

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A VARIANCE (PEN23-0013) TO ALLOW FOR WALLS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 10.67 FEET HIGH OF WITHIN TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 38264 (PEN22-0013) LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COTTONWOOD AVENUE AND QUINCY STREET, (APN: 478-250-001)

WHEREAS, the City of Moreno Valley (“City”) is a general law city and a municipal corporation of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, Pacifica Investments (“Applicant”) has submitted an application for a Variance (PEN23-0013) to allow walls to have a maximum of up to 10.67 feet high along lots 1, 2, 3, and 49 adjacent to internal Street G within Tentative Tract Map No. 38264 (PEN22-0013) (“Proposed Project”) located at the southeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Quincy Street (APN: 478-250-001) (“Project Site”); and

WHEREAS, the applications for the Proposed Project have been evaluated in accordance with Section 9.02.100 (Variance), respectively, of the Municipal Code with consideration given to the City’s General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.02.0100 of the Municipal Code imposes conditions of approval upon projects for which a Variance is required, which conditions may be imposed by the Planning Commission to address on-site improvements, off-site improvements, the manner in which the site is used and any other conditions as may be deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare and ensure that the Proposed Project will be developed in accordance with the purpose and intent of Title 9 (“Planning and Zoning”) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of Section 9.02.0100 (Variance) of the Municipal Code, at the public hearing, the Planning Commission considered Conditions of Approval to be imposed upon Variance (PEN23-0013), which conditions were prepared by Planning Division staff who deemed said conditions to be necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to ensure the Proposed Project will be developed in accordance with the purpose and intent of Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.02.200 (Public Hearing and Notification Procedures) of the Municipal Code, a public hearing was scheduled for October 12, 2023, and notice thereof was duly published, posted, and mailed to all property owners of record within 600 feet of the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the public hearing to consider the Proposed Project was duly conducted by the Planning Commission, at which time all interested persons were provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Planning Commission considered whether each of the requisite findings specified in Section 9.02.100 of the Municipal Code and set forth herein could be made concerning the Proposed Project as conditioned by Conditions of Approval; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA¹) and CEQA Guidelines², the Planning Commission approved Resolution 2023-45, determined that the MND and the MMRP prepared for the Proposed Project has reduced the potential impact of the Proposed Project to levels of insignificance and there is no substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the Proposed Project will significantly affect the environment in a manner that otherwise would require the preparation and certification of an Environmental Impact Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals and Exhibits

That the foregoing Recitals and attached exhibits are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by this reference.

Section 2. Notice

That pursuant to Government Code Section 66020(d)(1), notice is hereby given that the Proposed Project is subject to certain fees, dedications, reservations, and other exactions as provided herein, in the staff report and conditions of approval (collectively, "Conditions"); and these Conditions constitute written notice of a statement of the amount of such fees, and a description of the dedications, reservations, and other exactions. You are hereby further notified that the ninety-day approval period in which you may protest these fees, dedications, reservations, and other exactions, pursuant to Government Code Section 66020(a), has begun.

Section 3. Evidence

That the Planning Commission has considered all evidence submitted into the Administrative Record for the Proposed Project, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Moreno Valley General Plan and all other relevant provisions contained therein;
- (b) Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code and all other relevant provisions referenced therein;
- (c) Application for Variance (PEN23-0013) including Resolution No. 2023-45 and all documents, records, and references contained therein;

¹ Public Resources Code §§ 21000-21177

² 14 California Code of Regulations §§15000-15387

- (d) Conditions of Approval for Variance (PEN23-0013), attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (e) Staff Report prepared for the Planning Commission's consideration and all documents, records, and references related thereto, and Staff's presentation at the public hearing;
- (f) Testimony, and/or comments from Applicant and its representatives during the public hearing; and
- (g) Testimony and/or comments from all persons provided in written format or correspondence, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Section 4. Findings

That based on the foregoing Recitals and the Evidence contained in the Administrative Record as set forth above, the Planning Commission makes the following findings in approving the Proposed Project:

