TUAN HUYNIH (PABLO ESPINO MEDINA, AGENT) requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-17(B)(13) : a CONDITIONAL use to allow for existing outdoor storage of used tires in C-2 zone for all or a portion of Lot A, Block 3, MESA VERDE ADDN zoned C-2, located on 8117 CENTRAL AV NE (K-19)

On the 15th day of August, 2017, PABLO ESPINO MEDINA (“Agent”) acting as agent on behalf of the property owner TUAN HUYNIH (“Applicant”) appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (“ZHE”) requesting a conditional use to allow for existing outdoor storage of used tires in C-2 zone (“Application”) upon the real property located at 8117 CENTRAL AV NE (“Subject Property”). Below are the ZHE’s findings of fact and decision:

**FINDINGS:**

1. Applicant is requesting a conditional use to allow for existing outdoor storage of used tires in C-2 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 proposed use is appropriate for its location and will not result in undue noise, light, odors, traffic or other deleterious effects.
6. This Application was previously deferred to allow the Applicant to meet with the relevant neighborhood association (La Mesa Community Improvement Association). Applicant did so, resulting in a letter of support from the association with a request for certain conditions of approval.
7. The Subject Property had previously received a conditional use permit for the same use, in 2010, with the ZHE at that time also determining that the use was not injurious.
8. A letter was received from the Edward Romero Terrace apartments at 8100 Central Ave. expressing concern about the proposed use being dog-patrolled and being an eyesore.

9. The conditions suggested by the neighborhood association, agreed to by the Applicant, and imposed below should alleviate any potential injury from these conditions. Beyond that, although the position expressed by Mr. Swindle is understandable, the ZHE does not have the authority or ability dictate the specific use to be made of a property.

10. 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).

11. 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).

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

DEcision:

APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS of a conditional use to allow for existing outdoor storage of used tires in C-2 zone.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. Applicant will obtain any necessary certificate of occupancy.
2. Applicant will obtain, if deemed applicable by AFD, an Albuquerque Fire Department Inspection and Operational Permit for miscellaneous combustible storage – Fire Code Section 105;
3. Applicant shall apply mosquito control products as necessary to ensure no mosquitoes hatch from water in stored tires.
4. Applicant shall erect a solid (opaque) wall or fence at least six feet high, pursuant to Section 14-16-2-17(B)(21)(b) and (c) to enclose the stored tires.
5. Applicant shall maintain the property in a clean and attractive manner.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so by September 14, 2017, 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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