

Case 058-22: Special Use Permit

A request for special use permit (1st request) for the expansion of existing permitted special use-Elite Preparatory School

Baily Austin, 3132 E. 12th St., Joplin, Missouri. Ms. Austin stated she is speaking on behalf of her business, Elite Preparatory School. She stated they have been in business for five years and got a permanent special use permit. It was zoned residential and then they got the special use permit for commercial to operate the childcare and preschool. She stated they want to expand their business and they are requesting a special use permit for the expansion.

Mr. Kimble asked if there were any questions from the Commission on Case 058-22.

Ms. Phillips asked about the parking. Ms. Phillips referred to page two and questioned the limited parking on-site for 14 vehicles but on the next page it stated the off-street parking which is the same as on-site stated it was 10. So, are you increasing the amount of parking. Ms. Austin stated they have a gravel lot that can accommodate additional parking, but the asphalt lot can hold at least 14 vehicles. She stated they have had special events and the lot will hold up to 40 vehicles on the lot and in the gravel. She stated they have plans to asphalt the gravel lot when they do their expansion.

Mr. Kimble asked if there were any additional questions from the Commission on Case 058-22.

Mr. Rosenberg asked Ms. Austin how many children they were presently licensed for at their facility.

Ms. Austin stated they are currently licensed for 67 and seeking to expand to 76. Ms. Austin stated presently they have 40 enrolled but they are licensed for 67. They base it on the size of the facility.

Ms. Steele stated she is assuming the facility is full.

Ms. Austin stated most classes are full and they have a couple of openings in the two-year-old class. Currently they offer classes for 2-12 because they do offer a summer camp. Presently, they do not have any kids aged 12 but they are wanting to expand to offer childcare for infants to toddlers because there is a need in the area.

Mr. Kimble asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of Case 058-22.

There were none.

Mr. Kimble asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition of Case 058-22.

There were none.

Ms. Phillips asked a question to Mr. Bolander. Ms. Phillips asked if this would not be temporary any longer. She asked if the permit was permanent and if it would go with the owner not the building.

Mr. Bolander stated, that is correct. He stated she had a permanent one from last time. He stated the City had not received any complaints on this operation. The State had not received any complaints so we felt even though she is enlarging it would be appropriate to extend it as permanent special use permit. He stated she must continue to follow the conditions, but she will not have to come back every two years to renew it.

MS. STEELE MOVED THAT CASE 058-22 BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. MS. PHILLIPS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS)