



AN APPLICANT'S GUIDE

Variance

\$6,250.00

City of South El Monte
Planning Division

PURPOSE

Each zoning district contains specific development standards such as setbacks, height limitations and parking requirements. There may be occasions, however, when the strict application of certain standards may be inappropriate because of special characteristics of a property. Variances are designed to allow deviations from specific zoning regulations when there are special or extraordinary circumstances applying to a parcel of land including the size, shape, topography, and location, that prevent the property from being used to the extent intended by the zoning. The intent of a Variance however, is not to grant special privileges not shared by other properties in the same vicinity or zone, nor to authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the zoning regulations governing the property.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- One copy of completed and notarized application signed by property owner
- One copy of a radius map provided by applicant showing all properties within 500 feet of the subject property
- List of property owners and occupants within 500 feet of proposed project typed on two sets of mailing labels
- Ten (10) complete sets of plans, including site development plan, floor plans and building elevations, all individually folded to 8 1/2 " by 14" size. Drawings must be to scale.
- A CD containing digital copies of the project's plans, including site plan, floor plans, building elevations, grading plan, and landscape plan
- Photographs of the existing site
- Color Rendering and Color Board
- Environmental Information Form
- Fees - refer to fee schedule (also include a \$75 county processing fee for a Notice of Exemption and \$75 Fish and Game fee, plus \$2,280.75 filing fee if a Notice of Determination/Negative Declaration is required on separate check - make check payable to Los Angeles County Clerk)
- A copy of title report or grant deed for the property



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South El Monte, CA 91733
Telephone (626) 579-6540

VARIANCE

Date of Application _____

Case Number _____

Applicant:

Project Address:

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Property Owner: (if different from applicant)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Legal Description: (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Property Data:

Zoning _____

Land Use _____

General Plan Designation _____

Site Size _____

(Dimensions/Square Feet)

Project Description: (briefly describe the proposed project)

Project Data:

Number of Structures _____ Square feet of each structure _____

Parking Spaces _____
(Required) (Provided)

Landscaping (square feet) _____
(Total) (Parking Area)

Building Height _____
(Feet) (Stories)

Building Setbacks _____
(Front) (Side) (Rear)

Request: (Explain in detail why a variance is necessary for this project)

Specific Information:

(Explain each item that applies to your request. Use N/A for those items that do not apply)

Are there practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, not of the applicants doing, which could result from the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance? _____

Are there exceptional circumstances or conditions applicable to this property that do not apply to other properties in the vicinity and in the same zone? _____

Are there unusual physical characteristics such as size, shape, or topography that would limit the use of the property for uses permitted by the Zoning Ordinance? _____

Will the approval of this variance result in a grant of special privileges not granted to other properties in the vicinity or in the same zone? _____

Applicant's signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Department Use

Address map: _____

Assessor Data: _____

(Book/Page/Parcel)

Pertinent Code Sections: _____

Date Application Accepted: _____

Fee Paid? Rec # _____

Commission Action:

Appeal:

