

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
HOOD RIVER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Hood River County Planning Commission will consider an appeal filed by Marcus Whitman of the County Planning Department's decision to approve a conditional use permit (CUP) application involving an approved wedding event site in conjunction with an existing onsite farm operation. The hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Board of Commissioner's Conference Room (1st Floor) of the County Business Administration Building – 601 State Street, Hood River, Oregon.

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Woodworth Drive and Dee Hwy (*Hwy 281*); 1N 10E, Section 29B, Tax Lot #1300. The parcel is zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) – High Value Farmland.

Comments regarding this appeal must be received by the County Planning Department by **Wednesday, February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** to be included with the staff report to the Planning Commission; however, written or oral comments may be provided at the hearing itself, or as discussed below.

Written comments submitted in advance of the hearing are highly encouraged and will be accepted until 1:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments must be e-mailed to Keith Cleveland at: keith.cleveland@co.hood-river.or.us.

Anyone wishing to provide oral testimony to the Planning Commission must either attend in-person or register to testify remotely. Requests to testify remotely must be submitted to Kim Paulk, Office Manager, kim.paulk@co.hood-river.or.us by March 3, 2021. Please note, there is no guarantee that technical or other issues will not hamper or prevent remote testimony from being heard or acknowledged into the record of this application. The only sure way to be heard is to attend the hearing in-person.

For those attending in person, all state guidelines related to COVID-19, such as social distancing, room capacity limits, and face covering requirements, will be followed. Should the capacity of the room be exceeded, public attendance will be restricted, although all those wanting to testify, will be allowed to do so; just asked to wait outside of the conference room and wait their turn.

For those wishing to provide oral testimony, either in-person or remotely, 3 minutes will be given, unless you have received permission for additional time prior to testifying.

Failure of an issue to be raised during the hearing, or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the County Board of Commissioners based on that issue.

If you have questions or would like additional information regarding this appeal, please contact Keith Cleveland, Principal Planner, at the Hood River County Planning Department at (541) 387-6840 or at the email above. The application, all documents, and evidence are available for review at no cost and copies can be provided at \$0.25 per page. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection or purchase at least seven days prior to the hearing.