

# TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PLAN COMMISSIONS





DATE: October 12, 2018 REF: SUP-8001-18

TO:

President Matt Cherry and Members of Council, City of Toledo

FROM:

Toledo City Plan Commission, Thomas C. Gibbons, Secretary

SUBJECT:

Request for Special Use Permit for a Tobacco Shop at 607 Monroe Street.

The Toledo City Plan Commission considered the above-referenced request at its meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Subject**

Request - Special Use Permit for a Tobacco Shop

Location -

ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SUITE 1620, TOLEDO, OHIO 43604

607 Monroe Street

Applicant -

Monroe-Huron LLC 420 Madison Ave

Toledo, OH 43604

#### Site Description

Zoning - CD / Downtown Commercial

Area -  $\pm 0.15$  acres

Frontage - ± 60' along Monroe Street
Existing Use - Vacant commercial retail

Proposed use - Tobacco/cigar shop and lounge

Required Parking - 0 parking spaces
Proposed Parking - 0 parking spaces

Neighborhood Org. - Toledo Warehouse Association

Overlay - Warehouse District UNO & Downtown Overlay

District

#### Area Description

North - Monroe Street, restaurant, parking lot / CD South - Event center, distribution warehouse / CD

East - Restaurant, Huron Street / CD
West - Restaurant, alley, parking lot / CD



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#### Parcel History

M-5-12 - Adoption of the Warehouse District Neighborhood

Plan (P.C. approved on 1/10/2013. C.C. approved

on 2/19/2013 by Ord. 86-13).

M-12-13 - Establish Warehouse District Urban Neighborhood

Overlay (P.C. approved on 10/23/2013. C.C.

approved on 1/2/2014 by Ord. 9-14).

## Applicable Plans and Regulations

Toledo Municipal Code Part Eleven: Planning and Zoning

• Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan

• Toledo Warehouse District Urban Neighborhood Overlay

Toledo Downtown Overlay District

#### STAFF ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for a tobacco shop at 607 Monroe Street. The  $\pm 0.15$ -acre site is comprised of two buildings on one parcel that fronts on Monroe Street and Huron Street. One building is two stories and occupied by "The Blarney" restaurant and bar on the first floor with a vacant second floor which will be converted into a lounge and meeting rooms for the tobacco shop. The second building is three-stories and currently vacant. The applicant intends to occupy the first floor with a tobacco shop on along with a lounge, game room and meeting rooms on the upper floors. Tobacco shops are permitted in all commercial zoning districts, except CO Office Commercial, when a Special Use Permit is obtained.

The applicant intends to open "La Bueno Vida Cigar Lounge", a high-end cigar lounge that will be open to both members and non-members. The first floor will be a cigar shop open to the public where customers can buy cigars that can be smoked upstairs or taken home. Members will have access to separate smoking rooms upstairs and conference rooms for meetings. Non-members will have access to a room upstairs for smoking cigars purchased in the shop. Adjacent land uses include parking lots and a restaurant across Monroe Street to the north, a restaurant to the west, an event center and distribution warehouse to the south, and a restaurant to the east across Huron Street.

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#### STAFF ANALYSIS (cont'd)

## **Use Regulations**

As stated in TMC§1104.1700, specific use regulations restrict the location and hours of operation of tobacco shops. A tobacco shop shall not be located within 500 feet of any of the following uses: school, public park, public library, child day care center, or other use established specifically for the activities of minors. The proposed location for the tobacco shop conforms to the applicable use regulation. Additionally, the hours of operation of a tobacco shop may be limited to 5:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., or other hours consistent with a liquor permit issued by the State of Ohio, and listed as a condition of approval.

#### Parking and Circulation

Pursuant to TMC§1107.0201(A), due to the unique characteristics of the central business district; including higher land values, integration with public transportation, and the presence of parking garages, non-residential uses in the CD Downtown Commercial zoning district are exempt from providing off-street parking spaces.

## Warehouse District UNO

The property is located within the Warehouse District UNO. In accordance with TMC§1103.1505(A), the standards of the UNO apply to the physical change of any building or building addition that increases a building's floor area by more than 10%. "Physical change" means any work such as alteration, remodeling, new construction or renovation of the exterior of a structure. The standards also apply to any signage installed on site. Any exterior physical changes and/or signage proposed on the building shall be submitted to the Toledo Warehouse District Architectural Review Committee (TWDARC) for review prior to any work conducted or permits issued by the city and listed as a condition of approval.

## Downtown Overlay District (DOD)

The property is located within the Downtown Overlay District (DOD). The DOD mandates that wherever possible, examples of the City's traditional commercial, civic and residential architecture should be preserved, renovated and where appropriate, adaptively reused. In the event the property is modified by any exterior physical changes which the total cost is more than \$250,000 or 25% of the appraised value of the building, as listed by the County Auditor, whichever is the lesser amount, then the property will be subject to additional regulations per TMC§1103.0200.

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## Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan

The Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan targets this site for Downtown Commercial land uses. The CD Downtown Commercial district is intended to accommodate a broad range of uses to reflect downtown's roles as a commercial, cultural and government center. Development is intended to be dense with high amounts of building coverage and decreased setbacks which create a more built environment with increased accessibility. Development is largely pedestrian-oriented with a strong emphasis on safe and attractive streetscapes.

Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit for this location because it meets the location requirements of TMC§1104.1700. Additionally, the request meets the stated purpose of the Zoning Code and compatible with the adjacent commercial land uses along Monroe Street. Finally, the proposed use is consistent with the goals of the Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan and allows for the adaptive reuse of a property within in the DOD, therefore meeting the goals of the DOD.

#### PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Toledo City Plan Commission recommends approval of SUP-8001-18, a request for a Special Use Permit for a Tobacco Shop at 607 Monroe Street, to Toledo City Council for the following three (3) reasons:

- 1. The proposed use meets the stated purpose of the Zoning Code (TMC§1111.0706(A) *Review & Decision-Making Criteria*).
- 2. The proposed use complies with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code (TMC§1111.0706(B) Review & Decision-Making Criteria); and
- 3. The proposed use is compatible with adjacent uses in terms of scale, site design, and operating characteristics (TMC§1111.0706(C) Review & Decision-Making Criteria).

The Toledo City Plan Commission further recommends approval of SUP-8001-18, a request for a Special Use Permit Special Use Permit for a Tobacco Shop at 607 Monroe Street, to Toledo City Council subject to the following **eight (8)** conditions:

The conditions of approval are as follows and are listed by agency of origin. Applicants are encouraged to contact each of the agencies to address compliance with their conditions

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## PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (cont'd)

### Fire Prevention

1. All fire protection requirements for the use of the proposed space must be met. OBC 3404.

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- 2. The hours of operation may be limited from 5:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., or other hours consistent with a liquor permit issued by the State of Ohio.
- 3. Per TMC§1103.1500, any exterior physical changes, and/or signage, for the building shall be submitted to the Toledo Warehouse District Architectural Review Committee (TWDARC) for review prior to any work conducted or permits issued by the city.
- 4. In the event the property is modified by any exterior physical changes which the total cost is more than \$250,000 or 25% of the appraised value of the building, as listed by the County Auditor, whichever is the lesser amount, then the property will be subject to additional Downtown Overlay District regulations per TMC§1103.0200.
- 5. The Special Use Permit may be reviewed for compliance with the conditions of approval, negative secondary effects, and adherence to all requirements of the Toledo Municipal Code. If outstanding issues are found and not addressed the Special Use Permit may be considered for revocation.
- 6. Approval of the Special Use Permit will lapse after one (1) year if the criteria listed in TMC§1111.0707 have not been met.
- 7. Minor adjustments to the Site Plan that do not violate the above conditions, or the Toledo Municipal Code, may be reviewed and approved by the Director of the Toledo City Plan Commission.
- 8. No permits shall be issued until arrangements satisfactory to the Director of the City of Toledo Plan Commission have been made for compliance with the conditions as set forth above.

Respectfully Submitted,

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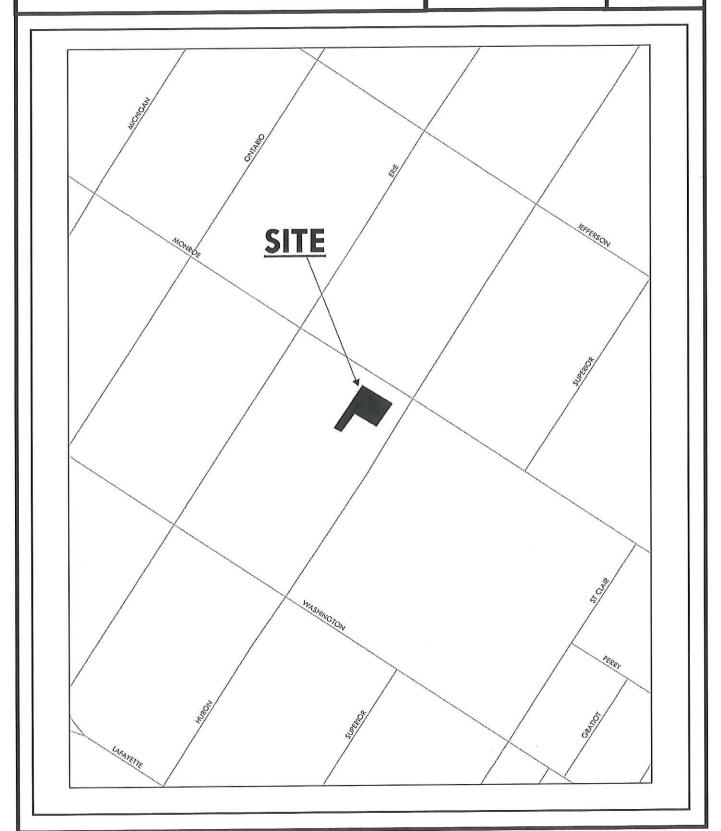
Secretary

