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# SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** May 2, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Petition No. 400-05-13 - A request by the Salt Lake City Planning Commission to amend Chapter 21A.42.070(F), pertaining to permitted temporary tents in the Salt Lake City zoning ordinance.

**STAFF REPORT BY:** Jennifer Bruno, Policy Analyst

**AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** City-wide

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT:  
AND CONTACT PERSON:** Community Development Department  
Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

**NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:** Newspaper advertisement and written notification to surrounding property owners 14 days prior to the Public Hearing

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## **BACKGROUND:**

On January 17, 2006, the Council discussed the Administration's request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow any commercial business to use a tent as a temporary use in any zoning district. According to the Administration's previous transmittal, legal commercial businesses located in residential districts would be allowed to erect a temporary tent for no longer than 5 days if they went through the "special exception" process, requiring abutting property owner's approval.

Council Members voiced approval at the proposed changes for allowing all businesses in commercial and special zoning districts to have temporary tents, but raised concern regarding the issue of tents for legal businesses in a residential district. Some voiced concern that the Administration's proposal of the "special exception" process was making it too difficult for legal businesses to obtain temporary tents.

The Administration has therefore come back to the Council, with a revised document, aimed at alleviating these concerns and further refining the proposed changes to reflect the demand for temporary tents in the City.

## **KEY ELEMENTS:**

- A. The Administration's transmittal contains an ordinances for Council consideration that would amend section 21A.42.070, pertaining to permitted temporary uses of tents, to allow all businesses and organizations to request a permit to use a temporary tent in any zoning district, including residential, for up to 45 days per calendar year, and allowing all residential properties to use tents for a homeowner hosted function, for up to 15 days per calendar year.
- B. Currently, only businesses that are associated with outdoor sales can erect a temporary tent, and only in certain commercial districts. In residential districts, only residential homeowners are permitted to erect temporary tents, and are currently allowed only 5 days per calendar year. The following points summarize the proposed changes:

1. Businesses located in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown, and special purpose districts: The proposed ordinance would allow any business to erect a tent in any commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose zoning district, for a maximum of 45 days per calendar year. The zoning administrator may approve tents or canopies for a business in these districts for up to 180 days, subject to approval or denial from the Development Review Team, and subject to receiving positive recommendation from the Transportation Division, Public Utilities, Business Licensing, Fire, Police, and Historic Landmark Commission.
2. Legal Business located in a residential district: The proposed ordinance would allow a legal business operating in a residential area to erect a temporary tent for up to 45 days per calendar year, provided that the application for the tent meets the parking requirements for the intended use, and is supported by a positive recommendation from the Transportation Division, Public Utilities, Business Licensing, Fire, and Police. If the business is located in a historic district or is an historic landmark site, the application must also be accompanied by a "Certificate of Appropriateness," issued by historic preservation staff. Tents larger than 200 square feet and canopies larger than 400 square feet must also have a fire department permit (for all zones). This process would not require abutting property owners' signatures.
3. Residential properties for a homeowner hosted function: Tents are permitted for no more than 15 days per calendar year, for personal home use or a homeowner hosted function. Tents larger than 200 square feet and canopies larger than 400 square feet must also have a fire department permit. The number of days permitted has been increased from 5 to 15.

C. Key points from the Administration's transmittal include:

1. The amendment would allow any legal business, regardless of "outdoor sales," to request a permit for a temporary tent in any commercial, downtown, manufacturing or special purpose district, subject to the time limits and other regulations outlined in the ordinance. Previously only businesses that had "outdoor sales" could request a permit for a tent, and only in limited zoning districts: Downtown (D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4), Manufacturing (M-1, M-2), General Commercial (CG), Public Lands (PL, PL 2), Business Park (BP), Research Park (RP), and Open Space (OS).
  - i. The time, height, and area limitations are not proposed to be changed under the ordinance before the Council.
2. This amendment would allow legal businesses located in residential districts obtain a permit for a temporary tent, subject to positive recommendations from various City departments (see item above), and a certificate of appropriateness if applicable.
3. This amendment would allow tents for personal home use in residential districts to be erected up to 15 days per calendar year. Currently, tents are allowed for a period not longer than 5 days.
4. Approval of any tent, in any district and for any use, would be based on findings by the Zoning Administrator that:
  - i. The parcel of land where the temporary use will be located is adequate in size;
  - ii. There is adequate parking and traffic access, and
  - iii. Additional conditions may be required by the City's Development Review Team to ensure that the temporary use will not have any material detrimental impact upon other properties.
5. Events that have previously *not* been able to use a tent (based on zoning or on the associated businesses not having outdoor sales) have included outdoor graduations,

or temporary tents associated with the Salt Lake City Marathon in the Gateway Mixed Use (GMU) district. These events would be accommodated under the proposed ordinance changes.

6. Planning staff finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with adopted general plan policies, that it will allow tents to be harmonious with the overall character of existing development (through Development Review Team and Zoning Administrator process), minimizing adverse affects.
- D. City Departments and Divisions were contacted for their comments. Transportation, Building Services, Police, Fire, and Zoning Enforcement were all supportive of the proposed changes.
- E. An open house was held on June 16, 2005. Community Councils were contacted but did not submit any comment regarding the proposed change.
- F. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 24, 2005. The Commission voted, based on Planning Staff's findings, to transmit a favorable recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed ordinances. No public comment was heard at the public hearing.
1. Staff note: The Planning Commission hearing and recommendations were based on the Administration's initial proposal, that legal businesses in residential zoning districts be subject to a "special exception" process should they wish to erect a tent for up to 5 days. They have not officially weighed in on the current proposal.
  2. One item discussed at the Planning Commission's previous hearing was preserving the balance between allowing a business in a residential district to erect a tent, and preserving the residential integrity of the area.

## **MASTER PLAN AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- A. The Salt Lake City Vision and Strategic Plan states the following goal relating to the proposed amendment: "Develop 'business friendly' licensing and regulatory practices."
- B. The City's 1990 Urban Design Element includes statements that emphasize preserving the City's image, neighborhood character and maintaining livability while being sensitive to social and economic realities.

## **QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION/MATTERS AT ISSUE:**

- A. The Council may wish to clarify with the Administration why the residential personal use tent time limit was increased from 5 days to 15 days.

## **CHRONOLOGY:**

Please refer to the Administration's transmittal for a complete chronology of events relating to the proposed text amendment.

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| • June 14, 2005      | Planning Commission initiates petition.          |
| • June 16, 2005      | Open House.                                      |
| • August 24, 2005    | Planning Commission public hearing.              |
| • September 14, 2005 | Ordinance received from City Attorney's office.  |
| • September 23, 2005 | Council Transmittal completed by project planner |
| • November 8, 2005   | Transmittal received in City Council Office.     |

- January 17, 2006 Original petition discussed in Council work session.
- April 10, 2006 Revised transmittal received in City Council Office.

cc: Rocky Fluhart, Sam Guevara, DJ Baxter, Alison McFarlane, Ed Butterfield, Rick Graham, Kevin Bergstrom, Louis Zunguze, Alexander Ikefuna, Brent Wilde, Doug Wheelwright, Cheri Coffey, Kevin LoPiccolo, Orion Goff, Larry Butcher, Gwen Springmeyer, Annette Daley, Barry Esham, Marge Harvey, Jan Aramaki, Lehua Weaver, Sylvia Jones, Janice Jardine

File Location: Community Development Dept., Planning Division, Zoning Text Amendment, Tents and Special Exceptions, Planning Commission Request

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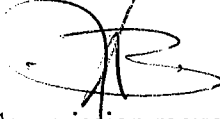
# SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

ROSS C. "ROCKY" ANDERSON  
MAYOR

## CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

**TO:** Rocky Fluhart, Chief Administrative Officer  **DATE:** April 7, 2006

**FROM:** Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director 

**RE:** Petition 400-05-13 by the Salt Lake City Planning Commission requesting an amendment to Chapter 21A.42.070(F) pertaining to permitted temporary tents in Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance

**STAFF CONTACTS:** Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator, at 535-6003 or kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council hold a briefing and schedule a Public Hearing

**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Ordinance

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None

### DISCUSSION:

**Issue Origin:** The Planning Commission initiated this petition in response to ongoing requests to install temporary tents for special events throughout the City. The City Council heard this request on January 17, 2006, and directed Staff to evaluate options that would better accommodate businesses in noncommercial zoning districts. The City Council suggested that Staff explore ways to make the process less burdensome and consider allowing more flexibility in terms of time limitation for tents associated with businesses in noncommercial zones.

