What is the Residential Design Guidelines project?
The Citywide Single-Family Residential Design Guidelines project is an effort to create design guidelines for new two-story homes and second-story additions and remodels, ensuring they fit the character of the neighborhood. The Design Guidelines will let homeowners and designers know what is expected when it comes to overall design, massing, scale, and proportions of single-family homes.

Why is the City undertaking this effort?
Many requests for large additions and rebuilds have led to neighborhood concerns regarding compatibility - particularly with the size, bulk, and streetscape frontage of new homes compared to neighboring homes. The Residential Design Guidelines project is Phase 3 of a three-phase strategy to address these concerns; the Floor Area Ratio Interim Ordinance (Phase 2) will be amended through this process.

What are design guidelines?
Design guidelines provide design direction for new homes. They are intended to promote a compatible neighborhood character, encourage high-quality site and building design, convey design expectations, and ensure consistent application of those expectations. Design elements that may be addressed include building scale, setbacks, upper story step-backs, facade articulation, roof design, window placement, placement of garages and detached structures, paving, and landscaping.

How long will the process take?
About one year. We are conducting an extensive outreach effort to hear from you! Your concerns and preferences will be used to develop the Citywide Single-Family Design Guidelines.

Questions/Comments?
City staff are available to answer questions and provide additional information on the project.

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