Approved _____ Denied _____

PC Affirmed _____ Refer to PC _____

Resolution # _____

CC Action: Approve _____ Deny _____

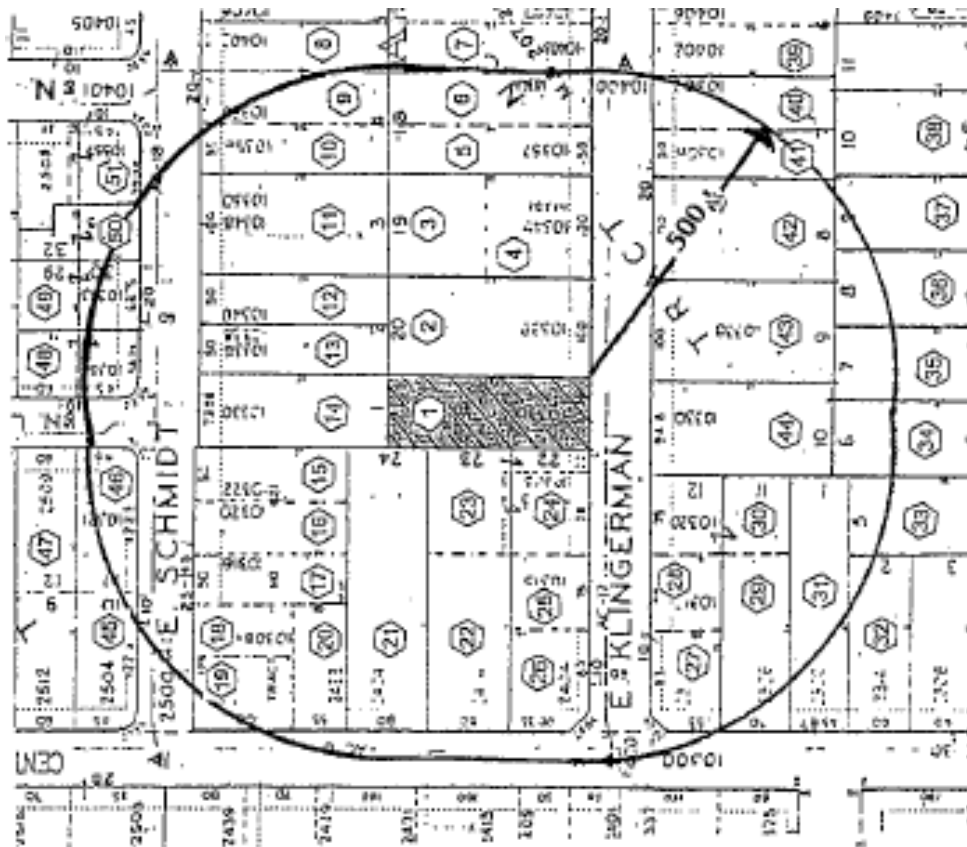
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING A VICINITY/RADIUS MAP AND PROPERTY OWNERS LIST

Both the radius map and property owners list must be prepared by a professional mapping service that will certify its accuracy.

Vicinity Map: For many applications, the City requires the submittal of a vicinity map with a radius drawn on it showing the properties located within 500 feet of the property under consideration. The radius must be drawn from the exterior boundaries of the property as shown on the sample map below. In addition, every lot must be consecutively numbered and these numbers must correspond to the number on the property owner's list.

Property Owners List: The property owners list must be neatly typed on forms (peel and stick labels) provided by the applicant. Handwritten lists are not acceptable. For every lot falling within the radius on the vicinity maps (even if it is only a portion of a larger lot), the property owners list must show the sequential number assigned to the lot and must also show the owner's name and mailing address as shown on the latest assessor's roll. It is important that every property be listed, even if the lot is owned by a government agency or is located within another City. As noted, the property owners list must be obtained from the most current tax assessor's roll.



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

Date Filed: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name, address, and telephone number of developer or project sponsor:

2. Project address:

3. Name, address, email, and telephone number of contact person:

4. Indicate specific permit(s) for which this form is submitted:

5. Indicate other related permits and/or public approvals required for this project. Include type of permit and permitting agency:

6. Zone district in which the project is located:

7. Briefly describe the proposed project for which this form is submitted:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

8. Site size: _____
(Dimensions and Square Footage)

9. Height of structure and number of floors: _____

10. Number of parking spaces provided: _____

11. Proposed scheduling: _____

12. Associated projects: _____

13. If project is residential, include number and type of units, sizes of units, anticipated sales or rental prices, and estimated household size:

14. If project is commercial, indicate the type (neighborhood, community or regional), square footage of retail sales area, and type of tenants:

15. If project is industrial. Indicate type of project, estimated employment, types of uses anticipated:

ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS APPLICABLE TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT?
FULLY EXPLAIN ANY ITEM CHECKED YES. (Attach additional sheets if needed)

	YES	NO
16. Will this project result in the change of any landform, or in substantial alteration of ground contours?	_____	_____
17. Will this project result in any change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas or public lands or roads?	_____	_____
18. Will this project result in a change in pattern, scale or character of the general area of the project?	_____	_____
19. Will this project have the potential to create significant amounts of solid waste or litter?	_____	_____
20. Will this project have the potential to create dust, ash, smoke, fumes or odors in its vicinity?	_____	_____

	YES	NO
21. Will this project have the potential to effect ground water resources or to alter existing drainage patterns?	_____	_____
22. Will this project have the potential to create substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity?	_____	_____
23. Will this project be located on filled land or on a slope of 10% or greater?	_____	_____
24. Will this project involve the disposal of potentially hazardous material, such as toxic substances, flammable or explosives?	_____	_____
25. Will this project result in a substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.)?	_____	_____
26. Will this project have the potential of increasing fossil fuel consumption (gas, oil, electricity)?	_____	_____
27. Is this project related to a larger project or series of projects?	_____	_____

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

28. Describe the project site as it presently exists, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals and a cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the present use of these structures. Attach photographs of the site and the immediate vicinity.
29. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on existing plants and animals and any cultural, historic or scenic aspects. Indicate the surrounding land use, the types and intensity of land use, and the scale of development, including height, size, general condition of the structure and properties.