The proposed text amendment would allow businesses and organizations that are not associated with outdoor sales to hold special events under a tent in zoning districts that currently restrict the use of tents as a temporary use (e.g., a business college holding a graduation ceremony under a tent). Since the current ordinance regarding tents is zone specific and not use specific, the proposed amendment would provide flexibility for businesses and organizations that request a permit to use a tent as a temporary use in any zoning district, subject to time limits and other applicable regulations of the zoning district.

**Analysis:** The proposed text amendment ordinance includes an ordinance amending Section 21A.42.070(F), pertaining to permitted temporary uses of tents. If approved, the proposed text

amendment would allow tents as a temporary use in all zoning districts, upon findings by the Zoning Administrator that:

- a. The parcel of land where the temporary use will be located is adequate in size;
- b. There is adequate parking and traffic access; and
- c. The applicant has agreed to comply with such other conditions as determined by the City's Development Review Team to ensure that the temporary use will not have any material detrimental impact upon other properties.

As part of the proposed text amendment, Staff proposes the following changes to the current ordinance:

- Allow tents as a temporary use for legally licensed businesses in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown, and special purpose zoning districts, restricted to a time limit of 45 days per calendar year. The Zoning Administrator may approve tents or canopies in these zoning districts for a period not to exceed 180 days per calendar year, subject to the review and approval of the Development Review Team.
- Allow tents for legal non-residential uses located in residential zones to be permitted with a restricted time limit not to exceed 45 days per calendar year.
- Tents for personal home use or homeowner-hosted functions shall be limited to a period of not more than 15 days per calendar year.
- Require an Administrative Certificate of Appropriateness for tents in a historic district.

#### **PUBLIC PROCESS:**

The Planning Division held an Open House on June 16, 2005, to gather public input from citizens, businesses, and Community Councils. There were no public comments at the Open House.

At the Public Hearing on August 24, 2005, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to revise Section 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses. The City Council heard the original petition at a briefing on January 17, 2006, at which time they referred the matter back to the Planning Division for additional evaluation.

#### **RELEVANT ORDINANCES:**

Section 21A.42.070(F) – Permitted Temporary Uses

#### **Zoning Text Amendment:**

Section 21A.10 – General Application and Public Hearing Procedures

Section 21A.50.050 – Standards for General Amendments

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Maps are authorized under Section 21A.50 of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance, as detailed in Section 21A.50.050. "A decision to amend the text

of this title or the zoning map by general amendment is a matter committed to the legislative discretion of the City Council and is not controlled by any one standard." It does, however, list five standards, which should be analyzed prior to rezoning property (Section 21A.50.050 A-E). These standards were evaluated in the Planning Commission staff report and considered by the Planning Commission. Discussion and findings for these standards are found on pages 3-4 of the Planning Staff report in Attachment 5.

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- August 24, 2005 Planning Commission Hearing
- September 2, 2005 Ordinance requested from City Attorney
- September 14, 2005 Ordinance received from City Attorney
- September 23, 2005 City Council Transmittal completed by Project planner
- January 17, 2006 City Council reviewed Petition and directed the Planning Staff to revise the proposed ordinance to allow greater flexibility for businesses in residential zoning districts
- March 24, 2006 City Council Transmittal completed by project planner

## **2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006  
(Amending Permitted Temporary Uses of Tents in Section 21A.42.070(F))

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21A.42.070(F), *SALT LAKE CITY CODE*,  
PERTAINING TO PERMITTED TEMPORARY USES OF TENTS, PURSUANT TO  
PETITION NO. 400-05-13.

WHEREAS, Section 21A.42.070(F) the Salt Lake City Code contains certain regulations regarding permitted temporary uses of tents; and

WHEREAS, the current code does not allow the use of temporary tents in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the current code permits the use of temporary tents that are associated only with outdoor sales and restricts all other uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Section 21A.42.070 should be amended to allow the use of tents in all zoning districts by businesses that are not associated with outdoor sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of Salt Lake City's general plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. That Section 21A.42.070, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to permitted temporary uses be, and the same hereby is, amended, in part, to read as follows:

**Section 21A.42.070 Permitted Temporary Uses:**

F. Tents: Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all nonresidential districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose zoning districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year.

The zoning administrator may approve tents or canopies in the commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose zoning districts for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, per calendar year, subject to the review and approval or denial of the Development Review Team, if the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City Transportation Division, Public Utilities Department, Business Licensing Division, Fire Department, Police Department and Historic Landmark Commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).

Unless waived by the zoning administrator, every tent shall comply with the bulk and yard requirements of the district in which it is located.

Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, without a permit, for personal home use or homeowner hosted function, for a period of not more than fifteen (15) days per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, with a fire department permit, for personal home use, for a period of not more than fifteen (15) days. For legal business uses located in a residential district, tents or canopies may be allowed for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days per calendar year, provided that the application for the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and is supported by a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City Transportation Division, Public Utilities Department, Business Licensing Division, Fire Department, and Police Department. In addition, when the tent or canopy is proposed to be located in a historic district or on a landmark site, the application must be accompanied by a certificate of appropriateness.

For purposes of this regulation, "canopies" are defined as a tent structure that is open on more than seventy five percent (75%) of its sides.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2006.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office  
Date Apr. 6, 2006  
By Melanie D. King

(SEAL)

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2006.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

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Published: \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **3. CITY COUNCIL HEARING NOTICE**

**A. NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING NEWSPAPER  
PUBLICATION DRAFT**

Posted \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Salt Lake City Council will hold a public hearing to consider petition number 400-05-13, a request by the Salt Lake City Council to amend the text of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance, Section 21A.42.070F, (Tents) Permitted Temporary Uses and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions (V).

The City Council is holding an advertised public hearing to receive comments regarding the petition request. During this hearing, anyone desiring to address the City Council concerning this issue will be given an opportunity to speak. The hearing will be held:

**DATE:**  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room 315  
City and County Building  
451 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

If you have any questions relating to this proposal, please attend the meeting or call Mr. Kevin LoPiccolo at 801 535-6003, Monday through Friday.

**B. NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

MEMORANDUM

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To: Lynn Valdez  
Newspaper Corporation  
From: Salt Lake City Council's Office  
Re: SPECIAL NOTICES - 010 - CLASSIFIED ADS  
Date:

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Please run the following ad, one time only, on \_\_\_\_\_, in both papers.

