Conditional Use Permit (NonFarm Dwelling)

A Dwelling Not in Conjunction with Farm Use may be allowed as a conditional use in the Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone, subject to applicable standards from Sections 3.04(V), 3.05, and 3.09 of the Hood River County Zoning Ordinance.

For a complete application, a written narrative with supporting documentation should be provided explaining how your proposal complies with all of the following applicable criteria:

Dwellings Not in Conjunction with Farm Use Criteria:

1. The dwelling or activities associated with the dwelling will not force a significant change in or significantly increase the cost of accepted farming or forest practices on nearby lands devoted to farm or forest use;

2. The following applies to non-farm dwellings:

   a. The dwelling, including essential or accessory improvements or structure, is situated upon a portion of a lot or parcel that is generally unsuitable land for the production of farm crops and livestock or merchantable tree species, considering the terrain, adverse soil or land conditions, drainage and flooding, vegetation, location and size of the tract. A lot or new parcel or portion of an existing parcel shall not be considered unsuitable solely because of size or location if it can reasonably be put to farm or forest use in conjunction with other land; and

   b. A parcel or portion of an existing parcel is not "generally unsuitable" simply because it is too small to be farmed profitably by itself. If a parcel or portion of a parcel can be sold, leased, rented or otherwise managed as a part of a commercial farm or ranch, then it is not "generally unsuitable." A parcel or portion of an existing parcel is presumed to be suitable if composed predominately of Class I-IV soils. Just because a parcel or portion of an existing parcel is unsuitable for one farm use does not mean it is not suitable for another farm use; or

   c. If the lot or parcel is under forest assessment, the dwelling shall be situated upon generally unsuitable land for the production of merchantable tree species recognized by the Forest Practices Rules, considering the terrain, adverse soil or land conditions, drainage and flooding, vegetation, location and size of the parcel. If a lot or parcel is under forest assessment, the area is not "generally unsuitable" simply because it is too small to be managed for forest production profitably by itself. If a lot or parcel under forest assessment can be sold, leased, rented or otherwise managed as a part of a forestry operation, it is not "generally unsuitable." If a lot or parcel is under forest assessment, it is presumed suitable if it is composed predominantly of soils capable of producing 50 cubic feet of wood fiber per acre per year. If a lot or parcel is under forest assessment, to be found compatible and not seriously interfere with forest uses on surrounding land it must not force a significant change in forest practices or significantly increase the cost of those practices on the surrounding land;
3. The dwelling will not materially alter the stability of the overall land use pattern of the area. In determining whether a proposed nonfarm dwelling will alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area, a county shall consider the cumulative impact of nonfarm dwellings on other lots or parcels in the area similarly situated by applying the standards set forth in Subsections (2)(a) through (c) above. If the application involves the creation of a new parcel for the nonfarm dwelling, a county shall consider whether creation of the parcel will lead to creation of other nonfarm parcels, to the detriment of agriculture in the area by applying the standards set forth in Subsections (2)(a) through (c) above.

4. Section 3.04(V) of the County Zoning Ordinance requires that as a condition of an approved single family dwelling in the Exclusive Farm Use zone, the landowner shall sign and record in the deed records for the county a document binding the landowner, and the landowner's successors in interest, prohibiting them from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices for which no action or claim is allowed under ORS 30.936 or 30.937.

Section 3.05 Conditional Use Review Criteria

An applicant for a conditional use must demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

A. The use will not force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use; and

B. The use will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

C. The proposed use will be compatible with vicinity uses, and satisfies all relevant requirements of this Ordinance and the following general criteria:

1. The use is consistent with those goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan which apply to the proposed use;

2. The parcel is suitable for the proposed use considering its size, shape, location, topography, existence of improvements and natural features;

3. The proposed use will not alter the character of the surrounding area in a manner which substantially limits, impairs or prevents the use of surrounding properties for the permitted uses listed in the underlying zoning district;

4. The proposed use is appropriate, considering the adequacy of public facilities and services existing or planned for the area affected by the use (e.g., water, sewer and access); and

5. The use is or can be made compatible with existing uses and other allowable uses in the area and does not negatively affect the health or safety of surrounding uses or residents.
ADMINISTRATIVE LAND USE APPLICATION
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PLANNING
File No.:
Date received:
Date issued:
Application Review Fee

