



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** Ted Shekell, Planning Director  
Walter Denton, City Administrator  
**Date:** October 19, 2009  
**Subject:** Special Event Permit – Happy Day Hut Christmas Tree Lot (MOTION)

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**List of committees that have reviewed:** The Community Development Committee reviewed this application at its October 12, 2009 meeting but there was no quorum present to make a formal recommendation.

### **Background:**

- Applicant: Dennis Cowden for Happy Day Hut Christmas Tree Lot
- Special Event Permit for a Christmas tree lot at 300 E Hwy 50 (vacant lot next to tropical snow stand).
- Christmas tree lot will be open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Christmas tree lot will operate from November 15 to December 31, 2009.
- There will be 4 to 6 part-time employees operating the business.
- A second 8 ft x 14 ft hut will be set up on the east side of the property. The Tropical Sno hut will remain on site (it was approved for 6 months – until February 17, 2010)
- Temporary fencing that exists on site will be expanded to separate the parking lot from the tree lot.
- Parking will be provided on site. Applicant estimates approximately 5 to 8 vehicles can be accommodated on site.
- The property owner has provided a letter of authorization to Mr. Cowden to operate the Christmas tree lot.
- The applicant is not requesting any special considerations from the City.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** None

**Budget Impact:** none

**Staff Review:** The Police and Fire Departments had no issues with the request. Staff recommends approval of the Special Event Permit with the following conditions:

1. This approval is for the 2009 Christmas season only. A Special Event Permit must be approved each year for such event.
2. The requested marquee sign is not permitted. The applicant may display a 4 ft. x 6 ft. ground-mounted wooden sign.