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**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 4:52 PM  
**To:** Steve Koper  
**Cc:** Stu Peterson; Erin Engman  
**Subject:** RE: Basalt Creek Employment potential code changes  
**Attachments:** Draft Code - Stakeholder Comments.docx

**Importance:** High

Steve,

Thank you for the follow up and consideration on the schedule and draft code revisions per our last conversation. We acknowledge the project intent and directive as you stated below and are supportive of this code update effort and of a broader code update project in the future. With that said, our goal is to get to an updated BCE zone that we can develop to and can meet your goals and our preference is to address the BCE update fully now rather than partially.

Per your request, below we have provided our initial feedback to your questions and latest revisions:

- **Machine Shops and Metal Fabrication:** We agree with your changes to remove “machine shop” as a prohibited light manufacturing use and to add metal fabrication under heavy manufacturing. Machine shops and metal fabrication are such an integral function of many manufacturers, and we agree conducting these uses indoors is appropriate. To provide a little more clarification we have provided draft definitions for both machine shops and metal fabrication (see attached).
- **Further refine or limit the uses listed in the “heavy manufacturing”:** The current description is very specific. We would propose going with a general description combined with specific prohibitions of undesirable uses (see below and attached).
- **Environmental impacts due to what they produce and/or noise/glare/vibration impacts even when conducted in a building:** The existing code under Chapter 63 in combination with the proposed requirements for sound barrier construction and landscape buffers adjacent to residential uses in the draft BCE should address most of the concerns regarding impacts. We would propose reiterating compliance with Chapter 63 in the BCE code section (see attached).
- **Wholesale sales uses are not very job dense and do not lend themselves to high AV buildings:** We have commissioned a study to analyze the economic impact to the Basalt Creek URA by introducing wholesale sales and warehousing uses in conjunction with manufacturing versus light manufacturing only as outlined in the previous BCE draft presented to the PC.

The preliminary findings are:

- There are no compromises with regard to wages or employment density. Flex industrial space is forecasted to provide employment equal to or better than the 20 jobs per acre identified in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan. Modern flex industrial parks offer a high density of employment through offering a mix of spaces suitable for a broad range of light industrial, office, wholesale, warehousing, and related sectors.

- Total TIF revenue to the URA of \$57.6M by including wholesale sales and warehousing vs. \$38.0M for light manufacturing only (BCE draft presented to PC).
- Once the study is complete will be provide you a copy.
- **Wholesale Sales uses:** We agree, the example you show below is very limited. The complication seems to be the extreme limitation. Being this is an employment zone slightly broadening the types of wholesale uses (see below) would open up more opportunities to more businesses in that sector and would provide a mix of employers.
- **Warehousing & distribution limitation:** We can't agree to a per building limitation. This would create too much of a hinderance to leasing. Flex space doesn't lease in predetermined amounts of square footage by use (that would make it inflexible). Flex space leases with the demand of uses in the market. We would also lose the flexibility to place similar uses in a single building or area of the site. By utilizing a percentage % of use for the entire development we can be flexible and lease as space becomes available while still not exceeding the limitation. We also will need the ability to request a conditional use for exceeding the limitation if market trends change or if a high-profile tenant were to come along. We also will require the initial limitation to be a minimum of 35%. This is a huge risk to us with the potential of having our buildings 30% vacant if a manufacturing use never came along.
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		<p>structures; refrigerators; rototillers; vending machines; washing machines; and windows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing, processing, fabrication, packaging, or assembly of goods. Natural, man-made, raw, secondary, or partially completed materials may be used. Products may be finished or semi-finished and are generally made for the wholesale market, for transfer to other plants, or to order for firms or consumers. Goods are generally not displayed or sold on site, but if so, they are a subordinate part of sales. Relatively few customers come to the manufacturing site.</li> <li>• Other similar advanced manufacturing uses as determined by application of TDC 31.070.</li> </ul> <p>Prohibited uses include the manufacturing of: Batteries, glass, bricks, gasoline or diesel fuel, slaughterhouses, meat packing, feed lots and animal dipping, lumber mills, pulp and paper mills, concrete batching and asphalt mixing.</p> <p>Permitted uses subject to Chapter 63.</p>
Light Manufacturing	P (L)/C	<p>Conditional uses limited to trade and industrial school or training center. Truck driving schools are prohibited</p> <p>All other uses Permitted outright except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machine shop; and</li> <li>• Building, heating, plumbing and electrical contractor's offices, with on-site storage of equipment or materials.</li> </ul> <p>Permitted uses subject to Chapter 63.</p>
Warehouse and Freight Movement	P (L)/C	<p>Subject to TDC 65.210(4) and (5).</p>
Wholesale Sales	P (L)	<p>Permitted uses subject to TDC 65.210(6) and limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales of industrial products primarily sold wholesale to other industrial firms or industrial workers.</li> <li>• Sale or rental of machinery, equipment, building materials, special trade tools, welding supplies, machine parts, electrical supplies, janitorial supplies, restaurant equipment, and store fixtures; mail order houses; and wholesalers of food, clothing, parts, building or office hardware and office supplies.</li> <li>• Sale, lease, or rent of products primarily intended for industrial, institutional, or commercial businesses. Sales to the general public are limited as a result of the way in which the firm operates.</li> </ul>

Products may be picked up on site or delivered to the customer.

#### TDC 65.210. Additional Limitations on Uses.

[...]

