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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #000036 012202**  
**CODE INTERPRETATION**

**CODE SECTION: 20.50.090**

**ISSUE:**

Does the provision 20.50.090 that refers to additions to existing single family house apply to a detached garage as well if it is legally nonconforming or are these regulated separately as accessory structures?

Situation is a detached garage to rear of house, currently nonconforming to setbacks. Can one build an addition to the main house to incorporate and attach the garage to the main house under 20.50.090? Can the nonconforming detached garage form the "line" to which any addition can be built to? Or is this regulated as separate "nonconforming structure" aside from the single family house?

**DECISION:**

: A detached garage can be considered part of a single-family development and can use the provision. Garages are often converted into living space and can become part of the "house" even when they're detached.

Director Approval Date:      January 22, 2002 by Tim Stewart