

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing to you regarding Barriques' (926 S. Park St.) request of the city to issue a conditional use permit to continue their (non-compliant) coffee bean roasting operation.

This is a quality of life issue for those neighbors near the coffee shop - and farther away, depending on the force and direction of the wind.

For several years, I have on occasion, noticed an acrid burning odor while in my backyard, or in the front of my home while gardening. I had no idea where this offensive smell was originating until I began speaking with neighbors a few months ago. I learned that the source was and continues to be Barriques' coffee bean roasting operation. I would have never thought that this type of menace could come from a coffee shop, as the odor is certainly not the lovely smell of coffee brewing. It is, in fact, a rather troubling industrial-type burn that should not be wafting through a residential area.

I live at the corner of South Shore Drive and Whittier St., according to Google Maps, over 500 feet from Barriques. When they are roasting, and the wind drives that stink over to this area, I do not enjoy being outdoors. I have, in fact, run to another part of my property to avoid the fumes. I wonder, If it impacts me and my family this far away, how horrible it must be to live in closer proximity?

According to the ordinance governing the granting of such permits, the Commission "shall consider the effect of such a use on the surrounding properties, the effects of odors, noise, vibration, glare, hours of operation, and other potential side effects of a manufacturing process. "

In the Drafter's Analysis to the Amendment, which included this language, it was explained, "This ordinance ensures that each use is conditional and therefore subject to the Plan Commission's ability to attach conditions to and maintain jurisdiction over such uses. This will ensure that any potential side effects of the manufacturing process are controlled. "

Obviously, Barriques' continued bean roasting emissions has affected this neighborhood with effects of odors and other potential side effects of (its) manufacturing process.

Barriques has been a positive addition to the neighborhood with its coffee shop offerings, but its roasting operation is not welcome. I used to be a frequent customer, but now will continue to boycott this business until it takes its manufacturing emissions to an industrial area.

Sincerely,

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