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Date: 5/15/2013

To: Planning + Zoning Commission:
City of Bryan
Fax: 209 - 5035

From Sharon A. Anderson
Fax/phone 822-3954

Re: Tatoo Parlors
Agenda item # 5 at P+Z Regular Meeting - 5/16/13

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FAXED! 209-

Dear Planning + Zoning Commission:

You will be considering tatoo parlors in the downtown area tonight.

If the commission should consider using a conditional use process, please remember that the use goes with the land. Should the applicant sell his property - the tatoo parlor use goes with it. The applicant states he is willing to operate during certain hours. That may not be the case of a new owner. ☆ For that reason, conditions should be a part of granting this conditional use. The hours and days of operation should be sets if a conditional use is granted. That way the future will be set. The Planning + Zoning Commission has the power to do this. Just as it can set distance requirements from neighboring uses.

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might be workable in some situations. I think distance restrictions from residences, churches, day care, schools, community centers, ~~education~~ recreation centers, parks, playground, tattoo parlors, and body piercing studios, and liquor stores is needed.

I am not so sure about distance restrictions from palm reader, cash advance or loan outlets.

The research provided - 1,000 feet in Mesquite, Tx ~~or 500 feet~~ and 5000 feet in Orange Beach, AL. (Although orange beach lowers the distance to 500 feet for liquor stores.) is an example, but I don't have an opinion on what is the necessary distance needed in these situations. 1000 feet?

The current situation that has brought this topic to be received by both the Commission and City Council, is an unfortunate case of someone buying property without doing their homework. Because the owner of the property did not do their due diligence, they are now asking for approval of their use (business) after the fact. All they had to do was call the city's planning + development staff and they didn't. Furthermore, the DOWNTOWN Zoning Districts have been in place ~~for~~ long enough, that anyone wanting to do business or locate in downtown should have done their homework.

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The applicants at their first appearance at Planning + Zoning Commission were informal. One comment stuck out - they wanted to take advantage of events in downtown, Bryan such as Texas Reds, art fests, etc. The recently purchased property would allow this.

At the city council appearance, the applicant and their supporters brought their A game. Dressed in suits and best impression apparel. BUT - one comment stuck out - "that it took a 3 months wait - to get a tatoo" from the applicant.

How does one take advantage of the Texas Reds, and different festivals in downtown that are weekend or one night events if you have to wait 3 months to get a tatoo? This just does not add up!

Shortly after council met and sent this to pic back to the commission - The Eagle ran an article on this situation + the applicant. The tatoo artist was in a white short sleeve shirt showing his artwork on his arms. The picture was in color. It was a different view than what council saw. ~~He thought~~

If tatoo parlors are going to be permitted in downtown bryan it should be by conditional use only and distance requirements from incompatible neighboring uses and hours and day(s) of operation should be set as conditions as part of granting the conditional use. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sherin R. Anderson

Cabrera, Christina

From: Cabrera, Christina
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 11:20 AM
To: CouncilMembers
Subject: Citizen Comment- Arsenal Tattoo

**** DO NOT REPLY TO ALL****

Council-

Earlier today Catherine Herrin called to express her opinion about allowing Arsenal Tattoo to have a studio in Downtown Bryan. She saw the article in The Eagle and wanted to share her thoughts with the council.

She is a person with "0 tattoos but believes that Arsenal Tattoo is deserving of place Downtown and would add to Downtown more than all the PayDay Loan places that are down there." She believes that Arsenal has merit as art. And would like to council to reconsider Arsenal's request. If you would like to speak more with Ms. Herrin you may reach her at:

Catherine Herrin
979-450-9286
[redacted]

Christina

Cabrera, Christina

From: glynismiller [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: tattoo parlors

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Please vote against allowing any rezoning to permit tattoo parlors in the downtown area. Unfortunately the reputation of Bryan's crime (which is unfounded) has kept many many patrons from visiting the downtown establishments and businesses.. If the intent of the Bryan council is to create business and tourism like that of Fredericksburg then this is definitely the wrong move. Whether it is justified or not, tattoo parlors are perceived as seedy and part of the drug culture. This will do nothing but help increase any reputation of high crime. This will definitely keep the individuals that you want as patrons of downtown away from downtown. Lately downtown as looked very dirty and unkept. Every morning outside the Stafford opera house there are cigarette butts and trash everywhere. Isn't there plans to build high end apartments at the end of main street.?It will be very difficult to sale any residence in a high crime area. Why would the city of Bryan choose to waste and destroy all the hard work and tax money already spent on the revitalization of the downtown area.

