



NOTICE OF ADOPTED AMENDMENT

1/29/2010

TO: Subscribers to Notice of Adopted Plan or Land Use Regulation Amendments
FROM: Plan Amendment Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Polk County Plan Amendment DLCD File Number 006-06

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) received the attached notice of adoption. Due to the size of amended material submitted, a complete copy has not been attached. A Copy of the adopted plan amendment is available for review at the DLCD office in Salem and the local government office.

Appeal Procedures*

DLCD ACKNOWLEDGMENT or DEADLINE TO APPEAL: Friday, February 12, 2010

This amendment was submitted to DLCD for review prior to adoption with less than the required 45-day notice. Pursuant to ORS 197.830(2)(b) only persons who participated in the local government proceedings leading to adoption of the amendment are eligible to appeal this decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

If you wish to appeal, you must file a notice of intent to appeal with the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) no later than 21 days from the date the decision was mailed to you by the local government. If you have questions, check with the local government to determine the appeal deadline. Copies of the notice of intent to appeal must be served upon the local government and others who received written notice of the final decision from the local government. The notice of intent to appeal must be served and filed in the form and manner prescribed by LUBA, (OAR Chapter 661, Division 10). Please call LUBA at 503-373-1265, if you have questions about appeal procedures.

- *<u>NOTE:</u> THE APPEAL DEADLINE IS BASED UPON THE DATE THE DECISION WAS MAILED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT. A DECISION MAY HAVE BEEN MAILED TO YOU ON A DIFFERENT DATE THAT IT WAS MAILED TO DLCD. AS A RESULT, YOUR APPEAL DEADLINE MAY BE EARLIER THAN THE ABOVE DATE SPECIFIED.
- Cc: Austin McGuigan/P. Perry, Polk County Jon Jinings, DLCD Community Services Specialist Gary Fish, DLCD Regional Representative Doug White, DLCD



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Jurisdiction: Pol	k County	Local file r	number: PA 05-02 & ZC 05-03		
Date of Adoption	4/11/2007	Date Maile	ed: 1/22/2010		
Was a Notice of I	Proposed Amendment (Form 1)	mailed to DLCD	? YesDate: 8/1/2006		
Comprehens	ve Plan Text Amendment	Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment			
Land Use Re	gulation Amendment	Zoning Map Amendment			
New Land Us	e Regulation	Other:			

Summarize the adopted amendment. Do not use technical terms. Do not write "See Attached".

The adopted amendment consists of a Comprehensive Plan Map amendment from Agriculture to Industrial, a "reasons" exception to Goal 3, and a Zoning Map amendment from Exclusive Farm Use to Rural Industrial/Limited Use Overlay. The Limited Use Overlay Zone restricts use of the property to Specialty Trade Contractor uses (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction uses (SIC 15& 16).

Does the Adoption differ from proposal? No, no explaination is necessary

Plan Map Changed from: Agriculture	to: Industrial				
Zone Map Changed from: Exclusive Farm Use	to: Rural Ind./Limited Use Overlay				
Location: 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon	Acres Involved: 32.5				
Specify Density: Previous: 80	New: No set minimum parcel size				
Applicable statewide planning goals:					
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Was an Exception Adopted? XES NO					
Did DLCD receive a Notice of Proposed Amendment					
45-days prior to first evidentiary hearing? If no, do the statewide planning goals apply? If no, did Emergency Circumstances require immedia	Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No				

DLCD File No 006-06 (15691) [15941]

DLCD file No.

Please list all affected State or Federal Agencies, Local Governments or Special Districts:

ODOT, SW Polk RFPD

Local Contact: Jerry Sorte Address: 850 Main Street City: Dallas

Zip: 97338

Phone: (503) 623-9237 Extension: Fax Number: 503-623-6009 E-mail Address: sorte.jerry@co.polk.or.us

ADOPTION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

This form <u>must be mailed</u> to DLCD <u>within 5 working days after the final decision</u> per ORS 197.610, OAR Chapter 660 - Division 18.

1. Send this Form and TWO Complete Copies (documents and maps) of the Adopted Amendment to:

ATTENTION: PLAN AMENDMENT SPECIALIST DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 635 CAPITOL STREET NE, SUITE 150 SALEM, OREGON 97301-2540

- Electronic Submittals: At least one hard copy must be sent by mail or in person, but you may also submit an electronic copy, by either email or FTP. You may connect to this address to FTP proposals and adoptions: webserver.lcd.state.or.us. To obtain our Username and password for FTP, call Mara Ulloa at 503-373-0050 extension 238, or by emailing mara.ulloa@state.or.us.
- <u>Please Note</u>: Adopted materials must be sent to DLCD not later than FIVE (5) working days following the date of the final decision on the amendment.
- Submittal of this Notice of Adoption must include the text of the amendment plus adopted findings and supplementary information.
- The deadline to appeal will not be extended if you submit this notice of adoption within five working days of the final decision. Appeals to LUBA may be filed within TWENTY-ONE (21) days of the date, the Notice of Adoption is sent to DLCD.
- In addition to sending the Notice of Adoption to DLCD, you must notify persons who
 participated in the local hearing and requested notice of the final decision.
- Need More Copies? You can now access these forms online at http://www.lcd.state.or.us/. Please print on <u>8-1/2x11 green paper only</u>. You may also call the DLCD Office at (503) 373-0050; or Fax your request to: (503) 378-5518; or Email your request to mara.ulloa@state.or.us - ATTENTION: PLAN AMENDMENT SPECIALIST.

Updated November 27, 2006

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6	FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF OREGON							
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15		ORDINANCE NO. 07-02						
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17	WHEREAS th	e Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on February 21, 2007, with due notice of						
18	all of such public hearing	as having been given, and provided an opportunity for public comments and testimony; and						
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20	WHEREAS, th	e Board of Commissioners received a recommendation of approval for Plan Amendment						
21	05-02 and Zone Chang	e 05-03 from the Polk County Hearings Officer based upon his public hearing and						
22	deliberations; and							
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24	WHEREAS, T	he Polk County Commissioners conducted a site visit on March 5, 2007; and						
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26	WHEREAS, th	e Board of Commissioners, on March 14, 2007, publicly deliberated and passed a motion						
27	unanimously, to approve	PA 05-02 and ZC 05-03; now, therefore,						
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29	THE POLK COUNTY	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:						
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31		at Polk County adopts the findings in favor of PA 05-02 and ZC 05-03 located in the						
32	Record, in the Hearings (Officer Staff Report, and in Supplemental Findings.						
33	Sec. 2 Th	at Polk County adopts the reasons exception to Oregon Statewide Planning Goals 3 and 4						
34 35		ZC 05-03 located in the Record in the Hearings Officer Staff Report, and in Supplemental						
36	Findings (Exhibit A).	zze 05-05 located in the Record in the Hearings Officer Start Report, and in Supprementar						
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38	Sec. 3. The	at Polk County adopts the Polk County Comprehensive Plan Map that designates the						
39		rm Use designated subject property, located at 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon						
40		R5W, Section 22, Tax Lot 1703), as Industrial in the Comprehensive Plan, as shown on						
41	Exhibit 'B."							
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43	Sec. 4. The	at Polk County adopts the Polk County Zoning Map that designates the 32.50-acre						
44		gnated subject property, located at 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon (Assessment Map						
45	T7S, R5W, Section 22, Ta	ax Lot 1703), as Rural Industrial (R-IND), as shown on Exhibit "C."						
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47		at Polk County adopts the Polk County Zoning Map that applies a Limited Use Overlay						
48		ral Industrial (R-IND) designated subject property, located at 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas,						
49	Uregon (Assessment Map	T7S, R5W, Section 22, Tax Lot 1703), limiting the industrial uses allowed on the subject						
50	Property to: Specialty I	rade Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General tion (SIC 15 & 16), as shown on Exhibit "C", subject to the following conditions:						
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56	2.	Any development that occurs on the subject property shall be established in accordance						
57	_,	with the provisions for development within the R-IND Zone, listed in PCZO 112.410(E).						
58	3.	If water is to be provided by a community water system, a "Statement of Water						
59	· ·	Availability" shall be submitted prior to building permit issuance.						
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3			and reflection are contained within the boundaries of the property, and shall be directed
4			downward and away from abutting properties and public rights-of-way. Compliance with
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9			(ODOT), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The Applicant shall be
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11			storage and disposal of any hazardous materials stored on the subject property.
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14			least 80 percent opaque, as seen from a perpendicular line of sight, within 18 months
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16			in the form of a slatted chain link fence shall have slats of an earth tone color to blend in
17			with surrounding vegetation or consistent with screening of Applicant's existing
18			facilities. Compliance with this condition shall be reviewed at the time of Building
19			Permits.
20		7.	The property owner shall ensure all required landscaping or vegetative screening is
21			maintained in an attractive manner free of weeds and other invading vegetation.
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Supplemental Findings

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held before the Board of Commissioners in the Polk County Courthouse on the morning of February 21, 2007. Austin McGuigan of the Polk County Planning staff summarized the staff report and identified the applicable review and decision criteria. The following testimony was provided at the hearing.

Brian Moore, attorney for the applicant, said he supported the Staff and Hearings Officer recommendation and would like to reserve the remainder of his testimony for rebuttal.

Kelly Gordon provided a list of recommended conditions to mitigate for potential adverse impacts to surrounding properties. Mr. Gordon also made timely submission of a statement reiterating prior testimony regarding 100 acres of vacant industrial land being available within the City of Dallas, while the subject parcel is outside the UGB. The statement indicates the subject parcel consists primarily of high-value farmland, is capable of yielding a good return and that changes in the surrounding area do not necessitate a reasons exception. The statement claims the facts do not warrant an exception to Goal 3. The statement also identifies potential adverse impacts to surrounding properties and recommends a list of conditions to mitigate for the potential adverse impacts.

Paul ("Corky") Smull provided oral testimony regarding the history of water service to this area and the original intentions of the Rickreall Water District and County in the 1960's to have this property be developed for industrial use.

The Board left the record open and continued the public hearing to March 7, 2007 in order to allow time for the Board to conduct a site visit and review written testimony submitted at the hearing on February 21st. The Board conducted a site visit on March 5, 2007.

The public hearing was continued on the morning of March 7, 2007 before the Board of Commissioners in the Polk County Courthouse. Austin McGuigan of the Polk County Planning staff summarized the events to date. The following additional testimony was received at the March 7th hearing.

Kelly Gordon reiterated that surrounding parcels are predominantly zoned EFU and in farm deferral and that vacant industrial land in Dallas's UGB is not constrained by habitat for the Fenders Blue Butterfly.

Brian Moore, attorney for the applicant, reiterated that compelling reasons exist to take the subject site out of EFU zoning and that there is no other reasonable accommodation for the proposed expansion because strategic advantages exist on the subject site, which can not be duplicated elsewhere. Mr. Moore made timely submission of a statement identifying why the industrial lands located in Dallas's UGB can not reasonably accommodate the proposed expansion.

He also made timely submission of two additional statements. The first statement is from Jim Fowler, President of James W. Fowler Co., which provides information about why the companies' current location is best suited for their particular uses, as opposed to other industrial sites in the area. The statement also identifies the site improvements that have been made to their current location, which could not be practically duplicated elsewhere. The second statement, addressed to Jim Fowler from Paul Smull and dated March 5, 2007, reiterates information about the history of water provisions to the subject site. Mr. Smull indicates he was involved in the Rickreall Water District at the time

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water service was provided to the Polk Station Commercial Park and that the District made a decision to install larger water lines with the intent of serving the subject site for commercial/industrial use.

The public hearing was closed on March 7^{th} and deliberations were scheduled for March 14, 2007.

The Board deliberated on March 14th and discussed how participants in the public process have expressed concerns regarding whether the proposal adequately conforms to the criteria for a Reasons Exception. More specifically, they discussed concerns raised about other sites being available in Dallas's UGB to reasonably accommodate the proposed expansion and about potential adverse impacts on surrounding property owners if the proposed expansion is located on the subject site. After reviewing all of the testimony provided in the record and conducting a site visit, the Board found no other reasonable accommodation in Dallas's UGB for the proposed expansion given the operational characteristics of the existing companies and the particular site features needed to safely and efficiently accommodate the expanded storage yard. Having made this determination, the Board agreed there could be potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties if the proposed expansion is located on the subject site and determined these potential impacts could be adequately mitigated through the application of conditions related to future development of the site. As such the Board moved to approve Plan Amendment PA 05-2 and Zone Change ZC 05-03 subject to conditions listed in Section 5 of Board Ordinance 07-02. The Board's decision is supported by the supplemental findings contained herein and the following evidence in the record and incorporated herein:

- 1. Hearings Officer Recommendation dated January 25, 2007 and all referenced attachments incorporated therein.
- 2. Correspondence from Saalfeld Griggs dated January 12, 2007 and March 7, 2007.
- 3. Correspondence from Jim W. Fowler dated January 8, 2007 and March 7, 2007.
- 4. Correspondence from Paul ("Corky") Smull dated March 5, 2007.

These findings are made in light of the applicable criteria, which are set out in the attachments listed above. Copies of the attached documents can be obtained from the Polk County Planning Division, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon, 97338.

Supplemental Findings

The authorizations for a zone change and a PCCP amendment are under PCZO 111.275, and 115.050. Under these provisions the Board conducts a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.200 and 115.030 and makes a final local decision.

Pursuant to OAR 660-04-020(4)(a), the Board shall set forth the facts and assumptions used as the basis for determining that a state policy embodied in a goal should not apply to specific properties or situations, including the amount of land and why the use requires a location on resource land. As such, the Board wishes to supplement the findings in the record to more clearly identify the facts and assumptions relied upon in making their decision to approve the Reasons Exception with conditions relating to the mitigation of potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties.

As stated previously, concerns were raised during the public hearing process regarding the availability of industrial land in Dallas's UGB. In response to these concerns, the Applicant submitted additional information regarding the selection of their current site, the operational characteristics of their companies, the availability of other industrial land in Dallas's UGB and why the subject site is the only reasonable accommodation for the proposed expansion. This evidence, coupled with the Board's

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own observations of the existing operations and the subject site on March 5th, is outlined in more detail below and was relied upon by the Board in making their decision to approve the application.

According to the Applicant, their original company established its current location in 1994 and they selected the current location for several reasons. The original company, James W. Fowler Co., maintains a large fleet of machinery and equipment that it uses in highway and street construction projects, bridge and tunnel construction projects, and other heavy construction projects throughout the northwest region. To operate the company as safely and efficiently as possible, they needed a site with particular features. These features included proximity to Highway 22, Highway 101, Interstate 5 and Highway 99W, limited interference from incompatible uses and a location in the Dallas, Polk County area where their workforce is primarily located. The current location has all of these site features and over the last 13 years the original company has been very successful and has experienced tremendous growth in both equipment and personnel.

The current location of James W. Fowler Co.'s operations is now occupied by a total of six complementary companies, three of which maintain and transport a large fleet of heavy equipment. When not in use, this equipment is serviced and stored in the existing storage yard. The fleet manager, maintenance supervisor, mechanics and the shop facilities are also located at the current site. In addition to the three companies mentioned above, the Applicant also indicated the business offices of James W. Fowler Co., Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc., Fife Group, Inc. and New Meadows Homes, Inc. are located at the current site. To accommodate these companies' operations at their current location, many permanent improvements have been made like the installation of fuel tanks with required dams, a wash rack and oil separator, power upgrades to provide three phase power to the facility, and necessary security measures. The Applicant has continually expressed a commitment to remaining at their current location where all of these permanent improvements have been made.

A Site Visit was conducted by the Board on March 5, 2007 to better understand the operations of the existing companies and to see the size of the equipment being used, maintained and stored at the site of their current operations. The Board observed the fleet of equipment and machinery being used and agreed with the Applicant that it is very large and heavy. The Board also agreed the storage and transportation of this equipment is well suited to the current location where there is limited interference from or with city traffic. The Board observed that the current storage yard is at capacity, even with a large portion of the equipment being located off-site at construction jobs in the region. Based on their observations and evidence in the record, the Board agrees the current storage yard and associated office space is not sufficient to reasonably and safely accommodate the growing needs of the above referenced companies and that an expansion is appropriate.

Similar to selecting the current location of their operations, the Applicant has indicated particular site features are needed to reasonably accommodate their proposed expansion. As outlined by the Applicant, these site features include a site approximately 25-30 acres in size, readily available access to heavy equipment transportation corridors and, most importantly, proximity to the existing facility.

The Applicant has stated a minimum of 25-30 acres is needed to safely accommodate the storage needs of their large fleets of heavy equipment and machinery and the associated office and maintenance buildings. The Board agrees the proposed plans for expansion onto the subject site would accommodate safe parking and circulation of the companies' fleet of heavy machinery, as well as, provide enough room for the fleet to be rotated for purposes of routine repair and maintenance of the storage yard. The Applicant contends any site smaller than 25 acres may not be able to accommodate the

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growing storage needs of the companies while providing adequate buffering from surrounding uses. The subject site is approximately 32 acres in size and would be able to accommodate the expanded storage yard, any associated buildings and a substantial vegetative buffer.

The Applicant also states the location of the proposed expansion has to have readily available access to heavy equipment transportation corridors for safe and efficient movement of their fleets to and from major state highways. The Board agrees the companies' fleets of heavy equipment should not be regularly transported through urban areas because of the potential safety risks and the adverse impacts on residential neighborhoods. The subject site maintains optimal access to Highway 22 via Kings Valley Highway and both of these transportation corridors are intended for use by heavy equipment and are designed to have limited access from adjoining properties. As such, safety risks are minimized and the adverse impacts on residential neighborhoods are limited.

Lastly, the Applicant claims that requiring the large fleet of heavy equipment to be stored at a facility not located adjacent to the current yard would increase costs and traffic safety concerns not otherwise present. If the storage yard were relocated off-site, most of the equipment and machinery would need to first be returned to the current yard and shop to be inspected and cleaned, and then transported to the off-site storage facility. In addition, the equipment would need to be transported between the shop facility and the storage yard in order for the routine maintenance and repairs to be performed. This additional transportation of the equipment and machinery is currently not necessary, and would increase energy costs, as well as increase the time and expense necessary to maintain the equipment and machinery. Further, increased transportation between two facilities would increase the traffic safety concerns mentioned above.

Based on the above findings, the Board agrees the nature of the companies' operations and the location of their current facility represent special features necessitating the proposed expansion to be located on the subject site. The Board also concludes the subject site maintains significant comparative advantages due to its location adjacent to Kings Valley Highway and the current location of the companies' operations.

