

[EXTERNAL]Support for Board Hound Special Use Permit

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I am a resident of the City of Alexandria, and have been a customer of the Board Hound, both in Alexandria and Arlington, for a number of years. Because of the pending closure of the Arlington location because of Arlington County's purchase of their facility, I understand a request for a special use permit has been made with the City of Alexandria.

Consistent with the needs and considerations of residents in the vicinity of the Board Hound location on Peyton Street, I strongly support granting the Board Hound a special use permit that would allow overnight boarding of dogs at that location.

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[EXTERNAL]Support for overnight accommodations at The Board Hound (133 South Peyton Street)

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for approval of overnight accommodations at The Board Hound in Old Town. I adopted a rescue puppy (Blueberry) this winter, and the first "formal" puppy activities/trainings were at The Board Hound. Their puppy parties show a great commitment to helping welcome new puppies into the community (see below for a picture of Blueberry at a puppy party, learning to interact with an adult dog!). We live in Rosemont and love being able to walk to The Board Hound for doggy daycare and training. My puppy is scared of many things (including the train overpass between Rosemont and Old Town!), but she is NOT scared of The Board Hound - she genuinely loves being there, and they take wonderful care of all of the dogs there. Having an overnight accommodation would be amazing - particularly for those quick one-night work trips. I would love to be able to keep my puppy close-by so I could easily pick her up when I return home. I've had dogs go to other boarding facilities before and the Board Hound is the cleanest and calmest that I've ever been to. As a homeowner, having a walkable boarding facility is a major benefit to living in the area, and I very much support having The Board Hound approved for overnight stays!

Best,

Laura Taylor

23 Mount Vernon Ave



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[EXTERNAL]Public Comment - The Board Hound

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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment in support of the special use permit for The Board Hound to offer overnight boarding in its Alexandria location. As a former Alexandria resident and current Arlington resident, it has been very difficult to find reputable, high quality boarding options for our dog. The Board Hound is the only dog boarding facility that we trust within the DMV area, and we plan to continue our business with them as long as boarding remains available.

Thank you,
Jolie Stroh Masten

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[EXTERNAL]The Board Hound Alexandria

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Good Afternoon-

As a resident of Alexandria I support the Board Hounds application for a Special Use Permit to allow Overnight Dog Boarding. Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Cosimano
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[EXTERNAL]Support for Special Use Permit of The Board Hound

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To the Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission and City Council -

This email is sent in support of the Special Use Permit application from The Board Hound to operate overnight dog boarding at their current daycare facility in the City of Alexandria. My wife and I are homeowners in the City of Alexandria at 213 Guthrie Ave, Alexandria, VA 22305. I am a retired US Foreign Service Officer and retired US Army Reserve Judge Advocate; my wife Karen, is a US Foreign Service Officer currently serving a hardship tour in Iraq.

We have known Meg and Jess since January 2015 and have entrusted them to care for our dogs since then. Our dogs, Angel and Cairo (now deceased), were both street rescues from Africa. Those dogs, while sweet, also came with challenges based on their tough starts in life. Meg, Jess, and the Board Hound Team never once shied away from working with them, or taking them into their care. Moreover they are flexible and customer (both human and canine) focused, understanding that both dogs and their caregivers in the National Capital Region can have very unique needs and circumstances. When we leave Angel with them we know she is in good hands until we are able to see her again. If you have ever been responsible for an animal companion, you understand what that peace of mind is like.

Arlington's loss will certainly be Alexandria's gain. The Board Hound is a safe, well run business that will add to the reputation of the Alexandria business community. It will also help those Alexandria citizens who have already come to rely on the Board Hound for their animal care needs. Failing to approve the Special Use Permit will not only deny an excellent business the opportunity to continue and grow, but it would be a disservice to the citizens of the City of Alexandria to continue to use an excellent and needed service. Without the Board Hound we will have a significant problem boarding our aging Egyptian street rescue. I urge the Planning Commission and the City Council to approve this Special Use Permit in favor of Meg Sappington & Jess Ward, the Board Hound, and all of their employees.

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[EXTERNAL]The Board Hound

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I support the approval of the special use permit request for the Board Hound to board dogs overnight in Old Town.

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Public Comment re: Special Use Permit for the Board Hound

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Good morning,

In advance of the June 6th Planning Commission Public Hearing and June 17th City Council Public Hearing, I'd like to submit a public comment **in support of the Board Hound being granted a Special Use Permit to allow overnight boarding accommodations at its Old Town, Alexandria location.**

As a resident of Alexandria for the past seven years, I've seen how receptive and accommodating the community is to its dogs, regularly being rated as one of the most dog and pet-friendly cities in the nation (see this [2022 press release](#) as just one testament to this). I read somewhere that one in every five Alexandria residents is canine. That being said, when I became a dog owner in 2021 and looked for boarding options nearby, I discovered that Old Town is severely lacking in this respect.

I've made use of the Board Hound's full suite of services, from regularly attending puppy parties when my corgi Theo was 12-16 weeks old, to enrolling us in all the group training classes and taking him to daycare on a regular basis. Based on my interactions with staff and use of the facility, I'm confident it would be an ideal location for overnight boarding services, something that Old Town desperately needs.



Theo having a blast at the Board Hound during a puppy party session.

I therefore would highly recommend the planning commission and city council grant the Board Hound the special use permit.

Thank you,
Kaitlin Stastny
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[EXTERNAL]The Board Hound - commission hearing on 6/6 and 6/17

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Hi!

My doggy and I love the The Board Hound family! They care for my dog and love him very much since he was 4 months old. He is almost 6 years old!

I board him almost every couple of months since the Coronavirus pandemic subsided. Before I was boarding him monthly to socialize with other dogs and ensure he was friendly to people and dogs.

I highly recommend and asking you kindly to the Board Hound owner the ability to board dogs in the Alexandria located on 133 South Peyton Street.


The Board Hound team is AWESOME! Looking forward to boarding my dog in Alexandria!!!

Have a great day!

Galit Gvily

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[EXTERNAL]June 6 Hearing

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Hello!

I support the approval of the Special Use Permit allowing The Board Hound to provide overnight boarding at its Old Town location.

Thank you!

Kristin Adams-Chevalier
Alexandria, VA

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[EXTERNAL]Board Hound

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Dear Planning Commission,

I support the Board Hound Special Use Permit application.

Best,

Rob

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[EXTERNAL]Board Hound application

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Wanted to tell you all that we have been sending our pug Sasha for 2 years and have had nothing but the finest of experiences at both the Old Town and Shirlington locations. Not only are the facilities always immaculate but the people who work there are true dog lovers.

Alexandria should be proud to have such a first class establishment serving its community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Jack Williamson

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[EXTERNAL]Special Use Permit for Board Hound

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As a loyal customer of Board Hound , I believe the Special Use Permit that Board Hound is seeking to board pets overnight at its Old Town location will be a boon to Old Town's economy. Not only will it serve a vital need for the community, it will also bring in additional revenue for Old Town as dog owners will spend time and dollars at local establishments before and after dropping off their pets. Moreover, as I understand it, currently there are no pet boarding facilities in Old Town. Obviously, this is an untapped business area.

From a business perspective, this is a win-win proposition for Old Town and its inhabitants.

For those of us who frequent the Shirlington location, we desperately need the 24/7 boarding care that Board Hound currently provides. Therefore, please approve Board Hound's Special Use Permit for its Old Town location.

Thank you.

Ramona G Dunn
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Planning Hearing re: The Board Hound

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a current Alexandria City resident and very happy customer of The Board Hound's Old Town Alexandria location at 133 South Peyton Street. I fully support approval of their Special User Permit to begin overnight boarding accommodations at their Old Town Location.

The Board Hound's staff are incredibly caring and conscientious towards pets, their owners, and the community. They provide a safe, controlled, positive environment to socialize puppies and dogs to teach them safe play behavior and healthy manners, as well as coaching owners to maintain these good habits. I trust them wholeheartedly with my dog's welfare and know they will ensure their overnight boarding service integrates seamlessly with the nearby community.

Thank you,

Sarah Bender

[EXTERNAL]Board Hound application for Special Use Permit

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I am writing in support of Board Hound's application for a special use permit to board dogs at their Alexandria dog care facility.

