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Planning & Community Development City of Pleasanton 200 Old Bernal Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566

Attn: Jenny Soo, Planner

Jenny,

Attached please find the Administrative Development Review Application for the requested Variance for 4267 Churchill Drive, Pleasanton including:

Cover Letter/Written Narrative Existing & Proposed Site Plans Annotated Site Photographs

This cover letter shall serve as the Written Narrative for the request.

As indicated in the Site Plans and Annotated Site Photographs, the Project for the property proposes the relocation of the Existing Garage to allow for direct entry to the interior.

The single-family residence located on the Property was originally the model home for the tract development of which it is a part. The typical model garage location flanked the entry in the front elevation.

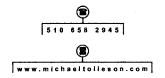
This residence is an anomaly as this "garage" space was utilized as a sale office. A restroom was constructed within this space for office staff, the typical front-yard driveway was constructed for homebuyer parking and the existing side-yard-rear garage was constructed to satisfy the enclosed parking requirements. City of Pleasanton records researched do not provide information on the date of construction of the tract, but it's age is estimated at 40 years. This was the condition of the property at the time of the current Owner's purchase.

The Owner cannot simply convert the original sales office space to a Garage for direct interior entry without the loss of an Entertainment space, its current use, and demolition of the original Restroom, which encroaches on the required Garage proportions.

The Zoning Code establishes limits for corner-lot side-yard setbacks at 10 feet for the R-1-65 zone, at "twice the depth of the minimum side yard prescribed for the district" per 18.84.090.A. A street-side side-yard setback of 12'-5" will be provided for the proposed Garage relocation closest point.

The code, however, also requires that for garages "on the side street of a corner lot, the minimum side yard for a garage, carport, or off-street parking space required to serve a dwelling in an R district shall be 20 feet; provided, that if the garage, carport or off-street parking space is entered parallel to the street, the minimum side yard shall be the same as the side yard otherwise required on the site" per 18.84.090.D.

Although a parallel garage entry is geometrical feasible, it would be extraordinarily insensitive to occupy the side-yard with the quantity of concrete drive to make that solution work.



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It is clear that the spirit of the code is that it should be possible to park vehicles in a driveway, outside the garage and on the property, without encroachment onto a public walk. The anomaly of this Property is that, given the original conditions of construction, this off-street parking can be provided in the original homebuyer parking driveway flanking the entry in the front elevation, thus the side-yard-rear driveway is redundant.

The above conditions meet the Variance requirements for physical constraints and special circumstances unique to this property, would not constitute a special privilege and would not be detrimental to public health, safety or general welfare.

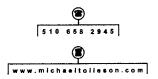
Elevations have not been provided, per "if applicable" of the Variance document requirements (Page 2), as the Site Plans and Site Photographs have been determined to be sufficient to describe the request. Elevations will be provided in a separate Design Review Application, if the Variance Application is approved.

I look forward to your review and response.

Sincerely,

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Front Elevation - South

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(E) Driveway

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## Side Elevation - West

(E) Driveway/Garage

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# Side & Rear Elevations - East & North

Side Yard < Rear Yard

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