

City of Apache Junction Development Services Department



November 17, 2016

Mr. Mehmood Mohiuddin c/o Dash In and Mini Mart 2341 N. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85119 PERSONALLY DELIVERED, E-MAILED, AND SENT BY FIRST CLASS U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Subject: November 2016 - Development Agreement Non-compliance (Hours of operation of Bull Riding Venue) and City Sign Code Violations - Status

Dear Mr. Mohiuddin: MO

Thank you for meeting with me and Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the Hitching Post. The purpose of the visit was to follow up on the city's determination that the sign for the RV Storage lot placed in the planter along Highway 88 at the Hitching Post was not permitted because it is considered an off-premise sign. Two monument signs on one street frontage are not permitted on one parcel anywhere in the city as per the city sign code §1-11-7.

During the site visit we discussed this sign and some other possible locations that would comply with the city's sign code. You decided that you would remove the sign faces and place them on the split-rail style fence on the immediate adjacent tax parcel. We concurred that this was a permitted location. I followed up this meeting with an email confirming that the city would not require a sign permit application to simply move the sign faces to the split rail style façade fence. On Thursday, November 10, 2016, I stopped by the Hitching Post and noted that you had already moved the signs to the new location. Thank you for your prompt attention to this particular sign issue.

Also during the meeting, we discussed the allowances for banners and signs covering windows. You stated at some point you would be removing the beer-themed window shade signs on the Pita Pockets building as you felt they were tacky and that you were going to replace them with interior window coverings instead. The city sign code allows up to 75% of window area to be covered with signs and the current beer themed window screens/signs cover more than the permitted amount.

We also discussed banners. I want to reiterate that the sign code only allows two banners per site per business. Since you have two businesses on the site, you are permitted to have a total of four banners: two for the Hitching Post and two for Pita Pockets. You are permitted to use fin flags or banners, however, the city only allows a total of two for each business. You are permitted to have four banners or two fin flags and two banners or four fin flags or any combination as long as the total does not exceed four. Based on my site visit, you are in compliance with a total of three banners. Your continued compliance with all aspects of the city sign code is an ongoing requirement.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely.

Lawrence J. Kirch, AICP

Director of Development Services/Zoning Administrator

(480) 474-5082 (direct line)

Attachment

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November 28, 2016

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Subject: Conversion of the Dash-In/Pita Pockets to Steakhouse Restaurant - Development Agreement Violation -

Dear Mr. Mohiuddin:

Last week on Thursday when I visited your property, you gave me a tour of the new venue you created called the "Steakhouse." The Economic Development Agreement and the site plan that is part of that agreement stipulate that a convenience store is part of the site plan. In order to have a restaurant as part of the site plan, an amendment to the Economic Development Agreement is required. An amendment would need to be processed through the Development Services Department. The fee for an amendment to the Economic Development Agreement is \$1,675. Without an amendment to the Economic Development Agreement, you are in violation of that agreement.

There are also other issues that have been triggered by the conversion of the convenience store to a restaurant to include the following:

- 1) You have not applied for a new business license with the City Clerk's Office under Chapter 8 of the municipal code nor sought zoning clearance which is part of the business license process.
- 2) The conversion from a convenience store to a restaurant triggers building code requirements as this is considered a "change in occupancy" under the city's adopted building codes.
- 3) Building permits are required for the construction of the bar and possibly for closing off the wall.
- 4) Work done on a commercial building requires a licensed contractor by State Statute.
- 5) The work also requires a registered design professional because you have changed the occupancy to accommodate more than 20 customers at a time.

In order to resolve this matter, I recommend that you:

- 1) Immediately seek legal counsel for an amendment to the 3rd Amended Economic Development Agreement.
- 2) Employ an Arizona Registered Design Professional to assist you in preparing plans for the remodeling work that was done.
- 3) Apply for the appropriate business license from the City Clerk's office. Issuance of the zoning certificate will stipulate that the zoning allows a restaurant, however, design plans must be submitted and building permits issued to a licensed contractor with the appropriate license.