Our corgi Maclow (aka Mac) has been going to Board Hound since he was a puppy. He is now eight years old. Mac is a special needs dog with acute anxiety and auditory issues. He is on daily medication and has gone through several training programs. We have regularly consulted our vet and other dog behavior experts about Mac.

He is a good dog if handled appropriately. The staff at Board Hound have done precisely that— handled Mac with understanding, patience and love. Other than family, we don't leave Mac with anyone but Board Hound excellent staff.

I strongly encourage you to grant the license to Board Hound. They are not only a top rate business, they care for dogs like Mac and all dogs with expertise and affection.

Sincerely,

Bill Danvers

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[EXTERNAL]Support for The Board Hound Special Use Permit to allow for overnight boarding at 133 South Peyton Street

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Good Morning,

Please let me know if my message has been directed to the correct contacts for this, and if not, who would be the appropriate contacts.

I am an Alexandria resident, homeowner, and registered voter. I am reaching out to voice support for the business The Board Hound and their special use permit request for 133 South Peyton Street. They are requesting to be able to expand services at their Peyton St facility to include over night boarding due to Arlington buying their current boarding facility. Approval of this request will be of benefit to residents and the city itself.

I currently utilize their Shirlington location for boarding services, and have had beyond excellent experiences there. My dog gets excited when he sees me packing up his bag to go and practically drags me through the door as soon as he arrives. The Board Hound is facility of high quality that is needed in our ever more dog friendly city.

An argument that we already have enough such offerings is not taking quality of services into account! I along with several neighbors had previously utilized another company's boarding facility right across Route 1 from our neighborhood, but all experienced several issues. All of our dogs experienced repeated Giardia infections, and my neighbor's Golden Retriever, who would make friends with anything, was so terrified by their last experience his owner couldn't even get him out of the car for his next visit due to severe shaking. Additionally, there was a massive outbreak there this winter due to lax vaccine standards. This not only posed a threat to patrons, but any other dogs in our community who came in contact with them afterwards. Another long time dog care business in the city recently had a dog in their care die after it escaped their facility and got hit by a car. A high quality facility is needed.

The Board Hound on the other hand has superior cleanliness and safety standards. They have a much higher staff to dog ratio which allows them to maintain immaculately clean facilities, high safety standards, and real, loving companionship for the dogs when their owners have to board them. I have utilized training at the Old Town Location and the boarding facility in Shirlington and have never had an issue. My dog always comes home happy and healthy!

This business has been a true asset to me for when I have had to travel for work and family obligations (and the ever needed occasional vacation).

The benefits to the city will be the clientele and additional tax revenue they bring into Alexandria. Their prices are not low (yet perfectly matched with the level of service they offer). This additional service will

increase the tax revenue the city collects from this business. Also due to its location with several dog friendly restaurant patios nearby the customer base transferred from the Shirlington location could help spur more business for its neighboring businesses.

I hope you take my comments into consideration and vote to approve the expansion of services at the Old Town location of The Board Hound!

Thank you,
Breanna Etter
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[EXTERNAL]Board Hound Status Review - Planning Commission Hearing on June 6

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To Whom It May Concern:

This comment is for the City of Alexandria Planning Commission Hearing concerning the review of the license of the Board Hound, to allow boarding at their Alexandria facility.

Myself and my family are long-term residents of the City of Alexandria.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to place our dog, now getting older, to the care of the Board Hound staff at Shirlington virtually since they opened the facility many years ago.

When we first needed to have a place for our dog, either for daycare or boarding, we spent a lot of time searching for a suitable facility for our dog who has separation anxiety. As members of the Commission probably know, there are many options available in the City of Alexandria. The cost was not a primary issue for us, and we believe that higher cost of daycare and/or boarding does not necessarily guarantee a better outcome. During longer trips away from Alexandria, it was important that we could trust the people/facility we chose for our dog and the care provided.

We found that the Board Hound was different in its treatment of their guests (i.e., dogs), whether they were coming for daycare or boarding. In particular, during overnight stay, we value the fact that staff is at the location 24 hours and our dog could have a private suite to sleep overnight. During the day, staff provides dogs with various activities and care, which are great.

