



# City of Escondido Zoning Administrator

## MEETING AGENDA AND RECORD OF ACTION

201 North Broadway  
City Hall – Parkview Conference Room  
October 3, 2024  
2 p.m.

A. Call to Order: 2:03 pm

Zoning Administrator: Oscar Romero, Principal Planner

Staff Present: Greg Mattson, Contract Planner; Alex Rangel, Assistant Planner / Minutes Clerk / Witness

B. Agenda items:

1. PL24-0205 – Modification to an approved Precise Plan for Nutmeg North and South

**REQUEST:** Approve a Modification to an approved Precise Plan for the Nutmeg Subdivision, North and South (SUB18-0005 and SUB20-0007). The proposed modifications include a reduction in unit count from 134 to 124, architectural product type, and realignment of internal circulation. Off-site improvements will continue to adhere to the previously approved plans which are currently under review in Final Engineering. The proposed modifications are in substantial compliance with the previously approved Master Plan. The site is zoned Planned Development (PD-R) and consists of an Urban III (U3) General Plan designation.

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** The Project site is generally located on the south and north sides of North Nutmeg Street and between North Centre City Parkway and Interstate 15 (APN's 224-260-23 (north) & 224, 224-260-46 & 224-260-47 (south))

Applicant: Jason Greminger, Nutmeg 134, LLC  
Planner: Greg Mattson, Adjunct Planner

**DECISION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

- Approved, as set to form
- Conditionally approved with the attached modifications
- Denied
- Continued to: \_\_\_ Date Certain (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ Date Unknown
- Referred to Planning Commission

C. Adjournment: 2:12

*Decisions of the Zoning Administrator may be appealed to the Planning Commission pursuant to Zoning Code Section 33-1303*



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I certify that these actions were taken at the Zoning Administrator meeting on October 3, 2024.

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Zoning Administrator

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Witness

# ATTACHMENT

## MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### EXHIBIT C

#### PLANNING CASE NOS. PL24-0205/PL24-0274

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND ORIGINAL MITIGATION MEASURES

This Project is conditionally approved as set forth on the application received by the City of Escondido on **July 24, 2024**, and the Project drawings consisting of a Site Plans, Architectural, and Civil Plans; all designated as **approved on ~~October 8, October 3, 2024~~**, and shall not be altered without express authorization by the Development Services Department.

For the purpose of these conditions, the term "Applicant" shall also include the Project proponent, owner, permittee, and the Applicant's successors in interest, as may be applicable.

#### A. General:

1. **Acceptance of Permit.** If the Applicant fails to file a timely and valid appeal of this Permit within the applicable appeal period, such inaction by the Applicant shall be deemed to constitute all of the following on behalf of the Applicant:
  - a. Acceptance of the Permit by the Applicant; and
  - b. Agreement by the Applicant to be bound by, to comply with, and to do all things required of or by the Applicant pursuant to all of the terms, provisions, and conditions of this Project Permit or other approval and the provisions of the Escondido Municipal Code or Zoning Code applicable to such Permit.
2. **Conformance to Approved Plans.**
  - a. The operation and use of the subject property shall be consistent with the Project Description and the staff report dated ~~October 8, October 3, 2024~~, designated with the Approved Plan set.
  - b. Nothing in this Permit shall authorize the Applicant to intensify the authorized activity beyond that which is specifically described in this Permit.
  - c. Once a permit has been issued, the Applicant may request Permit modifications. "Minor" modifications may be granted if found by the Director of Development Services to be in substantial conformity with the Approved Plan set, including all exhibits and Permit conditions attached hereto. Modifications beyond the scope described in the Approved Plan set may require submittal of an amendment to the Permit and approval by the authorized agency.
3. **Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws.** Nothing in this Permit shall relieve the Applicant from complying with conditions, performance standards, and regulations

generally imposed upon activities similar in nature to the activity authorized by this permit. (Permits from other agencies may be required as specified in the Permit's Details of Request.) This Permit does not relieve the Applicant of the obligation to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures in effect at the time that any engineering permits or building permits are issued unless specifically waived herein.