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- (a) *Permitted Uses.* Uses may not exceed more than 50% of the gross floor area of the Permitted light manufacturing use.
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- (a) *Permitted Uses.* Warehouse and Freight Movement uses may not exceed **the greater of 35% or 25,000 square feet** of the gross floor area **with an individual building** on a development site. Small sites under 9 acres in size are exempt. **More than one building on a development site may have a Warehouse and Freight Movement use up to this limit.**
- (b) *Conditional Uses.* A conditional use permit is required for uses in excess of 35% of the gross floor area of all buildings on a development site.
- (6) Wholesale Sales.
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- (b) *Conditional Uses.* A conditional use permit is required for uses in excess of 35% of the gross floor area of all buildings on a development site.

After you have had a chance to digest lets set up a time to talk.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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Subject: RE: Basalt Creek Employment potential code changes

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Ryan,

It was nice talking with you this past Monday. We agreed that we can push the discussion out to the Planning Commission's January meeting (January 19<sup>th</sup>). Erin and I are happy to meet with you after you've had a chance to digest the below-proposed changes. It would be most beneficial to all if you could provide us with any proposed changes you'd like us to consider in advance of our meeting. Please also feel free to give me a call if you'd like to chat.

At a high level, I do want to reiterate that the project intent and directive of this code update is to make an incremental improvement to the existing MP zoning code and is not a total update of all of our industrial codes or definitions, many of which are entangled together. As expected, this project has "day-lighted" several ways in which Tualatin's industrial and commercial development code is sorely in need of a broad update. One of the goals for *this* project has, from day one, been to show our Council that we can accomplish a small-scale update in order to serve as a "test case" in support of a broader code update. We hope that you will support this code update now and that you will also help to be a voice championing a broader code update project in the future.

Below are a couple of potential tweaks to the code based on our conversation. We've removed "machine shop" as a prohibited light manufacturing use (making it outright permitted, but still as with all uses subject to the requirement that it be conducted indoors). Under heavy manufacturing, we've added metal fabrication as well as the list of heavy manufacturing uses that already exist in Chapter 39 which is a general-use chapter that applies to all zones.

It would be appreciated if you can help us further refine or limit the uses listed in the "heavy manufacturing". The Planning Commission as well as a group of citizens I recently met with have expressed concern about being too broad with the uses that are allowed, particularly those that could have environmental impacts due to what they produce and/or noise/glare/vibration impacts even when conducted in a building. Council has previously shared those concerns (as you can see from the limited list of uses allowed currently in MP) So, while we are prepared to offer this to the Planning Commission as a supported modification, it is not necessarily one that will be accepted.

We've also updated the warehousing & distribution limitation to be a per-building limitation (rather than per site), which would allow multiple buildings with a warehouse tenant/us/component on a site up to the per-building limit.

In regard to our conversation about wholesale sales. We hear you that this is a desired land use. This is a trickier subject as it is prohibited or significantly limited in most zones. Not to mention it is harder to square against the job density and high AV goals of the existing policy documents. Here is an example of one of the more expansive allowances of this use (which is very limited):

Wholesale Sales	P/C (L)	Permitted uses limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sales of industrial hand tools, industrial supplies such as safety equipment and welding equipment, etc.</li><li>• Sale, service and rental of construction and industrial equipment to contractors and industrial firms etc.</li></ul> Conditional use required for wholesale sales of building materials and supplies
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The use is simply not allowed in MP or Manufacturing Business Park the latter of which is the other zone that is within the Basalt Urban Renewal district. Again, staff is concerned that many wholesale sales uses are not very job dense and do not lend themselves to high AV buildings, which is something we need to make the case for in order to meet our existing adopted policy documents as we justify uses, particularly ones that we add that were not previously allowed. As an example, the most recent stand-alone wholesale sales use we approved was a conditional use and included about

4,000 square feet of building on a 5-acre site. Clearly not job-dense and not high AV compared to how much land it would have used.

All that is to say, while we are not necessarily opposed to adding the use, the best way to justify the addition of the use, similar to warehousing & distribution would be to limit it. One obvious idea would be to simply allow it subject to the same limitation as warehousing & distribution. See below for a draft. This would allow wholesale sales as a tenant in a flex-space building.

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Best,

-Steve

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Hi Ryan,

This email is a follow-up to staff's recent meeting with Sherilyn, our City Manager, and Jonathan, our Economic Development Manager.

What Sherilyn and Jonathan communicated to us was that when they met with you and Stu, they reiterated that the Council would be unlikely to support stand-alone Warehousing and Distribution uses. Jonathan also brought to our attention the differences between the way the state economic development agency views advanced manufacturing as one use category versus how our development code differentiates manufacturing uses into "light" versus "heavy."

With that background and what Erin and I think we heard from our last group meeting, we drafted the below changes to the existing draft code, which we'd appreciate your input on. Drawing on our conversation with Sherilyn and Jonathan, we feel that these changes could be expressly supported by staff as being consistent with Planning Commission and Council feedback. At the same time, these changes would help to increase the flexibility we believe we heard a desire for from the group.

The changes are in red. The addition of Heavy Manufacturing as a limited use would allow for metal fabrication as an advanced manufacturing use, which we believe aligns with what we heard at our meeting and from Jonathan. The addition to warehousing and distribution uses is based on the Wilsonville Commerce Center development. We feel that this configuration could still meet the jobs and employment density goals of the underlying plans, while meeting the demand for flex space. We also believe this would alleviate Planning Commission and Council’s concerns about having warehousing and distribution become a dominant use if standalone uses were allowed.

As of now, we are still on track to present an update to the Planning Commission on November 17<sup>th</sup>. To reiterate, staff would be comfortable presenting a recommendation in support of these changes and make the case to the Planning Commission that these changes are consistent with community interest and the adopted plans. Please let us know by **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, if you have any feedback.

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Best,  
-Steve

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