



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

THAKUR ENTERPRISES, LLC  
(CONSENSUS PLANNING, AGENT)  
requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-20(C)(1): a VARIANCE of 9 feet to the required 36 foot height to allow for a 45 foot high building in an M-1 zone for all or a portion of Lot Unplatted, Unplatted / Standard Truck Plaza zoned M-1, located on 1901 MANUAL BLVD NE (H-15)

Special Exception No: .....**18ZHE-80002**  
Project No:.....**Project# 1011491**  
Hearing Date:.....02-20-18  
Closing of Public Record:.....02-20-18  
Date of Decision: .....03-07-18

On the 20th day of February, 2018, CONSENSUS PLANNING (“Agent”) acting as agent on behalf of the property owner THAKUR ENTERPRISES, LLC (“Applicant”) appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (“ZHE”) requesting a variance of 9 feet to the required 36 foot height to allow for a 45 foot high building (“Application”) upon the real property located at 1901 MANUAL BLVD NE (“Subject Property”). Below are the ZHE’s findings of fact and decision:

FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a variance of 9 feet to the required 36 foot height to allow for a 45 foot high building.
2. The City of Albuquerque Zoning Code of Ordinances Section 14-16-4-2 (C)(2) (Special Exceptions – Variance) reads: “*A variance application shall be approved by the Zoning Hearing Examiner, if and only if, the Zoning Hearing Examiner finds all of the following:*
  - (a) *The application is not contrary to the public interest or injurious to the community, or to property or improvements in the vicinity;*
  - (b) *There are special circumstances applicable to the subject property which do not apply generally to other property in the same zone and vicinity such as size, shape, topography, location, surroundings, or physical characteristics created by natural forces or government action for which no compensation was paid;*
  - (c) *Such special circumstances were not self-imposed and create an unnecessary hardship in the form of a substantial and unjustified limitation on the reasonable use or return on the property that need not be endured to achieve the intent and purpose of the Zoning Code (§14-16-1-3) and the applicable zoning district; and*
  - (d) *Substantial justice is done.*”
3. The Applicant bears the burden of ensuring there is evidence in the record supporting a finding that the above criteria are met under Section 14-16-4-2(C).
4. The ZHE finds that Application is not: (i) contrary to the public interest, (ii) injurious to the community; or (iii) injurious to the property or improvements located in the vicinity as required by Section 14-16-4-2 (C)(2)(a).

5. The variance required for the proposed building height applies only to a small portion of the Northwest corner of the proposed structure. The portion of the building for which the variance is required is that portion over 36 feet in height and above the 45 degree plane line from the property line, which appears to be less than ten feet of the depth of the building at the top of the building.
6. An adjacent property owner expressed concern about the potential for the proposed structure to block views to/from the Interstate to the property owner's 12-story hotel. To the extent the proposed structure does interfere with those sight lines (or sight lines for other properties), the small step back that would be required above 36' for the Northwest corner of the building would not change that impact.
7. The Application will not cause any unreasonable or injurious increase in intensity of use, noise or traffic and will not detrimentally impact neighborhood character or security.
8. The ZHE finds that there are special circumstances applicable to the Subject Property which do not apply generally to other property in the same zone and vicinity such as size, shape, topography, location, surroundings, or physical characteristics created by natural forces or government action for which no compensation was paid, as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(2)(b).
9. Specifically, the ZHE finds that the location of the subject property, lower than the abutting property, surrounded on three sides by roadways and more intensive uses, and the irregular shape of the property all constitute special and uncommon circumstances.
10. The ZHE finds that such special circumstances were not self-imposed and create an unnecessary hardship in the form of a substantial and unjustified limitation on the reasonable use or return on the property that need not be endured to achieve the intent and purpose of the Zoning Code (§14-16-1-3) and the applicable district, as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(2)(c).
11. Specifically, the ZHE finds that the property location, shape and topography referenced above are not self-imposed but do create unnecessary hardship.
12. The ZHE finds that substantial justice will be done if this Application is approved, as required pursuant to Section 14-16-4-2 (C)(2)(d).
13. The ZHE finds that the proper "Notice of Hearing" signage was posted for the required time period as required by Section 14-16-4-2(B)(4).
14. The ZHE finds that the Applicant has authority to pursue this Application.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The criteria within Section 14-16-4-2(C)(2) of the Albuquerque Zoning Code are satisfied.

#### DECISION:

APPROVAL of a variance of 9 feet to the required 36 foot height to allow for a 45 foot high building.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so by March 22, 2018, in the manner described below. A non-refundable filing fee will be calculated at the Planning Department's Land Development Coordination counter and is required at the time the Appeal is filed.

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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THAKUR ENTERPRISES, LLC  
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requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-20(B)(5): CONDITIONAL USE to allow for the retailing of self storage units in an M-1 zone for all or a portion of Lot Unplatted, Unplatted / Standard Truck Plaza zoned M-1, located on 1901 MENCIAL BLVD NE (H-15)

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FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a conditional use to allow for the retailing of self-storage units in an M-1 zone.
2. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1) (Special Exceptions – Conditional Use) reads: “*A conditional use shall be approved if and only if, in the circumstances of the particular case and under conditions imposed, the use proposed:*
  - (a) *Will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood, or the community;*
  - (b) *Will not be significantly damaged by surrounding structures or activities.*
3. The Applicant bears the burden of ensuring there is evidence in the record supporting a finding that the above criteria are met under Section 14-16-4-2(C).
4. The ZHE finds that in the proposed use will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood, or the community as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1)(a).
5. Specifically, the ZHE finds that the Application will not cause any unreasonable or injurious increase in intensity of use, noise or traffic and will not detrimentally impact neighborhood character or security.
6. To the contrary, the proposed use will reduce the impacts from the current use and allow for the redevelopment of a blemished, underutilized property.
7. The ZHE finds that in the proposed use will not be significantly damaged by surrounding structures or activities as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1)(b).
8. The ZHE finds that the proper “Notice of Hearing” signage was posted for the required time period as required by Section 14-16-4-2(B)(4).

8. The ZHE finds that the Applicant has authority to pursue this Application.

DECISION:

APPROVAL of a conditional use to allow for the retailing of self storage units in an M-1 zone.

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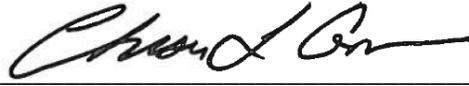
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