



**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 29
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/01/2004
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SUBJECT: Set a public hearing to consider a request for a waiver from the minimum distance requirement of City Code Section 4-9-4(A), which requires 300 feet between a business, the Pacha Coffeehouse, that proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at 4618 Burnet Road and a public school, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, located at 1100 West 45th Street. (Suggested date and time: April 15, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., Lower Colorado River Authority, Hancock Building)

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Development Review **AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalione

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Luci Gallahan, 974-2669; Martha Vincent, 974-3371

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The applicant, Julie Fouillet, owner of Pacha Coffeehouse, requests a waiver from the minimum distance requirement of 300 feet in Section 4-9-4(A) of the Austin City Code because she intends to sell alcoholic beverages at her business which is located 77 feet from a public school, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, at 1100 West 45th Street.

Section 4-9-5 allows the City Council to waive the 300 feet distance requirement if they determine that enforcement of the distance requirement in a particular instance:

- (1) is not in the best interest of the public;
- (2) constitutes waste or the inefficient use of land or other resources;
- (3) creates an undue hardship on an applicant;
- (4) does not serve its intended purpose;
- (5) is not effective or necessary; or
- (6) for any other reason the council, after consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the equities of the situation, determines is in the best interest of the community.

Section 4-9-5(B) provides that the City Council may consider a written consent to the waiver of the 300 feet distance requirement provided by each church, public school, public hospital, day-care center or child-care facility within 300 feet of the proposed place of business to be sufficient justification for the waiver. Written consent to allow the waiver has been received from Dr. Phil Hatlen, Superintendent of Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

STAFF REPORT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WAIVER REQUEST

CASE NUMBER: SP-04-0054 AW

LOCATION OF PROPOSED BUSINESS: 4618 Burnet Rd.

NAME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN 300 FEET OF PROPOSED CONVENIENCE STORE: Texas School for Blind and Visually Impaired, 1100 West 45th Street

ZONING: CS

USE: Restaurant (General)

APPLICANT: Julie S. Fouillet, manager/owner

REQUEST:

The applicant, Ms. Julie Fouillet, requests a waiver from the minimum distance requirement of 300 feet in Section 4-9-4(A) of the Austin City Code in order to sell beer and wine at an existing restaurant. The development is located at 4618 Burnet Road, which is 77 feet from an existing public school, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, at 1100 W. 45th Street.

Section 4-9-5(A) allows the City Council to waive the 300-foot distance requirement if they determine that enforcement of the distance requirement in a particular instance:

- (1) is not in the best interest of the public;*
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- (3) creates an undue hardship on an applicant*
- (4) does not serve its intended purpose*
- (5) is not effective or necessary; or*
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Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Dr. Phil Hatlen, Superintendent

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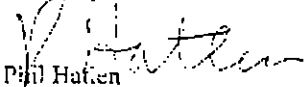
Julie Fouillet
Pacha Coffeehouse
4618 Burnet Road
Austin, TX 78756

Dear Ms. Fouillet,

This letter is to inform you that the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has no objection to the Pacha Coffeehouse receiving a license to sell beer and wine. We do not believe this represents any hazards for our students.

If you are not providing this service already, I ask in return that you have braille menus available for blind customers.

Sincerely,


Phil Hatlen
Superintendent

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