# CITY OF LYNDEN

## **REZONE APPLICATION**

City of Lynden use only: RZ # 22-01 Staff Initials:

### Applicant Information

Name: JD Bargen Industries, L.L.C.

Address: c/o Lesa Starkenburg-Kroontje, P.O. Box 231, Lynden, WA 98264

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#### Application is hereby made for a rezone as follows:

#### Type of Rezone Requested:

Current Zoning Designation: CSR & IBZ

Proposed Zoning Designation: Industrial District

Attach narrative explaining the reason for the request / zoning change

## **Property Information**

Address: 0 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264

Legal Description: (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary) Lot 1, Bedlington-Bargen Lot Line Adjustment, recorded at Auditor's File No. 2018-0300567, records of Whatcom County, Washington. Situate in Whatcom County, Washington, Parcel Number: 400224 332215 0000

Property Size: Varies- <sub>x</sub>See Map

Total Square Footage: <u>992,732.4</u> Total Acreage: 22.79 acres

By signing this application, I certify that all the information submitted is true and correct. I also understand that no final approval will be issued until all final review costs are paid in full.

Submitted By:	Lesa Kronne Date: 8-24-22
Property owner signature:	Date:
Property owner printed name	Date:

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CRITICAL AREAS CHECKLIST



Section: <u>24</u> Township: <u>40</u> Range: <u>2E</u> Parcel Number: <u>400224 332215 0000</u> Site Address: <u>0 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264</u>

Proposed Uses: Rezone to Industrial

Please answer the following questions concerning Critical Area indicators *located on or within 200-feet of the project area:* 

- a. Are you aware of any environmental documentation that has been prepared related to critical areas that includes the subject area? (If yes, please attach a list of document titles).
   Yes
   No
   □ Unknown
- b. Are there any surface waters (including year-round and seasonal streams, lakes, ponds, swamps)?
   □ Yes No □ Unknown
- c. Is there vegetation that is associated with wetlands? □ Yes ■ No □ Unknown
- d. Have any wetlands been identified?
  □ Yes No □ Unknown
- e. Are there areas where the ground is consistently inundated or saturated with water? □ Yes ■ No □ Unknown
- f. Are there any State or Federally listed sensitive, endangered, or threatened species and habitats?
   □ Yes No □ Unknown
- g. Are there slopes of 15% or greater? □ Yes ■ No □ Unknown
- h. Is the project located within a Flood Hazard Zone?
   □ Yes No □ Unknown
- Do you know of any landslide hazard areas?
   □ Yes No □ Unknown

I grant permission to the field inspector to enter the building site to determine the presence or absence of critical areas.

I understand that if the information on this form is later determined to be incorrect, the project or activity may be subject to conditions or denial as necessary to meet the requirements of Chapter 16.16 of the Lynden Critical Areas Ordinance.

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Date

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#### <u>Attachment</u> <u>to</u> Rezone Application

#### **Supplemental Information for Application numbers 9-11:**

9. A narrative regarding the background, the reason for seeking the proposed rezone, and the effect of the proposal on adjacent areas.

The property was purchased by the Applicant with its current zoning designation in place. The site is located adjacent to Applicant's existing property, which is used for industrial purposes. The site is tucked behind existing industrial development. Therefore, industrial development is more appropriate for this site.

Changing this site to an industrial designation is compatible with the current uses surrounding the site. The property to the east has already been rezoned and re-designated to industrial use. Now the subject site has been purchased by an industrial user and the use and designation should be consistent with the land to the east. The site is screened by the many buildings consisting of the Lynden Door campus to the north. The only real visibility is from the west. However, the area to the northwest is zoned Industrial Business Zone and the area directly to the west is outside of Lynden City limits.

In addition, West Front Street is a logical boundary for the industrial designation. Also, West Front Street does not have commercial visibility compared to other nearby tracts. In addition, the adjacent Tromp Road is a rural standard road that is not ideal for commercial traffic.

10. A statement explaining changed circumstances in the area since adoption of the current zoning or mistake in current zoning.

See answer above to #9. Additional industrial property in this area is warranted given the build out of the industrial facility. Commercial use has been slow to develop in Lynden and the COVID pandemic and increase in online shopping will continue to have an impact on commercial growth. Commercial property continues to be readily available in the West Lynden area.

11. A statement explaining how the proposed rezone is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan, applicable sub-area plans, and with protection the public health, safety, and welfare.

The plan amendment is consistent with the Lynden Comprehensive Plan. The West Lynden Sub-Area is primarily zoned for a combination of industrial and commercial land

uses. The property included in this application is adjacent to both commercial and industrial uses. Through their planning process, the City predicted which lands could develop in which manner but the exact lines were not set to achieve specific goals. This property was purchased by an industrial user and therefore, the requested amendment to the Comprehensive Plan will result in additional infilling within the City limits of Lynden which is consistent with the Growth Management Act and Lynden's Comprehensive Plan. As a result of the current ownership of the parcel, infill will occur more quickly if the property is designated industrial versus commercial and therefore, may facilitate infrastructure development in this area for the City sooner rather than later.

The proposed amendment meets the following specific goals and policies:

1.1. Establish standards for infill development that ensure compatibility with the character of existing neighborhoods.

1.3. Provide buffers, including landscaping, between commercial, industrial, or higher density land uses and existing residential neighborhoods.

5B. The City of Lynden is promoting economic development by zoning land suitable for commercial and industrial development west of the Guide Meridian.

5C. The City will encourage employment opportunities for the increasing population, unemployed and disadvantaged persons, and replace those jobs lost due to the changing needs of the agricultural industry.

5D. The City of Lynden will ensure that the location and character of land uses optimize the potentials for economic benefit, as well as protecting the City's open space and natural resources.

5G. The City will work to maintain a positive business climate that is consistent, responsive to the needs of the business community, and affordable to business owners.

#### 2.4.1 Commercial and Industrial Use

The City's current actual land use acreages show commercial and industrial uses occupying 335.9 and 61.6 acres, respectively. The City actively pursues opportunity to increase the commercial and industrial zoned land being utilized for economic development.



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