

**INDIVIDUAL  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

**BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 10, 2015**

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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rebecca Markwick, Associate Planner

**Subject: Approve revocable license for private improvements in the City street right-of-way in front of 130 Bella Vista Avenue**

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**Recommended Motion/Item Description**

1. That Vice Mayor Campbell state for the record that his residence is within 500 feet of the subject property and therefore he must recuse himself from this item. [He need not leave the dais.]
2. That the City Council approve the revocable license agreement for 130 Bella Vista Avenue for improvements in the street right-of-way.

**Background and Findings**

**Proposed encroachment on City property – 130 Bella Vista Avenue – APN 060-174-14**

A proposed and existing gate, fencing, entry stairs, and off-street parking in the Bella Vista Avenue right-of-way. (Refer to attached draft Revocable License No. 2015.08 and associated exhibit.)

**Revocable license policy**

City of Belvedere Administrative Policy (Chapter 272, “Revocable Licenses”) was adopted by the City Council in August 2001 (Resolution No. 2001-20). The purpose of the policy is to provide guidelines for use in the determination as to whether a license for the private use of excess street right-of-way may be granted, or whether excess public rights-of-way and vacant public lands shall be vacated and/or sold.

The Policy states that a revocable license for private use of excess street right-of-way may be granted at the discretion of the City Council, provided any proposed encroachment into the right-of-way complies with the design review requirements of Title 20 of the Belvedere Municipal Code. Circumstances in which it may be appropriate for the City to grant a revocable license for private use in excess street right-of-way include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. The encroachment is necessary to provide pedestrian or vehicular access from private property to the adjacent public street.

- b. Use of the public right-of-way will permit landscaping that the City determines will enhance the aesthetic qualities of the streetscape.
- c. Use of the public right-of-way will provide an off-street parking area, and will thereby relieve parking or traffic congestion on the adjacent City street;
- d. The public right-of-way will be used to construct retaining walls, drainage structures or other facilities that the City considers necessary to protect or maintain the public infrastructure
- e. The license will validate already existing private improvements in the public right-of-way for the purpose of shifting the City's potential liability for injuries and damages to the private property owners using the right-of-way for private purposes.

**Background of current application; future improvements**

A Revocable License was issued in 2012 for site improvements on Bella Vista and Bayview Avenues. The existing Revocable License (License No. 2012.13) includes landscape stairs, deer fence, landscaping and trees located in the Bayview Avenue right-of-way. The area of the Revocable License on Bayview Avenue will remain unchanged; therefore a new Revocable License is not needed for the improvements on Bayview Avenue.

On June 16, 2015, the City of Belvedere Planning Commission approved application requests for Demolition and Design Review to demolish the existing residence and existing site improvements to allow for construction of a new single family dwelling, attached garage and other associated property improvements. The Planning Commission approved the proposed modifications and recommended approval for the proposed encroachments into the public right-of-way on Bella Vista Avenue. The proposed encroachments into the public right of way include fencing, entry stairs, drive way and paving. These improvements enhance the aesthetic appeal of the front yard area, as well as provide access to the residence and existing garage.

The Commission/staff finds that encroachment is necessary to provide pedestrian and vehicular access from private property to the adjacent public street and use of the public right-of-way will permit landscaping that will enhance the aesthetic qualities of the neighborhood, while also maintaining views from the public right-of-way.

The license covers any future improvements within the revocable license area which receive staff or Planning Commission design review approval and which meet one or more of the criteria for approval established by City Council resolution (a through e above). Applications for substantial, potentially permanent and/or obstructive structures within the City right-of-way, which fall outside Criteria a – e enumerated above, will still be required to go to the City Council for consideration and approval/denial. Detailed records at City Hall, maintained in the Planning Department file for this address, will always be available to show exactly what structures have been approved within the license area. This will save considerable staff time that would be devoted to bringing a revised license and staff report to the City Council and in issuing, recording, and archiving a new license agreement.

**Recommended Action**

That the City Council approve the revocable license agreement for 130 Bella Vista Avenue for improvements in the street right-of-way.

**Attachments**

Draft license agreement with attached exhibit.

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:  
City Clerk, City of Belvedere  
RECORD WITHOUT FEE PER G.C. 27383

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

City Clerk  
City of Belvedere  
450 San Rafael Avenue  
Belvedere, CA 94920-2336

**CITY OF BELVEDERE**

**REVOCABLE LICENSE NO. 2015.08**

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: **060-174-14**  
ADDRESS: **130 Bella Vista Avenue, Belvedere, California 94920**  
OWNERS' NAMES: **James K. and Carmen D. Steil**  
DATE ISSUED: **August 10, 2015**

The City of Belvedere, California, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), hereby authorizes and licenses the owners of the land described above and in Exhibit "A" (hereinafter referred to as "Licensees"), at their own cost and expense, to encroach upon the adjoining land owned by the City of Belvedere (hereinafter referred to as "Premises") for the following purpose: proposed and existing gate, fencing, entry stairs, and off-street parking.

