

# CITY OF OAKLAND

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## *Agenda Report*

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Community and Economic Development Agency  
DATE: September 29, 2009

RE: **A Report And A Resolution Granting A Conditional And Revocable Permit To Truckee Zurich Place LLC To Allow An Existing Building And Fence Located At 729 Willow Street To Encroach Into The Public Right-Of-Way Along Goss Street**

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### **SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared granting the property owner, Truckee Zurich Place LLC (no. 200500710230), of a corner lot located at 729 Willow Street a conditional and revocable permit (ENMJ 09062) that will allow an existing fence and a portion of the two-family dwelling to encroach into the public right-of-way along Goss Street.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff costs for processing the proposed encroachment permit are covered by fees set by the Master Fee Schedule and have been paid by the developer and were deposited in the special revenue Development Service Fund (2415), Engineering Services organization (88432), Encroachment Permits account (42314), Engineering and Architectural Plan Approval (PS30). The standard conditions of the encroachment permit require the property owner to maintain liability and property damage insurance and to include the City as a named insured.

### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The one (1) story residential building was constructed circa 1888 on a corner lot (APN 006-019-018-00) located at the intersection of Willow Street and Goss Street. The owner recently filed an application (PM 9796) to convert the two (2) rental units to condominiums. A required boundary survey for the subdivision map identified that a six (6) feet long portion of an exterior wall encroaches approximately three (3) inches into the Goss Street right-of-way. Oakland Municipal Code Section 12.08.030 requires that these encroachments receive approval of the City Council.

The adjoining sidewalk is fourteen (14) feet wide. The encroachment has not interfered with pedestrian access or buried utilities for more than one-hundred (100) years. The City Council has previously approved similar encroachments throughout Oakland.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Economic**

Retrofitting of the existing residential units for sound insulation, which is required for

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residential condominium conversions, will provide opportunities for professional services and construction related jobs.

### **Environmental**

Land use approvals and construction permits for real property and building improvements require that the permittee comply with City ordinances and regional Best Management Practices for reducing nuisance noise, fugitive dust, construction debris disposal, and pollutant runoff.

### **Social Equity**

The condominium conversion will provide home ownership opportunities for Oakland residents.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

Building permits for retrofitting of the residential condominiums will conform to State and City requirements for handicapped accessibility.

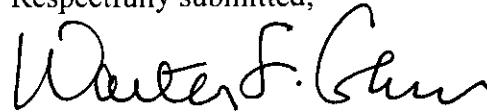
### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Committee accept this report and forward it to the City Council to adopt the proposed resolution approving the encroachments in the public right-of-way.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept this report and adopt the proposed resolution granting Truckee Zurich Place LLC a conditional and revocable encroachment permit to allow an existing building and fence to encroach into the public right-of-way along Goss Street.

Respectfully submitted,



WALTER S. COHEN, Director  
Community and Economic Development Agency

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Building Services Division

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO  
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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City Attorney

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING TRUCKEE ZURICH PLACE LLC A CONDITIONAL AND REVOCABLE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN EXISTING BUILDING AND FENCE LOCATED AT 729 WILLOW STREET TO ENCROACH INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG GOSS STREET**

**WHEREAS**, Truckee Zurich Place LLC (Permittee), a California limited liability company (no. 200500710230) and owner of the property described in a grant deed, recorded August 26, 2008, series no. 2008260953, by the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder, and identified by the Alameda County Assessor as APN 066-0019-018-00, and identified by the City of Oakland as 729 Willow Street and more particularly described in *Exhibit A* attached hereto, has made an application to the City Engineer of the City of Oakland for a conditional and revocable permit (ENMJ 09062) to allow an existing fence and an approximately six (6) feet long portion of the exterior building wall to encroach approximately three (3) inches into the right-of-way along Goss Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the one (1) story building was originally constructed circa 1888 on a corner lot bounded by Willow Street and Goss Street; and

**WHEREAS**, said parcel is a portion of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 25, as originally subdivided by the map entitled "Oakland P.T. (R.R. Ferry Landing), City of Oakland Tract 406", recorded May 24, 1864, in book 5 of maps, on page 33, by the Alameda County Recorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner filed an application with the City of Oakland for a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM 9796) to convert the existing two (2) apartments to residential condominiums; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code Section 16.24.070, said application required that the owner submit a boundary survey performed a land surveyor licensed by the State of California for the subsequent Parcel or Final Map; and