Cabrera, Christina

From: Sherrie [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 3:43 PM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: Tatoo Parlors in downtown

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Please do not allow tattoo parlors in downtown Bryan. When we moved here 4 years ago, we marveled at what the City of Bryan had done with the downtown area. That development has continued. What we have now is a pleasant place for us to take our out of town friends whether it be shopping or dining in neat eateries. Tatoo parlors would tend to take away from the pleasantness that is now there. Don't get me wrong, I do not have a problem with tattoo parlors....just keep them out of downtown. Thank you for considering this.

Sherrie Hopkins

Cabrera, Christina

From: Cindy Balog [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 12:20 PM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: support the downtown tattoo parlor

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To the Bryan city councilmen & councilwomen;
I support the downtown tattoo parlor. Downtown is an array of art work and I feel tattoos are an expression of one's form of art that I would welcome into my neighborhood. I live a 708 west 27th street with my family. We have lived there over 15 years. My husband also does his form of artwork which would be the gorgeous stained glass windows in our home. Please drive by and enjoy his artwork! Cindy Balog-Alvarez

Cabrera, Christina

From: Jane Pena[redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 12:15 PM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: Tattoo parlors

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With all the beautiful work that has done in downtown Bryan, why would you want to mess it up with tattoo parlors. We love the new look of downtown and all the great activities that are now taking place there now. We love to bring out of area guests to our lovely downtown area. Shops, art galleries, theater and restaurants to visit. There are more than enough of the tacky tattoo parlors on Texas Ave. Don't mess up the down town area with these places. They have to part of our downtown area. Let's keep downtown Bryan the classy place it's become. Pleas think before you vote. We can do without the slight revenue that may come from this.

Jane Pena
Bryan, Tx.

Cabrera, Christina

From: ccct <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: PLEASE!!! (Re tattoo parlors)

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I respectfully request that you all gather together your sanity and DO NOT allow tattoo parlors, whorehouses, gambling establishments, or junkyards in downtown Bryan.

Thank you very much.

Carole Tatum

Sent from my iPhone

Cabrera, Christina

From: Carroll or Ann [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:18 AM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: re: tattoo parlors

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PLEASE do not vote to allow tattoo parlors move into downtown Bryan! I am so proud of beautiful downtown Bryan and like to "show it off" to visitors and would certainly not be feel the same if tattoo parlors were situated right alongside antique stores, gift shops, churches, etc.

Thanks,
Ann
Fancher

Cabrera, Christina

From: Robin Rabinowitz [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: Tattoo Parlors

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Council,

I owned a home on Hensel Avenue in Bryan for 9 years. When giving directions to out-of-towners I would say, "As you drive down Texas Avenue you'll start to see tattoo parlors, and you'll know you're in Bryan." Do we really want to take this to a "revitalized" downtown?

Robin Rabinowitz

Zimmermann, Martin

From: Stratta, Mary L
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 8:27 AM
To: Register, Kean; Dunn, Joseph; Guindi, Lindsey; Zimmermann, Martin
Subject: FW: NO TATTOO PARLOR DOWNTOWN

From: John Epstein [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 7:13 AM
To: Stratta, Mary L; Cabrera, Christina
Subject: NO TATTOO PARLOR DOWNTOWN

THIS IS CORRECT NO TATOO BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN BRYAN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND NO TATOO PARLORS IN DOWNTOWN BRYAN.

John Epstein
Independent Landman
[redacted]
936-328-6202

Cabrera, Christina

From: Cynthia Young [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 10:27 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo Shop

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have been acquainted with Cliff Collard and Arsenal Tattoo for a few years now. We have never met a more upstanding, law-abiding, and creative artist yet. Cliff has a degree in art, his wife is an elementary principal. These are not your junk-yard tattoo folks. These are productive members of society that are living the American Dream. I understand the City of Bryan has spent a lot of money renovating Downtown Bryan and you're nervous about the clientele that would come in with a tattoo shop. But, you wouldn't need to worry about Cliff and his business. He has more integrity than most anyone you or I know. Nearly every law enforcement, fire fighter, and service worker in the area knows they can go to Cliff's shop and get a great piece of art AND do it in a drug-free and crime-free shop. The City of Bryan would do a dis-service to the folks of Bryan and Arsenal Tattoo if they did not allow the business to come. Please take the time to go visit his shop, talk to his customers, and realize that even if tattoos are not something you're fond of, it doesn't mean it's bad for business.

