

## CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ZONING HEARING EXAMINER NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

M & E NEW MEXICO PROPERTY LLC (MARK RHODES, ESQ., AGENT) request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-2-17(B)(15): a CONDITIONAL USE to allow proposed retail sales of alcoholic drink for off-premise consumption within 500' of a residential zone on all or a portion of Block(s) 16, Tract(s) 16B, GUTIERREZ-OFIMIANO J LOWER TERRACE TR 16A zoned C-2 (SC), located at 9633 MONTGOMERY BLVD NE (F-20)

Special Exception No:	11ZHE-80096
Project No:	Project# 1008769
Hearing Date:	05-17-11
Closing of Public Record:	05-17-11
Date of Decision:	05-27-11

This matter was heard on May 17, 2011.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS:** The applicant, M & E New Mexico Property LLC, requests a conditional use to allow proposed retail sales of alcoholic drink for off-premise consumption within 500' of a residential zone. Mark Rhodes, agent for the applicant, testified that this matter was recommended for a facilitated meeting; however, after a brief series of clarifying questions from both neighborhood associations, with responses from the agent, neither association board expressed opposition to this application. Therefore, a facilitated meeting was not necessary.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the proposed use to sell package liquor in conjunction with its convenience store operations at the premises will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood or the community. The owners intend to significantly upgrade the quality of operations at this location and operate a clean, well run convenience store that includes the sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption. The yellow sign was posted. There was no opposition to this request at the hearing, nor is there any opposition noted in the file.

Based on all of the testimony and a review of the entire file and the recordings, it is determined there is substantial evidence to make the following findings and conclusions:

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:** I find that this request complies with Section 14. 16. 4. 2. (C). 1., for the granting of a conditional use upon a finding that the proposed use will not cause injury to the neighborhood, adjacent property or the community, nor will it be damaged by surrounding structures. For reasons stated above, this request is approved.

**DECISION:** Approved with conditions:

## **CONDITION:**

1. Such sales shall not include: the sale of broken packages; distilled spirits, as defined in the NM Liquor Control Act, in any package that contains less than 750 milliliters; beer, as defined in the NM Liquor Control Act, in any single containers; and fortified wines with a volume of alcohol of more than 13.5 percent.

The approval is subject to the submitted site plan, as required. Any substantial changes to the site plan, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Division, shall require the scheduling of an additional Public Hearing.

A Building Permit must be applied for at the Building Permit Desk which is located at the Plaza del Sol Building, Ground Level on the east side of the lobby.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on June 13, 2011 in the manner described below:

Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of \$105.00 shall accompany each appeal application, as well as a written explanation outlining the reason for appeal and a copy of the ZHE decision. Appeals are taken at 600 2nd Street, Plaza Del Sol Building, Ground Level, Planning Application Counter located on the west side of the lobby. **Please present this letter of notification when filing an appeal.** When an application is withdrawn, the fee shall not be refunded.

An appeal shall be heard by the Board of Appeals within 45 days of the appeal period and concluded within 75 days of the appeal period. The Planning Division shall give written notice of an appeal, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the applicant, a representative of the opponents, if any are known, and the appellant.

Please note that pursuant to Section 14. 16. 4. 4. (B)., of the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Zoning Code, you must demonstrate that you have legal standing to file an appeal as defined.

You will receive notice if any other person files an appeal. If there is no appeal, you can receive building permits any time after the appeal deadline quoted above, provided all conditions imposed at the time of approval have been met. However, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may allow issuance of building permits if the public hearing produces no objection of any kind to the approval of an application. To receive this approval, the applicant agrees in writing to return the building permit or occupation tax number.

Successful applicants are reminded that other regulations of the City must be complied with, even after approval of a special exception is secured. This decision does not constitute approval of plans for a building permit. If your application is approved, bring this decision with you when you apply for any related building permit or occupation tax number. Approval of a conditional use or a variance application is void after one year

number. Approval of a conditional use or a variance application is void after one year from date of approval if the rights and privileges are granted, thereby have not been

executed or utilized.

Roberto Albertorio, Esq. Zoning Hearing Examiner

**Zoning Enforcement** cc:

ZHE File

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