CERTIFICATE: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above, and in the attached exhibits, present the data and information required for this initial evaluation of the proposed project to the best of my ability, and the facts, statements and information contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____

Signature

The granting of the variance will not be in conflict with the City's General Plan or with any approved specific plan or neighborhood plan because _____

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NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL FEES

The state law requires the California Department of Fish and Game to **IMPOSE AND COLLECT FEES** from project proponents to help pay the costs of wildlife management.

The fees are intended to be a **USER FEE** to allocate the transactional costs for management of fish and wildlife resources adversely affected by urbanization and development to the projects which impact those resources. **However, those projects with no adverse impacts upon, or use of, wildlife resources MAY be exempt from payment of the fees.**

Whether or not a project should be exempted from a fee assessment is solely to the discretion of the City. This discretion, however, is based upon the City's evaluation of the project's potential for adversely affecting wildlife resources.

If you believe your project will not adversely impact wildlife resources and should be **EXEMPTED** from the Department of Fish and Game wildlife resource impact fee you must provide this City with a **written request** for an exemption and include the **reasons why** you believe your project should be exempted.

Your request must be **typewritten** on sheets of plain white 8 ½ x 11 inches on your company's letterhead and must include:

- The address of the project
- A short description of the project
- A request that the project be exempted
- Your reasons why you think your project should be exempted

Remember, it is better to write too much than too little.

Normally, you will be notified in writing of the City's decision within (5) working days from the date of your submittal.

NOTICE OF FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT REQUIREMENTS

The Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251, et seq.) as implemented under Order No. 96-054 of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CAS614001) prohibits the Building Department from issuing a final certificate of occupancy unless proof is provided that the applicant is in full compliance with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act; as amended and implemented. Proof of compliance with these requirements may be shown either by providing the Building Department with a copy of an NPDES General Industrial Activity Stormwater Permit Issued by the State Water Resources Control Board or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), or by applying for and obtaining a Storm Drainage Connection Permit issued by the City's Public Works Department.

GENERAL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY PERMITS

Pursuant to Federal law, the following businesses are required to obtain a General Industrial Activity Permit. To obtain this Permit, contact the State Water Resources Board, General Industrial Storm Water Section at (916) 341-5543.

Cement Manufacturing	(40 CFR Part 411)
Feedlots	(40 CFR Part 412)
Fertilizer Manufacturing	(40 CFR Part 418)
Petroleum Refining	(40 CFR Part 419)
Phosphate Manufacturing	(40 CFR Part 422)
Steam Electric	(40 CFR Part 423)
Coal Mining	(40 CFR Part 434)
Mineral Mining and Processing	(40 CFR Part 436)
Ore Mining and Dressing	(40 CFR Part 440)
Asphalt Emulsion	(40 CFR Part 443)

Manufacturing Facilities with Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC's) of 24 (except 2411 and 2434), 26 (except 265 and 267), 28 (except 283 and 285), 29, 311, 32 (except 323), 33, 3441, and 373.

Oil and Gas/Mining Facilities (SIC's 10 through 14)

Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage or Disposal Facilities

Landfills, Land Application Sites, and Open Dumps

Recycling Facilities (SIC's 5015 and 5093) which include metal scrapyards, battery reclaimers, salvage yards, motor vehicle dismantlers and wreckers, and recycling facilities that are engaged in assembling, breaking up, sorting, and wholesale distribution of scrap and waste material such as bottles, wastepaper, textile wastes, oil wastes, etc.

Steam Electric Power Generating Facilities

Transportation Facilities, SIC's 40, 41, 42 (except 4221-25), 43, 44, 45, and 5171 which have vehicle maintenance shops, equipment cleaning operations, or airport deicing operations.

Sewage or Wastewater Treatment Facilities with a design flow of 1 million gpd.

Manufacturing Facilities Where Materials Are Exposed To Stormwater with SIC's of 20, 21, 22, 23, 2434, 25, 265, 267, 27, 283, 285, 30, 31 (except 311), 323, 34 (except 3441), 35, 36, 37 (except 373), 38, 39, and 4221-4225.

STORM DRAIN CONNECTION PERMIT

All facilities and/or business operations not listed above must apply for and obtain a Storm Drainage Connection Permit issued by the City's Public Works Department. The application for this Permit is attached for your convenience.