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Clay Arts Vegas, LLC is requesting a SPECIAL USE PERMIT for permission to perform Custom and Craft Work at rear of building, contained within an 8' tall concrete block wall enclosure, this will include firing of kilns.

WHO WE ARE:

CLAY ARTS VEGAS, LLC (CAV) is creating a pottery studio and adjoining gallery in the Las Vegas Arts District. Our studio will provide open enrollment classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced ceramic artists. The studio will have 10 wheels for student use as well as a large hand building area. We will provide a professional finish to student work by firing pieces at high temperature. The gallery space will be sub-divided using office partitions and 5'-9" tall book cases. The space will feature a 978 square foot retail space for finished ceramic art and a Laguna Clay distributor for clay, glaze, and hand tools products.

REQUEST:

We are requesting a SPECIAL USE PERMIT to use a natural gas and propane fired appliance (kiln) at this location. In order for our business to grow and develop, we need the ability to fire this type of kiln on-site. We will be providing services to 70 plus artists per week with retail sales, gallery sales, and recreational classes. 1509/1519 S Main Street is currently zoned C-2. To the North, our neighbor is an AAMCO Transmission shop, which shares one wall and a concrete block perimeter wall; to the South, a JACK-IN-THE-BOX restaurant with drive thru is separated by our 40-space parking lot and a concrete block wall. This property has a 6500 square foot paved parking lot which adjoins an unnamed alley East of the property.

EXISTING CITY POLICY:

Currently the appliance (kiln) we are proposing is used at similar studios around Clark County (Pottery West, Aardvark Clay and Supply), many of the Clark County High Schools, and at ceramic studios around the world also use this appliance. Within a two (2) mile radius there are two studios using similar appliances, Domskey Glass at 2758 South Highland Drive Unit A and Artist Iron Works 105 West Charleston Boulevard. The Las Vegas Academy at 315 S. 7th Street, currently uses the appliance, we are proposing, in an outdoor setting in a chain-linked yard.

JUSTIFICATION:

The appliance (kiln) will be placed within a 44' x 25' area, enclosed by a concrete block privacy wall that opens to our parking lot with an 8' gate. There will be no noise pollution created from this appliance (kiln), which will not be seen from the street. Without the ability for us to install and use a propane or natural gas appliance (kiln), we will not be able to be competitive with other studios in the area. We need gas firing to create a professional finish on the work created in this studio. Locating the appliance (kiln) outside will reduce the costs for cooling the space and thereby our carbon footprint.

CAV is working with Tom Burkart; together we have spoken with: Mark Rex in CLV Planning, Rob White, Chas Reichold, and Rob Clark in the Building Department, and Ken Miller in the Fire Engineering and Safety office. All parties are positive, and helpful about what we are doing.

Thank you for considering us for a Special Use Permit

Thomas Bumblauskas, Executive Director, and Founder.
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