

Attention Property Owner: A land use proposal has been submitted for property near where you live or near property you own elsewhere. State law requires that the county notify property owners within a certain distance from this property. The proposal and address of the property is described in the "Application" section below. The decision in this case does not directly affect the zoning or use of your property. If you object to the decision, refer to the "Appeal" section. If you have questions, contact the staff person listed at the end of this report.

**NOTICE OF DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CASE NO. 22-037**

APPLICATION: Application of River Bell Properties & Events LLC for an administrative review to place a template test dwelling on a 7.03-acre tract in a TC (Timber Conservation) zone located in the 28000 block of River Road SE, Mill City (T9S; R3E; Section 30CC; Tax lot 800 & 900).

DECISION: The Planning Director for Marion County has **APPROVED** the above-described Administrative Review, subject to certain conditions.

EXPIRATION DATE: This decision is valid only when exercised by **February 1, 2027**, unless an extension is granted. The effective period may be extended for two years subject to approval of an extension (form available from the Planning Division). Request for an extension must be submitted to the Planning Division prior to expiration of the approval.

WARNING: A decision approving the proposal is for land use purposes only. Due to septic, well and drainfield replacement areas, this parcel may not be able to support the proposal. To ensure the subject property can accommodate the proposed use the applicant should contact the Building Inspection Division, (503) 588-5147.

This decision does not include approval of a building permit.

CONDITIONS: The following conditions must be met before a building permit can be obtained or the approved use established:

1. The applicants shall obtain all permits required by the Marion County Building Inspection Division.
2. Prior to issuance of any building permits, the applicants shall sign and submit a Farm/Forest Declaratory Statement to the Planning Division (enclosed). This statement shall be recorded by the applicant with the Marion County Clerk after it has been reviewed and signed by the Planning Director.
3. The owners shall maintain a fire hazard reduction plan as recommended by the Oregon Department of Forestry.
4. The proposed dwelling shall meet the fire protection and hazard reductions as listed in MCC 17.139.070.
5. The dwelling shall maintain a special 200 foot setback from surrounding properties in farm or timber production. Accessory structures shall maintain a special 100 foot setback from surrounding properties in farm or timber production.

OTHER PERMITS, FEES AND RESTRICTIONS: This approval does not remove or affect covenants or restrictions imposed on the subject property by deed or other instrument. The proposed use may require permits and/or fees from other local, state, or federal agencies. This decision does not take the place of, or relieve the responsibility for, obtaining other permits or satisfying any restrictions or conditions. It is recommended that the agencies mentioned in Finding #8 below be contacted to identify restrictions or necessary permits. The applicant is advised of the following:

6. The applicant should contact the Mill City Fire District to obtain a copy of the District's Recommended Building Access and Premise Identification regulations and the Marion County Fire Code Applications Guide. Fire District access standards may be more restrictive than County standards.
7. Proof of a domestic water supply meeting the requirements listed in MCC 17.138.600(c) 1, 2, and 3 shall be provided.

8. The proposed dwelling shall be located substantially as indicated on the site plan submitted with the application. Minor variations may be allowed upon review and approval by the Planning Director.

APPEAL PROCEDURE: The Marion County Zone Code provides that certain applications be considered first by the County Planning Director. If there is any doubt that the application conforms to with adopted land use policies and regulations the Director must deny the application. Anyone who disagrees with the Director's decision may appeal the decision to a Marion County Hearings Officer. The applicant may also request reconsideration (one time only and a \$200.00 fee) on the basis of new information subject to signing an extension of the 150-day time limit for review of zoning applications.

A public hearing is held on appeals subject to the appellant paying a \$250.00 fee. Appeals must be in writing (form available from the Planning Division) and received in the Marion County Planning Division, 5155 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem, by 5:00 p.m. on **February 1, 2023**. If you have questions about this decision, contact the Planning Division at (503) 588-5038 or at the office. This decision is effective February 2, 2023, unless appealed.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: Findings and conclusions on which the decision was based are noted below.