The final item the Board wishes to address is the availability of industrial land in Dallas's UGB and whether this land can reasonably accommodate the proposed expansion. In looking at the industrial lands inventory for the City of Dallas, the entire 100 acres of available industrial land is located in southeast Dallas where there is no direct access to a State Highway and the existing transportation facilities (streets and bridges) are inadequate to accommodate the size and weight of machinery currently being transported to and from the existing site at Polk Station Commercial Park. The Applicant indicates even if they were able to find a site 25-30 acres in size, they would be required to upgrade existing transportation facilities and construct planned transportation facilities shown on the City's Comprehensive Plan to locate the proposed expansion in this area of Dallas. The Applicant claims the associated construction time and financing to install transportation improvements are cost-prohibitive and would result in unnecessary waste of the improvements on the site of their current operations. In contrast, the subject site maintains readily available access to Highway 22 via Kings Valley Highway and out of direction travel is non-existent. Furthermore, the current operations access Oak Villa Road and Kings Valley Highway, which sustain and can continue to sustain the heavy equipment being transported. The Board agrees that requiring the Applicant to locate the proposed expansion in southeast Dallas would result in inefficient business operations and would necessitate major transportation improvements that are time consuming and cost prohibitive. As such, the Board finds the available industrial lands located in Dallas's UGB can not reasonably accommodate the proposed expansion.

The Applicant also claims the available industrial land in the City of Dallas is constrained by regulated natural resources (wetlands) and the existence of adjoining, incompatible uses, whereas, the subject site is not encumbered by these constraints. The Board agrees there have been no natural resources identified on the subject site and interference from incompatible uses would be minimized if the proposed expansion was located outside of the City, particularly at the proposed location where the Rural Industrial zone limits the size of uses to be developed and there is adequate acreage to install a substantial buffer between the proposed use and surrounding uses. However, as Mr. Gordon pointed out in his testimony, there are additional measures the County may take to ensure the proposed expansion is compatible with surrounding uses and that all potential adverse impacts are adequately mitigated for. To that end, the Board has determined the following conditions of approval are necessary to mitigate for any potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties:

- 1. The uses allowed on the subject property shall be limited to: Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15 & 16).
- 2. Any development that occurs on the subject property shall be established in accordance with the provisions for development within the R-IND Zone, as listed in PCZO 112.410(E).
- 3. If water is to be provided by a community water system, a "Statement of Water Availability" shall be submitted prior to building permit issuance.
- 4. All free-standing exterior light fixtures shall be shielded or recessed so that direct glare and reflection are contained within the boundaries of the property, and shall be directed downward and away from abutting properties and public rights-of-way. Compliance with this condition shall be reviewed at the time of Building Permits.
- 5. The property owner shall comply with all applicable local, State, and federal permits including but not limited to Polk County Planning, Environmental Health, and Building Divisions, Polk County Public Works Department, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The Applicant shall be required to obtain all applicable permits and comply with regulations regarding the storage and disposal of any hazardous materials stored on the subject property.
- 6. The property owner shall provide screening around any outdoor storage yard areas. Where landscaping is used for required screening, it shall be at least 6 ft in height and at least 80 percent opaque, as seen from a perpendicular line of sight, within 18 months following establishment of an out door storage yard. Any proposed or required screening in the form of a slatted chain link fence shall have slats of an earth tone color to blend in with surrounding vegetation or consistent with screening of Applicant's existing facilities. Compliance with this condition shall be reviewed at the time of Building Permits.
- 7. The property owner shall ensure all required landscaping or vegetative screening is maintained in an attractive manner free of weeds and other invading vegetation.
- 8. The property owner shall be required to submit a stormwater management plan approved by DEQ at the time of Building Permits.

Conclusion

Based on the particular site features required for the proposed expansion, the Board finds the subject site maintains substantial comparative advantages and that no available industrial land located in the area, including within Dallas's UGB, can reasonably accommodate this proposal. The Board also determines conditions of approval related to future development of the site are reasonable and appropriate to mitigate for any potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties.

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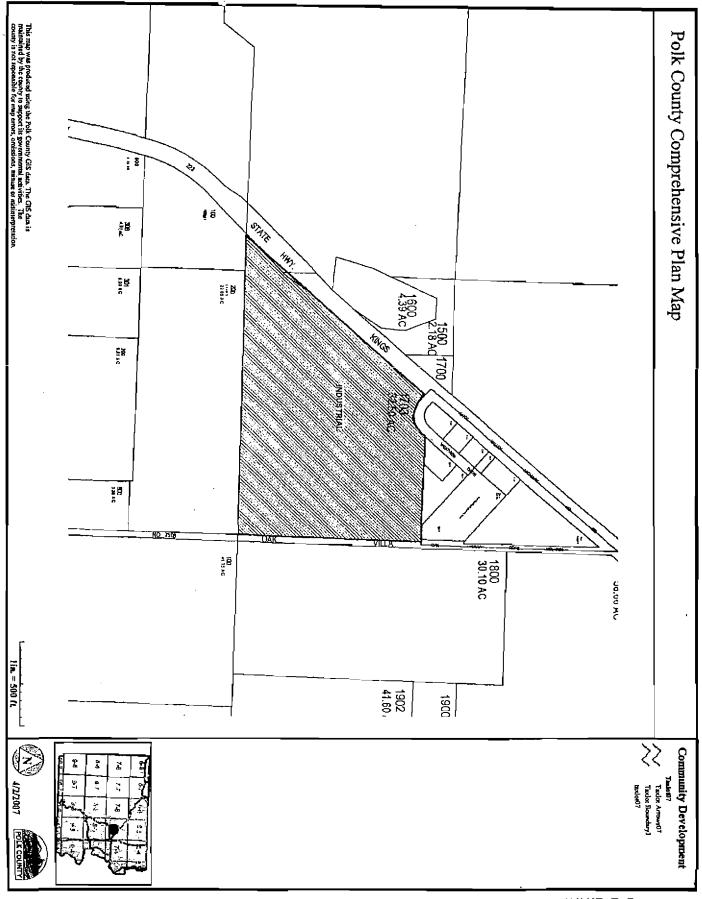
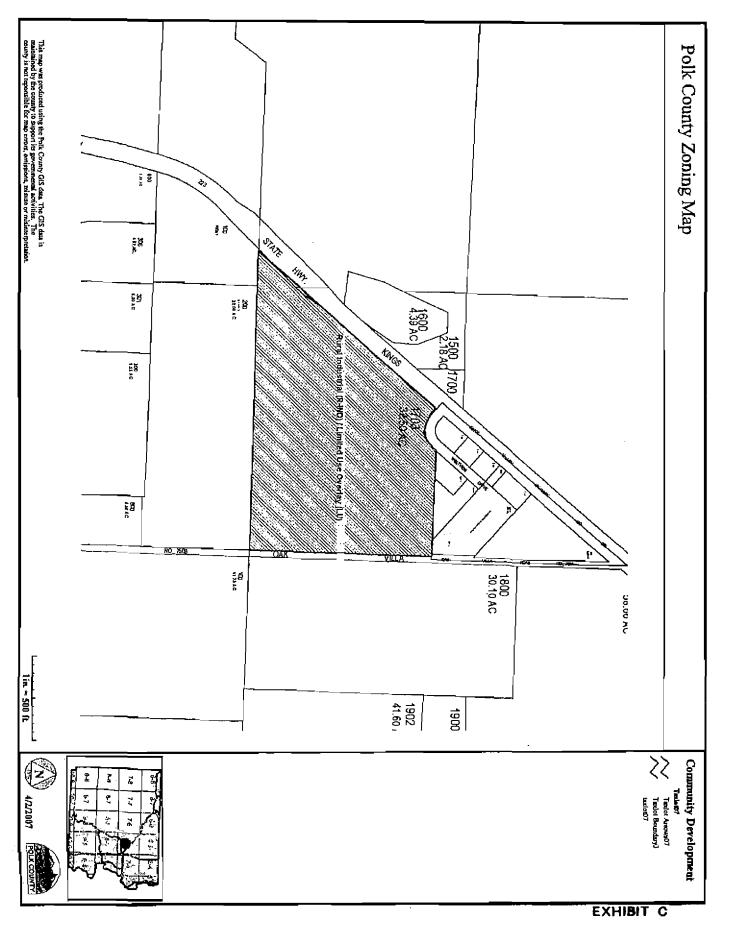


EXHIBIT B

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amendment to t designation to a Goal 3 reasons Farm Use (EFU allow specific u classification m	This matter came before the Planning Division on the application of Fowler Living Trust for an amendment to the Polk County Comprehensive Plan (PCCP) to change an existing Agriculture designation to an Industrial designation; for an amendment to the PCCP to include Statewide Planning Goal 3 reasons exception statement; and for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the existing Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoning district to Rural Industrial (R-IND) and to apply a limited use overlay zone to allow specific uses. The uses would be Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard Industrial Code classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (classifications 15 and 16) as justified in the exception statement.									
The subject tax lot 1703, see Zoning Ordinan	The subject parcel is located at 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon, and is legally described as tax lot 1703, section 22, T7S, R4W, WWM. Applicable review and decision criteria are Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) 111.140, 111.275, 115.050, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-004- 020, 660-004-0022, 660-012-0060, Oregon Statewide Planning Goals.									
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ZONING:		Zoning Classification	Land Uses							
	Designation	(See Zone map Attachment (
Subject Parcel	Agriculture	Exclusive Farm Use (EFU)	Community septic drainfield, manufactured home and domestic well.							
Property North	Commercial	Rural Commercial	Polk Station Commercial Park							
	Agriculture/Rural Lands	EFU/Acreage Residential (AR	45) Agricultural with dwelling, rural residential parcels and LaCreole General Commercial Mixed use Node.							
Property East	Agriculture	EFU	Small farm parcels Oak Villa Rd.							
Property West	Agriculture	EFU	Kings Valley Hwy and small to large farm parcels.							

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Attachment A

The subject parcel is located on the east side of Kings Valley Highway (State Highway 223)
 approximately 0.30 miles north of the City of Dallas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and approximately
 1.20 miles south of the intersection of Kings Valley Highway with OR State Highway 22.

The subject parcel is adjacent to the Polk Station Commercial Park on the north boundary, Kings Valley Highway on the western boundary, and Oak Villa Road on the eastern boundary. Directly to the south, between Oak Villa Road and Kings Valley Highway, is an approximately 29-acre area of land zoned EFU. Properties further south include the Polk County Rural Lands exception area, identified as Area XV in the PCCP, within the Acreage Residential (AR-5) Zoning District. Still further south is the City of Dallas UGB and the city limits where properties are designated Lacreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node in the City of Dallas Comprehensive Plan.

The subject parcel is not identified as containing significant resources on the Polk County Significant Resource Areas Map. The subject parcel is not located within an identified floodplain, pursuant to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 41053C0107D dated April 5, 1988. Based on a review of the National Wetland Inventory map, staff found no identified wetlands on the subject parcel.

The subject parcel is irregularly shaped with topography that slopes downhill from northeast to southwest. The parcel is planted in grass and has an existing vegetation buffer along the southern and western boundaries. The property is improved with a manufactured home and associated septic system, a domestic well, power, telephone and contains a 56,000 square foot community septic drain field which serves the adjacent Polk Station Commercial Park (Attachment "E" of the staff report).

21 <u>Table 2</u>. Soil characteristics of the subject property, as identified in the Natural Resources

Conservation Service Soil Survey of Polk County, Oregon, utilizing the Polk County Geographic
 Information System (GIS).

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Туре	Name	Class	High Value	Slope Percent	Soil Percent	Soil Acres	Percent Error
8E	Bellpine silty clay	<u>IVE</u>	Yes	20-30	17.78	5.76	2.61
27C	Dupee silt loam	IIIE	No	3-12	23.56	7.63	2.43
6 4B	Salkum silty clay	me	Yes	2-6	54.85	17.77	3.09
72	Waldo silty clay	<u>111W</u>	No	0-3	_3.81	1.24	.80

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The subject property consists of "Agricultural Land" as defined in OAR 660-033-0020(1) (a)(A) in that the property is composed entirely of Class II-IV soils. The subject property contains "high value farmland," as defined in OAR 660-033-0020(8)(a)(A) in that 72.62% of the subject property is composed of Class II-IV soils that are identified as high value pursuant to OAR 660-033-0020(8)(c)(D).

The subject parcel has been described separately since 1971 and recognized as a separate parcel in planning files LOR 00-04, LLA 05-66 and RD 06-07. The subject parcel is currently described in Polk County Clerk Document 2005-10335.

The applicant/property owner also owns the commercial property immediately to the north within 33 the Polk Station Commercial Park which is leased to their closely held construction (James W. Fowler 34 Co.), equipment (Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc.) and development companies. According to 35 additional office use, shop/repair purposes, and for warehousing parts and other more sensitive 36 37 38 equipment that requires indoor storage. Presently, the applicant is storing equipment and materials off 39 site in a variety of locations in the Polk County area. The applicant has expressed a need to have this 40 equipment and materials stored in close proximity to their current general offices for efficiency and 41 security purposes. 42

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The proposed uses are uses that are permitted in both the Rural Commercial and Rural Industrial zoning districts. However, after analysis of both zoning districts, it was determined that, although the adjoining property to the north is designated and zoned Rural Commercial, Rural Industrial would be a more appropriate designation for the subject property since the list of specific uses are more industrial in nature.

Notice of the December 19, 2006, public hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer was
provided as required by PCZO 111.340-111.370. Notice was mailed to property owners located within
750 feet of the outside perimeter of the subject property, on November 24, 2006. Notice was printed in
the Dallas, Oregon, *Itemtzer-Observer* newspaper on November 29, 2006. Notice was posted on the
subject property on November 22, 2006.

12 The subject parcel has frontage on Oak Villa Road, a Polk County Road, and State Highway 223 13 (Kings Valley Highway). Oak Villa Road is identified as having a Local Road functional classification 14 and Kings Valley Highway is identified as a Minor Arterial as designated in the *Polk County* 15 *Transportation Systems Plan*, Figure 3. The existing single family dwelling on the subject parcel has 16 access to Oak Villa Road.

17 The applicant states that water is currently provided by a community water association (Rickreall) 18 as well as an individual domestic well. The applicant states that an on-site sewage disposal system 19 currently serves the existing dwelling located in the southeast portion of the parcel. There is also an 20 existing 56,000 square foot septic drainfield easement located in the north central portion of the property 21 which serves the commercial uses of the Polk Station Commercial Park adjacent to the north.

The Polk County Environmental Health Division notes that two septic records are on file: (1) 4,600-gallon tank with a 3,095-gallon septic tank chamber with a 1,131-gallon pump tank chamber, with 450 feet of drainfield lines (1982). This septic system serves the rural commercial zone to the north by way of easement (Map T7S, R5W, Section 22, Tax Lots 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 1200, 1800 and 1900).

(2) 1,400-gallon tank with 450 feet of drainfield lines that serves a four bedroom residence.
If new buildings are to be constructed, stay 10 feet away from existing drainfields and five feet

away from existing septic tanks. If using existing drainfield system apply for authorization notice.
 The Rickreall Community water Association says there are currently no water provisions for the

31 property and before a hook-up can be made, approval must be received from the Board of Directors of 32 the Association as well as their engineer.

Prior to the public hearing, Paul Villwock, a nearby property owner, submitted a written comment
 in opposition to the proposed amendments, which is in the Record.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held in the Polk County Courthouse on the evening of December 19, 2006. There were no objections as to jurisdiction or conflict of interest. A member of the public asserted that the posted notice was not visible throughout the required time. Staff asserted that it had been posted, and in any event neighboring owners were notified by mail and there was a publication in the local newspaper. The Hearings Officer recited the admonitions required by law and ordinance. Patricia Perry of the Polk County Planning staff summarized the staff report and identified the applicable review and decision criteria.

Brian Moore, attorney for applicant, said the subject parcel was the most logical place for applicant to expand his business operation, and the requested overlay would limit its uses. He said there would be a vegetation buffer to the south, roads on the east and west, and applicant's existing operations to the north. Access would be by Oak Villa Road. He said applicant had consulted DLCD on the matter, and noted that DLCD did not oppose this matter.

49 Ken Stinson, a nearby landowner, expressed general opposition.

50 Debbie Driesner, a nearby resident, said her animals would be disturbed by the operation's noise, 51 and she already is bothered by lights from the existing operation.

Sally Stinson, owning land to the south, said her property would be harmed by drainage from the proposed operation. 3

Kelly Gordon submitted written testimony for the Record. He said more than 100 acres of vacant industrial land exists within the City of Dallas, while the subject parcel is outside the UGB. He said the subject parcel consists primarily of high-value farmland, was farmed during 2006 and is capable of yielding a good return. He said the facts do not warrant an exception to Goal 2 under OAR 660-004-0022. He said Oak Villa Road is not rated as a road suitable for industrial activity.

8 Letters were introduced into the Record from adjacent property owners, Ben Hockman and Ron 9 Taylor, both of whom supported the application. Also introduced was a letter from Mike Rose of the 10 Oregon Department of Transportation, who said any future access for the proposal should be by way of Oak Villa Road. 11

12 Paul Villwock, a nearby landowner, said weeds from the proposed vegetation buffer zone could contaminate his fescue field. He said the subject parcel is good farmland and simply shouldn't be taken 13 14 out of agricultural production.

In rebuttal, applicant's representative Paul Trahan said no rock crushing, gravel or asphalt 15 operation is intended. He said DEO will monitor any runoff. He said most of the existing industrial 16 17 land inside the City of Dallas is wetland, not suitable for the intended use. Brian Moore said nothing 18 being proposed will increase the quantity of runoff, and the buffer/bioswale should in fact reduce it. He conceded the land is farmable, but applicant wants to expand with minimal impact on other properties, 19 20 and it makes more sense to expand from its existing location to maintain a compact, single unit.

21 There was a request that the Record be left open for an additional 10 days for submission of additional written evidence by anyone. The Hearings Officer announced that the Record would remain open until 5 p.m. on December 29, 2006, for such submissions; until 5 p.m. on January 5, 2007, for 22 23 submission of written rebuttal evidence by anyone; and until 5 p.m. on January 12, 2007, for submission 24 of final written arguments (without any new evidence) by applicant. The Hearings Officer asked if those 25 present understood the procedure, and there was no objection. 26

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned. Robert W, Oliver, Polk County 27 Hearings Officer, presided. He has authority to make a recommendation on this matter to the Board of 28 Commissioners. 29

POST-HEARING SUBMISSIONS

On December 27, 2006, Kelly Gordon made timely submission of a statement indicating that he 32 had contacted City of Dallas officials, and had been told that mitigation practices could allow the 33 industrial land inside the Dallas UGB to be developed. He reiterated earlier testimony that the subject 34 property had been used to grow hay as recently as 2006, and was high-value farmland that should not be 35 used for industrial purposes. He concluded that there was no exceptional reason to justify a Goal 3 36 37 exception for this application.