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The public meeting of the City Council begins at \_\_\_\_\_, p.m. in Room \_\_\_\_\_, City and County Building, 451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, call Mr. Kevin LoPiccolo at 801 525-6003

**4. PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 24, 2005**



**AGENDA FOR THE  
SALT LAKE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
In Room 326 of the City & County Building at 451 South State Street  
Wednesday, August 24, 2005, at 5:45 p.m.**

The Planning Commission will be having dinner at 5:00 p.m., in Room 126. During the dinner, Staff may share general planning information with the Planning Commission. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Wednesday, August 10, 2005
2. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
3. **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**
  - a. Update **Petition 400-03-10** Shaw Homes, Inc. (R – 1/5,000 to CN) at approximately **1545 West 200 South Street and 1551 West 200 South Street**. This petition, a rezone and master plan amendment, was originally heard on May 14, 2003.
  - b. Discussion regarding LDS Church wards and parking needs in neighborhoods.
  - c. Request for Planning Commission to create a petition to allow multi-family developments in commercial and downtown districts.
  - d. Request for Planning Commission to create a petition to establish design guidelines for large retail uses.
4. **PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDA** – Salt Lake City Property Conveyance Matters (Staff: Karryn Greenleaf at 483-6769 or [karryn.greenleaf@slcgov.com](mailto:karryn.greenleaf@slcgov.com), Matt Williams at 535-6447 or [matt.williams@slcgov.com](mailto:matt.williams@slcgov.com), and Doug Wheelwright at 535-6178 or [doug.wheelwright@slcgov.com](mailto:doug.wheelwright@slcgov.com))
  - a. Cephalon, Inc. is expanding their operations within Salt Lake City and is seeking a Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit at **4710 Wily Post Road** to connect the communications between the buildings across the street. Plans call for a perpendicular street crossing with the six 4" ducts installed via trenching (street cut design has already been approved by the Development Review Team).
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  - a. **Petition No. 400-03-34**, a request by Salt Lake City Council that the Planning Commission review additional refinement of the nonconforming use ordinance, looking specifically at guidelines and criteria to address neighborhood impacts and concerns relating to the enlargement and/or intensification of nonconforming uses. (Staff: Everett Joyce at 535-7930 or [everett.joyce@slcgov.com](mailto:everett.joyce@slcgov.com)).
  - b. **Petition No. 410-584**, from Salt Lake Apartment Builders to modify a previously approved planned development for the Emigration Court Apartments on the block between **500 to 600 East and 300 to 400 South**. (Staff: Doug Dan... [doug.dan...@slcgov.com](mailto:doug.dan...@slcgov.com)) **POSTPONED**
  - c. **Petition No. 400-05-12**, a request initiated by the Planning Commission to review the definition of "automobile" found in Section 21A.62.060 of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance, specifically considering the removal of the words "motor scooter" and "motorized bicycles" from the existing definition. (Staff: Kevin LoPiccolo at 535-6003 or [kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com](mailto:kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com))
  - d. **Petition No. 400-05-13**, a request initiated by the Planning Commission to comprehensively review all applicable regulations in the Zoning Ordinance that address the permitting of tents in both residential and commercial districts city wide. (Staff: Kevin LoPiccolo at 535-6003 or [kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com](mailto:kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com))

**5. STAFF REPORT FOR THE AUGUST 24, 2005 PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**DATE:** August 24, 2005

**TO:** Salt Lake City Planning Commission

**FROM:** Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

**RE:** A request to amend Chapter 21A.42.070(F), Tents and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions

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**CASE#:** 400-05-13

**APPLICANT:** Salt Lake City Administration

**STATUS OF APPLICANT:** Salt Lake City Administration

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed text amendment will affect the placement of tents in all zoning districts, subject to the specific regulations and time limits, and to the other applicable regulations of the zoning district in which the use is permitted. The following temporary uses shall be permitted in the zoning districts specified, upon a finding by the Zoning Administrator that the parcel upon which the temporary use will be located is adequate in size, that there are adequate parking provisions and traffic access, and that the applicant has agreed to comply with such other conditions as the Zoning Administrator deems necessary to ensure that the temporary use will not have any material detrimental impact upon other properties:

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** All Council Districts

**REQUESTED ACTION:** A request to amend Chapter 21A.42.070(F), Tents and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions(V) Authorized found in the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance.

**PROPOSED USE(S):** The proposed text amendment will allow tents in all zoning districts. The current

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ordinance restricts tents in which a business is not associated with outdoor sales. The text amendment will also allow business uses a tent within a residential zoning district through a special exception.

**APPLICABLE LAND  
USE REGULATIONS:**

The proposed change modifies the text associated with Chapter 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses and Chapter 21A.52.030(V), Special Exceptions Authorized.

**MASTER PLAN SPECIFICATIONS:**

The Salt Lake City Vision and Strategic Plan apply to this proposed text amendment: 20.0: Develop “business friendly” licensing and regulatory practices.

**PROJECT DISCRPTION:**

The proposed text amendment will allow businesses that are not associated with outdoor sales the use of a temporary tent in all zoning districts. The current ordinance allows temporary tents in the majority of zoning districts, but does not afford all commercial, special districts and business uses within a residential zoning district the use of a temporary tent.

**COMMENTS, ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS:**

**COMMENTS**

Comments from City Departments and Community Council(s):

- a) **Transportation** does not have any objections to the proposed text amendment. All issues with access and parking shall remain.
- b) **Public Utilities** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- c) **Building Services** expressed no opposition to the proposed text change.
- d) **Police** expressed no opposition to the proposed text change.
- e) **Engineering** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- f) **Fire** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- g) **Zoning Enforcement** does not have any objections to the proposed text amendment.
- h) **Community Council(s):** The Planning Division held an Open House for Community Councils and interested parties on June 16, 2005. Only City staff attended. Planning Division Staff did not receive any comments from any of the respective Community Councils on the proposed text change.

**ANALYSIS**

The purpose of the text amendment is to allow tents as temporary uses as defined in Chapter 21A.42.070 in all zoning districts. The current temporary use ordinance does not afford all zoning districts the use of tents as a temporary use. The current ordinance permits temporary tents for businesses that are associated with outdoor sales, but restricts all other businesses the opportunity to apply for a temporary tent to hold a function, such as, outdoor graduation for a business college, or to allow temporary tents within the GMU district to accommodate the Salt Lake City marathon that may be used as a water fueling station. The revised ordinance would permit tents as a temporary use in all zoning districts and would recognize legal non-residential uses that are located in residential zones, through an approval of a special exception.

The proposed text amendment is as follows:

- Allow temporary tents in all zoning districts that are associated with a legal business.
- To allow tents as a temporary use for business use located in residential districts. The proposed time limit is five (5) days per calendar year and would require an approval of a special exception.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Issues that are being generated by this proposal.**

Since the request is a modification of the zoning text, the Planning Commission shall review the proposed text amendment change and forward a recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission shall use the following standards:

## **CODE CRITERIA / DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT**

### **21A.50.050 Standards for general amendments.**

- A. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of the adopted general plan of Salt Lake City.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is consistent with standard in the Salt Lake City Vision and Strategic Plan, stating that the City seeks to “develop ‘business friendly’ licensing and regulatory practices.” The revision to the current Permitted Temporary Uses and Special Exceptions Authorization will permit the use of temporary tents in all zoning districts.

**Findings:**

The proposed rezone is consistent with Master Plan policies.

- B. Whether the proposed amendment is harmonious with the overall character of existing development in the immediate vicinity of the subject property.**

**Discussion:** The text amendment is intended to allow tents in all zoning districts

that currently do not recognize a tent as a permitted temporary use or special exception.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment meets this standard.

