

Doorstep, Inc.

Information for an Amendment to Current Conditional Use Permit

Statement of Operations:

Doorstep, Inc. began in 1966 with 6 local churches coming together to help the people in their neighborhood, on their doorsteps. Today we are supported by 55 interfaith member congregations. We provide help with emergency assistance for people living in poverty or experiencing a crisis in their lives. Services offered are: food and clothing banks, rent and utility assistance, prescription and dental vouchers and local transportation in the form of gas vouchers and city bus tickets to get to work or medical appointments. Our office hours are Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. Client service hours are Monday – Friday 9am – 1:45pm. Doorstep has been at our current location, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, since 1993.

Doorstep, Inc. would like to move our thrift store, the Dovetail Shoppe, currently located at 1196 SW Washburn, into the north end of our building located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue. The space to be occupied by the Dovetail Shoppe is 1,768 square feet on the main floor. Our goal is to get all of our programs, staff and volunteers in one location, and increase visibility for the Dovetail Shoppe. The current location does not allow us to price the items in the thrift store. Moving it to our main building and changing the conditional use permit would allow us to price items in the Shoppe for sale. Money made at the thrift store is funneled back into services and needs at Doorstep. The retail space would amount to 12% of the total square footage of the building with the remainder being used for non-profit services and storage.

Currently the Shoppe is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am – 4pm. This would remain the same to start, but would not expand past five days a week or later than a 7pm closing time.

To be current with parking spaces for adding retail, if we are approved, we will have the parking lot on the south side of the building restriped to add an additional 4 spaces. We currently have open space in this lot that is not striped, and would be available for these spaces. This would make us compliant with adding a retail space to our building.

Signage for the Shoppe and Doorstep would be included on the current yard sign, meeting the City's guidelines. In order to promote the Dovetail Shoppe and Doorstep, we will need to have a sign indicating hours on each side of the building (north, south and west).

Regarding the Shoppe space in the building we will not be making any structural changes to the space. No changes will be made to the exterior of the building. There is an automatic door on the west side of the building for wheelchair/handicap use. The bathrooms on the main floor have been made ADA compliant several years ago.