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STATEMENT OF EXISTING & INTENDED USE (BZA Form 2)

The existing service establishment is a Beauty Shop, including hair and skin care. This use is permitted in a C-1 District as a matter of right. The newly enlarged building will remain primarily a Beauty Shop with added manicure and pedicure services. In addition, a service establishment devoted to pet grooming will be located on a separate level with its own entrance.

The shop building is a single story, mid-block, party wall structure with two lower levels making up a change in grade toward the rear. The **Street Level** will feature an expanded floor with a more comfortable waiting area, a more comprehensive display of hair products, and a new manicure/pedicure center in the more private area of the rear addition. No increase in the number of hair cutting stations is anticipated and the original tall shop space with its attractive tin ceiling will be enhanced by the relocation of support spaces to the new addition. The **First Lower Level** will house the skin care area only in the new addition. This popular facility currently suffers from low ceilings and an absence of natural light. The new space will have eight foot ceilings and windows facing north. Finally, the **Second Lower Level** will include a new space in the addition for a pet grooming business operated by one person. Customers and their pets will enter at the rear of the building, a shared courtyard that is accessible from the street via an existing public exterior stairway. With the completion of the new addition the existing lower levels will be devoted to storage, mechanical equipment, restroom facilities and a hallway.

The enlargement of *Hair Zone* will bring much needed space to a business with a long history in the Palisades community. Moreover, patrons will benefit from new and expanded services without any disruptive change to the scale of the neighborhood. The building will be unchanged at its street frontage and will remain a single story. The rear addition fills in the end of a rear courtyard and has only one facade. It is not visible in any way from the street and does not block any view from neighboring buildings. Most local residents will be unaware of any changes to the structure.

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Exhibit No. 5

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