

# City of Sweet Home

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

# **REVISED** Planning Commission Staff Report

**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

**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

FILE NUMBER: ZMA23-03

# PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE & TIME: November 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

• LOCATION: City Hall Council Chamber, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

# **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:**

DATE & TIME: <u>December 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM</u>

LOCATION: City Hall Council Chamber, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

**STAFF CONTACT:** Diane Golden, Associate Planner

Phone: (541) 367-8113; Email: <a href="mailto:dgolden@sweethomeor.gov">dgolden@sweethomeor.gov</a>

**REPORT DATE:** November 9, 2023

#### I. PROJECT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

<u>LOCATION</u>: The subject tract contains approximately 88,577 square feet (±2.02 acres). The property is currently zoned Residential Low Density (R-1), and the comprehensive plan designation is Residential High Density (R-3). The applicant is requesting to change the zoning to Residential High Density (R-3) bringing it into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation.

# ZONING AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATIONS:

Property	Zoning Designation	Comprehensive Plan Designation
Subject Property	Residential Low Density (R-1)	High Density Residential
Property North	Residential Low Density (R-1)	High Density Residential
Property East	Residential Low Density (R-1)	High Density Residential
Property South	Residential Low Density (R-1)	Low Density Residential
Property West	Residential Low Density (R-1)	High Density Residential

Floodplain Based on a review of the FEMA FIRM Maps; Panel 41043C0914G dated

September 29, 2010, the subject property is not in the 100-year floodplain.

Wetlands: The subject property does show a wetland drainage on the property that is

depicted on the Sweet Home Local Wetlands Inventory Map. The drainage identified as SSR-18C flows through the northeast corner of the subject property

and down the east property line.

Access: The subject property has frontage along Long Street and 29th Avenue.

Services: The subject property has access to City water and sewer services from Long

Street and 29th Avenue.

# TIMELINES AND HEARING NOTICE:

Application Submitted: September 20, 2023

Application Deemed Complete: October 2, 2023

Mailed/Emailed Notice: October 11, 2023

Notice Published in New Era Newspaper: October 18, 2023

Planning Commission Public Hearing: November 16, 2023

City Council Public Hearing December 12, 2023

Notice was provided as required by SHMC 17.128.010.

#### II. COMMENTS

Adam Leisinger, Interim

**Permit Technician**: The Building Program has no issues with this request.

**CEDD Engineering**: No comments as of the issue of this Staff Report.

**Trish Rice** 

**Public Works:** Public Works has no concerns with the request at this time.

**Sweet Home** 

**Fire District**: No comments as of the issue of this Staff Report.

**Public Comment**: Attachment F

# III. 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 (Attachment C).

<u>Staff Findings:</u> 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 (Attachment C).

<u>Staff Findings:</u> 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 (±2.02 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 (Attachment C).

<u>Staff Findings</u>: 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 (Attachment C).

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 29th Avenue (see Attachment B). There Adequate public facilities, services and transportation networks are 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 (Attachment C).

<u>Staff Findings</u>: 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.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings listed in Section III of this report, staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve this application. Since the request is for a zone change, staff has not recommended any conditions of approval.

# V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

In acting on a zone change application; the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at which it may either recommend that the City Council approve or deny the application(s). The recommendation should be based on the applicable review and decision criteria. The City Council will hold a public hearing and decide on this application.

# Motion:

After opening the public hearing and receiving testimony, the Planning Commission's options include the following:

- 1. Move to recommend that the City Council <u>approve</u> application ZMA23-03, which includes adopting the findings of fact listed in the staff report.
- 2. Move to recommend that the City Council deny application ZMA23-03 (specify reasons).
- 3. Move to continue the public hearing to a date and time certain (specify); or
- 4. Other.