- (a) That strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specified regulation would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship not otherwise shared by others within the surrounding area or vicinity.
- (b) That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the property involved or to the intended use of the property which do not apply generally to other properties in the vicinity and under the same zoning classification.
- (c) That strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specified regulation would deprive the applicant of privileges enjoyed by the owners of other properties in the vicinity and under the same zoning classification.
- (d) That the granting of the variance will not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations on the other properties in the vicinity and under the same zoning classification.
- (e) That the granting of the variance will not be detrimental to public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.
- (f) That the granting of a variance is consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan and the intent of Title 9.

Section 5. Approval

That based on the foregoing Recitals, Evidence contained in the Administrative Record and Findings, as set forth herein, the Planning Commission hereby approves the Proposed Project subject to the Conditions of Approval for Variance (PEN23-0013) attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 6. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

That all the provisions as heretofore adopted by the Planning Commission that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Severability

That the Planning Commission declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effective Date

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of adoption.

Section 9. Certification

That the Secretary of the Planning Commission shall certify to the passage of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION

Alvin DeJohnette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sean P. Kelleher,
Community Development Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla,
City Attorney

Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Variance (PEN23-0013) Conditions of Approval

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CITY OF MORENO VALLEY CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL Variance (PEN23-0013)

EFFECTIVE DATE:

EXPIRATION DATE:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Division

1. A change or modification to the land use or the approved site plans may require a separate approval. Prior to any change or modification, the property owner shall contact the City of Moreno Valley Community Development Department to determine if a separate approval is required.
2. Any expansion to this use or exterior alterations will require the submittal of a separate application(s) and shall be reviewed and approved under separate permit(s). (MC 9.02.080)
3. The developer, or the developer's successor-in-interest, shall be responsible for maintaining any undeveloped portion of the site in a manner that provides for the control of weeds, erosion and dust. (MC 9.02.030)
4. The expiration date of this modification does not extend the expiration of any related project or activity.
5. This approval shall expire three years after the approval date of this project unless used or extended as provided for by the City of Moreno Valley Municipal Code; otherwise it shall become null and void and of no effect whatsoever. Use means the beginning of substantial construction contemplated by this approval within the three-year period, which is thereafter pursued to completion, or the beginning of substantial utilization contemplated by this approval. (MC 9.02.230)
6. The Developer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, city council, commissions, boards, subcommittees and the City's elected and appointed officials, commissioners, board members, officers, agents, consultants and employees ("City Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorneys' fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to the legality, validity or adequacy of any of the following items: (i) any prior or current agreements by and among the City and the Developer; (ii) the current, concurrent and subsequent permits, licenses and entitlements approved by

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the City; (iii) any environmental determination made by the City in connection with the Project Site and the Project; and (iv) any proceedings or other actions undertaken by the City in connection with the adoption or approval of any of the above. In the event of any administrative, legal, equitable action or other proceeding instituted by any third party (including without limitation a governmental entity or official) challenging the legality, validity or adequacy of any of the above items or any portion thereof, the Parties shall mutually cooperate with each other in defense of said action or proceeding. Notwithstanding the above, the City, at its sole option, may tender the complete defense of any third party challenge as described herein. In the event the City elects to contract with special counsel to provide for such a defense, the City shall meet and confer with the Developer regarding the selection of counsel, and the Developer shall pay all costs related to retention of such counsel by the City.

7. All landscaped areas shall be maintained in a healthy and thriving condition, free from weeds, trash and debris. (MC 9.02.030)
8. The site shall be developed in accordance with the approved plans on file in the Community Development Department - Planning Division, the Municipal Code regulations, General Plan, and the conditions contained herein. Prior to any use of the project site or business activity being commenced thereon, all Conditions of Approval shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Official. (MC 9.14.020)
9. All site plans, grading plans, landscape and irrigation plans, fence/wall plans, lighting plans and street improvement plans shall be coordinated for consistency with this approval.

