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Hello, my name is David Crooks, I am a Marine Veteran and Pender County entrepreneur. I am seeking approval for a special use permit to open a new restaurant in Rocky Point, NC.

The proposed restaurant would be located at 8700 us HWY 117 Rocky Point, NC (the old post office). With its existing infrastructure and building location, the old post office makes a perfect start for a restaurant. I plan to remodel the interior of the building, clean up the lot, and add beautiful landscaping to make this restaurant an inviting attraction to the area. I will not be adding to the footprint of the structure, but I will add to the parking lot, while not impacting the wetlands in the back corner of the property.

With the remodel, I will apply to hook-up to the gas and sewer that runs along HWY 117. The permits that are needed are the Health department (restaurant/kitchen setup) and Building Permit (renovation, electrical, HVAC, etc.)

My intent is to complement the community of Rocky Point with a new welcoming restaurant experience. The restaurant will serve great southern food in a fast-casual family-friendly setting for breakfast and lunch. On certain days discounts will be offered for teachers, military personnel, and first responders. I also plan to further support the Rocky Point community by seeking local Pender county farmers to source ingredients to use in the restaurant.

This restaurant will not impair the integrity or character of the surrounding or adjoining districts, nor will it adversely affect the safety, health, morals, or welfare of the community or of the immediate neighbors. The restaurant will not be a nuisance or hazard; I will ensure that we follow all county land-use plans and other plans and policies adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, sanitation, and other necessary facilities are being provided for the restaurant. The restaurant will conform to the applicable regulations of the district. The lot and building are large enough for a restaurant; the community will not be adversely affected.

In the past few years, I have generated a great deal of traffic to the Rocky Point area. For example, the NC Bacon Festival boosted the local economy with over 15,000 attendees in two days; this year we anticipate 30,000 attendees. We also brought many to the Rocky Point area through Christmas in the Country, with 40,000 attendees in a month's time. Through these events, I have helped support the local economy of Rocky Point. With your approval, I would like to continue to support the economy by opening this restaurant and creating 15 new jobs.

Thank you for your time,

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