

DATE: 12/07/99 AGENDA ITEM # 23  
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TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *BL*  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ZONING CODE AMENDMENT  
DATE: DECEMBER 7, 1999

Needs: To consider a request from AMVETS to provide for donation trailers on properties designated for Regional Commercial development.

- Facts:
1. Attached is a letter from Joel Riley on behalf of AMVETS. Mr. Riley is seeking a code amendment that would allow them to locate a donation trailer on the Target and / or Wal\*Mart shopping centers.
  2. Under the Zoning Code, donation trailers are provided for, subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), in the C-2, C-3, and M Zones. They are not currently permitted in the Regional Commercial Zone.
  3. Should the City Council wish to allow donation trailers in the Regional Commercial Zone, a Zoning Code Amendment would be necessary. Requiring a CUP for donation trailers on Regional Commercial properties would be consistent with the requirements for the other Zoning categories.

Analysis  
and  
Conclusion:

The basis for concern about donation trailers is the potential for unregulated dumping of mattresses, furniture, and other discards. Manned trailers help address this concern, but supervision is not provided on a 24-hour basis. Hence, the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit helps insure that the operator will be responsive to the problem of unregulated dumping and other related concerns.

A related policy question is whether the types of trailers (colors, materials, design, etc.) are compatible with the approved architectural design for proposed locations, particularly along the entries to the City.

If the Council consensus is that donation trailers could be compatible with the Regional Commercial sites, there are two approaches that can be taken:

1. Advise AMVETS that they can apply for a Zoning Code Amendment to allow donation trailers in the Regional Commercial zone, subject to a CUP; the filing fee is \$700. (A fee for a CUP would be an extra \$600 or less, depending on actual time expended.)

2. The City Council could direct staff to initiate a Zoning Code Amendment at City cost, leaving AMVETS with only the cost of the filing fee for the CUP.

If a Zoning Code Amendment was approved to allow donation trailers in the Regional Commercial zone, subject to approval of a CUP, the Planning Commission would then be responsible for determining the appropriate locations and conditions of approval.

**Policy**

Reference: Zoning Code

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Impact: If the City Council chose to initiate a Code Amendment, the cost would be approximately \$700.

**Options:**

- a. That the City Council determine that it would be willing to consider a Zoning Code Amendment to provide for donation trailers in the Regional Commercial designated areas, subject to approval of a CUP, and that AMVETS may apply for the Code Amendment.
- b. That the City Council determine that it would be willing to consider a Zoning Code Amendment to provide for donation trailers in the Regional Commercial designated areas, subject to approval of a CUP, and that the Council direct staff to initiate a Code Amendment with the fee being paid by the City Council.
- c. That the Council determine that the current provisions for donation trailers in the C-2, C-3 and M zones provide adequate opportunities to establish these uses and that there is no need to provide donation trailers in the Regional Commercial zone.
- d. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing options.

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TO: PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL

LET ME TAKE A MINUTE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS JOEL RILEY, I HAVE LIVED IN PASO ROBLES FOR 30 YEARS. AT PRESENT I AM EMPLOYED BY AMVETS. IT IS MY JOB TO TRY AND LOCATE SITES FOR OUR DONATION TRAILORS.

I HAVE SPOKE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TARGET & WAL-MART CENTERS. I HAVE RECEIVED THERE PERMISSION TO SET A DONATION TRAILOR ON THE LOTS. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BOTH LOCATIONS, BUT IF ONLY ONE LOCATION ALLOWED WE WOULD PREFER WAL-MART.

THE REASON I AM WRITING IS TO REQUEST A CODE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR A DONATION TRAILOR AT THE WAL-MART AND OR TARGET SHOPPING CENTERS. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PAY ANY EXPENSE NECESSARY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

CC. BOB LATTA  
CC. JIM APP.

JOEL RILEY (239-8780) 23-3

**AMVETS**  
**DONATION TRAILERS**

- **AMVETS is a nonprofit organization in service to America**
- **AMVETS thrifts stores have, for years-generated funds through resale of solicited household discards.**
- **By providing us a space for an “attended Donation Trailer, you will be helping the community.**
- **We will have the location “attended “ up to 7 days a week if requested. We will also agree to rid the area of any unwanted litter, ”on a daily basis”.**
- **Our attendants shall be in uniform. Our trailers will be decorated with AMVET logos and Old Glory as well.**
- **AMVETS will provide A satisfactory release for any insurance purposes.**
- **AMVETS will also agree to vacate upon request. They will also provide a “TAX RECEIPT” to any and all donors including documentation of your generous gift of a simple space. Trailers are 21 x 8 x 8.**

**Thank you for considering us.**

**Joel Riley Business (805) 239-8780**