

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Department of Planning & Zoning

SPECIAL USE PERMIT CERTIFICATE

Article XI, Division A, Section 11-510 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia requires that you display this Special Use Permit in a conspicuous and publicly accessible place. A copy of the list of conditions associated with the special use permit shall be kept on the premises and made available for examination by the public upon request.

Special Use Permit	#2024-00052
Approved by Planning and Zoning:	January 15, 2025
Permission is hereby granted to:	Sevda Tahirli
to use the premises located at:	711 Pendleton Street
for the following purpose:	see attached report

It is the responsibility of the Special Use Permit holder to adhere to the conditions approved by City Council. The Department of Planning and Zoning will periodically inspect the property to identify compliance with the approved conditions. If any condition is in violation, the permit holder will be cited and issued a ticket. The first violation carries a monetary fine. Continued violations will cause staff to docket the special use permit for review by City Council for possible revocation.

January 15, 2025

Date

Karl Moritz (by T. LaColla)

Karl Moritz, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE: January 15, 2025

TO: Tony LaColla, Division Chief, Land Use Services
Department of Planning and Zoning

FROM: Ann Horowitz, Principal Planner
Department of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Special Use Permit #2024-00052
Administrative Review for a New Use5
Site Use: Restaurant
Applicant: Sevda Tahirli
Location: 711 Pendleton Street
Zone: CL/Commercial low

Request

Special Use Permit #2024-00052 is a request for a New Use Special Use Permit to allow a restaurant. The 620 square foot, 20-seat restaurant will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., serving approximately 25 customers a day.

Parking

The subject property is located within the enhanced transit area where restaurants are required to provide one parking space for every 1,000 square feet of floor area. One parking space would be required for the 620 square-foot restaurant. The Zoning Ordinance waives the parking requirement for uses that have a two or less space requirement. In this instance, the applicant does not have to provide off-street parking.

Community Outreach

Public notice was provided in the Alexandria Times, through eNews, on the City's website, and by posting a placard at the site. In addition, the North Old Town Independent Citizens Association received an e-mail with information about the current application. Several neighbors expressed concern that the restaurant would limit the number of on-street parking available for residents as represented by the hours of operation and the number of seats. Alcohol sales, supply deliveries in the public alley, and trash storage in the alley were also issues of concern. Staff held a meeting with the neighbors and the applicant's team on January 13 to clarify the application request, to explain state and City code regulations that mitigate impacts, and to potentially develop new SUP conditions.

Staff Action

Staff supports the SUP request for a new restaurant at 711 Pendleton Street as it complies with all standards of Zoning Ordinance Section 11-513. Standard conditions for restaurants have been included in this report with additions allowed under SUP authority to address neighbor issues. The storage of trash and garbage, specified in Condition #15, states the applicant shall store all trash indoors, as the site does not feature an outdoor area on private property for outdoor storage, and

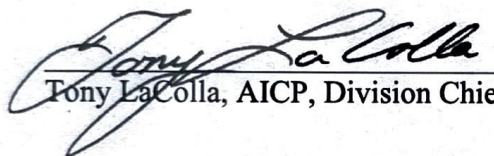
that trash shall be regularly removed from the property. Supply loading and unloading shall only take place in on-street parking spaces or in City-designated loading zones through the use of a passenger vehicle or small van, as noted in Condition #19. Given that alcohol sales and number of indoor seats are regulated by the Virginia ABC and the statewide building code, respectively, the SUP does not incorporate conditions on these matters. Indoor hours of operation are also outside the SUP purview. Parking impacts are mitigated by standard SUP Conditions #20 to #24, which require employees to park off-street and direct the applicant to encourage patrons' and employees' use of mass transit when visiting the business.

Staff hereby approves the Special Use Permit request.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING:

Date: January 15, 2025

Action: Approved


Tony LaColla, AICP, Division Chief

Attachments: 1) Special Use Permit Conditions
2) City Department Comments
3) Statement of Consent

CONDITIONS OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2024-00052

The owner is responsible for ensuring that the following conditions are adhered to at all times. Violation of any of the conditions may result in fines and/or referral to public hearing by the Planning Commission and City Council.

1. The special use permit shall be granted to the applicant only or to any corporation in which the applicant has a controlling interest. (P&Z)
2. All patrons must leave the premises one hour after the closing hour. (P&Z)
3. The applicant shall post the hours of operation at the entrance of the business. (P&Z)
4. The maximum number of indoor seats at the restaurant shall comply with the state building code. (P&Z)
6. The applicant shall conduct employee training sessions on an ongoing basis, including as part of any employee orientation, to discuss all SUP provisions and requirements, and on how to prevent underage sales of alcohol. (P&Z)
7. No food, beverages, or other material shall be stored outside, with the exception of materials specified in other conditions. (P&Z)
8. On and off premises alcohol sales are permitted in compliance with Virginia ABC requirements. (P&Z)
9. Delivery vehicles operated and managed by the applicant are permitted. Delivery vehicles must be parked off-street when not in use. (P&Z)
10. Indoor limited, live entertainment may be offered and must comply with the City's noise ordinance. No admission or cover fee shall be charged. All entertainment shall be subordinate to the principal function of the restaurant as an eating establishment. Any advertising of the entertainment shall reflect the subordinate nature of the entertainment by featuring food service as well as the entertainment. (P&Z)
11. All windows shall remain transparent. The placement or construction of items that block the visibility through windows of the interior of the commercial space from the street and sidewalk, including but not limited to walls, window film, storage cabinets, carts, shelving, boxes, coat racks, storage bins, and closets, shall be prohibited. This is not intended to prevent retailers from displaying their goods in display cases that are oriented towards the street frontage. (P&Z)
12. Exterior power washing of the building shall not be completed using any kind of detergents. (T&ES)
13. Chemicals, detergents or cleaners stored outside the building shall be kept in an enclosure with a roof. (T&ES)

14. If used cooking oil is stored outside, the lid of the used cooking oil drum shall be kept securely closed (using a bung) when not receiving used oil. The drum shall be placed on secondary containment and situated under cover to prevent rainwater from falling on it. (T&ES)
15. Trash and garbage shall be stored inside the business and in sealed containers that do not allow odors to escape, invasion by animals, or leaking. It may not be stored in the public right-of-way or in the adjacent alley. No trash or debris shall be allowed to accumulate outside of those containers. Trash and garbage shall be regularly removed from the property and, if containers are used for outdoor refuse collection, they shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Directors of Planning & Zoning and Transportation & Environmental Services, including replacing damaged lids and repairing/replacing damaged dumpsters. (T&ES) (P&Z)
16. Kitchen equipment, including floor mats, shall not be cleaned outside, nor shall any cooking residue or wash water be washed into the streets, alleys or storm sewers. (T&ES)
17. The applicant shall control cooking odors, smoke and any other air pollution from operations at the site and prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services. (T&ES)
18. All waste products including but not limited to organic compounds (solvents and cleaners) shall be disposed of in accordance with all local, state and federal ordinances or regulations. (T&ES)
19. Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Loading and unloading may only occur in an on-street loading zone or in on-street parking spaces in compliance with the relevant parking restrictions. The applicant shall load and unload using only passenger vehicles or small vans. (T&ES) (P&Z)
20. The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking. (T&ES)
21. The applicant shall encourage its employees to use public transportation to travel to and from work. The business shall contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for information on establishing an employee transportation benefits program. (T&ES)
23. The applicant shall provide information about alternative forms of transportation to access the site, including but not limited to printed and electronic business promotional material, posting on the business website, and other similar methods. Contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for more information about available resources. (T&ES)
24. The applicant shall encourage patrons to park off-street through the provision of information about nearby garages or lots in the business' advertising and website. (T&ES)

25. Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces adjacent to or within 75 feet of the premises shall be picked up at least twice a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public. (T&ES)
26. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the special use permit one year after it has been operational, and then again every three years for compliance with all conditions and may docket the matter for consideration by the planning commission and city council if there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; or the director has determined that new or revised conditions are needed to offset land use impacts not addressed in the City Code. (P&Z)

Staff Note: In accordance with Section 11-506(c) of the Zoning Ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a Special Use Permit by City Council or the Special Use Permit shall become void.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Transportation & Environmental Services:

- R-1 Kitchen equipment, including floor mats, shall not be cleaned outside, nor shall any cooking residue or wash water be washed into the streets, alleys or storm sewers. (T&ES)
- R-2 All waste products including but not limited to organic compounds (solvents), shall be disposed of in accordance with all local, state and federal ordinances or regulations. (T&ES)
- R-3 Exterior power washing of the building or trailer shall not be completed using any kind of detergents. (T&ES)
- R-4 Chemicals, detergents or cleaners stored outside the building shall be kept in an enclosure with a roof. (T&ES)
- R-5 If used cooking oil is stored outside, the lid of the used cooking oil drum shall be kept securely closed (using a bung) when not receiving used oil. The drum shall be placed on secondary containment and situated under cover to prevent rainwater from falling on it. (T&ES)
- R-6 Trash and garbage shall be stored inside or in sealed containers that do not allow odors to escape, invasion by animals, or leaking. No trash or debris shall be allowed to accumulate outside of those containers. Outdoor containers shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and T&ES, including replacing damaged lids and repairing/replacing damaged dumpsters. (P&Z) (T&ES)
- R-7 Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces adjacent to or within 75 feet of the premises shall be picked up at least twice a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public. (T&ES)
- R-8 The applicant shall control odors, smoke, and any other air pollution from operations at the site and prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services. (T&ES)
- R-9 Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am. (T&ES)
- R-10 The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking. (T&ES)

