

# Quick Pick Market Zoning Clearance Appeal

#### **Planning Commission**

November 30, 2017

Andrew Trippel City Planner – Development Services Planning and Economic Development

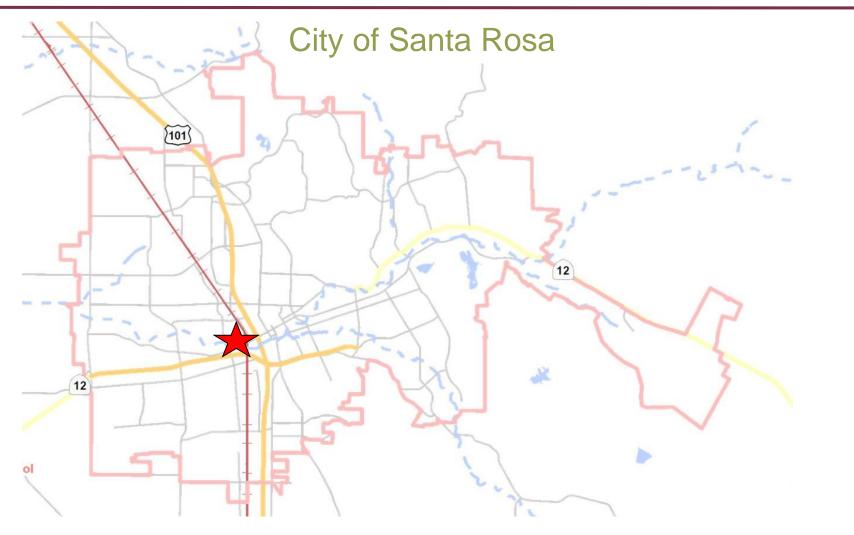


Appeal of a Zoning Clearance authorizing the continuation of a convenience store (a Legal Nonconforming Use) with limited hours of operation from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily:

- Change of Business Ownership;
- Proposed hours of operation 5:30 AM 11:00 PM;
- Substantial evidence supports hours 8:00 AM 8:00 PM;
- Vested right is to the existing/historic hours of operation.



Project Location 201 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.



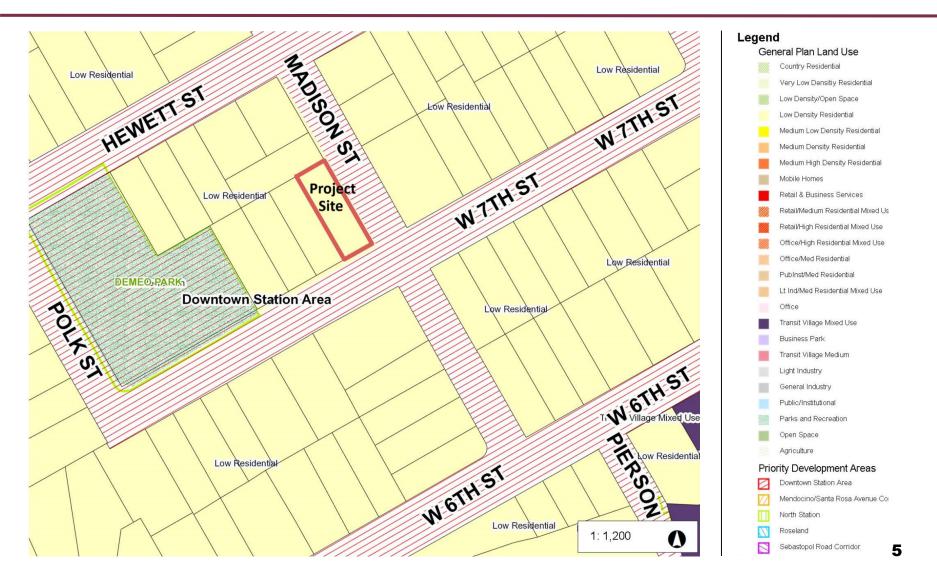


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## General Plan and Specific Plan









R-1-6-H (Low Density Residential): Intended to be maintained as residential neighborhoods comprised of detached and attached single-family houses, clustered residential hillside projects, and small multi-family projects.



# **Preservation District**





### **Project History**

- January 18, 2017 Zoning Clearance request submitted
- January 20, 2017 Staff requested additional information
- February 1, 2017 Determined that a Legal Nonconforming Use has a vested right to those hours of operation that have previously been defined and implemented by the use.
- February 1, 2017 Appellant notified of decision and provided with options (1) provide additional evidence, or (2) seek Minor Conditional Use Permit.
- March 13, 2017 Zoning Clearance issued
- June 26, 2017 Appellant filed Appeal Application





- Appeal of Zoning Clearance ZC17-0056
  - Prior to purchasing the property, the appellant was told by Planning and Economic Development that there would be no restriction on operating hours.
- Appellant seeks reversal of decision.



