

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

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (SCOTT A REIBER, AGENT) requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-17(B)(3): a CONDITIONAL USE to allow a church in A C-2 zone for all or a portion of Lot A1, Block 8, RACKHEATH PARK ADDN NO 1 zoned C-2, located on 3107 EUBANK BLVD NE (G20)

Special Exception No:	15ZHE-80024
Project No:	Project# 1010364
Hearing Date:	03-17-15
Closing of Public Record:	03-17-15
Date of Decision:	03-31-15

On the 17th day of March, 2015 (hereinafter "Hearing") SCOTT A REIBER, (hereinafter "Agent") acting as agent on behalf of the property owner CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (hereinafter "Applicant") appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (hereinafter "ZHE") requesting a Conditional Use to allow a church in A C-2 zone (hereinafter "Application") upon the real property located at 3107 EUBANK BLVD NE ("Subject Property"). Below are the findings of facts:

## **FINDINGS:**

- 3. Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to allow a church in A C-2 zone.
- 4. 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."
- 5. 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 Chapel of the Holy Spirit moved into the Scottsdale Village in November of 2014, and they have less than 20 members and their average attendance on Sunday worship services is 12 parishioners. The Church has seating for 40 total attendees, and that equates to 10 parking spaces. The Church services are limited to Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The surrounding tenants in the shopping center are not open on Sunday mornings. For these reasons the ZHE finds that the church use in this C-2 zone is not injurious to the surrounding properties, neighborhood or community.
- 6. 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."
- 7. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the proposed conditional use, will not be significantly damaged by the surrounding structures or activities.

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 allow a church in A C-2 zone.

## **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

A. The Applicant shall ensure that adequate parking is provided in the shopping center to accommodate their Sunday worship services.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so 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. (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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