

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

HARRIET SMETTERS request(s) a special exception to Section 14-16-26(B)(7): a CONDITIONAL USE to allow a proposed part-time psychology practice as a home occupation in an R-1 zone on all or a portion of Lot(s) 73, MCCLINTIC SOLAR TOWNHOUSES zoned SU-1 PRD, located at 7412 NORTHRIDGE AVE NE (F-19)

Special Exception No:	11ZHE-80002
Project No:	Project# 1008641
Hearing Date:	02-15-11
Closing of Public Record:	02-15-11
Date of Decision:	02-22-11

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The applicant, Harriet Smetters, requests a conditional use to allow a proposed part-time psychology practice as a home occupation in an R-1 zone. Ms. Smetters testified that she would like to perform psychology as a home occupation. Her proposed days and hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She will see a maximum of 8 clients per week, one at a time, by appointment only. Ms. Smetters indicated that she has sufficient off-street parking for her patients and there will be no signage on this property advertising her business. Ms. Smetters testified that she has been licensed by the State of New Mexico since 1993. She stated that there will be no retail sales at this location and that less than 25% of the residence will be used for this home occupation. She has no employees and testified that this proposed use will not be injurious to the neighborhood, adjacent property, or the community. She has owned and resided on this property since 2007. The yellow sign was posted. There was no opposition to this request at the hearing, nor is there any opposition noted in the file.

Based on all of the testimony and a review of the entire file, it is determined there is substantial evidence to make the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: I find that this request complies with Section 14. 16. 4. 2. (C). 1., for the granting of a conditional use upon a finding that the proposed use will not cause injury to the neighborhood, adjacent property or the community, nor will it be damaged by surrounding structures. For reasons stated above, this request is approved.

DECISION: Approved.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 5:00 p.m., on March 9, 2011 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.

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