Thank you,
Cynthia, Citizen of Bryan

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ~Hebrews 13:5

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." ~Isaiah 6:8

Cabrera, Christina

From: dillon santorii [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Tattoo parlor

Just wanted to show my support for cliff trying to get the go ahead for putting the tattoo/art gallery in the old building in downtown

Sent from my iPhone

Cabrera, Christina

From: Shane Bush [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo in downtown Bryan

Council members-my name is Shane Bush and I live at 2709 Barronwood Drive in Bryan. I am also a police officer for the City of Bryan. I am writing to voice my support for allowing Cliff and Arsenal Tattoo to be allowed to move his shop to downtown Bryan. As an officer and resident of this city for over 18 years I can say that I am very pleased with the direction and the refurbishment of downtown Bryan. I am very proud to bring family and friends to downtown and would continue to do so if Arsenal was downtown. I myself have tattoos and when I asked around for recommendations on where to get them done the answer was invariably Arsenal. One thing that is important to me as a police officer is that I go somewhere devoid of the stereotypical problems that have plagued tattoo establishments in the past. I have been to Arsenal at different times and every time the clients were upstanding and nice. The business was always clean and professional. I believe this is a direct result of Cliff's leadership and the people he employs. I believe it should speak volumes that the place that not only police officers but the good people many of us associate with trust are Cliff and theArsenal staff, not only for their great work but for the type of atmosphere and clients he and his shop attracts. I believe many of the issues that opponents fear would occur with Arsenal being located downtown are unfounded and based on what people believe an establishment such as this would bring based on things like movies, television, or what they have heard of concerning similar, but poorly run tattoo shops. It is understandable because as police officers we get the same prejudices based on the actions of a few bad apples,just as you know because of the prejudices based on actions of poor politicians. If you or anyone else (especially from the downtown groups) would like to discuss what I have said further I would be more than happy to do so. Please consider allowing Arsenal to move to downtown Bryan. Thank you.

Shane Bush

Cabrera, Christina

From: Bryan Cook [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 11:40 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: RE: Arsenal Opening

Dear Council Members,

My name is Bryan Cook and I have been a resident of Bryan/College Station for over 37 years. I have known Cliff for around 15 years and during that time frame have worked with him on many occasions. Cliff has done everything from body art to drawings and portraits of my Children and original Art work created and framed for display in my house and work. He has always provided the highest level of quality work and some of the best customer service you will ever find. And because of that, he has a wide and dedicated range of clients that include many of my friends who are officers and other members of Public Safety in Bryan and College Station as well as other professionals in this area and across the state. Cliff and his wife are some of the most upstanding people in our Community. And are always honest, helpful, caring and customer service oriented with the highest standards in the industry. They have the cleanest work environment of probably any local business. Not just Tattoo locations but ANY business in this town. They take pride in the way they conduct themselves both professionally and privately and it shows. Arsenal is a major asset to this community and will provide downtown with an amazing facility for all forms of Art. Not only will down town be impacted in a positive manner by receiving such an amazing facility and business owner, but you will be getting one of the most truly gifted and most sought after artist in this State. In closing I am asking that you support the opening of Arsenal in Downtown Bryan, because it will enhance the area and bring in a top notch member of the community with high standards and help the redevelopment and continued growth we all want to see happen to this area of town.

Sincerely,

Bryan Cook
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Cabrera, Christina

From: Steve Chapman [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 11:43 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo Shop

Dear City Council for the City of Bryan,

I have worked in city government as a Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator for over 20 years and have been involved with code compliance, zoning and all types of permits including conditional use permits hundreds of times. Tattoo shops are not like they use to be and no longer are tattoos not accepted in the professional world today as most of you probably know.

Cliff and his employees are the nicest most professional tattoo artist in the industry. His shop was always clean and kept very nice. I have been there several times and had several very nice tattoos done by Cliff and I get nothing but compliments on how awesome they look and people wanted to know who did the tattoos? I support and hope that you will grant his conditional use permit as I know you will be pleased with the look and business practices of his shop and his cliental that come there to your town.. When someone or I want a tattoo done I always send them his way. Thanks in advance..

Respectfully,
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Cabrera, Christina

From: Andrea D. Johnson [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo and Design

Dear Council,

I do not have a single tattoo, however, I would welcome any business run by Cliff Collard into my neighborhood. Arsenal Tattoo has been recognized numerous times in the media over the years as one of the most respected, recognized and professional tattoo studios in Texas. In addition, Cliff Collard, himself, is the epitome of professional, respectful, and integrity is simply another great aspect of his personality. He is an exceptional artist and appreciates the atmosphere that is being cultivated in downtown Bryan. I truly feel that his business would enhance the overall impression of Bryan for the positive.

Cliff would represent the city in the best possible ways. Just imagine what an impression it would make if, in the future, the city was able to use Arsenal Tattoo and Design as an example of just how progressive and cultural the City of Bryan is that even their primary tattoo parlor exemplifies the sophistication and class that shapes the town and makes it such a unique and attractive place to live and visit.

Andrea D Johnson

Cabrera, Christina

From: tasha israel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: On behalf of Arsenal Tattoos

Howdy!

My name is Tasha Israel and I have been a customer of Cliff Collard for over a year now. I am a young professional working for Texas A&M University, I also have 2 tattoos and plan on commissioning a few more. This stigma that has been placed on people with tattoos is outdated. Tattoos should be viewed as a piece of art, the fact that it is on a human canvas isn't relevant. It still had to be commissioned, it still had to be drawn, and it still had to be "painted". Tattoos are about self expression and beauty!

The guys at Arsenal are consummate professionals. You have to call ahead to set up an appointment (wait time is about 3 months out but completely worth it) and arrange a meeting with your ARTIST to discuss your vision. They don't take walk ins and you have to sign a release form stating that you are over the age of 18, so no need to worry about youngsters popping in and getting a tattoo without parental consent! They are the friendliest group of guys I have been around and Cliff is just simply amazing. He makes you feel at home, doesn't mind chatting or having people look over his shoulder while he works, and frequently checks to make sure you are okay. I won't go anywhere else for tattoos after visiting Arsenal.

Also for the people who say tattoo shops are dirty, I work for a biology lab on campus and their autoclave is one of the nicest I've seen in my 5 years of work. It is nicer than what most of the BSL2+ labs have on campus! (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biosafety_level) So your health and safety are at the top of their list. The guys are extremely meticulous when it comes to setting up their stations, wearing gloves, hand washing, and the cleanliness of their shop. The place is spotless!

I believe this business would not only fit in down town but would enhance it. People who enjoy tattoos come from all walks of life and there is absolutely nothing wrong with a little diversity!

Thanks and have a great day!

Tasha Israel

Cabrera, Christina

From: Melinda Keefer[redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo

To whom it may concern,

My name is Melinda Keefer. I have known Cliff for over 10 years now and I wanted to tell you how I and my family feel about him and his business.

Cliff is a wonderful person but I know this is not just about him but his business. I have heard alot of people have said things like the crowd that would hang out at the Arsenal if it were allowed to open downtown are the kind of riff raff that is trying to be kept away. Well let me tell you Cliff would never allow trouble to be there. I have a 15 year old daughter that I never hesitate to take to the Arsenal. She has been inspired by Cliff and all the guys there to open up and be creative and work on her art. Cliff has been a great friend to all of us but our daughter truly loves him and his wife. As far as the kind of people his business attracts go and sit at the Arsenal and talk to his customers. Watch and see how Cliff is with them and how he handles things. I would trust Cliff to keep my child there at anytime and know that she is in good hands and safe. Downtown Bryan would be lucky to have Cliff and the Arsenal!

Cabrera, Christina

From: Casey Ressler [redacted] on behalf of Casey Ressler

Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 2:25 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo

I'm a realtor in Paris Texas, and a client of Arsenal Tattoo. Mr. Collard has always displayed the utmost professionalism and standards that is unusual to this industry. He cares about his town and people. Mr. Collard is the consummate professional who does amazing work, He doesn't fit into the stigma that typically surrounds the tattoo industry, He is all about Art, His canvas happens to be people.
I think it would be beneficial for him to be allowed to convert the old gas station into a shop. He would make it very nice, as well as attractive. I can tell you that I'm on several local boards, one pertaining specifically to old buildings, and to have someone that is willing to bring one back is hard to find, due to the nature of old buildings and the hurdles surrounding them. I think the benefit of the building being rehabilitated as well as having another source of local tax revenue is more than enough reason to warrant this going forward.

I can't say enough good about him or his business practices, He is a class-act, meticulous, and professional. It would be a shame to not allow him to move forward, due to a few people that may not like or understand his specific business. He would be wonderful for the town, not to mention the tax revenue. I'm one of many of his clients who travel halfway across the state to use him, and will continue to in the future.

Thanks,

Casey Ressler
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*Please refer me to your friends and family.

Cabrera, Christina

From: Kent Coopwood [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 2:54 PM
To: Council Web
Cc: 'cliff collard'; 'COOPWOOD, KIMBERLY 1'
Subject: Arsenal Art and Tattoo Studio

Dear council members of the City of Bryan,

Our dear friend of many, many years, Cliff Collard, has shared with us his exciting news of the building which he hopes to expand his business, Arsenal. He is not only an incredible artist, but person of great integrity. His passion may be art, but his love runs deep for the City of Bryan as well. Cliff will continue to do great things outside of his work in the City of Bryan. He has the kindest heart and soul of anyone I have ever met and has the highest standards of any tattoo shop owner I've ever seen. His customers are art lovers and wait months at times for his sought after appointments. His creativity is unmatched. From murals in our children's bedrooms, to art work that hangs in our home, to translating life stories into symbolic masterpieces, his talent is among the great and his passion in art is his calling. We hope you will consider his request of sharing his gift with others. I know Cliff would make it his mission in his business, together with his customers, to take care of the City of Bryan.

Thank you,
The Coopwood Family

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Fax: 713-692-5414

Cabrera, Christina

From: Ben & Lauren Reviere [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Ben Reviere. I am a Texas A&M graduate of 2006, a former resident of Bryan, Texas, and I am currently a practicing attorney in the Houston area. I write to you today to encourage you to allow Mr. Cliff Collard to open his business, Arsenal Tattoo, in your downtown area. It has come to my attention that Mr. Collard is seeking a zoning permit to open his tattoo studio and art gallery in the old Texaco Station at the Corner of 26th and Sims. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Collard and his wife for the past 11 years. During that time I have had the opportunity to witness first hand what kind of person he is and what a deep love and sense of professionalism he has for the art of tattooing. Cliff is well educated, kind, professional, a gentleman, and a true friend. I have spent many hours with Cliff at his shop and have seen him interact with a multitude of various types of clientele, all with a courteousness and professionalism many other business would be wise to adopt. If there is any concern regarding the stigma of tattooing in relation to the image you seek for Downtown Bryan, I would urge you to view this art form for what it truly is and not limit it to the stereotypes surrounding it. Unfortunately, the art of tattooing is shrouded in outdated, negative stereotypes which focus on what many considered tattooing to be 50 years ago. These unfortunate stereotypes do not appropriately characterize, nor do they reflect, the positive art form it is today. I am aware that to some, the word "tattoo shop" or "tattoo parlor" conjures up images of dirty back alleys, bad parts of town, or sailors up to no good. These stereotypes are more appropriate in Hollywood fiction than in real life. One only has to visit Mr. Collard's shop to realize that what he is participating in is clean, modern, and one of the truest artistic expressions alive in this country today. Many of my colleagues, doctors, and other professionals have tattoos. I would dare say, the vast majority of young adults have some form of tattoo somewhere on their body although it may not be visible to their co-workers. As such, the negative stereotypes by which some view the art of tattooing are not present in the community of young professionals. Modern tattooing is viewed as a true art form. Creative and well done tattoos are things at which to marvel instead of fear or shun. Mr. Collard is the epitome of the modern tattoo artist. His passion is not to inscribe outdated and tired images hastily picked from the wall onto his customers, but rather to help his customers with their own artistic vision by creating custom artwork which is individually tailored to each client. I am confident that the Arsenal Tattoo will be a positive reflection of Downtown Bryan and will epitomize the values the people of Bryan have historically shared. I urge you to approve the zoning permits requested by Mr. Collard so that his small business may continue to thrive, that his passion for art may continue to grow, and so that downtown Bryan may be enhanced by the inclusion of Arsenal Tattoo. I thank you for your time and consideration of Mr. Collard's request. Should you have any questions, or if I may be of any assistance in your determination, please do not hesitate to contact me at 713-828-0748.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin J. Reviere

Cabrera, Christina

From: John Brock, Jr. [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Aresnal Tattoo

Dear city council members,

I strongly believe that allowing Cliff Colard and his more than average art skills to be a part of downtown Bryan would not only bring more business and notoriety to your already great city (I lived there while attending college) but would also provide added culture to an already beautiful place.
Just wanted to show my support for Cliff and all he does.

Thank you for your time,

John Brock

Operations Manager
Louisiana Foods Global , A Sysco Company
E-mail [redacted]
Direct 713-987-7237
Cell 832-640-8445

Cabrera, Christina

From: Casi Keefer [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2013 1:52 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo

If you havent changed your mind about tattoos already, chance is you probably never will. But this is different. Cliff is different.
Him and everybody there have always been there for me.
I met Cliff when I was about 6 years old and I instantly fell in love with everything he was about. I went to visit him every single chance that I got. I am 15 now, and still visit his shop at least once a week. My 5 year old niece asks all the time to go see them.
Cliff, Andres, and Scotty are not just tattooists, they truely care about their customers. They have all been helping me with my art, drawing, and painting. Everybody there have become some of my best friends. I love being there, its like my second home.
Arsenal is a real art gallery...they just happen to do body art as well.
They offer a clean safe environment for everybody, just see for yourselves.
Thanks for listening.
-Casi Keefer-

City of Bryan

To:	Mayor and Council
From:	Christina Cabrera, Council Services Assistant
CC:	
Date:	April 30, 2013
Re:	Phone call about allowing Tattoo Parlor in Downtown Bryan

Comments: Carrie Eller, a 50 year Bryan resident, called to today to express her wish that the city council not allow a tattoo parlor in Downtown Bryan. She is afraid that it would attract the "wrong kind of people" and that if 1 was allowed others may follow. She thinks Downtown Bryan is beautiful and does not want a tattoo parlor there.

