting in coastal cliff erosion.

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B. Hydrology, Water Supply and Water Quality

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Place development within a 100-year flood hazard area?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any change in the flooding or inundation risk to residents or structures. Any new development that would result from the proposed policy changes will be subject to County Code Chapter 16.10 (Geologic Hazards Ordinance). The proposed project does not constitute a significant additional flooding/inundation risk to County residents or structures.

2. Place development within the floodway resulting in impedance or redirection of flood flows?

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See B-1.

3. Be inundated by a seiche or tsunami?

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See B-1.

4. Deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit, or a significant contribution to an existing net deficit in available supply, or a significant lowering of the local groundwater table?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding groundwater recharge areas or result in significant additional groundwater use, and thus would not result in additional impacts on groundwater resources. The project potentially affects approximately 1,150 parcels in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, eight of which are partially covered by a County designated Primary Ground Recharge (PGWR) area along/beneath Corcoran Lagoon. However, the portions of these eight parcels that contain PGWR area are already prohibited from being developed because they are part of the Corcoran Lagoon wetland. The proposed policy changes would not result in any change in groundwater supplies or recharge.

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5. Degrade a public or private water supply? (Including the contribution of urban contaminants, nutrient enrichments, or other agricultural chemicals or seawater intrusion).

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding water quality protection, and thus could result in only minimal, if any, additional water quality degradation.

6. Degrade septic system functioning?

X

No new septic systems could result from the proposed policy change.

7. Alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which could result in flooding, erosion, or siltation on or off-site?

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding drainage or erosion control and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional drainage or erosion-related impacts.

8. Create or contribute runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or create additional source(s) of polluted runoff?

X

The proposed project contains two provisions that would potentially allow more impervious surfaces to be created than without the project - i.e., (1) the increased allowed lot coverage for lots smaller than 3,500 sq. ft. (from 40% to 45% lot coverage) and (2) the incentive to create more front porches. Increased impervious surfaces can be a factor in increasing runoff rates and amounts, potentially contributing to runoff pollution and increased downstream erosion. While staff does not expect that, even under the worst case scenario (i.e., where the maximum possible amount of additional impervious surface would be created), the potential additional runoff created would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or create additional source(s) of polluted runoff, measures to further reduce the potential impact of increased impervious areas have been included in the proposed combining district regulations. Staff does not expect significant additional runoff from the potential increase in impervious surfaces because of the following three factors:

1. Existing Runoff Restrictions: The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding drainage or erosion control, under which all development is now required to restrict project-related runoff to pre-project or otherwise negligible levels. This policy is departure from

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previous County practices which encouraged runoff to be conveyed to driveways, then on to streets/gutters and into the storm sewer system, resulting in increased peak runoff flows and downstream erosion problems.

2. Proposed New Runoff Restrictions: The County will be implementing even tighter Countywide restrictions stormwater runoff as part of the upcoming National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II stormwater regulations. These national and statewide standards, which will even more tightly restrict how much runoff is allowed to come off newly and re-developed sites, are scheduled to go into effect in 2010. The NPDES Phase II requirements will ensure that, even with the proposed greater lot coverage allowances and incentives for new front porches, the amount of additional directly connected impervious surfaces and additional runoff will be kept to a negligible level.

3. Closeness to Beach: The Pleasure Point area is right on the coast, close to the end point of any natural drainage channels, so that any additional runoff would not have downstream effects as would be the case in a more inland location.

The first provision that would potentially increase the amount of impervious surface in Pleasure Point is a proposal that would allow a slightly greater percentage of lot coverage on very small lots (i.e., less than 3,500 square feet). On such lots, 45% lot coverage would be allowed instead of the current 40%. However, there are relatively few such lots that could possibly achieve a 45% lot coverage due to setback requirements. Staff estimates that, due to the front, back and side-yard setback constraints, only approximately 45 lots in the study area (i.e., those between 3,000 and 3,500 square feet in size) could reasonably expect to achieve greater than the current maximum 40% lot coverage. Due to this low number of eligible small lots in the project area (less than 4% of the total number of lots), and due to the fact that only a small percentage of such lots would likely be developed/redeveloped to take advantage of this provision, staff estimates there would not be a substantial or significant increase in impervious surfaces due to this proposed provision. Moreover, as noted above, the proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding drainage or erosion control. All future development would be subject to these regulations (including review by County Public Works and/or Environmental Planning staff, as applicable), which serve to restrict runoff to pre-project levels, or restrict runoff increase to negligible levels. Thus staff expects that this proposed provision would not result in significant additional drainage/runoff or erosion-related water quality impacts.

The second provision that would potentially increase the amount of impervious surfaces is the proposed incentive to build front porches. The proposed amendments would allow the first 140 square feet of front porches, with an additional 16 square feet for stairs (for 156 square feet total), to not count in the lot coverage and FAR calculations. This constitutes a strong incentive to build front porches that doesn't exist now. When such porches are built, they will result in an increase of the impervious area of houses up to 156 square feet beyond what is allowed under current regulations, potentially resulting in a cumulative increase in impervious surface area as more porches are built under this provision. Because it is not known how many houses would take advantage of this incentive over time, the potential additional area that would be made impervious due to this incentive is difficult to calculate. However, as noted above, the proposed

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project would not affect the County's regulations regarding drainage or erosion control. All future development would be subject to these regulations (including review by County Public Works and/or Environmental Planning staff, as applicable), which serve to restrict runoff to pre-project levels, or restrict runoff increase to negligible levels. Thus staff expects that this proposed provision also would not result in significant additional drainage/runoff or erosion-related water quality impacts.

