



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Minor Additions within the La Jolla Shores Planned District

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San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Section 1510.0201 requires a Site Development Permit (Process Three) for development within the La Jolla Shores Planned District area. However, applications for additions that are determined to be “minor in scope” may be processed in accordance with Process One (building permit approval). The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to clarify the protocols utilized by City staff to determine whether an addition and/or alteration is minor in scope.

I. INTENT OF REVIEW CRITERIA

The La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance (LJPDO) does not contain inclusive quantifiable development standards to regulate development. Instead, the LJPDO contains language in the General Design Regulations which references the character of the area and design principles. When determining whether an addition is minor in scope, City staff will rely on criteria (A) through (G) as specified below. Determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

II. REVIEW CRITERIA

City staff will use the following criteria to assist in determining whether or not an addition is minor in scope:

- A. Size of the addition as a percentage of the total existing square-footage. Generally additions that increase floor area by 10 percent or less will be determined to be minor in scope, provided criteria (B) through (G) below are also satisfied. Additions that increase floor area by more than 10 percent may also be minor in scope, again depending on how criteria (B) through (G) below are met.
- B. Visibility of proposed addition from adjacent public rights-of-way.
- C. Increases in height from existing development on site.
- D. Reduction of existing building and structure setbacks, in conformance with SDMC Section 1510.0304(b).
- E. Increases in lot coverage from existing development on site.
- F. Impacts to public views from public rights-of-way and other public vantage points.

Documents Referenced in this Information Bulletin

San Diego Municipal Code, ([SDMC](#))

- G. Conformity with the policies and recommendations of the La Jolla Community Plan (e.g. Community Character, Visual Resources, etc.).

III. LA JOLLA SHORES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Projects that increase floor area by over 10 percent will require input from the La Jolla Shores Advisory Board before City staff makes a determination. The Advisory Board’s recommendations will be considered by City staff in the final determination.