



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

Ashley Brown (Applicant) and Ramiro Duran (Owner) request a Major Zoning Permit to construct and extend a 6-foot-high Wall/Fence on the side corner lot facing the street of the property for Unit 1 Lot 5-A Blk 2 Amended Plat for the Mesa at Anderson Hills Continuous for a property located at 3112 El Caballero Dr SW, Zoned R-ML IDO Section(s): 14-16-6-6(H), 14-16-5-7(D)(2), Table 5-7-1

Special Exception No: **MZP-2026-00015**
Project No: N/A
Hearing Date: 04-21-26
Closing of Public Record: 04-21-26
Date of Decision: 05-06-26

On April 21, 2026, Ashley Brown (“**Applicant**”) and Ramiro Duran (“**Owner**”) were scheduled to appear before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (“**ZHE**”) requesting a Permit-Wall or Fence-Major (“**Application**”) upon the real property located at 3112 El Caballero Dr SW. (“**Subject Property**”). Below are the ZHE’s findings of fact and decision:

FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a Permit-Wall or Fence-Major to construct and extend a 6-foot-high Wall/Fence on the side corner lot facing the street of the property, pursuant to City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Integrated Development Ordinance (“**IDO**”) Section 14-16-6-6(H).
2. Applicant has authority to pursue this Application, pursuant to 14-16-6-4(D).
3. Applicant is not required to offer a meeting to Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos before filing the application, pursuant to IDO Section 14-16-6-4(B).
4. The Planning Director’s delegee has determined that the Application is complete, pursuant to IDO Section 14-16-6-4(G).
5. The analyses and studies listed in IDO Section 14-16-6-4(H) were delivered.
6. The Application was forwarded to commenting agencies pursuant to IDO Section 14-16-6-4(I).
7. The content of the notice of the Application satisfies IDO Section 14-16-6-4(J)(1).

8. Applicant has sent an electronic mail notice to the email addresses on file with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination for each pertinent Neighborhood Association as required by IDO Section 14-16-6-4(J)(2).
9. Applicant has sent a mailed notice to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property as required by IDO Section 14-16-6-4(J)(3).
10. Applicant has posted sign notice(s) as required by IDO Section 14-16-6-4(J)(4).
11. The Subject Property is located at 3112 El Caballero Dr SW, in the R-ML zone district.
12. Therefore, a wall or fence on the Subject Property requires a Permit-Wall or Fence-Major pursuant to IDO Subsection 14-16-6-6(H).
13. IDO Section 14-16-6-6(H)(3) (Review and Decision Criteria for a Permit-Wall or Fence-Major) reads: *“An application for a Permit – Wall or Fence - Major shall be approved if the following criteria are met [:]*
 - (a) *The wall is proposed on a lot that meets any of the following criteria:*
 1. *The lot is at least ½ acre.*
 2. *The lot fronts a street designated as a collector, arterial, or interstate highway.*
 3. *For a front yard wall taller than allowed in Table 5-7-1, at least 20 percent of the properties with low-density residential development with a front yard abutting the same street as the subject property and within 330 feet of the subject property along the length of the street the lot faces have a front yard wall or fence over 3 feet. This distance shall be measured along the street from each corner of the subject property's lot line, and the analysis shall include properties on both sides of the street.*
 4. *For a street side yard wall taller than allowed in Table 5-7-1, at least 20 percent of the properties with low-density residential development with a side yard abutting the same street as the subject property and within 330 feet of the subject property along the length of the street the lot faces have a street side yard wall or fence over 3 feet. This distance shall be measured along the street from each corner of the subject property's lot line, and the analysis shall include properties on both sides of the street.*
 - (b) *The proposed wall would strengthen or reinforce the architectural character of the surrounding area.*
 - (c) *The proposed wall would not be injurious to adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the larger community.*
 - (d) *The design of the wall complies with any applicable standards in Section 14-16-5-7 (Walls and Fences), including but not limited to Subsection 14-16-5-7(E)(2) (Articulation and Alignment), Subsection 14-16-5-7(E)(3) (Wall Design), and both of the following criteria:*
 1. *The wall or fence shall not block the view of any portion of any window on the front façade of the primary building when viewed from 5 feet above ground level at the centerline of the street in front of the house.*
 2. *The design and materials proposed for the wall or fence shall reflect the architectural character of the surrounding area.*

14. Applicant bears the burden of providing a sound justification for the requested decision, based on substantial evidence, pursuant to IDO Section 14-16-6-4(E)(3).
15. Applicant bears the burden of showing compliance with required standards through analysis, illustrations, or other exhibits as necessary, pursuant to IDO Section 14-16-6-4(E)(4).
16. Applicant appeared at the April 21, 2026 ZHE hearing on the Application and gave evidence in support of the Application.
17. It is uncertain from the record whether at least 20 percent of the properties with low-density residential development with a side yard abutting the same street as the subject property and within 330 feet of the subject property along the length of the street the lot faces have a street side yard wall or fence over 3 feet.
18. The Application should be deferred to allow Applicant to supplement the record regarding this 20 percent rule.

DECISION:

DEFERRAL of the Application to be considered at the May 19, 2026, ZHE hearing, which begins at 9:00 a.m.

APPEAL:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so by May 21, 2026 pursuant to Section 14-16-6-4-(U), of the Integrated Development Ordinance, you must demonstrate that you have legal standing to file an appeal as defined.

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A BUILDING PERMIT.**

Successful applicants are reminded that other regulations of the City must be complied with, even after approval of a special exception is secured. If your Application is approved, bring this Notice of Decision with you when you apply for any related building permit or occupation tax number. Approval of a Conditional Use is void after two (2) years from date of approval if the rights and privileges granted thereby have not been executed or utilized. Approval of a Variance is void after one (1) year from date of approval if the rights and privileges granted thereby have not been executed or utilized.



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