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County File: OAR231

Re: 4456 Venetucci Blvd. South Academy Highlands OAR

To: Planning Supervisor Kristy Martinez ( Kristy@fountaincolorado.org )

### Planning Division

Note that El Paso County does not have land use authority over property within the City of Colorado Springs; however, it is recommended that the development follow these regulations for this site to ensure that proper measures are taken to ensure compatibility between the proposed use within the City and the existing neighborhood and surrounding properties in the County.

El Paso County LDC §6.2.2(D)(2) requires a Buffer Between Non-Residential and Residential Districts Separated by a Non-Arterial Road or Public Alley.

- (1) **Where Required.** A buffer is required along the road-side lot, parcel, or tract line of any non-residential use where the use is separated from a residential zoning district by a non-arterial road or public alley.
- (2) **Depth and Planting Standards.** The required buffer shall be a minimum of 15 feet deep. The minimum number of trees in the buffer shall be 1 tree for every 15 feet of the road frontage. A minimum of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the trees shall be evergreen trees.
- (3) **Opaque Fence or Wall Required.** An opaque fence or wall with a minimum height of 6 feet is required along the inside edge of the required buffer when the area immediately adjacent to the 15 foot buffer is used as a service corridor for loading, maneuvering or storage. If the area is used for parking, the required parking lot screening shall be applicable.
- (4) **Minimum Ground Covering Required.** The required buffer area shall require a ground cover at maturity with a minimum of 75% living plant materials. Bark, wood chips, rock, stone, or other natural landscape material shall be used as a non-living ground cover. Areas of a required buffer not covered in approved living ground cover material shall be covered in an approved non-living ground cover.

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### Engineering Division

PCD-Engineering has no comments on the subject project.

Please provide a master traffic study update addressing traffic impacts to B Street and Academy Blvd. with the next subdivision or major site plan application in South Academy Highlands.

-- Jeff Rice - 719-520-7877

**County Engineer (Public Works)**

Additional comments may be provided by the County Engineer.

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