CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1231 "I" STREET, SUITE 200, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

APPLICANT John K. Van Alfen, 2000 East Levee Road, Sacramento, CA 95833 OWNER John K. Van Alfen, 2000 East Levee Road, Sacramento, CA 95833 PLANS BY Michael Singer, Architect __3/13/89 **ENVIR. DET.** Exempt 15301(e) FILING DATE_ _REPORT BYBW:kjr ASSESSOR'S PCL. NO. ____274-0181-004 APPLICATION: Α. Variance to exceed the required maximum height for a detached accessory structure from 18 feet to 23 feet and the wall height from 10 feet to 16 feet on 1.14+ acres in the standard single family (R-1) zone В. Variance to allow a second floor on a detached accessory structure 2000 East Levee Road LOCATION: PROPOSAL: The applicant is requesting the necessary entitlements to construct a 2,064 sq. ft. garage (accessory structure) for storage PROJECT INFORMATION General Plan Designation: Low Density Residential (4-15 du/na) 1988 South Natomas Community Plan Designation: Low Density Residential (4-8 du/ac; 7 max. av/na) Existing Zoning of Site: R-1Existing Land Use of Site: Two Residential Units Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: Setbacks: Required Provided North: Residential; R-1 Front: 251 2001 South: Residential: R-1 Side(Int): 0 6'-100' East: Residential: R-1 West: Natomas East Drainage Canal: R-1 17' Parking Required: Parking Provided: 2 existing carport spaces (2 proposed enclosed spaces) Property Dimensions: Irregular Property Area: 1.1+ acres Square Footage of Building: 2,064 sq. ft. Height of Building: 231 Topography: Flat Street Improvements: Existing Utilities: Existing Wood Siding Exterior Building Materials: Roof Material: Baked Enamel/Metal Roof 03327

PROJECT EVALUATION: Staff has the following comments:

A. Land Use and Zoning

The subject site consists of one developed parcel totaling $1.14\pm$ acres in the Standard Single Family (R-1) zone. The General Plan and the South Natomas Community Plan designates the site for Low Density Residential (4-15 DU/NA) and Low Density Residential (4-8 DU/AC; 7 max. AV/NA) respectively. The site is also in a designated infill area. The property is currently developed with two residential units approximately 700 sq. ft. in size and a garden shed. Surrounding land uses include residential to the north, south, and west, zoned R-1; and the Natomas East Drainage Canal to the east, zoned R-1.

B. <u>Applicant's Proposal</u>

The applicant is requesting a variance to exceed the maximum height limit for a detached accessory structure from 18 feet to 23 feet, and to increase the required wall height from 10 feet to 16 feet. A variance to allow a second floor on the detached accessory structure is also requested. The applicant proposes to construct an accessory structure which will consist of a two car garage with a 360 square foot loft.

C. Staff Analysis

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The applicant indicated to staff that the accessory structure will be incidental to the residential uses for a two car garage, two carport spaces, and storage space. The structure will contain two enclosed parking spaces and an attached carport for two spaces (see Exhibit B). Staff surveyed the surrounding neighborhood and noticed that there were several large lots in the area, including the subject site. Staff supports the variance to exceed the maximum height limit. The structure will not create any significant impacts on the adjacent properties nor on the subject site. The distance from the north and south property lines to the proposed accessory structure is 100' and 6' respectively. The distance from the west property line is 18 feet. No residential structures are near the proposed building. There is also ample space on the subject site to meet setback requirements. The proposed garage will be 23 feet in height and the existing structures on the site are 20 feet and 15 feet in height.

Staff supports the variance request to allow a second floor in the accessory structure. Farming equipment and vehicles are necessary to maintain the large lot. The applicant indicated to staff that the farm equipment and vehicles will be stored on the second floor and no living space will be provided. Staff recommends that the second floor loft be used for storage space only.

The exterior building material will consist of wood siding and the building colors will be barn red with gray siding. Roof material will be a baked enamel metal roof.

D. Agency Comments

The proposal was routed to the City's Traffic Engineer, Engineering, Building Inspections, Water and Sewer, and the Natomas Community Association. No comments were received.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to State EIR Guidelines [CEQA Section 15301(e)].

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

- A. Approve the variance to exceed the required maximum height of a detached accessory structure from 18 feet to 23 feet, and the wall height from 10 feet to 16 feet subject to conditions and based on findings of fact which follow:
- B. Approve the variance to allow a second floor on a detached accessory structure subject to conditions and based on findings of fact which follow:

