## CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014	CASE NUMBER: C15-2014-0005
Jeff Jack	
Michael Von Ohlen	
Ricardo De Camps	
Bryan King	
Fred McGhee	
Melissa Hawthorne	
Sallie Burchett	
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**APPLICANT: Katherine Loayza** 

**OWNER: Todd Pearah** 

**ADDRESS: 7501 LAMAR BLVD** 

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BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED TO APRIL 14, 2014 BY STAFF

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**BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED TO MAY 12, 2014** 

### FINDING:

- 1. The Zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
- (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
   (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

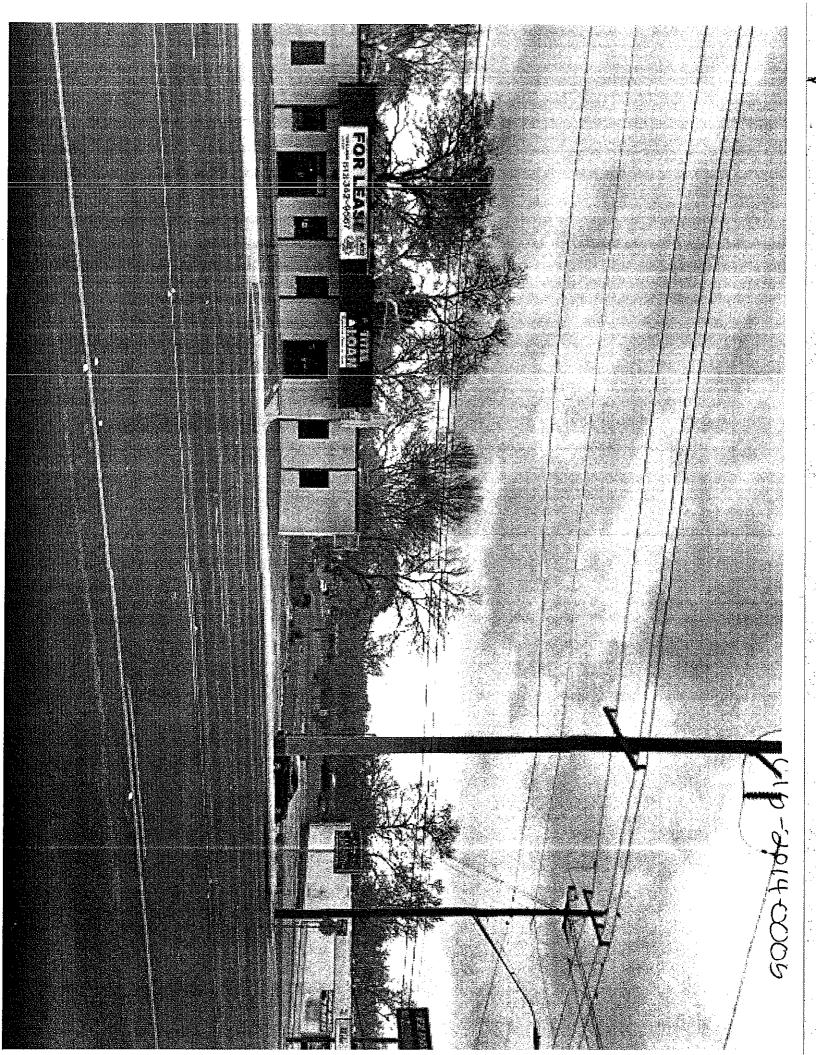
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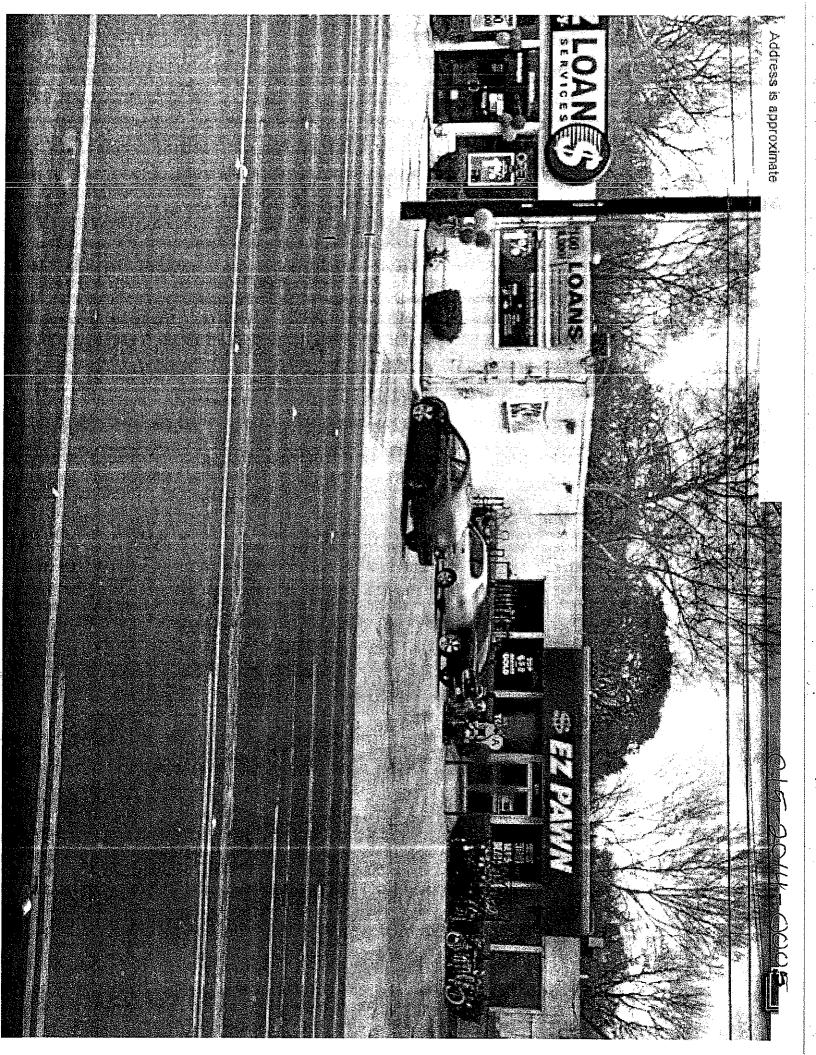
Leane Heldenfels

Executive Liaison

Jeff Jack

Chairman





Excerpt from the February 28, 2012 Planning Commission hearing regarding the Alternative Financial Services Code Amendment C2O-2011-037:

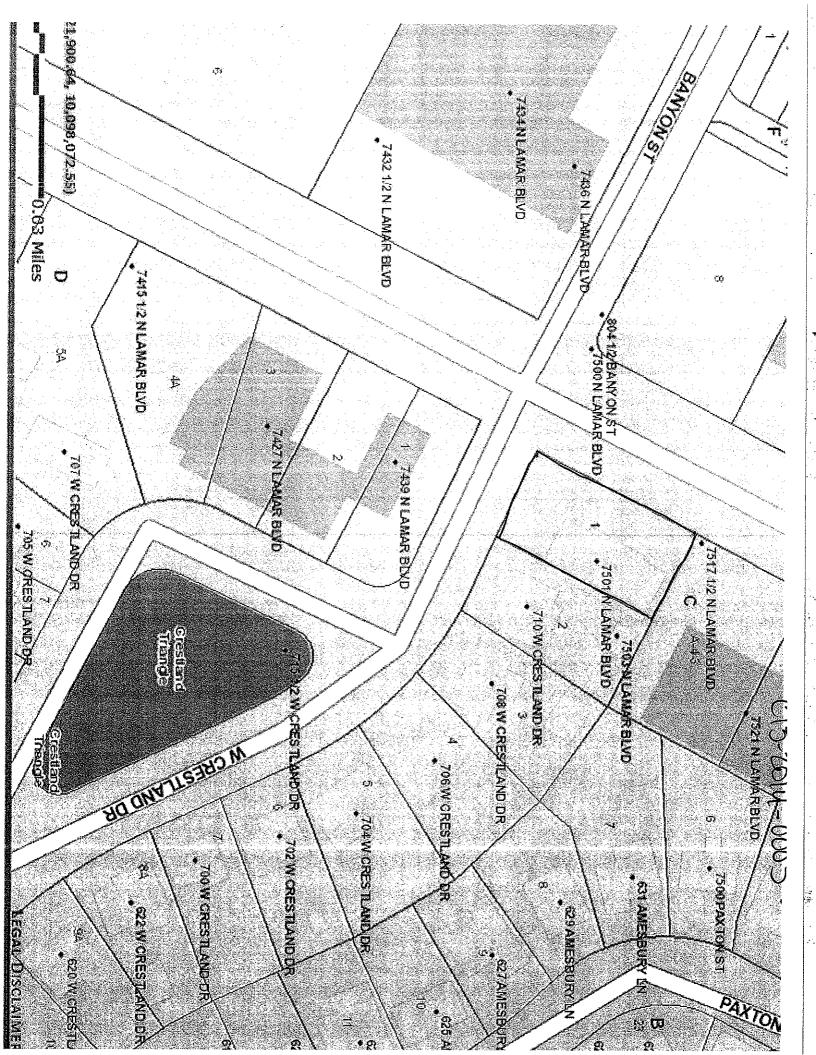
Jeff Jack: "The existing offices, these businesses, are they then forced to move?"