Special Conditions

10. In accordance with the Developer's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, including but not limited to as set forth in more detail in the Project's Conditions of Approval, Moreno Valley Municipal Code Section 9.02.310 (Indemnification of City for Discretionary Approvals), and the Project application, Developer shall enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement with the City no later than ten (10) calendar days from Planning Commission's approval of the Project. A copy of said Agreement is on file with the Community Development Director.
11. Prior to the start of any construction, temporary security fencing shall be erected. The fencing shall be a minimum of six (6) feet high with locking, gated access and shall remain through the duration of construction. Security shall remain in place until the project is completed or the above conditions no longer exist. (Security fencing is required if there is: construction, unsecured structures, unenclosed storage of materials and/or equipment, and/or the condition of the site constitutes a public

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hazard).

12. The site has been approved for variance (PEN23-0013) to allow for the construction of a maximum 4.67 foot high retaining wall with a 6 foot high wall on top with an overall combined height of 10.67 feet adjacent to existing residential development to the east (along lots 1, 2, and 3) and to allow for the construction of a 10 foot high combination retaining wall and nonretaining wall on Lot 49 adjacent to internal Street G. The variance is to allow wall heights that exceed the maximum requirements of Municipal Code Section 9.08.070. A change or modification shall require separate approval.

Prior to Building Permit

13. Prior to issuance of any building permit, all Conditions of Approval, and Mitigation Measures shall be printed on the building plans.
14. Prior to building final, the developer/owner or developer's/owner's successor-in-interest shall pay all applicable impact fees, including but not limited to Transportation Uniform Mitigation fees (TUMF), and the City's adopted Development Impact Fees. (Ord)
15. Prior to issuance of building permits, for projects that will be phased, a phasing plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Division if occupancy is proposed to be phased.

Prior to Building Final or Occupancy

16. Prior to building final, all required landscaping and irrigation shall be installed per plan, certified by the Landscape Architect and inspected by the Planning Division. (MC 9.03.040, MC 9.17).
17. Prior to building final, all required and proposed fences and walls shall be constructed according to the approved plans on file in the Planning Division. (MC 9.080.070).

Building Division

18. The appropriation from local tax from construction contracts to the local jurisdiction of the specific construction job site is hereby required. This is accomplished by a contractor or subcontractor obtaining a construction site sub-permit for the job site. The contractors, or subcontracts, that have individual contracts with a value of \$5 million or more are subject to this condition.
The qualifying contract price applies to each contract or subcontract for work

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performed at the jobsite, and not to the total value of the prime contract. In order to obtain a jobsite sub-permit, the contractor or subcontractor must meet the following criteria:

- a) have an active permit with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA),
- b) must be registered as a retailer, not consumer, of materials, and
- c) have an executed contract over \$5 million to install materials at the jobsite.

The Prime Contractor will require that the subcontractors or other contractors exercise their option to obtain a California Department of Tax & Fee Administration construction site sub-permit for the jobsite and allocate all eligible use tax payments to the City of Moreno Valley. Prior to any Notice to Proceed(s), the Prime Contractor shall provide the City of Moreno Valley Finance and Management Services Department with a list of subcontractors associated with the project along with a copy of their sub-permit that shows their CDTFA account number or a signed statement that sales and use tax does not apply to their portion of the project.

