

# *City of Lauderhill*

Special Exception Application No. 21-SE-010  
Meghna Enterprises, LLC DBA 12 ST Food Mart

## ***I. APPLICANT INFORMATION***

### PETITIONER

Meghna Enterprises LLC D/B/A 12 ST Food Mart

Muhammad Rafiqul Islam

4248 NW 12 ST

Lauderhill, FL 33313

### STATUS OF PETITIONER

Business Owner

## ***II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION***

### Requested Action

The Petitioner requests conveyance of a Special Exception Use to Meghna Enterprises, LLC D/B/A 12<sup>th</sup> ST Food Mart to allow continued use within the Commercial General (CG) zoning district of an Existing Convenience Store in an approximately 1205 sq. ft. unit on a 0.71± acre site located at 4248 NW 12 ST, Lauderhill, Florida.

Figure 1 below that provides an aerial of the subject site located on the along NW 12<sup>th</sup> ST approximately 650 feet West of State Road 7 (NW 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue):

**Figure 1**



Applicable Land Development Regulations

**LDR Article IV., Part 1.0., Subsection 1.3.1.**, addresses the pre-application conference

**LDR Article IV., Part 1.0., Subsection 1.3.2.**, provides for the Department to review any land development order application

**LDR Article IV., Part 1.0., Subsection 1.4.4.**, provides that within 45 days from the acceptance of the application for development subject to major review

**LDR Article IV., Part 4.0., subsection 4.5.A.** requires the application set forth in detail the proposed use

**LDR Article IV., Part 4.0., Subsection 4.5.B.** provides the Department shall not accept a special exception use application if the property is subject to unpaid city liens, fines or fees

**LDR Article III, Section 2.2.**, addresses assignment of zoning districts

**LDR Article III, Sections 2.3 and 2.4., and Schedule B.** respectively address permitted and special exception uses

**Article IV., Part 4.0., Section 4.6.**, Standards for approval, provides the City Commission, in reviewing any application for a special exception use, shall consider seven (7) specific standards

**LDR Article III, Sections 5.15.a (Amended, Ordinance No. 160-04-113, April 25, 2016), Convenience Store**

**III. SITE INFORMATION**

Legal Description

FLAIR SUBDIVISION NO 3 51-39 B LOT 27, 28, 29, 30 BLOCK 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4200-4248 NW 12<sup>TH</sup> ST, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA

Address

4200-4248 NW 12<sup>st</sup> St, Lauderhill, Florida

Land Use/Zoning:

Existing Land Use	Commercial
Future Land Use Designation	Transit Oriented Corridor
Zoning Designation	General Commercial (CG)

Adjacent Designations:

	Existing Use	Future Designation	Zoning
North	Commercial	Transit Oriented Corridor	(CC) Community Commercial
South	Commercial	Transit Oriented Corridor	(CF) Community Facility
East	Commercial	Transit Oriented Corridor	(CG) General Commercial
West	Multi-family Residential	Transit Oriented Corridor	(PL) Local Park

**IV. ZONING HISTORY**

Existing Special Exceptions

None

Violations

None

Existing Variances

None

**V. PLANNING ANALYSIS**

As stipulated in the Land Development Regulations, Article IV, Section 4.6, Standards for Approval, The Planning and Development Division has reviewed the proposed request pursuant to the following special exception considerations:

1. The effect of such use on surrounding properties.
2. The suitability of the use in regard to its location, site characteristics, and intended purpose.
3. Access, traffic generation and road capacities.
4. Economic benefits or liabilities.
5. Demands on utilities, community facilities, and public services.
6. Compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plans for Broward County and/or the City of Lauderdale.
7. Factors relating to safety, health, and general public welfare.

Based upon its review, staff finds the proposed use to be generally consistent with the above considerations. As such, staff recommends approval of the special exception request.

**LDR Article III, Sections 2.3 and 2.4., and Schedule B.** respectively address permitted and special exception uses. The LDR classifies Convenience Store, which is allowed in the General Commercial (CG) zoning district as a special exception use.

1. **The effect of such use on surrounding properties:** The subject property and all of the surrounding properties are designated Transit Oriented Corridor in the Future Land Use Map Series. The property is zoned General Commercial (CG) on the City of Lauderdale Zoning Map and located on the South side of NW 12<sup>st</sup> ST approximately 650 feet West of State Road 7. The Applicant is proposing to take over an existing Convenience Store Use within a commercial plaza. As the Convenience Store Use is existing, there will not be an adverse effect to the remainder of the commercial plaza or surrounding properties. As such, Staff concludes that this is an appropriate location for the proposed use as it pertains to the use's effect on the surrounding properties.
2. **The suitability of the use in regards to its location, site characteristics, and intended purpose and access:** The existing Convenience Store is located within a

small commercial plaza that is also the location of a restaurant use, a barber shop, and retail uses. The intended purpose is to continue to provide a service where the immediate community can continue to purchase everyday essential products. As the Use is in existence and is proposed to be Conveyed with the exact operational plan, Staff finds that the use is suitable in regard to location, characteristics and purpose.

3. **Access, traffic generation and road capacities:** Staff finds that there are two existing accesses, one at either end of the plaza. The first is on the NW 42<sup>nd</sup> Way side of the plaza and the second is on the NW 41 Ter side. The proposed Use will continue to exist with the same square footage and is not proposing any changes to the site. As such, Staff concludes conforms to this criteria as the intensity of the use will remain the same in regards to Access, traffic generation and road capacities.
  