**C. The extent to which the proposed amendment will adversely affect adjacent properties.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is intended to allow under a permitted temporary use or special exception the use of a tent, subject to approval and specified time limit.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment is intended to protect adjacent properties and provides a notification process to adjacent property owner's that are located in a residential zoning district through a special exception process.

**D. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the provisions of any applicable overlay zoning districts which may impose additional standards.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is not site specific, but would be all inclusive to the underlying zoning districts and would be consistent with applicable zoning district, subject to meeting applicable standards.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment meets this standard.

**E. The adequacy of public facilities and services intended to serve the subject property, including but not limited to roadways, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection, schools, storm water drainage systems, water supplies, and waste water and refuse collection.**

**Discussion:** The proposal is not site specific. All requests for tents would be reviewed to ensure compliance with City Codes and policies.

**Findings:** All pertinent City Departments will review tent request through the permit process to ensure adequacy of public facilities and a services.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Division recommends that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed text amendment.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Ordinance(s)

Exhibit 2 – Memorandum & Open House Notification

Exhibit 3 – Department Comments

**Exhibit 1**  
Proposed Ordinance

Chapter 21A.42.070(F)  
Permitted Temporary Uses

F. Tents: Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with ~~outdoor sales from~~ a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all nonresidential districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with ~~outdoor sales from~~ a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, M-1, M-2, CG, PL, PL-2, BP, RP and OS zoning districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year.

The zoning administrator may approve tents or canopies in the commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, M-1, M-2, CG, PL, PL-2, BP, RP zoning districts for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, per calendar year, subject to the review and approval or denial of the Development Review Team, if the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City transportation division, public utilities department, business licensing division, fire department, police department and historic landmark commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).

Unless waived ~~in writing~~ by the zoning administrator, every tent shall comply with the bulk and yard requirements of the district in which it is located.

Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, without a permit, for personal home use or homeowner hosted function, for a period of not more than five (5) days per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, with a fire department permit, for personal home use, for a period of not more than five (5) days. For legal business uses located in a residential district, tents or canopies may be allowed for a period not to exceed five (5) days, per calendar year, subject to a Special Exception, Section 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions Authorized, provided the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City transportation division, public utilities department, business licensing division, fire department, police department and historic landmark commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).



For purposes of this regulation, "canopies" are defined as a tent structure that is open on more than seventy five percent (75%) of its sides.

21A.52.030 Special Exceptions Authorized:

In addition to any other special exceptions authorized elsewhere in this title, the following special exceptions are authorized under the provisions of this title:

- A. Additional fence height (subsection 21A.52.100A of this chapter);
- B. Additional height in commercial districts (subsection 21A.52.100G of this chapter);
- C. Additional building height in foothills districts (subsection 21A.24.01002 of this title);
- D. Alternative parking (section 21A.44.030 of this title);
- E. Amusement devices (section 21A.40.110 of this title);
- F. Barbed wire fences (subsection 21A.40.120G of this title);
- G. Circular driveways (subsection 21A.44.020F7d of this title);
- H. Conditional home occupations (subsection 21A.36.030D of this title);
- I. Handicapped access (subsection 21A.52.100C of this chapter);
- J. Amateur ("ham") radio antennas (subsection 21A.40.090D of this title);
- K. Hobby shops, studios and other noncommercial uses in accessory structures (subsection 21A.52.100D of this chapter);
- L. Legalization of excess dwelling units (subsection 21A.52.100E of this chapter);
- M. Modifications to maximum height in commercial districts (subsection 21A.26.010J of this title);
- N. Operation of registered home daycare or registered home preschool facility in residential districts (subsection 21A.36.130B of this title);
- O. Outdoor dining in required yard areas (subsection 21A.52.100F of this chapter);
- P. Razor wire (subsection 21A.40.120H of this title);
- Q. Signs for nonconforming business in the RMF-35, RMF-45, RMF-75 districts (sections 21A.46.080 and 21A.46.140 of this title);
- R. Front yard parking (subsection 21A.44.050A of this title);
- S. Routine and uncontested matters (part II, chapter 21A.14 of this title);
- T. Window mounted refrigerated air conditioners and evaporative "swamp" coolers located less than two feet (2') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100H of this chapter); and
- U. Ground mounted central air conditioning compressors or systems, heating, ventilating, pool and filtering equipment located less than four feet (4') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100I of this chapter). (Ord. 59-02 §§ 2, 3, 2002: Ord. 12-01 § 2, 2001: Ord. 35-99 §§ 91-93, 1999: Ord. 88-95 § 1 (Exh. A), 1995: Ord. 26-95 § 2(26-2), 1995)
- V. Tents, business uses within a residential district (subsection 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses of this title).

Exhibit 2  
Memorandum & Open House Notification

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 18, 2005  
**TO:** Mayor's Office  
**FROM:** Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Temporary Uses "Tents"

The Mayor's office is requesting the initiation of a Petition to allow tents as a temporary use in all Commercial, Downtown, Special Districts, Gateway District and the Overlay Districts. Section 21A.42.070 (F) allows tents as temporary uses, but restricts tents to be permitted in defined zoning districts. Staff is requesting that tents be allowed in the districts that are mentioned above which will provide an opportunity for all businesses to have tents as a temporary use. As part of this request, Staff is requesting the elimination of square footage for tents.

To that end, I respectfully request that the Planning Commission initiate the requested petition.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

**CC:** Brent Wilde, Deputy Community Development Director  
Orion Goff, Building Services Director  
Doug Wheelwright, Deputy Planning Director  
Cheri Coffey, Deputy Planning Director  
Larry Butcher, Development Review Supervisor  
Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

June 3, 2005

## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

The Salt Lake City Planning Commission has initiated two petitions requesting the modification of Chapter 21A.62.040 of the Salt Lake City Zoning ordinance addressing the definition of Automobiles. This request would remove the words motor scooters and motorized bicycles from the existing definition. The second petition would amend the existing language found in Chapter 21A.42.070 (F) under Temporary Uses, to allow tents in all zoning commercial and residential districts.

The Planning Staff would like to receive your input regarding this proposal and invites you to a public open house:

**Thursday, June 16, 2005  
Salt Lake City & County Building  
451 South State Street  
Room 126 Conference Room  
Between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**

Since it is very difficult for us to inform all interested parties about this request, we would appreciate you discussing this matter with your neighbors and informing them of the open house.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Kevin LoPiccolo at 801 535-6003 or email [kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com](mailto:kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com)

Sincerely,

Kevin LoPiccolo  
Zoning Administrator

**We comply with all ADA guidelines.  
Assistance listening devices and interpreter services provided upon 24-hour advance request.**

Exhibit 3  
Department Comments

**LoPiccolo, Kevin**

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**From:** Walsh, Barry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2005 11:43 AM  
**To:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Cc:** Young, Kevin; Smith, Craig; Butcher, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Petitions  
**Categories:** Program/Policy

June 22, 2005

Kevin LoPiccolo, Planning

Re: Petition No.??? to change the zoning text to address definition of Automobile and Temporary Uses (Tents).

The transportation Division review comments and recommendation per our review of the text change (see attached sections) poses no impact to the public transportation. All issues with access and parking remain.