Condition

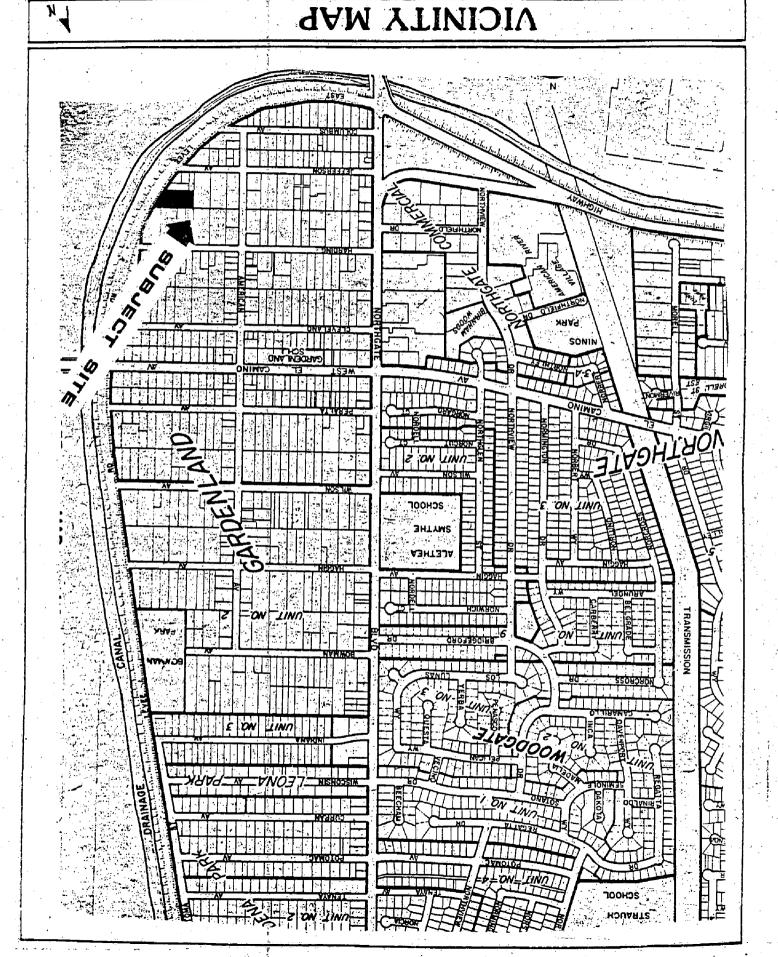
1. The second floor loft proposed in the accessory structure shall be used for storage space only.

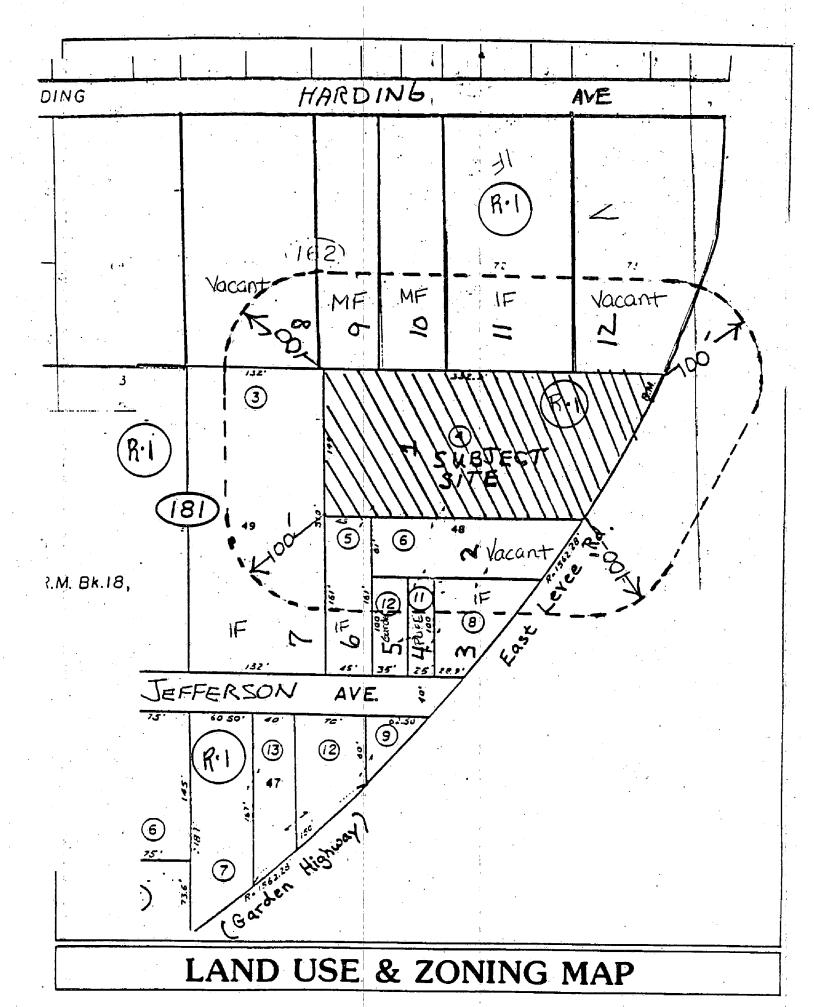
Findings of Fact

- 1. The requested variances do not constitute a special privilege in that:
 - a. exceeding the height limit for the structure does not significantly impact the adjacent properties due to large deep lots in the surrounding neighborhood and on the subject site; and
 - b. the second floor loft will be used for storage space only and no living space will be provided; and
 - c. a variance would be granted to any other property owner facing similar circumstances.
- 2. Granting the variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare nor to properties in the vicinity, in that:
 - a. the structure will be a minimum of 100 feet from adjacent properties; and
 - b. adequate setbacks are provided; and
 - c. the accessory structure will not adversely impact the existing units nor alter the characteristics of the surrounding land uses.

- 3. The requested variance does not constitute a use variance in that accessory structures are permitted in the R-1 zone.
- 4. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and the 1988 South Natomas Community Plan which designates the site for Low Density Residential (4-15 DU/NA) and Low Density Residential (4-8 DU/AC; 7 max AV/NA) respectively.

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