1. The subject property is designated Forest in the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and zoned TC (Timber Conservation). The purpose of the TC zone is to conserve forest lands by maintaining the forest land base and to protect the forest economy by making possible economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species as the leading use of forest land consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, and fish and wildlife resources and to provide for recreational opportunities and agriculture.
2. The subject property is located on the south side of River Rd SE, approximately 0.66 miles southeast of its intersection with HWY 22. The property is currently vacant with a small piece of frontage on River Rd. The lot is a flag lot shape and borders the Santiam River slightly on its southeastern edge.
3. Properties in all directions are zoned TC. Properties to the north and east are developed with single family homes. Property to the west was the site of the Mill City dump and is undeveloped and covered in trees and shrubs.

4.	<u>Soil Name</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>	<u>CU.FT/AC/YR</u>	<u>Total Cu. FT./YR</u>
	Camas Gravelly Sandy Loam	3.9		

5. The applicant is proposing to place a dwelling on the property using the template test.
6. Marion County Building Department commented: "Permits are required for any development or utilities."

All other commenting agencies stated no objection to the proposal.

7. According to Chapter 17.138.030(B) of the Marion County Code (MCC) a single family dwelling subject to the special use and siting requirements in MCC 17.139.070 may be allowed provided:

(a) *The tract on which the dwelling will be sited does not include a dwelling. "Tract" means all contiguous lands in the same ownership. A tract shall not be considered to consist of less than the required acreage because it is crossed by a public road or waterway.*

The owners own another parcel directly to the south, neither parcel contains a dwelling . The criterion is met.

(b) *No dwellings are allowed on other lots or parcels that make up the tract, and the other lots or parcels in the tract cannot be used to justify another forest dwelling. Evidence must be provided that covenants, conditions and restrictions have been recorded with the county clerk of the county or counties where the property is located for any other lot or parcel within the subject tract.*

No dwelling is being proposed or will be allowed on the parcel to the south and that parcel is not being used to justify this parcel for a dwelling. The criterion is met.

(c) *The lot or parcel is:*

(1) *Predominantly composed of soils that are capable of producing zero to 49 cubic feet per acre per year of wood fiber, and there are within a 160-acre square centered on the center of the subject tract all or part of at least three other lots or parcels that existed on January 1, 1993, and all or part of at least three dwellings that existed on January 1, 1993 and continue to exist;*

The identified soil, Camas gravelly silt loam, is not listed in the NRCS Soils Survey reference sheet with a cubic acres per year of wood fiber. Based on this, we will assign it 0 – 49 cubic feet per acre per year. An analysis has been submitted by the applicants that centers a 160-acre square on the subject parcel. The study area contains 17 lots or parcels and 7 dwellings built before January 1, 1993. The criterion is met.

(6) *Lots or parcels within an urban growth boundary cannot be used to satisfy the requirements in this subsection.*

No lots or parcels in an urban growth boundary were used. The criteria were met.

(c) *The proposed dwelling is not prohibited by and will comply with land use regulations and other provisions of law including Sections 110.830 through 110.836.*

This dwelling is not prohibited and permitted through the template test process. The criterion is met.

(d) *The dwelling will be consistent with the density policy if located in the big game habitat area identified in the Comprehensive Plan.*

The dwelling is not located in the big game habitat. The criterion does not apply.

8. The special standards in MCC 17.138.060 include:

(a) *Special Siting Requirements:*

(1) *Dwellings and structures shall comply with the special requirements in subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section. Compliance with the provisions in subsection (a)(2) of this section and subsections (b), (f) and (g) satisfies the criteria in (a)(3) of this section. Alternative sites that meet the criteria in subsection (3) of this section and may be approved as provided in MCC 17.110.680.*

(2) *Siting Standards for Dwellings and Other Buildings.*

A. *Dwellings shall be at least 200 feet from any abutting parcel in farm use or timber production. Buildings other than a dwelling shall be located at least 100 feet from any abutting parcel in farm use or timber production.*

The adjacent parcels are not in timber production other than 27990 River Rd which only shares a border along the corner of the two lots. Based on the site plan the dwelling will still be over 200 feet from any parcel, the criterion is met.