Planning & Zoning — Building & Safety — Revenue Development
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION ZONING

CODE CASE #: COD2017-01122

Date: October 5, 2017

Sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and

U.S. Regular First Class Mail

Mr. Mehmood Mohiuddin c/o: Dash In and Mini Mart/Hitching Post/HP Steakhouse 2341 N. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Address of Property in Violation: 2341 N. Apache Trail & 2304 North Cortez Road

Parcel Number(s): 100-25-043A; 100-25-001C; 100-25-010A; 100-25-001E; 100-25-0030

Legal Description of Property:

100-25-043A -- COM @ N4 COR SEC 15-1N-8E TH W-286.4 TH S-49D W-50.74 TO POB TH CONT S-49D W-195.27 TH S-48D E-170 TH N-38D E-307.49 TH W-172 TO POB, FOR REF SEE BK 22 OF SURVEYS PG 71 .85 AC

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100-25-010A -- BEG AT A PT 255.13' E OF SW COR OF S1/2 NE NE NW OF SEC 15-1N-8E; TH N-329.80' TO E-404.87' TH S-329.80' TH W-404.87' TO POB EXC FOR THE E-33' & S-33' THEREOF 3.07 AC (133729 SQ FT)

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100-25-0030 -- PT OF N1/2 NE NE NW OF SEC 15-1N-8E .25 AC (10890 SO FT)

Owner(s) of Record: Mehmood Mohiuddin

<u>Tax Bill Mailing Address:</u> 2345 North Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 and 2304 N Cortez Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85119

The City of Apache Junction has adopted a Zoning Ordinance to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare. The applicable ordinances can be found in the Apache Junction

Planning & Zoning – Building & Safety – Code Compliance - Revenue Development 300 E. Superstition Boulevard • Apache Junction, AZ 85119 • Ph: (480) 474-5156 • Fax (480) 982-7010 City Code, Volume II, Land Development Code, which can be read herehttp://www.amlegal.com/codes/client/apache-junction_az/.

You are in violation of Apache Junction Land Development Code; Chapter 1: Zoning Ordinance, Article 1-16: Administration, Section 1-16-13, Development Agreements (see attached Exhibit A). You have an Economic Development Agreement (including amendments) with the City of Apache Junction with the hours of operation of the bull riding activity specified in the Second Amendment (dated October 1, 2013), Paragraph B, § 3, Developer Obligations, and are limited to Thursday and Saturday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On November 17, 2016, you were previously notified that you were violating the development agreement by operating outside of the hours specified in the agreement (see attached letter as Exhibit B). Attached as Exhibit C is a City of Apache Junction Police Department incident report for incident number 170916007 dated 09/16/17. The report is clear, in that you admit to operating the bull riding activity outside of the approved hours. This is again, a clear violation of the economic development agreement and constitutes a violation of the city zoning code.

You were also notified in that same letter dated November 17, 2016, that in order to use APN 100-25-001C for parking you would need an amendment to the development agreement. Using this parcel to the east of the Hitching Post/Dash-In/HP Steakhouse also constitutes a violation of the economic development agreement.

Statement of Violations and Corrections:

Violation(s) observed: A violation of the economic development agreement constitutes a violation of Article 1-16. Section 1-16-13.

- (1) Operating the bull riding venue outside of the hours stipulated in the Economic Development Agreement.
- (2) Parking on parcel 100-25-001C is not permitted by the economic development agreement.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Cease and desist all violations. The City's repeated attempts to have the above issues corrected or abated have not been successful, therefore we are issuing this formal Notice of Violation and requiring that the conditions noted above be corrected and abated within 21 calendar days. A City of Apache Junction code enforcement officer will perform a re-inspection to verify compliance on October 26, 2017.

- *Please note the following Failure to comply- make requested corrections or abate the noted conditions may result in the filing of a civil or criminal misdemeanor case.
- **And also Failure to comply, failure to make requested corrections or abate the noted conditions, may result in an administrative or court abatement action by the city, for which the owner or responsible person will be financially liable through a lien process which may include foreclosure of the property.

EXHIBIT B

Development Agreement Non-compliance letter dated November 17, 2016

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On 09/16/17 I was dispatched to 2341 N Apache Trail at 1700 hours at the Hitching Fost. Upon amval I contacted Mohluddin "Mo" Mehmood and asked if they had any bull riding going on. Mo stated that he had the Junior Bull Riders Association there for the 10 and under kids competing to go to Las Vegas. He advised that it wasn't making any noise and that they were finishing up now. He stated that it was a one time charity event and the kids were there to compete before heading to Las Vegas. I advised him that there was a complaint made in reference to the City Code agreement reference no bull riding events until 2000 hours. He understood and advised it was for kids and that it was a one time event. He stated again that they were finishing up now.

I left the Hitching Fost and went to speak with the reporting party Birl Wallingford. Bill stated and showed a typed agreement in reference to their agreement about no bull riding until 2000 hours. I advised him that I was aware of the agreement and that a report would be filed in reference to his complaint. Bill requested that the report be sent to Code Compliance.

Case Status Closed Report Taken