When we first begun to take our dog to the Board Hound at Shirlington, I asked the owner why she established the facility rather than placing her own dog into another facility in the City. She told me that after she had moved to the City of Alexandria, she could not find anything that met the quality standards that she expected to have for dog daycare and boarding. Hence, she established her own facility. This illustrates the quality standards she has in mind for these services, which we hope could be continued in the City of Alexandria facility.

Appreciation of their services really comes from our dog, which wags his tail blocks away from the Shirlington location when he realizes where we are heading, and eagerly jumps off the vehicle to go in and get into action there. On the way home from daycare or boarding, he is not anxious, dirty or exhausted, which is an assurance of the quality of care he receives at the Board Hound.

We truly appreciate that the Board Hound could continue providing quality overnight boarding services at its Alexandria location, now that the Shirlington location is closing. This would provide continuity for us and our dog, and for many other customers in a similar situation, who want to rest easy when they pets are in others care.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration.

Regards,

Arto Kovanen
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[EXTERNAL]Special Use Permit #2023-00030

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in SUPPORT of the Special Use Permit #2023-00030, the request to allow The Board Hound (TBH) to offer overnight boarding services for its clients. We are current clients of TBH, having found them in the summer of 2020 after adopting our very young "pandemic puppy" Molly, who was in need of socialization during the Covid lockdown. The canine experts at TBH were terrific resources to us when Molly was a puppy, and we have greatly appreciated being able to send her to daycare there as our offices in Old Town began to reopen and call us back to work. We have utilized their overnight boarding services in Shirlington, and are strongly in favor of them offering overnight boarding in Old Town.

TBH staff are consummate professionals. Their top priority is the health and safety of their canine clients and their staff. They go to great lengths to maintain a clean, sanitized, and safe play environment for their dogs. "Playgroups" are always closely monitored by staff who have had significant training in canine behavior, and on outdoor excursions they utilize a 1-1 human to canine ratio and practice good canine citizen policies regarding picking up pet waste.

In such a dog-centered and dog-friendly community like Old Town, having TBH as a close-by option for a well-run and safe overnight boarding would be not just welcomed but embraced by dog owners like us. Due to the architecture of the space along with its primarily commercial location on Prince Street, the noise impact on residents would be minimal to non-existent, as would any potential parking impact, as human owners stay only a few short minutes when dropping off or picking up their dogs.

I urge the Planning Commission to grant the special use permit to this wonderful local-and-women-owned small business, and allow TBH to offer overnight boarding to Alexandrians.

Thank you very much!

Kristin Vickery
Alexandria, VA
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[EXTERNAL]Board Hound Alexandria Over night boarding hearing

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As a resident of Old Town, Alexandria , and someone who takes my dog to daycare at the Board Hound Alexandria, and loves their facility, I very much support the approval of the Special Use Permit for overnight boarding.

Jennifer Artley

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[EXTERNAL]Public comment for June 6 hearing - The Board Hound special use permit application

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Dear Planning and Zoning staff,

I would like to share a comment with the Planning Commission as they consider The Board Hound's application for a special use permit at their June 6 hearing, since I will not be able to attend that evening:

I strongly support approval of The Board Hound's special use permit to allow overnight boarding at their facility at 133 South Peyton St.

I take my dog Gulliver to The Board Hound's Old Town facility for daycare on a weekly basis, and to their Shirlington facility for boarding when I am traveling out of town. I live within walking distance of their Old Town location and do not own a vehicle, so having easier access to boarding in addition to daycare would be wonderful. One of the main reasons I choose to live in this area of Alexandria is because the walkable access to community amenities and services combined with public transportation allows me to continue to live a car-free lifestyle. There is not currently another dog daycare or boarding facility in Old Town or within walking distance that offers the type of service that The Board Hound does, so I believe allowing them to expand the services they are able to offer would be valuable to the community.

My dog absolutely loves going to The Board Hound, and I am always confident they will take good care of him. Their business and care approach demonstrates a clear understanding of dog behavior and what is necessary to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for dogs, including responsibly limiting the dog-to-staff ratio and having 24-hour onsite staff for overnight boarding to ensure dogs are well-supervised. They provide individualized care that includes small group play time for dogs with compatible play styles, one-on-one mental enrichment activities, outdoor walks, and rest time. Their team is fantastic, and their facilities are always well-maintained. I could go on, but I hope this is enough to convey my confidence in The Board Hound and the quality of the services they offer.