Cabrera, Christina

From: Matt Young [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Cliff Collard - Arsenal Tattoo

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that there is opposition to the relocation of Arsenal Tattoo to Downtown Bryan.

I've lived in Bryan my entire life, until 6 months ago when I relocated to New York City. The thing that makes me most proud of my hometown is the way its relaxed yet rich and diverse personality bursts forth through downtown bryan. It is a place where you can go to sample all the variety that exists in Bryan - and note that I am leaving out College Station, which I believe to have a personality of its own. Actually I am quite proud of being from Bryan, because growing up here I felt a stronger bond and love in my Bryan community of friends than in my community of friends from our beloved twin city.

But more importantly, I felt that Bryan was a more REAL and down to earth community - where as College Station to this day feels more sterile and homogenous.

I want you to know that I support Cliff Collard and his desire to relocate to Bryan. Cliff is a LEADER in this community. Many artists, such as myself, admire Cliff as both a true gentleman and an incredibly skilled and professional craftsman - a perfect fit for our colorful and welcoming downtown district. Please take this into consideration while forming your opinions and making your decision.

I will one day live in Bryan again, and I hope to return to a place that is even more diverse, welcoming, and warm of a place that it is now.

All the best, and with all the love in my heart,

Matt Young

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Texas A&M '11

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Cabrera, Christina

From: Marvin Stanton, Inc. [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Arsenal Gallery

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I have known Cliff Collard all my life, he and his wife Stacey have always conducted their business in a very professional manner. I think that they would be great assets in the Downtown Bryan Business District. Cliff is continually representing Bryan/College Station as a visiting artist in shows as far away as Manhattan and San Francisco. With his contacts I believe he can bring more and more traffic for the Downtown Bryan Business District. Please feel free to contact me at anytime at (936)-349-0000 or feel free to just stop by and visit their shop to see first-hand the type of art operation that they have. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Cabrera, Christina

From: Gay Collard[redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 7:29 AM
To: Council Web

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Cliff Collard is my son. He is one of the most honest person I have ever known. When he tells you he will do something that is what he will do.
I have visited his shop in College Station numerous times and it has always been a nice experience. There has never been more than 6 people there at a time and usually at least 2 were getting work done.
I believe his shop would be a great asset to downtown and you could not find a better person to put a business in that building.

Thank you for reading my comments.
Gay Collard

Cabrera, Christina

From: slc [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Council Web
Cc: arsenalcliff@hotmail.com
Subject: Arsenal Tattoo (Cliff Collard)

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the adverse reaction to Arsenal Tattoo Parlor owner, Cliff Collard, opening a tattoo business in Downtown Bryan. I am 61-years old and have lived and owned property in Bryan for the past 25 years. I have done business with Arsenal Tattoo (Cliff Collard) for about 9 years. By doing so, I have spent many hours in his business. The "typical" stereotype of tattoo parlors is very inaccurate. I have never seen any kind of unacceptable behavior, including drinking, drugs, unsavory people, in and around his business. He runs his business in the most professional manner. Therefore, I do not comprehend why he would not be allowed to open his business in Downtown Bryan. I can only see his business contributing to the success of Downtown Bryan for years to come. Feel free to contact me with any concerning questions.

Regards,

Sherry Cochran
[redacted]
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Cabrera, Christina

From: Glenda [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2013 7:36 AM
To: Council Web
Subject: Cliff Collard-Arsenal Tatoo

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Cliff Collard setting up his tatoo shop and art gallery in Bryan. Cliff is the ultimate business man. He started a successful business and is active in community affairs. He and his wife, Stacy, are good, stable, caring folks. Cliff is my nephew by marriage. My husband and I have a teen with some special needs. Cliff and Stacy have agreed to be his guardians in the event something happens to us. We are trusting them with our most prized possession! I think you can trust them to run a 5 star business in Bryan! Their shop will be a great improvement and bring value in real estate to that neighborhood and bring income to your city. As his clients come in to your city to get tatoos and visit the art gallery, they will need food, gas and possibly lodging.

Please consider all the positive aspects of Cliff and Stacy bringing their business to Bryan!