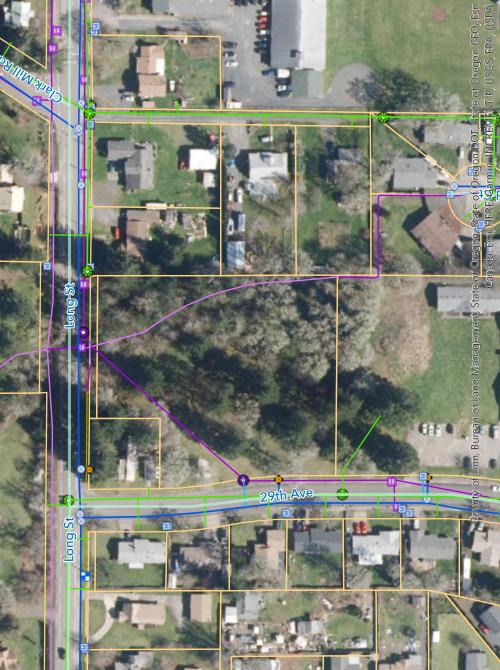
# VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Subject Property Map
- B. Infrastructure Map
- C. Zone Map Amendment Application and Summary
- D. Zoning Map
- E. Comprehensive Plan Map
- F. Public Comment



Subject Property Map ZMA23-03

Date: 9/21/23





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# **ZONE MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Submitted to:	Sweet Home Planning Depa 1140 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave Sweet Home,	nue Ste. A
Applicants/Property Owners:	4L Ventures L PO Box 310 Lebanon, OR 9	LC & Evan Latimer 97355
Applicant's Representative:	Udell Engineering and Land Surveying, L 63 E. Ash Street Lebanon, OR 97355	
	Contact: Email: Phone:	Laura LaRoque <u>laura@udelleng.com</u> (541) 990-8661
Site Location:	Unassigned	
Linn County Assessor's Map No.:	13S-01E-32A0	CTax Lot 4900
Site Size:	±2.02-acres	
Existing Land Use:	Unimproved	
Zone Designation:	Residential Lo	w Density (R1)
Comprehensive Plan Designation:	High Density (	Residential (R3)
Surrounding Zoning:	South: R1 East: R1	cross Long Street) cross 29 <sup>th</sup> Street)
Surrounding Uses:	South: Multi East: Single	e Family Residential ple Family Residential e Family Residential e Family Residential

# I. Executive Summary

The proposal is a request to rezone an existing ±2.02-acres vacant parcel from Residential Low Density (R1) Zone to the High Density Residential (R3) Zone. The subject property is generally located southeast of the Long Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and is identified by Linn County Tax Assessor Map No. Township 13S, Range 1E, Section 32AC, Tax Lot 4900. The proposed R3 zoning designation is in conformance with the High Density Residential Comprehensive Plan Map designation.

The criteria for amending the Sweet Home Zone Map are found in Sweet Home Municipal Code (SHMC) 17.114.050 and are addressed in the applicant's narrative below. This written narrative and associated documentation included in the application materials, establishes that the application complies with all applicable approval criteria. This documentation provides the bases for the City to approve the application.

### II. Analysis of Development Code Criteria

According to Sweet Home Municipal Code (SHMC) 17.114.020, a zone map amendment shall be reviewed in accordance with the Type IV review procedures specified in Chapter 17.128.

According to SHMC 17.114.030, the application shall include a statement explaining the proposal and providing analysis of the proposal relative to the approval criteria.

#### III. Review Criteria

SHMC 17.114.050 includes the following review criteria that must be met for a property line adjustment to be approved. Code criteria are written in **bold** and are followed by findings and conclusions.

## Criterion 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.

- 1.1 The subject property is generally located southeast of the Long Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and is identified by Linn County Tax Assessor Map No. Township 13S, Range 1E, Section 32AC, Tax Lot 4900.
- 1.2 The application request includes a proposal to amend the zoning of the approximately 2.02-acre site from Residential Low Density (R1) to High Density Residential (R3).
- 1.3 The current Comprehensive plan map designation of the subject property is High Density Residential (R3). Therefore, proposed zone map amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Map designation.
- 1.4 According to the Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan, the purpose of the High-Density Residential Comprehensive Plan Designation is as follows:



"To provide areas suitable and desirable for higher density residential development, and particularly for apartments, manufactured home parks, other residential uses, and appropriate community facilities."

The subject property is a suitable and desirable location for high-density residential development. It is centrally located within the community, close to major transportation corridors, community services, and local institutions and well served by both private and public utility and transportation infrastructure. It is also sufficient in size and configuration for development of a board range (or mix) of residential dwelling types, including high-density multiple family development.

1.5 The only policy specific to the High-Density Residential Comprehensive Plan Designation is as follows:

"Policy 10 The maximum net development densities (not including streets), in high density residential areas shall not exceed 35 multi-family dwelling units per acre, based on the standards for unit type."