On January 5, 2007, Jim Fowler, President of James W. Fowler Co., made timely submission of a 38 statement. He indicated that since his company established itself immediately north of the subject 39 property in 1994, his company and six complimentary enterprises have been located there and 40 experienced rapid growth. He said their present location has become inadequate to accommodate their 41 office and storage needs, including storage of supplies, materials and construction equipment, and the 42 adjacent subject parcel fills those needs without creating unnecessary safety and environmental hazards. 43 He said requiring storage of such equipment at a more distant site raises additional safety issues. He said 44 a heavy equipment wash rack, oil and grease separators and fuel tanks already exist on his current 45 property and would not need to be duplicated at some other site. Finally, he said increased 46 transportation between two facilities would increase safety and diminish traffic concerns. 47

On January 5, 2007, Brian Moore, representing applicant, made timely submission of a packet of 48 additional evidence, mostly pertaining to endangered species, which was made a part of the record. 49

On January 12, 2007, Moore made timely submission of his written rebuttal to testimony 50 opposing the application. He reiterated prior testimony concerning applicant's perceived need to operate 51 a compact operation involving maintenance of heavy machinery and storage of supplies, and to avoid a 52 split operation that would involve moving machinery and supplies to a second site using well-traveled 53

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roads within the Dallas UGB. He said any mitigation process involving the Fender's blue butterfly, 1 present at the industrial sites within the Dallas UGB, could be approved only by the U.S. Secretary of the 2 Interior, which could result in the subject industrial lands being removed from Dallas' industrial lands 3 inventory. He concluded there was, in practical fact, no alternative site for expansion other than the 4 subject parcel. Moore restated that the limitations of the overlay zone will protect neighboring 5 6 properties from excessive runoff, noise or traffic congestion.

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FINDINGS

(General)

10 The authorizations for a zone change and a PCCP amendment are under PCZO 111.275, and 115.050. Under these provisions, the Hearings Officer conducts a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 11 111.190 and 115.030 and makes a recommendation to the Polk County Board of Commissioners. The 12 Board conducts a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.200 and 115.030 and makes a final local 13 decision. The applicant provided proposed findings that are included by reference below, and are set out 14 in the record as Exhibit 1 of the staff report. 15^{-1}

- (Plan Amendment) 17 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map must meet one or more of the following criteria: [PCZO 115,050(A)] 18
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- (A) The Comprehensive Plan designation is erroneous and the proposed amendment would correct the error, or [PCZO 115.050(A)(1)]
 - The Comprehensive Plan Designation is no longer appropriate due to changing **(B)** conditions in the surrounding area; and [PCZO 115.050(A)(2)]
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Applicant says the Agriculture PCCP designation is no longer appropriate due to changing 24 conditions in the surrounding area. The applicant is requesting a PCCP Map amendment from 25 Agriculture to Rural Industrial to respond to these changing conditions. 26

Applicant argues there have been a number of significant changes to the subject property and 27 surrounding area that warrant the nature of the request. The first significant change relates to traffic 28 impacts. The subject property is surrounded on three sides by roads that actively serve commercial and 29 residential uses in Polk County. Over the years, the traffic on Kings Valley Highway, Oak Villa Road 30 and Westview Drive has increased to such a degree that it has had a direct impact on the subject 31 property's ability to be used for commercial agriculture uses. 32

Second, applicant says the uses in the surrounding area, parcelization, and comprehensive planning 33 for the City of Dallas have significantly changed the land use pattern of the surrounding area such that 34 the existing PCCP designation is no longer appropriate. To the north of the subject property lays the 35 Polk Station Commercial Park, The Commercial Park has become fully developed. Existing uses have 36 grown and expanded to the point where additional on-site parking, loading, storage and 37 office/warehousing are needed to ensure existing demand for services are adequately met. Parcelization 38 directly to the north, in the Polk Station Commercial Park, and further north across Kings Valley 39 Highway, prohibit the subject property to be effectively farmed. Additional parcelization is also found to 40 the south of the subject property. Another significant change can be seen in the existing and future land 41 42 use PCCP designation for the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node located generally to the 43 south of the subject property (Dallas Comprehensive Plan Map, Attachment "F" of the staff report). This 44 Node is intended to be a master planned mixed use general commercial area of approximately 30 buildable acres, with multi-family residential development connected to general commercial and low 45 46 density residential land through a series of grid streets and access ways for truck, vehicle, bicycles and pedestrian access north of east Ellendale Avenue and east of Kings Valley Highway. See Policy 3.2.1 in 47 the City of Dallas comprehensive plan. 48

Third, applicant says it needs additional land adjacent to their existing general contracting, 49 equipment rental and development company operation to expand their storage capacity for equipment 50

1 and materials.

Staff reports that the subject property is located within the Agricultural PCCP designation. The 2 applicant is proposing to change the designation to Industrial. Surrounding properties are designated 3 4 Commercial and Agriculture in the PCCP. Properties to the north of the subject parcel were rezoned from EFU to Public Service and Commercial in the late 1970s. Over the years to present day, these 5 6 properties have been built out and developed with uses appropriate to the non-resource zoning. This, in addition to the above-described factors and evidence, led staff to conclude that substantial changes have 7 occurred on surrounding lands that could justify changing the PCCP designation of the subject property. 8 9 The Hearings Officer agrees.

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- (C) The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan will be carried out through approval of the proposed Plan Amendment based on the following: [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)]
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(1) Evidence that the proposal conforms to the intent of relevant goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose and intent of the proposed land use designation. [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)(a)]

15 The PCCP contains six policies related to this request. Each Goal/Policy and the applicant's stated 16 conformance therewith are set forth below.

1. To preserve and protect agricultural lands within Polk County

The portion of the subject property to be developed with rural industrial uses is not currently being used for commercial agricultural uses. Larger agriculturally designated lands in the surrounding area, particularly to the northwest and northeast, will be preserved and protected by this request. The applicant is requesting a limited number of rural industrial uses through the reasons exception, and the conceptual plan calls for a buffer along the eastern and western property lines that will help preserve and protect these larger agriculturally designated lands to the northwest and northeast of the subject property.

Policies

Goals

1.1 Polk County will endeavor to conserve for agricultural those areas which exhibit a predominance of agricultural soils, and an absence of non-farm use interference and conflicts.

This request complies with this policy. First, those agricultural areas which have a predominance of agricultural soils and an absence of non-farm interference are located further to the northwest and northeast of the subject property. These agricultural lands will not be affected by this proposal, and will be able to remain in agricultural use and conserved for agricultural productivity. Second, the subject property already has non-farm interference and conflicts from several sources - traffic on Kings Valley Highway, traffic and offsite drainage from the existing rural industrial uses within the Polk Station Commercial Park immediately to the north, and traffic from the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node to the south. This proposal simply recognizes that existing interference and conflicts with surrounding development have thus far precluded the subject property from being developed with commercial agricultural uses. As such, this proposal provides for a wider range of permitted uses that would directly benefit from the subject property's unique location.

1.5 Polk County will discourage the development of non-farm uses in agricultural areas.

The subject property is not located within an area characterized by agricultural uses. Surrounding development consists of residential and rural industrial uses, with very limited agricultural activity. The proposed PCCP amendment to allow additional rural industrial uses on the subject property will allow for the logical extension of an existing rural industrial development located directly north of the subject property.

1 2	4.4 Polk County will encourage the concentration of industries of similar types, performance characteristics and service needs.
3 4 5 6	This application will allow for the expansion of an existing industry located on the adjoining property. A concentration of similar and/or expanded uses at this location will preclude unnecessary encroachment of rural industrial uses in an alternative location. The collocation will also provide for a more efficient delivery of services.
7 8	4.5 Polk County will require industrial uses to locate so as to minimize adverse social, economic and environmental impacts.
9 10	This policy is addressed in more detail under Criterion 2(C) of the PCCP Map Amendment, below.
11 12 13	4.6 Polk County will require utilities such as power, water and waste disposal facilities be readily available and adequately sized prior to construction of industrial buildings or operating systems.
14 15 16 17	4.8 Polk County will allow new rural industrial uses or expansion of existing uses consistent with Goal 14 in rural industrial zones outside of urban growth boundaries and unIncorporated communities provided that:
18	a. The use is authorized under Goal 3 and Goal 4; or
19	b. The use is small in size and low impact; or
20 21	c. The use is significantly dependent upon a specific resource located on agricultural or forest land; and
22 23	d. The use will not have adverse impacts on surrounding farm and forest activities; and
24 25	e. The new or expanded use will not exceed the capacity of the site itself to provide adequate water and absorb waste water.
26 27 28 29	The proposed use of the subject property will be small scale and low impact in accordance with statewide planning goals, administrative rules and PCCP provisions. Future use of the property will also include uses that will serve the needs of the rural areas of Polk County.
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	The expanded use of the JW Fowler Co. and Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc., operations will not have any adverse impact on surrounding farm and forest activities. As identified above, the commercial farm and forest activities are occurring on lands further to the north, east and west of the subject property. The subject property is in an area that is already partitioned and predominately dedicated to small, rural residential parcels just north of the City of Dallas UGB and the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node, and bounded by two main Polk County roads – Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road.
38 39 40	The proposed new uses on the property will be located south of the existing JW Fowler Co. and Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc., storage operation, and will be similarly situated with respect to locations of the rural residential parcels.
41 42 43 45 46 47 48 49	The proposed uses will not exceed the capacity of the site to provide adequate water, and to absorb waste water. The nature of the expansion and the new uses are such that water consumption will be minimal. The proposed uses are not manufacturing or processing uses that will require a demand for significant amounts of water. The site presently contains the waste water collection and distribution for the Polk Station Commercial Park. The applicant proposes to continue to use the existing system, and to update it in order to continue serving Polk Station Commercial Park, as well as any future rural industrial uses developed on the subject property. In addition, the applicant is proposing to add a bio-swale detention system to accommodate the storm water run-

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off from the subject property, and to handle the existing storm water run-off from the adjoining property (Polk Station Commercial Park) to the north. The subject property is of sufficient size to provide adequate water, storm and waste water systems to serve the proposed uses.

Purpose and Intent of Proposed Land Use Designation

Agriculture

"The areas designated <u>Agriculture</u> occur mainly in the eastern and central sections of the County. These areas are characterized by large ownerships and few non-farm uses. Topography in these areas is usually gentle, including bottom lands, central valley plains and the low foothills of the Coastal Range. This diversity of terrain allows County farmers the option of producing a variety of commodities. Farmers can produce grain or livestock in level areas; set up orchards, vineyards and pastures on the hills; or develop woodlots (or farm forestry) on the foothills. The areas designated for agriculture have a predominance of agricultural soils (SCS capability class I-IV).

It is the intent of the <u>Agriculture</u> Plan designation to preserve agricultural areas and separate them from conflicting non-farm uses. Toward that end, the County will discourage the division of parcels and the development of non-farm uses in a farm area (Only those non-farm uses considered essential for agriculture will be permitted).

The <u>Agriculture</u> Plan designation will be implemented throughout the Exclusive Farm Use Zones".

The subject property is not within a broad, immediate area that is devoted to agricultural uses. The subject property is surrounded on the north and south by smaller parcels devoted to residential and rural industrial uses. The property is not a large parcel and is not located near large agricultural parcels. The subject property is already separated from key agricultural areas and will not add conflicting non-farm uses into the area. No land divisions are being proposed by this request. This request will simply be amending Appendix "F" of the PCCP text to include an expanded list of rural industrial uses to be allowed on the subject property through an exception to Goal 3.

Industrial

The Industrial Plan designation indicates the sites of existing industrial developments in rural areas and provides for future industrial uses in districts which are close to cities, major arterials, railroad or airports. The industrial uses found in these areas include fertilizer processing and storage, cleaning and storage facilities for grains, lumber and wood products-related processing plants and mineral extraction and processing operations.

It is the intent of the Industrial Plan designation to protect existing employment and provide employment opportunities for some of the non-farm residents living in surrounding rural areas. The Industrial Plan designation will be implemented through the Industrial-Commercial,

Industrial Park, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial and Mineral Extraction Zones.

Applicant urges, finally, that pursuant to the intent of the Industrial Plan designation, the subject property is well situated to accommodate Rural Industrial uses. It is directly adjacent to the Polk Station Commercial Park and Kings Valley Highway. The proposal also meets the intent of the Industrial Plan designation by protecting an existing employer and allowing them to expand their accessory uses onto the subject property in an efficient and logical manner.

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1 2	Staff concluded that applicant has provided evidence that the proposal conforms to the intent of relevant goals and policics in the PCCP and the purpose and intent of the proposed land use designation.
3 4 5 6 7	(2) Compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes, statewide planning goals and related administrative rules which applies to the particular property(s) or situations. If an exception to one or more of the goals is necessary, the exception criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 660, Division 4 shall apply; and [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)(b)]
8 9 10 11	Applicant states there are no specific state statutes that apply to this request that are not otherwise addressed in the statewide planning goals or administrative rules. The proposal's conformance with statewide planning goals and with the exception criteria are addressed below. The requested amendment of the PCCP text is consistent with the applicable statewide planning goals as follows:
12 13 14	Goal 1. <u>Citizen Involvement</u> . A Non Legislative Plan Amendment is a quasi-judicial process. Public notice is required and public hearings will be held giving interested citizens an opportunity to be involved in the process.
15 16 17 18	Goal 2. <u>Land Use Planning</u> . The PCCP was adopted by Polk County and acknowledged by LCDC as being in compliance with the statewide planning goals, state statutes and state administrative rules, on March 19, 1981. As outlined herein, the proposal complies with the PCCP and all associated detail plans.
19 20	Goal 3. <u>Agricultural Lands</u> . The applicant has submitted findings to justify a reasons exception to Goal 3.
21 22	Goal 4. <u>Forest Lands</u> . The proposed amendment does not affect the inventory of forest lands. Thus, this goal is not applicable to this application.
23 24 25	Goal 5. <u>Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources</u> . There are no known scenic, natural, historic, or cultural resources on the subject property. Thus, this goal is not applicable to this application.
26 27	Goal 6. <u>Air, Water and Resources Quality</u> . Development of the property will be required to comply with the Federal, State, and County requirements for air and water pollution.
28 29 30 31	Goal 7. <u>Area Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards</u> . The subject property does not lie within any floodplains of any waterways as identified on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) maps. All future development is required to comply with Federal, State and County requirements for natural disasters and hazards.
32 33 34	Goal 8. <u>Recreational Needs</u> . The proposed amendment does not affect the inventory of recreational uses. The proposed uses will not need or generate a need for recreational facilities. Thus, this goal is not applicable to this application.
35 36 37 38	Goal 9. <u>Economy of the State</u> . The subject property is partially developed for non-agricultural purposes. The majority of the property is undeveloped land and does not provide any benefit to the local economy. Enabling rural industrial uses to develop on the subject property will provide a major benefit to the local economy.
39 40	Goal 10. <u>Housing</u> . The subject property is not designated for residential development and therefore there will be no impact to the residential lands inventory.
41 42	Goal 11. <u>Public Facilities and Services</u> . The subject property is not currently served by public facilities nor does this request include the extension of public facilities to the subject property.
43 44	Goal 12. <u>Transportation</u> . Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 12 is implemented by OAR 660-012-0060(1), which states:
45 46 47 48	"Amendments to functional plan, acknowledged comprehensive plans and land use regulations which significantly affect a transportation facility shall assure that allowed land uses are consistent with the identified functions, capacity and performance standards (i.e. level of service, volume to capacity ratio, etc.) of the facility."

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1 2	OAR Section 660-012-0060(2) states that to determine if a proposed use significantly affects a transportation facility the following must be found:
3	"(a) Changes the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility;
4	(b) Changes standards implementing a functional elassification system;
5 6	(c) Allows types or levels of land uses which would result in levels of travel or access which are inconsistent with the functional classification of a transportation facility; or
7 8	(d) Would reduce the performance standards of the facility below the minimum acceptable level identified in the TSP."
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Polk County has an adopted a Transportation System Plan (PCTSP) and a Functional Classification Map. Kings Valley Highway, the abutting street to the west, is designated as a Minor Arterial on the Functional Classification Map. Westview Drive and Oak Villa Road, which abut the subject property to the north and east respectively, are both designated local streets on the Functional Classification Map. Vehicular access to the subject property will be from Westview Drive and/or Oak Villa Road. The majority of traffic being generated from the site will ultimately be directed onto Kings Valley Highway from the initial access points. As a minor arterial, Kings Valley Highway is intended to carry higher traffic volumes and provide for relatively high overall travel speeds with minimum interference through movement.
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	The number of average daily trips that would be generated by the list of uses being proposed as part of the Limited Use Overlay Zone will not be significantly more than the number of average daily trips that would be generated by uses currently permitted in the EFU zone. For instance, farm related uses that involve the harvesting and/or processing of farm products would generate a significant number of average daily trips from product distribution and employees. The proposed uses of general, highway, heavy construction, and home construction contractors or special trade contractors would generate a similar number of average daily trips related to equipment movement and employees. The proposed uses are intended to be rural in nature and are limited to 10,000 square feet in size. As such, the proposed change will not adversely impact the functional classification of the surrounding transportation facilities.
28 29	Goal 13. <u>Energy Conservation</u> . The construction of any new buildings will meet the energy efficiency code requirements for new construction.
30 31 32	Goal 14. <u>Urbanization</u> . The subject property is not within the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary or the Dallas city limits. There is no planned extension of urban services to an area outside the UGB and the property will be zoned Rural Industrial, which is consistent with Goal 14.
33 34	Goals 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are all inapplicable. The subject property is not within the Willamette River Greenway, or in an estuary or beach area.
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	Staff concluded that the applicant has addressed all applicable Oregon Statewide Planning Goals. An exception to Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 is necessary to exclude the subject property from the Agriculture PCCP designation. The applicant is proposing the Rural Industrial Zoning District and the Limited Use Overlay Zone (restricting the allowed uses to those uses identified in this review) to implement the proposed Industrial PCCP Designation. The PCZO implementing the Rural Industrial Zoning District has been acknowledged as being compliant with OAR and Goal 14 requirements established by LCDC in the year 2000 (OAR 660-004-0040). Therefore, an exception to Goal 14 is not required. The applicant has submitted findings regarding an exception to Statewide Planning Goals 3. The Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 exception is addressed in Section 2 of this staff report.
44 45 46	(3) Compliance with the provisions of any applicable intergovernmental agreement pertaining to urban growth boundaries and urbanizable land. [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)(c)]
47 48 49	Applicant states that the Urban Planning Area Agreement between Polk County and the City of Dallas does not extend this far from the City, and it knows of no other agreement with a special district or other authority required to coordinate planning activities in the vicinity.

1 Staff notes that the subject property is located within the Agriculture PCCP designation. The 2 applicant is proposing to change the designation to Industrial. Surrounding properties are designated 3 Commercial and Agriculture. The subject property is not located within an urban growth boundary or 4 within an incorporated city. As a result, there is no Urban Growth Boundary agreement or other 5 applicable intergovernmental agreement. This criterion is not applicable to the proposed amendment.

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(Goal 3 Exception)

(A) "Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply"; The exception shall set forth the facts and assumptions used as the basis for determining that a state policy embodied in a goal should not apply to specific properties or situations including the amount of land and why the use requires a location on resource land; [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (a)]

Applicant maintains that the subject property is uniquely situated. It is contiguous to the existing 12 13 Polk Station commercial Park, which is designated as Commercial and zoned Rural Commercial. The 14 subject property is also adjacent to the Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road, both of which are significant transportation corridors in Polk County, leading north and south from Highway 22 and the 15 City of Dallas. The subject property is also located north of the City of Dallas and the LaCreole General 16 Commercial Mixed Use Node; and south of the property lies residential parcels devoted to residential 17 uses as part of Exception Area XV in the PCCP exception inventory. Another important factor is that 18 19 the applicant currently owns land within the Polk Station Commercial Park that currently serves as the head office for the interrelated contracting and equipment rental businesses. The applicant needs 20 additional land to expand their current operation for both operational and safety concerns. There are 21 22 important operational and economic reasons to site the proposed uses on land adjacent to the existing 23 operation, as compared to siting the uses on property that is miles away from the head office.

Applicant states the subject property is not currently in resource use. There was testimony that a 24 crop was harvested in 2006, but there also was testimony that applicant has stored equipment on the 25 26 subject parcel. The 32.50-acre parcel is small and irregularly shaped. It is developed with a community waste disposal system for the Polk Station Commercial Park. It is physically separated from adjacent 27 agricultural uses to the north by Polk Station Commercial Park; to the west by Kings Valley Highway; to 28 29 the south by Exception Area XV and the Dallas UGB; and to the east by Oak Villa Road and small rural 30 residential parcels. The proposed exception would not remove other land from agricultural production 31 that is currently in production. Based on the size of the property, its irregular (triangle) shape, its location 32 adjacent to Kings Valley Highway (a major north-south transportation corridor), its location to the Dallas UGB, its location to the existing rural industrial uses to the north, and the physical separation from land 33 in resource use, the subject property cannot be effectively managed for commercial agricultural uses. 34

- (B) "Areas which do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the use": [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b)]
 - (a) The exceptions shall indicate on a map or otherwise describe the location of possible alternative areas considered for the use, which do not require a new exception. The area for which the exception is taken shall be identified; [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b)(A)]
 - (b) To show why the particular site is justified, it is necessary to discuss why other areas which do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the proposed use. Economic factors can be considered along with other relevant factors in determining that the use cannot reasonably be accommodated in other areas. Under the alternative factor the following questions shall be addressed: [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B)]
 - (i) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on non-resource land that would not require an exception, including increasing the density of uses on non-resource land? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B) (i)]

	(ii) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on resource land that is already irrevocably committed to non-resource uses, not allowed by this applicable Goal, including resource land in existing rural centers, or by increasing the density of uses on committed lands? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B) (ii)]			
	(iii)Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated inside an urban growth boundary? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B) (iii)]			
(c)	This alternative areas standard can be met by a broad review of similar types of areas rather than a review of specific alternative sites. Initially, a local government adopting an exception need assess only whether those similar types of areas in the vicinity could not reasonably accommodate the proposed use. Site specific comparisons are not required of a local government taking an exception, unless another party to the local proceeding can describe why there are specific sites that cau more reasonably accommodate the proposed use. A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is thus not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites are more reasonable by another party during the local exceptions proceeding. [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (C)]			
Applicant notes that the area for the proposed exception is shown on maps included in Attachment "A" of the staff report, and argues in summary that there are no other possible alternative areas that could reasonably accommodate the proposed uses that would not require an exception.				

Applicant states that the proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on non-resource land that would not require an exception. For example, there is existing rural commercial zoned land within the Polk Station Commercial Park; however, these parcels are already developed with other uses and are not otherwise available for sale/acquisition. If the applicant wanted to expand its operation onto one of these other purcels, it would need to redevelop those parcels, which would not be economically feasible. Further, the parcels within the Polk Station Commercial Park are very small and would not be sufficient enough in size to completely accommodate the applicant's proposed uses on the subject property. The applicant is currently using its existing property to the fullest extent, when factoring in safety considerations for both operation and storage uses. The whole reason the applicant is looking to expand their operation onto the subject property is that its existing property is not of sufficient size to handle the applicant's existing operation and storage needs on their property.

Applicant states the proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on resource land that is already irrevocably committed to non-resource uses, either in rural centers, or on committed lands. For example, the closest rural center is the Rickreall Rural Community Center. There is no available land for general rural industrial use of the kind needed by the applicant. Even if there was, the Rickreall RCC is located more than two miles from the applicant's current location, which raises transportation, operation and logistical issues that are not present with the subject property. The added distance raises added costs in both transportation, operation inefficiencies, and in other intangible costs that makes such an option to not be a reasonable accommodation.

Applicant states the proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated inside an urban growth boundary. For example, there are existing general commercial zones within the City of Dallas that would not require an exception to Goal 3. These properties are primarily located along Kings Valley Highway, to the south of the subject property, and along Ellendale Avenue. The majority of these parcels are currently developed with industrial uses. The existing development on these parcels raises the issue that they are not available, or would require significant redevelopment to accommodate the proposed uses. In addition, these properties are not as close in location to the Polk Station Commercial Park as the subject property. The off site location poses different logistical, operational, and economic issues that would add to the overall cost of the applicant's operation. All of these issues are significant factors leading to the conclusion that these parcels cannot reasonably accommodate the proposed uses.

51 Applicant concludes that the proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on non-resource 52 land that would not require an exception, nor on resource land already irrevocably committed to non1 resource uses, nor on land within the Dallas UGB. The subject property is the best location to 2 accommodate the proposed uses.

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The long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting **(C)** from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in other areas requiring a Goal exception. The exception shall describe the characteristics of each alternative areas considered by the jurisdiction for which an exception might be taken, the typical advantages and disadvantages of using the area for a use not allowed by the Goal, and the typical positive and negative consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts. A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites have significantly fewer adverse impacts during the local exceptions proceeding. The exception shall include the reasons why the consequences of the use at the chosen sitc are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in areas requiring a goal exception other than the proposed site. Such reasons shall include but are limited to, the facts used to determine which resource land is least productive; the ability to sustain resource uses near the proposed use; and the long-term economic impact on the general area caused by irreversible removal of the land from the resource base. Other possible impacts include the effects of the proposed use on the water table, on the costs of improving roads and on the costs to special service districts; [OAR 660-004-0020(2)(c)]

23 Applicant says the long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the proposed list of uses, as identified in Attachment "F" of the staff report, will not be 24 25 significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in another area of Polk County requiring a goal exception. The typical alternative site would consist of a small 26 parcel located at the intersection of a state highway or a county arterial or collector. The subject parcel is 27 better suited for a number of reasons. The subject property has a significant history of supporting the 28 Polk Station Commercial Park. This proposal allows for the logical extension of this rural industrial 29 development onto an underutilized piece of property, and it allows for the additional mitigation of 30 impacts through the bioswale and stormwater detention system for the stormwater migration from the 31 32 Polk Station Commercial Park.

Any negative economic consequences would be reduced through the location of rural industrial development on the subject property. This stems from the fact that current rural industrial development is established on the adjoining land to the north. There is already landscaping, water, power, sewer disposal system, approved State access driveways, and other improvements in place on the subject property. On other similarly situated parcels this would not be the same situation, and the economic consequences for constructing these improvements on an alternative site would be more adverse than if located on the subject property.

The rural areas surrounding the community are already accustomed to the past rural industrial use and traffic pattern of the Polk Station Commercial Park. One positive aspect to retaining the rural industrial core at this property is that the social impact would be less than if it was placed in an area that was not accustomed to having rural industrial uses in the surrounding area. The building size limitations imposed by the OAR, coupled with the applicant's proposed building orientation and traffic patterns, will ensure adequate mitigation of any potential adverse impacts.

The energy consequences of locating a rural industrial development on the subject property and adjoining industrial and rural industrial properties would be less than if the proposed uses were located at another location in Polk County. The infrastructure for the rural industrial uses is already in place. Some elements will be modified, but others will remain the same. This would not be the case for an alternative site.

51 The consequences of the proposed use on the subject property are not significantly more adverse 52 than would typically result from the same proposal being located in an area requiring a goal exception. 53 The property adjacent to the north is currently within an exception area as a Commercial designation.

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1 The subject property is sandwiched between a State Highway and a County Road that have been

designated and improved to accommodate the development of rural industrial uses. Other properties in 2

Polk County do not share similar elements with respect to location to current rural industrial З 4

development and current use of the property for a Community Waste Disposal System.

The list of proposed uses would allow for the development of construction and heavy equipment 5 6 related uses, equipment storage, parking, warehousing, and shop and office space to support the rural industrial uses. These aforementioned uses would require a limited amount of employees, and limited 7 8 deliveries of materials and products. Any proposed rural industrial development would be located at the 9 rear (east) of the subject property consistent with the other rural industrial uses in Polk Station 10 Commercial Park, plus the development would be designed to minimize potential conflicts with the small residential properties that abut Oak Villa Road through the use of vegetative buffers along Oak 11 Villa Road, Kings Valley Highway, and the southern boundary of the subject property. The cumulative 12 impacts analysis conducted for the area shows that none of the soils in the area would prohibit the 13 14 establishment of new septic systems. The subject property currently has all necessary utilities and infrastructure available on-site to serve the proposed uses. The property is not adjacent to any significant 15 riparian or floodplain areas. Transportation access is available from Kings Valley Highway, which is 16 17 classified as a minor arterial in the Polk County Transportation Systems Plan.

18 Applicant eoncludes that the long-term impacts potentially associated with a rural industrial use are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in 19 other areas requiring a goal exception. 20

"The proposed uses are compatible with other adjacent uses or will be so rendered **(D)** through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts: The exception shall describe how the proposed use will be rendered compatible with adjacent land uses. The exception shall demonstrate that the proposed use is situated in such a manner as to be compatible with surrounding natural resources ad resource management or production practices. "Compatible" is not intended as an absolute term meaning no interference or adverse impacts of any type with adjacent uses. [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (d)]

29 Applicant says the proposed list of rural industrial uses is compatible with other adjacent uses or can be so rendered through the application of appropriate conditions. Rural industrial development 30 would be located to the eastern portion of the property, adjacent to Oak Villa Road, as indicated on the 31 conceptual site plan. This would maintain current traffic flow along Kings Valley Highway, Westview 32 Drive and Oak Villa Road. The subject property already contains significant trees and native 33 landscaping. Security fencing may also be installed around any proposed equipment storage facility to 34 protect the building and equipment. 35

In addition, proposed uses are subject to all specification and development standards of the 36 37 underlying zone. These standards are intended to provide adequate setbacks, parking and loading, landscaping, and buffering. Application of these standards would be conducted through the required 38 building permit process. The tentative conceptual site plan calls for two low scale small impact sized 39 buildings 270 to 450 feet north of the southern property line, and 300 to 450 feet to the west of Oak Villa 40 Road, separated by a 130-foot vegetative buffer on Oak Villa road and the southern boundary and a 200+ 41 foot vegetative buffer along the Kings Valley Highway. 42

Off-site noise impacts would be minimal. The list of proposed uses would allow the storage of 43 equipment on site, and related office and repair services entirely within an enclosed building. Additional 44 conditions of approval regarding landscaping, screening and parking and loading areas may be expected. 45 These types of conditions are designated to mitigate off-site noise, dust and visual impacts. 46

Applicant continues that the site is gently rolling and development of the property should not result 47 in drainage problems. The subject property would not be the only rural industrial development within the 48 community. Rural industrial development adjacent to this property has coexisted with residential and 49 resource uses in the community of North Dallas for many years. Based on the list of proposed uses for 50 the property, off-site impacts to resource operations and residential uses would be minimal. The subject 51 property would become the logical extension of an existing rural industrial development. 52

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1 2 3 4	(E)	"For uses not specifically provided for in subsequent sections of this rule or in OAR 660-012-0070 or chapter 660, division 14, the reasons shall justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply. Such reasons include but are not limited to the following: [660-004-0022(1)]
5 6		(a) There is a demonstrated need for the proposed use or activity, based on one or more of the requirements of Goals 3 to 19; and either
7 8 9 10 11 12		(b) A resource upon which the proposed use or activity is dependent can be reasonably obtained only at the proposed exception site and the use or activity requires a location near the resource. An exception based on this subsection must include an analysis of the market area to be served by the proposed use or activity. That analysis must demonstrate that the proposed exception site is the only one within that market area at which the resource depended upon can reasonably be obtained; or
13 14		(c) The proposed use or activity has special features or qualities that necessitate its location on or near the proposed exception site."
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22 23 24	(F)	Rural Industrial Development: For the siting of industrial development on resource land outside an urban growth boundary, appropriate reasons and facts include, but are not limited to, the following: [OAR 660-040-0022(3)]
25 26 27 28		(1) The use is significantly dependent upon a unique resource located on agricultural or forest land. Examples of such resources and resource sites include geothermal wells, mineral or aggregate deposits, water reservoirs, natural features, or river or ocean ports; or
29 30		(2) The use cannot be located inside an urban growth boundary due to impacts that are hazardous or incompatible in densely populated areas; or
31 32 33 34 35 36 37		(3) The use would have a significant comparative advantage due to its location (e.g., near existing industrial activity, an energy facility, or products available from other rural activities), which would benefit the county economy and cause only minimal loss of productive resource lands. Reasons for such a decision should include a discussion of the lost resource productivity and values in relation to the county's gain from the industrial use, and the specific transportation and resource advantages which support the decision.
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Staff concluded that the applicant has adequately addressed all applicable criteria for an exception
 to Statewide Planning Goal 3, and the Hearings Officer agrees.

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## (Zone Change)

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(A) A zone change is a reclassification of any area from one zone or district to another, after the proposed change has been reviewed and a recommendation made by the Hearings Officer or the Planning Commission. Such change shall be an ordinance enacted by the Board of Commissioners after proceedings have been accomplished in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. [PCZO 111,140]

Authorizations for a zone change and a PCCP Map and text amendment are under PCZO 111.275, and 115.050, subject to recommendation by the Hearings Officer after holding a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.190 and 115.030, and decision by the Polk County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.200 and 115.030. The Planning Department staff reviews the proposed zone change. Staff prepares a report and recommendation for the Hearings Officer and the Hearings Officer makes a recommendation to the Board for a final local decision. The application is following the proper review process and meets this criterion.

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- (B) Pursuant to Section 111.160, a zone change may be approved, provided that the request satisfies all applicable requirements of this ordinance, and provided that with written findings, the applicant(s) clearly demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:
- (1) The proposed zone is appropriate for the comprehensive plan land use designation on the property and is consistent with the purpose and policies for the applicable comprehensive plan land use classification; [PCZO 111.275 (A)]

Applicant states that the proposed application of the Limited Use Overlay Zone is appropriate and will conform to the PCCP text and map as anended. The applicant is requesting to amend the PCCP Text to allow the following uses: Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15& 16). The list of uses is consistent with the purpose and policy for the applicable PCCP classification as was discussed above in the findings for the Goal Exception and the PCCP Map Amendment for the subject property.

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# (2) The proposal conforms with the purpose statement of the proposed zone; [PCZO 111.275 (B)]

29 Applicant states that the proposal will be consistent with the purpose statement of the proposed 30 zone. The proposed zone will be Rural Industrial with the Limited Use Overlay zone. The purpose and 31 intent of the Rural Industrial Zoning District is "to permit the continuation and expansion of existing uses in the district and to provide rural employment opportunities for new uses that are generally small-32 scale, low impact, or provide for the processing and manufacturing of timber and forest related products. 33 farm crops and produce, minerals and aggregates, or the maintenance and repair of mechanical 34 equipment related to farm or forest uses." As noted previously, application of the R-IND zone on the subject property will allow for the logical expansion of an existing employment use in the Polk Station 35 36 Commercial Park. 37

38 Applicant argues that the purpose and intent for limited use overlay zones is to "limit permitted uses and activities in a specific location allowed in the underlying zone to only those uses which are 39 40 justified in a required 'reasons exception' to one or more of the Statewide Planning Goals. The Limited Use Overlay District is intended to carry out the administrative rule requirement for reasons exceptions pursuant to OAR 660-14-018 and ORS 197.732." The applicant's request conforms to the purpose and 41 42 intent statement of the limited use overlay zone. As identified earlier in this statement, the applicant's 43 request seeks to change the zoning on the property through the reasons exception, in order to add a small 44 number of rural industrial uses to be used in conjunction with the applicant's existing operation to the north 45 in the Polk Station Commercial Park. 46

Staff notes that the applicant concurrently filed an application for zone change, an application for a
PCCP amendment, and an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3. The applicant is responsible for
showing compliance with criteria for PCCP changes and Goal exceptions in order for the zoning change
to be approved. The applicant proposes applying the Rural Industrial/Limited Use Overlay (R-IND/LU)
Zoning District, if an approval of the proposed amendment to the PCCP designation to Industrial is

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granted. The R-IND/LU Zoning District is designated as an implementing zone for the Industrial designation and would be appropriate for a PCCP land use designation of Industrial. If approved, the subject parcel would be designated Industrial in the PCCP and Map. The R-IND/LU Zoning District for the subject area would be consistent with an Industrial PCCP designation.

5 The applicant is proposing the development of the property with three specific uses through the 6 application of the R-IND and LU Overlay Zoning Districts; Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard 7 Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15& 16). The uses normally allowed by the underlying zone (R-IND), as regulated under PCZO Chapter 165, 8 9 would not be allowed. Through the application of the LU Overlay Zone, as regulated under PCZO Chapter 184, the only uses allowed on the subject property would be restricted to those uses allowed 10 through this exception. Specific development standards identified within PCZO Chapters 165 and 184 as 11 12 well as Chapter 112 would apply to the development of the proposed uses.

Staff further notes that although no new parcels are proposed by the applicant, the proposed R-ND/LU zoning would allow the creation of new parcels that could meet the development standards of PCZO Section 112.410(E). Although these development standards, as applied for the proposed zoning, do not include a specific minimum parcel size, parcels must be of adequate size to provide for an approved on-site septic system, a potable water source, yard setbacks and parking.

18 Staff concluded that the proposed zone change could allow for the development of the proposed 19 uses as a continuation and expansion of existing uses on the adjacent parcel to the north. The uses 20 proposed, are identified in the PCZO as being rural in nature through the acknowledgment and 21 compliance of the R-IND zone with Goal 14. These proposed "rural uses" are limited in scope and with 22 a low intensity public draw. By limiting the number of uses through application of the Limited Use 23 Overlay zone, the proposal conforms to the purpose statement of the R-IND and Limited Use Overlay 24 zones.

