

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA DETERMINING THAT THE
PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER CLASS 1 OF THE CEQA
GUIDELINES SECTION 15301 (EXISTING FACILITIES) AND
APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR
BEER AND WINE SALES (ABC TYPE-41) AT EXISTING RESTAURANT (MARISCOS
LA CAPITAL)
LOCATED AT 801 NATIONAL CITY BOULEVARD, SUITE 105.
CASE FILE NO. 2024-10 CUP
APN: 556-471-26-17

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of National City considered a Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine sales at an existing restaurant (Mariscos la Capital) located at 801 National City Boulevard, suite 105 at a duly advertised public hearing held on August 5, 2024, at which time oral and documentary evidence was presented; and,

WHEREAS, at said public hearings the Planning Commission considered the staff report contained in Case File No. 2024-10 CUP maintained by the City and incorporated herein by reference along with evidence and testimony at said hearing; and,

WHEREAS, this action is taken pursuant to all applicable procedures required by State law and City law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of National City, California, that the testimony and evidence presented to the Planning Commission at the public hearing held on August 5, 2024, support the following findings:

1. The proposed use is allowable within the applicable zoning district pursuant to a Conditional Use Permit and complies with all other applicable provisions of the Land Use Code, because the use is allowable within the Downtown Specific Plan Development Zone 4 pursuant to a CUP and the proposed use meets the required guidelines in the Land Use Code for alcohol sales, as discussed in the staff report.
2. The proposed use is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan, because alcohol sales are permitted, subject to a CUP, by the Land Use Code, which is consistent with the General Plan. A restaurant use is

consistent with the allowed uses in the Downtown Specific Plan as a street-oriented retail use and is consistent with the Community Character element of the General Plan.

3. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the proposed activity would be compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity, because no expansion of the building is proposed. The proposal involves an existing commercial space, which was previously analyzed for traffic impacts when it was constructed.
4. The site is physically suitable for the type, density, and intensity of use being proposed, including access, utilities, and the absence of physical constraints, because no expansion of the building is proposed. The proposed alcohol sales would be incidental to the primary use of food sales.
5. Granting the permit would not constitute a nuisance or be injurious or detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or materially injurious to persons, property, or improvements in the vicinity and zone in which the property is located, because the proposed use will be subject to conditions that limit the sale of beer and wine as well as the hours that it will be available. Beer and wine will only be available with the sale of food. In addition, all staff members serving alcohol are required to receive RBSS training.
6. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Class 1, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) for which a Notice of Exemption will be filed subsequent to approval of this Conditional Use Permit. The reason for the exemption is that the use is proposed within an existing commercial building and the use is similar to other commercial uses in the area, which are permitted in permitted Development Zone 4 of the Downtown Specific Plan.
7. The proposed use is deemed essential and desirable to the public convenience or necessity, because the restaurant, a permitted use in the Development Zone 4 of the Downtown Specific Plan, will benefit from the sale of alcohol by providing for a wider diversity of businesses that add charm to the downtown core.
8. Based on findings 1 through 7 above, public convenience and necessity will be served by a proposed use of the property for the on-site sales of alcoholic beverages in accordance with applicable law and the recommended conditions. The use, as proposed and conditioned, will operate in harmony with surrounding

uses, will not cause a nuisance, and will benefit the community looking for a quality restaurant experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application for a Conditional Use Permit is approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. This Conditional Use Permit authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant (Mariscos la Capital) located at 801 National City Blvd. Suite 105. Plans submitted for permits associated with this project shall conform to Exhibit A, Case File No. 2024-10 CUP, dated 7/2/2024.
2. Before this *Conditional Use Permit* shall become effective, the applicant and the property owner shall both sign and have notarized an Acceptance Form, provided by the Planning Division, acknowledging and accepting all conditions imposed upon the approval of this permit. Failure to return the signed and notarized Acceptance Form within 30 days of its receipt shall automatically terminate the *Conditional Use Permit*. The applicant or owner shall also submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Planning Division that a Notice of Restriction on Real Property is recorded with the County Recorder. The applicant or owner shall pay necessary recording fees to the County. The Notice of Restriction shall provide information that conditions imposed by approval of the *Conditional Use Permit* are binding on all present or future interest holders or estate holders of the property. The Notice of Restriction shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney and signed by the Director of Community Development prior to recordation.
3. This permit shall become null and void at such time as there is no longer a Type 41 California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license associated with the property.
4. This permit shall become null and void if not exercised within one year after adoption of the resolution of approval unless extended according to procedures specified in the Municipal Code.
5. This permit shall expire if the use authorized by this resolution is discontinued for a period of 12 months or longer. This permit may also be revoked, pursuant to provisions of the Land Use Code, if discontinued for any lesser period of time.
6. This *Conditional Use Permit* may be revoked if the operator is found to be in violation of any Conditions of Approval.

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7. No alcohol sales and consumption practices shall be permitted until the applicant has been issued a Type 41 license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
8. All sellers of alcohol shall receive Responsible Beverage Service and Sales (RBSS) training, including all owners, and managers. The RBSS training must be certified by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Proof of completion of an approved RBSS program must be provided prior to issuance of a city business license. As part of the RBSS training, the permittee shall make available a domestic violence training session as provided by the Institute of Public Strategies.
9. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall only be permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. daily.
10. The sale of alcohol shall not exceed the sale of food. With the annual renewal of the City business license, the business proprietor shall submit a statement clearly indicating total alcoholic beverage sales and total food sales. Said statement shall be subject to audit and verification by employees of the City, who are authorized to examine, audit and inspect such books and records of the license, as may be necessary in their judgment to verify that the sale of alcohol does not exceed the sale of food. All information obtained by an investigation of records shall remain confidential.
11. Alcohol shall be available only in conjunction with the purchase of food.
12. The sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption is not permitted at this location.

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~~14.~~13. No live entertainment or advertised special events are permitted without modification of this CUP or issuance of a Temporary Use Permit.

~~15.~~14. No advertisement promoting specific events shall be distributed outside the restaurant.

~~16.~~15. The operator of the business shall maintain an active business license and ensure that the business license is renewed annually.

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~~17.~~16. The permittee shall comply with all applicable law, including, but not limited to the regulatory provisions of the Business and Professions Code that pertain to the sale, serving, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Indemnification Agreement

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The Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers, and employees from any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, judgments, or costs, including attorney's fees, against the City or its agents, officers, or employees, relating to the issuance of this permit including, but not limited to, any action to attack, set aside, void, challenge, or annul this development approval and any environmental document or decision. The City will promptly notify the Applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding. The City may elect to conduct its own defense, participate in its own defense, or obtain independent legal counsel in defense of any claim related to this indemnification. In the event of such election, the Applicant shall pay all of the costs related thereto, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs. In the event of a disagreement between the City and Applicant regarding litigation issues, the City shall have the authority to control the litigation and make litigation related decisions, including, but not limited to, settlement or other disposition of the matter. However, the Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement unless such settlement is approved by the Applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted forthwith to the applicant and to the City Council.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective and final on the day following the City Council meeting where the Planning Commission resolution is set for review, unless an appeal in writing is filed with the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of that City Council meeting. The City Council may, at that meeting, appeal the decision of the Planning Commission and set the matter for public hearing.

CERTIFICATION:

This certifies that the Resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission at their meeting of August 5, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CHAIRPERSON

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2. The proposed use is not deemed essential to the public necessity, as there are already fifteen restaurants in the same census tract that serve alcohol including Big Ben Market Grill House and Villa Manila.

3. Based on the above findings, public convenience and necessity will not be served by a proposed use of the property for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages pursuant to law.

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