B. *The special setback in subsection (a)(2)(A) of this section shall not be applied in a manner that prohibits dwellings approved pursuant to ORS 195.300 to 195.336 nor should the special setback in subsection (a)(2)(A) of this section prohibit a claimant's application for homesites under ORS 195.300 to 195.336.*

The setbacks will not prevent the home from being placed. The criterion is met.

C. *The dwelling or other building shall be located within 300 feet of the driveway entrance on an abutting public road; or, if the property does not abut a public road for a distance of at least 60 feet, the dwelling or other building shall be located within 300 feet of the point where the driveway enters the buildable portion of the property.*

The parcel does not have frontage for 60 feet on a public road due to its flag lot shape. The applicant has submitted a site plan showing the home will be placed within approximately 230 feet of the buildable portion of the lot starting. The criterion is met.

(3) *Review criteria for alternative sites. Sites for dwellings or buildings that do not meet the siting requirements in subsection (a)(2) of this section may be approved if the proposed site will meet the following criteria:*

- A. *The site will have the least impact on nearby or adjoining forest or agricultural lands.*
- B. *The site ensures that adverse impacts on forest operations and accepted farming practices on the tract will be minimized.*
- C. *The amount of agricultural and forestlands used to site access roads, service corridors, the dwelling and structures is minimized.*
- D. *The risks associated with wildfire are minimized.*

No alternative site is requested. The criterion does not apply.

(b) *Declaratory Statement. The owner of property for which a dwelling, structure or other specified use has been approved shall be required to sign and allow the entering of the following declaratory statement into the chain of title for the subject lots or parcels:*

“The property herein described is situated in or near a farm or forest zone or area in Marion County, Oregon where the intent is to encourage, and minimize conflicts with, farm and forest use. Specifically, residents, property owners and visitors may be subjected to common, customary and accepted farm or forest management practices conducted in accordance with federal and state laws which ordinarily and necessarily produce noise, dust, smoke and other impacts. The grantees, including their heirs, assigns and lessees do hereby accept the potential impacts from farm and forest practices as normal and necessary and part of the risk of establishing a dwelling, structure or use in this area, and I/We acknowledge the need to avoid activities that conflict with nearby farm or forest uses and practices I/We will not pursue a claim for relief or course of action alleging injury from farming or forest practice for which no action is allowed under ORS 30.936 or 30.937.”

This shall be made a condition of approval.

(c) *Domestic Water Supply.*

(1) *The applicant shall provide evidence that the domestic water supply is from a source authorized in accordance with the Water Resources Department's administrative rules for the appropriation of ground water or surface water and not from a Class II stream as defined in the Forest Practices Rules (OAR Chapter 629).*

(2) *Evidence of a domestic water supply means verification from a water purveyor that the use described in the application will be served by the purveyor under the purveyor's rights to appropriate water; or a water use permit issued by the Water Resources Department for the use described in the application; or verification from the Water Resources Department that a water use permit is not required for the use.*

(3) *If the proposed water supply is from a well and is exempt from permitting requirements under ORS 537.545, the applicant shall submit the well constructor's report upon completion of the well.*

(d) *Road Access. As a condition of approval, if road access to the dwelling is by a road owned and maintained by a private party or by the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management, or the U.S. Forest Service, the applicant shall provide proof of a long-term road access use permit or agreement. The road use permit may require the applicant to agree to accept responsibility for road maintenance.*

Evidence of a well in the form of a well constructors report shall be made a condition of approval.

