This handout provides information about the process for City approval of second story additions of 200 square feet or less of floor area per Zoning Code Section 27.04.200 (c), or 20% of the existing building square footage, whichever is less to an existing two-story single family residence.

Small second story additions to an existing two-story single family residence are processed as follows, effective January 1, 2018:

- Second story additions less than 50 square feet of floor area per Zoning Code Section 27.04.200 (c) require only a building permit with no neighbor notification or appeal process.

- Second story additions of 200 square feet or less of floor area per Zoning Code Section 27.04.200 (c), or 20% of the existing building floor area, whichever is less, are required to follow the process below.

  1. Building Permit application submitted to the Building Division and is routed to the applicable reviewing Divisions/Departments including the Planning Division for plan check reviews.

  2. Planner conducts a plan check review of the permit submittal for conformance with the Single Family Dwelling Design Guidelines and applicable Zoning Code requirements.

  3. Once the Building Permit is approved by all reviewing Divisions/Departments including the Planning Division, a public notice for the “Notice of Pending Building Permit Issuance” will be prepared by the planner in order to inform the neighbors of the City’s intention to issue a building permit. This notice will be mailed directly by the City to provide all property owners ad commercial/residential tenants within 500 feet of the project (and the City’s 900 notification list which includes all homeowners/neighborhood associations in the City and other citywide interested parties) with a 10 calendar day appeal period. The applicant or their representatives must place a public notice placard(s) for the “Notice of Pending Building Permit Issuance” on a highly visible portion of the project site which informs the public of this appeal period. The City will pay for the full cost of this notice, until a fee is added to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

  4. If an appeal is not received with 10 days, the building permit will be cleared for issuance.

  5. If an appeal is received, the appeal will be processed through the Planning Division as an SFDDR Planning Application in accordance with Zoning Code Chapter 27.08. The applicant is responsible for the cost of processing the cost of the appeal. A pre-application neighborhood informational meeting is not required to be held for this application type.