Robert Heil: "No, they would not be forced to move."

Jeff Jack: "So they're going to be grandfathered in as non-conforming uses?"

Robert Heil: "Or they could be legal non-conforming uses, depending on....but they would not

be forced to move."



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### Ramirez, Diana

From:

Heldenfels, Leane

Sent:

Friday, March 07, 2014 9:11 AM

To:

Guernsey, Greg

Cc:

Ramiroz, Dienes

Subject:

RE: Texas Title Loans 7501 N. Lamar/c15-2013-0005

At the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting I will request a 30 day postponement to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Leane Heldenfels **Board of Adjustment Liaison** City of Austin

From: Guernsey, Greg

Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 7:58 PM

To: Loayza, Katherine; Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]; Heldenfels, Leane

Cc: Nias, Jim; Edwards, Sue

Subject: RE: Texas Title Loans 7501 N. Lamar

Importance: High

Hi Katherine:

Here is the certified mail information we discussed today. By this email I will agree that City Staff will request a postponement of the March 10 BOA meeting for at least 30 days so we can further discuss the non-conforming use status.

Greg

From: Leavza, Kethering Fmailte

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 11:58 AM

To: Edwards, Sue

Cc: Guernsey, Greg; Nias, Jim

Subject: Texas Title Loans 7501 N. Lamar

Importance: High

Sue,

Thank you again for meeting with me yesterday to discuss the issue of getting the City to recognize the Texas Title Loan use located at 7501 N. Lamar to be an existing non-conforming use. I would like to reiterate our position that the existing Certificate of Occupancy issued in 1979 and again reissued in 2007 when Texas Title Loans occupied the lease space is still valid.

The fact that the building that exists at this location has not been altered since 1978, supports our position that the original building permit and related CO issued with the occupancy as "lease space retail" is still valid because the CO allows any use permitted under the list of retail uses allowed in the "LR" and "GR" retail districts pursuant to Chapter 45 of the City Code in effect at the time the permit was issued. At that time "retail" encompassed a variety of different uses, including banks and other office uses. Therefore our client's use in 2007 was allowed under the existing CO, as described by the zoning ordinance in effect at that time and would not have triggered a new CO because there was no new building construction required for them to occupy the space, nor did the use trigger a building code use category change.

Greg's point that the 1979 CO would have listed a particular use at that time is not the case based upon the fact that the building permit notes that one lease space is for "retail lacquer", however, the CO does not narrow the occupancy to the end user, but describes the occupancy under the broader category of "lease space retail" as well as "1 stry conc tilt wall & steel comm bldg Retail Sales Bldg."

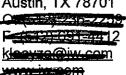
The fact of the matter is that the CO occupancy information for commercial permits over the past decades has never been consistent in describing the end user of the space under occupancy, but has focused on described the building code use category. The transition from describing the building code use category on CO's to also include zoning use categories has only occurred recently with the new computer program AMANDA and more zealously as a result of Code Compliance Department citations. Furthermore, my position on this point is supported by the EZ Pawn permit which we discussed, where the CO for the space at 7435 N. Lamar describes the occupancy to be "retail store" in 1978 and "Commercial Remodel" in 1985. I will be glad to provide you with more examples of this if you wish.

I hope that you can find a way for us to move past this issue which we have been working on for some time. We can provide additional information as necessary to prove that the use was established in 2007 so that it can continue at this location as a legal non-conforming use. The fact that the tenant failed to obtain a site plan exemption for their occupancy of the lease space at this location does not negate the fact that the business was established in full compliance with the both the existing CO and the LDC in 2007.

Thank you again for your time.

Katherine

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### Walker, Susan

From:

Loavza, Katherine

Sent:

Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:57 AM

To: Cc: Walker, Susan Nias, Jim

Subject:

7501 N. Lamar Texas Title Loans B.O.A. Application Update

Attachments:

Authorization Letter 7501 N. Lamar.pdf; Location Map Alt Fin Serv Bus. Use 7501 N.

Lamar.pdf; 7435 N. Lamar CAB\_7439 N. Lamar S.P. Exemption.pdf; Revised sht 3&4 7501 N.

Lamar BOA application.pdf

Importance:

High

Susan,

Attached are several documents for the above referenced B.O.A. variance application:

As requested, the authorization letter is attached. I will bring you the application fee ASAP.

In the process of determining the distance of any other alternative financial services business uses within 1,000' of the subject site, I found that one of the sites was outside of the 1,000' limit, therefore, I revised pages 3 and 4 of the application to indicate there may be only one site.

I have included a map of the subject site and the adjacent use EZPawn/EZMoney with the distances based upon property boundary versus distance from the building structure to the **apparent** alternative financial services business use.

A major concern is that it is unclear as to whether or not the adjacent use is really an alternative financial services business use or not. This is a matter which needs to be confirmed by the City. We are including this variance at this time to cover all aspects of compliance.

To facilitate a determination by the City as to this matter, I have attached records which I obtained from the City regarding the Credit Access Business (CAB) registration for the used referred to as EZPawn LP. As you know, pawn shops are not considered to be alternative financial services business uses, therefore, the CAB registration is not relevant to **7439** N. Lamar, which is identified as the location of EZMoney which is an alternative financial services business use. (According to the map that I have attached, the City shows the address for the location of EZMoney to be 7439 N. Lamar.) Since the records refer to EZPawn and EZMoney, it is not clear exactly what use the CAB was issued for.

To further elaborate on this issue, the CAB issued for **7435** N. Lamar was approved based upon a C.O. issued in 1984 for the occupancy as commercial building. The building permit was issued in 1978 around the same time as our site and indicates the use occupancy as retail store.

EZMoney is an alternative financial business use, however, there is no CAB issued for its location which is **7439** N. Lamar not 7435 N. Lamar.

EZPawn/EZMoney use at 7439 N. Lamar is referenced in the attached approved site plan exemption issued on March 12, 2012 for a use addition for financial services to the existing C.O. However, I have confirmed with Rick Arzola (Permit Center) that there never has been a C.O. issued for 7439 N. Lamar, nor are there any building permit records for this location. Furthermore, the only C.O. which does exist, which is addressed at 7435 N. Lamar, does not include a reference to financial services use.

Therefore, it does not appear that EZMoney has the required CAB to be considered an alternative financial service business use.

Since this issue will be brought up at the B.O.A. hearing you may want to share this information with Chris Johnson as it is rather confusing and unclear at this point as to whether we do need a variance for the distance requirement or not.