Nevertheless, despite staff's estimation that neither of these provisions would result in a significant increase in runoff amounts or in a degradation of water quality, the following measures are being proposed to slow the transport of storm waters and spread the flood peak in the storm drain system, reducing any possible impact to negligible levels. These measures, included in proposed Subsections 13.10.446(a)(2)(A) and 13.10.446(b)(1)(G), would require that:

1. On lots less than 3,500 net square feet in size, where the maximum lot coverage exceeds 40% (as allowed by proposed Subsection 13.10.446[a][2]), all roof drainage downspouts shall be directed to vegetated areas or other non-erosive permeable surfaces, unless the applicant can demonstrate that such an action is infeasible; and
2. For any front porches constructed pursuant to the front porch incentive described in proposed Subsection 13.10.446(b), all roof drainage downspouts from said porch shall be directed to vegetated areas or other non-erosive permeable surfaces, unless the applicant can demonstrate that such an action is infeasible.

Planning and Public Works staff believe that these two measures will ensure that the storm drain system in the Pleasure Point area is not overwhelmed due to increased impervious areas and that through the filtration achieved by routing roof runoff through vegetated areas there is no chance for water quality impairment from the proposed County Code amendment.

9. Contribute to flood levels or erosion in natural water courses by discharges of newly collected runoff?

_____ X _____

See B.8.

10. Otherwise substantially degrade water supply or quality?

_____ X _____

See B.7 & B.8.

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C. Biological Resources

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Have an adverse effect on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species, in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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Any new development resulting from the proposed policy changes would be subject to the County's Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, the Riparian Corridor Protection Ordinance, the Erosion Control Ordinance, and Significant Tree Removal regulations, as applicable, thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional sensitive habitat or species impacts, including Monarch butterflies or their habitat.

2. Have an adverse effect on a sensitive biotic community (riparian corridor), wetland, native grassland, special forests, intertidal zone, etc.)?

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See C.1.

3. Interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native or migratory wildlife nursery sites?

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See C.1.

4. Produce nighttime lighting that will illuminate animal habitats?

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See C.1.

5. Make a significant contribution to the reduction of the number of species of plants or animals?

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See C.1.

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6. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (such as the Significant Tree Protection Ordinance, Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, provisions of the Design Review ordinance protecting trees with trunk sizes of 6 inch diameters or greater)?

_____ X _____

See C.1.

7. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Biotic Conservation Easement, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

_____ X _____

See C.1. There are no Habitat Conservation Plans that currently affect the project area.

D. Energy and Natural Resources

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Affect or be affected by land designated as "Timber Resources" by the General Plan?

_____ X _____

There are no areas designated as "Timber Resources" within the project area. Moreover, the proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding timber resources.

2. Affect or be affected by lands currently utilized for agriculture, or designated in the General Plan for agricultural use?

_____ X _____

There are no agricultural uses in the project area.

3. Encourage activities that result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy, or use of these in a wasteful manner?

_____ X _____

The proposed amendments would not result in development that would require significant additional use of fuel, water or energy.

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4. Have a substantial effect on the potential use, extraction, or depletion of a natural resource (i.e., minerals or energy resources)?

X

The proposed amendments would not result in development that would require significant additional use, extraction or depletion of natural resources.

E. Visual Resources and Aesthetics

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Have an adverse effect on a scenic resource, including visual obstruction of that resource?

X

The proposed project would consist of regulations and incentives that would serve to enhance the appearance of the Pleasure Point neighborhood.

2. Substantially damage scenic resources, within a designated scenic corridor or public view shed area including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings?

X

See E.1. The proposed project would not result in any blockage of views of Monterey Bay or any other visual resource.

3. Degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, including substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features, and/or development on a ridge line?

X

See E.1 and E.2.

4. Create a new source of light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

X

The proposed amendments would not result in any additional sources of light or glare that would not already be allowed under current building standards in the project area.

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5. Destroy, cover, or modify any unique geologic or physical feature?

X

See E.1.

F. Cultural Resources

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines 15064.5?

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding historical resources and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional impacts to such resources.

2. Cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15064.5?

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding archeological resources and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional impacts to such resources.

3. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding archeological resources, the project including human burial sites, and all future development would be subject to these regulations, and thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional impacts to such resources.

4. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site?

X

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding paleontological resources and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would result in only minimal, if any, additional impacts to such resources.

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G. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, not including gasoline or other motor fuels?

_____ **X** _____

The proposed project would not result in the creation of any additional significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

2. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

_____ **X** _____

See G.1. The proposed project would not, in and of itself, result in development on sites included in the County's list of hazardous materials sites.

3. Create a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area as a result of dangers from aircraft using a public or private airport located within two miles of the project site?

_____ **X** _____

The proposed project would not result in development located within 2 miles of any airport.

4. Expose people to electro-magnetic fields associated with electrical transmission lines?

_____ **X** _____

The proposed project would not affect the County's regulations regarding electro-magnetic fields (EMFs), and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would result in no additional related impacts.

5. Create a potential fire hazard?

_____ **X** _____

See G.1. The proposed project would not affect the County or State's regulations regarding fire safety, and all future development would be subject to these regulations, thus the project would

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result in only minimal, if any, additional related impacts.