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenda Collard

Sent from my iPhone

Zimmermann, Martin

From: Cabrera, Christina
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 8:13 AM
To: Zimmermann, Martin
Subject: FW: The P&Z Committe Meeting scheduled for 6/6/13

From: Kimberley Decker [mailto:kimberleyrc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 4:56 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: The P&Z Committe Meeting scheduled for 6/6/13

To Council Members Nancy Hardeman, Scott Hickle, Prentice Madison, Leo Gonzalez, and other members of the Bryan City Council,

My name is Kimberley Decker, and I am writing to you not only as a citizen of the City of Bryan but as a faculty member at an institution of higher education in the Bryan/College station area. Before I became a teacher, I worked in the healthcare field as a paramedic, and was a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2004. First, I would like to state that I appreciate all the work that the City of Bryan has put into renovating the downtown area, the new sidewalks, improved streets, and generally cleaning up the area. My husband and I bought our home in Bryan for a reason; we love this city and appreciate all the hard work the city puts into the quality of life for its citizens. My husband and I frequent the downtown area for lunch and the occasional night out. One of my co-workers, Zach Varner, and the non-profit organization he runs are working on a concert benefit that will take place in downtown Bryan.(as an aside, Arsenal designed his business cards). We have many friends who are business owners in Bryan/College Station, and several who own property in the downtown area. We like to 'keep it local', so we frequent these businesses as often as we can.

I want to make my support for Mr. Cliff Collard clear and plain. My husband has been tattooed by Mr. Collard, and when my father passed away last year, Mr. Collard made me a memorial piece of art that hangs in our home. We have two other pieces of his artwork hanging in our house and he truly has a gift for artistic expression.

As you know, Mr. Collard has petitioned the City of Bryan for a conditional use permit for his art studio in downtown Bryan. I understand the controversy surrounding this subject; the renewal of business in Bryan has taken a lot of hard work and dedication by many people. The downtown area not only needs people who are dedicated to preserving the historical value of the area but also new business owners who are willing to put their hard-earned money, valuable time, and sweat from their brow into improving the area. I could be mistaken, but when driving by the location that Mr. Collard has already purchased I was not under the impression that businesses were beating down the door to occupy that property. Its location is not ideal for a business looking to draw from people walking down the main street in downtown; it is next to the railroad tracks and has (what appears to be) an abandoned school across the street. I have seen the plans he has for both interior and exterior developments and I can't think of a better use for that property. Certainly a business that attracts children would not want to operate that close to an active train track; any business that is looking for quiet or solace would do well to develop elsewhere.

Some people believe that allowing a tattoo shop to operate in a historic district would diminish the overall class of an area and attract what might seem to be undesirable individuals. I would like to point out that

he is not trying to build a Vegas-style tattoo parlor next to the Queen Theatre. His business is an appropriate distance away from the main drag, but close enough that customers who are getting work done or browsing the art gallery could take advantage of all that downtown Bryan has to offer. I know that the City of Bryan has received much feedback from citizens of both Bryan and College Station, as well as citizens from other surrounding areas. This is a good thing for Bryan, in my opinion. Mr. Collard is looking to move his business to Bryan, and with him he will take many people who are passionate about him and his artwork. If you have never been the recipient of a large tattoo, you may not be familiar the time it can take. When a session concludes, a person is looking for a place to eat and relax, possibly even a place to have a night on the town. I'm sure that the downtown restaurants could benefit from this. While a family member or friend is being tattooed people could walk around, shop, see the historic buildings and get to know businesses they might not otherwise have stopped to visit. I was under the impression that Bryan was trying to draw customers to the downtown area, and not just new customers but those that might not traditionally visited the area. I really feel that the city is underestimating the spillover business that could be generated by his residence in the downtown area.

I also understand at this time two of the council members have been able to visit his current location in College Station. I hope the planning committee has been able to dedicate the appropriate amount of time to this issue. I also hope the other members who will be directly involved in this decision have also taken the time to visit his place of business. He is not running a fly-by-night operation, nor is he allowing customers to be tattooed when it would not be appropriate. His business is clean; he uses the appropriate sterile technique and clean equipment. Mr. Collard is a quiet, careful man that talks through each tattoo with each individual. He would not tattoo an individual unless they were fully aware of the implications; this includes tattooing a person in visible areas and tattooing large areas. He is not some tattooed boogeyman out to get at the children of Bryan, trying to get people from "one little tattoo to having tattoos all over [their] head". To suggest that a tattoo turns a person into a social deviant is ridiculous and quite frankly ignorant.

Regardless about how one person feels about tattoos or their appropriateness, I would encourage the committee and the City Council to look at this issue from a neutral standpoint. Mr. Collard was allowed to purchase the property, but now that he wants to improve the building the city (and certain vocal individuals) want to not only stop his renovations but keep him from operating his business. I really feel the City of Bryan has bigger problems than antiquated emotional reactions to tattoos. I would be very careful about making a statement in not wanting tattoo artists, tattooed people or 'those people that would visit a tattoo parlor' in your area because they will leave, and take their business with them. I also think that the business owners and real estate agents of downtown Bryan would be surprised to find out who 'those people' with tattoos are. I am pretty suspicious of the motives involved in the people who have been most vocal in their opposition to Mr. Collard opening his business. I am also a little disgusted that he was permitted to buy the property in full knowledge of what he intended to open, and then denied the right to operate his business. Something's rotten in the state of Denmark, and I am not the only one who thinks so. Please prove me wrong.

