



APPLICATION SPECIAL USE PERMIT

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR MINOR AMENDMENT

Change of Ownership **Minor Amendment**

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 720 Jefferson Street Alexandria, VA 22314

TAX MAP REFERENCE: 080.04-OC-00 **ZONE:** CRMU/L

APPLICANT

Name: Nahom Debessay

Address: 7806 Evening Lane Alexandria, VA 22306

PROPERTY OWNER

Name: WRIT Limited Partnership

Address: 1775 I Street NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20006

SITE USE: Resturant / Cafe

Business Name: **Current:** Abyssinia Mart **Proposed (if changing):** Cafe du Soleil

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby applies for a Special Use Permit for **Change in Ownership**, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Division A, Section 11-503 (5)(f) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of City of Alexandria, Virginia.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having read and received a copy of the special use permit, hereby agrees to comply with all conditions of the current special use permit, including all other applicable City codes and ordinances.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby applies for a Special Use Permit for **Minor Amendment**, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Division A, Section 11-509 and 11-511 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of City of Alexandria, Virginia.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby requests this special use permit. The undersigned also attests that all of the information herein required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Nahom Debessay

Print Name of Applicant or Agent

7806 Evening Lane

Mailing/Street Address

Alexandria, VA 22306

City and State Zip Code

Nahom Debessay

Signature

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12/18/2024

Date

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Application Received: _____

Fee Paid: \$ _____

Legal advertisement: _____

ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION _____

ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: _____

Special Use Permits Eligible for Administrative Approval

Certain uses of land that have potentially negative impacts on surrounding properties require special use permit approval from City Council. The City Council may impose conditions on the operation of the special use in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding area. For new uses and for intensifications or amendments of existing uses, the Planning Commission and City Council conduct public hearings and decide whether to approve the request. The Director of Planning and Zoning, however, may approve a special use permit administratively if it is only a change in ownership or a minor amendment of a previously approved special use permit.

Special Use Permit for Change of Ownership

If the existing special use permit for an operation restricts the ownership of the use, a prospective owner may not take ownership of the operation until he receives special use permit approval for the change of ownership. Pursuant to Section 11-503, the director may approve the change and transfer the special use permit to a new owner, if the following conditions apply:

- 1) The applicant is not requesting a change in the conditions of the special use permit;
- 2) there have been no substantiated violations of the special use permit conditions;
- 3) there are no changes proposed or anticipated in the operation of the use involved;
- 4) the director has concluded that no new conditions or no amendments to existing conditions are necessary; and
- 5) following notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, no person has requested that the director forward the application to the Planning Commission or City Council.

If the application does not meet any one of the above conditions, it must be docketed for the next available Planning Commission and City Council public hearings. If the Director approves a special use permit for change in ownership, the new owner must sign an agreement stating that he/she will to continue to comply with the special use permit conditions.

Special Use Permit for Minor Amendment

Pursuant to Sections 11-509 and 11-511 of the zoning ordinance, the director may approve minor amendments to approved special use permits. Only changes that constitute no more than a minimal enlargement or extension of the special use permit or that are so insignificant they will have little or no zoning impact on the surrounding neighborhood are eligible for administrative approval. If a change will intensify the use, it requires Planning Commission and City Council approval. Changes that intensify a use include any increase in the following:

- 1) Hours of operation;
- 2) number of seats;
- 3) number of employees; visitors of customers; or
- 4) number of vehicle trips generated.

The Director may not administratively approve minor amendments if any of the following apply:

- 1) He/She has received written or oral complaints that the use is in violation of the zoning ordinance;
- 2) at the time the special use permit was approved, opposition was presented to the Planning Commission or City Council; or
- 3) new conditions or amendments to existing conditions are necessary.

Notice of the application is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and is sent to docket subscribers.

Approval Process

For both change in ownership and minor amendment special use permits, the approval process generally takes between four and six weeks from the time an application is submitted. During that time, staff will review the application, inspect the subject property for compliance with special use permit conditions and advertise the proposed change in the newspaper to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the change and, in the case of minor amendments, send notice to the Planning Commission and City Council members. If the Director determines that the Planning Commission and City Council must consider the application, he/she will docket the application for the next available Planning Commission and City Council hearings. At that time, the Director may require additional information regarding the application.

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