4. **Economic benefits or liabilities:** Staff concludes that the proposed convenience store provides both direct and indirect economic benefits. The direct benefits are the continuation of jobs within the City of Lauderhill. An additional benefit is the collected sales tax and local business receipt tax. The indirect economic benefits could include sales taxes collected due to employee expenditures within the City. The economic liabilities would include the continued use of public services.
  
5. **Demands on utilities, community facilities, and public services:** Staff finds that the convenience store is an existing use and concludes that the continued operation of the use would not generate a greater demand on utilities and community facilities.
  
6. **Compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plans for Broward County and/or the City of Lauderhill:** Staff finds that a convenience store is a commercial use. The site and all abutting sites are designated Transit Oriented Corridor on the City's Future Land Use Map and the Future Broward County Land Use Plan. Both the City and the County plans allow for convenience stores within the Transit Oriented Corridor designation. Staff finds that this application is in conformance with the City and County Comprehensive plans.

7. **Factors relating to safety, health, and general public welfare:** Staff concludes that a convenience store can adversely impact the public safety, health, and general welfare unless such adverse impacts are substantially mitigated. Staff concludes that as opposed to other commercial uses, a convenience store is susceptible to increased crime. Staff concludes that the convenience store use shall be operated consistent with all applicable Florida State Statutes governing Convenience Businesses and regarding Security and training to include but not be limited to Florida State Statute Sections 812.171, 812.173, and 812.174. Staff concludes that through Special Exception Use conditions the adverse impacts of such can be substantially mitigated and that this application is in conformance with LDR Article IV, Part 4.0, Section 4.6.

In order to help prevent crime, the proposed Convenience Store Use must also comply with all provisions required in Article VII Section 12-106- Convenience Stores of the Code of Ordinances and Article III Sec 5.15.A of the Land Development Code.

## **VI. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION**

Staff recommends approval of this special exception request for conveyance of a service station with convenience store with prepared foods.

In order to ensure potential effects on the surrounding area is minimized, staff recommends the following conditions be imposed:

1. This special exception use development order to allow the Convenience Store is specifically granted to Meghna Enterprises, LLC D/B/A 12<sup>th</sup> ST Food Mart and such development order cannot be conveyed to another person or entity. Any change of corporate ownership affecting 51% percent or more of the interest of the business or any of its assets in any manner shall trigger this provision. Notwithstanding, the service station and convenience stores may be operated by other business entities so long as there is no change in ownership as specified herein.
2. The Convenience Store use is restricted to 1,205 square feet of leasable space located at 4248 NW 12 ST Lauderhill, Florida. Consistent with Land Development Regulations Article IV., Part 4.0., Section 4.3., the expansion, alteration, enlargement or removal to another location of this use is prohibited and shall be unlawful unless the City Commission amends this development order or grants a new development order to allow such expansion, alteration, enlargement or removal to another location. Notwithstanding the above, through the site plan modification process, the City Commission delegates to the Development Review Committee (DRC) the authority to allow the floor plan

to be altered; however, the DRC is without authority to allow the expansion, enlargement, or removal of the use to another location.

3. The convenience store days and hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday 7AM to 11PM. Alcoholic beverage sales will be limited to beer and wine on the days and hours imposed by Land Development Regulations Article III., Part 5.0., Subsection 5.3.1.A.
4. Meghna Enterprises, LLC D/B/A 12<sup>th</sup> ST Food Mart shall comply with all of the requirements of Section 812.173, Florida Statutes regarding security at convenience stores as well as comply with all provisions required in Article VII Section 12-106- Convenience Stores of the Code of Ordinances and Article III Sec 5.15.A of the Land Development Code. Such conditions must be met and required at time of Certificate of Use.
5. If the City's Code Enforcement Board assesses a lien for landscaping, trash or other unsightly or unsafe conditions, this special exception use development order may be brought before the City Commission to be reconsidered, at which time the development order or the conditions of approval may be subject to modification, suspension or revocation.
6. If the City's Police Department records more than three instances regarding noise, loitering, parking or criminal activity, either from observation by police officers or verified from complaints by three or more unrelated individuals, within any ninety (90) day period, the special exception use may be brought before the City Commission to be reconsidered, at which time the development order or the conditions of approval may be subject to modification, suspension or revocation.
7. Any violation of these conditions of approval may result in a public hearing before the City Commission and may result in the modification, suspension or revocation of this special exception use development order or its conditions or both.
8. If a use which has been granted a special exception shall cease to operate for a continuous period of one (1) year, the special exception approval shall expire.
9. The owner shall execute a trespass agreement for the police department to keep on file for enforcement.
10. Within 30 days of approval and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Use (COU) to operate, the Property Owner or Operator must provide a security plan that

demonstrates how they will prevent loitering and reduce the amount of police call associated with trespassing or the presence of "bad actors". In addition to said security plan the property owner or operator shall also provide a property maintenance plan that demonstrates how they will maintain cleanliness in compliance with the Code of Ordinances.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment A: Application
2. Attachment B: Licenses
3. Attachment C: Conditions Affidavit

**VIII.** Prepared By:  
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