

# Zoning Administrator Agenda Report Meeting Date 11/22/2022

**DATE:** November 4, 2022

File: UP 22-08

**TO:** ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Madison Driscoll, Assistant Planner (madison.driscoll@chicoca.gov, 879-681)

RE: Use Permit 22-08 (Peterson Holding) – 425 Southgate Avenue; APN 040-400-099

## RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Zoning Administrator find the project categorically exempt from environmental review and approve Use Permit 22-08 (Peterson Holding), based on the findings and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

## **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

This is a request to allow for the installation of an 8-foot tall, low voltage security fence on a 2 acre portion of the 45.6 acre parcel. The project site is located at 425 Southgate Avenue (See Location Map, **Attachment A**). The subject parcel is designated Regional Commercial (RC) on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned CR (Regional Commercial). There are no residential uses in the vicinity.

Pursuant to Chico Municipal Code (CMC) 19.60.060(F), the use of an electrified fence is allowed only upon issuance of a use permit. The applicant has provided a site plan consistent with the requirements for a Conditional Use Permit set forth in CMC Chapter 19.24 (see Site Plan, **Attachment B**).

The site has been partially developed with an industrial warehouse building and sales/rental yard for heavy machinery. Sales and rental yard is a principally permitted use in the CR zone per CMC Section 19.46.020. The proposed new fencing would be located a minimum of 4 to 8 inches interior to an existing 6 foot-tall, chain link perimeter fence. Approval of the proposed project would enhance site security. No new grading or landscaping is proposed. No trees are proposed to be removed.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(e) (New Construction – Accessory Structures).

## **FINDINGS**

Following a public hearing, the Zoning Administrator may approve a use permit application, with or without conditions, only if all of the following findings can be made:

## **Use Permit Findings**

A. The proposed use is allowed within the subject-zoning district and complies with all of the applicable provisions of Chapter 19.24 (Use Permits).

Pursuant to CMC 19.60.60(F), an electrified fence may be permitted in the CR zoning district subject to the issuance of a use permit. This use permit was processed in compliance with CMC 19.24.

B. The proposed use would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use.

The project site is a commercial parcel on which an existing industrial land use has been established. Surrounding uses include similar industrial uses to the northwest and southeast. Other uses within the vicinity include a tree farm. The site is located on the eastern side of Highway 99 and Southgate Avenue. The new fence would be located at least 4 to 8 inches interior to the existing 6 foot tall perimeter fence. The proposed fencing is not expected to have detrimental effects on the surrounding neighborhoods.

C. The proposed use will not be detrimental and/or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood of the proposed use, as well as the general welfare of the City.

The existing land use on the project site would not change. The proposed new fencing would improve onsite security and deter theft/vandalism. Installation of the proposed fence is not anticipated to have any detrimental effects on property or improvements in the area.

D. The proposed use will be consistent with the policies, standards, and land use designations established by the General Plan.

The proposed use is an accessory to a permitted use to the Regional Commercial General Plan land use designation. There are no neighborhood or specific plans for this site.

E. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the proposed use are compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity.

The proposed use is compatible with surrounding industrial and commercial uses, as demonstrated by the existing land use.

## CONDITIONS OF PROJECT APPROVAL

- Use Permit 22-08 (Peterson Holding) authorizes the installation of an 8-foot low-voltage security fence at 425 Southgate Avenue in general accord with the "Site Plan to Accompany Use Permit 22-08 (Peterson Holding)" and in compliance with all other conditions of approval.
- The permittee shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those
  of the Building Division, Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Butte County
  Environmental Health. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify
  the need for permits.
- 3. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge

to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

## **PUBLIC CONTACT**

A notice was published in the Chico Enterprise Record 10 days prior to the meeting date, and notices were mailed out to all property owners and tenants within 500 feet of the project site. As of this report's publication, staff has not received any public comments.