6. Release bio-engineered organisms or chemicals into the air outside of project buildings?

X

The proposed project would not result in the release of bio-engineered organisms or chemicals into the air.

H. Transportation/Traffic

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

X

The proposed project consists of residential design standards that would not result in significant traffic-related impacts.

2. Cause an increase in parking demand which cannot be accommodated by existing parking facilities?

X

The proposed project consists of residential design standards, including standards that potentially impact on-site parking (e.g., allowing 3-car tandem parking). However, these standards would not reduce the amount of on-site parking that is required. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in significant parking-related impacts.

3. Increase hazards to motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians?

X

The proposed project would not result in additional hazards to motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians.

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4. Exceed, either individually (the project alone) or cumulatively (the project combined with other development), a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated intersections, roads or highways?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in Level of Service (LOS) reduction.

I. Noise

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Generate a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in the creation of any additional significant noise generation experienced by the public.

2. Expose people to noise levels in excess of standards established in the General Plan, or applicable standards of other agencies?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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See I.1. The proposed project would not result in an increase in noise levels above the threshold limits specified by the General Plan.

3. Generate a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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See I.1. The proposed project would not result in the creation of any additional significant noise generation experienced by the public.

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J. Air Quality

Does the project have the potential to:
(Where available, the significance criteria established by the MBUAPCD may be relied upon to make the following determinations).

1. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any significant air quality impacts and would not be inconsistent with the Monterey Bay Regional Air Pollution Control Plan.

2. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of an adopted air quality plan?

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See J.1.

3. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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See J.1.

4. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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See J.1.

K. Public Services and Utilities

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Result in the need for new or physically altered public facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- a. Fire protection?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or physically altered public facilities for fire protection.

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b. Police protection?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or physically altered public facilities for police protection.

c. Schools?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or physically altered public school facilities.

d. Parks or other recreational activities?

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The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or physically altered public park/recreational facilities.

e. Other public facilities; including the maintenance of roads?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any significant additional need for new or physically altered public facilities or road maintenance.

2. Result in the need for construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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See B.8. The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or expanded drainage facilities.

3. Result in the need for construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any additional need for new or expanded water or wastewater treatment facilities.

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4. Cause a violation of wastewater treatment standards of the Regional Water Quality Control Board?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any wastewater treatment standard violation.

5. Create a situation in which water supplies are inadequate to serve the project or provide fire protection?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in any additional water supply constraints.

6. Result in inadequate access for fire protection?

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The proposed project would not result in inadequate access for fire protection.

7. Make a significant contribution to a cumulative reduction of landfill capacity or ability to properly dispose of refuse?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in an additional cumulative reduction of landfill capacity or the ability to dispose of refuse properly.

8. Result in a breach of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste management?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not result in a breach of regulations related to solid waste management.

L. Land Use, Population, and Housing

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Conflict with any policy of the County adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not conflict with any policy of the County adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.

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2. Conflict with any County Code regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

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See L.1.

3. Physically divide an established community?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not physically divide any community.

4. Have a potentially significant growth inducing effect, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not have a potentially significant growth inducing effect, either directly or indirectly.

5. Displace substantial numbers of people, or amount of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

_____	_____	<u> X </u>	_____
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The proposed project would not have the potential to displace substantial numbers of people, or amount of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

M. Non-Local Approvals

Does the project require approval of federal, state, or regional agencies?

Yes X No

California Coastal Commission certification of the proposed County Code amendment is required since this would constitute and Local Coastal Program amendment.

N. Mandatory Findings of Significance

1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant, animal, or natural community, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

Yes No X

2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short term, to the disadvantage of long term environmental goals? (A short term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long term impacts endure well into the future)

Yes No X

3. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, and the effects of reasonably foreseeable future projects which have entered the Environmental Review stage)?

Yes No X

4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Yes No X

TECHNICAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

	<u>REQUIRED</u>	<u>COMPLETED*</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) Review	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Archaeological Review	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Biotic Report/Assessment	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Geologic Hazards Assessment (GHA)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Geologic Report	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Geotechnical (Soils) Report	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Riparian Pre-Site	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Septic Lot Check	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Other:	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
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Attachments:

1. Proposed County Code Amendments -- Alternative 1
2. Proposed County Code Amendments -- Alternative 2
3. Map of Proposed Pleasure Point Combining Zone District

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE SECTION 13.10.400, AND
ADDING COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 13.10.444, 13.10.445, 13.10.446 AND
13.10.447, ESTABLISHING A PLEASURE POINT COMMUNITY DESIGN
COMBINING ZONE DISTRICT TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 13.10.400 of the Santa Cruz County Code (Combining Zone Districts) is hereby amended, to add the following text to the list of Combining Zone Districts:

Section	Designation	Summary of Limitations Imposed
13.10.444	PP (Pleasure Point Community Design)	Denotes parcels subject to special residential design standards and guidelines specific to the Pleasure Point neighborhood, to be applied in addition to the residential site standards found in Section 13.10.323(b).

SECTION II

The Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 13.10.444, 13.10.445, 13.10.446 and 13.10.447, under a new Article IV-A, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV-A. "PP" Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District

13.10.444 Purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District.

The purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District are to:

- (a) Reduce the visual and shading impacts of new and expanded houses on neighboring parcels and houses;
- (b) Encourage community interaction and orientation towards the street by providing an incentive for the creation of more front porches in Pleasure Point; and
- (c) Reduce the visual impact of automobile-oriented features on residential building facades and in front yards.

