

Required Finding for a Special Use Permit



Narrative

General Description

Fun Box Bounce Park Fun Box is a fun, safe and traveling bounce park - the largest of its kind in the world! Our one-of-a-kind inflatable park occupies roughly 15,000 sf of supervised bouncing and climbing fun for all ages. We will occupy roughly 35,000-40,000 sf of "underused" parking spaces in the Superstition Springs Mall parking area located on the west side of the mall. In addition to the inflatable park, we will offer for sale a few items to include water, socks, snow cones, and popcorn. We anticipate that the setup of the park will take between four and seven days and will include, in addition to the bounce park, a 150kw generator, power distribution boxes, fans, port-o-potties, hand wash stations, canopies (5-6), tables, chairs, a trailer for storage, snow cone station, and a chain link fence. We anticipate bringing between 30,000 and 50,000 patrons to the bounce house over the course of 12-14 weekends. We will also operate during the week on days when children are not in school.

Preliminary Items:

1. Fun Box will operate January 10, 2023 through April 2, 2023 and ***will not conflict with Sanctum of Horror***. We will operate again in the fall beginning on 11/22/23 and running through 2/25/2024. Again, we will not ever conflict with Sanctum of Horror.
2. We are principally a day-time activation. We attract a "family crowd" with young children. Our patrons have always been very well-behaved and orderly. We have never needed the services of a professional security company, but we are willing to hire as needed, if the city deems necessary. We do not sell alcohol. Our rented space is secured with locked fencing overnight. All tools, generators and other electrical equipment are also locked when not in use. After-hour security is managed with the help of mall security making several nightly drives around the event to ensure no abnormal activity.
3. Signage/banners will be placed on fencing around bounce park. This signage will direct traffic, tastefully advertise, and provide safety/privacy for the park and patrons. We will place signage on the day of construction and will take the signage down the day after closing. Our signage will remain within the fenced area throughout the event.

- 1. Approval of the proposed project will advance the goals and objectives of and is consistent with the policies of the general plan and any other applicable City plan and/or policies.**

The General Plan calls for a need to provide entertainment, safe and inviting retail areas, and redevelopment of areas of the city that are beginning to show age. We are convinced that Fun Box, the world's largest bounce park, will offer the City of Mesa all of these opportunities. We are a unique and exciting form of entertainment that brings people from all around the Valley to our family-friendly event. We provide wholesome, fun entertainment for families, especially those with young children ages 3-12. Fun Box will bring 30,000-50,000 patrons to Superstition Springs Mall from all around the Valley over the course of 3 months.

- 2. The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed project are consistent with the purposes of the district where it is located and conform with the General Plan and with any applicable City plan or policies.**

Superstition Springs Mall provides a nearly perfect setting for Fun Box. Please note that the mall and Fun Box attract similar patrons. We believe that Fun Box will be a great attraction for the mall and the mall will, in turn, bring visitors to the Fun Box. Superstition Springs Mall is a great venue for entertainment. Please note that our designated location at the mall is far enough away from homes that Fun Box will not create any noise pollution that can keep neighbors up at night. Also note that our rented space at the mall is not typically used by mall patrons, so the size and design of that space is ideal for our purposes. We operate 4 bounce house pieces, which, all combined, occupy roughly 20,000 square feet. Each section of the bounce park is designed, engineered, and built with safety as the highest priority. We will comply with the City of Mesa Fire Department Policies.

- 3. The proposed project will not be injurious or detrimental to the adjacent or surrounding properties in the area, nor will the proposed project or improvements be injurious to the neighborhood or general welfare of the City.**

Fun Box is new to Mesa but has built a stellar reputation for providing safe, fun entertainment for young families in Los Angeles California, Sacramento, California, Chandler, Arizona, and Scottsdale, Arizona. We work diligently to ensure a family-oriented atmosphere with the safety of our customers and crew as our highest priority. We have safety protocols in place to address minor emergencies as well as more serious events. Our staff is trained in emergency egress procedures, fire hazard identification and prevention, and general first aid. We will provide and clean, orderly, and quiet event that will be an asset to both the mall as well as the adjacent businesses and neighborhoods.

Note: We do not sell alcohol.

4. Adequate public services, public facilities, and public infrastructure are available to serve the proposed project.

Fun Box will rent a minimum of 4 public restrooms for our staff and customers to utilize during our operating hours. We will also have a minimum of two handwashing stations as well as hand sanitizer placed throughout the park. At least one of the four portable restrooms will be wheelchair accessible to ensure ADA compliance. Finally, we rent a 150kw generator to power the attraction and any other necessary tools needed for operation.