Per SHMC 17.114.040, a site plan for future development of the site is not required in association with a zone map amendment request. Therefore, maximum density in accordance with Policy 10 will be reviewed in association with site development or land division application.

#### Criterion B

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

- 2.1 Per SHMC 17.14.020, outright permitted uses in the R3 zoning district are as follows:
  - 1. Single-family dwelling.
  - 2. Single-family attached dwellings.
  - 3. Duplex dwelling, including those duplexes created though conversion of an existing detached single-family dwelling.
  - 4. Multi-family dwelling.
  - 5. Residential care homes and facilities, licensed by the State of Oregon.
  - 6. Day care facility; day nursery for 12 or fewer children.
  - 7. Open space and parks identified in The City's adopted Parks Master Plan.
- 2.2 Per SHMC 17.14.060, the dimensional standards for permitted uses are as follows:

Minimum Lot Area & Width	
Single Family	5,000 square feet



Duplex	5,000 square feet
Attached Dwelling	2.000 square feet
Multiple Family (3 or more)	9,000 square feet (parcel) 1,500 square feet per unit
Other Uses	Sufficient to meet setbacks and development requirements
Minimum Width at Building Line – Corner Lot	70 feet
Minimum Width at Building Line – Interior Lot	60 feet
Minimum Width at Building Line – Attached	25 feet

2.3 The subject property is approximately 2.02-acres with a 280-foot-width and 335-foot-depth, which exceeds the minimum dimensional standards for all outright permitted uses. Therefore, this criterion is met.

#### Criterion C

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

- 3.1 Per SHMC 17.14.020, outright permitted uses in the R3 zoning district are as follows:
  - 8. Single-family dwelling.
  - 9. Single-family attached dwellings.
  - 10. Duplex dwelling, including those duplexes created though conversion of an existing detached single-family dwelling.
  - 11. Multi-family dwelling.
  - 12. Residential care homes and facilities, licensed by the State of Oregon.
  - 13. Day care facility; day nursery for 12 or fewer children.
  - 14. Open space and parks identified in The City's adopted Parks Master Plan.
- 3.2 Per SHMC 17.14.060, the dimensional standards for permitted uses are as follows:

Minimum Lot Area & Width	
Single Family	5,000 square feet
Duplex	5,000 square feet

Attached Dwelling	2.000 square feet
Multiple Family (3 or more)	9,000 square feet (parcel) 1,500 square feet per unit
Other Uses	Sufficient to meet setbacks and development requirements
Minimum Width at Building Line – Corner Lot	70 feet
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Minimum Width at Building Line – Attached	25 feet

- 3.3 The subject property is approximately 2.02-acres with a 280-foot-width and 335-foot-depth, which exceeds the minimum dimensional standards for all outright permitted uses, which exceeds the minimum dimensional standards for all outright permitted uses.
- 3.4 Per SHMC 17.114.040, a site plan for future development of the site is not required in association with a zone map amendment request. Therefore, all other development standards will be reviewed in association with either a building permit or land division request. However, based on the size and configuration of the property compliance with the development standards within the development code will be achievable. Therefore, this criterion is met.

# 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.

#### Transportation

- 4.1 The Transportation Plan relevant for the subject property is the Sweet Home Transportation System Plan (TSP).
- 4.2 OAR 660-012-0060(1)(2) requires land use regulation amendments, including amendments to zoning maps, to determine if the amendment will have a "significant affect" on transportation facilities and, if so, can it be mitigated. However, OAR 660-012-0060(9) provides that a zoning map amendment does not need to include this analysis, and the City can make a finding of no "significant affect," if:
  - a. A zoning map amendment is consistent with the existing comprehensive plan designation and does not change the comprehensive plan map designation.
  - b. The City has an acknowledged the Transportation System Plan ("TSP") and the proposed zoning is consistent with the TSP; and



c. The area of the zoning map amendment was not exempted from the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) Analysis at the time of the UGB amendment. OAR 660-012-0060(9)(a)-(c).

The subject property complies with these criteria as follows:

- a. Sweet Home's Comprehensive Plan Map within the acknowledged Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property High Density Residential (R3). The proposed zoning amendment would not change the comprehensive plan map designation and the R3 zoning designation is an implementing zone for the High Density Residential (R3) Comprehensive Plan Map designation.
- b. The Sweet Home TSP assumed this site would be developed with high-density residential uses. The proposed R3 zone is compatible with the long plan for high-density residential uses.
- c. The subject property has been in the City's UGB since the time of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and was not exempted from the Transportation Planning Rule. The City can find that all three (3) of these requirements are met.
- 4.3 The subject property adjoins Long Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Both rights-of-way are classified as a local street. Long Street is fully improved to City standards and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue partially improved to City standards (i.e., lacks a sidewalk along the east of the right-of-way). Any required site frontage improvements consistent with the TSP will be performed in association with a site development or land division application.