Sincerely,

Barry Walsh,

Cc Kevin Young, P.E.  
Craig Smith, Engineering  
Larry Butcher, Permits  
file

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2005

From: Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

To: Melanie Reif, City Attorney Office  
Craig Smith, Engineering  
Brad Larson, Fire  
Larry Butcher, Permits  
Brad Stewart, Public Utilities  
Barry Walsh, Transportation  
Craig Spangenberg, Zoning Enforcement  
J.R. Smith, Police (City Wide)

**Re: Two Petitions for definition of Automobile and Temporary Uses (Tents)**

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8/14/2005

## LoPiccolo, Kevin

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**From:** Butcher, Larry  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2005 2:03 PM  
**To:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Cc:** Goff, Orion  
**Subject:** RE: Petitions  
**Categories:** Program/Policy

Kevin:

Thoughts:

Does the industry make any distinction between motor scooters and motorcycles? If there is one, it might abate future arguments.

Tents in commercial districts: The outdoor sales language is specific and does not address all functions under which a tent may be used. Suggest removing the outdoors sales language. Tents approved for 180 days should go to DRT. Suggest tying in the use time frame with the permitted temporary uses A thru D. Then allow for tents or canopies associated with permitted uses in the nonresidential districts (outdoor sales, outdoor dining, etc.) to be approved for up to 180 days with DRT review. Too broad?

Tents in residential districts: Of course, we need to include the existing legal non-residential uses in the residential zones. Non-residential uses may need a use time frame greater than 5 days. Maybe a 180 day time frame with Special Exception OK.

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**From:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 5:02 PM  
**To:** Reif, Melanie; Smith, Craig; Larson, Bradley; Butcher, Larry; Stewart, Brad; Walsh, Barry; Spangenberg, Craig; Smith, JR  
**Subject:** Petitions

Hello:

Please see attachment.

The Planning Commission has directed the Planning Staff to work on two petitions that will address Temporary Uses for Tents in all zoning districts and redefining the word automobile in Title 21A of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance. Please provide any comments to the proposed petitions by June 24, 2005.

Thanks,

Kevin LoPiccolo  
Zoning Administrator

6/16/2005



**6. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2005**

Petition No. 400-05-13, a request initiated by the Planning Commission to comprehensively review all applicable regulations in the Zoning Ordinance that address the permitting of tents in both residential and commercial districts city wide

At 6:15 P.M. Chairperson Chambless introduced Petition Number 400-05-13 and Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator.

Mr. LoPiccolo stated that this was a request generated last May. Staff held an open house June 16, 2004. This petition affects Chapter 42, "Temporary Uses", and Chapter 52, "Special Exceptions" of the zoning ordinance. The changes that have been modified are reflected in the Staff Report. As proposed, this change allows the use of temporary tents to be more inclusive and recognizes all commercial, manufacturing and special purpose districts to allow the use of tents under a temporary use. As part of the requested changes to the Temporary Uses, Mr. LoPiccolo stated that the proposed language change included businesses located in residential districts and that those businesses be afforded the same opportunity for temporary tent use. Mr. LoPiccolo noted that businesses located in residential zones would be required to go through a Special Exception process which would require the abutting property owner's support to erect a tent for a five day period. The Special Exception process could be done at an administrative level. He stated the process of receiving a tent permit had not been changed; all respective departments that typically review tents would continue to do so under the proposed change. Staff requested that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council.

Commissioner Scott addressed the question of time limits or the period of time a tent could remain up, with Mr. LoPiccolo. Mr. LoPiccolo responded with a history of the current ordinance stating the timelines were essentially established and Staff was not requesting any type of modification to the time limits currently placed on tents. He said that since the proposed change to allow tents for businesses within residential districts was being added, Staff was concerned with preserving the residential character of the residential district. With the requirement of a Special Exception, the residential integrity would be maintained.

Chairperson Chambless asked if there were questions for Staff. There were none. Chairperson Chambless then stated that the petitioner is the Planning Commission and asked if there was a representative of the Community Council that wanted to speak to the matter. No one responded. Chairperson Chambless asked if there was someone from the general community that wanted to speak to this matter. No one responded. Chairperson Chambless then closed the public meeting and asked for discussion and/or a motion on the petition. A motion was then heard.

Motion for Petition 400-05-13:

**Commissioner Seelig moved that the Planning Commission approve Petition No. 400-05-13, based on the analysis outlined in the staff report. Commissioner Noda seconded the motion. Commissioner De Lay, Commissioner Seelig, Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Noda, and Commissioner Diamond voted "Aye". Commissioner Galli, Commissioner Muir and Commissioner McDonough were not present. The motion passed.**

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A. LOUIS ZUNGUZE  
DIRECTOR  
  
BRENT B. WILDE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

**SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION**  
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

ROSS C. "ROCKY" ANDERSON  
MAYOR

**COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:** Rocky Fluhart, Chief Administrative Officer **DATE:** October 28, 2005  
**FROM:** Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director  
**RE:** Petition 400-05-13 by the Salt Lake City Planning Commission requesting an amendment to Chapter 21A.42.070(F), *Tents*, and Chapter 21A.52.030, *Special Exceptions* found in Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator, 535-6003 or kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council schedule a briefing and hold a public hearing

**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Ordinance

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed text amendment would allow businesses and organizations that are not associated with outdoor sales to hold special events under a tent, such as a business college holding a graduation ceremony, in zoning districts that currently restrict the use of tents as a temporary use. Since the current ordinance is zone-specific and not use-specific, the proposed amendment would provide flexibility for businesses and organizations that request a permit to use a tent as a temporary use, subject to time limits and other applicable regulations of the zoning district.

The proposed text amendment includes two ordinances:

1. An ordinance amending Section 21A.42.070(F), pertaining to permitted temporary uses of tents, and
2. An ordinance amending Section 21A.52.030, pertaining to the authorization of Special Exceptions.

**Analysis:** If approved, the proposed text amendment would allow tents as a temporary use in the zoning districts specified, upon findings by the Zoning Administrator that:

- a. the parcel of land where the temporary use will be located is adequate in size,
- b. there is adequate parking and traffic access, and
- c. the applicant has agreed to comply with such other conditions as determined by the City's Development Review Team to ensure that the temporary use will not have any material detrimental impact upon other properties.

As part of the proposed text amendment request, legal non-residential uses that are located in residential zones would be approved through a special exception and be restricted to a time limit of five (5) days per calendar year in order to preserve and maintain the neighborhood characteristics.

**Public Process:** The Planning Division held an Open House on June 16, 2005, to gather public input from concerned citizens, businesses, and Community Councils. There were no public comments at the Open House.

After conducting a public hearing on August 24, 2005, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to revise Section 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses, and Section 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions, of the Zoning Ordinance.

#### **RELEVANT ORDINANCES:**

##### **Relevant Ordinances:**

Section 21A.42.070(F) – Permitted Temporary Uses

Section 21A.52.030 – Special Exceptions

##### **Zoning Text Amendment:**

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## **1. CHRONOLOGY**



## PROJECT CHRONOLGY

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## **2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)**

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006

(Amending Permitted Temporary Uses of Tents in Section 21A.42.070(F))

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21A.42.070(F), *SALT LAKE CITY CODE*,  
PERTAINING TO PERMITTED TEMPORARY USES OF TENTS, PURSUANT TO  
PETITION NO. 400-05-13.

WHEREAS, Section 21A.42.070(F) the Salt Lake City Code contains certain regulations regarding permitted temporary uses of tents; and

WHEREAS, the current code does not allow the use of temporary tents in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the current code permits the use of temporary tents that are associated only with outdoor sales and restricts all other uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Section 21A.42.070 should be amended to allow the use of tents in all zoning districts by businesses that are not associated with outdoor sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of Salt Lake City's general plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. That Section 21A.42.070, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to permitted temporary uses be, and the same hereby is, amended, in part, to read as follows:

**Section 21A.42.070 Permitted Temporary Uses:**

F. Tents: Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all nonresidential districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose zoning districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year.