TYPE OF LAND USE PERMIT:
☐ Dwellings:
☐ Farm Operator Dwelling
☐ Relative Farm Dwelling
☐ Accessory Farm Dwelling
☐ Farm Lot of Record
☐ Forest Template Dwelling
☐ Forest Large Tract Dwelling
☐ Forest Lot of Record

☐ Conditional Use:
☐ Non-Farm Dwelling
☐ Dependent Relative Dwelling
☐ Home Occupation
☐ Bed and Breakfast
☐ Other:
☐ Variance
☐ Subdivision

SITE INFORMATION:


Site Address: City:

Description of Proposed Development or Use:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Unless otherwise noted, the following information is required as part of a complete application:

Completed application form ___ Project description ___
Applicant's & ALL property owners' signatures ___ Applicable criteria form / questionnaire ___
Site Plan - per attached example ___ Supporting documents (farm income, etc.) ___
Filing fee ___

Only applications with the required information can be processed. Obtain a copy of the criteria and the questionnaire for your application type. The pertinent Hood River County Zoning Ordinance sections may be obtained from Hood River County Community Development or on-line through the county website at www.co.hood-river.or.us

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 215, Section 427, this department has 30 days to review the application for completeness and notify the applicant of any deficiencies.

SIGNATURES: All Owners must sign (Corporate or LLC owned parcels require authorized signatures)

Owner Name: ____________________________ Owner Name: ____________________________
Signature req'd __________________________ Signature req'd ____________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________ Mailing Address: __________________________
City: __________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________
Phone: __________________ E-mail: __________________
City: __________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________
Phone: __________________ E-mail: __________________

By signing, I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Signature of the property owner(s) indicates that the property owner(s) is/are aware that an application is being made on the subject property. Signature of the property owner(s) also authorizes the County planning staff reasonable access to the site in order to evaluate the application.
SITE PLAN:

A site plan, drawn TO SCALE in black ink at a maximum scale of 1 inch = 100 feet, must be included with your submitted application. Please do not use highlighter, colors, or photographs/aerial photos since they are not easily reproducible. Site plans should be drawn on paper NO LARGER THAN 11"x17".

If the parcel is large, planning staff suggests that you submit a detail site plan that shows only the portions of the parcel affected by the proposed development, together with a vicinity plan showing the overall site. If this option is pursued, please show at least two property lines and enough of the parcel or some adjacent features, such as roads, so that the planner and other viewers can locate the proposed development on the vicinity map.

Much of the required information may be obtained from the Hood River County webmap at www.co.hood-river.or.us - under "County Maps"

MINIMUM SITE PLAN INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

Please Note: Although most site plans can be drawn by the person making application, you may wish to hire a professional to prepare your site plan if your proposal is complex or the site is challenging. Site plans allow the planner and other interested parties to clearly understand the nature of the proposal and its relationship to the parcel, as well as surrounding parcels of land. Submitted site plans are considered legally binding documents. It is the responsibility of the applicant to know and accurately identify the subject parcel's property lines, as well as the location of any easements or rights-of-way.

- Property Information - address and map and tax lot.
- Property owner and applicant name.
- Scale and north arrow.
- Boundaries of parcel with dimensions.
- Location, labeling, and size of existing and proposed buildings and structures.
- Setback distance of proposed buildings and structures from property lines, roads, other structures, streams, ponds, & wetlands.
- Location and width of access roads, driveways, turnouts, turnarounds, and parking areas.
- Location of utility services, including approved septic drainfields, and replacement field.
- All easements (access, utility, irrigation, etc.).
- Significant slope or terrain features.
- Vegetation type.
- Portion of property in farm or forest use.
- Vicinity map (if needed to augment your site plan).

Site plans not drawn to scale or failing to include the required information will not be accepted. See the sample site plan provided.

Using a piece of graph paper, such as that included within this application form, may be the simplest way to draw your plan to scale.
Does your site plan show the following?

☑ Property Information.
☑ Scale and north arrow.
☑ Boundaries of parcel with dimensions.
☑ Existing and proposed structures.
☑ Setback distances of proposed buildings.
☑ Access roads, driveways, turnarounds, & parking.
☑ Location of utilities, septic drainfields.
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Applicant: ____________________________ Owner: ____________________________
Property Address: ____________________________ Twn ___ Rng ___ Sec _____ TxlT ________

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