13.10.445 Designation of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District.

The Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District shall apply to all R-1 and R-M zoned parcels and residential development on PR zoned parcels in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, an area bounded by Portola Drive on the north, 41st Avenue on the east, Monterey Bay on the south, and the eastern shore of Corcoran Lagoon on the west.

13.10.446 Residential Development Standards in the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District

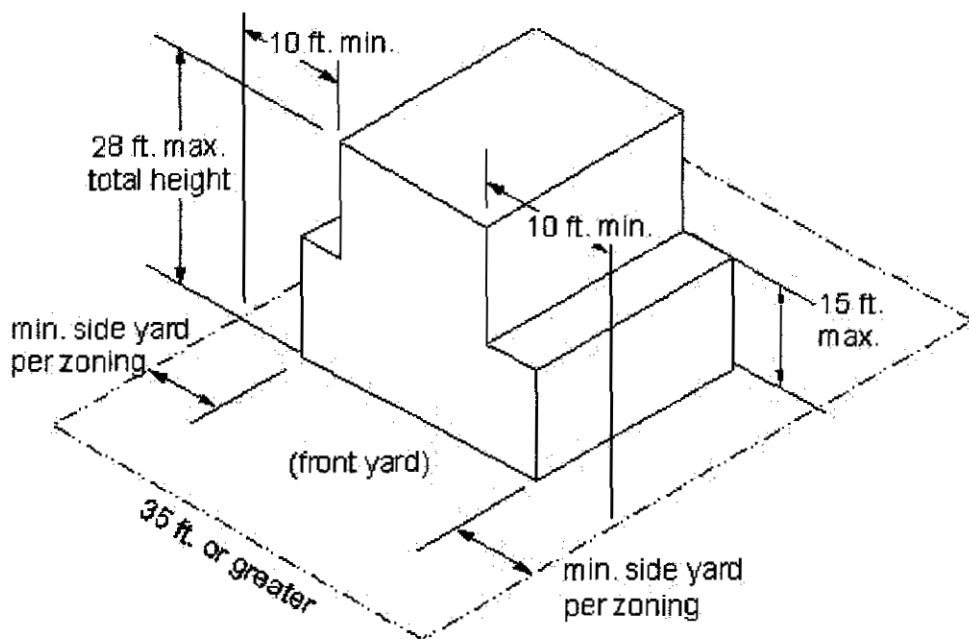
In addition to the residential site standards found in Section 13.10.323(b), the following standards and incentives apply to residential development in the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District. Where there are inconsistencies between this Section and Section 13.10.323(b), the provisions of this Section shall apply:

(a) **Standards and Incentives Regarding Residential Building Mass and Height, and Access to Sun and Light.**

1. Second Story Setbacks. For new two-story residential structures or second story additions, or any new single-story structure or addition that exceeds 15-feet in height, the second story exterior side walls, or the portion of the single-story exterior side wall exceeding 15-feet in height, shall be set back from the side yard property line as follows:

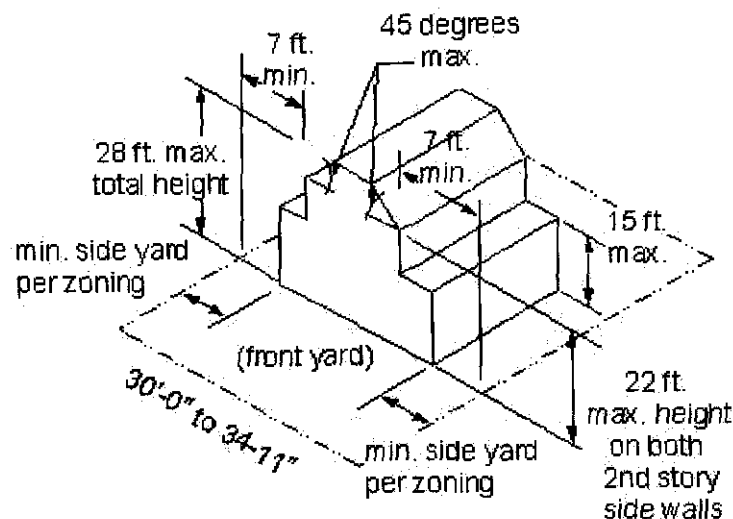
- (A) Lot Width of 35-Feet or Greater: Second story exterior side walls, or the portion of the single-story exterior side wall exceeding 15-feet in height, shall be set back at least 10-feet from the side yard property line. Residential buildings on such lots shall comply with the minimum and maximum dimensions of the Building Volume Envelope Limit diagram illustrated in Figure 1 of Section 13.10.446. Plans shall clearly indicate new construction fitting entirely within the Building Volume Envelope as shown in Figure 1 of Section 13.10.446.