The property owners intend to utilize water from on-site wells and the Rickreall community water 25 system. A septic system and a drain field would be used for sewage disposal. There have been no 26 identified effects on local schools as a result of the proposed change. Southwest Polk Rural Fire 27 Protection District and the Polk County Sheriff Department provide emergency services for the subject 28 property. The proposed uses and any future parcels created could obtain access to Oak Villa Road, a 29 local road, as defined by the Polk County Transportation Systems Plan. Staff concluded that there are 30 adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks available at this time for water 31 provision, sewer service and transportation facilities. 32

The subject property does not contain significant resource areas inventoried on the Polk County Significant Resource Areas Map. Staff review of the National Wetland Inventory Dallas quad map indicates there are no identified wetlands on the subject property. The applicant is not proposing development activity as part of this application. Prior to development on the subject parcel, local, state and federal permits may be required.

The Hearings Officer finds that approval of this request would be consistent with the purpose and intent of the R-IND/LU zone. As stated above, the property would be designated Industrial in the PCCP as is proposed as part of PA 05-02 and zoned Rural Industrial with Limited Use Overlay as part of ZC 05-03.

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### (C) The uses allowed in the proposed designation will not significantly adversely affect allowed uses on adjacent lands; [PCZO 111.275 (C)]

Applicant states that the list of proposed uses in the underlying zone will be limited through the 44 application of the Limited Use Overlay Zone. The limited number of proposed rural industrial uses would 45 not significantly adversely affect allowed uses on adjacent lands. The existing uses to the north of the 46 subject property consist of rural industrial uses within the Polk Station Commercial Park. Farther to the 47 north lies the Kings Valley Highway. Farther to the north of the Kings Valley Highway lies agricultural 48 ground that is being used for grass seed and Highway 22. To the west of the subject property lies Kings 49 Valley Highway. Ro the south of the subject property lies rural residential land, as well as Exception Area 50 XV, the Dallas UGB and city limits, and the LaCreole Commercial Mixed Use Node. 51

Applicant urges that the proposed list of uses as described by the applicant would have limited off-site 1 impacts. The applicant submitted a conceptual development plan showing how a proposed commercial 2 3 facility could be located in the area south of the current commercial zoning, thereby, limiting any potential 4 adverse impacts on the residential uses in the surrounding area. The noise from any maintenance use could 5 6 be contained within a building and a minimal amount of traffic would be generated by any proposed storage facility. This proposal would not have any greater impact on adjoining residential and commercial uses than already exist from the current commercial uses in the area. In accordance with OAR any proposed 7 8 rural industrial building would be limited to 10,000 square feet. In addition, the applicant is proposing a 9 "reasons" exception to Oregon statewide planning goals that will allow only those uses identified in the 10 "reasons" exception.

11 Staff concluded that properties in the vicinity of the property include commercial and industrial uses 12 to the north, agriculture and rural residential to the south and agriculture to the west and east. The larger 13 properties interspersed to the south, east and west have historically been used for agriculture, some of 14 which contain single-family dwellings associated with the agriculture uses. Limitations have been 15 established in Oregon Statute, OAR and the PCZO for the establishment of dwellings in agricultural 16 areas due to potential impacts that residents and residences may have on agricultural practices and costs. The dwellings in the area are established on the EFU zoned properties to the south and east with 17 additional residential development on AR-5 zoned parcels further to the south. The agricultural practices 18 19 that occur on lands east and west of the subject property are separated from the subject property by the 20 Oak Villa Road and Kings Valley Highway rights-of-way. There is an area of approximately 29 acres 21 adjacent to the south property line of the subject property that is zoned EFU and contains a dwelling. The existing dwelling on the subject property is located on the eastern portion of the property. The 22 "conceptual" plot plan submitted by the applicant (Attachment "B" of the staff report) includes a tree buffer along the southern property line that would shield proposed uses from the adjacent agricultural land and dwelling to the south. This vegetative buffer would serve to mitigate any adverse effects of the 23 24 25 uses proposed. The creation of the vegetative buffer should be required as a condition for approval of 26 27 the zone change request.

The Hearings Officer find that the proposed zone change could be consistent with the surrounding land uses and pattern of development in the area. Staff finds that the proposed zone change and PCCP amendment are appropriate when taking into account surrounding land uses. As a result, the application could meet this criterion.

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33 34 (D) Adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks are in place, or are planned to be provided concurrently with the development of the property; [PCZO 111.275 (D)]

Applicant states that adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks are in place, 35 or are planned to be provided concurrently with development of the property. The subject property abuts 36 Kings Valley Highway on the west, Westview Drive on the north, and Oak Villa Road on the east. The 37 subject property has water for domestic water use through an on-site well. There is telephone service to 38 the property and electricity is available. In addition, there is an established waste water disposal system 39 on site that will accommodate the proposed uses. The applicant's conceptual site plan also calls for an 40 onsite storm water detention facility and bioswale to handle storm water from the subject property and 41 the applicant's adjoining property in the Polk Station Commercial Park. All facilities are currently 42 available or will be available and can be established to support the proposed list of rural industrial uses. 43

Staff concluded that the applicant is proposing the following specific uses: Specialty Trade 44 Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy 45 Construction (SIC 15& 16). The proposed Rural Lands PCCP designation would be implemented by the 46 Rural Industrial (R-IND) and Limited Use (LU) Overlay Zoning Districts. The R-IND/LU zoning would 47 allow the proposed uses that would require water and on-site sewer (septic tank and drainfield) services. 48 The property owners intend to use water from on-site wells or to connect to the Rickreall Community 49 water system. There have been no identified effects on local schools as a result of the proposed change. 50 Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District and the Polk County Sheriff Department provide 51 emergency services at the subject property. Oak Villa Road adjoins the subject property along the eastern 52 property boundary. The property is improved with a manufactured home and associated septic system, a 53

domestic well, power, telephone and contains a 56,000 square foot community septic drain field that
 serves the adjacent Polk Station Commercial Park.

The Hearings Officer finds that there are adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks available at this time for water provision, sewer service and transportation facilities. Approval of this proposed zone change and PCCP amendment would not authorize the applicant to establish a use that would exceed transportation, water and/or sewer services until such services are planned or available. The application would meet this criterion.

- (E) The proposed change is appropriate taking into consideration the following:
  - (a) Surrounding land uses,

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- (b) The density and pattern of development in the area,
- (c) Any changes which may have occurred in the vicinity to support the proposed amendment. [PCZO 111.275 (E) (1-3)]

Applicant states that, as described above, the surrounding land uses generally consist of rural industrial uses (Polk Station Commercial Park) to the north, and to the west are small to medium sized parcels with residential and farm uses occurring on them. To the east is a mix of small residential and farm parcels with mixed uses occurring on them. The larger agricultural lands lie more to the northwest and northeast of the subject property. To the south lie several small rural residential parcels, the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary, the Dallas City Limits and the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Node.

The proposed Rural Industrial zoning would allow for the logical extension of existing uses located in the Polk Station Commercial Park. The density and pattern of development in the area is mixed. Properties zoned Rural Commercial in the area are well developed and have businesses that use most of the property they are located on. Surrounding rural residential uses are separated from the existing property by an established vegetative buffer.

24 Applicant further argues that changes that have occurred in the vicinity to support the proposed change include increased transportation on Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road; increased (infill) 25 development within the Polk Station Commercial Park, especially on the adjoining property owned by 26 the applicant; and the overall growth in the mid-valley economy, which is reflective of numerous 27 industrial, commercial and residential projects occurring in the Dallas area. While these are subtle 28 changes, they are ones that support the proposed amendment. The proposed change is to allow limited 29 rural industrial uses to be developed on the subject property as appropriate, taking into consideration the 30 surrounding land uses, the density and pattern of development in the area, and the changes that have and 31 are continuing to occur in the immediate vicinity. 32

Staff concluded that the subject property is located in an area impacted by existing commercial and industrial uses to the north and separated from agricultural lands on the east and west by road rights-ofway. The vegetative buffer proposed by the property owner would serve to mitigate conflicts with agricultural land to the south. The proposed zone change would be consistent with the surrounding land uses and pattern of development in the area. Staff concluded that the proposed zone change and PCCP amendment are appropriate when taking into account surrounding land uses and changes that have been occurring in the area as described above.

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- (F) The proposal complies with any applicable intergovernmental agreement pertaining to urban growth boundaries and urbanizable land; and [PCZO 111.275 (F)]

The subject property is not located within an Urban Growth Boundary. This criterion is therefore inapplicable to this request.

(G) The proposal complies with Oregon Revised Statutes, all applicable statewide planning
 goals and associated administrative rules. If an exception to one or more of the goals is
 necessary, the exception criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 660,
 Division 4 shall apply. [PCZO 111.275 (G)]

48 Applicant believes the proposed change complies with ORS, the statewide planning goals, and OAR 49 for a reasons exception to Goal 3 to allow the limited rural industrial uses.

- Staff concluded that an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3 is necessary to exclude the subject
   property from the Exclusive Farm Use PCCP designation as resource lands. OAR and the Oregon
   Statewide Planning Goal 3 exception is addressed above.
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H) The evidence submitted to support any committed exception shall, at a minimum, include a current map, or aerial photograph which shows the exception area and adjoining lands, and any other means needed to convey information about the factors set forth in this rule. For example, a local government may use tables, charts, summaries, or narratives to supplement the maps or photos. The applicable factors set forth in section (6) of this rule shall be shown on the map or aerial photograph. [OAR 660-004-0028(7)]

The applicant has adequately identified the subject property. Areal photographs are available and have been included in the record for the proceedings (Attachment "D" of the staff report).

- I) The requirement for a map or aerial photograph in section (7) of this rule only applies to the following committed exceptions:
  - a) Those adopted or amended as required by a Continuance Order dated after the effective date of section (7) of this rule; and
  - b) Those adopted or amended after the effective date of section (7) of this rule by a jurisdiction with an acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations. [OAR 660-004-0028(8)]

The record for the application includes an aerial photograph. Polk County is a jurisdiction with an acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulation.

## CONCLUSIONS

There was testimony both for and against by neighboring land owners, and vigorous testimony 24 against by Gordon on general grounds that an exception was not justified. Evidence indicates that the 25 subject parcel contains land classified as "high-value farmland," but this does not necessarily mean that 26 given its size and bordering geographic considerations, it can practicably be high-production farmland. 27 The Hearings Officer is aware that exceptions to resource land designations are not lightly to be taken. 28 At the same time, OAR 660-004-0020 specifically states that "economic factors can be considered along 29 30 with other relevant factors in determining that the use cannot reasonably be accommodated in other areas." There is evidence that land classified for industrial development exists within the Dallas UGB. 31 At the same time, there is evidence that this land is some miles distant, may in fact not be subject to 32 industrial development, and that transporting equipment and materials from applicant's existing 33 operation (adjacent to the subject parcel) would increase traffic flow and raise significant public safety 34 concerns, aside from adding substantial expense to applicant's operations. Moreover, applicant would 35 be required to duplicate much of its maintenance and repair infrastructure if required to operate another 36 37 site.

Under OAR 660-004-0022(3)(c), industrial development on resource land outside a UGB may be 38 justified if the use would have a significant comparative advantage due to its location near existing 39 industrial activity, which would benefit the county economy and cause only minimal loss of productive 40 resource lands. The Hearings Officer concludes that the citizens of Polk County would stand to gain 41 from a consolidated operation if this application is granted, and that such gain would more than offset 42 the loss of fewer than 30 acres of resource land. Moreover, residents of the urbanized area of the City of 43 Dallas would not be subjected to the risks of frequent movement of heavy equipment and materials 44 through its streets. 45

Based on the Review and Decision Criteria identified above, the Hearings Officer concludes that
 the applications submitted for the proposed PCCP designation, zone change, and Statewide Planning
 Goal Exceptions:

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20 21	2.		Recommends the Board of County Commissioners change the PCCP Map designation from Agriculture to Industrial subject to the following condition of approval:						
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				Front Setback	Side and Rear Setback	Maximum Height			
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(4) If water is to be provided by a community water system, a "Statement of Water Availability" shall be submitted prior to building permit issuance.

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(5) Applicant shall establish a vegetative buffer of trees along the property lines as identified on the "conceptual plan" (Attachment "B" of the staff report).

4 Dallas, Oregon, January 25, 2007.

Robert W. Oliver Polk County Hearings Officer



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# POLK COUNTY

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## **Staff Report**

6 7 Fowler Living Trust APPLICANT\OWNER: 8 **REPRESENTATIVE:** Mark D. Shipman, Saalfeld Griggs PC 1. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment: to change the existing 9 **TYPE OF APPLICATION:** Agriculture designation to an Industrial designation. 102. Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment: to include Statewide 11 Planning Goal 3 "reasons" exception statement. 12 13 3. Zoning Map Amendment: to change the existing Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoning district to Rural Industrial (R-IND) and to apply 14 a Limited Use Overlay Zone to allow specific uses, Specialty Trade 15 Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 16 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15& 16), 17 justified in the exception statement. 18 19 **PROPERTY LOCATION:** The subject parcel is located at 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon 20 (Assessment Map T7S, R5W, Section 22, Tax Lot 1703). 1 and 2. PA 05-02 21 FILE NUMBERS: 3. ZC 05-03 22 23 **REVIEW AND** Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 111.140. 24 **DECISION CRITERIA:** 111.275, 115.050, Õregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-004-25 0020, 660-004-0022, 660-012-0060, Oregon Statewide Planning 26 Goals 27 28 HEARING DATE AND TIME: December 19, 2006, 6:00 p.m. Hearing/Conference Room, 1st floor, Polk County Courthouse, 850 29 **HEARING LOCATION:** Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 30 **POLK COUNTY CONTACT:** Patricia Perry (503) 623-9237 31 32 33

#### **SECTION I:** PROJECT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The applicant is proposing to change the existing zoning classification of Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to 34 Rural Industrial (R-IND)/Limited Use Overlay (LU) and to change the Comprehensive Plan designation 35 from Agriculture to Industrial on the subject parcel containing approximately 32.50-acres. The 36 Comprehensive Plan Map amendment requires an Exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3. The 37 applicant is applying for the proposed amendments under the "reasons" criteria established by Oregon 38 Administrative Rule. The Goal 3 Exception is being taken for specific uses through the application of 39 the LU Overlay Zone. The specific uses proposed by the LU Overlay Zone are Specialty Trade 40 Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy 41

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Attachment B

- Construction (SIC 15& 16). The location of the subject parcel is identified on the area map (Attachment 1 2 A) and "conceptual" plot plan map (Attachment B).
- 3 The application was originally submitted on December 7, 2005 and deemed complete on August 1,
- 2006. The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) 45-day notice was sent August 4
- 1, 2006. On October 24, 2006, prior to public notification, the applicant requested an amendment to the 5
- original applications. On November 15, 2006, an amended 45-day notice was sent to DLCD. These 6
- 7 findings reflect review of the applications as amended.

#### 8 <u>Table 1.</u> Comprehensive Plan Designations, Zoning Classifications and land uses for the subject 9 property and surrounding area properties.

ZONING:	Comprehensive Plan Designation	Zoning Classification (See Zone map Attachment C)	Land Uses
Subject Parcel	Agriculture	Exclusive Farm Use (EFU)	Community septic drainfield, manufactured home and domestic well.
Property North	Commercial	Rural Commercial	Polk Station Commercial Park
Property South	Agriculture/Rural Lands	EFU/Acreage Residential (AR-5)	Agricultural with dwelling, rural residential parcels and LaCreole General Commercial Mixed use Node.
Property East	Agriculture	EFU	Small farm parcels Oak Villa Rd.
Property West	Agriculture	EFU	Kings Valley Hwy and small to large farm parcels.

#### 10 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

- The subject parcel is located on the east side of Kings Valley Highway (State Highway 223) 11
- approximately 0.30 miles north of the City of Dallas Urban Growth Boundary and approximately 1.20 12
- miles south of the intersection of Kings Valley Highway with OR State Highway 22. The property situs 13
- address is 675 Oak Villa Road, Dallas, Oregon (Assessment Map T7S R5W, Section 22, Tax Lot 1703). 14
- See area map, Attachment A. 15
- The subject parcel is adjacent to the Polk Station Commercial Park on the north boundary, Kings Valley 16 Highway on the western boundary, and Oak Villa Road on the eastern boundary. Directly to the south, 17
- between Oak Villa Road and Kings Valley Highway, is an approximately 29-acre area of land zoned 1.8 EFU. Properties further south include the Polk County Rural Lands exception area, identified as Area
- 19 XV in the Polk County Comprehensive Plan, within the Acreage Residential (AR-5) Zoning District. 20
- Still further south is the City of Dallas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and the city limits where 21
- properties are designated Lacreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node in the City of Dallas 22
- 23 Comprehensive Plan.
- The subject parcel is not identified as containing significant resources on the Polk County Significant 24
- Resource Areas Map. The subject parcel is not located within an identified floodplain, pursuant to Federal 25
- Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 26 41053C0107D dated April 5, 1988. Based on a review of the National Wetland Inventory map, staff finds 27
- no identified wetlands on the subject parcel. 28
- The subject parcel is irregularly shaped with topography that slopes downhill from northeast to 29
- southwest. The parcel is planted in grass and has an existing vegetation buffer along the southern and 30
- western boundaries. The property is improved with a manufactured home and associated septic system, a 31 domestic well, power, telephone and contains a 56,000 square foot community septic drain field which
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- serves the adjacent Polk Station Commercial Park (Attachment E). 33
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1 Table 2. Soil characteristics of the subject property, as identified in the Natural Resources

Conservation Service Soil Survey of Polk County, Oregon utilizing the Polk County Geographic
 Information System (GIS),

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Туре	Name	Class	High Value	Slope Percent	Soil Percent	Soil Acres	Percent Error
8E	Bellpine silty clay	IVE	Yes	20-30	17.78	5.76	2.61
<u>27C</u>	Dupee silt loam	IIIE	No	3-12	23.56	7.63	2.43
64B	Salkum silty clay	NE	Yes	2-6	54.85	17.77	3.09
72	Waldo silty clay	IIIW	No	0-3	3.81	1.24	.80

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6 The subject property consists of "Agricultural Land" as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-

7 0020(1) (a)(A) in that the property is composed entirely of Class II-IV soils. The subject property

8 contains "high value farmland," as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0020(8)(a)(A) in

9 that 72.62% of the subject property is composed of Class II-IV soils that are identified as high value

10 pursuant to OAR 660-033-0020(8)(c)(D).

### 11 **PROPERTY HISTORY**:

12 The subject parcel has been described separately since 1971 and recognized as a separate parcel in

planning files LOR 00-04, LLA 05-66 and RD 06-07. The subject parcel is currently described in Polk
 County Clerk Document 2005-10335.

