

Minutes
Building Board of Appeals
Conference Room 110
City Center
July 11, 2018 12 p.m.

Members Present

Tom Gruenig, Heath Taggert, Rich Boesel, Mark deWit, Roger Nikolas

Members Absent

none

Guests Present

Norm deWit, Kristen Chau, Ryan Sage, Butch Warrington

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Rich and a second was made by Heath to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018. Ayes, 5 . Nayes, 0.

New Business

1. **Public Input.** There was no public input.

2. **Appeal BOA-ML-008597-2018.** Gary gave a synopsis of the appeal and the city's stance on the appeal. Gary said that it vents the products of combustion, but also because there is particulate matter that is being exhausted this now has different criteria for venting than just the products of combustion.

Norm gave his input on why this should be allowed. The coffee roaster is very particular on the amount of air that is required for roasting. Norm said there is very very few particulates found when he has been out there watching the roasting process. Norm was out after a fresh snow and saw very very few particulates. Norm stated this vent is about 7 feet from the property line. Norm doesn't believe this is a product conveying vent. Norm vented this as a gas venting appliance, not a product conveying vent.

Gary explained that product conveying doesn't necessarily mean particulates.

Kristen talked about her roaster is a small batch roaster, maximum of 10 lbs. per batch whereas a large batch roaster is closer to 100 lbs. they use it about 2 hours per day.

Heath asked about the height of the vent on the exterior, Norm drew a picture.

Gary said that if it wasn't for a lot line issue, this would not be an issue.

Discussion continued, Roger asked about what the vent was made of, it is a double wall vent pipe.

Gary showed a white rag that he used to wipe the vent to the board. There was a dark smear on the rag.

Discussion continued. It was asked how often it was used. Kristen stated usually 3 times a week for about 30 lbs. of coffee a week. Kristen stated that if they were to grow they would have to move, this is the maximum she is capable of. It takes 15 minutes to do a batch for a total of 45 minutes a week.

Ryan Sage informed the board that they must stick to what the code says and interpret this. If a code change is in order it must go to council.

Roger stated to the rest of the board “the challenge is to determine whether this is environmental air, product conveying duct, or products of combustion.”

Roger asked if this would be a problem if it just a vent for product of combustion. Gary said it would not be a problem.

Roger asked if all could agree that this is an appliance. Heath asked what was stated in the manufacturers installation instructions with regard to vent termination. Instructions were very vague, but gave no termination requirements.

Mark made a motion to say that if this is a 100 lb roaster it is a product conveying appliance and if under it would be a product combustion appliance.

Died for lack of a second.

Heath made a motion to consider up to a 20 lb roaster as a gas fire appliance as defined by the IFGC.

2nd by Rich.

Discussion by the board to limit this to a small roaster. If it is larger than 20 lb it could be looked at again.

Ayes, 5 Naves, 0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark and a second was made by Tom by to adjourn the meeting at 12:55p.m. Ayes, 5 Naves, 0.

Gary Klarenbeek, Secretary