



Board Clerk <boardclerk@multco.us>

Attn: Urban and Rural Reserve Testimony

2 messages

mramsey13 <mramsey13@gmail.com>

Thu, May 4, 2017 at 4:03 PM

To: boardclerk@multco.us

Hi,

Just wanted to include this conversation in the testimony, as it pertains to my father's right to fall tress for personal use.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. Also, I was wondering if the meeting today had a potential effect on the land use of my family home.

Thank you,
Merlin Ramsey
[707-721-6192](tel:707-721-6192)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Merlin Ramsey <mramsey13@gmail.com>

Date: 5/1/17 5:52 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Lcramsey01@gmail.com, Merlin Ramsey <mramsey13@gmail.com>, Lena Bowie <l_bowie@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Logging for personal use

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Merlin Ramsey** <mramsey13@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 3, 2016 at 8:53 PM

Subject: Fwd: Logging for personal use

To: l_bowie@hotmail.com

This is a pretty concrete answer, that should help to alleviate any of my dad's anxiety around his ability to cut firewood, great news!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Adam BARBER <adam.t.barber@multco.us>

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2016

Subject: Logging for personal use
To: Merlin Ramsey <mramsey13@gmail.com>
Cc: Michael CERBONE <michael.cerbone@multco.us>

Merlin,

Thanks for sending me the address. I think I may be able to help alleviate anxiety you or your dad might be feeling on this issue.

The property is zoned Rural Residential (RR) with an environmental overlay for Significant Environmental Concern related to Wildlife Habitat (SEC-H). The crux to your question is how the SEC-H rules relate to personal use firewood cutting?

Multnomah County Code section 33.4510(A) states the "location and design of any use, or change or alteration of a use, except as provided in MCC 33.4515, shall be subject to an SEC permit." What this means is that establishing a new use (like building a new home, barn or garage for example) requires an environmental review. This SEC-H review is not designed to say yes or no to a proposal, but guide it to the most appropriate location on the property having the least amount of impact. But you are not proposing to establish or alter a use so this doesn't fully answer your question.

The most relevant reference above is the exceptions in 33.4515. Under 33.4515(A)(2), the following activity is listed as NOT subject to a SEC permit: "The propagation of timber or the cutting of timber for public safety or personal use or the cutting of timber in accordance with the State Forest Practices Act."

In conclusion, planting trees and the associated cutting of firewood for personal use (home heating is the scenario we talked about) does not require a SEC permit and is not a regulated land use. I will add a note in our database for this property reiterating this conclusion so the other staff in our office in the future know that this is what we discussed.

Zoning maps and associated regulations can change over time and there is potential for that to happen in the future for properties across our entire jurisdiction. There are no specific draft rules which I can forward to you at this point because none have been drafted. However, we are required by the state to (and will) send mailed notice to all involved property owners when zoning maps and/or zoning regulations are proposed to be amended in any way which could impose new restrictions on properties which I understandably suspect you are concerned with.

I will keep this issue in the back of my mind as we move forward and will expect to speak with you again if you receive notice of any proposed rule changes on your property so we can assess together.

It may be helpful for your own record to have access to the current rules which I have

attached. The relevant SEC section begins with 33.4500. Thanks again for participating in the Planning Commission process and letting us know how we can help.

Take care.

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Adam Barber, CPESC
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On Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 12:27 PM, Merlin Ramsey <mramsey13@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi Adam,

> Thanks so much for looking in to this for us! Our address is 3026 NW Skyline Blvd. Portland, 97229, and yes we're wondering how current zoning treats logging small numbers of trees for personal use, as well as how the proposed zoning could potentially affect it in the future.

> Thank you,

> Merlin Ramsey

> On Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 1:54 PM, Adam BARBER <adam.t.barber@multco.us> wrote:

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>> Merlin,

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>> Thanks for being in touch. What is your father's address? I wanted to look up the zoning before replying.

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>> My understanding is that you are looking for an answer to how tree cutting for personal firewood use aligns with current zoning regulations, correct?

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Adam Barber, CPESC

>> Senior Planner & DCS Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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>> On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 9:24 AM, Merlin Ramsey <mramsey13@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Hi Adam,
>>> I'm very sorry for the delay in reaching out, I had meant to do so much sooner, and I'm hoping that you might still be willing to help us find some kind of an answer concerning my father's right to log for personal use on his land. Thank you again for taking the time to speak with me and my father after the meeting, especially on your wife's birthday. It was very a very kind and generous use of time. I look forward to hearing from you soon!
>>> Thanks,
>>> Merlin Ramsey
>>> cell- [707-721-6192](tel:707-721-6192)
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Mon, May 8, 2017 at 12:12 AM

To: Michael CERBONE <michael.cerbone@multco.us>, Adam BARBER
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I leave the responses to you, Gentlemen! :)

If you need the packet, it is here: http://multnomah.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=3&event_id=583

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