



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

City of Huntington Beach

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SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit No. 08-009,
Metro Q Restaurant, 19092 Beach Blvd., Suite J

The purpose of this Inter-Department Communication is to clarify and update the Police Department's recommendations for the below listed items of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the proposed Metro Q Restaurant. The recommendations for the CUP are based on the history of different businesses at the location, the quality of life concerns of area residents and other businesses, public safety concerns and an effort to be fair and reasonable to the new owners of the Metro Q Restaurant. It is the Department's desire for the restaurant to be successful while at the same time not compromise the quality of life or public safety for the community.

Recommendations:

1. Hours of operation from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM daily.

Allowing Metro Q Restaurant to operate until 1:00 AM daily is reasonable. The ownership of Metro Q Restaurant is not affiliated with Beer Nutz and Metro Q Restaurant ownership has stated the emphasis of their business will be as a restaurant, not just a bar. Taco Bell and Surf City Hookah smoking lounge are the only other businesses in this complex allowed to operate past 10:00 PM daily (Surf City Hookah lounge is open until 1:00 AM daily). However, many other businesses in the area with an ABC license stay open until 2:00 AM daily. Kit's Place, Max's Sports Grill, Shooters, Surf City Salon and The Pen all stay open until 2:00 AM daily. Therefore, considering the negative history of this location, the new ownership and other businesses operating until 2:00 AM, it is reasonable to allow Metro Q Restaurant to operate until 1:00 AM.

2. Sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 AM, seven days a week.

In a Police Department letter dated April 8, 2008 to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) the Police Department's recommendation was to permit alcohol sales, service and consumption from 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM daily. However, this recommendation was made with the understanding the ABC license for Beer Nutz

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would be transferred to Metro Q Restaurant. Beer Nutz was the previous business at the location. Beer Nutz' ABC license allowed alcohol sales between 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM daily. The Police Department did not believe the current license should be modified. However, the Department recently learned Metro Q Restaurant has applied for a new ABC license. Considering the new license, it is reasonable to have alcohol sales consistent with the overall hours of operation.

3. The CUP to be reviewed by City staff after Metro Q Restaurant has been in operation for six and 12 months. At these times, any condition of the CUP will be subject to modification. This condition does not prohibit the Police or Planning Departments from taking appropriate enforcement action and prosecution at anytime.

The Police and Planning Departments will monitor Metro Q Restaurant's operations to identify conditions which may have a negative impact on the quality of life for area residents and public safety. This would include vehicular traffic of the business complex and public roadways in the area.