

Summary of the proposed conditional use of 4290 Airport Road as a Private Farm School

- B. A Private School is listed as a conditional use in the underlying district, and permits the addition of more children than we now qualified for as a preschool. As stated in Chapter 17.10.040-F, Public and Private schools do require approval of a Conditional Use Permit.
- C. The characteristics of our property is very suitable for the proposed Private Farm school. We plan on starting with a Christian, Farm preschool using Montessori Method. As interest and funding grow, we plan on adding a small elementary and secondary school in our two existing shops, brought up to code of course, creating a Private Micro School. For a school of this caliber we feel Sweet Home, and our location specifically, is a perfect place to start. We have 7 acres of flat land, of which 2 acres are in yard, gardens and an orchard. About 5 acres are in pasture with a small barn attached. We are in a good location being inside the city limits, and our property is easily accessible and convenient for families dropping off a child for school close to home. Our home is a cozy single-story ranch style home with a covered patio for outside learning and play on wet days. We plan to create a children's garden for exploration of planting, growing and harvesting. As well, we will add small farm animals to our small flock of chickens. We would love to include a small farm stand near the fence to the right of our home and far back from the road for the children and parents to sell the produce we grow, encouraging entrepreneurship and a way for the community to be involved and support our children's education. The stand will only be open hours when school is not in session. Perhaps evenings and weekends.
- D. Our Private Farm School is extremely timely with the growth of Sweet Home, especially with relation to the homes in our neighborhood and with the current interest in alternative forms of education. We are ideally positioned in a neighborhood of family homes. With a substantial housing development nearby in process of being completed, and having the basic infrastructure already in place. It seems we are well located to serve the families in this growing area of Sweet Home. And we intend on becoming an asset to our neighborhood and our city.
- E. In order for there to be as little disruption to the flow of traffic in our neighborhood we would ask that the parents approach the school from Airport Road to the East and depart onto 43rd Street to the South of the school. School hours will be from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday which are some of the least busy hours of traffic in our area. Low traffic is due I believe, in part to Public School busses running earlier in the morning and neighbors getting home from work around 5, or later.
- F. The only negative impacts of a Private Farm School in our location that I could foresee would be an increase in the number of parents with children walking or bicycling to our school. We may need a cross walk or a bike lane to the South down 43rd Street. And a school zone would be a nice addition also, although we are on a corner and driving speed must necessarily slow near our home/school.