



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

May 15, 2020

Sara K. Barnes  
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Re: Proposed cannabis dispensary expansion at 5648 S. Archer Ave.

Dear Ms. Barnes:

In response to your recent request, please be advised that the subject property is zoned C2-1 Motor Vehicle Related Commercial District. (The property's rezoning from C1-1 was approved by the City Council on April 24, 2020).

According to your request, your client, Chicago Alternative Health Center LLC, d/b/a Midway Dispensary, owns the property and operates a medical cannabis dispensary and adult use dispensary within the one-story portion of the existing building. According to our records, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted them a special use on Nov. 21, 2014 (Cal. no. 405-14-S) to establish a medical cannabis dispensary. The existing building also includes a vacant two-story portion, and your client is seeking to expand its existing cannabis dispensary within this area.

Pursuant to Section 17-3-0207 of the Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance"), both an adult use cannabis dispensary and a medical use cannabis dispensary require special use approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Before a public hearing is held by the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider the special use applications, the applicant must hold at least one community meeting in the ward in which the use is proposed. Please refer to Section 17-13-0905-G of the Ordinance for more information about the community meeting process. This letter may be used as your official denial to file for the required special uses with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Murphy  
Zoning Administrator  
Bureau of Zoning

C: Victor Resa, Janine Klich-Jensen, Angelica Lis, Kevin Bargnes