- 19. All new structures shall be designed in conformance to the latest design standards adopted by the State of California in the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) including requirements for allowable area, occupancy separations, fire suppression systems, accessibility, etc.
- 20. Any construction within the city shall only be completed between the hours of seven a.m. to seven p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and from eight a.m. to four p.m. on Saturday, unless written approval is first obtained from the Building Official or City Engineer per City of Moreno Valley Municipal Code (MC 8.14.040E).
- 21. Building plans submitted shall be signed and sealed by a California licensed design professional as required by the State Business and Professions Code. Electronic/Digital signature is acceptable as all plan submittals are electronic reviews.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Bureau

- 22. All Fire Department access roads or driveways shall not exceed 12 percent grade. (CFC 503.2.7 and MVMC 8.36.060[G])
- 23. The Fire Department emergency vehicular access road shall be (all weather surface) capable of sustaining an imposed load of 80,000 lbs. GVW, based on street standards approved by the Public Works Director and the Fire Prevention Bureau. The approved fire access road shall be in place during the time of construction. Temporary fire access roads shall be approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau. (CFC 501.4, and MV City Standard Engineering Plan 108d)

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24. The angle of approach and departure for any means of Fire Department access shall not exceed 1 ft drop in 20 ft (0.3 m drop in 6 m), and the design limitations of the fire apparatus of the Fire Department shall be subject to approval by the AHJ. (CFC 503 and MVMC 8.36.060)

25. The appropriation from local tax from construction contracts to the local jurisdiction of the specific construction job site is hereby required. This is accomplished by a contractor or subcontractor obtaining a construction site sub-permit for the job site. The contractors, or subcontracts, that have individual contracts with a value of \$5 million or more are subject to this condition.
The qualifying contract price applies to each contract or subcontract for work performed at the jobsite, and not to the total value of the prime contract. In order to obtain a jobsite sub-permit, the contractor or subcontractor must meet the following criteria:
 - a) have an active permit with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA),
 - b) must be registered as a retailer, not consumer, of materials, and
 - c) have an executed contract over \$5 million to install materials at the jobsite.The Prime Contractor will require that the subcontractors or other contractors exercise their option to obtain a California Department of Tax & Fee Administration construction site sub-permit for the jobsite and allocate all eligible use tax payments to the City of Moreno Valley. Prior to any Notice to Proceed(s), the Prime Contractor shall provide the City of Moreno Valley Finance and Management Services Department with a list of subcontractors associated with the project along with a copy of their sub-permit that shows their CDTFA account number or a signed statement that sales and use tax does not apply to their portion of the project.

26. Prior to construction, all locations where structures are to be built shall have an approved Fire Department access based on street standards approved by the Public Works Director and the Fire Prevention Bureau. (CFC 501.4)

27. Prior to issuance of Building Permits, the applicant/developer shall provide the Fire Prevention Bureau with an approved site plan for Fire Lanes and signage. (CFC 501.3)

28. Prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or Building Final, "Blue Reflective Markers" shall be installed to identify fire hydrant locations in accordance with City specifications. (CFC 509.1 and MVLT 440A-0 through MVLT 440C-0)

29. Prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or Building Final, all commercial buildings shall display street numbers in a prominent location on the street side and rear access locations. The numerals shall be a minimum of twelve inches in height. (CFC 505.1, MVMC 8.36.060[!])

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30. Existing fire hydrants on public streets are allowed to be considered available. Existing fire hydrants on adjacent properties shall not be considered available unless fire apparatus access roads extend between properties and easements are established to prevent obstruction of such roads. (CFC 507, 501.3) a - After the local water company signs the plans, the originals shall be presented to the Fire Prevention Bureau for signatures. The required water system, including fire hydrants, shall be installed, made serviceable, and be accepted by the Moreno Valley Fire Department prior to beginning construction. They shall be maintained accessible.
31. Final fire and life safety conditions will be addressed when the Fire Prevention Bureau reviews building plans. These conditions will be based on occupancy, use, California Building Code (CBC), California Fire Code (CFC), and related codes, which are in effect at the time of building plan submittal.
32. The Fire Code Official is authorized to enforce the fire safety during construction requirements of Chapter 33. (CFC Chapter 33 & CBC Chapter 33)
33. Prior to issuance of Building Permits, the applicant/developer shall participate in the Fire Impact Mitigation Program. (Fee Resolution as adopted by City Council)
34. Fire lanes and fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than twenty-four (24) feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches. (CFC 503.2.1 and MVMC 8.36.060[E])
35. Prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or Building Final, the applicant/developer shall install a fire sprinkler system based on square footage and type of construction, occupancy or use. Fire sprinkler plans shall be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau for approval prior to installation. (CFC Chapter 9, MVMC 8.36.100[D])
36. Prior to issuance of the building permit for development, independent paved access to the nearest paved road, maintained by the City shall be designed and constructed by the developer within the public right of way in accordance with City Standards. (MVMC 8.36.060, CFC 501.4)
37. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Building Final, a "Knox Box Rapid Entry System" shall be provided. The Knox-Box shall be installed in an accessible location approved by the Fire Code Official. All exterior security emergency access gates shall be electronically operated and be provided with Knox key switches for access by emergency personnel. (CFC 506.1)
38. The minimum number of fire hydrants required, as well as the location and spacing of fire hydrants, shall comply with the C.F.C., MVMC, and NFPA 24. Fire hydrants shall be located no closer than 40 feet to a building. A fire hydrant shall be located

