



**CITY OF CARSON**

**PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** April 10, 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Conditional Use Permit No. 646-06  
**APPLICANT:** Silvia Campos  
17928 S. Avalon Boulevard  
Carson, CA 90745  
**REQUEST:** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a tattoo and body piercing establishment currently operating in the CG-D (Commercial, General – Design Overlay) zone  
**PROPERTY INVOLVED:** 17928 S. Avalon Boulevard

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**COMMISSION ACTION**

- Concurred with staff
- Did not concur with staff
- Other

**COMMISSIONERS' VOTE**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>NO</b>		<b>AYE</b>	<b>NO</b>	
		<b>Cottrell – Chairman</b>			<b>Saenz</b>
		<b>Pulido – Vice-Chairman</b>			<b>Tyus</b>
		<b>Faletogo</b>			<b>Verrett</b>
		<b>Graber</b>			<b>Wilson</b>
		<b>Hudson</b>			

## I. Introduction

### *Date Application Received*

November 14, 2006: Conditional Use Permit No. 646-06

### *Applicant / Property Owner*

Purified Ink

Attention: Silvia Campos

17928 S. Avalon Boulevard, Carson, CA 90746

### *Project Address*

17928 S. Avalon Boulevard

### *Project Description*

- The request is to permit the operation of an existing tattoo and body piercing establishment in a commercial center located on the northeast corner of Victoria Street and Avalon Boulevard. No construction is proposed with this application.
- The applicant is currently operating a tattoo and body piercing establishment in the CG-D (Commercial, General – Design Overlay) zone.
- Hours of operation are from Monday to Saturday, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and every other Sunday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The mentioned establishment consists of five (5) rooms; three (3) tattoo stations separated by half-height partition walls, a piercing room, and a sterilization room with the remaining floor area devoted to a reception area and a restroom. The total leasable area is approximately 520 square feet.
- The facility contracts two to three tattoo and body piercing technicians at any given time.

## II. Background

### *Current Use of Property*

- The subject property is part of a commercial center located on the northeast corner of Victoria Street and Avalon Boulevard. There are currently eight (8) tenants operating within the shopping center, these include a 7-Eleven, small retail stores, restaurants, and a check cashing facility. Common parking is located in front of the L-shaped building.
- Purified Ink is a tattoo and piercing establishment, with a small retail component consisting of jewelry sales.
- The business has been operating in the City of Carson since September 2003.
- The owner presently operates a second similar type business in the City of Los Angeles (“Coy Fish Tattoos”). The business has been operating in this location for five (5) years.

### Previously Approved Discretionary Permits

- None

### Public Safety Issues

- The Public Safety Department has not reported any current code enforcement cases associated with this property.
- The LA County Sheriff's Department provided an incident report for the subject business. Records on the report date back to the past five (5) years showing only three (3) minor incidents involving transients/homeless and illegal smoking in the parking lot area.

### Ordinance for Tattoo Services

- On June 7, 2006, the City Council approved the Massage and Tattoo Service Ordinance to regulate the use of massage and tattoo services. The Ordinance became effective on July 7, 2006, and requires businesses to obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) to service these types of businesses.
- The CUP process allows the city to regulate to the skill and expertise of tattoo technicians. The Planning Commission may require reasonable conditions on the operation of tattoo establishments to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

## **III. Analysis**

### Location/Site Characteristics/Existing Development

- The subject property is part of a commercial center located on the northeast corner of Victoria Street and Avalon Boulevard.
- The applicant, Silvia Campos, owner of Purified Ink., is leasing approximately 520 square feet from the property owner, Sanwell Properties Ltd.
- Access to the site is from Victoria to the south and Avalon Boulevard to the west.

### Existing Tattoo Facilities

- South Bay Tattoo & Piercing, 604 W. Sepulveda Boulevard; ML zone
- Lifestyle Tattoos, 422 E. Carson Street; CG-MUR zone

### Zoning/General Plan/Redevelopment Area Designation

- The subject property is zoned CG-D (Commercial, General – Design Overlay) and it is surrounded with Public Uses to the north and Single-Family Residential to the east.
- The subject property has a General Plan land use designation of General Commercial and the designations for the surrounding properties are of Public Facilities to the north and Low Density to the east.

### Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to Section 9172.21 of the Carson Municipal Code (CMC), a conditional use permit (CUP) is required for tattoo service. Section 9172.21 (D) of the Zoning Ordinance requires that the Planning Commission, by resolution, render its

approval based on the ability to make affirmative findings on the following criteria:

- a. The proposed use and development will be consistent with the General Plan.
- b. The site is adequate in size, shape, topography, location, utilities, and other factors to accommodate the proposed use and development.
- c. There will be adequate street access and traffic capacity.
- d. There will be adequate water supply for fire protection.
- e. The proposed use and development will be compatible with the intended character of the area.
- f. Such other criteria as are specified for the particular use in other Sections of this Chapter.

All of the required findings listed above can be made in the affirmative. Specific details are incorporated in the attached resolution.

Issues of Concern / Proposed Condition/Change:

Issue – Tattoo Service: On July 7, 2006, the Tattoo Service Ordinance went into effect. Its purpose and intent are to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Carson and regulate tattoo establishments by imposing reasonable standards relative to the skill and experience of tattoo operators and tattoo technicians and reasonable conditions on the operation of tattoo establishments.

Existing tattoo facilities must obtain a conditional use permit within one year of the date of the ordinance. The remaining two tattoo facilities have been advised to submit applications prior to the expiration of the one-year amortization period. (Section 9182.22A)

Proposed Condition/Change: Staff has included a number of project specific conditions that require tattoo operators and tattoo technicians to obtain valid permits from the City Business License Division and County Health Department, limit the hours of operation for tattoo use, require proper record keeping, and comply with all the regulations of the County Health Department. These conditions can be found in the attached resolution.

**IV. Conclusion**

Conditions of approval have been included to ensure that the business is well maintained. Periodic inspections by staff will be conducted to ensure that the facility meets all conditions of approval.

**V. Environmental Review**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301(a), Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies, the City's approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for tattoo service is "Categorically Exempt."

**VI. Recommendation**

That the Planning Commission:

- **APPROVE** Conditional Use Permit No. 646-06 subject to the conditions of approval attached as Exhibit "B" to the Resolution; and
  
- **WAIVE** further reading and **ADOPT** Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Carson Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 646-06 for the operation of a tattoo and body piercing establishment located at 17928 S. Avalon Boulevard."

**VII. Exhibits**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Massage and Tattoo Ordinance
3. Suite Floor Plan

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