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Re: **Letter of Intent . . . EA-17-075 ARACO ENTERPRISES, 7470 Southmoor Drive . . . APN 65244-00-085**

LAND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC. is representing Arturo Acosta of ARACO ENTERPRISES, LLC in this application for a Site Development Plan in an "M" Obsolete Zoning District.

This site is located near the intersection of Southmoor Lane and Southmoor Drive, on the Southwesterly side of Southmoor Drive. It consists of a series of one "unplatted" parcel, with prior exceptions for CDOT and/or County rights-of-way. Crews Gulch runs within the Northern portion of this property.

It is the owner's intent to develop the site with the following "M" Obsolete Zoning District "allowed" specific mixed-use categories, under one (1) ownership, to be detailed with the subsequent submittal of associated Building Permit Construction Drawings:

Vehicle/RV/Boat Parking and Storage; Contractor's Equipment Yard; Heavy Equipment Storage; Light Manufacturing (Pre-Fab Concrete Components); General Office; Outside Storage; Parking Lots; Commercial Vehicle Repair Garage and Warehouse

The primary goal of this submittal is to obtain a building permit for expansion of the existing general office with an accessory structure (extended 1-story with partial mezzanine) commercial vehicle repair garage and warehouse, to replace the existing metal frame poly-vinyl covered Quonset hut. On-site secondary uses will include the aforementioned vehicle/rv/boat parking and storage area, contractor's equipment storage yard, heavy equipment storage, light manufacturing (pre-fab concrete components), outside storage and employee/customer parking areas. This site's operation is planned for two (2) access points off of Southmoor Drive with the existing off-street customer/handicap parking/drive lane area (ten (10) spaces, which include two (2) handicap spaces).

Concrete and/or asphalt-paved surfacing is planned for all primary accessways, the vehicle/rv parking and storage area (concrete panel fenced for screening anticipating a maximum potential one-hundred and fourteen (114) spaces), and the employee/customer parking areas (anticipating an additional maximum potential twenty-six (26) spaces), with open accessways for parking maneuvering and emergency access needs. A crushed asphalt surface accessway is planned within the gated contractor's equipment storage yard, heavy equipment storage and outside storage area, with a modified t-turnaround.

Dimensional standards for this zone will be met for existing and proposed structures, so no setback-related and/or use variances, waivers or deviations are initially being planned for this property. Existing site utility entities include WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, the CITY OF FOUNTAIN, COMCAST, CENTURY LINK and BLACK HILLS ENERGY. Fire protection services to be provided by SECURITY FIRE DEPARTMENT (all locked gates will have acceptable after-hour emergency access components). The WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT has a well site (Well E-1) in the Northern portion of the

Southern Employee Parking Area. It's access easement "of record" does not have direct vehicular access from Southmoor Drive due to the existing power pole guy ties. Alternate and open access will be provided by the Owner.

A deviation is requested for the site development of Araco Concrete regarding the landscape requirement. The site is zoned "M", an obsolete designation. However, by current standards in this industrial zone the "depth of landscape" requirements for road frontages is as follows:

- Southmoor Drive – non-arterial: 10'
- Colorado SH16 – principal arterial: 25'

The property currently has ornamental screening/security walls along the property lines for portions of both frontages, along Southmoor Drive for 341' (40% of the total length) and along SH16 for 484' (43% of the total length). However, this has not precluded the landscape plan from meeting the overall requirement for trees and parking lot screening on these frontages, considering both existing and proposed vegetation (see Requirements Summary on the Preliminary Landscape Plan dated 7/9/2020).

The deviation is requested to allow this ornamental screening to remain in the required landscape depth areas, since it effectively serves the purpose of screening the materials storage areas of this construction business.

The "M" Obsolete Zoning District category includes the aforementioned uses, and is intended to accommodate said uses. This area is unlikely to develop as residential or agricultural due to it being located in an existing industrial-use area, is adjacent to State Highway 16 and also is within a floodplain hazard area. This request is consistent with the County Policy Plan, subject to a Site Development Plan formal submittal.

In regards to criteria for general conformance Section 5.3.5(B) approval, we offer the following: The value to the community at-large is that the industrial uses supply employment for area residents. The wildlife habitats that are to remain undisturbed are utilized by El Paso County Parks via the Crews Gulch Regional Trail. This area provides community recreation and nature/wildlife education. The "M" Obsolete Zone will allow all existing and proposed structures and uses statutory provisions, therefore it will be compatible with the existing and permitted land uses.

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