The zoning administrator may approve tents or canopies in the commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose zoning districts for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, per calendar year, subject to the review and approval or denial of the Development Review Team, if the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City transportation division, public utilities department, business licensing division, fire department, police department and historic landmark commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).

Unless waived by the zoning administrator, every tent shall comply with the bulk and yard requirements of the district in which it is located.

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For purposes of this regulation, "canopies" are defined as a tent structure that is open on more than seventy five percent (75%) of its sides.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

(SEAL)

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006.  
Published: \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office  
Date January 12, 2006  
By Melanie Gray

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006  
(Amending Section 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions Authorized)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21A.52.030, *SALT LAKE CITY CODE*,  
PERTAINING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, PURSUANT TO  
PETITION NO. 400-05-13.

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Code contains authorization for certain special exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to amend said special exceptions to allow tents to be used by businesses that are located in a residential zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of Salt Lake City's general plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. That Section 21A.52.030 of the Salt Lake City Code, pertaining to the authorization of special exceptions be and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**Section 21A.52.030 Special Exceptions Authorized:**

In addition to any other special exceptions authorized elsewhere in this title, the following special exceptions are authorized under the provisions of this title:

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- O. Outdoor dining in required yard areas (subsection 21A.52.100F of this chapter);
- P. Razor wire (subsection 21A.40.120H of this title);
- Q. Reconstruction and reestablishment of nonresidential nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures with nonconforming uses damaged or destroyed greater than fifty percent (50%) (subsections 21A.38.080E2b and 21A.38.090C2b of this title);
- R. Front yard parking (subsection 21A.44.050B of this title);
- S. Routine and uncontested matters (part II, chapter 21A.14 of this title);



T. Window mounted refrigerated air conditioners and evaporative "swamp" coolers located less than two feet (2') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100H of this chapter); and

U. Ground mounted central air conditioning compressors or systems, heating, ventilating, pool and filtering equipment located less than four feet (4') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100I of this chapter); and

V. Tents used by businesses that are located in residential districts (subsection 21A.42.070F of this title).

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

(SEAL)

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006.

Published: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Salt Lake City Attorney's Office  
Date January 12, 2006  
By Melanie King

**3. CITY COUNCIL HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Salt Lake City Council will hold a public hearing to consider petition number 400-05-13, a request by the Salt Lake City Planning Commission to amend the text of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance, Section 21A.42.070F, (Tents) Permitted Temporary Uses and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions (V).

The City Council is holding an advertised public hearing to receive comments regarding the petition request. During this hearing, anyone desiring to address the City Council concerning this issue will be given an opportunity to speak. The hearing will be held:

**DATE:**  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room 315  
City and County Building  
451 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

If you have any questions relating to this proposal, please attend the meeting or call Mr. Kevin LoPiccolo at 801 535-6003, Monday through Friday.

#### **4. Mailings/labels**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRS:**  
Updated: 7/19/2005 sj

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SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84116

KENNETH L. NEAL, CHAIR  
ROSE PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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JORDAN MEADOWS COMM. COUNCIL  
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SUNSET OAKS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

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Updated: 4/1/2005 sj

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COALITION  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84152-1357

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MARIA GARCIA  
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**5. Planning Commission Agenda for August 24, 2005**



AGENDA FOR THE  
SALT LAKE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
In Room 326 of the City & County Building at 451 South State Street  
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- f. **Petition 410-750**, by Qwest Corporation, requesting conditional use approval to install ground-mounted communication equipment cabinets at approximately **1092 North 2200 West**. The property is located in a Business Park "BP" zoning district. (Staff: *Elizabeth Giraud at 535-7128 or elizabeth.giraud@slcgov.com*)
- g. **Petition 400-05-11**, by the Salt Lake City Planning Division, requesting comments and a recommendation to the City Council for a text amendment to the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance allowing additional types of signage in the Open Space zoning district for parks that are 28 acres or larger in size. (Staff: *Elizabeth Giraud at 535-7128 or elizabeth.giraud@slcgov.com*)
- h. **Petition Number 490-05-10**, a preliminary subdivision approval to subdivide the existing parcel located at approximately **239 North Virginia Street** into three new single-family parcels. The project area is located in the SR-1, Special Development Pattern Residential District. (Staff: *Wayne Mills at 535-6173 or wayne.mills@slcgov.com*)
- i. **Petition Number 410-755**, by Architectural Nexus, representing Myriad Genetics, requesting conditional use approval to allow additional building height for a proposed research laboratory located in the Research Park (RP) zoning district at approximately **320 South Wakara Way**. (Staff: *Ray McCandless at 535-7282 or ray.mccandless@slcgov.com*)
- j. **Petition Number 400-05-20**, the Salt Lake City Council requesting to create a new zoning district limited to natural open space (Natural Open Space, NOS zone). (Staff: *Ray McCandless at 535-7282 or ray.mccandless@slcgov.com*)

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6. Staff Report for the August 24, 2005 Planning Commission meeting

**DATE:** August 24, 2005

**TO:** Salt Lake City Planning Commission

**FROM:** Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

**RE:** A request to amend Chapter 21A.42.070(F), Tents and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions

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**CASE#:** 400-05-13

**APPLICANT:** Salt Lake City Administration

**STATUS OF APPLICANT:** Salt Lake City Administration

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed text amendment will affect the placement of tents in all zoning districts, subject to the specific regulations and time limits, and to the other applicable regulations of the zoning district in which the use is permitted. The following temporary uses shall be permitted in the zoning districts specified, upon a finding by the Zoning Administrator that the parcel upon which the temporary use will be located is adequate in size, that there are adequate parking provisions and traffic access, and that the applicant has agreed to comply with such other conditions as the Zoning Administrator deems necessary to ensure that the temporary use will not have any material detrimental impact upon other properties:

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** All Council Districts

**REQUESTED ACTION:** A request to amend Chapter 21A.42.070(F), Tents and Chapter 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions(V) Authorized found in the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance.

**PROPOSED USE(S):** The proposed text amendment will allow tents in all zoning districts. The current

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ordinance restricts tents in which a business is not associated with outdoor sales. The text amendment will also allow business uses a tent within a residential zoning district through a special exception.

**APPLICABLE LAND  
USE REGULATIONS:**

The proposed change modifies the text associated with Chapter 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses and Chapter 21A.52.030(V), Special Exceptions Authorized.

**MASTER PLAN SPECIFICATIONS:**

The Salt Lake City Vision and Strategic Plan apply to this proposed text amendment: 20.0: Develop “business friendly” licensing and regulatory practices.

**PROJECT DISCRPTION:**

The proposed text amendment will allow businesses that are not associated with outdoor sales the use of a temporary tent in all zoning districts. The current ordinance allows temporary tents in the majority of zoning districts, but does not afford all commercial, special districts and business uses within a residential zoning district the use of a temporary tent.

**COMMENTS, ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS:**

**COMMENTS**

Comments from City Departments and Community Council(s):

- a) **Transportation** does not have any objections to the proposed text amendment. All issues with access and parking shall remain.
- b) **Public Utilities** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- c) **Building Services** expressed no opposition to the proposed text change.
- d) **Police** expressed no opposition to the proposed text change.
- e) **Engineering** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- f) **Fire** did not respond to the requests for comments.
- g) **Zoning Enforcement** does not have any objections to the proposed text amendment.
- h) **Community Council(s):** The Planning Division held an Open House for Community Councils and interested parties on June 16, 2005. Only City staff attended. Planning Division Staff did not receive any comments from any of the respective Community Councils on the proposed text change.

