

**BZA APPLICATION FORM**

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT  
FOR A FAST ORDER FOOD ESTABLISHMENT**

Pursuant to Section 11.30 of the Ordinance, in addition to meeting the criteria specified in Section 10.40, the proposed operation at 71 Mt. Auburn Street will meet the following requirements for a Special Permit for a Fast Order Food Establishment:

- A) The operation of the establishment will not (1) create traffic problems, (2) reduce available parking, (3) threaten the public safety in the streets and sidewalks, or (4) encourage or produce double parking on the adjacent public street(s) because:

It is anticipated that almost all of the petitioner's business will arrive by foot or bicycle with the clientele already located in the general area. Furthermore, many patrons of the petitioner will have already arrived in Harvard Square by means of transportation other than their own vehicle such as the MBTA, a tourist bus, or ride sharing service. Also, no parking spaces will be eliminated. There will be no change to the existing street or sidewalk configuration which would threaten public safety and the presence of the petitioner's establishment will only enhance public safety as there will be activity rather than a vacant storefront. For the reasons stated above, it is not anticipated that double parking will occur given the foot traffic orientation of the petitioner's patrons.

- B) The physical design, including color and use of materials, of the establishment will be compatible with and sensitive to the visual and physical characteristics of other buildings, public spaces and uses in the particular location because:

There are no plans to change the exterior façade of the structure that would impact the visual and physical harmony of the local area. The existing blade sign will continue

in use and any other signage would comply with the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and the Cambridge Historical Commission regulations.

- C) The establishment will fulfill a need for such a service in the neighborhood or in the city because:

The petitioner is an Australian based entity with over 165 locations in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Ireland. Although there are other Mexican style cuisine restaurants in the general area, the petitioner's operation will provide a healthy meal offering and a modern designed establishment all with a unique international flair. Furthermore, the petitioner's corporate mission includes providing donated meals to individuals in need as evidenced by their proposed interior signage.

- D) The establishment will attract patrons primarily from walk in trade as opposed to drive in or automobile related trade.

It is highly unlikely that patrons in motor vehicles will be stopping and running into the store for food. It is anticipated that almost 100% of the patrons of the premises will already be in the Harvard Square area for various purposes.

- E) The establishment will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize biodegradable materials in packaging the food and in the utensils and other items provided for consumption thereof.

The petitioner's packaging will be either 100% biodegradable or recyclable.

- F) The establishment will provide convenient, suitable and well-marked waste receptacles to encourage patrons properly to dispose of all packaging materials, utensils and other items provided with the sale of food.

The petitioner will have clearly marked trash receptacles which shall be maintained on a regular basis and patrons will be encouraged to properly dispose of packaging materials, utensils and other items provided with the sale of food at the premises.

- G) The establishment complies with all state and local requirements applicable to ingress, egress, and use of all facilities on the premises for handicapped and disabled persons.

All such state and local requirements will be satisfied. The present premises are handicapped accessible.