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within 50 feet of the fire department connection for buildings protected with a fire sprinkler system. The size and number of outlets required for the approved fire hydrants are (6" x 4" x 2 ½" x 2 ½") (CFC 507.5.1, 507.5.7, Appendix C, NFPA 24-7.2.3, MVMC 912.2.1)

39. Fire Department access driveways over 150 feet in length shall have a turn-around as determined by the Fire Prevention Bureau capable of accommodating fire apparatus. (CFC 503 and MVMC 8.36.060, CFC 501.4)
40. During phased construction, dead end roadways and streets which have not been completed shall have a turn-around capable of accommodating fire apparatus. (CFC 503.1 and 503.2.5)
41. If construction is phased, each phase shall provide an approved emergency vehicular access way for fire protection prior to any building construction. (CFC 501.4)
42. The Fire Prevention Bureau is required to set a minimum fire flow for the remodel or construction of all commercial buildings per CFC Appendix B and Table B105.1. The applicant/developer shall provide documentation to show there exists a water system capable of delivering said waterflow for 2 hour(s) duration at 20-PSI residual operating pressure. The required fire flow may be adjusted during the approval process to reflect changes in design, construction type, or automatic fire protection measures as approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau. Specific requirements for the project will be determined at time of submittal. (CFC 507.3, Appendix B)
43. Prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or Building Final, all residential dwellings shall display street numbers in a prominent location on the street side of the residence in such a position that the numbers are easily visible to approaching emergency vehicles. The numbers shall be located consistently on each dwelling throughout the development. The numerals shall be no less than four (4) inches in height and shall be low voltage lighted fixtures. (CFC 505.1, MVMC 8.36.060[1])
44. Single Family Dwellings. Schedule "A" fire prevention approved standard fire hydrants (6" x 4" x 2 ½") shall be located at each intersection of all residential streets. Hydrants shall be spaced no more than 500 feet apart in any direction so that no point on the street is more than 250 feet from a hydrant. Minimum fire flow shall be 1000 GPM for 1 hour duration of 20 PSI. Where new water mains are extended along streets where hydrants are not needed for protection of structures or similar fire problems, serving one and two-family residential developments, standard fire hydrants shall be provided at spacing not to exceed 1000 feet along the tract boundary for transportation hazards. (CFC 507.3, Appendix B, MVMC 8.36.060).
45. Prior to issuance of Building Permits, the applicant/developer shall furnish one copy

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of the water system plans to the Fire Prevention Bureau for review. Plans shall: a. Be signed by a registered civil engineer or a certified fire protection engineer; b. Contain a Fire Prevention Bureau approval signature block; and c. Conform to hydrant type, location, spacing of new and existing hydrants and minimum fire flow required as determined by the Fire Prevention Bureau. The required water system, including fire hydrants, shall be installed, made serviceable, and be accepted by the Moreno Valley Fire Department prior to beginning construction. They shall be maintained accessible.