Four (4) sketches follow

Cc: Lisa Cottrell, Administrator Ryne Sundvold, Planner

## **GENERAL LOCATION**

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## **ZONING AND LAND USE**

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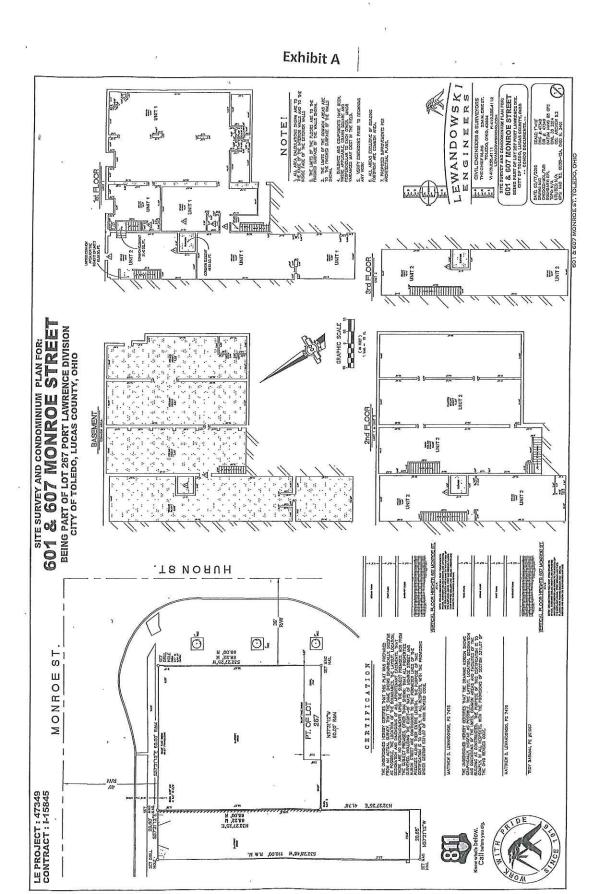


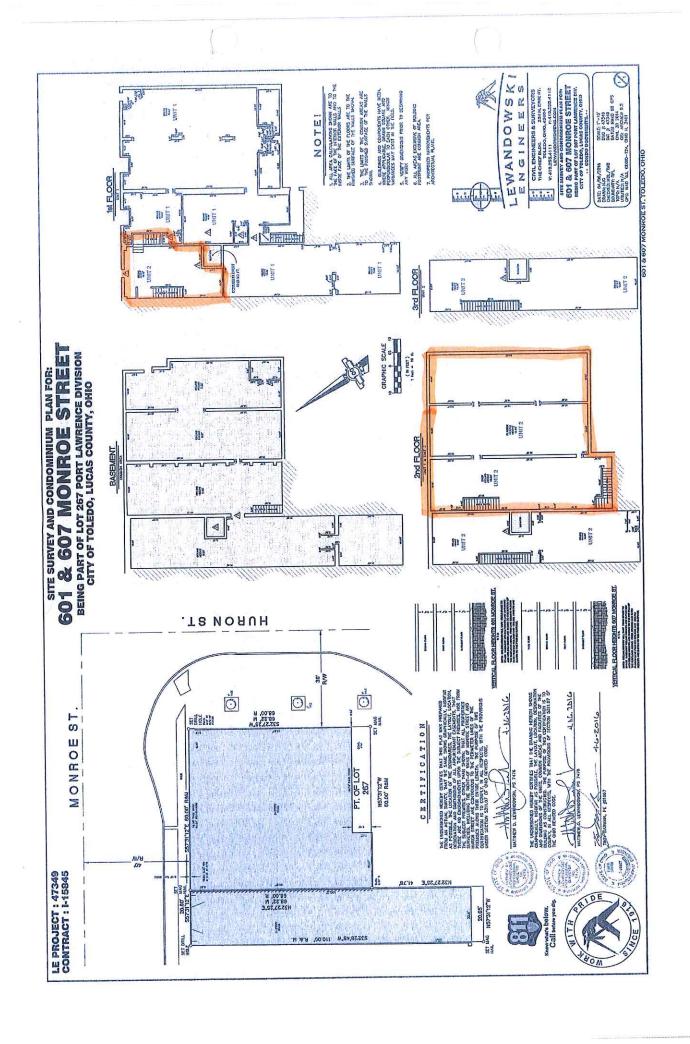


#### Letter of Intent – La Bueno Vida Cigar Lounge

## To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is intended to explain the use of La Bueno Vida Cigar Lounge. La Bueno Vida Cigar Lounge will be a high-end cigar lounge that will be open to both members and non-members. Members will have access to a separate smoking room upstairs with soft seating and pool tables as well as conference rooms for meeting and small get togethers. Non-members will have access to a room just upstairs for smoking cigars. The first floor will be a cigar shop where you will be able to buy cigars that you can smoke upstairs or take home with you. This will be open to the publc.





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