

17575 Peak Avenue Morgan Hill CA 95037

# APPROVAL CERTIFICATE NO. 20-015

APPLICATION NUMBER: UP 2020-0006: Monterey - Paige Day Photography

**LOCATION:** The property is located at 17415 Monterey Road, Suite A, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 on the northwest corner of Monterey Road and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, identified by Assessor Parcel Number 767-07-066

GENERAL PLAN: Mixed Use

**ZONING: Mixed Use with Ground Floor Overlay** 

**DESCRIPTION:** Approval of a Downtown Administrative Use Permit to allow a professional photography studio and office. Studio will offer photo shoots, design consultation, styling services, a studio closet of fashions and accessories that clients can borrow for photo shoot, gallery reveal and ordering consultation. The studio will be located at 17415 Monterey Road, Suite A, on property at the northwest corner of Monterey Road and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, identified by Assessor Parcel Number 767-07-066.

#### RECITALS

- On September 15, 2020, the Community Development Department received an application for a Downtown Administrative Use Permit to allow a 1,600 square foot professional photography studio and office. The studio will offer photo shoots, design consultation, styling services, a studio closet of fashions and accessories that clients can borrow for photo shoot, gallery reveal and ordering consultation. The studio will be located at 17415 Monterey Road, Suite A, on property at the northwest corner of Monterey Road and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 2. Said application was deemed complete for processing on September 24, 2020.
- Comments received from the public and from the applicant, along with exhibits and drawings and other materials have been considered in the review process.
- 4. On October 21, 2020, the Community Development Department considered said application at the close of a duly noticed 10-day public comment period.
- 5. Pursuant to the authority set forth under Section 18.108.020 of the Morgan Hill Municipal Code, and Chapter 2: Land Uses and Development Standards of the Morgan Hill Downtown Specific Plan the Community Development Director hereby approves the project application subject to the conditions contained within this certificate.

## **FINDINGS**

SECTION 1.

The proposed photography studio and office, together with its provisions for its design and improvements, is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance and the General Plan.

SECTION 2.

The proposed photography studio and office will not result in a violation of the requirements established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

SECTION 3.

The project approved pursuant hereto is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 (Existing facilities) of Guidelines for CEQA.

SECTION 4.

The proposed photography studio and office use has been found consistent with the criteria for Downtown Administrative Use Permit approval contained in Chapter 2: Land Uses and Development Standards of the Morgan Hill Downtown Specific Plan.

Advertised for lease for at least 90 days:

Based upon information provided by the applicant and building owner, the subject space in the building has been advertised for lease to retail tenants for at least 90 days. The owner has been unable to locate a suitable retail tenant at market rate.

The vacancy rate for ground floor downtown commercial space exceeds 5 percent:

Based upon the Downtown Ground Floor Overlay Analysis Accessed from CoStar on September 28, 2020, the Vacancy Rate is 5.1% therefore the vacancy rate for commercial space exceeds the five percent requirement for the ground floor combining district for the quarter.

### SECTION 5.

The approved project shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. <u>Time Limitations.</u> Approval of this Downtown Administrative Use Permit shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of approval. The approval may be extended one or more times by the Community Development Director for up to three years for each extension, upon the applicant requesting in writing such extension and paying the established fee. An application for an extension may be submitted no sooner than nine months before the expiration date of the previously approved Downtown Administrative Use Permit.
- 2. Submit two (2) signed copies of Approval Certificate No. 20-015 to the Planning Division prior to issuance of building permits.
- 3. Defense and indemnity. Applicant agrees to defend and indemnify and hold City, its officers, agents, employees, officials and representatives free and harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, costs and liabilities arising from any suit for damages or for equitable or injunctive relief which is filed against City by reason of its approval of applicant's project. In addition, applicant shall pay all pre-tender litigation costs incurred on behalf of the City including City's

attorneys' fees and all other litigation costs and expenses, including expert witnesses, required to defend against any lawsuit brought as a result of City's approval or approvals, but shall not be required to pay any litigation from the City. However, applicant shall continue to pay reasonable internal City administrative costs, including but not limited to staff time and expense spent on the litigation, after tender is accepted.

#### APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Jennifer Carman

**Development Services Director** 

hereby agree to accept and abide by the terms and

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