



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

SHASTA BIRKEY (HILLTOP LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AGENT) requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-6(B)(14)(a)(1): a CONDITIONAL USE to allow a 4'6" wall 11' from back of sidewalk for all or a portion of Lot 24A, Block 1, TIERRA DEL ESTE zoned SU-1 PRD, located on 1604 VILLA SANDIA RD NE (J23)

Special Exception No: **15ZHE-80001**
Project No: **Project# 1010334**
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
Closing of Public Record: February 20, 2015
Date of Decision: 03-05-15

On the 20th day of February, 2015 (hereinafter "**Hearing**") HILLTOP LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, (hereinafter "**Agent**") acting as agent on behalf of the property owner SHASTA BIRKEY (hereinafter "**Applicant**") appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (hereinafter "**ZHE**") requesting a Conditional Use to allow a 4'6" wall 11' from back of sidewalk (hereinafter "**Application**") upon the real property located at 1604 VILLA SANDIA ("**Subject Property**"). Below are the findings of facts:

FINDINGS:

8. Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to allow a 4'6" wall 11' from back of sidewalk.
9. 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.*"
10. 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 Applicant was represented by Agent (Hilltop Landscape) that had a beautiful design for the wall and the landscaping (attached to the file) which the ZHE believes will not be injurious to the community. The ZHE notes that this wall is setback 11' from the back of sidewalk which is ample spacing to preserve the "streetscape".
11. 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.*"
12. Applicant testified at the Hearing that the proposed conditional use, will not be significantly damaged by the surrounding structures or activities.

13. 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.
14. 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 4'6" wall 11' from back of sidewalk.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

- B. The Applicant shall adhere to the *design guidelines* for walls and fences as set forth in the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code.
- C. The Applicant shall abide by the City of Albuquerque Traffic Engineer approval to keep the wall's clear sight triangle free of obstructions.
- D. The Applicant shall construct the wall substantially similar to the wall design that presented by Hilltop at the Public Hearing.

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.

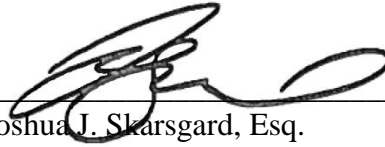
An appeal shall be heard by the Board of Appeals within 45 days of the appeal period and concluded within 75 days of the appeal period. The Planning Division shall give written notice of an appeal, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the applicant, a representative of 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 'Joshua J. Skarsgard', is written over a horizontal line.

Joshua J. Skarsgard, Esq.
Zoning Hearing Examiner

cc: Zoning Enforcement
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