



# City of Santa Barbara

## Fire Department

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Subject: 1215 E Cota

Dear Leslie:

This letter is in response to your request for a variance of the Fire Department access distance standard of 150 feet to all exterior walls. The partial plans of March 27 that you sent by email confirm the phone conversation that we had previously: The project consists of a remodel/ addition to the existing residence in the front and a new garage / accessory use at the rear of the lot. Both buildings will be fully sprinklered and the distance issue presents at the rear building only.

We have concluded that the variance request is reasonable and approve it with the following caveat: Since access to the rear structure would ultimately require travel through another structure, in this case the driveway overhang, it will be necessary to leave enough room for foot access on the east side of the main house. It is understood that either the existing or a new proposed gate will be in that location and that gate will suffice as an alternate method of accessing the rear of the property on foot.

Keep in mind that distance to a residential fire hydrant is also required for the new structure and that it may not exceed 500 feet. We currently show the nearest hydrant as FH-J07-014, a qualifying residential hydrant located near Cota Street and Casitas Road, a distance of approximately 112 feet from the east property line. Remember to show the hydrant on your site plan.

Please attach or imprint a copy of this letter to your plan when you submit for a building permit. If you have any further questions feel free to call me at 805 564 5702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Poiré".

Joe Poiré  
Fire Marshal