### 15 PROPOSED USE:

The applicant/property owner also owns the commercial property immediately to the north within the 16 Polk Station Commercial Park which is leased to their closely held construction (James W. Fowler Co.), 17 cquipment (Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc.) and development companies. According to information 18 provided by the applicant, these companies are locally owned and operated and need additional room for 19 storage of heavy equipment, parking of vchicles, and for small scale buildings for additional office use, 20 shop/repair purposes, and for warehousing parts and other more sensitive equipment that requires indoor 21 storage. Presently, the applicant is storing equipment and materials off site in a variety of locations in the 22 Polk County area. The applicant has expressed a need to have this equipment and materials stored in 23 24 close proximity to their current general offices for efficiency and security purposes.

The proposed uses are uses that are permitted in both the Rural Commercial and Rural Industrial zoning districts. However, after analysis of both zoning districts, it was determined that, although the adjoining property to the north is designated and zoned Rural Commercial, Rural Industrial would be a more appropriate designation for the subject property since the list of specific uses are more industrial in nature.

### 30 NOTIFICATION:

Notice of the December 19, 2006 public hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer was provided as required by PCZO 111.340-111.370. Notice was mailed to property owners located within 750 feet of the outside perimeter of the subject property, on November 24, 2006. Notice was printed in the local

34 Itemizer-Observer newspaper on November 29, 2006. Notice was posted on the subject property on

35 November 22, 2006.

### 36 <u>SERVICES:</u>

37	Access:	Subject parcel has frontage on Oak Villa Road, a County Road, and State Highway 223
38 -		(Kings Valley Highway). Oak Villa Road is identified as having a Local Road functional
39		classification and Kings Valley Highway is identified as a Minor Arterial as designated in
40		the Polk County Transportation Systems Plan, Figure 3. The existing single family
41		dwelling on the subject parcel has an existing access to Oak Villa Road.

- 1 Water/Sewer: The applicant states that water is currently provided by a community water association 2 (Rickreall) as well as an individual domestic well.
- The applicant states that an on-site sewage disposal system currently serves the existing dwelling located in the southeast portion of the parcel. There is also an existing 56,000 square foot septic drainfield easement located in the north central portion of the property which serves the commercial uses of the Polk Station Commercial Park adjacent to the north.
- 8 School: Dallas School District 2
- 9 Fire: Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District
- 10 Police: Polk County Sheriff
- 11 COMMENTS RECEIVED:

12	Building:	No comment.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Environmental Health:	Two septic records on file: (1) 4,600-gallon tank with a 3,095-gallon septic tank chamber with a 1,131- gallon pump tank chamber, with 450-feet of drainfield lines (1982). This septic system serves the rural commercial zone to the north by way of easement (Map 17S, R5W, Section 22, Tax Lots 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 1200, 1800 and 1900). (2) 1,400-gallon tank with 450-feet of drainfield lines that serves a four bedroom residence.
21 22		If new buildings are to be constructed, stay 10-foot away from existing drainfields and five feet away from existing septic tanks.
23		If using existing drainfield system apply for authorization notice.
24 25 26 27	Rickreall Community Water Assoc.:	There are currently no water provisions for the property and before a hook-up can be made, approval must be received from the Board of Directors of Rickreall Water as well as their engineer.
28 29	Area property owner:	Paul Villwock submitted a written comment in opposition to the proposed amendments (Attachment G).

### SECTION II: REVIEW & DECISION CRITERIA

- The authorizations for a zone change and a Polk County Comprehensive Plan (PCCP) amendment are 31 under Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 111.275, and 115.050. Under these provisions, the Hearings Officer conducts a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.190 and 115.030 and makes a 32 33 recommendation to the Polk County Board of Commissioners. The Polk County Board of 34 Commissioners conducts a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111,200 and 115.030 and makes a final 35 local decision. Staff findings and analysis are as follows, the applicant provided findings that are 36 included by reference in the findings of this report, and are attached and identified in the record as 37 Exhibit 1. 38 39 E. Findings for Comprehensive Plan Amendmentine PA:05:02: 40 41 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map must meet one or more of the following criteria: 42 [PCZO 115.050(A)]
- 43 (A) The Comprehensive Plan designation is erroneous and the proposed amendment 44 would correct the error, or [PCZO 115.050(A)(1)]
- 45 (B) The Comprehensive Plan Designation is no longer appropriate due to changing 46 conditions in the surrounding area; and [PCZO 115.050(A)(2)]
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<u>Applicant Findings</u>: The Agriculture Comprehensive Plan is no longer appropriate due to changing
 conditions in the surrounding area. The applicant is requesting a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment
 from Agriculture to Rural Industrial to respond to these changing conditions.

4 As stated above, there have been a number of significant changes to the subject property and surrounding

5 area that warrant the nature of the request. The first significant change relates to traffic impacts. The 6 subject property is surrounded on three sides by roads that actively serve commercial and residential uses

subject property is surrounded on three sides by roads that actively serve commercial and residential uses
 in Polk County. Over the years, the traffic on Kings Valley Highway, Oak Villa Road and Westview

- 8 Drive has increased to such a degree, it has had a direct impact on the subject property's ability to be
- 9 used for commercial agriculture uses.

10 Second, the uses in the surrounding area, parcelization, and comprehensive planning for the City of

11 Dallas have significantly changed the land use pattern of the surrounding area such that the existing 12 comprehensive plan designation is no longer appropriate. To the north of the subject property lies the

13 Polk Station Commercial Park. The Commercial Park has become fully developed. Existing uses have

14 grown and expanded to the point where additional on-site parking, loading, storage and

15 office/warehousing are needed to ensure existing demand for services are adequately met. Parcelization

16 directly to the north, in the Polk Station Commercial Park, and further north across Kings Valley

17 Highway, prohibit the subject property to be effectively farmed. Additional parcelization is also found to

18 the south of the subject property. Another significant change can be seen in the existing and future land

use Comprehensive Plan designation for the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node located
 generally to the south of the subject property (Dallas Comprehensive Plan Map, Attachment F).

21 This Node is intended to be a master planned mixed use general commercial area of approximately 30

buildable acres, with multi-family residential development connected to general commercial and low

23 density residential land through a series of grid streets and access ways for truck, vehicle, bicycles and

24 pedestrian access north of east Ellendale Avenue and east of Kings Valley Highway. See Policy 3.2.1 in

25 the City of Dallas comprehensive plan.

Third, the applicant needs additional land adjacent to their existing general contracting, equipment rental and development company operation to expand their storage capacity for equipment and materials.

<u>Staff Findings</u>: The subject property is located within the Agricultural Comprehensive Plan designation.
 The applicant is proposing to change the Comprehensive Plan designation to Industrial. Surrounding

30 properties are designated Commercial and Agriculture in the Comprehensive Plan.

Properties to the north of the subject parcel were rezoned from EFU to Public Service and Commercial in the late 1970s. Over the years to present day, these properties have been built out and developed with uses appropriate to the non-resource zoning. This, in addition to the above-described factors and evidence, demonstrates that substantial changes have occurred on surrounding lands that could constitute

35 changing the Comprehensive Plan designation of the subject property.

36 37 (C) The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan will be carried out through approval of the proposed Plan Amendment based on the following: [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)]

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(1) Evidence that the proposal conforms to the intent of relevant goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose and intent of the proposed land use designation. [PCZO 115.050(Å)(3)(a)]

41 <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The Comprehensive Plan contains six (6) policies related to this request. Each 42 Goal/Policy and the applicant's conformance therewith are set forth below.

Goals

### 1. To preserve and protect agricultural lands within Polk County

The portion of the subject property to be developed with rural industrial uses is not currently being used for commercial agricultural uses. Larger agriculturally designated lands in the surrounding area, particularly to the northwest and northeast, will be preserved and protected by this request. The applicant is requesting a limited number of rural industrial uses through the reasons exception, and the conceptual plan calls for a buffer along the eastern and western property lines that will help preserve and protect

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these larger agriculturally designated lands to the northwest and northcast of the subject property.

Policies

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### 1.1 Polk County will endeavor to conserve for agricultural those areas which exhibit a predominance of agricultural soils, and an absence of non-farm use interference and conflicts.

This request complies with this policy. First, those agricultural areas which have a predominance of agricultural soils and an absence of non-farm interference are located further to the northwest and northeast of the subject property. These agricultural lands will not be affected by this proposal, and will be able to remain in agricultural use and conserved for agricultural productivity. Second, the subject property already has non-farm interference and conflicts from several sources - traffic on Kings Valley Highway, traffic and offsite drainage from the existing rural industrial uses within the Polk Station Commercial Park immediately to the north, and traffic from the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node to the south. This proposal simply recognizes that existing interference and conflicts with surrounding development have thus far precluded the subject property from being developed with commercial agricultural uses. As such, this proposal provides for a wider range of permitted uses that would directly benefit from the subject property's unique location.

### 1.5 Polk County will discourage the development of non-farm uses in agricultural areas.

The subject property is not located within an area characterized by agricultural uses. Surrounding development consists of residential and rural industrial uses, with very limited agricultural activity. The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow additional rural industrial uses on the subject property will allow for the logical extension of an existing rural industrial development located directly north of the subject property.

### 4.4 Polk County will encourage the concentration of industries of similar types, performance characteristics and service needs.

This application will allow for the expansion of an existing industry located on the adjoining property. A concentration of similar and/or expanded uses at this location will preclude unnecessary encroachment of rural industrial uses in an alternative location. The collocation will also provide for a more efficient delivery of services.

### 4.5 Polk County will require industrial uses to locate so as to minimize adverse social, economic and environmental impacts.

This policy is addressed in more detail under Criterion 2(C) of the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment on pages 12-13 of this report.

- 4.6 Polk County will require utilities such as power, water and waste disposal facilities be readily available and adequately sized prior to construction of industrial buildings or operating systems.
- 4.8 Polk County will allow new rural industrial uses or expansion of existing uses consistent with Goal 14 in rural industrial zones outside of urban growth boundaries and unincorporated communities provided that:
  - a. The use is authorized under Goal 3 and Goal 4; or
  - b. The use is small in size and low impact; or
  - c. The use is significantly dependent upon a specific resource located on agricultural or forest land; and

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- d. The use will not have adverse impacts on surrounding farm and forest activities; and
- e. The new or expanded use will not exceed the capacity of the site itself to provide adequate water and absorb waste water.

The proposed use of the subject property will be small scale and low impact in accordance with statewide planning goals, administrative rules and Polk County Comprehensive Plan provisions. Future use of the property will also include uses that will serve the needs of the rural areas of Polk County.

The expanded use of the JW Fowler Co. and Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc. operations will not have any adverse impact on surrounding farm and forest activities. As identified above, the commercial farm and forest activities are occurring on lands further to the north, east and west of the subject property. The subject property is in an area that is already partitioned and predominately dedicated to small, rural residential parcels just north of the City of Dallas UGB and the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node, and bounded by two main Polk County roads – Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road.

The proposed new uses on the property will be located south of the existing JW Fowler Co. and Northwest Rental Equipment, Inc. storage operation, and will be similarly situated with respect to locations of the rural residential parcels.

The proposed uses will not exceed the capacity of the site to provide adequate water, and to absorb waste water. The nature of the expansion and the new uses are such that water consumption will be minimal. The proposed uses are not manufacturing or processing uses that will require a demand for significant amounts of water. The site presently contains the waste water collection and distribution for the Polk Station Commercial Park. The applicant proposes to continue to use the existing system, and to update it in order to continue serving Polk Station Commercial Park, as well as any future rural industrial uses developed on the subject property. In addition, the applicant is proposing to add a bio-swale detention system to accommodate the storm water runoff from the subject property, and to handle the existing storm water run-off from the adjoining property (Polk Station Commercial Park) to the north. The subject property is of sufficient size to provide adequate water, storm and waste water systems to serve the proposed uses.

#### Purpose and Intent of Proposed Land Use Designation

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"The areas designated <u>Agriculture</u> occur mainly in the eastern and central sections of the County. These areas are characterized by large ownerships and few non-farm uses. Topography in these areas is usually gentle, including bottom lands, central valley plains and the low foothills of the Coastal Range. This diversity of terrain allows County farmers the option of producing a variety of commodities. Farmers can produce grain or livestock in level areas; set up orchards, vineyards and pastures on the hills; or develop woodlots (or farm forestry) on the foothills. The areas designated for agriculture have a predominance of agricultural soils (SCS capability class I-IV).

It is the intent of the <u>Agriculture</u> Plan designation to preserve agricultural areas and separate them from conflicting non-farm uses. Toward that end, the County will discourage the division of parcels and the development of non-farm uses in a farm area (Only those non-farm uses considered essential for agriculture will be permitted).

The <u>Agriculture</u> Plan designation will be implemented throughout the Exclusive Farm Use Zones".

The subject property is not within an immediate area that is devoted to agricultural uses. The subject property is surrounded on the north and south by smaller parcels devoted to residential and rural industrial uses. The property is not a large parcel and is not located near large agricultural parcels. The subject property is already separated from key agricultural areas and will not add conflicting non-farm uses into the area. No land divisions are being proposed by this request. This request will simply be amending Appendix "F" of the PCCP text to include an expanded list of rural industrial uses to be allowed on the subject property through an exception to Goal 3.

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The Industrial Plan designation indicates the sites of existing industrial developments in rural areas and provides for future industrial uses in districts which are close to cities, major arterials, railroad or airports. The industrial uses found in these areas include fertilizer processing and storage, cleaning and storage facilities for grains, lumber and wood products-related processing plants and mineral extraction and processing operations.

It is the intent of the Industrial Plan designation to protect existing employment and provide employment opportunities for some of the non-farm residents living in surrounding rural areas. The Industrial Plan designation will be implemented through the Industrial-Commercial,

Industrial Park, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial and Mineral Extraction Zones.

Pursuant to the intent of the Industrial Plan designation, the subject property is well situated to accommodate Rural Industrial uses. It is directly adjacent to the Polk Station Commercial Park and Kings Valley Highway. The proposal also meets the intent of the Industrial Plan designation by protecting an existing employer and allowing them to expand their accessory uses onto the subject property in an efficient and logical manner.

<u>Staff Findings</u>: Applicant has provided evidence that the proposal conforms to the intent of relevant
 goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan and the purpose and intent of the proposed land use
 designation.

(2) Compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes, statewide planning goals and related administrative rules which applies to the particular property(s) or situations. If an exception to one or more of the goals is necessary, the exception criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 660, Division 4 shall apply; and [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)(b)]

Applicant Findings: There are no specific state statutes that apply to this request that are not otherwise
 addressed in the statewide planning goals or administrative rules. The proposal's conformance with
 statewide planning goals is addressed below, while the proposal's conformance with the exception
 criteria is addressed below in Section II Number 2.

- The requested amendment of the Polk County Comprehensive Plan (PCCP) text is consistent with the applicable statewide planning goals as follows:
- Goal 1. <u>Citizen Involvement</u>, A Non Legislative Plan Amendment is a quasi-judicial process.
   Public notice is required and public hearings will be held giving interested citizens an
   opportunity to be involved in the process.
- Goal 2. <u>Land Use Planning</u>. The PCCP was adopted by the County and acknowledged by LCDC as being in compliance with the statewide planning goals, state statutes and state administrative rules, on March 19, 1981. As outlined herein, the proposal complies with the PCCP and all associated detail plans.
- 48 Goal 3. <u>Agricultural Lands</u>. The applicant has submitted findings to justify a reasons exception 49 to Goal 3.

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Goal 4. Forest Lands. The proposed amendment does not affect the inventory of forest lands. 1 2 Thus, this goal is not applicable to this application. 3 Goal 5. Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources. There are no known scenic, natural, historic, or cultural resources on the subject property. Thus, this goal is not 4 5 applicable to this application. б Goal 6. Air, Water and Resources Quality. Development of the property will be required to comply with the Federal, State of Oregon, and County requirements for air and water pollution. 7 Goal 7. Area Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards. The subject property does not lie within 8 9 any floodplains of any waterways as identified on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) maps. All future development is required to comply with Federal, State and County 10 requirements for natural disasters and hazards, 11 Goal 8. Recreational Needs. The proposed amendment does not affect the inventory of 12 recreational uses. The proposed uses will not need or generate a need for recreational facilities. 13 Thus, this goal is not applicable to this application. 14 15 Goal 9. <u>Economy of the State</u>. The subject property is partially developed for non-agricultural purposes. The majority of the property is undeveloped land and does not provide any benefit to 16 the local economy. Enabling rural industrial uses to develop on the subject property will provide 17 18 a major benefit to the local economy. 19 Goal 10. Housing. The subject property is not designated for residential development and therefore there will be no impact to the residential lands inventory. 20 Goal 11. Public Facilities and Services. The subject property is not currently served by public 21 22 facilities nor does this request include the extension of public facilities to the subject property. Goal 12. Transportation. Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 12 is implemented by OAR 660-012-23 0060(1), which states: 24 25 "Amendments to functional plan, acknowledged comprehensive plans and land use regulations which significantly affect a transportation facility shall assure that allowed land uses are 26 27 consistent with the identified functions, capacity and performance standards (i.e. level of service, 28 volume to capacity ratio, etc.) of the facility." OAR Section 660-012-0060(2) states that to determine if a proposed use significantly affects a 29 transportation facility the following must be found: 30 "(a) Changes the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility; 31 (b) Changes standards implementing a functional classification system; 32 (c) Allows types or levels of land uses which would result in levels of travel or access which arc 33 inconsistent with the functional classification of a transportation facility; or 34 (d) Would reduce the performance standards of the facility below the minimum acceptable level 35 identified in the TSP." 36 The County has an adopted Transportation System Plan (PCTSP) and a Functional Classification 37 Map. Kings Valley Highway, the abutting street to the west, is designated as a Minor Arterial on 38 39 the Functional Classification Map. Westview Drive and Oak Villa Road, which abut the subject property to the north and east respectively, are both designated local streets on the Functional 40 Classification Map. Vehicular access to the subject property will be from Westview Drive and/or 41 Oak Villa Road. The majority of traffic being generated from the site will ultimately be directed 42 onto Kings Valley Highway from the initial access point(s). As a minor arterial, Kings Valley 43 Highway is intended to carry higher traffic volumes and provide for relatively high overall travel 44 speeds with minimum interference through inovement. 45 The number of average daily trips that would be generated by the list of uses being proposed as 46 part of the Limited Use Overlay Zone will not be significantly more than the number of average 47 daily trips that would be generated by uses currently permitted in the EFU zone. For instance, 48

- farm related uses that involve the harvesting and/or processing of farm products would generate a significant number of average daily trips from product distribution and employees. The proposed uses of general, highway, heavy construction, and home construction contractors or special trade contractors would generate a similar number of average daily trips related to equipment movement and employees. The proposed uses are intended to be rural in nature and are limited to 10,000 square feet in size. As such, the proposed change will not adversely impact the functional classification of the surrounding transportation facilities.
- Goal 13. <u>Energy Conservation</u>. The construction of any new buildings will meet the energy
   efficiency code requirements for new construction.