No part of this Permit's approval shall be construed to permit a violation of any part of the Escondido Municipal or Zoning Code. **During** Project construction and after Project completion, the Applicant shall ensure the subject land use activities covered by this Permit is conducted in full compliance with all local and state laws.

4. **Clerk Recording.**

a. **Exemption.** If the environmental determination prepared for the Project is a categorical exemption, the City of Escondido hereby notifies the Applicant that the County Clerk's Office requires a documentary handling fee of \$50 in order to file a Notice of Exemption. In order to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk, in conformance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15062, the Applicant should remit to the City of Escondido Planning Division, within two working days of the final approval of the Project (the final approval being the date of this letter) a certified check payable to the "County Clerk" in the amount of \$50. The filing of a Notice of Exemption and the posting with the County Clerk starts a 35-day statute of limitations period on legal challenges to the agency's decision that the Project is exempt from CEQA. Failure to submit the required fee within the specified time noted above will result in the Notice of Exemption not being filed with the County Clerk, and a 180-day statute of limitations period will apply.

b. For more information on filing fees, please refer to the County Clerk's Office and/or the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 753.5.

5. **Legal Description Adequacy.** The legal description attached to the application has been provided by the Applicant and neither the City of Escondido nor any of its employees assume responsibility for the accuracy of said legal description.

6. **Application Accuracy.** The information contained in the application and all attached materials are assumed to be correct, true, and complete. The City of Escondido is relying on the accuracy of this information and Project-related representations in order to process this application. Any permits issued by the City may be rescinded if it is determined that the information and materials submitted are not true and correct. The Applicant may be liable for any costs associated with rescission of such permits.

7. **Indemnification, Hold Harmless, Duty to Defend.**

a. The Applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to the City) the City, its Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, boards, commissions, departments, officials, officers, agents, employees, and

volunteers (collectively, "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, proceedings (including but not limited to legal and administrative proceedings of any kind), suits, fines, penalties, judgments, orders, levies, costs, expenses, liabilities, losses, damages, or injuries, at law or in equity, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages and attorney's fees and other related litigation costs and expenses (collectively, "Claims"), of every nature caused by, arising out of, or in connection with (i) any business, work, conduct, act, omission, or negligence of the Applicant or the owner of the Property (including the Applicant's or the owner of the Property's contractors, subcontractors, licensees, sublessees, invitees, agents, consultants, employees, or volunteers), or such activity of any other person that is permitted by the Applicant or owner of the Property, occurring in, on, about, or adjacent to the Property; (ii) any use of the Property, or any accident, injury, death, or damage to any person or property occurring in, on, or about the Property; or (iii) any default in the performance of any obligation of the Applicant or the owner of the Property to be performed pursuant to any condition of approval for the Project or agreement related to the Project, or any such claim, action, or proceeding brought thereon. Provided, however, that the Applicant shall have no obligation to indemnify, hold harmless, or defend the City as to any Claims that arise from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. In the event any such Claims are brought against the City, the Applicant, upon receiving notice from the City, shall defend the same at its sole expense by counsel reasonably acceptable to the City and shall indemnify the City for any and all administrative and litigation costs incurred by the City itself, the costs for staff time expended, and reasonable attorney's fees (including the full reimbursement of any such fees incurred by the City's outside counsel, who may be selected by the City at its sole and absolute discretion and who may defend the City against any Claims in the manner the City deems to be in the best interests of the City).

