

TO: Mayor J.B. Lawrence and the Blowing Rock Town Council
FROM: Kevin Rothrock, Planning Director
SUBJECT: CUP 2009-01 Holiday Inn Express – Major Amendment
APPLICANT: Milan, Inc.
DATE: February 9, 2016

INITIAL REQUEST

Milan, Inc. is requesting a major amendment to conditional use permit No. 2009-01 to construct a limited access driveway access from Ransom Street into the existing parking lot. The request is due to the improvements on US 321 which have altered access to the site. The proposed entrance has been designed to only allow vehicles to enter from Ransom Street. No exits will be permitted onto Ransom Street as currently designed. The subject property is zoned GB, General Business and is further identified by Watauga County PIN 2817-04-9891-000.

STATUS

This CUP amendment request was heard by the Planning Board on December 17, 2015. The recommendation of the Planning Board was that the Town Council deny the request for a driveway entrance onto Ransom Street, and ask that the Applicant explore other alternatives.

This staff report marks the official notification to Town Council of the Planning Board decision on this CUP amendment request. Section 16-4.10.1 of the Land Use Ordinance requires a quasi-judicial public hearing be held within 45 days of Town Council's receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Board. Therefore, if the CUP amendment request is to be considered, it would need to be at the March 8, 2016 Town Council meeting.

The Applicant is currently considering other alternatives.

Staff will update Town Council of the application status for Milan, Inc. and Holiday Inn Express and will send out public notice to neighboring property owners as required by the Land Use Ordinance should the Applicant decide to continue pursuit of this amendment request.

No Council action is required at this time.