Thanks,

Katherine

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**BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED TO MARCH 10, 2014** 

### FINDING:

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Jeff Jack Chairman

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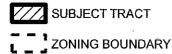
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### Walker, Susan

C100-4014005

From:

Loayza, Katherine

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 4:33 PM

To: Cc: Walker, Susan Nias, Jim

Subject:

7501 N. Lamar B.O.A. variance request

Susan,

We are hereby requesting a two month postponement, or March 10, 2014, of the B.O.A. variance submitted for 7501 N. Lamar due to the communication we received from the Planning and Development Review Department on Jan. 7, 2014 which identified new zoning compliance issues which we were not aware of regarding this property. We anticipate that the additional time will allow us to resolve the new issues in order that we may pursue final resolution of the case.

Thank you,

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To: Members of the Board of Adjustment

Re: Case C15-2014-0005 / TX Title Loan & Pronto Insurance at 7501 N. Lamar

I am writing to request that you DENY all of the variances requested by the applicant. Without being privy to their arguments, I'll present my thoughts.

### Reasonable Use:

The zoning regulations do allow for a reasonable use on this site - it's just not this one.

### Hardship:

It seems to me that the only possible hardship is the code itself - i.e. they have no hardship. If the hardship is indeed the code, then the hardship IS general to the area in which the property is located by its' very nature - i.e. lots nearby will also be in violation of 25-2-816 (B) (1) and 25-2-816 (B) (2) and possibly 25-2-816 (C).

### Area Character:

This portion of N. Lamar runs between 2 well-established neighborhoods, Highland and Crestview, and is also adjacent to the new development at the Crestview Station TOD.

It is an area in transition. Certainly, a lively mix of neighborhood oriented storefronts and services is what makes sense for this corridor.

[see map following page]

I've mapped all the various 'loan outlets' on the .52 mi portion of N. Lamar between Justin Ln. and Morrow St. While the pawn shops and the corner store fall into different land use categories, they are all similar types of businesses involved in [potentially] predatory lending practices - I saw signs at the pawn shops offering payday lending and offers to buy out title loans - the lines seem really blurry . . . At any rate, you can see there plenty of 'loan outlets' already!

Granting this variance will absolutely erode the character of the area by eliminating the opportunity for a more appropriate neighborhood-oriented use to occupy the property.

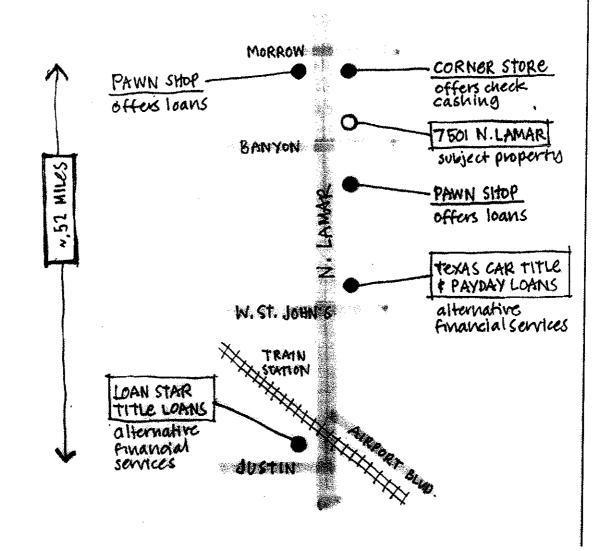
In short, these applicants can find a site that works for their concept and complies with code - SOMEWHERE ELSE!

It is not your duty to facilitate their business plan by granting these variances.

Heidi Goebel 7505 Grover Ave - in Crestview

Curious postscript?

There is already a sign up advertising this business at this location



### Walker, Susan

From:

Alex Schmitz

Sent:

Sunday, January 12, 2014 2:26 PM Walker, Susan; Maria Schmitz

To: Subject:

Variance Request - C15-2014-0005

HI Ms. Walker,

Please ensure that this letter is in the board members folders for the board of adjustment hearing on jan 13th regarding C15-2014-0005. I would appreciate you contacting me by email or phone to let me know that the board members will have a copy of this letter

I am writing to protest the Land Use Code variance request made for 7501 N. Lamar, case C15-2014-0005, hearing held January 13th.

I am the president of Highland Neighborhood Association, and this title loan company requesting the variance is within our neighborhood boundary.

- \* This business is the third alternative lending institution on one block.
- \* These businesses are not an asset to the neighborhood.
- \* They do not attract families to our neighborhood, nor are they the kinds of businesses that provide services and goods that our community would like to have access to.
- \* These title loan companies do not create a "compete community" as envisioned in Imagine Austin's plan for Austin's future, in which our neighborhood and the Town Center around Crestview Station has walkable access to daily needs.

In City Council Resolution 20110818-079, City Council stated concern regarding the "harmful effects" of alternative lending practices, and that there is "public benefit to restricting locations of payday and auto title lenders to reduce the negative impact on consumers in our community".

Please stand by the Land Use Codes created by City Council to protect our community by NOT granting this variance.

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
   and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
  is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of
- the subject property or proposed development.

  A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.ci.austin.tx.us/development.

Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice.

If you need assistance completing this application (general inquiries only) please contact Susan Walker, 974-2202; 505 Barton Springs Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (One Texas Center).

CASE # C15-20(4-0005 ROW #11061372 TD-023310-06-20

## CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision - Northway Crest Sec. 2
Lot(s) 1 Block C Outlot Division
We, Katherine Loayza and Jim Nias, as authorized agents for Texas Loan Brokers
I, LLC d/b/a Texas Title Loans, affirm that on November 2, 2013, hereby
apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODEL _X MAINTAIN
An existing legal non-conforming Alternative Financial Services Business use located a 7501 N. Lamar as allowed in a <u>TOD-NP</u> district.  (zoning district)
ote: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence upporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable

Requested Variances:

X Section 25-2-816 (B)(1) – an Alternative Financial Services Business use may not be located within 1,000 feet of a site with another alternative financial services business use.

There is one other establishment that appears to be an Alternative Financial Services Business use located within 1000 feet of the subject site. (Confirmation of this other business use will have to be obtained from the City of Austin).

Section 25-2-816 (B)(2) – an Alternative Financial Services Business use may not be located within 200 feet of property in a base, combining or overlay district in which a residential use is allowed or in which a residential use is located; and Section 25-2-816 (C) – an Alternative Financial Services Business use may be located only within a freestanding structure and may not be co-located in the same structure with other uses.

This existing business is and has for years been located within ten feet of a residential use. The commercial building on this site had a certificate of occupancy issued in 1979 for two retail spaces. The Zoning Ordinance in effect at the time the original building permit and certificate of occupancy were issued was Chapter 45 of the City Code of 1967. The zoning classification of the property at that time was "GR" General Retail, which included financial service types of uses within its purview. At that time, the term "retail" referred to a zoning classification, not a specific type of use category. The certificate of occupancy was re-issued in 2007, at the time that Texas Title Loans occupied one of the lease spaces. None of the permits subsequently issued for Texas Title Loans was deemed to have triggered a requirement for a new certificate of occupancy.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

### **REASONABLE USE:**

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

The Land Development Code was amended in April 2012 to create the Alternative Financial Services Business use. This new use category was accompanied by new (and questionable) administrative rules for determining grandfathering which were applied only to existing Financial Services uses.

The only reason why a question has been raised about whether Texas Title Loans should be considered a legal non-conforming use, which based upon the <u>applicable</u> City Code it should be, is because the City staff now requires a new certificate of occupancy for the existing use even though there has been no new building permit activity, nor any other work that changed the current Building Occupancy Use Classification pursuant to the Commercial Building Codes applicable from 1979 to the present day.

When Texas Title Loans submitted the newly required registration for a "Credit Access Business", it was denied based upon the question raised by the Building Official over

whether the existing certificate of occupancy was valid, merely because it does not reference the specific use category from the <u>current</u> Land Development Code, but rather cites "lease space retail/commercial retail sales bldg." in accordance with the City Codes and practices which were applicable at the time. The owners were advised to seek B.O.A. variances to the current ordinance.

