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ORDINANCE 2023-482-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ZONING EXCEPTION E-23-46 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED INCOUNCIL DISTRICT 10 AT 5045 SOUTEL DRIVE, BETWEEN ARCHERY AVENUE AND LEANDER J. SHAW JR. STREET (R.E. NO. 038260-0010), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY BENFARAH, LLC, REQUESTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OR FACILITY WHICH INCLUDES THE RETAIL SALE AND SERVICE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCLUDING LIQUOR, BEER OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION FOR ALLUSIONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE, INC., IN ZONING DISTRICT COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY/GENERAL-1 (CCG-1), AS DEFINED CLASSIFIED UNDER THE ZONING CODE; ADOPTING RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an application for a zoning exception, On File with the City Council Legislative Services Division, was filed by Lawrence Yancy for Allusions Restaurant and Lounge, Inc., on behalf of the owner of property located in Council District 10 at 5045 Soutel Drive, between Archery Avenue and Leander J. Shaw Jr. Street (R.E. No. 038260-0010) (the "Subject Property"), requesting an establishment or facility which includes the retail sale and service of all alcoholic beverages, including liquor, beer or wine for on-premises consumption, in Zoning District Commercial Community/General-1 (CCG-1); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has considered the application and all attachments thereto and has rendered an advisory recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice, held a public hearing and having duly considered both the testimonial and documentary evidence presented at the public hearing, has made its recommendation to the Council; now, therefore

Section 1. Adoption of Findings and Conclusions. The Council has considered the recommendation of the Land Use and Zoning Committee and reviewed the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department concerning application for zoning exception E-23-46. Based upon the competent, substantial evidence contained in the record, the Council hereby determines that the requested zoning exception meets each of the following criteria required to grant the request pursuant to Section 656.131(c), Ordinance Code, as specifically identified in the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department:

- (1) Will be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including any subsequent plan adopted by the Council pursuant thereto;
- (2) Will be compatible with the existing contiguous uses or zoning and compatible with the general character of the area, considering population density, design, scale and orientation of structures to the area, property values, and existing similar uses or zoning;
- (3) Will not have an environmental impact inconsistent with the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- (4) Will not have a detrimental effect on vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or parking conditions, and will not result in the generation or creation of traffic inconsistent with the health, safety and welfare of the community;

(5) Will not have a detrimental effect on the future development of contiguous properties or the general area, according to the Comprehensive Plan, including any subsequent amendment to the plan adopted by the Council;

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- (6) Will not result in the creation of objectionable or excessive noise, lights, vibrations, fumes, odors, dust or physical activities, taking into account existing uses or zoning in the vicinity;
 - (7) Will not overburden existing public services and facilities;
- (8) Will be sufficiently accessible to permit entry onto the property by fire, police, rescue and other services; and
- (9) Will be consistent with the definition of a zoning exception, and will meet the standards and criteria of the zoning classification in which such use is proposed to be located, and all other requirements for such particular use set forth elsewhere in the Zoning Code, or otherwise adopted by the Planning Commission or Council.

Therefore, zoning exception application E-23-46 is hereby approved.

Section 2. Owner and Description. The Subject Property is owned by Benfarah, LLC and is described in Exhibit 1, dated August 1, 2023, and graphically depicted in Exhibit 2, both attached hereto. The applicant is Lawrence Yancy, 1309 St. Johns Bluff Road North, Building A, Suite 2, Jacksonville, Florida 32225; (904) 568-4317.

Section 3. Distribution by Legislative Services. Legislative Services is hereby directed to mail a copy of this legislation, as enacted, to the applicant and any other parties to this matter who testified before the Land Use and Zoning Committee or otherwise filed a qualifying written statement as defined in Section 656.140(c), Ordinance Code.

Section 4. Effective Date. The enactment of this Ordinance

shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the Council President and Council Secretary. Failure to exercise the zoning exception, if herein granted, by the commencement of the use or action herein approved within one (1) year of the effective date of this legislation shall render this zoning exception invalid and all rights arising therefrom shall terminate.

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon K. Eller

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Connor Corrigan

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