

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ZONING HEARING EXAMINER
NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

TONI BLATON (TONI'S IN HOME CHILDCARE) request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-2-14(E)(1), 14-16-2-12(B)(1), 14-16-2-11(B)(1) and 14-16-2-6(B)(5): a CONDITIONAL USE to expand an existing day care to a maximum of 12 children for all or a portion of Lot(s) 13-A, Tract(s) C, EL RANCHO ATRISCO DE LOS SANTOS zoned R-D, located on 7715 SANTA CATARINA CT NW (G-10)

Special Exception No:..... **12ZHE-80315**
Project No: **Project# 1009457**
Hearing Date: 11-19-12
Closing of Public Record: 11-19-12
Date of Decision: 12-06-12

On the 19th day of November, 2012 (hereinafter "**Hearing**") Mr. Toni Blaton (hereinafter "**Applicant**") appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (hereinafter "**ZHE**") requesting a CONDITIONAL USE to expand an existing day care to a maximum of 12 children (hereinafter "**Application**") upon the real property located at 7715 SANTA CATARINA CT ("**Subject Property**"). Below are the findings of facts:

FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a CONDITIONAL USE to expand an existing day care to a maximum of 12 children.
2. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (1) (a) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*A conditional use shall be approved if and only if, in the circumstances of the particular case and under conditions imposed, the use proposed will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood, or the community.*"
3. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the Conditional Use, if approved, will not be injurious to the adjacent property, neighborhood, or the community because the day care will offer much needed services to the neighborhood and disrupt the neighboring properties.
4. The Applicant indicated that she keeps the day care clean, well kept, the landscaping well manicured and the children safe at all times.
5. Jamie Belen, the neighboring property owner wrote a letter dated November 19, 2012 that stated "We have not had any problems with our neighbor's in home day care business. She is very diligent and tries to keep traffic and noise to a minimum."
6. The Applicant indicated that there is no sign and that no transportation is provided to local schools.
7. The Applicant has 2 children, and 8 month old and a 2 and a half year old. There is a 5 month old child that overlaps with the two children mentioned above which is what triggered the Conditional Use application.

8. The Applicant indicated that the hours of operation will be 6 a.m to 10 p.m.
9. The Applicant indicates that she is a co-owner of the property, and that she pays the mortgage payments.
10. The neighborhood association turned down an offer to discuss the Conditional Use application.
11. The Applicant expressed a desire to not utilize the approval, if granted, to bring 12 children to the home.
12. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section § 14-16-4-2 (C) (1) (b) "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" reads in part: "*A conditional use shall be approved if and only if, in the circumstances of the particular case and under conditions imposed, the use proposed will not be significantly damaged by surrounding structures or activities.*"
13. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the proposed conditional use will not be significantly damaged by the surrounding structures or activities.
14. The yellow "Notice of Hearing" signs were posted for the required time period as articulated within City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.
15. The Applicant has adequately justified the Conditional Use request pursuant to City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances § 14-16-4-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

DECISION:

APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS of a **CONDITIONAL USE** to expand an existing day care to a maximum of 12 children upon the real property located at 7715 SANTA CATARINA CT.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. The Applicant shall ensure that the day care facility complies with all local, state and federal laws.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on December 21, 2012 in the manner described below:

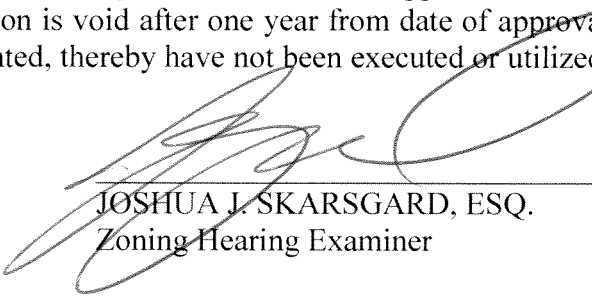
Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each appeal application, as well as a written explanation outlining the reason for appeal and a copy of the ZHE decision. Appeals are taken at 600 2nd Street, Plaza Del Sol Building, Ground Level, 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 from date of approval if the rights and privileges are granted, thereby have not been executed or utilized.



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