**Section 13.10.446 – Figure 1
Building Envelope Limits for
Lots 35-feet or Greater in Width**



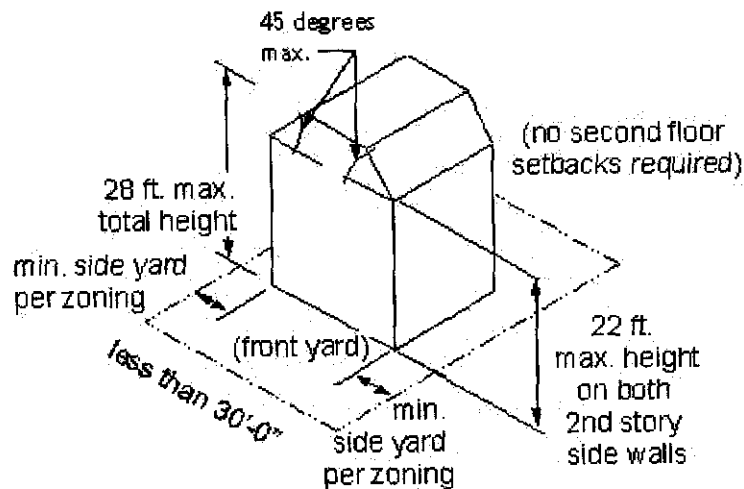
- (B) Lot Widths of 30-Feet or Greater, But Less Than 35-Feet: Second story exterior side walls, or the portion of the single-story exterior side wall exceeding 15-feet in height, shall be set back at least 7-feet from the side yard property line. In addition, side walls shall not exceed 22-feet in height (as measured from finished grade). The peak roof height limit is 28-feet at the center of the structure. A maximum roof slope of 45 degrees (1:1 rise over run ratio) is required between the 22-foot outer portion of the roof and the 28-foot peak roof height. Residential buildings on such lots shall comply with the minimum and maximum dimensions of the Building Volume Envelope Limit diagram illustrated in Figure 2 of Section 13.10.446. Plans shall clearly indicate new construction fitting entirely within the Building Volume Envelope as shown in Figure 2 of Section 13.10.446.

**Section 13.10.446 – Figure 2
Building Envelope Limits for
Lots 30'-0" to 34'-11" in Width**



- (C) Lot Widths Less Than 30-Feet: Second floor setbacks are not required; however, the outer side wall shall not exceed 22-feet in height (as measured from finished grade). The peak roof height limit is 28-feet at the center of the structure. A maximum roof slope of 45 degrees (1:1 rise over run ratio) is required between the 22-foot outer portion of the roof and the 28-foot peak roof height. Residential buildings on such lots shall comply with the minimum and maximum dimensions of the Building Volume Envelope Limit diagram illustrated in Figure 3 of Section 13.10.446. Plans shall clearly indicate new construction fitting entirely within the Building Volume Envelope as shown in Figure 3 of Section 13.10.446.

**Section 13.10.446 – Figure 3
Building Envelope Limits for
Lots Less Than 30-Feet in Width**

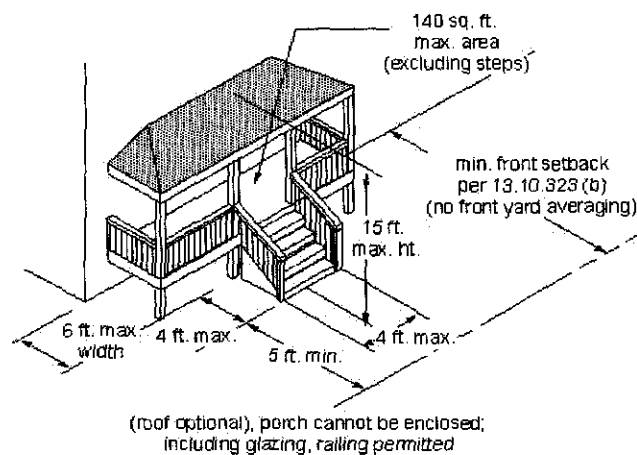


- (D) First Floor Wall Height Limitation for Lot Widths of 30-Feet or Greater: The height of the first story walls shall be limited to 15-feet as measured from finished grade, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of Section 13.10.446.
- (E) Decks/Walkways Allowed in Second Floor Setback: Decks or walkways are permitted in the second floor setback area on top of the first floor roof so long as the top of the hand railing does not exceed 15-feet in height from finished grade.

- (F) Eaves and Chimneys Allowed in Second Floor Setback: Eaves and chimneys may extend up to 3-feet into the required second floor setback area
 - (G) Attached Townhouse or Condominium Units: Attached townhouse or condominium units that do not have a required side yard and are not located at the perimeter of a project site are exempt from providing second story setbacks.
2. Increased Allowed Lot Coverage for Small Lots. On lots less than 3,500 net square feet in size, the maximum lot coverage shall be 45%.
- (A) On lots less than 3,500 net square feet in size, where the maximum lot coverage exceeds 40%, roof drainage downspouts shall be directed to vegetated areas or other non-erosive permeable surfaces, unless the applicant can demonstrate that such an action is infeasible.
- (b) Standards and Incentives Regarding Residential Structure Facades, Front Yards and Parking.
1. Front Porches: For front porches on new houses, and on existing houses that do not exceed FAR or lot coverage standards, the following criteria shall apply, as illustrated in Figure 4 of Section 13.10.446:
- (A) Front porches may extend up to 6-feet into the required front yard setback as established by Section 13.10.323(b);
 - (B) Up to 140 square feet of front porch area shall be excluded in lot coverage or FAR calculations;
 - (C) The height of any front porch roof subject to this subsection shall not exceed 15-feet from finished grade.
 - (D) A stairway to the front porch may extend up to 4 additional feet into the required front yard setback (i.e., for a total of 10-feet with porch and stairs combined) if the stairs are no more than 4-feet wide. To minimize reduction of line-of-sight visibility, stair railings must be non-opaque (i.e., partially see-through).
 - (E) Any front porch subject to these incentives shall remain unenclosed (i.e., including glass).

