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RE: 9 Moody Street: Level 1 Minor Residential Site Plan Review – Street Tree Waiver Request

The application for Level I: Minor Residential Site Plan Review for the proposed two-family dwelling located at 9 Moody Street would like to request a waiver for the need for street trees within the Moody Street public Right-of-Way.

In the pre-development state there are no existing street trees within the public Right-of-Way. As the Right-of-Way exists to date, there is no pervious surface in the surrounding area of 9 Moody Street for tree planting to occur. In order to meet the necessary standard to incorporate street trees into the proposed design, the project would have to remove a portion of the sidewalk to allow for street trees. In turn the removal of a portion of the Moody Street sidewalk would eliminate the connectivity from this portion of Moody Street to the busy Eastern Promenade area, reducing pedestrian walkability within a busy corridor. This area will not support the use of street trees within the Right-of-Way without unnecessary changes to the surrounding infrastructure.

The proposed underground electrical conduit required to remove the existing overhead electrical service will not allow for street trees within the Right-of-Way.

The site has been designed to conform to the surrounding community in its existing state. Granting of the requested waiver will allow for the proposed dwelling to conform to the neighborhood, meanwhile reduce any possible adverse effects to the existing Right-of-Way.