

## STEWART + REINDERSMA ARCHITECTURE, PLLC.

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Re: Southern Sunset Plaza

Façade Upgrade

Justification & Compatibility Statement 1300 S. Country Club Drive, Suite 1306

Mesa, Arizona 85210 APN: 134-22-908A

To: City of Mesa

Zoning Administrator Planning and Development Department

55 N. Center Street Mesa, Arizona 85211

## Justification & Compatibility Summary Statement

This letter is to provide justification and compatibility for the façade upgrade of the existing shopping center, Southern Sunset Plaza, at 1300 S. Country Club Drive

We are applying for a Substantial Conformance Improvement Permit (SCIP). The following summary is to provide substantial conformance to explain that the façade upgrade to the exiting shopping center shall meet substantial compliance of the current code:

To establish that we are/ or are not creating any of the following.

- A) The demolition or reconstruction of existing buildings or other significant structures.
- B) The cessation of the existing conforming use, or the preclusion of any other lawful, permitted use.
- C) The creation of new-conformities such as a decrease in the number of on-site parking spaces below the required minimum, diminution of the water retention areas to less than the minimum required, constriction in the required vehicular access or fire lanes, or reduction of handicapped accessibility.

## Current condition of the center.

The center comprises of one "L" shaped in-line shops building with 199,727 sq. ft. of tenant space, of which 84,814 sq. are available for lease. There are four (4) pad buildings on separate lots, two of which are drive-thru restaurants (McDonalds & Taco Bell), a Chase Bank and a check cashing - these pads are not a part of the centers property, but are individual parcels.

The tenants in the "L" shaped existing in-line shops building center include:

- A) AZ Event Center
- B) Carrington College
- C) Antique Mall
- D) American Pacesetters
- E) K-momo
- F) Kona Cleaners

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- G) China Panda
- H) Cricket Wireless
- 1) Campos Enterprises

## Proposed Façade Upgrade:

The proposed façade upgrade of the entire shopping center will greatly enhance the exterior vocabulary of the center. This upgrade will follow the City of Mesa's desired street appeal and pedestrian access, making it a showcase along one of the major thorough fares of the City.

The center is zoned LC (City of Mesa), and currently has a mixed occupancy of retail, restaurants, cleaners, event center and a college. The parking comply's with the minimum standard set by the City's parking regulation. We are not adding nor demolishing any building in the center.

The proposed façade upgrade:

- shall add landscaping to substantially comply with the City's requirements.
- will not include the demolition of any of the existing buildings.
- includes the remodel of the exterior of the entire center, by reconstructing the exterior of the existing building.
- shall not decrease the number of on-site parking spaces below the required minimum, nor
  shall it diminish of the water retention areas to less than the minimum required, nor will it
  constrict the required vehicular access or fire lanes, or reduce handicapped accessibility.

The proposed façade upgrade meets the building setback, height limitation, on-site parking and landscape design.

Sincerely,

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