### 10 Goal 14. <u>Urbanization</u>. The subject property is not within the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary or 11 the Dallas city limits. There is no planned extension of urban services to an area outside the 12 UGB and the property will be zoned Rural Industrial, which is consistent with Goal 14.

Goals 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are all inapplicable. The subject property is not within the
 Willamette River Greenway, or in an estuary or beach area.

15 Staff Findings: The applicant has addressed all applicable Oregon Statewide Planning Goals. An exception to Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 is necessary to exclude the subject property from the 16 17 Agriculture Comprehensive Plan designation. The applicant is proposing the Rural Industrial Zoning 18 District and the Limited Use Overlay Zone (restricting the allowed uses to those uses identified in this 19 review) to implement the proposed industrial Comprehensive Plan Designation. The Polk County 20 Zoning Ordinance implementing the Rural Industrial Zoning District has been acknowledged as being compliant with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) and Goal 14 requirements established by the Oregon 21 22 Land Conservation and Development Commission in the year 2000 (OAR 660-004-0040). Therefore, an 23 exception to Goal 14 is not required. The applicant has submitted findings regarding an exception to 24 Statewide Planning Goals 3. The Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 exception is addressed in Section 2 25 of this staff report.

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- (3) Compliance with the provisions of any applicable intergovernmental agreement pertaining to urban growth boundaries and urbanizable land. [PCZO 115.050(A)(3)(c)]

29 <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The Urban Planning Area Agreement between Polk County and the City of Dallas 30 does not extend this far uphill from the City. We know of no other agreement with a special district or other 31 authority required to coordinate planning activities in this vicinity.

32 <u>Staff Findings</u>: The subject property is located within the Agriculture Comprehensive Plan designation.
33 The applicant is proposing to change the Comprehensive Plan designation to Industrial. Surrounding
34 properties are designated Commercial and Agriculture in the Comprehensive Plan. The subject property
35 is not located within an urban growth boundary or within an incorporated city. As a result, there is no
36 Urban Growth Boundary agreement or other applicable intergovernmental agreement. This criterion is
37 not applicable to the proposed amendment.

38 39 27. Findings for Statewide Plauning Goal 3 Exception file PA 05:022

(A) "Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not
apply"; The exception shall set forth the facts and assumptions used as the basis for
determining that a state policy embodied in a goal should not apply to specific properties
or situations including the amount of land and why the use requires a location on
resource land; [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (a)]

Applicant Findings: The subject property is uniquely situated. It is contiguous to the existing Polk Station commercial Park, which is designated as Commercial and zoned Rural Commercial. The subject property is also adjacent to the Kings Valley Highway and Oak Villa Road, both of which are significant transportation corridors in Polk County, leading north and south from Highway 22 and the City of Dallas. The subject property is also located north of the City of Dallas and the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Use Node; and south of the property lies residential parcels devoted to residential

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uses as part of Exception Area XV in the Polk County Comprehensive Plan exception inventory. 1 2 Another important factor is that the applicant currently owns land within the Polk Station Commercial Park that currently serves as the head office for the interrelated contracting and equipment rental 3 4 businesses. The applicant needs additional land to expand their current operation for both operational and safety concerns. There are important operational and economic reasons to site the proposed uses on 5 land adjacent to the existing operation, as compared to siting the uses on property that is miles away 6 7 from the head office. 8 The subject property is not currently in resource use. The 32.5 acre parcel is small and irregularly shaped. It is developed with a community waste disposal system for the Polk Station Commercial Park, 9 10 It is physically separated from adjacent agricultural uses to the north by Polk Station Commercial Park; to the west by Kings Valley Highway; to the south by Exception Area XV and the Dallas UGB; and to 11 the east by Oak Villa Road and small rural residential parcels. 12 The proposed exception would not remove land from agricultural production that is currently in 13 14 production. Based on the size of the property, its irregular (triangle) shape, its location adjacent to Kings 15. Valley Highway (a major north-south transportation corridor), its location to the Dallas UGB, its 16 location to the existing rural industrial uses to the north, and the physical separation from land in resource use, the subject property cannot be effectively managed for commercial agricultural uses. 17 (B) "Areas which do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the use": 18 19 [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b)] 20 The exceptions shall indicate on a map or otherwise describe the location of (a) possible alternative areas considered for the use, which do not require a new 21 exception. The area for which the exception is taken shall be identified; [OAR 22 23 660-004-0020(2) (b)(A) To show why the particular site is justified, it is necessary to discuss why other 24 **(b)** areas which do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the 25 proposed use. Economic factors can be considered along with other relevant 26 factors in determining that the use cannot reasonably be accommodated in other 27 areas. Under the alternative factor the following questions shall be addressed: 28 29 [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B)] (i) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on non-resource 30 land that would not require an exception, including increasing the 31 density of uses on non-resource land? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-32 0020(2) (b) (B) (i)] 33 (ii) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on resource land 34 that is already irrevocably committed to non-resource uses, not 35 allowed by this applicable Goal, including resource land in existing 36 rural centers, or by increasing the density of uses on committed 37 lands? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B) (ii)] 38 (iii)Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated inside an urban 39 growth boundary? If not, why not? [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (b) (B) (iii)] 40 This alternative areas standard can be met by a broad review of similar types of 41 (c) areas rather than a review of specific alternative sites. Initially, a local 42 government adopting an exception need assess only whether those similar types 43 of areas in the vicinity could not reasonably accommodate the proposed use. Site 44 specific comparisons are not required of a local government taking an exception, 45 unless another party to the local proceeding can describe why there are specific 46 sites that ean more reasonably accommodate the proposed use. A detailed 47 evaluation of specific alternative sites is thus not required unless such sites are 48 specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites are more 49 reasonable by another party during the local exceptions proceeding. [OAR 660-50 004-0020(2) (b) (C)] 51

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1 <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The area for the proposed exception is shown on maps included in Attachment A. 2 In summary, there are no other possible alternative areas that could reasonably accommodate the 3 proposed uses which would not require an exception.

The proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on non-resource land that would not require an 4 exception. For example, there is existing rural commercial zoned land within the Polk Station 5 6 Commercial Park, however, these parcels are already developed with other uses and are not otherwise available for sale/acquisition. If the applicant wanted to expand their operation onto one of these other 7 8 parcels, they would need to redevelop those parcels, which would not be economically feasible. Further, 9 the parcels within the Polk Station Commercial Park are very small and would not be sufficient enough 10 in size to completely accommodate the applicant's proposed uses on the subject property. The applicant is currently using their existing property to the fullest extent, when factoring in safety considerations for 11 both operation and storage uses. The whole reason the applicant is looking to expand their operation 12 onto the subject property is that their existing property is not of sufficient size to handle the applicant's 13 14 existing operation and storage needs on their property.

The proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on resource land that is already irrevocably committed to non-resource uses, either in rural centers, or on committed lands. For example, the closest rural center is the Rickrcall Rural Community Center. There is no available land for general rural industrial use of the kind needed by the applicant. Even if there was, the Rickrcall RCC is located more than two miles from the applicant's current location, which raises transportation, operation and logistical issues that are not present with the subject property. The added distance raises added costs in both transportation, operation inefficiencies, and in other intangible costs that makes such an option to not be a reasonable accommodation.

23 The proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated inside an urban growth boundary. For example, 24 there are existing general commercial zones within the City of Dallas that would not require an exception to Goal 3. These properties are primarily located along Kings Valley Highway, to the south of 25 26 the subject property, and along Ellendale Avenue. The majority of these parcels are currently developed with industrial uses. The existing development on these parcels raises the issue that they are not 27 available, or would require significant redevelopment to accommodate the proposed uses. In addition, 28 these properties are not as close in location to the Polk Station Commercial Park as the subject property. 29 The off site location poses different logistical, operational, and economic issues that would add to the overall cost of the applicant's operation. All of these issues are significant factors leading to the 30 31 32 conclusion that these parcels cannot reasonably accommodate the proposed uses.

The proposed use cannot be reasonably accommodated on non-resource land that would not require an exception, nor on resource land already irrevocably committed to non-resource uses, nor on land within the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary. The subject property is the best location to accommodate the proposed uses.

(**C**) The long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in other areas requiring a Goal exception. The exception shall describe the characteristics of each alternative areas considered by the jurisdiction for which an exception might be taken, the typical advantages and disadvantages of using the area for a use not allowed by the Goal, and the typical positive and negative consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts. A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites have significantly fewer adverse impacts during the local exceptions proceeding. The exception shall include the reasons why the consequences of the use at the chosen site are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in areas requiring a goal exception other than the proposed site. Such reasons shall include but are limited to, the facts used to determine which resource land is least productive; the ability to sustain resource uses near the proposed use; and the long-term cconomic impact on the general area caused by irreversible removal of

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# the land from the resource base. Other possible impacts include the effects of the proposed use on the water table, on the costs of improving roads and on the costs to special service districts; [OAR 660-004-0020(2)(c)]

Applicant Findings: The long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the proposed list of uses, as identified in Attachment F, will not be significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in another area of Polk County requiring a goal exception. The typical alternative site would consist of a small parcel located at the intersection of a state highway or a county arterial or collector. The subject parcel is better suited for a number of reasons.

9 The subject property has a significant history of supporting the Polk Station Commercial Park. This 10 proposal allows for the logical extension of this rural industrial development onto an underutilized piece 11 of property, and it allows for the additional mitigation of impacts through the bioswale and stormwater

12 detention system for the stormwater migration from the Polk Station Commercial Park,

13 Any negative economic consequences would be reduced through the location of rural industrial

14 development on the subject property. This stems from the fact that current rural industrial development

15 is established on the adjoining land to the north. There is already landscaping, water, power, sewer

16 disposal system, approved State access driveways, and other improvements in place on the subject

17 property. On other similarly situated parcels this would not be the same situation, and the economic

18 consequences for constructing these improvements on an alternative site would be more adverse than if 19 located on the subject property.

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20 The rural areas surrounding the community are already accustomed to the past rural industrial use and

traffic pattern of the Polk Station Commercial Park. One positive aspect to retaining the rural industrial core at this property is that the social impact would be less than if it was placed in an area that was not

22 core at this property is that the social impact would be less than if it was placed in an area that was not 23 accustomed to having rural industrial uses in the surrounding area. The building size limitations imposed

by the Oregon Administrative Rules, coupled with the applicant's proposed building orientation and

25. traffic patterns, will ensure adequate mitigation of any potential adverse impacts.

26 The energy consequences of locating a rural industrial development on the subject property and

27 adjoining industrial and rural industrial properties would be less than if the proposed uses were located

28 at another location in Polk County. The infrastructure for the rural industrial uses is already in place.

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31 The consequences of the proposed use on the subject property are not significantly more adverse than

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33 property adjacent to the north is currently within an exception area as a Commercial designation. The

34 subject property is sandwiched between a State Highway and a County Road that have been designated

35 and improved to accommodate the development of rural industrial uses. Other properties in the County

36 do not share similar elements with respect to location to current rural industrial development and current

37 use of the property for a Community Waste Disposal System.

The list of proposed uses would allow for the development of construction and heavy equipment related uses, equipment storage, parking, warehousing, and shop and office space to support the rural industrial uses. These aforementioned uses would require a limited amount of employees, and limited deliveries of materials and products. Any proposed rural industrial development would be located at the rear (east) of

42 the subject property consistent with the other rural industrial uses in Polk Station Commercial Park, plus

the development would be designed to minimize potential conflicts with the small residential properties that abut Oak Villa Road through the use of vegetative buffers along Oak Villa Road, Kings Valley

that abut Oak Villa Road through the use of vegetative buffers along Oak Villa Road, Kings Valley
 Highway, and the southern boundary of the subject property. The cumulative impacts analysis conducted

46 for the area shows that none of the soils in the area would prohibit the establishment of new septic

47 systems. The subject property currently has all necessary utilities and infrastructure available on-site to

48 serve the proposed uses. The property is not adjacent to any significant riparian or floodplain areas.

49 Transportation access is available from Kings Valley Highway, which is classified as a minor arterial in

50 the Polk County Transportation Systems Plan.

51 The long-term impacts potentially associated with a rural industrial use are not significantly more

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(D) "The proposed uses are compatible with other adjacent uses or will be so rendered through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts: The exception shall describe how the proposed use will be rendered compatible with adjacent land uses. The exception shall demonstrate that the proposed use is situated in such a manner as to be compatible with surrounding natural resources ad resource management or production practices. "Compatible" is not intended as an absolute term meaning no interference or adverse impacts of any type with adjacent uses. [OAR 660-004-0020(2) (d)]

10 <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposed list of rural industrial uses is compatible with other adjacent uses or 11 can be so rendered through the application of appropriate conditions. Rural industrial development 12 would be located to the eastern portion of the property, adjacent to Oak Villa Road, as indicated on the 13 conceptual site plan. This would maintain current traffic flow along Kings Valley Highway, Westview 14 Drive and Oak Villa Road. The subject property already contains significant trees and native 15 landscaping. Security fencing may also be installed around any proposed equipment storage facility to 16 protect the building and equipment.

In addition, proposed uses are subject to all specification and development standards of the underlying zone. These standards are intended to provide adequate setbacks, parking and loading, landscaping, and buffering. Application of these standards would be conducted through the required building permit process. The tentative conceptual site plan calls for two low scale small impact sized buildings 270' – 450' north of the southern property line, and 300' – 450' to the west of Oak Villa Road, separated by a l30' vegetative buffer on Oak Villa road and the southern boundary and a 200' plus vegetative buffer along the Kings Valley Highway.

Off-site noise impacts would be minimal. The list of proposed uses would allow the storage of
equipment on site, and related office and repair services entirely within an enclosed building. Additional
conditions of approval regarding landscaping, screening and parking and loading areas may be expected.
These types of conditions are designated to mitigate off-site noise, dust and visual impacts.

The site is gently rolling and development of the property should not result in drainage problems. The subject property would not be the only rural industrial development within the community. Rural industrial development adjacent to this property has coexisted with residential and resource uses in the community of North Dallas for many years. Based on the list of proposed uses for the property, off-site impacts to resource operations and residential uses would be minimal. The subject property would become the logical extension of an existing rural industrial development.

- (E) "For uses not specifically provided for in subsequent sections of this rule or in OAR 660-012-0070 or chapter 660, division 14, the reasons shall justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply. Such reasons include but are not limited to the following: [660-004-0022(1)]
- (a) There is a demonstrated need for the proposed use or activity, based on one or more
   of the requirements of Goals 3 to 19; and either
- 40(b) A resource upon which the proposed use or activity is dependent can be reasonably41obtained only at the proposed exception site and the use or activity requires a location42near the resource. An exception based on this subsection must include an analysis of43the market area to be served by the proposed use or activity. That analysis must44demonstrate that the proposed exception site is the only one within that market area at45which the resource depended upon can reasonably be obtained; or
- 46 (c) The proposed use or activity has special features or qualities that necessitate its 47 location on or near the proposed exception site."
- <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposed uses have special features necessitating their location on the
   proposed exception site. The applicant is proposing to expand an existing rural industrial operation onto
   the exception site. As detailed above, locating the proposed uses off-site would create transportation,

operation and logistical issues that are not present with the subject property. The added distance would increase costs in transportation, operation inefficiencies, and in other intangible costs that make such an option to not be a reasonable accommodation. The subject property is the best location to accommodate the proposed uses.

(F) Rural Industrial Development: For the siting of industrial development on resource land outside an urban growth boundary, appropriate reasons and facts include, but arc not limited to, the following: [OAR 660-040-0022(3)]

(1) The usc is significantly dependent upon a unique resource located on agricultural or forest land. Examples of such resources and resource sites include geothermal wells, mineral or aggregate deposits, water reservoirs, natural features, or river or ocean ports; or

(2) The use cannot be located inside an urban growth boundary due to impacts that are hazardous or incompatible in densely populated areas; or

(3) The use would have a significant comparative advantage due to its location (e.g., near existing industrial activity, an energy facility, or products available from other rural activities), which would benefit the county economy and cause only minimal loss of productive resource lands. Reasons for such a decision should include a discussion of the lost resource productivity and values in relation to the county's gain from the industrial use, and the specific transportation and resource advantages which support the decision.

Applicant Findings: As detailed above, there is a significant comparative advantage to locating the proposed uses adjacent to Polk Station Commercial Park, resulting in only a minimal loss of resource lands. The resource lands are not currently being used for commercial agriculture activities and the surrounding development pattern inhibits such future use. Additionally, the property is adequately served with public/private facilities for rural industrial development, like Kings Valley Highway and the community septic system. The advantages of having an expanded industrial development at this location outweigh the costs of removing a minimal amount of non-productive resource land from the inventory.

<u>Staff findings</u>: The applicant has adequately addressed all applicable criteria for an exception to
 Statewide Planning Goal 3.

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3. Findings for Zone, Chauge from EFU: to R IND/UU file ZG 05:03-

(A) A zone change is a reclassification of any area from one zone or district to another, after the proposed change has been reviewed and a recommendation made by the Hearings Officer or the Planning Commission. Such change shall be an ordinance enacted by the Board of Commissioners after proceedings have been accomplished in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. [PCZO 111.140]

Staff Findings: The authorizations for a zone change and a Comprehensive Plan Map and text 37 amendment are under Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Sections 111.275, and 115.050, subject to 38 recommendation by the Hearings Officer after holding a public hearing pursuant to PCZO 111.190, and 39 115.030, and decision by the Polk County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing 40 pursuant to PCZO 111.200, and 115.030. The Planning Department staff reviews the proposed zone .41 change. Staff prepares a report and recommendation for the Hearings Officer and the Hearings Officer 42 makes a recommendation to the Polk County Board of Commissioners for a final local decision. The 43 application is following the proper review process and meets this criterion. 44

- (B) Pursuant to Section 111.160, a zone change may be approved, provided that the request satisfies all applicable requirements of this ordinance, and provided that with written findings, the applicant(s) clearly demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:
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# (1) The proposed zone is appropriate for the comprehensive plan land use designation on the property and is consistent with the purpose and policies for the applicable comprehensive plan land use classification; [PCZO 111.275 (A)]

<u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposed application of the Limited Use Overlay Zone is appropriate and will
 conform to the Comprehensive Plan text and map as amended. The applicant is requesting to amend the
 Comprehensive Plan Text to allow the following uses: Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard Industrial
 Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15& 16). The list
 of uses is consistent with the purpose and policy for the applicable Comprehensive Plan classification as
 was previously discussed in the findings for the Goal Exception and the Comprehensive Plan Map
 Amendment for the subject property.

