



STANDARDS FOR:  
**SPECIAL USE**

2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430

<b>Street Address:</b> 17855 S Halsted St _____ Homewood, IL 60430	
<b>Requested Use:</b> Coffee Stand - Drive-thru service only _____	<b>Area:</b> 32208 sq. ft.
<b>Business Name:</b> 7 Brew Drive-thru Coffee _____	
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Who Brew LLC _____	<b>Date:</b> 04/13/2026 _____

Provide responses to each question below using complete sentences and specific to the proposed business and selected location.

The Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Board shall consider the following responses to the Standards for a Special Use in evaluating the application. No one is controlling.

1. Is the special use deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location?

*Describe why this location is best-suited for your business to serve the community.*

This location is well-suited due to its position along Halsted Street within an existing commercial corridor. The drive-thru model provides a convenient, quick-service option for residents and commuters. The site layout supports adequate vehicle stacking and circulation.

2. Is the special use detrimental to the economic welfare of the community?

*Will the business have a negative impact on other businesses?*

The proposed use will not negatively impact the local economy. It will reinvest in an underutilized site, create jobs, and increase commercial activity. The business complements existing restaurants by offering a different, convenience-based service.

3. Will the special use be consistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan?

*Describe how your business fits with the goals and policies summarized on the attached sheet.*

The project supports reinvestment in existing commercial property and aligns with goals to promote appropriate retail development and strengthen the Village's economic base.

4. Is the special use so designed, located, and proposed to be operated, that the public health, safety, and welfare will be protected?

*Describe any negative impacts, external to your business, that may result from it operating at this location.*

The site is designed for safe and efficient operation, with dual drive-thru lanes and approximately 26 vehicles of on-site stacking. During occasional peak or promotional events, limited overflow may extend into the internal shopping center drive aisles, but will not impact public roadways. Traffic control is utilized during these rare events. No significant off-site impacts are anticipated.

5. Is the special use a suitable use of the property, and will the property will be substantially diminished in value without the special use?

*Describe why your business is best-suited for your this property.*

The property is appropriate for this use given its commercial zoning and prior restaurant use. The layout accommodates drive-thru circulation, and redevelopment prevents underutilization.

6. Will the special use cause substantial injury to the value of other property in the neighborhood in which it is located?

*Will your business decrease the value of other properties?*

The development is not expected to reduce nearby property values. Site improvements, including landscaping and reduced impervious area, will enhance the property and likely bring business to the surrounding commercial properties.

7. Will the special use be consistent with the uses and community character of the neighborhood surrounding the property?

*Describe how your business is compatible with its neighbors.*

The use is consistent with the surrounding commercial area. It complements nearby businesses and will include extra screening along Halsted Street to beautify the development.

8. Will the special use be injurious to the use or enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for the purposes permitted in the zoning district?

*Describe any negative impacts, external to your business, that may result from it operating at this location.*

No significant negative impacts are expected. Operations are typical for commercial uses, and traffic and activity are managed on-site.

9. Will the special use impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding properties for uses permitted in the zoning district?

*Describe any negative impacts, external to your business, that may result from it operating at this location.*

The project will not impede surrounding development. It supports continued commercial investment in the area.

10. Does the special use provide adequate measures of ingress and egress in a manner that minimizes traffic congestion in the public streets?

*Describe how will customers get to and from your business.*

Access will be provided via one existing driveway for entry and a proposed driveway for exit. The site layout is designed to support efficient drive-thru circulation, with dual lanes and on-site stacking to minimize impacts to surrounding roadways.

11. Is the special use served by adequate utilities, drainage, road access, public safety and other necessary facilities?

*A new business going into an existing development, may answer 'no.'*

The site is served by existing utilities and infrastructure, which are adequate for the proposed use.

12. Will the special use substantially adversely affect one or more historical, archaeological, cultural, natural or scenic resources located on the parcel or surrounding properties?

*A new business going into an existing development, may answer 'no.'*

No impacts to historical, cultural, or natural resources are anticipated, as the site is already developed.

## 1999 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

*Below is an excerpt of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan containing those goals and objectives related to land use and community economic development which may be informative in the evaluation of special use permits.*

### Goal 1 - Land Use and Community Economic Development

Promote development of all remaining undeveloped property within the Village of Homewood for sound and orderly residential, commercial, and industrial development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map.

#### Objectives

- 1.1 - Recruit additional appropriate retail and industrial development for designated vacant commercial and industrial areas shown on the Future Land Use Map [current zoning map].
- 1.2 - Prepare a streetscape right-of-way plan for 183rd Street from the intersection of Dixie Highway to Governor's Highway to establish commercial "entryways" into the downtown central business district.
- 1.3 - Complete a plan to assess the potential for the Downtown to serve as a regional entertainment and "upscale" shopping district, serving residents within a 10-mile radius.
- 1.4 - Establish a transition zone surrounding the current downtown where, depending on market timing, changes in zoning from residential to commercial or mixed-uses would be favorably considered depending on specifics of the proposal.
- 1.5 - Complete an assessment of the success of the recent parking improvement actions to provide additional parking in the downtown and, if warranted, study the need and location of additional parking- both surface and elevated.
- 1.6 - Establish guidelines for appropriate mixed-use downtown development, including parking requirements, acceptable uses, and Village financing assistance (if deemed appropriate).
- 1.7 - Implement municipal utility improvements, especially storm water improvements, sidewalk construction/ replacement, streetscape, street tree plantings, and signage improvements.

## 2009 DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

*Below is an excerpt of the 2009 Downtown Master Plan containing the objectives of the Master Plan. The Downtown Master Plan generally encompasses those areas zoned B-1 and B-2.*

### Master Plan Objectives

- » Sustain and enhance Downtown Homewood as a regional draw for the South Suburbs.
- » Encourage mixed-use development of key opportunity sites to create a more active "18-hour" downtown.
- » Increase commercial development to provide more goods and services for residents and visitors.
- » Increase commercial development to enhance the economic base of the Village.
- » Increase residential densities throughout Downtown to support transit use and new commercial activity.
- » Increase use of the Amtrak and Metra stations.
- » Encourage new residential development that provides a wider range of housing products in the Village, including apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and senior housing.
- » Enhance and increase open space within Downtown.
- » Significantly improve physical conditions by expanding streetscape improvements to all Downtown blocks, upgrading street furniture, and improving the pedestrian tunnel and viaducts under the tracks.
- » Improve pedestrian and vehicular access and circulation.