

'Frenchy' gets book store—but . . .

Adult bookstore & moving picture theater

Earl Kuhns, who is well known in various parts of the state as a purveyor of a particular type of reading and photographic material, has been granted a permit to open a bookstore in the Live Oak area.

However, the type of bookstore Kuhn probably has in mind for the location — at 3690 Portola Drive — is not the type that the conditions attached to the permit will allow.

Kuhns is the owner of a number of "adult" (a legal euphemism for pornographic) bookstores in San Francisco and elsewhere and once owned such a store in Santa Cruz, the operation of which embroiled him in legal difficulties. Most of his stores operate under the name of "Frenchy's" or variations thereof.

Kuhns has been trying for some time to open one of his stores at the Portola Street location, a prospect that has been greeted with dismay by

the neighborhood.

Kuhns' latest application, which was simply to be allowed to open a "bookstore" at the Portola Drive address, was granted by the county's Zoning Administrator . . . with conditions. Among the conditions:

— The permitted use is for a bookstore and is NOT for an "adult bookstore" as defined under Section 13.04.303 of the Santa Cruz County Code, which specifies, among other things, that such a use "may not include as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade for sale to the public, books, magazines or other publications, or mechanical amusement devices as defined in Chapter 9.50 of this Code, which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas."

— No motion pictures shall

be permitted.

— Sales records are to be kept in two categories of regular and "adult" sales, and these records are to be submitted to the Community Resources Agency for review on a bi-monthly basis.

— The "Frenchy's" sign on the building shall be removed and replaced with a new sign not to exceed 20 square feet; sign copy, design, and placement to be submitted to the CRA staff for review and approval prior to erection. New sign copy shall not include the name "Frenchy's."

— A window (minimum 4 ft. by 5 ft.) shall be installed in the front facade of the building and shall be kept uncovered to permit view of the interior.

— Violation of the permit or any provision thereof shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the permit and cessation of the use.

If Kuhns finds these conditions too onerous, he is en-

titled to appeal to the Board of Supervisors, whose members aren't likely to lend him a sympathetic ear.

The zoning administrator also took the following actions:

— Approved an application of Roth Copeland Enterprises to create three condominium units on property located at the southwest end of Bar Harbor Court in Aptos Seaside.

— Approved with conditions an application of Randall E. Decker Jr. to construct and operate an auto repair garage (tires, tune-ups, electrical, upholstery), including auto sales lot and sales office building 2335 Soquel Drive in the Soquel area.

— Approved an application of Robert J. Davidson (for George Sarkes) to construct a commercial office building on the north side of Soquel Avenue, 350 feet west of 7th Avenue in Live Oak area.

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