A Temporary Hardship Dwelling in conjunction with an existing residence may be established for a relative in the Exclusive Farm Use zone, subject to applicable standards from Section 3.04(E) and 3.05 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:

**Temporary Hardship Dwelling:**

1. One manufactured dwelling, recreational vehicle, or the temporary residential use of an existing building may be allowed in conjunction with an existing dwelling as a temporary use for the term of the hardship suffered by the existing resident or relative, subject to the following:

   a. The temporary hardship dwelling shall use the same subsurface sewage disposal system used by the existing dwelling, if that disposal system is adequate to accommodate the additional dwelling. If the temporary hardship dwelling will use a public sanitary sewer system, such condition will not be required;

   b. The county shall review the permit authorizing the use every two-years;

   c. Within three months of the end of the hardship, the temporary hardship dwelling shall be removed or demolished or, in the case of an existing building, the building shall be removed, demolished or returned to an allowed non-residential use; and

   d. The applicant shall submit written confirmation from a medical doctor that care is necessary for an aged or infirm person.

2. Temporary hardship dwellings for a dependent relative are subject to the following additional standards:

   a. Justification that the relative with the hardship is not employed full-time off the site and is dependent upon medical care by either a relative; or a person medically certified to care for such a person on a full-time basis.

   b. The relative with the hardship, relative providing care, or medically certified person shall be the primary full-time resident.

3. A temporary residence approved under this section is not eligible for replacement. Department of Environmental Quality review and removal requirements also apply.
4. As used in this section “hardship” means a medical hardship or hardship for the care of an aged or infirm person or persons.

5. A property line adjustment of a lot or parcel in a manner that separates a temporary hardship dwelling or home occupation from the parcel on which the primary residential use exists may not be approved.

Section 3.05 Conditional Use Review Criteria

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

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

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

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

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

   C. 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;

   D. 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

   E. 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

HOOD RIVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING

File No.: 
Date received: 
Date issued: 
Application Review Fee $ 

TYPE OF LAND USE PERMIT:

Dwellings: 
☐ Farm Operator Dwelling 
  Income ___Acreage
☐ 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
☐ Variance
☐ Subdivision

☐ Plan and Zone Change
☐ Planned Unit Development
☐ Zone Boundary Adjustment
☐ Comprehensive Plan Amendment

SITE INFORMATION:

Township: 
Range: 
Section: 
Tax Lot: 
Parcel size: _____ ac. 
Zoning: 

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 
Applicant's & ALL property owners' signatures 
Site Plan - per attached example 
Filing fee 

Project description 
Applicable criteria form / questionnaire 
Supporting documents (farm income, etc.) 

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: City: State: Zip:
Phone: E-mail: Phone: E-mail:

Applicant if other than owner: ___________________________
Signature req’d ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________
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 owners(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”×17”.

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.
- 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).