- b.** The Applicant further and separately agrees to and shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City (including all Indemnified Parties) from and against any and all Claims brought by any third party to challenge the Project or its approval by the City, including but not limited to any Claims related to the Project's environmental determinations or environmental review documents, or any other action taken by the City regarding environmental clearance for the Project or any of the Project approvals. Such indemnification shall include the Applicant's payment for any and all administrative and litigation costs and expenses incurred by the City in defending against any such Claims, including payment for all administrative and litigation costs incurred by the City itself, the costs for staff time expended, and reasonable attorney's fees (including the full reimbursement of any such fees incurred by the City's outside counsel, who may be selected by the City at its sole and absolute discretion and who may defend the City against any Claims in the manner the City deems to be in the best interests of the City and the Project).
- c.** The City, in its sole discretion and upon providing notice to the Applicant, may require the Applicant to deposit with the City an amount estimated to cover costs, expenses, and fees (including attorney's fees) required to be paid by the Applicant

in relation to any Claims referenced herein, which shall be placed into a deposit account from which the City may draw as such costs, expenses, and fees are incurred. Within 14 days after receiving written notice from the City, the Applicant shall replenish the deposit account in the amount the City determines is necessary in the context of the further defense of such Claims. To the extent such deposit is required by the City, the amount of such deposit and related terms and obligations shall be expressed in a written Deposit Account Agreement, subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form. The City, in its sole and reasonable discretion, shall determine the amount of any initial deposits or subsequent deposits of funds, and the Applicant may provide documentation or information for the City to consider in making its determinations. Nothing within this subsection shall be construed as to relieve the Applicant's obligations to indemnify, hold harmless, or defend the City as otherwise stated herein.

**B. Construction, Maintenance, and Operation Obligations:**

- 1. Code Requirements.** All construction shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Escondido Municipal Code, Escondido Zoning Code, California Building Code; and the requirements of the Planning Division, Engineering Services Department, Director of Development Services, Building Official, City Engineer, and the Fire Chief in carrying out the administration of said codes. Approval of this Permit request shall not waive compliance with any City regulations in effect at the time of Building Permit issuance unless specifically waived herein.

As a condition of receiving the land use approvals specified herein, Applicant shall maintain the property subject to the approvals in compliance with all applicable city codes governing the condition or appearance of property. In addition to compliance with such basic standards, the property subject to these approvals shall also be maintained free of trash, plant debris, weeds, and concrete (other than existing foundations and permanent structures). Any signs placed on the property advertising such property for sale or rent shall be in accordance with applicable laws, and be kept clean, in like-new condition, and free from fading and graffiti at all times. This condition shall be applicable from the date the land use is approved. The failure to comply with this condition shall subject the approvals specified herein to revocation for failure to comply.

- 2. Agency License and Permitting.** In order to make certain on- or off-site improvements associated with the Approved Plan set, the Permit request may require review and clearance from other agencies. Nothing in these Conditions of Approval shall be construed as to waive compliance with other government agency regulations or to obtain permits from other agencies to make certain on- or off-site improvements prior to Final Map recordation, grading permit issuance, building permit issuance, or certificate of occupancy as required. This review may result in conditions determined by the reviewing agency.

At all times during the effective period of this Permit, the Applicant and any affiliated responsible party shall obtain and maintain in valid force and effect, each and every license and permit required by a governmental agency for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the authorized activity.

3. **Utilities.** All new utilities and utility runs shall be underground, or fee payment in-lieu subject to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
4. **Signage.** All proposed signage associated with the Project must comply with Article 66 (Sign Ordinance) of the Escondido Zoning Code. Separate sign permits will be required for Project signage. All non-conforming signs shall be removed. The Applicant shall submit with any sign permit graphic/list of all signs to be removed and retained, along with any new signage proposed.
5. **Noise.** All Project generated noise shall conform to the City's Noise Ordinance (Ordinance 90-08).
6. **Lighting.** All exterior lighting shall conform to the requirements of Article 35 (Outdoor Lighting Ordinance) of the Escondido Zoning Code.
7. **General Property Maintenance.** The property owner or management company shall maintain the property in good visual and functional condition. This shall include, but not be limited to, all exterior elements of the buildings such as paint, roof, paving, signs, lighting and landscaping. The Applicant shall paint and re-paint all building exteriors, accessory equipment, and utility boxes servicing the Project, as necessary to maintain clean, safe, and efficient appearances.
8. **Anti-Graffiti.** The Applicant shall remove all graffiti from buildings and wall surfaces within 48 hours of defacement, including all areas of the job site for when the Project is under construction.
9. **Anti-Litter.** The site and surrounding area shall be maintained free of litter, refuse, and debris. Cleaning shall include keeping all publicly used areas free of litter, trash, and garbage.
10. **Roof, Wall, and Ground Level Equipment.** All mechanical equipment shall be screened and concealed from view in accordance with Section 33-1085 of the Escondido Zoning Code.
11. **Trash Enclosures.** All appropriate trash enclosures or other approved trash systems shall be approved by the Planning and Engineering Division. The property owner or management company shall be responsible for ensuring that enclosures are easily assessable for garbage and recyclables collection; and that the area is managed in a clean, safe, and efficient manner. Trash enclosure covers shall be closed when not in use. Trash enclosures shall be regularly emptied. There shall be the prompt removal of visible signs of overflow of garbage, smells emanating from enclosure, graffiti, pests, and vermin.
12. **Staging Construction Areas.** All staging areas shall be conducted on the subject property, subject to approval of the Engineering Department. Off-site staging areas, if any, shall be approved through the issuance of an off-site staging area permit/agreement.

