



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Public Hearing for Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA21-03

**Preferred Agenda:** September 14, 2021 Public Hearing  
September 14, 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
September 28, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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**Type of Action:** Resolution  Motion  Roll Call  Other

**Relevant Code/Policy:** SHMC 2.04.030 Powers of the City Council

**Towards Council Goal:** Vision Statement, Aspiration I: Desirable Community, Mission Statement

**Attachments:** Original Application  
Ordinance No. 7 for 2021, with Exhibit A: Planning Commission  
Exhibit B, Site Map

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## **Purpose of this RCA:**

The Sweet Home Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 2, 2021 to review application ZMA21-03 and receive testimony. At that meeting, the Planning Commission approved the application and recommended that the City Council approve it.

On September 14, 2021 the City Council held a Public Hearing and completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Zone Map Amendment Application ZMA21-03. On September 28, 2021 the City Council will complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Zone Map Amendment ZMA21-03.

## **Background/Context:**

The applicant is proposing to change the Zoning Map in an area consisting of approximately 62,291 square feet (1.43 acres) located in Sweet Home, OR 97386 (13S01E33A Tax Lot 600). The Sweet Home Zoning Map is proposed to change from the Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone to the Medium Density Residential Zone. The proposed zone change would bring the zoning designation into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation.

Application ZMA21-03 is being filed simultaneously with Application SD21-02. Approval of application SD21-02 is pending the approval of application ZMA21-03.

## **The Challenge/Problem:**

Should the zoning map be changed to allow Medium Density Residential activity on the property in question, rather than the current Low Density Residential (R-1) designation?

Should the Comprehensive Plan designations be followed if the proposed amendment is consistent with the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan? The Comprehensive Plan States that the Planning Commission will recommend, and the City Council shall determine the location of boundaries by examining the goals and policies contained within the Plan. [Chapter 2, Page 12 of the Comprehensive Plan].

**Stakeholders:**

- The Owner/Developer would be able to develop the property as they have proposed.
- The residents and businesses in the surrounding area would benefit from the future site improvement of the property.
- The City of Sweet Home would benefit from the future site improvement of the property that could come from the changed zoning

**Issues and Financial Impacts:**

There are no issues or financial impacts currently identified.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

A stable solution is one in which a decision on the application is made that conforms with City Code and State Law.

The Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan guides official policy decisions about development within the area. The Plan aims to organize and coordinate complex interrelationships between people, land, resources, and facilities to meet the future needs of the citizens and to protect the livability of the community. The Plan also reflects the public's goals and aspirations for Sweet Home about the best way to handle development and conservation in the City. The officially acknowledged Comprehensive Plan gives policy direction for land use decisions and coordinates private and public development. [Chapter 1, Page 1 of the Comprehensive Plan].

Comprehensive Plan Map Policy 1: The Comprehensive Plan Map graphically portrays Sweet Home's land use pattern as recommended by Comprehensive Plan policy. Each designation has a different symbol or color. The land use map portrays the long-range vision of land use patterns in Sweet Home. [Chapter 2, Page 12 of the Comprehensive Plan].

SHMC 17.12.025 Review Criteria for Map Amendments. An amendment to the official zoning or comprehensive plan map may be authorized provided that the proposal satisfied all relevant requirements of this title and also provided that the applicant demonstrates the following:

- A. The proposed amendment is consistent with the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan;
- B. The proposed amendment is orderly and timely, considering the pattern of development in the area, surrounding land uses, and any changes which may have occurred in the neighborhood or community to warrant the proposed amendment;
- C. Utilities and services can be efficiently provided to serve the proposed uses or other potential uses in the proposed zoning district; and
- D. The proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan map is consistent with Oregon's statewide planning goals

**Options:**

1. Deny Application ZMA21-03. Staff would prepare an Order of Denial for Application ZMA21-03.
2. Approve Application ZMA21-03 as presented and conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 7 for 2021.

3. Recommend a different zone amendment. Council could review these proposed changes and recommend different zone amendments. Staff would take these recommendations and revise the proposed application for review at a future Planning Commission and Council meeting.

**Recommendation:** Staff Recommends Option 2: Approve Application ZMA21-03 as presented and conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 7 for 2021.