(e) *Tree Planting Requirements for Lots or Parcels over 10 Acres:*

(1) *Prior to issuance of a building or siting permit for a dwelling, approved under the provisions in MCC 17.139.030(A), (B) or (C), on a tract of more than 10 acres in size, the landowner shall plant a sufficient number of trees on the tract to demonstrate that the tract is reasonably expected to meet Department of Forestry stocking requirements at the time specified in Department of Forestry administrative rules.*

(2) *At the time required by the Department of Forestry rules the owner shall submit a stocking survey report to the county assessor and the assessor shall verify that the minimum stocking requirements have been met.*

The parcel is smaller than 10 acres. The criterion does not apply.

(f) *Fire Protection.*

(1) *The dwelling shall be located upon a parcel within a fire protection district or shall be provided with residential fire protection by contract. If the dwelling is not within a fire protection district, the applicant shall provide evidence that the applicant has asked to be included within the nearest such district.*

(2) *If inclusion within a fire protection district or contracting for residential fire protection is impracticable, an alternative means for protecting the dwelling from fire hazards may be approved, pursuant to the procedures set forth in MCC 17.110.680, subject to the requirements of subsection (F)(3) of this section.*

(3) *Alternative means of fire protection may include a fire sprinkling system, on-site equipment and water storage or other methods that are reasonable, given the site conditions. The following requirements apply:*

A. *If a water supply is required for fire protection, it shall be a swimming pool, pond, lake, or similar body of water that at all times contains at least 4,000 gallons or a stream that has a continuous year round flow of at least one cubic foot per second. The applicant shall provide verification from the Water Resources Department that any permits or registrations required for water diversion or storage have been obtained or that permits or registrations are not required for the use.*

B. *Road access to the water supply required in subsection (F)(3)(A) of this section shall be provided to within 15 feet of the water's edge for fire-fighting pumping units. The road access shall accommodate the turnaround of fire fighting equipment during the fire season. Permanent signs shall be posed along the access route to indicate the location of the emergency water source.*

The property is located within the Mill City Fire District. The criterion is met.

(g) *Fire Hazard Reduction.*

(1) *The owners of a dwelling, or structure occupying more than 200 square feet, shall maintain a primary fuel-free break area on land surrounding the dwelling that is owned or controlled by the owner in accordance with the provision in "Recommended Fire Siting Standards for Dwellings and Structures and Fire Safety Design Standards for Roads" dated March 1, 1991, and published by the Oregon Department of Forestry.*

(2) *The dwelling shall have a fire retardant roof.*

(3) *The dwelling shall not be sited on a slope of greater than 40 percent.*

(4) *If the dwelling has a chimney or chimneys, each chimney shall have a spark arrester.*

This shall be made a condition of approval.

(h) *Road and Drainage Standards.*

(1) *Public road access to structures of more than 200 square feet in area or a dwelling shall comply with Section 4 of the Marion County Department of Public Works Engineering Standards adopted by the board of county commissioners April 11, 1990.*

(2) *Except for private roads and bridges accessing only commercial forest uses, private road or driveway access to structures of more than 200 square feet in area or a dwelling shall meet the requirements of the local fire protection district or forest protection district, except that the county maximum grade standard for a private road is 15 percent. A greater grade may be approved by the fire district or, if the site is not in a fire district, by the State Department of Forestry.*

(3) *Drainage standards for private roadways shall be those in Section 5 of the Public Works Engineering standards except that corrugated metal culverts of equivalent size and strength may be used.*

Compliance with this standards will be assessed at time of development by LDEP and Mill City Fire District. The criterion is met.

9. Based on the above findings, it has been determined that subject to conditions the proposed dwelling request will comply with the standards for placement of a forest template dwelling in the FT zone and is **APPROVED**, subject to conditions

Brandon Reich
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

Date: January 17, 2023

If you have any questions regarding this decision contact Austin Barnes at (503) 588-5038

Notice to Mortgagee, Lienholder, Vendor or Seller: ORS Chapter 215 requires that if you receive this Notice, it must promptly be forwarded to the purchaser.