**WHEREAS**, said survey identified said existing encroachment; and

**WHEREAS**, the limit of the encroachment is delineated in *Exhibit B* attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the adjoining sidewalk is fourteen (14) feet wide and the encroachment and its location in the public right-of-way has not interfered with pedestrian access or the maintenance of buried utilities for more than one-hundred (100) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary of Resources, and the provisions of the Statement of Objectives, Criteria and Procedures for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act: City of Oakland, have been satisfied, and that in accordance with CEQA Guideline Section 15332 (Class 32: Infill Projects) and Section 15303(d) (new construction or conversion of small structures which includes extensions of serving utilities) and Section 15301(b) (existing facilities serving electrical utilities) this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the encroachment permit, as conditioned herein, does comply with the California Environmental Quality Act; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the encroachment, as conditioned herein and delineated in *Exhibit B*, is hereby granted for a revocable permit to allow the existing encroachment of an existing building and a fence into the Goss Street right-of-way; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the encroachment is hereby conditioned by the following special requirements:

1. the Permittee (Truckee Zurich Place LLC) is responsible for the relocation of all existing public utilities including but not limited to fire alarm cable, master signal cable, street lighting and intersection signal cable, as required; and
2. after notice to the Permittee, this permit shall be revocable at the sole discretion of the Council of the City of Oakland, expressed by resolution of said Council; and
3. the Permittee, by the acceptance of this conditional and revocable permit, hereby disclaims any right, title, or interest in or to any portion of the public right-of-way area, underlying the encroachments or the air space above and agrees that said temporary use of the area does not constitute an abandonment on the part of the City of Oakland of any of its rights for street purposes and otherwise; and
4. the Permittee shall maintain in force and effect at all times that the encroachments occupy the public right-of-way, valid and sufficient Commercial General Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 for each occurrence with a property damage sub-limit in the amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence, including contractual liability and naming as additional insured the City of Oakland, its directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers against any and all claims arising out of the existence of said encroachments in said right-of-way area, and that a certificate of such insurance and subsequent notices of the renewal thereof, shall be filed with the City Engineer of the City of Oakland and that such certificate shall state that said insurance coverage shall not be canceled, materially changed, or be permitted to lapse without thirty (30) days' written notice to the City Engineer.

The Permittee also agrees that the City of Oakland may review the type and amount of insurance required at any time and may require the Permittee to increase the amount of and/or

change the type of insurance coverage required. In addition, the insurance amounts stated above shall be automatically adjusted upwards cumulatively consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the Bay Area every five (5) years; and

5. the Permittee, by the acceptance of this conditional permit agrees and promises to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Oakland and its officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers from any and all claim, demand, lawsuit and judgment for damages of any kind and nature whatsoever arising out of or caused by the existence, installation or maintenance of the encroachments into the public right-of-way and regardless of responsibility for negligence. This indemnification shall survive termination of this Permit; and
6. the Permittee shall make no changes to the encroachments hereby allowed either structurally, with regard to dimension, or with respect to use, without the prior written consent of the City Engineer and understands that the City of Oakland may impose reasonable fees and considerations for processing permits required for such proposed changes. The Permittee also understands that the City of Oakland is not obligated to grant any changes requested by the Permittee; and
7. the Permittee, by the acceptance of this conditional permit shall be solely and fully responsible for the repair or replacement of any portion or all of the improvements in the event that the improvements shall have failed or have been damaged to the extent of creating a menace or of becoming a hazard to the safety of the general public; and that the Permittee shall be solely liable for the expenses connected therewith; and
8. upon the termination of the permission herein granted, the Permittee shall immediately remove the encroachments from within the public right-of-way, restore the premises to its original condition, and shall repair any resulting damage to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; and
9. the Permittee shall file with the City of Oakland for recordation, a disclaimer and agreement that Permittee accepts and shall comply with and shall be bound by each and all of the terms, conditions and provisions of this resolution; and that the disclaimer and agreement shall be subject to the approval of the City Engineer; and
10. the plans and exact location of the encroachments hereby granted are subject to the review and approval of the City Engineer and that the Permittee shall obtain all necessary permits prior to commencing said work; and that the encroachment shall be located as set forth in *Exhibit B*; and
11. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland makes no representations or warranties as to the conditions beneath the encroachments; and that by accepting this conditional revocable permit, the Permittee agrees that it will use the encroachment area at its own risk, is responsible for the proper coordination of its activities with all other permittees, underground utilities, contractors, or workmen operating within the encroachment area and for the its own safety and any of its personnel in connection with its entry under this conditional revocable permit; and

12. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland is unaware of the existence of any hazardous substances beneath the encroachment areas, and hereby waives and fully releases and forever discharges the City of Oakland and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, actions, causes of action, penalties, fines, liens, judgments, costs, or expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs), whether direct or indirect, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, that may arise out of or in any way connected with the physical condition, or required remediation of the excavation area or any law or regulation applicable thereto, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 466 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (14 U.S.C. Sections 1401-1450), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 1801 et seq.), the Toxic Substance Control Act (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601-2629), the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 25100 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 13000 et seq.), the Hazardous Substance Account Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25300 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.); and

13. the Permittee further acknowledges that it understands and agrees that it hereby expressly waives all rights and benefits which it now has or in the future may have, under and by virtue of the terms of California Civil Code Section 1542, which reads as follows: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR" ; and

14. the Permittee recognizes that by waiving the provisions of Civil Code Section 1542, it will not be able to make any claims for damages that may exist, and to which, if known, would materially affect its decision to execute this encroachment agreement, regardless of whether Permittee's lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause; and

15. the hereinabove conditions shall be binding upon the Permittee and the successive owners and assigns thereof; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Council of the City of Oakland, at its sole discretion and at a future date not yet determined, may impose additional and continuing fees as prescribed in the Master Fee Schedule, for use and occupancy of the public right-of-way; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this resolution shall take effect when all the conditions hereinabove set forth shall have been complied with the City Engineer of the City of Oakland and

shall become null and void upon the failure of the Permittee to comply with the conditions hereinabove set forth after notice and failure to cure such conditions in a reasonable manner; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk of the City of Oakland is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution for recordation by the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder.

**IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,** \_\_\_\_\_, **2009**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID,  
AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

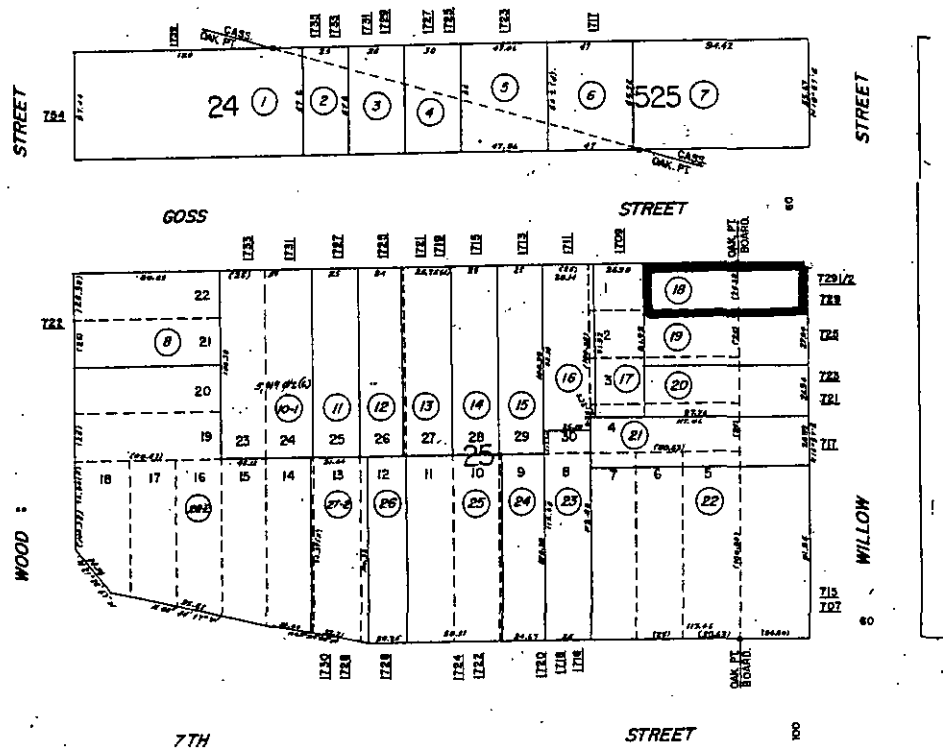
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California

# Exhibit A

*Lands of Truckee Zurich Place LLC, as shown in a Grant Deed, recorded August 26, 2008, series no. 2008260953, by the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder*

Beginning at a point on the Western line of Willow Street, distant thereon 172.81 feet Northerly from the point of intersection thereof, with the Northern line of 7th Street, as said Streets now exist; running thence Northerly along said line of Willow Street, 27.95 feet to the Southern line of Goss Street, as said Street now exists; thence at right angles Westerly along the last named line, 87.76 feet; thence at right angles southerly 27.95 feet to a line drawn Westerly from the point of beginning at right angles with said line of Willow Street; thence at right angles Easterly 87.76 feet to the point of beginning.

## ASSESSOR'S MAP 6





# Exhibit B

## Limits of the Encroachment into the Public Right-of-Way