- (F) If a proposed front porch does not meet the standards in Section 13.10.446(b) 1(A) through 1(E), as illustrated in Figure 4 of Section 13.10.446, it will be subject to the site regulations found in Section 13.10.323(b).
- (G) For any front porches constructed pursuant to this provision, all roof drainage downspouts from said porch shall be directed to vegetated areas or other non-erosive permeable surfaces, unless the applicant can demonstrate that such an action is infeasible.

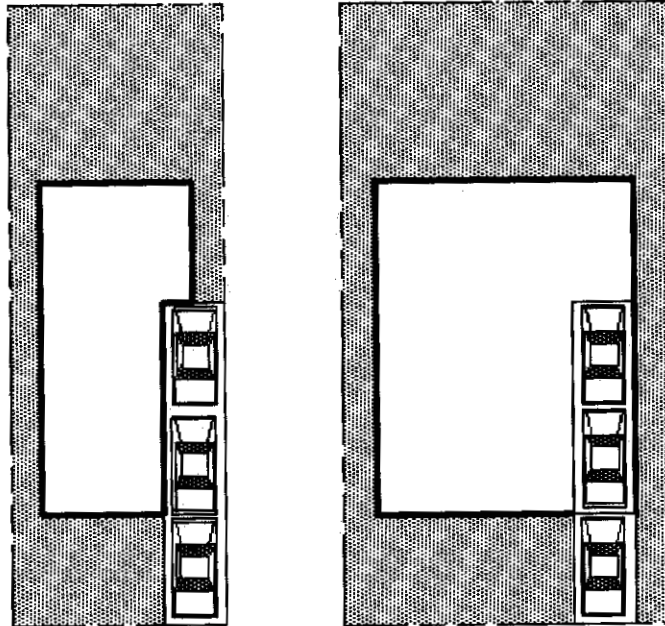
Section 13.10.446 – Figure 4
Front Porch Incentive Standards



2. Reduce Prominence of Garage Doors: Combined garage door-width shall occupy no more than 50% of the building facade width facing a street and shall be limited to a maximum of two car-widths wide (i.e., no more than 18-feet wide) for all new or expanded residential garages. Three or more car-width garages are not allowed if located on the building facade facing a street. Single one car-width garage doors (i.e., no more than 9-feet wide) are allowed regardless of building facade width.

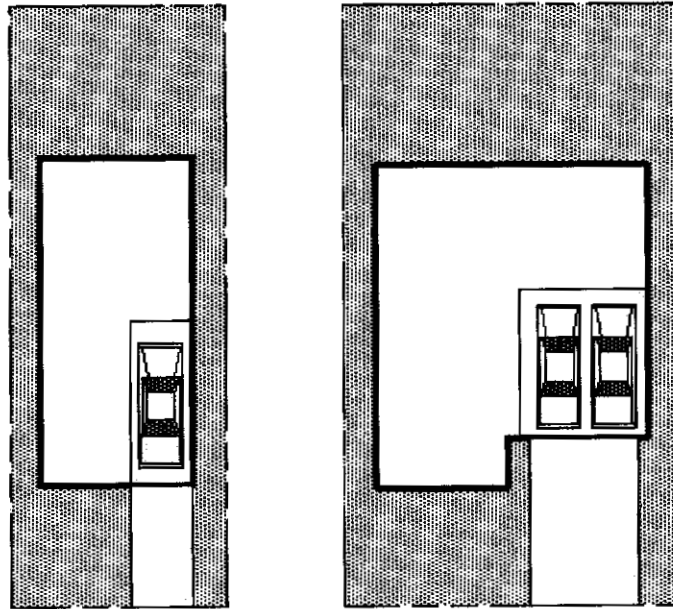
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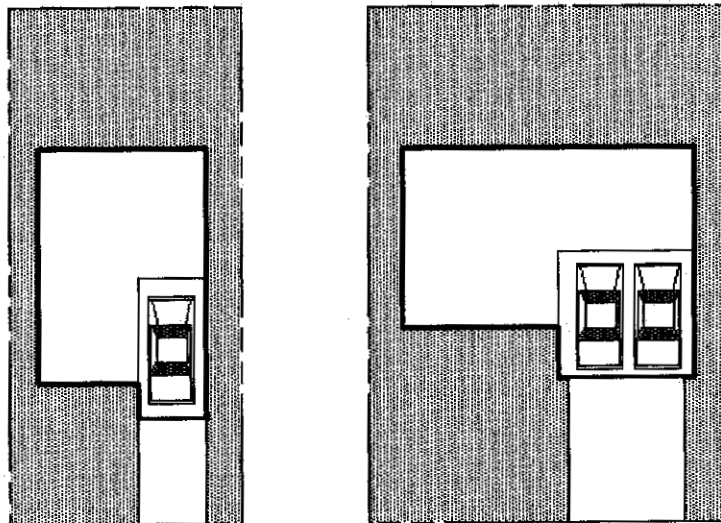


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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE SECTION 13.10.400, AND
ADDING COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 13.10.444, 13.10.445, 13.10.446 AND
13.10.447, ESTABLISHING A PLEASURE POINT COMMUNITY DESIGN
COMBINING ZONE DISTRICT TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 13.10.400 of the Santa Cruz County Code (Combining Zone Districts) is hereby amended, to add the following text to the list of Combining Zone Districts:

Section	Designation	Summary of Limitations Imposed
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SECTION II

The Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 13.10.444, 13.10.445, 13.10.446 and 13.10.447, under a new Article IV-A, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV-A. "PP" Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District**13.10.444 Purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District.**

The purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District are to:

- (a) Reduce the visual and shading impacts of new and expanded houses on neighboring parcels and houses;
- (b) Encourage community interaction and orientation towards the street by providing an incentive for the creation of more front porches in Pleasure Point; and
- (c) Reduce the visual impact of automobile-oriented features on residential building facades and in front yards.