## **DISTRIBUTION:**

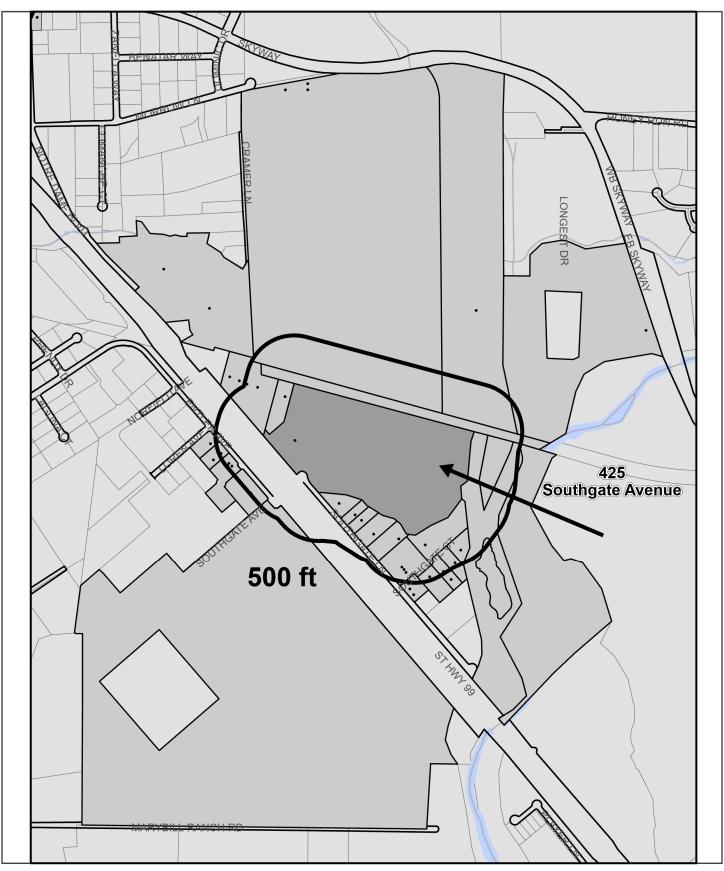
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# **ATTACHMENTS**:

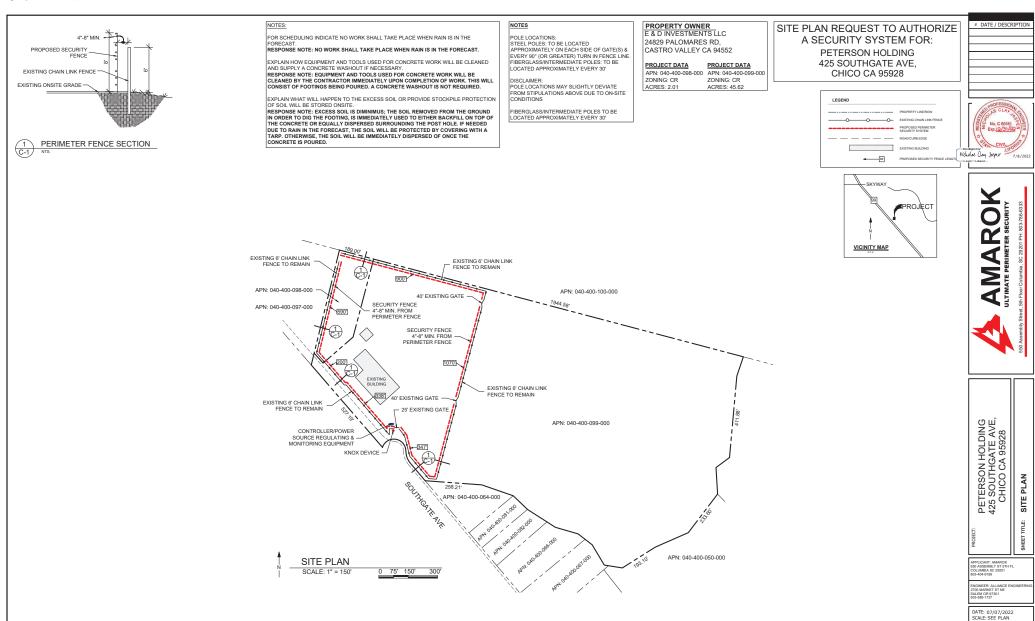
- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan to Accompany Use Permit 22-08 (Peterson Holding)



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