



City of Sweet Home

Community and Economic Development Department- Planning Program
3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386 541-367-8113

In the matter of the) Zone Map Amendment
Zone Map Amendment) File No. ZMA23-03
request by 4L Ventures LLC)

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
ON A LAND USE APPLICATION**

PLANNING COMMISSION ORDER OF APPROVAL

REQUEST: The applicant is proposing to rezone an existing 88,577 square foot (±2.02-acres) vacant parcel from the Residential Low Density (R-1) Zone to the High Density Residential (R-3) Zone. The subject property is located south of Long Street and east of 29th Avenue and is identified by Linn County Tax Assessor Map No. 13S01E32AC, Tax Lot 4900. The proposed zone change would bring the zoning designation into conformity with the property’s existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing and decide on this application.

APPLICANT: Laura Laroque, Udell Engineering and Land Surveying, LLC

PROPERTY OWNER: 4L Ventures LLC and Evan Latimer

FILE NUMBER: ZMA23-03

PROPERTY LOCATION: Sweet Home, OR 97386, Identified on the Linn County Assessor’s Map as 13S01E32AC Tax Lot 4900

REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10, 17.14, 17.114, OAR 660-012-0060

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- I. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Sweet Home Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 16, 2023. At the hearing the Planning Commission reviewed application ZMA23-03. The Planning Commission received testimony and deliberated on this matter at their November 16, 2023 meeting and passed a motion of four Yea’s and two Nay’s to recommend approval of the application to City Council. That motion of approval specified a 12-day appeal period from the date the decision motion is mailed. No specific conditions of approval were required.
- II. **FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Planning Commission provided an opportunity for testimony at the November 16, 2023 public hearing. The Planning Commission considered the information in the record, testimony at the public hearing, and the Findings of Fact listed in the Staff Report presented to the Planning Commission prior to the November 16, 2023 public hearing. The Planning Commission adopted the Findings of Fact listed in Section III of the Staff Report. The

applicant is requesting to change the zoning to High Density Residential bringing it into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation. Section III of the Staff Report is included as Exhibit A to this Order.

- III. **DECISION: Approved** the motion to recommend the application to City Council on November 16, 2023. Based on the findings referenced in Exhibit A of this order, the Planning Commission found that the proposal described in ZMA23-03 complies with the applicable sections of the Sweet Home Municipal Code. The Sweet Home Planning Commission hereby approves application ZMA23-03 and recommends approval by the City Council.
- IV. **APPEALS:** All Type IV land use decisions of the City Council may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The appeal shall be submitted within 21 days of the date the decision is mailed. Appeals shall comply with LUBA procedures.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION:</u>	November 16, 2023
<u>MAILING OF THE DECISION:</u>	November 30, 2023
<u>APPEAL DEADLINE:</u>	December 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM
<u>CITY COUNCIL MEETING:</u>	December 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Jeffery Parker, Planning Commission Chair _____ Date _____

Blair Larsen, Community and Economic Development Director _____ Date _____

APPEAL: This decision can be appealed. The decision made by the Planning Commission is final unless written appeal from an aggrieved party is received by the City of Sweet Home no later than the appeal deadline listed above (21 days from the mailing of this decision). All appeals must be filed with the appropriate fee and documentation and submitted to: City of Sweet Home Community and Economic Development Department, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the request upon appeal. If you would like any information concerning filing of an appeal, please contact the Planning Office at (541) 367-8113. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the Staff Report and all documentation included in the record for the file are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost at the City of Sweet Home Community and Economic Development Department, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386; (541) 367-8113.

Exhibit A to Order of Approval for ZMA23-03

II. REVIEW AND DESIGN CRITERIA

The review and decision criteria for a zone change are listed below in bold. Staff findings and analysis are provided under each review and decision criterion.

Zone change proposals shall be approved if the applicant provides evidence substantiating the following:

A. The proposed zone is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan land use designation on the property and is consistent with the description and policies for the applicable Comprehensive Plan land use classification.

