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FINDINGS REQUIRED FOR DESIGN STUDY APPROVAL (CMC 17.64.80 and LUP Policy P1-45)

For each of the required design study findings listed below, staff has indicated whether the submitted plans support adoption of the findings. For all findings checked "no" the staff report discusses the issues to facilitate the Planning Commission decision-making. Findings checked "yes" may or may not be discussed in the report depending on the issues.

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Municipal Code Finding	YES	NO
1. The project conforms with all zoning standards applicable to the site, or has	1	
received appropriate use permits and/or variances consistent with the zoning		
ordinance.		
2. The project is consistent with the City's design objectives for protection and	\	
enhancement of the urbanized forest, open space resources and site design. The		
project's use of open space, topography, access, trees and vegetation will maintain or		
establish a continuity of design both on the site and in the public right of way that is		
characteristic of the neighborhood.		
3. The project avoids complexity using simple/modest building forms, a simple roof	1	
plan with a limited number of roof planes and a restrained employment of offsets and		
appendages that are consistent with neighborhood character yet will not be viewed		
as repetitive or monotonous within the neighborhood context.		
4. As conditioned, the project is adapted to human scale in the height of its roof, plate	✓	
lines, eave lines, building forms, and in the size of windows doors and entryways. The		
development is similar in size, scale, and form to buildings on the immediate block		
and neighborhood. Its height is compatible with its site and surrounding development		
and will not present excess mass or bulk to the public or to adjoining properties. Mass		
of the building relates to the context of other homes in the vicinity.		
5. The project is consistent with the City's objectives for public and private views and	✓	
will retain a reasonable amount of solar access for neighboring sites. Through the		
placement, location and size of windows, doors and balconies the design respects the		
rights to reasonable privacy on adjoining sites.		
6. The design concept is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies related to	✓	
residential design in the general plan.		
7. The development does not require removal of any significant trees unless necessary	✓	
to provide a viable economic use of the property or protect public health and safety.		
All buildings are setback a minimum of 6 feet from significant trees unless otherwise		
agreed upon by the City Forester.		
8. The proposed architectural style and detailing are simple and restrained in	✓	
character, consistent and well integrated throughout the building and		
complementary to the neighborhood without appearing monotonous or repetitive in		
context with designs on nearby sites.		
9. The proposed exterior materials and their application rely on natural materials and	1	
the overall design will add to the variety and diversity along the streetscape.		

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10. Design elements such as stonework, skylights, windows, doors, chimneys and garages are consistent with the adopted Design Guidelines and will complement the character of the structure and the neighborhood.	*	
11. Proposed landscaping, paving treatments, fences and walls are carefully designed to complement the urbanized forest, the approved site design, adjacent sites, and the public right of way. The design will reinforce a sense of visual continuity along the street.	1	
12. Any deviations from the Design Guidelines are considered minor and reasonably relate to good design principles and specific site conditions.	✓	

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT FINDINGS (CMC 17.64.010.B.1):

1. Local Coastal Program Consistency: The project conforms to the certified Local Coastal Program of the City of Carmel-by-the Sea.	✓	
2. Public access policy consistency: The project is not located between the first public road and the sea, and therefore, no review is required for potential public access.	✓	