



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

JOSE C. RAMIREZ request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-2-16(B)(11): a CONDITIONAL USE to allow proposed outdoor storage and activity (tree sales) on all or a portion of Lot(s) 6/LESS PORTION TO ROW, RICE DURANES ADDN NO. 1 zoned C-1, located at 1507 RIO GRANDE BLVD NW (H-13)

Special Exception No:..... **11ZHE-80076**
Project No: **Project# 1008751**
Hearing Date: 05-17-11
Closing of Public Record: 05-17-11
Date of Decision: 05-25-11

This matter was heard on May 17, 2011.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The applicant, Jose Ramirez, requests a conditional use to allow proposed outdoor storage and activity (tree sales). Mr. Ramirez testified, at the hearing, that he has been selling trees and artwork at this location for approximately two years and has always been considerate of the safety of the community and pedestrians. There are no items stored over night at this location. He indicated that there is sufficient parking. Jose Viramontes, who is with the Los Duranes Neighborhood Association testified in support of this request, with some conditions placed on the approval that have been agreed upon by the applicant and the Neighborhood Association. Mr. Ramirez is in agreement and will comply with these conditions. 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:

CONDITIONS:

1. Outdoor activity is restricted to the sales of small trees and Mr. Ramirez' carved artwork only.
2. Mr. Jose C. Ramirez is the only person allowed to do this, not the Little Shops nor the owner of the property, and this conditional use cannot be transferred.

3. The days and hours of the sales of small trees and carved artwork is limited to weekends and Monday holidays, from dawn to dusk.
4. No outdoor storage of either trees or artwork is allowed.
5. The northeast corner of the parking lot (as indicted in the application) is the only area of the parking where the trees and artwork may be displayed.
6. This conditional use will be vacated if the above conditions are not met.

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.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on June 9, 2011 in the manner described below:

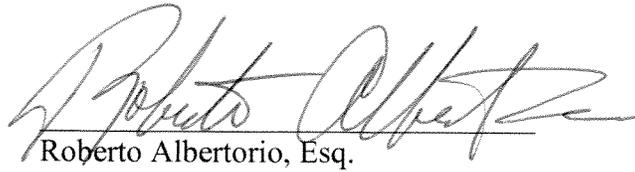
Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of \$105.00 shall accompany each appeal application, as well as a written explanation outlining the reason for appeal and a copy of the ZHE decision. Appeals are taken at 600 2nd Street, Plaza Del Sol Building, Ground Level, 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 from date of approval if the rights and privileges are granted, thereby have not been executed or utilized.



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