The above-described improvements received City design review approval. This license shall cover any future improvements within the revocable license area which receive design review approval and which meet one or more of the criteria adopted by City Council resolution for the granting of revocable licenses. Any future revocable license application which does not meet the criteria must be approved by the City Council.

This revocable license is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensees shall save and hold harmless the City of Belvedere from any loss, damage, or injury of any kind or character whatsoever that may arise from anything done, or omitted to be done, by Licensees, their agents, employees or contractors in connection with or in any way related to the matters authorized by this License. Licensees agree to hold City harmless and indemnify City (including, but not limited to, attorney fees, expert witness costs and court costs), without limitation, from and against any and all claims, injuries, damage, liability and/or cause of action which may ever arise as a result of injury and/or damage to property claimed to be the result of construction and/or failure to maintain said property or improvements by Licensees in, on, under, or above City property which is the subject of the revocable license granted Licensees by City.
2. To the extent this License authorizes the erection or installation of any building, fence, wall, or other structure or facility in or upon land owned by City, Licensees agree to erect and install the same in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Planning Commission of the City of Belvedere and further agree to maintain the same at all times in good condition and repair, all at Licensees' sole cost and expense.
3. If Licensees shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this License, the City, at its option may immediately terminate and revoke this License by mailing or delivering written notice thereof to Licensees at the address hereinabove stated.

4. To the extent this License authorizes the erection or installation of any infrastructure improvements which are subject to the Americans With Disabilities Act (“the Act”), Licensees agrees to construct and maintain those improvements in full compliance with the requirements of the Act.
5. Licensees shall not restrict access by the public and/or by adjacent property owners to the licensed area.
6. Licensees shall execute this License by: signing the License; making an acknowledgement of the License before a notary public or an officer specified by the State to take the acknowledgement of instruments of writing; and delivering the signed License and certificate of acknowledgement to the City. If Licensees shall fail to execute this License within thirty days of the date issued, the City may immediately terminate and revoke this License by mailing or delivering written notice thereof to Licensees at the address hereinabove stated.
7. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, this License shall be revocable at the pleasure of the City Council of the City of Belvedere. The election to revoke this License may be exercised at any time by mailing or delivering to Licensees at the address hereinabove stated a notice of revocation and termination. Within the time specified in said notice, Licensees shall, at their own cost and expense, remove from the Premises the encroachment and all structures and facilities placed thereon or therein by Licensees.
8. That upon the failure of Licensees to comply with any of the agreements contained herein, City may declare said improvements to be a public nuisance, and may take such action as may be authorized by law to abate said nuisance. The City shall be entitled to recover from Licensees costs of suit and reasonable attorney's fees, to be determined by the court. The remedy of City as contained in this paragraph shall not be exclusive.
9. The Licensees acknowledges that the property interest created hereunder by issuance of this license may be subject to possessory interest taxation and said Licensees in whom such possessory interest is vested recognizes and agrees that they shall be solely responsible for payment of all such taxes levied upon said possessory interest.
10. The Licensees shall deliver this License to any successor in interest to the above-described land.
11. The agreements contained herein are covenants and servitudes running with the land and shall be binding upon Licensees and their successors, assignors, executors, administrators, and personal representatives.
12. The Licensees shall obtain an encroachment permit from the City prior to the commencement of any work on City property.

Issued by direction of the City Council of the City of Belvedere pursuant to action taken at its meeting of August 10, 2015.

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Mary Neilan, City Manager

The foregoing License is accepted and its terms and conditions are agreed to:

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James K. Steil, Licensee

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Carmen D. Steil, Licensee

(N) WOOD GATE AND ARBOR  
(SEE LANDSCAPE PLANS)

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(SEE LANDSCAPE PLANS)

DRIVEWAY

(E) EDGE OF PAVEMENT

PLANTER

(N) WOOD GATE AND ARBOR  
(SEE LANDSCAPE PLANS)

DESCENDING STONE STEPS

SMALL ACCENT TREE

(E) EDGE OF PAVEMENT

(N) 85' LONG FENCE  
FRONTING STREET (SEE  
LANDSCAPE PLANS  
FOR DETAILS)

(E) EDGE OF PAVEMENT

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PROPERTY LINE

BELLA VISTA AVE.

RET. WALL

EDGE OF BLDG.

PAVED  
COURT  
YARD

APN: 064-174-14

EDGE OF BLDG.

PLANTING

RET. WALL

PLAY AREA



REVOCABLE LICENSE

130 Bella Vista Ave.  
Belvedere, CA  
Assessors Parcel # 060-174-14

EXHIBIT 'A'

scale 1" = 20'

LICENSE AREA SHOWN SHADED