- R-11 The applicant shall encourage its employees to use public transportation to travel to and from work. The business shall contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for information on establishing an employee transportation benefits program. (T&ES)
- R-12 The applicant shall provide information about alternative forms of transportation to access the site, including but not limited to printed and electronic business promotional material, posting on the business website, and other similar methods. Contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for more information about available resources. (T&ES)
- R-13 The applicant shall encourage patrons to park off-street through the provision of information about nearby garages or lots in the business' advertising and website. (T&ES)
- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). In order to comply with this code requirement, the applicant shall provide a completed Recycling Implementation Plan (RIP) Form within 60 days of SUP approval. Contact the City's Recycling Program Coordinator at (703) 746-4410, or via e-mail at commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov, for information about completing this form. (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. All loudspeakers shall be prohibited from the exterior of the building and no amplified sounds shall be audible at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-3 Section 5-1-42- Collection by Private collectors. (c) Time of collection. Solid waste shall be collected from all premises not serviced by the city at least once each week. No collections may be made between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (6:00 a.m. from May 1, through September 30) if the collection area is less than 500 feet from a residential area. (T&ES)

Code Enforcement:

- C-1 A building permit is required for changing of use per VCC sec. 108.1

Fire:

- C-1 A fire prevention permit may be required for this new use.
Application can be accessed online at:
www.alexandriava.gov/fire-department/the-fire-marshals-office.

Parks and Recreation:

No comments received

Police Department:

No comments received

Health Department:
Food Facilities

- C-1 An Alexandria Health Department Permit is required for all regulated facilities. A permit shall be obtained prior to operation, and is not transferable between one individual, corporation or location to another. Permit application and fee are required.
- C-2 Construction plans shall be submitted to the Health Department located at 4850 Mark Center Drive and through the Multi-Agency Permit Center. Plans shall be submitted and approved by the Health Department prior to construction. There is a \$200.00 plan review fee payable to the City of Alexandria- fee must be paid separate from any other departmental fees.
- C-3 Construction plans shall comply with Alexandria City Code, Title 11, Chapter 2, The Food Safety Code of the City of Alexandria. Plans shall include a menu of food items to be offered for service at the facility and specification sheets for all equipment used in the facility, including the hot water heater.
- C-4 A Food Protection Manager shall be on-duty during all operating hours.
- C-5 The facility shall comply with the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act and the Code of Alexandria, Title 11, Chapter 10, Smoking Prohibitions.
- C-6 In many cases, original wooden floors, ceilings and wall structures in historical structures may not be suitable for food service facilities. Wood materials shall be finished in a manner that is smooth, durable, easily-cleanable, and non-absorbent.

- C-7 Facilities engaging in the following processes may be required to submit a HACCP plan and/or obtain a variance: Smoking as a form of food preservation; curing/drying food; using food additives to render food not potentially-hazardous; vacuum packaging, cook-chill, or sous-vide; operating a molluscan shellfish life-support system; sprouting seeds or beans; and fermenting foods.
- C-8 Starting on 1/1/2023, The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is the point of contact for the following type of establishments: grocery stores, convenience stores, ice cream stores, wine shops, or bakeries. The divisions of Food Safety can offer further guidance. Please use the following contact information:

VDAC's Food Safety Program

804.786.3520

804.371.7792

foodsafety@vdacs.virginia.gov

Fire Department:

C-1 This new use will require a fire prevention permit.

Application can be accessed online at:

www.alexandriava.gov/fire-department/the-fire-marshals-office.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned hereby agrees and consents to the attached conditions of this Special Use Permit #2024-00052. The undersigned also hereby agrees to obtain all applicable licenses and permits required for the restaurant at 711 Pendleton Street.



Applicant - Signature

01/16/2025
Date

Serda Tahireli

Applicant - Printed

01/16/2025
Date