### **HARDSHIP**:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

The existing business was established at this site approximately six (6) years ago. Regardless of the amendment to the Land Development Code to establish Alternative Financial Services Business use, the existing business should be allowed to continue as a legal non-conforming use considering the length of time at this site without any prior zoning violations or building code issues. There was no change in parking or any other existing site development characteristic. We believe that the site does have a valid certificate of occupancy and should be allowed to continue the existing use.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

We are unaware of any other pre-existing financial services use which is now subject to the Alternative Financial Service Businesses use definition and which has been denied a certificate of occupancy. The apparently adjacent Alternative Financial Services Business use, EZPawn/EZLoan, was issued a Credit Access Business registration based upon a 1984 certificate of occupancy which also does not state a zoning use from the current Code, but refers to the use as a commercial building, as does Texas Title Loan's certificate of occupancy.

### **AREA CHARACTER:**

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

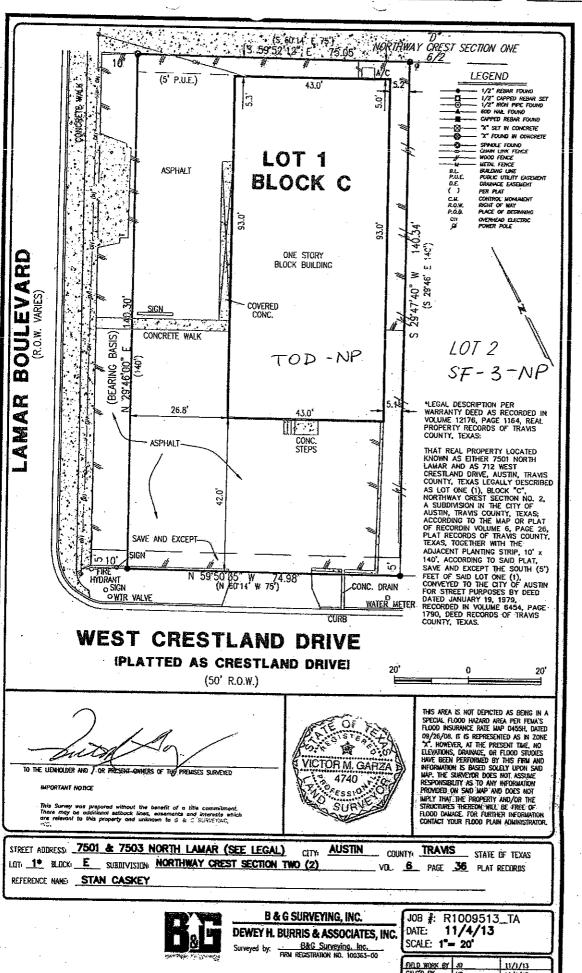
The use has existed for approximately six (6) years at this location and has not had a negative impact on adjoining residential or other commercial uses. There have been no complaints. Granting the requested variances will not impair the purpose of the zoning regulations because the current regulations which apply to new Alternative Financial Services Business uses and should not be retroactively applied to this existing establishment. That is not the purpose or intent of the zoning regulations.

Note: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATE: - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Signed: (athernia) Signed: 100 Congress, Suite 1100		
City, State & Zip Austin, Texas 78701		
Printed Katherine Loayza Phone (512) 235-2259 Date 12/2/13		
OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Signed: Mail Address Todd Pearah		
City, State & Zip 12751 Hwy 198, South, Mabank, TX. 75156		
Printed Todd Pearah Phone 214-989-6767 (office) Date		

7501 N. LAMAR

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## ORDINANCE NO. <u>20120426-139</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 25-2-4 AND 25-2-491 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 25-2-816 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Subsection 25-2-4(B)(29) (Commerical Uses Described) of the City Code is amended to read:

(29) FINANCIAL SERVICES use is the use of a site for the provision of financial and banking services. This use includes banks, savings and loan institutions, stock and bond brokers, loan and lending activities, and similar services. This use excludes alternative financial services businesses uses as defined in this section.

PART 2. Section 25-2-4 (Commercial Uses Described) of the City Code is amended to add a new commercial use, Alternative Financial Services Businesses, to read as follows and added as Subsection 25-2-4(B)(3) with all subsequent commercial uses renumbered accordingly:

- (3) ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES BUSINESSES use is the use of a site for a check cashing business, payday advance or loan business, money transfer business, motor vehicle title loan business, or a credit access business as defined in this section.
  - (a) This use excludes:
    - (1) a state or federally chartered bank, savings and loan association or credit union, or a pawnshop, and
    - (2) a convenience store, supermarket, or other retail establishment where consumer retail sales constitute at least 75% of the total gross revenue generated on site.
  - (b) A check cashing business is an establishment that provides one or more of the following:
    - (1) an amount of money that is equal to the face of a check or the amount specified in a written authorization for an electronic transfer of money, less any fee charged for the transaction;

- (2) an agreement not to cash a check or execute an electronic transfer of money for a specified period of time; or
- (3) the cashing of checks, warrants, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper for compensation by any other person or entity for a fee.
- (c) A payday advance or loan business is an establishment that makes small consumer loans of \$2,500 or less, usually backed by postdated check or authorization to make an electronic debit against an existing financial account, where the check or debit is held for an agreed-upon term or until a customer's next payday and then cashed unless the customer repays the loan to reclaim the check or debit. Such establishments may charge a flat fee or other service charge and/or a fee or interest rate based on the size of the loan amount.
- (d) A motor title loan business is an establishment that makes small consumer loans of \$2,500 or less that leverage the equity value of a car or other vehicle as collateral where the title to such vehicle is owned free and clear by the loan applicant and any existing liens on the vehicle cancel the application. Failure to repay the loan or make interest payments to extend the loan allows the lender to take possession of the vehicle.
- (e) A credit access business has the same meaning as defined in Section 393.601 of the Texas Finance Code.

PART 3. Chapter 25-2 (Zoning) of the City Code is amended to add a new Section 25-2-816 to read:

### § 25-2-816 ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES BUSINESSES.

- (A) This section applies to an alternative financial services business use.
- (B) A use may not be located on a site that is:
  - (1) within 1,000 feet of a site that contains another alternative financial services business use;
  - (2) within 200 feet of a property in a base, combining or overlay district in which a residential use is allowed or in which a residential use is located;
  - (3) within 500 feet of the rights-of-way of Interstate Highway 35, U.S. Highway 183, U.S. Highway 290, Texas State Highway Loop 360,

Texas State Highway Loop 1, Texas State Highway 130, or Texas State Highway 45; or

- (4) within the waterfront overlay district, the university neighborhood overlay district, or the area bounded by Interstate Highway 35, Airport Boulevard, and Town Lake.
- (C) A use may be located only within a freestanding structure and may not be co-located in the same structure with other uses.

**PART 4.** The table in Subsection (C) of Section 25-2-491 (*Permitted, Conditional, and Prohibited Uses*) of the City Code is amended to add the alternative financial services businesses use is permitted in the community commercial (GR) and general commercial services (CS) zoning districts, subject to Section 25-2-816 (*Alternative Financial Services Businesses*) of the City Code, and conditional in the neighborhood commercial (LR) and downtown mixed use (DMU) zoning districts, subject to Section 25-2-816 (*Alternative Financial Services Businesses*) of the City Code.

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on May 7, 2012.

### PASSED AND APPROVED

April 26	§ Cu Left my Lee Deffingwell Mayor
APPROVED: Mennard Karen M. Kennard City Attorney	ATTEST: Antle Henter Shirley A Gentry City Clerk

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Katherine P. Loayza (512) 236-2259 (Direct Dial) (512) 236-2002 (Fax) kloayza@jw.com

April 30, 2013

## Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Leon Barba
Building Official
Planning and Development Review Department
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: 7501 N. Lamar Blvd. - Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for a nonconforming Alternative Financial Services use known as Texas Title

### Dear Leon:

We represent Texas Loan Brokers I, LLC d/b/a/ Texas Title Loans regarding the registration of the Credit Access Business (CAB) located at 7501 N. Lamar Blvd. with the Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs. The CAB registration was filed on January 31, 2013 and was subsequently denied on April 5, 2013 according to Martha Hernandez, Regulatory Monitor. The denial was based upon a determination by the Planning and Development Department that the "certificate of occupancy does not meet the requirements for the certificate of occupancy".

