

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGONIN THE MATTER OF CLUP/ZC 5-500
FOR SEGESSER/PRICE

ORDER

1. NATURE OF THE APPLICATION: The applicant is requesting a Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zone Change (CLUP/ZC) from RURAL/R-5 to COMMERCIAL/CT on 2.37 acres located east of Hwy 97N, 1/2 mile south of the High Chaparral, Wocus.

2. NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED: A Hearing on this application was conducted APRIL 28, 1998. The applicants were SEGESSER and PRICE who appeared and entered testimony in behalf of their application. The Planning Department was represented by Kim Lundahl. Karen Burg was the Recording Secretary. Members of the Board of County Commissioners who participated in this Hearing were: William R. Garrard, M. Steven West and Al Switzer. The County Planning Commission, with a quorum present, participated in an advisory manner. A Notarized list of those who participated is on file at the Planning Department.

3. LOCATION: The subject property is designated Klamath County Tax Assessor Lots 3809-7C-2900 & 3000.

4. FINDINGS OF FACT:A. Background Information

The 2.37 acre parcel is level terrain and is NOT developed. The subject property is located three miles north of the Downtown business district for grocery stores, public and private recreational facilities, auto repair and service, restaurants, telephone and power service. It is within the KCFD #1 with a fire station being located to the south.

Surrounding the subject property are parcels of property zoned R-5 and CT. These designations were approved by the Board of Commissioners when the Comprehensive Plan for Klamath County was developed and acknowledged November 25, 1981.

5. HISTORIC USE

The subject property was divided into the existing lots many decades ago, but has not been developed to any use.

6. EXCEPTIONS DOCUMENTATION:

As this is a plan/zone change NOT involving resource plan/zones, an EXCEPTIONS STATEMENT is NOT required. The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) did NOT respond to notification of this application.

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGE REVIEW CRITERIA - ARTICLE 48:

Klamath County Land Development Code Section 48.030A sets forth the review criteria for approving a comprehensive land use plan change. The criteria and the applicant's evidence which responds to the criteria are as follows:

A. The public need of this change in the Comprehensive Plan is shown by testimony entered by SEGESSER and PRICE.

The Board finds there is demonstrated need for additional commercial planned/zoned property as a need/demand for the existing zoned property has been made.

B. The proposed change is in compliance with state-wide planning goals. The relevant state-wide planning goals are; Goals 1 - Citizen Involvement, 2 - Land Use Planning, 10 - Housing and 11 - Public facilities and Services.

The subject property was planned and zoned for Rural use at the request of the property owner

in 1981 and endorsed by the Citizens Steering Committee.

Because of its size and proximity to expanding rural/residential uses the proposed use as a mini-warehouse facility is found to be of no conflict.

The Board finds a positive impact would be realized by the conversion of the Rural planned zoned property to a defined commercial use (rental warehouse units) to be in harmony with the current trend, expanding rural/residential development. The state-wide goals of preserving and protecting land uses from conflicting uses are applicable to the subject property. The information set forth hereinabove demonstrates that the change in land use plan for the subject property from R-5 to CT, will not decrease the rural land inventory to an appreciable degree.

Goal 11, Public Facilities and Services, is designed to plan for the timely, orderly, and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services. In developing its Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the county studied the existing development of land in the county and the relationship between land development and the need for public facilities and services. Those studies are part of Klamath County's Comprehensive Plan. For Commercial development, the County identified in its comprehensive plan a need for the provision of the following services:

- (1) Road development and maintenance;
- (2) Water and septic services;
- (3) Fire protection; and
- (4) Power, telephone, and other utilities.

In comparing the provision of those services to the subject property, the site plan for the subject property shows the property is accessed by a maintained County road, Wocus Rd..

Water services are NOT required. Septic systems are NOT required.

The property is located in the KCFD #1 Fire Protection District and a fire station is located 1/2 mile to the south of the subject property.

Electrical services and telephone services will be provided by underground conduits to the property. Other services available in the general area include public parks, privately owned grocery stores, churches, recreational facilities and other small community services.

C. The proposed change is in conformance with policies of the Klamath County Comprehensive Plan. The subject application and planned use for the property is congruent with the policies for state-wide planning Goals 1, 2, 10 and 11 which are described hereinabove.

As described above, this area is well-suited for Commercial use, is well-received by the public, and is a desirable location for the use proposed, a mini-warehouse facility.