Thank you,
Eleanor O'Neil

I don't know if the Commission needs this information, but just in case, here is my home address:

Eleanor O'Neil
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Alexandria, VA 22314

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[EXTERNAL]Public comment regarding The Board Hound

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Hello,

I would like to submit my approval of a Special Use Permit for The Board Hound. I am a resident and homeowner in Old Town and am a regular client of The Board Hound. The Board Hound is the chosen facility for my dog because they are a small facility and keep the dog playgroups to a small size as well. I also use their boarding services. When I looked at various facilities, I was horrified to find that some facilities had 70 plus dogs per room.

My dog cannot wait to get in the door at The Board Hound and doesn't want to leave.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Niemczyk
520 S Pitt St
Alexandria, VA 22314

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[EXTERNAL]Public Comment: Support The Board Hound Special Use Permit (June 7, 2023)

Kenneth Erickson <kennethaerickson17@gmail.com>

Mon 6/5/2023 10:31 PM

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Dear Alexandria Planning Commission,

My name is Kenneth Erickson and I am a resident of Alexandria, Fairfax County. I am writing to encourage you to approve the application by The Board Hound for a Special Use Permit at 133 South Peyton St.

I own an 8-month old Bernese Mountain Dog named Keatts. Bernese, like many large breeds, do not achieve full maturity until an older age and therefore need to be allowed to grow to support joint and bone health. As a result, both veterinarians and reputable organizations like [AKC](#) do not recommend neutering Bernese until they are well over a year old. Unfortunately, many places in the Northern Virginia area require all dogs to be neutered at 6 months, leaving few options for large breed owners. The Board Hound does not require dogs to be altered and follows the science to ensure its clients' dogs are best taken care of. We have used the Board Hound for both daycare and boarding at the Shirlington location and not only does it make our dog extremely happy, but it also improves our own freedom as employers require return to work and summer activities come into season. If The Board Hound were unable to offer boarding, we would be limited in our options and would have to forgo both personal and professional activities to care for our dog.

I would also ask the Commission to consider how approving the Special Use Permit may benefit the local economy. Personally, I can share that when making the drive to Peyton St to pick up Keatts, I often make plans with friends to eat or drink in Alexandria and I would imagine other dog owners contribute to the economy in the same way. In addition, because Keatts was often being cared for at The Board Hound, we selected a trainer in Old Town. Similarly, I often stop at gas stations in the area after dropping the dog off in the mornings before continuing my commute to work. By allowing The Board Hound to offer overnight accommodations, it would improve my ability to take on overnight travel to the benefit of local rail and flight options or to take visitors out in the city of Alexandria without having to worry about the well being of my dog at home.

Finally, I would point out that Alexandria has a reputation as one of the top dog friendly cities in America, something that many families and young professionals, myself included, are looking for when deciding where to live in the DMV. This year, Alexandria was named the second best city, and the smallest city on the list, for dogs in America (<https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/pets/alexandria-ranks-high-among-best-cities-for-dogs/>), in part to its 6th place ranking in boarding facility availability, something this special use permit would only improve. It was also ranked a top 10 dog friendly city for visitors, and the Board Hound's ability to offer overnight accommodations would benefit visitors who want to take a night off or have less dog friendly commitments like business meetings or graduations while in town (<https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/pets/alexandria-one-of-the-10-most-dog-friendly-vacation-destinat/>). I encourage the commission to continue to uphold the City's place in these rankings.

For the reasons laid out here, such as quality of life for residents, supporting businesses that are animal friendly and trust in science, for the benefit of the economy, and to uphold the City's reputation, I am in support of this Special Issue Permit and encourage the Commission to give their approval to The Board Hound.

Thank you,
Kenneth Erickson

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TO: CHAIR NATHAN MACEK
AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM #3 – SUP #2023-00029
625 FIRST STREET AND 510 SECOND STREET

DOCKET ITEM #4 – SUP #2023-00030
133 PEYTON STREET

DOCKET ITEM #5 – SUP #2023-00025
3410 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE (PARCEL ADDRESS: 3408 MOUNT
VERNON AVENUE)

This memorandum outlines conditions that Chair Macek and Commissioner Lyle requested staff send for discussion tonight.

