

CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LOT MERGER LM9-2024 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 618-642 W. FERNLEAF AVENUE, POMONA, CA, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8343-006-007, RELATED TO THE FOUR UNIT TOWNHOME (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1) Adopt the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM9-2024 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 618-642 W. FERNLEAF AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8343-006-007; and

2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign Lot Merger LM9-2024 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Carlos M. Lopez Alcantar with AR Construction and Design, applicant on behalf of OCT Properties LLC, landowner, submitted the proposed lot merger application for the adjoining real properties located at 618-642 W. Fernleaf Avenue and associated with Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 8343-006-007. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-21 (Attachment No. 1) will consolidate portions of two legal lots into one parcel, eliminate the lot line crossing under an existing building, and facilitate the completion of the residential property remodeling and upgrading. City Council approval of a lot merger is required if the lot merger was not previously considered by the Planning Commission as part of a development project.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15061, the proposed lot merger is categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

DISCUSSION:

The real property addressed as 618-642 W. Fernleaf Avenue, APN 8343-006-007, is a 9,225 square-foot residential parcel consisting of a portion of Muir's Subdivision recorded in Book 25, Page 83 of Miscellaneous Records, in the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. The property is located on the south side of W. Fernleaf Avenue, west of S. Park Avenue, and is a vacant lot (see Attachment Nos. 2 and 3). The vehicular access to the property is provided via one driveway approach on Fernleaf Avenue.

In June 2024, one permit application was submitted to the Pomona Building and Safety Division for the construction of a new 5,196 square foot 4-unit 2 story townhomes; unit-1 a 1,332 square-foot, three bedroom, two and a half bathroom dwelling, with a 451 square foot two car garage, unit-2 a 1,288 square-foot, three bedroom, two and a half bathroom dwelling, with a 425 square-foot two car garage, unit-3 a 1,288 square-foot, three bedroom, two and a half bathroom dwelling, with a 425 square-foot two car garage, unit-4 a 1,288 square-foot, three bedroom, two and a half bathroom dwelling, with a 425 square-foot two car garage, unit-4 a 1,288 square-foot, three bedroom, two and a half bathroom dwelling, with a 425 square-foot two car garage. As part of the proposed project, the owner submitted a lot merger application to the Public Works Engineering Division to consolidate the aforementioned lots into one parcel. The purpose of the merger is to eliminate the lot line crossing under the proposed residential construction and facilitate the completion of the proposed project.

Lot Merger LM9-2024 is submitted in accordance with Section 66499.20.3 of the California Government Code (Subdivision Map Act) and Section 29-50(b) of the 1959 Pomona City Code as currently adopted by reference under Chapter 78-1.3. In accordance with the Pomona City Code, lot mergers requested by the owner of contiguous parcels that have not been previously considered by the Planning Commission shall be submitted to the City Council for approval.

The proposed lot merger is in conformance with the City's General Plan and the City's Zoning Ordinance. This action will merge portions of two legal lots, both designated by APN 8343-006-007, into one parcel, as described in EXHIBIT "A" and shown on the map depicted by EXHIBIT "B" to EXHIBIT "1" of Attachment No. 1.

The approval and adoption of the Resolution will allow the recording of the proposed lot merger and will facilitate the completion of the project in accordance with the approved development plans.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Proposed Resolution No. 2024-132 with Notice of Lot Merger as EXHIBIT "1", Legal Description as EXHIBIT "A", and Map as EXHIBIT "B". Attachment No. 2 – Vicinity Map Attachment No. 3 – Aerial Map