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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 8, 1994
TO: DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FROM: ALVIN P. SOLIS, Director *AS*
Development Department
SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING THE LOCATION OF PAINT BOOTHS IN
AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOPS

There has been an increase in applications for the establishment of paint booths for automobile repair businesses. It has been established by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District that the proposed paint booths do not filter out all pollutants and, therefore, release these pollutants into the ambient air. There is a method of eliminating the volatile organics and odors, and this is called an "after-burner" which super-heats the exhaust and burns it so that it is at a negligible level.

Therefore, the Development Department has established the following policies to determine the appropriateness of locating a paint booth on any site:

Unless a paint booth is equipped with an after burner or other acceptable technology or exhibits a unique geographic feature deserving of additional consideration, it shall not be located closer than 1,000 feet of any schools, hospitals, care facilities, churches, playgrounds, or property developed with, planned for and/or zoned for residential use.

Unique geographic factors (such as proximity to a freeway) shall also be considered by the Director to determine whether a paint booth is approved.

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