**ANALYSIS**

The purpose of the text amendment is to allow tents as temporary uses as defined in Chapter 21A.42.070 in all zoning districts. The current temporary use ordinance does not afford all zoning districts the use of tents as a temporary use. The current ordinance permits temporary tents for businesses that are associated with outdoor sales, but restricts all other businesses the opportunity to apply for a temporary tent to hold a function, such as, outdoor graduation for a business college, or to allow temporary tents within the GMU district to accommodate the Salt Lake City marathon that may be used as a water fueling station. The revised ordinance would permit tents as a temporary use in all zoning districts and would recognize legal non-residential uses that are located in residential zones, through an approval of a special exception.

The proposed text amendment is as follows:

- Allow temporary tents in all zoning districts that are associated with a legal business.
- To allow tents as a temporary use for business use located in residential districts. The proposed time limit is five (5) days per calendar year and would require an approval of a special exception.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Issues that are being generated by this proposal.**

Since the request is a modification of the zoning text, the Planning Commission shall review the proposed text amendment change and forward a recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission shall use the following standards:

## **CODE CRITERIA / DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT**

### **21A.50.050 Standards for general amendments.**

- A. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of the adopted general plan of Salt Lake City.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is consistent with standard in the Salt Lake City Vision and Strategic Plan, stating that the City seeks to “develop ‘business friendly’ licensing and regulatory practices.” The revision to the current Permitted Temporary Uses and Special Exceptions Authorization will permit the use of temporary tents in all zoning districts.

#### **Findings:**

The proposed rezone is consistent with Master Plan policies.

- B. Whether the proposed amendment is harmonious with the overall character of existing development in the immediate vicinity of the subject property.**

**Discussion:** The text amendment is intended to allow tents in all zoning districts

that currently do not recognize a tent as a permitted temporary use or special exception.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment meets this standard.

**C. The extent to which the proposed amendment will adversely affect adjacent properties.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is intended to allow under a permitted temporary use or special exception the use of a tent, subject to approval and specified time limit.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment is intended to protect adjacent properties and provides a notification process to adjacent property owner's that are located in a residential zoning district through a special exception process.

**D. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the provisions of any applicable overlay zoning districts which may impose additional standards.**

**Discussion:** The proposed text amendment is not site specific, but would be all inclusive to the underlying zoning districts and would be consistent with applicable zoning district, subject to meeting applicable standards.

**Findings:** The proposed text amendment meets this standard.

**E. The adequacy of public facilities and services intended to serve the subject property, including but not limited to roadways, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection, schools, storm water drainage systems, water supplies, and waste water and refuse collection.**

**Discussion:** The proposal is not site specific. All requests for tents would be reviewed to ensure compliance with City Codes and policies.

**Findings:** All pertinent City Departments will review tent request through the permit process to ensure adequacy of public facilities and a services.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Division recommends that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed text amendment.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Ordinance(s)

Exhibit 2 – Memorandum & Open House Notification

Exhibit 3 – Department Comments



**Exhibit 1**  
**Proposed Ordinance**

Chapter 21A.42.070(F)  
Permitted Temporary Uses

F. Tents: Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with ~~outdoor sales from~~ a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all nonresidential districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet, associated with ~~outdoor sales from~~ a business that is legally licensed as a permanent business or a temporary business as outlined in this chapter, are permitted in all commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, M-1, M-2, CG, PL, PL-2, BP, RP and OS zoning districts. No tent shall be allowed to remain for a period of more than two (2) days longer than the period during which the use with which it is associated is allowed to remain, or a maximum of forty five (45) days, per calendar year.

The zoning administrator may approve tents or canopies in the commercial, manufacturing, downtown and special purpose D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, M-1, M-2, CG, PL, PL-2, BP, RP zoning districts for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, per calendar year, subject to the review and approval or denial of the Development Review Team, if the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City transportation division, public utilities department, business licensing division, fire department, police department and historic landmark commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).

Unless waived ~~in writing~~ by the zoning administrator, every tent shall comply with the bulk and yard requirements of the district in which it is located.

Tents smaller than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies smaller than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, without a permit, for personal home use or homeowner hosted function, for a period of not more than five (5) days per calendar year. Tents larger than two hundred (200) square feet and canopies larger than four hundred (400) square feet are permitted in all residential districts, with a fire department permit, for personal home use, for a period of not more than five (5) days. For legal business uses located in a residential district, tents or canopies may be allowed for a period not to exceed five (5) days, per calendar year, subject to a Special Exception, Section 21A.52.030, Special Exceptions Authorized, provided the tent or canopy also meets the parking requirements for the intended use and upon receiving a positive recommendation from the Salt Lake City transportation division, public utilities department, business licensing division, fire department, police department and historic landmark commission (when located within a historic district or on a landmark site).

For purposes of this regulation, "canopies" are defined as a tent structure that is open on more than seventy five percent (75%) of its sides.

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- R. Front yard parking (subsection 21A.44.050A of this title);
- S. Routine and uncontested matters (part II, chapter 21A.14 of this title);
- T. Window mounted refrigerated air conditioners and evaporative "swamp" coolers located less than two feet (2') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100H of this chapter); and
- U. Ground mounted central air conditioning compressors or systems, heating, ventilating, pool and filtering equipment located less than four feet (4') from a lot line (table 21A.36.020B, "Obstructions In Required Yards", of this title and subsection 21A.52.100I of this chapter). (Ord. 59-02 §§ 2, 3, 2002; Ord. 12-01 § 2, 2001; Ord. 35-99 §§ 91-93, 1999; Ord. 88-95 § 1 (Exh. A), 1995; Ord. 26-95 § 2(26-2), 1995)
- V. Tents, business uses within a residential district (subsection 21A.42.070, Permitted Temporary Uses of this title).

Exhibit 2  
Memorandum & Open House Notification

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 18, 2005  
**TO:** Mayor's Office  
**FROM:** Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Temporary Uses "Tents"

The Mayor's office is requesting the initiation of a Petition to allow tents as a temporary use in all Commercial, Downtown, Special Districts, Gateway District and the Overlay Districts. Section 21A.42.070 (F) allows tents as temporary uses, but restricts tents to be permitted in defined zoning districts. Staff is requesting that tents be allowed in the districts that are mentioned above which will provide an opportunity for all businesses to have tents as a temporary use. As part of this request, Staff is requesting the elimination of square footage for tents.

To that end, I respectfully request that the Planning Commission initiate the requested petition.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

CC: Brent Wilde, Deputy Community Development Director  
Orion Goff, Building Services Director  
Doug Wheelwright, Deputy Planning Director  
Cheri Coffey, Deputy Planning Director  
Larry Butcher, Development Review Supervisor  
Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

June 3, 2005

## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

The Salt Lake City Planning Commission has initiated two petitions requesting the modification of Chapter 21A.62.040 of the Salt Lake City Zoning ordinance addressing the definition of Automobiles. This request would remove the words motor scooters and motorized bicycles from the existing definition. The second petition would amend the existing language found in Chapter 21A.42.070 (F) under Temporary Uses, to allow tents in all zoning commercial and residential districts.

