

CITY OF LANDER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Conditional Use Permit

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission & Board of Adjustments on Thursday August 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Lander City Hall, 240 Lincoln Street, Lander, Wyoming on a Conditional Use request for 484 N 4th Street. The request is for a conditional use permit to run a short-term rental as a hostel in a portion of the owner's private residence. This request complies with the requirements of City Code 4-12-4 C which allows for a short-term rental in an R3 residential zone.

The public hearing affords anyone the opportunity to appear and speak for or against the short-term rental application. Testimony may be given in person on the date of the hearing, or by written comment to RaJean Strube Fossen [rfossen@landerwyoming.org](mailto:rfossen@landerwyoming.org) by close of business on August 3, 2025.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting RaJean Strube Fossen at City Hall 307-332-2870 x117.

Rachelle Fontaine  
City Clerk

PUB: Lander Journal  
July 23, 2025

Planning Commission  
Board of Adjustments

No to 484 North 4th St request  
Conditional use permit For hostel  
~~No~~ more Short-term rental in  
lander wy.

Helen Morris  
670 East Ln  
lander wy 82520

Planning Commission  
Board of Adjustments

No more Short term rental in  
lander, wy. All ready to many.

Rachelle Strube Fossen

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25 July 2025

To Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments:

I am writing as a citizen in the area of the proposed hostel 484 N. 4th Street.

I live at 391 Amoretti Street (one block from 484). I am in favor of the hostel in this neighborhood and highly recommend that the city permit this application.

Lander is on the biking, walking routes for many tourists and an excellent stopping point for rest, showers, supplies, and so much more. This would be a boost for our economy and an asset to many businesses. The people staying here are serious hikers and bicyclists, they are looking for a place to rest and clean-up before continuing their journey.

I know there was an issue about parking but there are few motorized vehicles as the majority of these hikers hitchhike into town or message for rides.

Please allow this hostel to move forward.

Sincerely,

Claudia L. Elzay

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claudia L. Elzay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.



Rajeane Strube Fossen &lt;rsfossen@landerwyoming.org&gt;

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**Conditional Use Permit for 484 N 4th. St.**

2 messages

**Mel Ferguson** <melferg13@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 27, 2025 at 1:24 PM

To: "rsfossen@landerwyoming.org" &lt;rsfossen@landerwyoming.org&gt;

Ms. Fossen,

I am a Lander resident and homeowner writing to share my support for the proposed hostel at 484 N. 4th St. My home is just down the street from the proposed hostel at 336 N 4th St, and I believe this hostel will be a great addition to both our neighborhood and the city of Lander. We are fortunate to be located so close to the iconic thru-hiking trail, the CDT. I think this hostel in combination with the new laundromat in town will be incredible for the thru-hiking community that draws so many interesting people to our town every summer.

Thank you so much,  
Melanie Ferguson

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**Rajeane Strube Fossen** <rsfossen@landerwyoming.org>

Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 7:02 AM

To: Mel Ferguson &lt;melferg13@gmail.com&gt;

Thank you Mel. I will add your comments to the meeting packet for the Board to consider.

Please attend the meeting if you would like to speak in person. August 7, 2025, 6:00 pm at Lander City Hall, 240 Lincoln Street.

Have a great day!  
RaJean

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Rajeane Strube Fossen &lt;rsfossen@landerwyoming.org&gt;

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**Hostel at 484 N 4th**

2 messages

**Annie Heninger** <abejfamily@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 11:57 AM

To: "rsfossen@landerwyoming.org" &lt;rsfossen@landerwyoming.org&gt;

Ms. Fossen,

I am speaking in favor of the hostel that has applied for a permit in our city. Being a resident of this neighborhood, I am very aware of the parking available for those who are traveling by walking, and by bicycle. Being a corner lot, the Hostel has a double car garage and double parking for all those bicycles and walkers.

Watching the renovation take place since the purchase of this house, I've often wondered what was happening there. It's a beautiful place where travelers can sit on the benches outside, listen to the creek running through the property, follow the current family of deer wander through the neighborhood, or just relax and revive before their next exhausting travel section.

In previous years, the Methodist Church hosted travelers seeking refuge for a night or a few days. Lander wants to encourage visitors to stay, experience its hospitality and what we have to offer those who may want to live here. What better way to welcome those who are challenging themselves physically by walking or cycling across our beautiful country to a nice bed, shelter, food, water and safety. Isn't that what a loving city wants to have available?

Please consider to give the Hostel request your blessing. He will have the right to refuse housing those he feels would not be safe. It is his home also.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Heninger  
455 N 3rd Street

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**Rajeane Strube Fossen** <rsfossen@landerwyoming.org>

Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM

To: Annie Heninger &lt;abejfamily@gmail.com&gt;

Thank you. I will add your comments to the Board informational packet.  
Please still join in person if you wish. Aug 7, 6:00 pm at Lander City Hall.

Have a great day!  
RaJean

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