A. Special Use Permit (SUP) #2023-00029, 625 First and 510 Second Streets, AKA Hotel

47. **CONDITION ADDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:** The hours of operation for the outdoor seats shall be limited to between 8 a.m. and 12 a.m. daily. The outdoor dining area shall be closed and cleared of all customers by 1 a.m. daily. (PC)

B. Special Use Permit (SUP)#2023-00030, 133 South Peyton Street, the Board Hound

29. **CONDITION ADDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:** The semi-enclosed deck play area may be used from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (PC)

C. Special Use Permit (SUP) #2023-00025, 3410 Mount Vernon Avenue (Parcel Address: 3408 Mount Vernon Avenue) Hops N Shine

10. **CONDITION AMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** Outdoor dining located on private property at a commercial complex is a permitted use in the CG zone. Zoning Ordinance Section 4-407 includes use limits and specifically states that uses cannot be conducted in a manner that would render it noxious or offensive by reason

of noise. Given the history of violations related to this use and in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance, the outdoor dining area may be open to patrons from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday daily. The hours of operation for outdoor dining shall be limited from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily and remain in compliance with the noise ordinance. The outdoor dining area shall be closed and cleared of all customers by 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and by 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday daily and no new patrons may be admitted into the outdoor dining area after 9 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday daily. The outdoor dining area shall be cleaned and washed by midnight on Friday and Saturday and by 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday at the close of each business day that it is in use. (PC)

11. **CONDITION AMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** The outdoor dining area shall address the following:

- a. ~~Outdoor dining located on private property at a commercial complex is a permitted use in the CG zone. Zoning Ordinance Section 4-407 includes use limits and specifically states that uses cannot be conducted in a manner that would render it noxious or offensive by reason of noise. Given the history of violations related to this use and in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance, the maximum number of outdoor seats shall be 60, and the maximum number of patrons in the outdoor dining area shall not exceed 60 at any one time, and the use shall comply with the statewide building and fire code. Portable bathrooms shall not be used to meet building code requirements.~~
- b. Outdoor cooking facilities and host stands are not permitted.
- c. ~~A lighting plan of the outdoor dining area shall be subject to approval of the Director of Planning and Zoning.~~
- d. ~~A landscape and amended site plan, consistent with this approval, shall be submitted within 30 days of SUP approval and is subject to the approval of the Director of Planning and Zoning.~~
- e. All outdoor dining furniture and games must not be closer than 25 feet from the rear property line.
- f. No outdoor games shall be permitted. (PC)

14. **CONDITION AMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** Music and Live Entertainment

- a. Indoor live entertainment is permitted from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., consistent with the noise ordinance. All windows and doors must remain closed during indoor live entertainment. No admission or cover fee shall be charged. All entertainment shall be subordinate to the principal function of the restaurant as an eating establishment. Any advertising of the entertainment shall reflect the subordinate nature of the entertainment by featuring food service as well as the entertainment. (P&Z)
- b. Outdoor amplified music in any the form of background music is not permitted. ~~from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, consistent with the noise ordinance. No live outdoor music is allowed at any time. No outdoor speakers, including but not limited to Bluetooth speakers or speakers mounted in windows or doors, are permitted. Existing~~

speakers must be removed from the outdoor dining area within 10 days of City Council action. (P&Z)

- c. Any form of outdoor live entertainment and/or the amplification of the human voice shall be prohibited in the outdoor dining area unless associated with an approved Noise Permit for music and sound amplification from the Department of Transportation & Environmental Service. Live entertainment shall include, but is not limited to, live music of any type, DJ's, hosted game/trivia nights, movie nights, classes/workshops/meetings, and any such similar events. The projection of live music and live entertainment from within the restaurant to the outdoor area via loudspeakers or open doors and windows shall be prohibited at all times. (PC)

30. **CONDITION AMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the Special Use Permit after it has been operational for three months, ~~and six months~~, and nine months. then again after 18 months. The Special Use Permit shall be docketed after one year, or sooner with 30 days notice. ~~and~~ The Director of Planning and Zoning shall docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if (a) there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; (b) the Director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review as the result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation of the permit conditions, or (c) the Director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (PC)