



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

ARIANE BUCHANAN (SEAN O'CONNOR, AGENT) requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-6(B)(14) : a CONDITIONAL USE to allow a proposed 6 ft wall at more than 11 ft back from back of sidewalk for all or a portion of Lot 5, Block 6A, Santilla Place zoned R-1, located on 224 CARDENAS DR NE (K-18)

Special Exception No:..... **15ZHE-80263**  
Project No:..... **Project# 1010627**  
Hearing Date:..... 11-17-15  
Closing of Public Record:..... 11-17-15  
Date of Decision: ..... 12-02-15

On the 17th day of November, 2015 (hereinafter “**Hearing**”) SEAN O'CONNOR, (hereinafter “**Agent**”) acting as agent on behalf of the property owner ARIANE BUCHANAN (hereinafter “**Applicant**”) appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (hereinafter “**ZHE**”) requesting a Conditional Use to allow a proposed 6 ft wall at more than 11 ft back from back of sidewalk (hereinafter “**Application**”) upon the real property located at 224 CARDENAS DR NE (“**Subject Property**”). Below are the findings of facts:

**FINDINGS:**

1. Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to allow a proposed 6 ft wall at more than 11 ft back from back of sidewalk.
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 proposed wall will be stuccoed to match the house, will be made of mixed materials (steel slats over stuccoed cmu), will not interfere with views or traffic sight lines, will raise the aesthetic value of the property and will not otherwise be injurious.
4. 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.*”
5. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the proposed conditional use, will not be significantly damaged by the surrounding structures or activities.

6. 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.
7. 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** of a CONDITIONAL USE to allow a proposed 6 ft wall at more than 11 ft back from back of sidewalk.

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. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris L. Graeser", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher L. Graeser, Esq.  
Zoning Hearing Examiner

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