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City of Mesa

Board of Adjustments

PRA-20-00073

Justification Statement

Happy Wife Storage, LLC is requesting a special use permit to install an 80-foot-tall flag pole. We are located in East Mesa in a vastly under developed area. Based on the Mesa 2040 General Plan our property at 3815 S. Sossaman Rd. is in an area defined as Mixed-Use Activity / Employment. We are also located in the Airfield Overlay District in the AOA 3 area.

We are a large parcel of land approximately 12 acres. With the installation of a prominent American flag this will make the area a strong and viable center for commercial activity. With the surrounding land use goal to be employment. I envision additional office buildings with American flags in the immediate area.

Since our project will be surrounded by a mixed-use community, a flag pole of our proposed size will be a common marker to create and identify a sense of community. This area will be encompassing a wide variety of employment, industrial, office, retail, medical, educational, community service, tourism, entertainment, open space, recreation and residential uses to provide a complete community.

The US Flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles and commitment of its people. When we properly and boldly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents. We feel as the epicenter of this growing and prosperous area, an 80 foot pole waving our flag would be the best way to provide complete community and integrate all building whether vertical or horizontal in this area.

With regard to AOA 3 the requested height of 80' should not affect or impact the airport as we are on the outer edge. There are existing utility poles & cellular towers with similar height. Our property is not in the direct flight path with the way the airport runways are designed N/W or S/E.

As you can see on the proposed site plan, we fall in the AOA-3 area. Federal law requires project developers to notify the FAA of any proposal to build or alter a structure or object that is:

Taller than 200 feet above ground level (AGL)

Or Taller than the height of an imaginary surface extending outward and upward from the runway at a slope of 100 to 1 within 20,000 feet of any runway at an airport with at least one runway longer than 3,200 feet (such as the runways at the Airport)

Our application for a SUP clearly states that the AGL height of the flagpole will be 80 feet, clearly in compliance with the height restrictions of this area.

In closing I would also like to mention that we are a Veteran owned company and would be honored to fly a prominent American flag in the Mesa community at our business.