We are appealing the denial of the CAB registration based upon the fact that the use which has been operating at this location since October 2007 does have a valid Certificate of Occupancy and is a legal non-conforming alternative financial services use. The pertinent history is as follows:

- (1) The building which has been the business location for Texas Title Loans since October 2007 was constructed in 1979. The building permit was submitted on July 5, 1979 (Permit # 183447) for two commercial lease spaces addressed as 7501 and 7503 N. Lamar. A Occupancy was issued on October 9, 1979 for the permit indicating that the occupancy was "Lease Space Retail" (See Exhibit A).
- (2) At the time the permit was issued the property was zoned "GR" and "A," I<sup>st</sup> Height and Area District, with the building permit noting that the "east 5' of the lot zoned A I<sup>st</sup> no parking" and indicating that the building was not located on the residentially zoned portion of the lot. The property was rezoned in 2008 to "GR-MU-CO-NP" in connection with the Lamar Blvd/Justin Lane Station Area Plan TOD.

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- (3) The Zoning Ordinance in effect at the time of the building permit issuance was Chapter 45 of the City Code. There were two updates to Chapter 45 between 1978 and 1980. Both versions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding "GR" General Retail Districts (Section 45-22) and "LR" Local Retail Districts (Sec. 45-21) are identical. "GR" zoning allowed any uses permitted in "LR" and a range of other retail uses. "LR" uses included financial services such as banks, offices, and other local retail uses. (See Exhibit B)
- (4) In October 2007, Texas Title Loans entered into a lease to occupy the space at 7501. N. Lamar for its Credit Access Business which makes short-term car title loans and payday loans. On December 12, 2007 the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department staff re-issued a new CO for this location under the original building permit #183447 to H.M. Caskey, the owner of the property. This action was taken by the owner to ensure that the tenant could lawfully occupy the space.
- (5) The CO reissued by the City in 2007 referenced the same building occupancy as the original 1979 CO, or "lease space retail." The specific use stated in the re-issued CO is: "I story concrete (T.L.T. Wall) steel comm. Retail sales bldg." Since the use of the property did not trigger a Building Code use and occupancy group change, the description of the use of the property remained the same in the re-issued CO. (See Exhibit C)

The correct conclusion is that the re-issued CO is valid for the continued use of 7501 N. Lamar by Texas Title Loans because it is based upon the original building permit which is still recognized by the City. The fact that the CO does not specifically mention financial services or another office use is irrelevant in this case because the CO dates back to the ordinances in effect at the time of the original permit, as is stated on the re-issued CO. The denial of the CAB registration on the grounds that the "certificate of occupancy does not meet the requirements for the certificate of occupancy" is wholly without merit.

The amount of information which has been put on a CO has varied over the years, as has the reference to the use or occupancy. Technically, a CO is supposed to indicate the Building Code use and occupancy group classification. However, it appears that staff is now looking for a zoning use description to be reflected on COs, in addition to the use and occupancy group pursuant to the Building Code requirements. The fact that the CO in question does not specifically reference the exact zoning use of the property as staff desires, does not make it an invalid CO.

In summary, to deny the Texas Title Loans CAB despite the CO dated December 12, 2007, which was specifically re-issued at that time to confirm the legality of the use when the present tenant moved in, is in essence ignoring the validity of the original building permit which still applies to this building and the permitted "GR" use of the site which is still operating at this location.

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For these reasons, we respectfully request your acknowledgement that the re-issued 2007 CO for 7501 N. Lamar is a valid and lawful CO in order that the CAB registration can be approved and, if necessary, that you correct the CO to clarify the use in order to alleviate any future issues regarding the current non-conforming alternative financial use of the property.

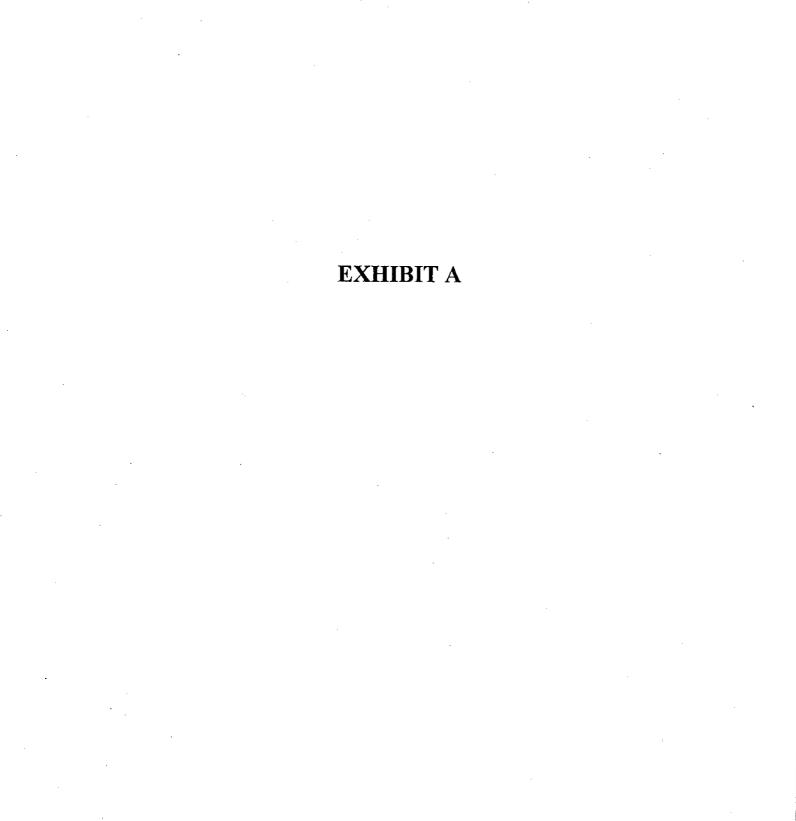
We appreciate your prompt attention to this request as there also is a pending Code Compliance action regarding the zoning and the CO for the use. Please let me know if any additional information or explanation would be helpful.