The Planning Staff would like to receive your input regarding this proposal and invites you to a public open house:

**Thursday, June 16, 2005  
Salt Lake City & County Building  
451 South State Street  
Room 126 Conference Room  
Between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**

Since it is very difficult for us to inform all interested parties about this request, we would appreciate you discussing this matter with your neighbors and informing them of the open house.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Kevin LoPiccolo at 801 535-6003 or email [kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com](mailto:kevin.lopiccolo@slcgov.com)

Sincerely,

Kevin LoPiccolo  
Zoning Administrator

Exhibit 3  
Department Comments



**LoPiccolo, Kevin**

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**From:** Walsh, Barry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2005 11:43 AM  
**To:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Cc:** Young, Kevin; Smith, Craig; Butcher, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Petitions  
**Categories:** Program/Policy

June 22, 2005

Kevin LoPiccolo, Planning

Re: Petition No.??? to change the zoning text to address definition of Automobile and Temporary Uses (Tents).

The transportation Division review comments and recommendation per our review of the text change (see attached sections) poses no impact to the public transportation. All issues with access and parking remain.

Sincerely,

Barry Walsh,

Cc Kevin Young, P.E.  
Craig Smith, Engineering  
Larry Butcher, Permits  
file

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 10, 2005

**From:** Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator

**To:** Melanie Reif, City Attorney Office  
Craig Smith, Engineering  
Brad Larson, Fire  
Larry Butcher, Permits  
Brad Stewart, Public Utilities  
Barry Walsh, Transportation  
Craig Spangenberg, Zoning Enforcement  
J.R. Smith, Police (City Wide)

**Re: Two Petitions for definition of Automobile and Temporary Uses (Tents)**

The Salt Lake City Planning Commission has initiated two petitions requesting the modification of Chapter 21A.62.040 of the Salt Lake City Zoning ordinance addressing the definition of

8/14/2005

**LoPiccolo, Kevin**

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**From:** Butcher, Larry  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2005 2:03 PM  
**To:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Cc:** Goff, Orion  
**Subject:** RE: Petitions  
**Categories:** Program/Policy

Kevin:

Thoughts:

Does the industry make any distinction between motor scooters and motorcycles? If there is one, it might abate future arguments.

Tents in commercial districts: The outdoor sales language is specific and does not address all functions under which a tent may be used. Suggest removing the outdoors sales language. Tents approved for 180 days should go to DRT. Suggest tying in the use time frame with the permitted temporary uses A thru D. Then allow for tents or canopies associated with permitted uses in the nonresidential districts (outdoor sales, outdoor dining, etc.) to be approved for up to 180 days with DRT review. Too broad?

Tents in residential districts: Of course, we need to include the existing legal non-residential uses in the residential zones. Non-residential uses may need a use time frame greater than 5 days. Maybe a 180 day time frame with Special Exception OK.

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**From:** LoPiccolo, Kevin  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 5:02 PM  
**To:** Reif, Melanie; Smith, Craig; Larson, Bradley; Butcher, Larry; Stewart, Brad; Walsh, Barry; Spangenberg, Craig; Smith, JR  
**Subject:** Petitions

Hello:

Please see attachment.

The Planning Commission has directed the Planning Staff to work on two petitions that will address Temporary Uses for Tents in all zoning districts and redefining the word automobile in Title 21A of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance. Please provide any comments to the proposed petitions by June 24, 2005.

Thanks,

Kevin LoPiccolo  
Zoning Administrator

**7. Planning Commission minutes for August 24, 2005**

**Petition No. 400-05-13, a request initiated by the Planning Commission to comprehensively review all applicable regulations in the Zoning Ordinance that address the permitting of tents in both residential and commercial districts city wide**

At 6:15 P.M. Chairperson Chambless introduced Petition Number 400-05-13 and Kevin LoPiccolo, Zoning Administrator.

Mr. LoPiccolo stated that this was a request generated last May. Staff held an open house June 16, 2004. This petition affects Chapter 42, "Temporary Uses", and Chapter 52, "Special Exceptions" of the zoning ordinance. The changes that have been modified are reflected in the Staff Report. As proposed, this change allows the use of temporary tents to be more inclusive and recognizes all commercial, manufacturing and special purpose districts to allow the use of tents under a temporary use. As part of the requested changes to the Temporary Uses, Mr. LoPiccolo stated that the proposed language change included businesses located in residential districts and that those businesses be afforded the same opportunity for temporary tent use. Mr. LoPiccolo noted that businesses located in residential zones would be required to go through a Special Exception process which would require the abutting property owner's support to erect a tent for a five day period. The Special Exception process could be done at an administrative level. He stated the process of receiving a tent permit had not been changed; all respective departments that typically review tents would continue to do so under the proposed change. Staff requested that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council.

Commissioner Scott addressed the question of time limits or the period of time a tent could remain up, with Mr. LoPiccolo. Mr. LoPiccolo responded with a history of the current ordinance stating the timelines were essentially established and Staff was not requesting any type of modification to the time limits currently placed on tents. He said that since the proposed change to allow tents for businesses within residential districts was being added, Staff was concerned with preserving the residential character of the residential district. With the requirement of a Special Exception, the residential integrity would be maintained.

Chairperson Chambless asked if there were questions for Staff. There were none. Chairperson Chambless then stated that the petitioner is the Planning Commission and asked if there was a representative of the Community Council that wanted to speak to the matter. No one responded. Chairperson Chambless asked if there was someone from the general community that wanted to speak to this matter. No one responded. Chairperson Chambless then closed the public meeting and asked for discussion and/or a motion on the petition. A motion was then heard.

**Motion for Petition 400-05-13:**

**Commissioner Seelig moved that the Planning Commission approve Petition No. 400-05-13, based on the analysis outlined in the staff report. Commissioner Noda seconded the motion. Commissioner De Lay, Commissioner Seelig, Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Noda, and Commissioner Diamond voted "Aye". Commissioner Galli, Commissioner Muir and Commissioner McDonough were not present. The motion passed.**

## **8. Petition Checklist**

**PETITION CHECKLIST**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Action Required</u>
<u>6/14/05</u>	<u>ADH</u>	Petition delivered to Planning
<u>6/16/05</u>	<u>RP</u>	Petition assigned to: <u>Kevin Lo Piccolo</u>
<u>8/24</u>	<u>RP</u>	Planning Staff or Planning Commission Action Date
<u>NA</u>	<u>RP</u>	Return Original Letter and Yellow Petition Cover
<u>9/23</u>	<u>RP</u>	Chronology
<u>NA</u>	<u>RP</u>	Property Description (marked with a post it note)
<u>NA</u>	<u>RP</u>	Affected Sidwell Numbers Included
<u>8/1</u>	<u>RP</u>	Mailing List for Petition, include appropriate Community Councils
<u>8/9</u>	<u>RP</u>	Mailing Postmark Date Verification
<u>9/2</u>	<u>RP</u>	Planning Commission Minutes
<u>8/18</u>	<u>RP</u>	Planning Staff Report
<u>NA</u>	<u>RP</u>	Cover letter outlining what the request is and a brief description of what action the Planning Commission or Staff is recommending.
<u>9/9</u>	<u>RP</u>	Ordinance Prepared by the Attorney's Office
<u>9/27</u>	<u>RP</u>	Ordinance property description is checked, dated and initialed by the Planner. Ordinance is stamped by Attorney.
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Planner responsible for taking calls on the Petition
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Date Set for City Council Action <u>                          </u>
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Petition filed with City Recorder's Office

**Petition No.** 400-05-13

*By* Planning Commission

Is requesting a petition to comprehensively review all applicable regulations in the Zoning Ordinance that address the permitting of tents in both residential and commercial districts across the city.

*Date Filed* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_