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Source: 1/17/2017 via email



------ Forwarded message ------From: Claudia <<u>claudia@chatita.com</u>> Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 2:38 PM Subject: Regarding La Chatita hours To: Bob Oshetsky <<u>boboshetsky@gmail.com</u>>

Hello here I send you our hours of operation for La Chatita Market in Santa Rosa

Summer hours: 6:00am- 11:00pm Winter hours 6:00am- 11:00pm

At the moment we are closing earlier 8pm, Reason being I have a shortage on staff and we are closing escrow next week. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me thank you

Claudia Mares Ceo La Chatita Market 201 w 7th St Santa Rosa 707 318 6084

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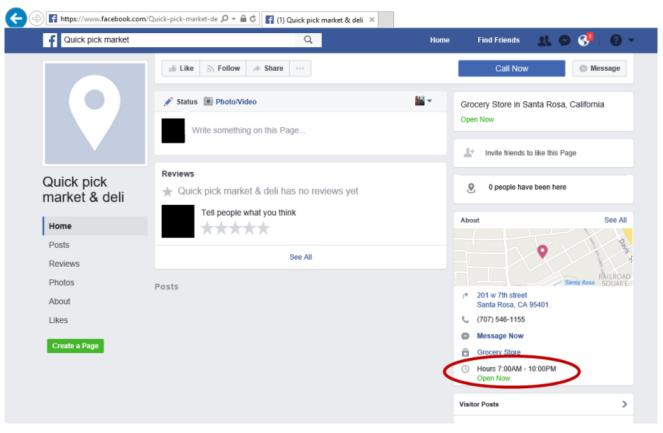




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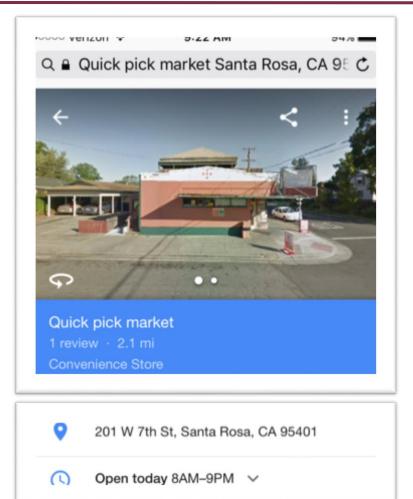






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#### Hi Andrew,

My understanding is the previous owner was open until 9pm during spring summer and fall, and closed at 8pm during the shorter days of winter. This had been her pattern since she owner the store years ago.

So the current owner's position is that they should not need to request a new zoning clearance, but that the clearance issued needs to be corrected to reflect the history of the hours that should be grandfathered in to a new owner. I'm not sure what kind of proof we can provide, but I have attached cash register receipts from the store indicating them being open after 8pm. What else would you need?

My impression is that there are one or perhaps two very vocal neighbors who are trying the change the store hours for the new owner, but this is unfair and the new owner should be allowed to at least maintain the same hours as have been in place for years at this location. These same people I believe also protested the transfer of the ABC beer and wine license, and that protest was denied by ABC for having no grounds or evidence to support the protest. I think we now have a similar situation with the store hours, and hope the City will recognize this and amend the clearance to expand the hours to match the historical use.

thanks,

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#### <u>May 22, 2017</u>

Neighborhood Survey and letter of support from Franco America Bakery/Mezzaluna Inc., emailed by Bob Oshetsky.

**Letter of Support** – 14 employees of Franco American Bakery support hours of operation 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM.

**Neighborhood Survey** – survey asked participants "Time you remember this store being open in the past" and "Hours that you store to be open". 49 participants responded to one or both questions.

Time that you remember this store being open in the past – 12 participants responded to this question (24.4%) with 11 seeming to indicate what time the store had closed in the past. One respondent seemed to not answer the questions correctly and this response was not calculated. Responses for time the store closed ranged from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM with Mode times of 9:00 PM and 9:15 PM (4 responses each).



Issues

Vested Right(s) of Legal Nonconforming Use

§ 20-61.020 "A nonconforming use of a structure may only be...increased in intensity through the approval of a Minor Conditional Use Permit"

"The review authority shall make the following finding, in addition to those identified in Section 20-52.050 (G): The enlargement, expansion, extension, or increase would not increase the degree or the detrimental effects of the nonconformity."



**Environmental Review** California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption:

Section 15301 - the project involves the operation and permitting of an existing structure and use.



**Public Comments** 

- Email communications and photographic evidence used in making determination
- Appellant's customer survey indicates historic hours of operation ranged from 8:30-9:30 PM
- Additional Public Comments received during Public Notice period



It is recommended by Planning and **Economic Development Department that** the Planning Commission deny the Appeal of a Zoning Clearance authorizing the continuation of a convenience store (a Legal Nonconforming Use) with limited hours of operation from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily for Quick Pick Market located at 201 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, File No. ZC17-0056.



Questions

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