

The board of directors of Cattery Lounge and Snackery have reviewed the Intents guiding the City of San Marcos's business district. Our assessment leads us to find having the Cattery Lounge located in the business district will promote the following items of Intent.

1.3.3. The Community

C. That ordinary activities of daily living should occur within walking distance of most dwellings, allowing independence to those who do not drive.

-Cattery Lounge and Snackery aims to provide an opportunity to interact with adoptable cats and kittens in a unique, walking-distance setting for San Marcos residents located near the downtown square area as well as Texas State University students who live on campus. This would provide a great opportunity for students living on campus in particular because dorms do not allow pets and many students do not have cars.

G. That Civic, Institutional and Commercial activities should be embedded downtown, not isolated in remote single-use complexes.

- As a Civic activity, the Cattery Lounge location is ideal for access for many residents of San Marcos. In addition to providing an easily accessible area for residents (especially residents who do not drive) to meet adoptable animals which lessens the burden of rescue community animals, the Cattery Lounge will offer regular volunteer opportunities, day camps for children, and other community events. Cattery Lounge will strive to provide an inclusive community space central to the business district downtown. Other permanent and off-site adoption centers are not walking distance from the business district.

1.3.4. The Block and Building

E. That Civic buildings and public gathering places should be provided as locations that reinforce community identity and support self-government.

-Cattery Lounge will reinforce and provide community identity in several ways. In addition to being an inclusive community space, focusing on permanent San Marcos residents as well as college students, Cattery Lounge will display art from local artists. Local artists will be able to work with Cattery Lounge on a consignment basis. Branding from business and individual sponsors will be displayed throughout the venue. In addition, Cattery Lounge will be a gathering space for organization meetings and will reach out to community members who cannot have pets (e.g., women and children at Hays Caldwell Women's Center, elderly in residential living, and children with their families). Since the Cattery Lounge is a non-smoking, no alcohol establishment it provides a safe and healthy environment. It will also provide the public the opportunity to participate in classes such as yoga, crafts, pet responsibility education, and evening entertainment (e.g., poetry reading, trivia, etc).

F. That Civic Buildings should be distinctive and appropriate to a role more important than the other buildings that constitute the fabric of the city.

-Cattery Lounge and Snackery aims to play a valuable role in city culture by advocating for and teaching responsible pet ownership and promoting adopting. These factors contribute to reducing rates of homeless pets. By serving as an additional and accessible adoption space, Cattery Lounge will increase the capacity of Hays County for shelter pets and reduce the burden of homeless pets. Making adoption a prominent and normalized way of acquiring pets for San Marcos residents in all areas of the city will have long-term outcomes with regards to euthanasia rates in Hays County.