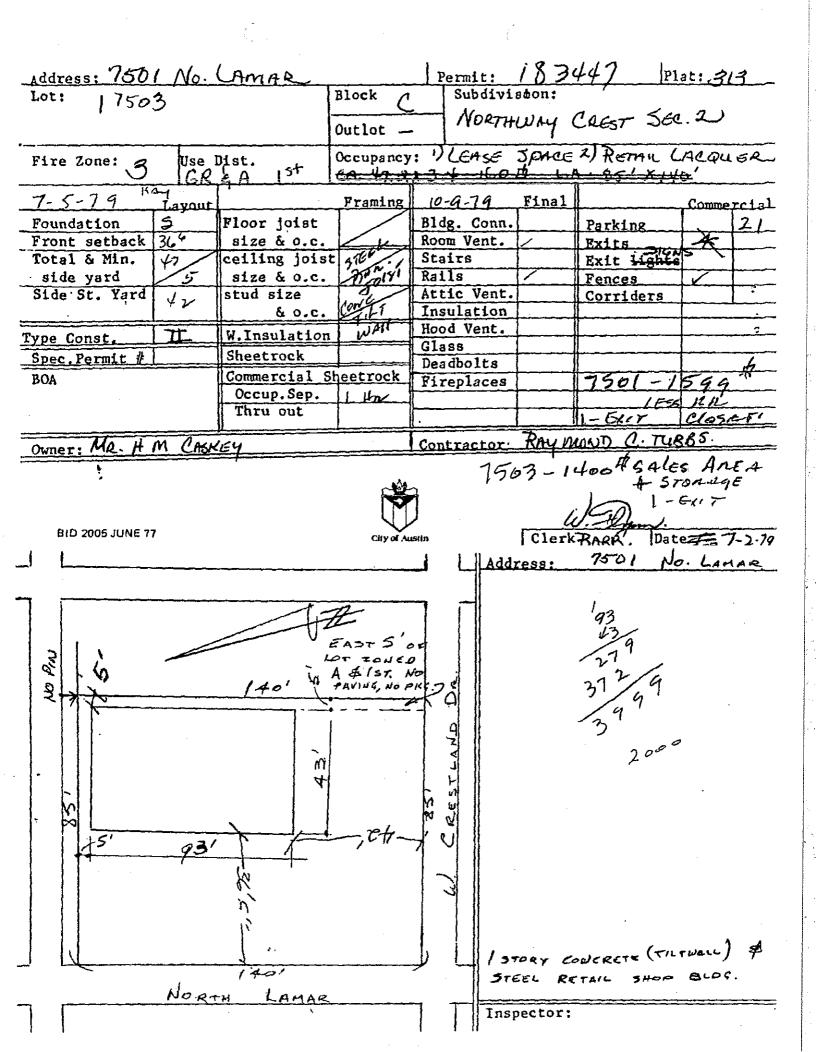
Sincerely,

Katherine P. Loayza

Attachments

cc: Jim Nias, firm





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sales bldg.		

BID 2004

## **EXHIBIT B**

## Sec. 45-21. "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICTS.

In an "LR" local retail district no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected or structurally altered, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, except for one or more of the uses enumerated in this section. The "LR" local retail district is designed for retail businesses of a local character, and wholesale establishments are not to be located within this district. Permitted uses are enumerated as follows:

(a) Any use permitted in an "O" office district.

(b) A bakery.

(c) Banks, offices, wholesale sales offices and sample rooms.

(d) Barbershops, beauty shops, and any other personal service shops.

(e) Cafes, cafeterias, and restaurants in a building.

(f) Camera shops and photographic supplies.

(g) Cleaning and pressing shops.

(h) Drugstores, soda fountains, soft drink stands, and candy and tobacco shops.

(i) Gasoline service stations when a permit has been secured from the city council. (3-19-59.)

(j) Grocery stores or grocery stores including the sale of beer and wine, as defined by state law, in unopened containers for off-premises consumption. (11-3-66.)

(k) Ice vending stations.

Jewelry and optical goods.

(m) Meat markets.

(n) Nurseries and greenhouses.

(o) Pickup stations for receiving and delivering of articles to be dyed or laundered, but no actual work shall be done on the premises.

(p) Shoe repair shops.

(q) Variety stores.

(r) Washaterias or self-service laundries equipped with automatic washing machines, dryers and ironers of the type customarily found in a home, and where the customer may personally supervise the handling of his laundry.

(s) Wearing apparel shops.

(t) Signs, as provided in section 45-31.

(u) Any other local retail use supplying the everyday shopping needs of the immediate neighborhood and subject to the following conditions:

(1) That it be conducted wholly within an enclosed building.(2) That required yards be not used for display, sale or storage of merchandise, or for the storage of vehicles, equipment, containers or waste material.

(3) That all merchandise be first hand and be sold at retail on the premises.

(4) That there be no manufacturing or processing on the premises.
(5) That such use be not objectionable because of odor, excessive light, smoke, dust, noise, vibration, presence of vermin or rodents, or similar nuisances.

(v) Uses by special permit only, which shall include the following:(1) Trailer courts when in compliance with chapter 33. (3-19-59.)

- (2) Uses permitted in the "GR" general retail district without a special permit, when located adjoining or across a public street or alley from a "GR" general retail or less restricted district.
- (3) Veterinary hospital or clinic with hospital, clinic, surgical, and commercial dog kennel facilities, provided that: (781207-E)
- a. All facilities including commercial dog kennels and runs are located within the building; and (781207-E),
  - b. The facility uses year-round central air systems; and,
- c. The hospital or clinic is limited to the treatment of non-farm animals; and,
- d. The facility does not produce a noise level in excess of 50 dB(A) at any property line (the "A" scale shall be used for reference), and no building or any part thereof is located closer than twenty-five feet to any property line abutting a "B" Residence or more restrictive use district. (731115-B.)
- (4) A public stable or riding academy when located on a site of not less than ten acres.
- (5) A drive-in theater located on a site of not less than ten acres and in compliance with sections 4-10 to 4-27. (3-19-59.)
  - (6) Motels when in compliance with chapter 33. (3-19-59.)
- (7) An apartment dwelling group, in accordance with the provisions concerning apartment dwelling groups in section 45-19. (1-7-60.) (7-17-41; 3-19-59; 1-7-60; 661103-B.)
- (8) Town houses, in accordance with the provisions concerning town houses in section 45-18 (g) (8). (731115-A.)
- (9) Those uses permitted in an "0" office district by special permit under the same conditions as imposed in "0" office districts. (771006-L).

## Sec. 45-22. "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICTS.

In a "GR" general retail district no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected or structurally altered, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, except for one or more of the uses enumerated in this section. The "GR" general retail district is designed for retail businesses of general character, and wholesale establishments are not to be located in this district. Permitted uses are enumerated as follows:

(1) Any use permitted in the "LR" local retail district.

(2) Ambulance services.

(3) Aquarium, bird, and pet shops.

(4) An auto laundry, without boiler, heating, and steam cleaning facilities, in which all washing operations are carried on within a building.

(5) An auto repair garage, where all work is conducted inside a building

not including the open storage of vans, trailers, or trucks.

(6) Auto seat covers and covering.

(7) Cafes, cafeterias, and restaurants, with or without drive-in facilities, including the sale, dispensing and otherwise handling of alcoholic beverages, distilled spirits, liquors, wines, vinous liquors, ales, malt liquors, beer, and mixed beverages as those terms are defined in the Texas Liquor Control Act; Articles 666-667, Vernon's Texas Penal Code, direct to the consumer, for consumption on the premises, but not for resale; provided, that the sale of the above beverages is incidental and secondary to the sale of food and similar commodities for human consumption, and that such sale conforms to all the regulations of the state Liquor Control Act with reference to licenses and permits, time and manner of sale; and that the land or building is used at such location as a restaurant or cafe as defined in section 45-1; and that where food or refreshments are served on the premises, outside of the building and within fifty feet of a property line abutting an "O" office or more restricted district, a solid fence, dense hedge or other opaque barrier, not less than six feet high to within ten feet of a street line, is placed on the property lines where the property lines abut or adjoin such "O" office or more restricted district, or any land improved and used for residential purposes; and that where facilities are provided for any loudspeaker or other sound device to broadcast or play on the outside of the building any speech, songs, or instrumental music, the sound level at or beyond the property line shall not exceed fifty decibels. No food or drink may be served to vehicles parked on the public street. (11-3-66; 710610-A.)

(8) Catering and wedding services.

(9) Commercial billboards or advertising signs.

(10) Craft and hobby shops, fix-it shops, bicycle repairs, saw filing, lawn mower sharpening; but without an outside garage.

(11) Curtain cleaning shops.

(12) Department stores; sporting goods, novelty, or toy shops.

(13) Dyeing plants.(14) Electrical goods:

(a) Electronic wholesale distributors subject to the following limitations:

1. The distributor's place of business shall have no more than ten thousand square feet of floor area.

2. Sales by such distributor of household merchandise (as opposed to industrial merchandise) shall constitute at least eighty per cent of the business of such establishment. (6-11-64.)

(15) Electrical repairing (domestic equipment and autos).

(16) Exterminating companies.

(17) Film developing and printing.

(18) Furniture repairs and upholstering, with all storage and display within a building.

(19) Frozen food lockers.

(20) Hardware, paints, wall paper.

(21) Household and office furniture, furnishings and appliances.

(22) Repealed by Ordinance No. 740919-A.

