Sec. 35-96. VC View Corridor Overlay District.

Sec. 35-96.1. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this overlay district is to protect significant coastal view corridors from U. S. 101 to the ocean in areas of the County where such view corridors currently exist.

Sec. 35-96.2. Affect of VC Overlay District.

Within the VC Overlay District, all uses of land shall comply with the regulations of the base zone district and any structural development shall comply with the additional standards set forth in this section.

Sec. 35-96.3. Processing.

1. Any structural development in areas within the View Corridor Overlay district shall be subject to approval by the Board of Architectural Review prior to issuance of a Coastal Development Permit.

2. The application to the Board of Architectural Review shall include a plot plan showing any landscaping, finished building elevations, data showing the proposed color scheme, materials of construction, and a drawing to scale showing any signs to be erected, attached to or painted on such structure.

3. The Board of Architectural Review shall approve the plans if it finds conformance with the following standards:

   a. Structures shall be sited and designed to preserve unobstructed broad views of the ocean from Highway 101, and shall be clustered to the maximum extent feasible.

   b. Building height shall not exceed 15 feet above average finished grades, unless an increase in height would facilitate clustering of development and result in greater view protection, or a height in excess of 15 feet would not impact public views to the ocean, in which case the height limitations of the base zone district shall apply.

   c. Structures shall not be of an unsightly or undesirable appearance.

4. If, after review, the Board of Architectural Review determines that the proposed structure(s) obstructs views to the ocean, are of a height or scale so as to be
inharmonious with the surrounding area, or are of an undesirable or unsightly appearance, the Board of Architectural Review shall confer with the applicant in an attempt to bring the plans into conformance with the standards listed above. If the plans are not brought into conformance with said standards, the Board of Architectural Review shall disapprove the plans and no Coastal Development Permit shall be issued.

5. If the applicant is not satisfied with the action of the Board of Architectural Review, the applicant may within 10 days after the action of the Board of Architectural Review appeal in writing to the Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 35-182.2. (Appeals). The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on said appeal. If the appeal is granted by the Planning Commission, the Coastal Development Permit shall be issued provided all other requirements of this Article have been met.