#### Sanitary Sewer

- 4.4 City utility maps show an 8-inch public sanitary sewer main in the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way along the frontage of the property, and an 8-inch public sanitary sewer main at the northeast property corner in the Long Street right-of-way.
- 4.5 The City's Wastewater Facility Plan does not indicate significant deficiencies downstream of the subject property and the system should be adequate for residential uses permitted outright in the R3 zoning district.

#### Water

- 4.6 City utility maps show a 10-inch public water main in the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way, and a 12-inch public water main in the Long Street right-of-way along the property frontages.
- 4.7 Public water system design and adequacy are typically dictated by the fire flow needs within an area or zone. The City of Sweet Home groups all residential uses in the same fire flow requirement category (3,500 gpm minimum), so the proposed zone map amendment would not affect the overall water needs of the site.

# Storm Drainage

4.8 City utility maps show a 36-inch public storm drainage main transferring the property from 29th Avenue right-of-way to the Long Street right-of-way.



4.9 Storm water runoff from a development is generally dependent on the total area of impervious surfaces on the property. The Sweet Home Development Code determines the maximum amount of "lot coverage" in any particular zone. The greatest percentage of lot coverage would be 60 percent in the R3 zoning district. The greatest percentage of lot coverage that would be allowed within the R1 zoning district is 40 percent. Therefore, a change from the R1 to R3 zoning designation would allow for development that may result in a slightly higher amount of storm water runoff.

#### Schools

4.10 property is currently zoned for low-density residential development. The requested zone change from R1 to R3 could increase the number of children attending schools in this area. The Sweet Home Public Schools will be notified of the zone change application in advance of the final decision on this application.

#### Police and Fire Protection

4.11 The Sweet Home Police Department and Fire Department provide services to all development in Sweet Home, regardless of the zoning designation. No deficiencies in providing police and fire protection to this property have been identified.

#### Criterion E

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

1.6 Per SHMC 17.14.010, the purpose of the R3 zoning district is as follows:

"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."

- 1.7 Per SHMC 17.14.020, outright permitted uses in the R3 zoning district are as follows:
  - 15. Single-family dwelling.
  - 16. Single-family attached dwellings.
  - 17. Duplex dwelling, including those duplexes created though conversion of an existing detached single-family dwelling.
  - 18. Multi-family dwelling.
  - 19. Residential care homes and facilities, licensed by the State of Oregon.
  - 20. Day care facility; day nursery for 12 or fewer children.
  - 21. Open space and parks identified in The City's adopted Parks Master Plan.



- 1.8 The zone map amendment is consistent with the Sweet Home Comprehensive Plan and stated purpose of the R3 zoning district.
- 1.9 The R3 zoning district is appropriate for the subject site as it is centrally located within the community, close to major transportation corridors, community services, and local institutions and well served by both private and public utility and transportation infrastructure. It is also sufficient in size and configuration for development of a board range (or mix) of residential dwelling types, including high-density multiple family development.

# IV. OVERALL CONCLUSION

Based on the above analysis, the proposed zone map amendment meets all the applicable review criteria as outlined above.