(23) Motels.

(24) Motion picture theaters.

(25) Office buildings.

(26) Piano and musical instruments.

(27) Commercial parking garages or any other automobile facility for parking of passenger cars and trucks of less than one-ton capacity only, where the rental of space is on an hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

(28) Plumbing shops without warehouse facilities (to include store for ordinary repairs but not storage of materials for contracting work).

(29) Rug cleaning shops, chemical type, where all cleaning operations are carried on within a building, where rugs are laid flat, the chemicals mixed with water and applied with a brush, and removed by vacuum cleaning, entirely without the generation of dust.

(30) Seed stores.

31) Taxi dispatch offices.

(32) Sale of new or used passenger cars and trucks of less than one-ton capacity. Vehicles shall be in operating condition and open display or storage areas shall be surfaced in accordance with the requirement for off-street parking spaces. Separate parts, motors, or other portions of vehicles shall be firsthand and sold at retail and shall be displayed or stored within an enclosed building. (3-19-59.)

(33) Sale of new or used boats. Boats shall be in operating condition and open display or storage areas shall be surfaced in accordance with requirements for off-street parking spaces. Separate parts, motors, or portions of boats shall be firsthand and sold at retail and shall be

displayed or stored within an enclosed building. (3-19-59.)

(34) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to the uses enumerated in this section. No accessory use shall be construed to permit the keeping of articles or materials in the open or on the outside of the building.

(35) Signs as provided in section 45-31.

(36) Any other retail use, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That it is conducted wholly within an enclosed building.(b) That required yards shall not be used for display, sale, or storage of vehicles, equipment, containers, or waste material.

(c) That all merchandise is firsthand and sold at retail on the premises. (10-4-56.)

(d) That there is no manufacturing or processing; except, that which is incidental and essential to an enterprise in which all merchandise is sold at retail on the premises.

(e) That such use is not objectionable because of odor, excessive light, smoke, dust, noise, vibration, presence of vermin or rodents, or similar nuisances.

(37) Skating rinks or bowling alleys, when air conditioned and designed to reduce external noise to a minimum at the property line.

(38) Trampoline centers. (7-14-60.)

Uses by special permit only, which shall include the following: (a) Uses permitted in the "C" commercial district without a special permit, and when located adjoining or across a public street or alley from a "C" commercial or less restricted district.

(b) A veterinary hospital or clinic in accordance with the provisions of section 45-21 (v) (3). (731115-B.)

(c) A public stable or riding academy when located on a site of not less than five acres.

(d) Drive-in theaters when located on a site of not less than ten acres and in compliance with sections 4-10 to 4-27. (3-19-59.)

(e) Trailer courts when in compliance with chapter 33. (3-19-59.)

(f) An apartment dwelling group in accordance with the provisions concerning apartment dwelling groups in section 45-19. (1-7-60.) (7-17-41; 10-4-56; 3-19-59; 1-7-60; 6-11-64; 661103-B.)

(g) Town houses, in accordance with the provisions concerning town houses in section 45-18 (g) (8). (731115-A.)

(h) Those uses permitted in an "LR" local retail district by special permit under the same conditions as are imposed in "LR" local retail districts. (771006-L).

## Sec. 45-22.1. "AV" Airport District

In an "AV" airport district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected or structurally altered unless otherwise provided in this chapter, except for one or more of the following uses:

(1) Any use directly associated with the operation, service, fueling, repair, storage, charter, sales and rental of aircraft, and/or associated

equipment.

- (2) Assembly and sale of aircraft, air frames, aircraft engines, aircraft parts and associated components such as radios and navigational equipment.
- (3) Airport customer service uses inlouding, but not limited to, auto service stations, restaurants, bookstores, lounges, newsstands, dry cleaning, barbershops, secretarial services, drug stores, flower shops. gift shops, motels and hotels, and other uses and services of similar nature. (790419-I)

## Sec. 45-12. FILING OF PLATS PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS.

All applications for building permits from the city shall be accompanied by a plat, in duplicate, drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions of the lot to be built upon, the location and size of the proposed building, the location of proposed accessory buildings, all in relation to lot lines, and such other information as may be necessary to provide for the enforcement of this chapter. A complete and accurate record of such applications and plats shall be kept in the office of the building inspector. (7-17-41.)

## Sec. 45-13. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLIANCE.

(a) No existing building, and no building erected or structurally altered, shall be occupied, used or changed in use until a certificate of occupancy and compliance shall have been issued by the building inspector, stating that the building and proposed use of building or land complies with all provisions of this Code and all other applicable building and health laws and ordinances and with the provisions of this Code and all other ordinances relating to electrical and plumbing installation and with the provisions of this chapter. Certificates of occupancy and compliance shall be applied for coincident with the application for a building permit and shall be issued within five days after the erection or structural alteration of such building shall have been completed in conformity with the provisions of this chapter and the other laws and ordinances referred to in this section. A record of all certificates shall be kept on file in the office of the building inspector and copies shall be furnished on request to persons having a proprietary or tenancy interest in the building affected. No fee shall be charged for an original certificate, but for copies of any original certificate there shall be a charge of fifty cents each.

(b) The use of a building already erected on July 17, 1941, shall not be changed from one class of use to another, unless and until a certificate of occupancy and compliance with the provisions of this chapter has

been obtained from the building inspector.

(c) No yard, court, or other open spaces provided about any building for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this chapter shall again be used as a yard, court, or open spaces for another building.

(d) Before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and permit to engage in the sale of beer or wine in connection with a restaurant or cafe by the building official, to whom the applicant has been certified as having complied with all ordinances of the city applicable to the sale of beer and wine, the applicant shall file with the city clerk a certificate from the city health officer showing that he has complied with all sanitary and health laws, ordinances and regulations of the state and the city. (7-17-41; 661103-B.)

## **EXHIBIT C**



## REISSUED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

## WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

BUILDING PERMIT NO. 183447

ORIGINAL DATE: 07/02/1979

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT: Northway Crest Sec. 2

ZONING: Plat 313 Lot 1 Blk. C

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW WAS INSPECTED AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE FOR USE LISTED BELOW.

ADDRESS: 7501 North Lamar Blvd.

USE: 1 story concrete (T.L.T. Wall) steel comm. Retail sales bldg.

OWNER: H.M. Caskey

REMARKS: Lease space retail

Leon Barba, Building Official

BY: L.B.

## PLEASE NOTICE

'NEITHER THE ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE NOR THE INSPECTIONS MADE SHALL LESSEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY OF ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION, OWNING, OPERATING, CONTROLLING OR INSTALLING ANY APPLIANCE OR MATERIAL UPON THE PREMISES, OR DOING ANY WORK WHATSOEVER ON SUCH PREMISES.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY BY REASON OF THE INSPECTION, OR REINSPECTION, OF THE PREMISES; OR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY"; OR BY REASON OF ANY APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

## TX TITLE LOANS & PAYDAY LOANS

12/02/2013

City of Austin

Planning and Development Review Department

To Whom it May Concern:

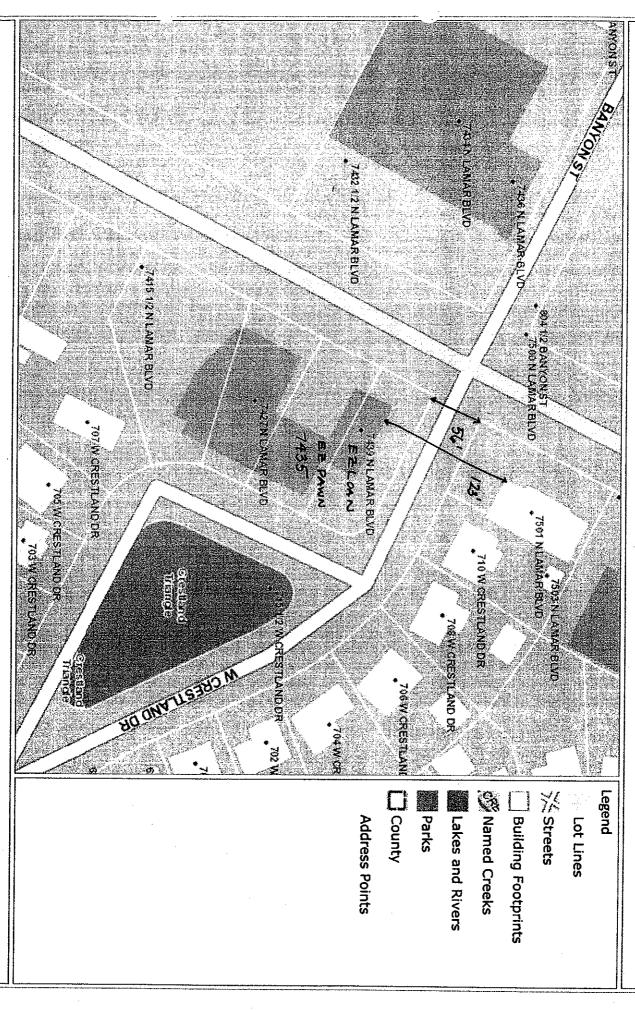
Re: Letter of authorization for 7501 N. Lamar B.O.A. variance requests

I hereby authorize Katherine Loayza and Jim Nias of Jackson Walker L.L.P. to submit an application to the Board of Adjustment on behalf of Texas Loan Brokers I, LLC d/b/a Texas Title Loans for the requested B.O.A. variances on my behalf, and to handle all matters related to said application.

Sincerely,

Todd Pearah

## EZ LOAN/EZ PAWN



THIS PRODUCT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR OR BE SUITABLE FOR LEGAL, ENGINEERING, OR SURVEYING PURPOSES. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ON-THE-GROUND SURVEY AND REPRESENTS ONLY THE APPROXIMATE RELATIVE LOCATION OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. THIS PRODUCT HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE. NO WARRANTY IS MADE BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN REGARDING SPECIFIC ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS.

# City of Austin, Texas



# CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESS

# REGISTRATION # A20130091116A Issued to the following location:

ued to the following location:
TEXAS EZPAWN LP
7435 N LAMAR BLVD
AUSTIN, TX 78752

## **EXPIRATION DATE: 8/19/2014**

This certificate must be renewed annually

issued in accordance with provisions of Chapter 4-12 of the Code of the City of Austin. The Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs must be notified of all material change within 45 days of the change. Kondella M. Dlawkins

Rondella Hawkins, Director

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## City of Austin

## CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

## BUILDING PERMIT NO. 1984-016096 BP ISSUE DATE: 01/08/1985

BUILDING ADDRESS:

7435 Lamar Boulevard North

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northway Crest Wallace Sur Block: Lot: Ltl Bl D 2 & 10x60ft Jp Northway Crest Wallace Sur Ltl

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PROPOSED OCCUPANCY:

C-1000 Commercial Remodel

Remodel - Repels Comm Bldg To Min Stds 120 Days

BUILDING GROUP / DIVISION: B-2

REMODEL BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE:

SPRINKLER SYSTEM:

CODE YEAR:

CODE TYPE:

FIXED OCCUPANCY: 0

NON FIXED OCCUPANCY:

**CONTRACTOR** 

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE HAS BEEN INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE FOR THE GROUP AND DIVISION OF OCCUPANCY LISTED ABOVE.

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BUILDING CODE REVIEWER:

Barba, Building Official

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Consumer Helpline: (800) 538-1579



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## **Search Results**

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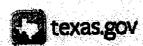
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## City of Austin

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## CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESS RENEWAL APPLICATION

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## Office of

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## STATE OF TEXAS

Credit Access Business License

License Number: 771-61995

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**AUSTIN, TX 78752** 7435 N LAMAR BLVD EZMONEY LOAN SERVICES TEXAS EZPAWN LP

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## Site Development Exemption Request

or survey plan that graphically indicates, but is not limited to,: Attach a detailed description of the proposed development in a memorandum or letter and a site plat

erosion controls (i.e.: silt fencing, tree protection) all areas of impervious cover levels (existing & proposed) parking areas existing trees roadways/streets buildings on-site sewage (septic) accessible parking location of construction systems and drain fields access route type of construction limits of construction

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do hereby certify that I am the

pursuant to Chapter 25-5-2 of the Austin City Code, described property, and in this capacity, submit this request for exemption from the site plan submittal requirements wher Fowner's agent (to act as the owner's agent, written authorization from the owner must be provided) of this (PRINT NAME)

Furthermore, I certify and acknowledge that:

- 1. Although the proposed development does not require a formal site plan approval, it may require, prior to beginning any site work, the approval of the subdivision or issuance of a building, remodel, and/or demolition permit;
- 2. Although the proposed development complies with all applicable zoning regulations, it does not prohibit enforcement of restrictive covenants and/or deed restrictions;

The approval of this exemption request does not constitute authorization to violate any provisions of the Austin City

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## DODSON CIVIL GROUP, LLC

361 Middle Crock, Buda, TX 78610

March 9, 2012

COA, Development Assistance Center 505 Barton Springs Rd Austin, TX 78702

RE: Site plan exemption for 7439 N Lamar Blvd

Dear Reviewers,

occupancy. They wish to add financial services to the C.O. The owner of the tract is requesting a site plan exemption to amend their current certificate of

The following services are currently in use in the building:

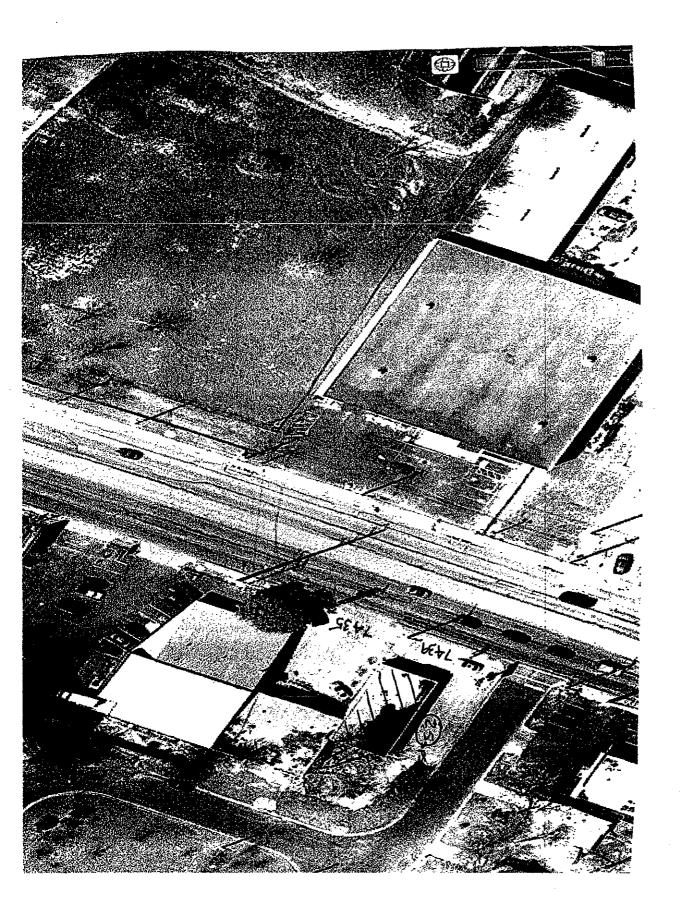
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standalone structure and all the parking is in place. There is no construction proposed with this change. The financial services business occupies approximately 300 sf of the space. The entire business is a

If you have any questions please contact me at 748-3253

Andrew Dodson, PE

Dodson Civil Group, LLC



March 8th 2012

Re.: 7439 N. Lamar, Austin TX 78752

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter shall act as authorization for Andy Dodson, PE., 1 Dauda, the owner and landlord, in matters regarding Site-pl changes to the Use at the above property.

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