I have always been proud to say that I live in Bryan and not the city next door, and I feel confident that the city will find its reason again, and find in favor for Mr. Collard's business.

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Kimberley Decker, BS LP
Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2004

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Cabrera, Christina

From: David Segrest <drsrms77@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Re: Rezoning in Downtown Bryan.

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Please send this email to the Planning and Zoning commission also. Thank you.
Becky Segrest

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 1, 2013, at 7:20 AM, David Segrest <drsrms77@me.com> wrote:

> Under your leadership and other recent city councils, our Downtown
> Bryan has become a lovely place to eat, shop, meet friends, and do business. I even have discovered the new shop, North, this past month. Often my husband and I eat dinner at night in Downtown Bryan and feel very safe walking around looking in the shop windows. This was not always the case. Therefore, I ask you not to rezone the area at the request of the tattoo shop. It could be a real change in the wrong direction for this safe and delightful area of our city.
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> Thank you.
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> Becky Segrest
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> Sent from my iPad

Cabrera, Christina

From: Michaele Jackson <bryanpurple@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 8:12 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Re: tatoo parlor in downtown Bryan.

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This not something I would like to see in downtown. If the council says yes to one it will be very difficult to say no to others.

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Michaele Jackson

Cabrera, Christina

From: Scott McMahon <tejanodiablo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Council Web
Subject: Concerning the Tattoo Arsenal in Downtown Bryan

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Dear Bryan City Council,

I recently learned of the issues surrounding, and the upcoming vote regarding the establishment of Mr. Collard's tattoo studio in downtown Bryan. As a resident of the city of Bryan and one who has frequented the downtown area for a long time, I would like to speak in favor of said tattoo studio being located downtown. Not only is Mr. Collard a very talented artist, choosing to create his works of art on the human body but his establishment is ver professional in every manner and detail. The inclusion of a tattoo studio in the downtown area would go along, hand in hand, with the city's promotion of art in the downtown area and would also add diversity to the businesses already established there. I sincerely hope you consider allowing Mr. Collard to establish himself in what is already considered an art-friendly area of Bryan thereby adding to the diversity and economy of downtown.

Please feel free to contact me at your leisure for further questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Scott McMahon
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Bryan, Texas
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Date - 6/4/13

Fax Cover

To: Planning + Zoning Commission,
City of Bryan

phone # 209-5035

From: Sharon A. Anderson

phone 822-3954*
* usually takes 6 rings for voice mail

Re: tatoo parlors + downtown zoning

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June 4, 2013
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Dear Planning + Zoning Commission:

I was surprised to find the sub-committee on tatoo parlors + downtown zoning issues on tomorrow's agenda.

As previously stated, I am against downtown tatoo parlors. If the prevailing opinion of this committee, downtown members (property owners, businesses, residents), those adjacent to downtown, Not to mention, Bryan resident and taxpayers is to allow tatoo parlors in downtown; then I hope the number of tatoo parlors is limited. Limiting the number of tatoo parlors by using minimum distance requirements between tatoo parlors and existing incompatible uses.

An incompatible use would be schools from nursery to highschool of all types, daycare, churches, residences, museums, parks, structures being used as residences, hospitals, nursing homes, Recenters, bars, and liquor stores, hotels, I am sure there are others that would benefit from being on this list

The applicant who wants to open a tatoo parlor + gallery in downtown states that other tatoo parlors won't come. That they won't be able to stay in business in downtown.

He cannot forecast the future. No one knows

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if another person is going to try opening another tatoo parlor if they are allowed in the future in downtown Bryan.

As an example; If I was to open a tatoo parlor in downtown, (Assuming I was a tatooist), I would cater to those clients that did not want to wait 3 months.

Who's to say that another tatooartist of the caliber of the applicant won't want to locate in downtown, Bryan.

At least set distance requirements to limit the number of tatoo parlors in downtown Bryan.

Too many of us, myself included, do not have a positive perspective on tatoo parlors. I do not want to see the hard work in downtown Bryan be undone.

Since the committee was to look at zoning + uses in downtown Bryan, I would like to comment on finance companies. This was brought up by a speaker at the last time tatoo parlors were discussed.

Finance companies have existed in downtown Bryan since before zoning. Also finance companies have existed in downtown before the downtown zoning districts were established. They are grandfathered.

We can't do much about the existing ones in downtown, but maybe limiting the number of new ones in downtown Bryan might be worth exploring.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Shawn A. Anderson