Applicants Comments: See Pages 2 and 3 of the applicant's summary (Exhibit B).

Staff Findings: The subject property has a Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential High Density (R-3). The Sweet Home Zoning Map is proposed to change from the Residential Low Density (R-1) Zone to the Residential High Density (R-3) Zone. The proposed zone change would bring the zoning designation into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation and is consistent with the description and policies of the R-3 Zone.

Based on the above information, staff finds that the application complies with this criterion.

B. The uses permitted in the proposed zone can be accommodated on the proposed site without exceeding its physical capacity.

Applicant's Comments: See Pages 3 and 4 of the applicant's summary (Exhibit B).

Staff Findings: The uses permitted in SHMC 17.14.020, 17.14.030, and 17.14.040 can be accommodated on the subject property without exceeding its physical capacity. The subject property is approximately 88,577 square feet (± 20.02 acres). The R-3 zone density requirements for single family attached / detached homes and duplexes are no more than one residential structure per lot or parcel, other than an approved accessory dwelling unit; maximum of 12.0 dwelling units per net acre. The R-3 zone density requirements for multi-family is a maximum of 28 units per net acre.

Based on the above information, staff finds that the application complies with this criterion.

C. Allowed uses in the proposed zone can be established in compliance with the development requirements in this Development Code.

Applicant's Comments: See Pages 4 and 5 of the applicant's summary (Exhibit B).

Staff Findings: All development in the R-3 Zone shall comply with the applicable provisions of this Development Code. The following references additional development requirements: [SHMC 17.14.070].

- A. Off-street parking. All single-family homes and duplexes shall require a garage or carport; and in addition, provide two hard-surfaced parking spaces. Other uses identified in the zone shall comply with provisions in Chapter 17.44.
- B. Signs. Signs shall conform to the standards contained in Chapter 17.50.
- C. Fencing. Fences shall conform to provisions contained in Chapter 17.52.
- D. Landscaping. Landscaping improvements shall conform to provisions contained in Chapter 17.54.
- E. Yards and lots. Yards and lots shall conform to provisions contained in Chapter 17.56.
- F. *Other.* A property owner is advised other regulations may apply for property in an identified natural resource area (Chapter 17.28); the flood hazard area (Chapter 17.30) and in or near an identified historical site (Chapter 17.32).

Based on the above information, staff finds that the application complies with this criterion.

D. Adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks are in place or are planned to be provided concurrently with the development of the property.

Applicant's Comments: See Pages 5-7 of the applicant's summary (Exhibit B).

Staff Findings: The subject property is proposed to change from Residential Low Density (R-1) zone to the Residential High Density (R-3) zone. The zone change would bring the zoning designation into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation and is consistent with the Sweet Home Transportation System Plan (TSP). The Sweet Home infrastructure map and local wetland inventory map show a wetland/stormwater drainage identified as SSR-18C flowing through the northeast corner of the subject property and south along the east property line. The Sweet Home infrastructure map shows a second stormwater drainage running from Long Street to 22nd Avenue (see Exhibit C). There are adequate public facilities, services and transportation networks planned to be provided concurrently with the development of the property. No development has been proposed with this application.

E. For residential zone changes, the criteria listed in the purpose statement for the proposed residential zone shall be met.

Applicant's Comments: See Pages 7 and 8 of the applicant's summary (Exhibit B).

Staff Findings: The purpose of the R-3 zone is to provide areas suitable and desirable for high-density residential development, and particularly for apartments, but where other types of residential and related public service uses are appropriate. The R-3 zone is most appropriate in areas which have been developed for high-density residential use or which are suitable for such use due to proximity to downtown Sweet Home and to highway-related commercial areas inside The City. [SHMC 17.14.010]. The uses permitted in SHMC 17.14.020, 17.14.030, and 17.14.040 can be accommodated on the subject property without exceeding its physical capacity. No development has been proposed with this application.