13.10.445 Designation of the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District.

The Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District shall apply to all R-1 and R-M zoned parcels and residential development on PR zoned parcels in the Pleasure Point neighborhood, an area bounded by Portola Drive on the north, 41st Avenue on the east, Monterey Bay on the south, and the eastern shore of Corcoran Lagoon on the west.

13.10.446 Residential Development Standards in the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District

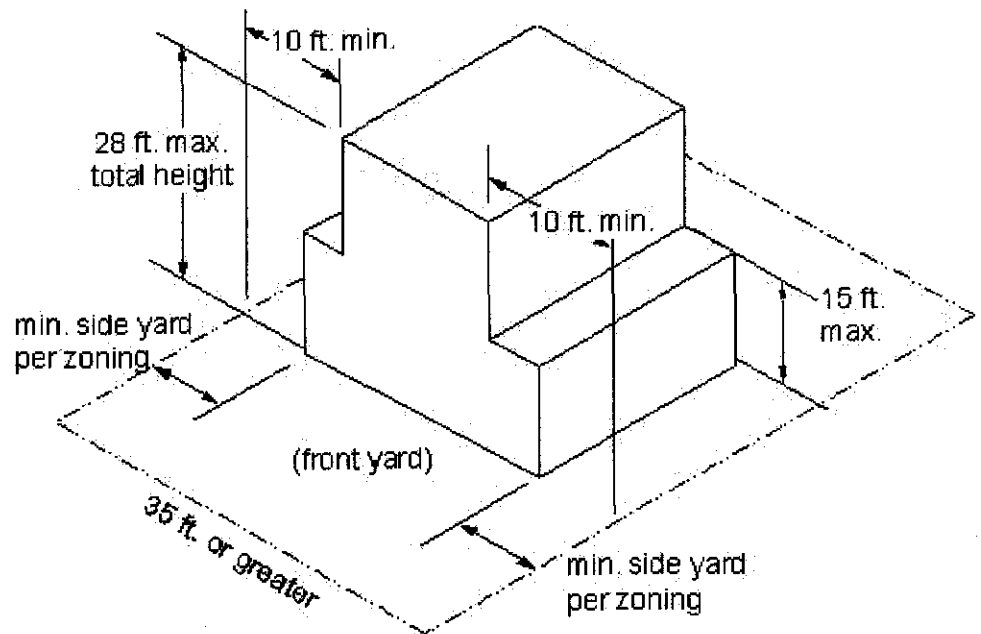
In addition to the residential site standards found in Section 13.10.323(b), the following standards and incentives apply to residential development in the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District. Where there are inconsistencies between this Section and Section 13.10.323(b), the provisions of this Section shall apply:

(a) **Standards and Incentives Regarding Residential Building Mass and Height, and Access to Sun and Light.**

1. Second Story Setbacks. For new two-story residential structures or second story additions, or any new single-story structure or addition that exceeds 15-feet in height, the second story exterior side walls, or the portion of the single-story exterior side wall exceeding 15-feet in height, shall be set back from the side yard property line as follows:

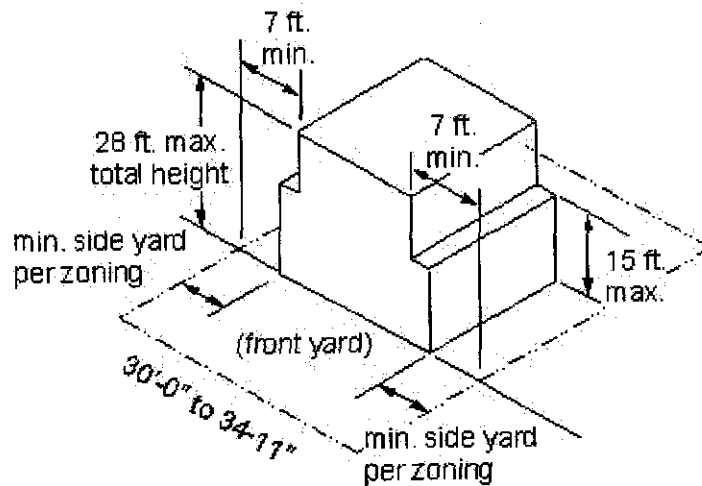
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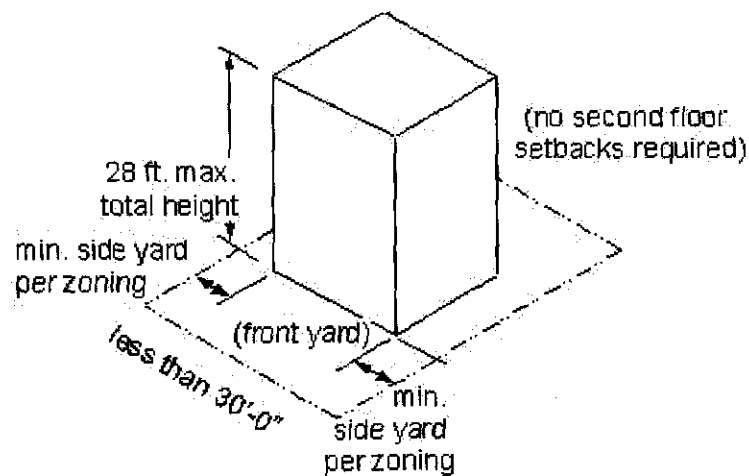
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**Section 13.10.446 – Figure 2
Building Envelope Limits for
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**Section 13.10.446 – Figure 3
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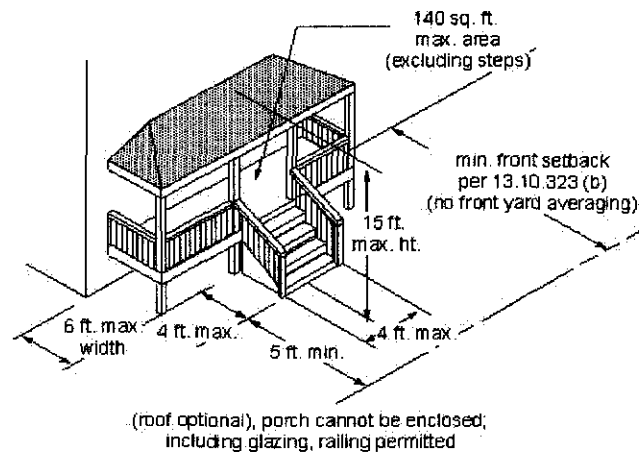
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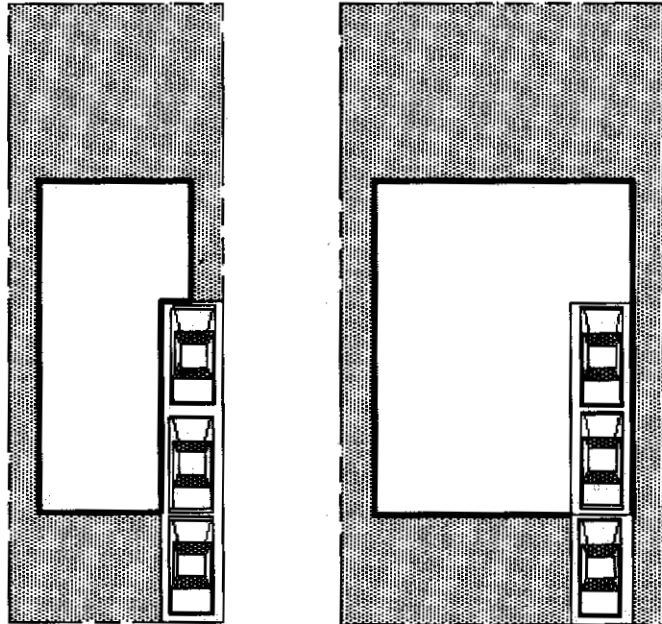
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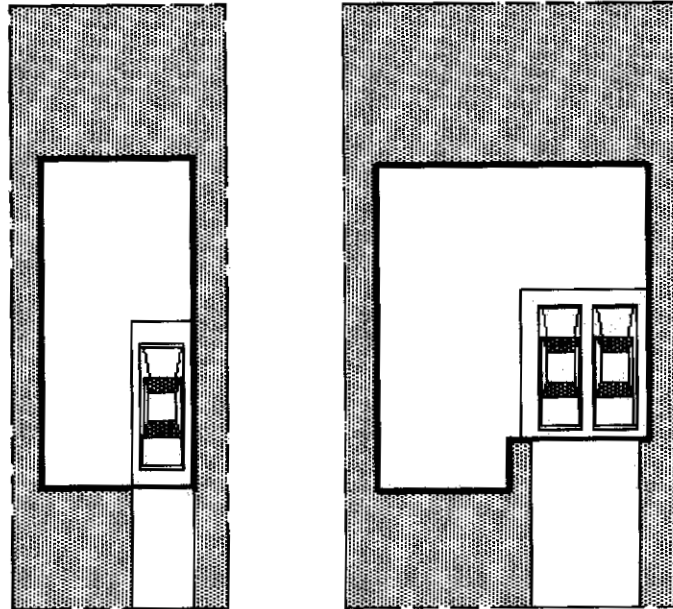
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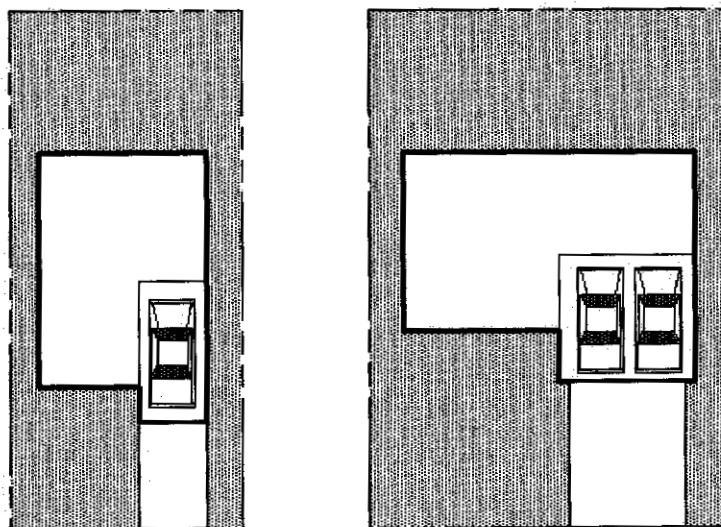


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