The Board finds there is a definite demonstrated need for this type of development, a mini-warehouse facility. The subject area contains the public and private services which the county deems necessary and services can accommodate the growth that will arise from the development of this property without any adverse effect.

8. ZONE CHANGE REVIEW CRITERIA - ARTICLE 47:

Article 47 of the Klamath County Land Development Code contains the review criteria which must be addressed in approving a change of zone. The criteria and the applicants' evidence of compliance therewith is as follows:

A. The proposed change of zone from R-5 to CT is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and all other provision of the Land Development Code. The relevant comprehensive plan, findings and policies are discussed hereinabove. In addition, many of the Land Development Code requirements are also discussed above or demonstrated.

B. The property affected by the change of zone is adequate in size and shape to facilitate the uses that are allowed in conjunction with such zoning. The property is 2.37 acres in size. The applicant will need to submit a site plan which, prior to initiation will need to be reviewed by the Planning Director via the Site Plan review processes (Article 41).

The information submitted herewith demonstrates that fire protection and other required utilities are well suited for the development of the subject property. The subject property is adequate in size and shape to facilitate the planned use and the planned use provides a reasonable transition from Rural to Commercial development.

C. The property affected by the proposed change of zone is properly related to streets to adequately serve the type of traffic generated by such use that may be permitted therein. The proposed preliminary plan submitted by the applicants show the access proposed is off Wocus Rd., a County maintained/paved road. It is found Hwy 97 will NOT be accessed by this project. The width and design of the existing street is in compliance with the code. County and state roads which serve the subject property have the capacity to carry the increased traffic which will be generated by the mini-warehouse facility proposed for the location.

D. The proposed change of zone will have no adverse effect on the appropriate use and development of adjacent properties. As described above, the subject property lies in the heart of an area which is committed to development as non-resource uses. The pattern of development surrounding the subject property is commercial.

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The subject property does not lie within any identified fish or wildlife resource area. The exception site contains no mineral or aggregate resources, historic or cultural values, energy

resources, or other resources listed under Goal 5 of the Klamath County Comprehensive Plan. The proposal does not conflict with any natural resource values, and it does not conflict with any air, water, or land resource quality criteria.

The subject property is not in an area subject to natural disaster or hazards and is not required for the recreational needs of the state and its visitors. The development of the property will enhance economic development of Klamath County by increasing the tax base value, providing jobs for the citizens that are here and providing demands for the private retail and commercial interests of the area and Klamath County generally.

10. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission has recommended APPROVAL of this application. The Board has fully considered the recommendation, Exhibits A - H and testimony entered.

11. CONCLUSION AND ORDER:

The Board of Commissioners finds the subject property is particularly well suited and sited for the proposed commercial development. The development of the property will meet a demonstrated need for the specified uses.

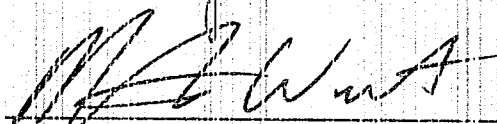
Proper notice of the application and the hearing was given. The intent of the statewide planning goals have been met.

THEREFORE, pursuant to motion made by M. Steven WEST and seconded by Al SWITZER, it is hereby ordered the change of Comprehensive Land Use Plan designation and zoning of the subject property from RURAL/R-5 to COMMERCIAL/CT FOR SEXGESEER and PRICE is APPROVED, subject to:

1. A Site Plan, per Article 41, will be reviewed/approved by the Planning Director prior to use as a commercial location.

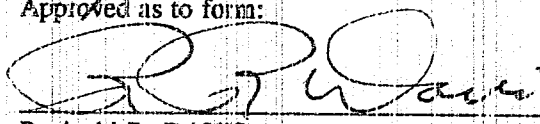
DATED this 4 day of May, 1998.


William R. GARDNER, Chair


M. Steven WEST, Commissioner


Al SWITZER, Commissioner

Approved as to form:


Reginald R. DAVIS
County Counsel

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

You are hereby notified this decision may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days following the date of mailing of this ORDER. Contact the Land Use Board of Appeals for information as how to file this appeal. Failure to do so in a timely manner may affect your right to appeal.


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STATE OF OREGON: COUNTY OF KLAMATH: ss.

Filed for record at request of Klamath County the 5th day
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Bernetha J. Letsch, County Clerk