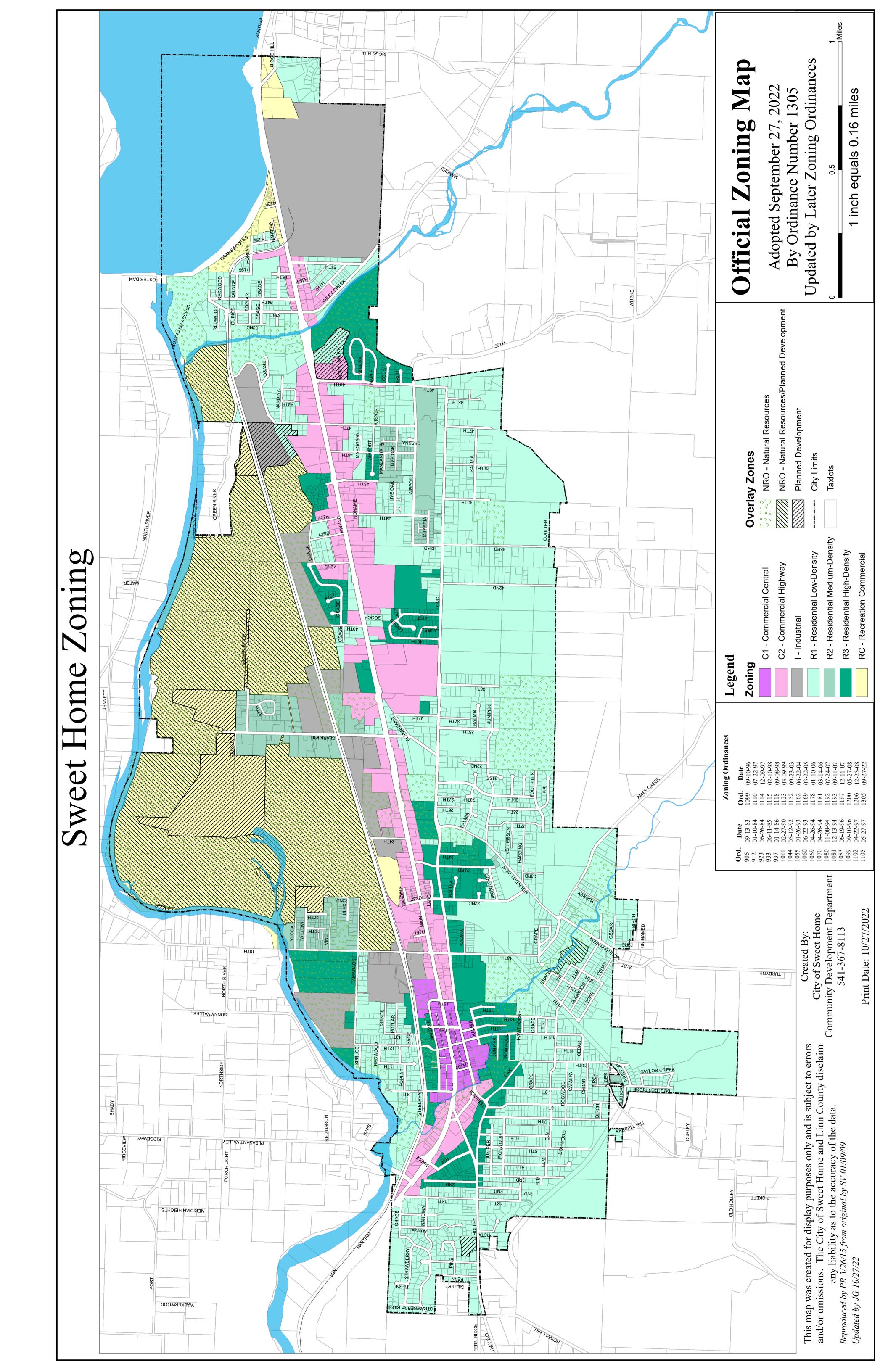
# V. ATTACHMENTS

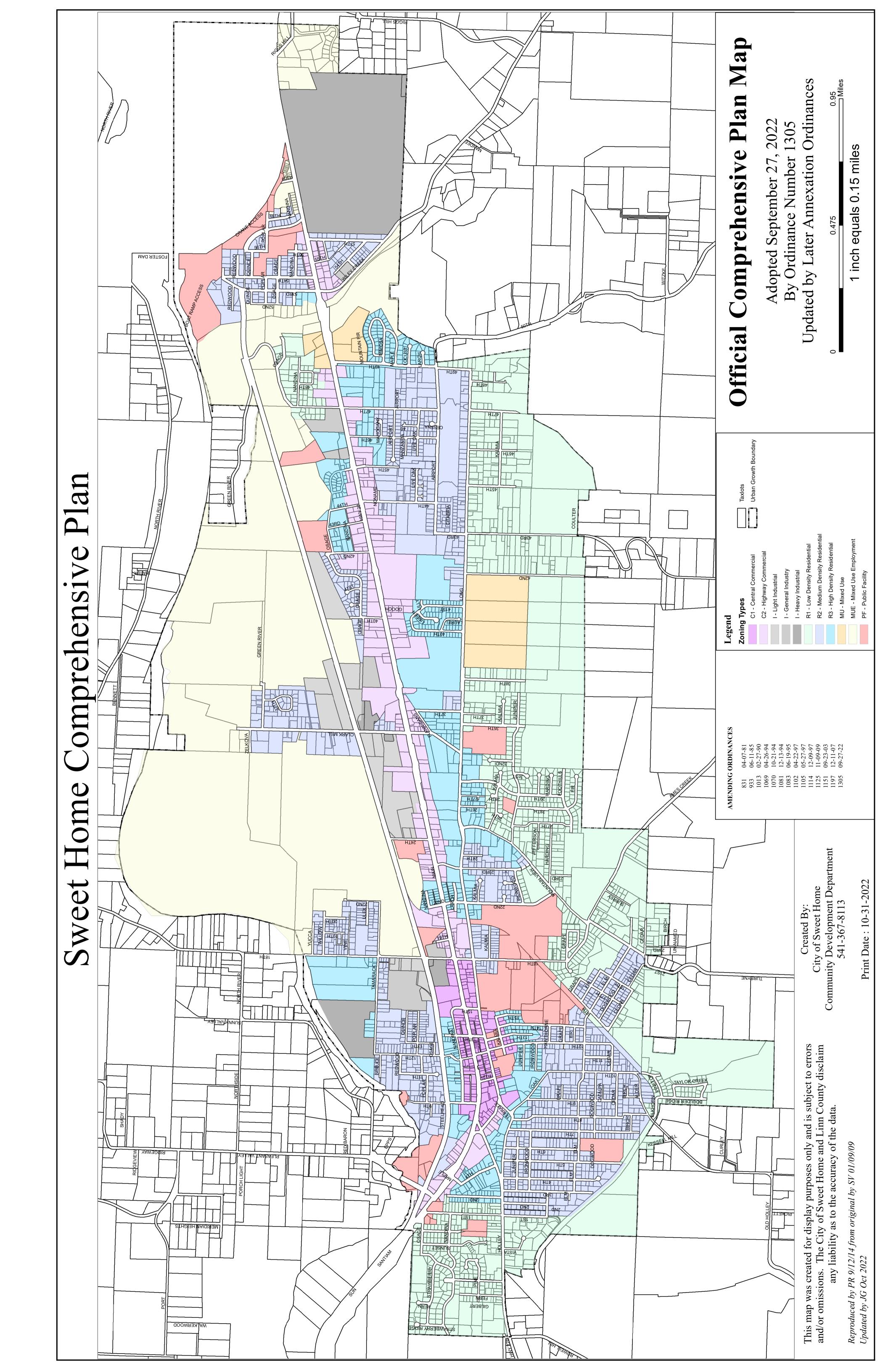
A. Site Map

# Subject Property - 13S-01E-32AC Tax Lot 4900



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From: Columbus Maintenance
To: Angela Clegg

Cc: <u>michaeldeolus@yahoo.com</u>

Subject: FW: File Number: ZMA23-03 Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone To High Density Residential (R-3)

**Date:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:03:12 PM

Michael DeOus

1193 29<sup>th</sup> Ave Sweet Home Or, 97386

11/07/2023

Subject: Opposition to Rezoning Proposal from Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone to High Density Residential (R-3)

Dear Planning Commission and City Council of Sweet Home

Oregon

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of the residential area in Sweet Home Tax lot 4900. To a high-density community. I believe that this rezoning proposal is not in the best interest of our neighborhood and would have detrimental effects on the community.

Zoning Consistency: Spot Zoning of a specific parcel to accommodate apartment construction, which could be inconsistent with the existing zoning regulations of the surrounding area. This inconsistency can lead to concerns about the overall integrity of the zoning plan and land use patterns.

Fairness and Equitability: Spot Zoning decisions can raise questions of fairness and equitability, as they may seem to favor specific developers or landowners over others. This can lead to public opposition and legal challenges, especially if it appears that the zoning change is made for private gain rather than the public Interest.

Impact on Neighbors: Neighboring property owners object to spot zoning and believe it will negatively affect their properties or quality of life. Concerns about increased traffic, noise, reduced property values, or changes in the character of the neighborhood.

Comprehensive Planning: Spot zoning can undermine the goals and objectives of comprehensive land use and zoning plans. It's important to consider how the proposed Spot zoning change aligns with the long-term planning objectives for the community.

Thank you

Michael DeOlus

Sweet Home Resident