**13. Disturbance Coordinator.** The Applicant shall designate and provide a point-of-contact whose responsibilities shall include overseeing the implementation of Project, compliance with Permit terms and conditions, and responding to neighborhood concerns.

**14. Construction Waste Reduction, Disposal, and Recycling.** Applicant shall recycle or salvage for reuse a minimum of 65% of the non-hazardous construction and demolition waste for residential projects or portions thereof in accordance with either Section 4.408.2, 4.408.3, or 4.408.4 of the California Green Building Standards Code; and/or for non-residential projects or portions thereof in accordance with either Section 5.408.1.1, 5.408.1.2, or 5.408.1.3 of the California Green Building Standards Code. In order to ensure compliance with the waste diversion goals for all residential and non-residential construction projects, the Applicant must submit appropriate documentation as described in Section 4.408.5 of the California Green Building Standards Code for residential projects or portions thereof, or Section 5.408.1.4 for non-residential projects or portions thereof, demonstrating compliance with the California Green Building Standards Code sections cited above.

**15. Construction Equipment Emissions.** Applicant shall incorporate measures that reduce construction and operational emissions. Prior to the City's issuance of the demolition and grading permits for the Project, the Applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Division that its construction contractor will use a construction fleet wherein all 50-horsepower or greater diesel-powered equipment is powered with California Air Resources Board ("CARB") certified Tier 4 Interim engines or equipment outfitted with CARB-verified diesel particulate filters. An exemption from this requirement may be granted if (i) the Applicant provides documentation demonstrating that equipment with Tier 4 Interim engines are not reasonably available, and (ii) functionally equivalent diesel PM emission totals can be achieved for the Project from other combinations of construction equipment. Before an exemption may be granted, the Applicant's construction contractor shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services that (i) at least two construction fleet owners/operators in San Diego County were contacted and those owners/operators confirmed Tier 4 Interim equipment could not be located within San Diego County during the desired construction schedule, and (ii) the proposed replacement equipment has been evaluated using the California Emissions Estimator Model ("CalEEMod") or other industry standard emission estimation method, and documentation provided to the Planning Division confirms that necessary project-generated functional equivalencies in the diesel PM emissions level are achieved.

**Specific Planning Division Conditions:**

1. The applicant shall ensure all mitigation measures outlined in the adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on file with the City of Escondido continue to be implemented.

**Specific Fire Department Conditions:**

1. An updated Fire Protection Report shall be submitted and approved by the City Fire Department prior to Building Plan submittal.

**EXHIBIT C**

**PLANNING CASE NOS. PL24-0205/PL24-0274**

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND  
ORIGINAL MITIGATION MEASURES (continue)**

Due to the number of pages in Exhibit C, the following link has been provided to review the documents electronically on the City's web site:

<https://www.escondido.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6792/Planning-Commission-Resolution-2019-23-PDF>

The link includes the following:

Planning Commission Resolution 2019-23, containing the Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures for project SUB18-0005 and ENV18-0005.