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## (2) The proposal conforms with the purpose statement of the proposed zone; [PCZO 111.275 (B)]

<u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposal will be consistent with the purpose statement of the proposed zone. The proposed zone will be Rural Industrial with the Limited Use Overlay zone. The purpose and intent 13 14 of the Rural Industrial Zoning District is "to permit the continuation and expansion of existing uses in 15 the district and to provide rural employment opportunities for new uses that are generally small-scale, 16 low impact, or provide for the processing and manufacturing of timber and forest related products, farm 17 crops and produce, minerals and aggregates, or the maintenance and repair of mechanical equipment 18 related to farm or forest uses." As noted previously, application of the R-IND zone on the subject 19 property will allow for the logical expansion of an existing cuployment use in the Polk Station 20 Commercial Park. 21

22 The purpose and intent for limited use overlay zones is to "limit permitted uses and activities in a specific location allowed in the underlying zone to only those uses which are justified in a required 'reasons 23 exception' to one or more of the Statewide Planning Goals. The Limited Use Overlay District is intended to 24 carry out the administrative rule requirement for reasons exceptions pursuant to OAR 660-14-018 and ORS 25 197.732." The applicant's request conforms with the purpose and intent statement of the limited use 26 overlay zone. As identified earlier in this statement, the applicant's request seeks to change the zoning on 27 the property through the reasons exception, in order to add a small number of rural industrial uses to be 28 used in conjunction with the applicant's existing operation to the north in the Polk Station Commercial 29 30 Park.

<u>Staff Findings</u>: The applicant concurrently filed an application for zone change, an application for a
 Comprehensive Plan amendment, and an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3. The applicant is
 responsible for showing compliance with criteria for comprehensive plan changes and Goal exceptions
 in order for the zoning change to be approved.

35 The applicant proposes applying the Rural Industrial/Limited Use Overlay (R-IND/LU) Zoning District,

- if an approval of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan designation to Industrial is
   granted. The R-IND/LU Zoning District is designated as an implementing zone for the Industrial
- 38 designation and would be appropriate for a Comprehensive Plan land use designation of Industrial
- If approved, the subject parcel would be designated Industrial in the Polk County Comprehensive Plan and Plan Map. The R-IND/LU Zoning District for the subject area would be consistent with an Industrial
- 41 Comprehensive Plan designation.
- 42 The applicant is proposing the development of the property with three specific uses through the
- 43 application of the R-IND and LU Overlay Zoning Districts; Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard
- 44 Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15&
- 45 16). The uses normally allowed by the underlying zone (R-IND), as regulated under Polk County
- Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Chapter 165, would not be allowed. Through the application of the LU
   Overlay Zone, as regulated under PCZO Chapter 184, the only uses allowed on the subject property
- 47 Overlay Zone, as regulated under 1 CZO Chapter 184, the only uses allowed on the subject property 48 would be restricted to those uses allowed through this exception. Specific development standards
- 49 identified within PCZO Chapters 165 and 184 as well as Chapter 112 would apply to the development of
- 50 the proposed uses.
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- 1 Although no new parcels are proposed by the applicant, the proposed R-IND/LU zoning would allow the
- 2 creation of new parcels that could meet the development standards of PCZO Section 112.410(E).

3 Although these development standards, as applied for the proposed zoning, do not include a specific

minimum parcel size, parcels must be of adequate size to provide for an approved on-site septic system,
 a potable water source, yard setbacks and parking.

Applicant finds that by limiting the number of uses through application of the Limited Use Overlay
 zone, the proposal are consistent with the

8 Staff finds that the proposed zone change could allow for the development of the proposed uses as a 9 continuation and expansion of existing uses on the adjacent parcel to the north. The uses proposed, ar

9 continuation and expansion of existing uses on the adjacent parcel to the north. The uses proposed, are 10 identified in the PCZO as being rural in nature through the acknowledgment and compliance of the R-

11 IND zone with Goal 14. These proposed "rural uses" are limited in scope and with a low intensity

12 public draw. By limiting the number of uses through application of the Limited Use Overlay zone, the

- 13 proposal conforms to the purpose statement of the R-IND and Limited Use Overlay zones.
- 14 The property owners intend to utilize water from on-site wells and the Rickreall community water
- 15 system. A septic system and a drain field would be used for sewage disposal. There have been no
- 16 identified effects on local schools as a result of the proposed change. Southwest Polk Rural Fire
- 17 Protection District and the Polk County Sheriff Department provide emergency services for the subject
- 18 property. The proposed uses and any future parcels created could obtain access to Oak Villa Road, a

19 local road, as defined by the <u>Polk County Transportation Systems Plan</u>. Staff concludes that there are 20 adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks available at this time for water

21 provision, sewer service and transportation facilities.

22 The subject property does not contain significant resource areas inventoried on the Polk County

- 23 Significant Resource Areas Map. Staff review of the National Wetland Inventory Dallas quad map
- 24 indicates there are no identified wetlands on the subject property. The applicant is not proposing 25 development activity as part of this application. Prior to development on the subject parcel, local, state
- 26 and federal permits may be required.

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Approval of this request would be consistent with the purpose and intent of the R-IND/LU zone. As stated
 above, the property shall be designated Industrial in the Comprehensive Plan as is proposed as part of PA
 05-02 and zoned Rural Industrial with Limited Use Overlay as part of ZC 05-03.

# (C) The uses allowed in the proposed designation will not significantly adversely affect allowed uses on adjacent lands; [PCZO 111.275 (C)]

32 Applicant Findings: The list of proposed uses in the underlying zone will be limited through the application of the Limited Use Overlay Zone. The limited number of proposed rural industrial uses would not 33 significantly adversely affect allowed uses on adjacent lands. The existing uses to the north of the subject 34 property consist of rural industrial uses within the Polk Station Commercial Park, further to the north lies 35 36 the Kings Valley Highway, further to the north of the Kings Valley Highway lies agricultural ground that is 37 being used for grass seed and Highway 22; to the west of the subject property lies Kings Valley Highway; and to the south of the subject property lies rural residential land, as well as Exception Area XV, the Dallas 38 UGB and city limits, and the LaCreole Commercial Mixed Usc Node. 39

40 The proposed list of uses as described by the applicant would have limited off-site impacts. The applicant submitted a conceptual development plan showing how a proposed commercial facility could be located in 41 the area south of the current commercial zoning, thereby, limiting any potential adverse impacts on the 42 43 residential uses in the surrounding area. The noise from any maintenance use could be contained within a building and a minimal amount of traffic would be generated by any proposed storage facility. This 44 proposal will not have any greater impact on adjoining residential and commercial uses than already exist 45 from the current commercial uses in the area. In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules and any 46 proposed rural industrial building would be limited to 10,000 square feet. In addition, the applicant is 47 proposing a "reasons" exception to Oregon statewide planning goals that will allow only those uses 48 identified in the "reasons" exception. 49

50 <u>Staff Findings</u>: Properties in the vicinity of the property include commercial and industrial uses to the

51 north, agriculture and rural residential to the south and agriculture to the west and east. The larger

properties interspersed to the south, east and west have historically been used for agriculture, some of
 which contain single-family dwellings associated with the agriculture uses.

3 Limitations have been established in Oregon Statute, Administrative Rules and subsequently Polk 4 County Zoning for the establishment of dwellings in agricultural areas due to potential impacts that 5 6 residents and residences may have on agricultural practices and costs. The dwellings in the area are established on the EFU zoned properties to the south and east with additional residential development on 7 AR-5 zoned parcels further to the south. The agricultural practices that occur on lands east and west of the subject property are separated from the subject property by the Oak Villa Road and Kings Valley 8 Highway rights-of-way. There is an area of approximately 29-acres adjacent to the south property line of 9 the subject property which is zoned EFU and which contains a dwelling. The existing dwelling on the subject property is located on the eastern portion of the property. The "conceptual" plot plan submitted 10 11 12 by the applicant (Attachment B) includes a tree buffer along the southern property line that would shield proposed uses from the adjacent agricultural land and dwelling to the south. This vegetative buffer 13 would serve to mitigate any adverse effects of the uses proposed. The creation of the vegetative buffer 14 15 shall be required as a condition for approval of the zone change request.

- The proposed zone change could be consistent with the surrounding land uses and pattern of development in the area. Staff finds that the proposed zone change and Comprehensive Plan amendment are appropriate when taking into account surrounding land uses. As a result, staff finds that the application could meet this criterion.
  - (D) Adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks are in place, or are planned to be provided concurrently with the development of the property; [PCZO 111.275 (D)]
- Applicant Findings: Adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks are in place, or are
   planned to be provided concurrently with development of the property.
- The subject property abuts Kings Valley Highway on the west, Westview Drive on the north, and Oak 25 Villa Road on the east. The subject property has water for domestic water use through an on-site well. 26 There is telephone service to the property and electricity is available. In addition, there is an established 27 waste water disposal system on site that will accommodate the proposed uses. The applicant's 28 29 conceptual site plan also calls for an onsite storm water detention facility and bioswale to handle storm 30 water from the subject property and the applicant's adjoining property in the Polk Station Commercial 31 Park. All facilities are currently available or will be available and can be established to support the proposed list of rural industrial uses. 32
- Staff Findings: The applicant is proposing the following specific uses: Specialty Trade Contractor 33 (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction 34 35 (SIC 15& 16), The proposed Rural Lands Comprehensive Plan designation would be implemented by 36 the Rural Industrial (R-IND) and Limited Use (LU) Overlay Zoning Districts. The R-IND/LU zoning 37 would allow the proposed uses that would require water and on-site sewer (septic tank and drainfield) 38 services. The property owners intend to use water from on-site wells or to connect to the Rickreall Community water system. There have been no identified effects on local schools as a result of the 39 40 proposed change. Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District and the Polk County Sheriff Department provide emergency services at the subject property. Oak Villa Road adjoins the subject property along 41 the eastern property boundary. The property is improved with a manufactured home and associated 42 septic system, a domestic well, power, telephone and contains a 56,000 square foot community septic 43 drainfield which serves the adjacent Polk Station Commercial Park. 44
- 45 Staff concludes that there are adequate public facilities, services, and transportation networks available 46 at this time for water provision, sewer service and transportation facilities. Approval of this proposed 47 zone change and Comprehensive Plan amendment would not authorize the applicant to establish a use 48 that would exceed transportation, water and/or sewer services until such services are planned or 49 available. The application would meet this criterion.
- 50 (E) The proposed change is appropriate taking into consideration the following:
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(a) Surrounding land uses,

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(b) The density and pattern of development in the area,

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# (c) Any changes which may have occurred in the vicinity to support the proposed amendment. [PCZO 111.275 (E) (1-3)]

Applicant Findings: As described previously, the surrounding land uses generally consist of rural industrial uses (Polk Station Commercial Park) to the north, to the west are small to medium sized parcels with residential and farm uses occurring on them. To the east are a mix of small residential and farm parcels with mixed uses occurring on them. The larger agricultural lands lie more to the northwest and northeast of the subject property. To the south hies several small rural residential parcels, the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary, the Dallas City Limits and the LaCreole General Commercial Mixed Node.

10 The proposed Rural Industrial zoning would allow for the logical extension of existing uses located in

11 the Polk Station Commercial Park. The density and pattern of development in the area is mixed.

Properties zoned Rural Commercial in the area are well developed and have businesses that use most of the property they are located on. Surrounding rural residential uses are separated from the existing

13 the property they are located on. Surrounding rural residential uses are separated from 14 property by an established vegetative buffer.

15 Changes that have occurred in the vicinity to support the proposed change include increased

16 transportation on Kings Valley Highway, and Oak Villa Road; increased (infill) development within the

17 Polk Station Commercial Park, especially on the adjoining property owned by the applicant; and the

18 overall growth in the mid-valley economy, which is reflective of numerous industrial, commercial and

19 residential projects occurring in the Dallas area. While these are subtle changes, they are ones that

20 support the proposed amendment.

21 The proposed change is that to allow limited rural industrial uses to be developed on the subject property

22 is appropriate, taking into consideration the surrounding land uses, the density and pattern of  $\hat{f}$ 

- 23 development in the area, and the changes which have and are continuing to occur in the immediate 24 vicinity.
- 25 <u>Staff Findings</u>: The subject property is located in an area impacted by existing commercial and industrial 26 uses to the north and separated from agricultural lands on the east and west by road rights-of-way. The 27 vegetative buffer proposed by the property owner would serve to mitigate conflicts with agricultural land 28 to the south. The proposed zone change would be consistent with the surrounding land uses and pattern

29 of development in the area. Staff finds that the proposed zone change and Comprehensive Plan

amendment are appropriate when taking into account surrounding land uses and changes that have been occurring in the area as described above.

# (F) The proposal complics with any applicable intergovernmental agreement pertaining to urban growth boundaries and urbanizable land; and [PCZO 111.275 (F)]

<u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposed project is not within an Urban Growth Boundary. Thus, this criterion
 is not applicable to this request.

<u>Staff Findings</u>: The subject property is not located within an Urban Growth Boundary. This criterion is
 therefore inapplicable to this request.

- (G) The proposal complies with Oregon Revised Statutes, all applicable statewide planning
   goals and associated administrative rules. If an exception to one or more of the goals is
   necessary, the exception criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 660,
   Division 4 shall apply. [PCZO 111.275 (G)]
- 42 <u>Applicant Findings</u>: The proposed change complies with the Oregon Revised Statutes, the statewide 43 planning goals, and administrative rules for a reasons exception to Goal 3 to allow the limited rural 44 industrial uses.
- 45 Staff Findings: An exception to Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 is necessary to exclude the subject
- 46 property from the Exclusive Farm Use Comprehensive Plan designation as resource lands. Oregon

47 Administrative Rules and the Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 exception is addressed in Section II,

48 Number 2 of this staff report.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	H) The evidence submitted to support any committed exception shall, at a minimum, include a current map, or aerial photograph which shows the exception arca and adjoining lands, and any other means needed to convey information about the factors set forth in this rule. For example, a local government may use tables, charts, summaries, or narratives to supplement the maps or photos. The applicable factors set forth in section (6) of this rule shall be shown on the map or aerial photograph. [OAR 660-004-0028(7)]					
8 9	<u>Staff Find</u> available a	<u>Staff Findings:</u> The applicant has adequately identified the subject property. Air photographs are available and have been included in the record for the proceedings (Attachment D).				
10 11	I)	The requirement for a map or aerial photograph in section (7) of this rule only applies to the following committed exceptions:				
12 13		a) Those adopted or amended as required by a Continuance Order dated after the effective date of section (7) of this rule; and				
14 15 16		b) Those adopted or amended after the effective date of section (7) of this rule by a jurisdiction with an acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations. [OAR 660-004-0028(8)]				
17 18	<u>Staff Findings:</u> The record for the application includes an acrial photograph. Polk County is a jurisdiction with an acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulation.					
19	III. CONCLUSIONS					
20 21	Based on the Review and Decision Criteria identified above, the applications submitted for the proposed Comprehensive Plan designation, zone change, and Statewide Planning Goal Exceptions;					
22 23	(a)	a) are following the proper review process through a public hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer for a recommendation to the Polk County Board of Commissioners,				
24	(b)	have findings to support the proposed change to the comprehensive plan designation,				
25	(e)	are compatible with the proposed zoning designation as stated in PCZO,				
26 27	(d)	includes property that is served by adequate public facilities for transportation, emergency, school, and electric power services,				
28 29	(e)	would allow the creation of additional (10.00-acre) parcels that would be consistent with the current land use pattern in the area, and				
30 31 32	(f)	have addressed the required exception requirements to Statewide Planning Goals 3 and 4 outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules and required by the Polk County Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.				
33 34 35 36	The proposed Comprehensive Plan change, zone change, and Statewide Planning Goal Exception applications could comply with the provisions of law by the implementation of conditions. The Planning Division staff recommendation is that the Hearings Officer conduct a public hearing to receive testimony and evidence regarding the applications.					
37		IV. RECOMMENDATIONS				
38 39	Staff recommends that the Hearings Officer conduct a public hearing to receive testimony and evidence regarding the applications to:					
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44 45		(1) The Rural Industrial Zoning District and Limited Use Overlay Zone shall be applied to the subject property.				
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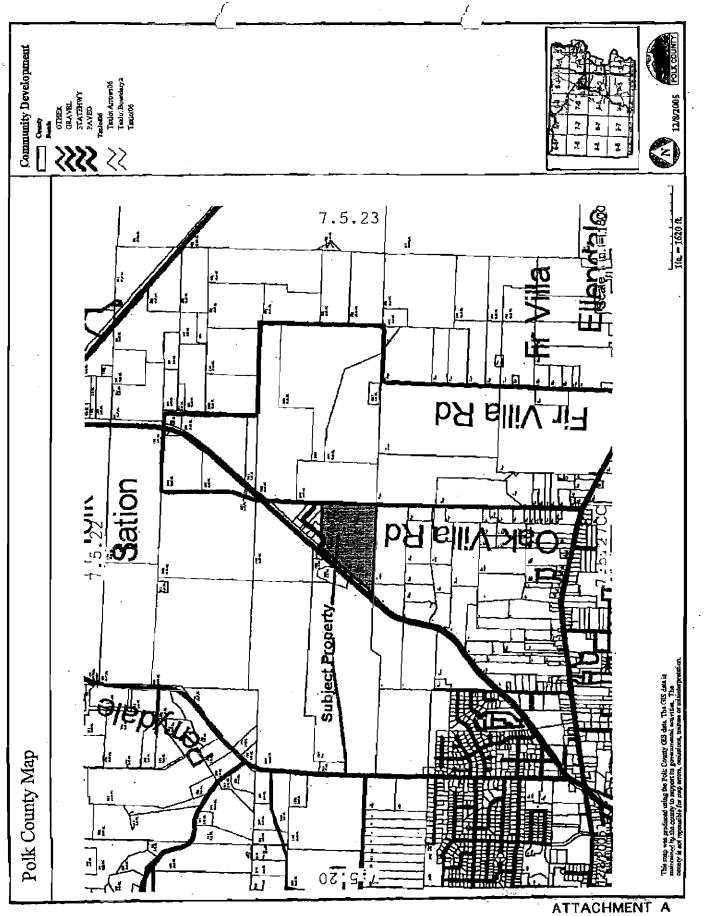
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1 2	3. Cha Ove	Change the Zoning Classification from Exclusive Farm Use to Rural Industrial/Limited Use Overlay subject to the following conditions of approval;		
3 4 5	(1)	<ol> <li>The uses allowed on the subject property shall be limited to: Specialty Trade Contractor (Standard Industrial Code [SIC] classification number 17) and General Highway Heavy Construction (SIC 15 &amp; 16).</li> </ol>		
6 7 8 9 10 11 12	(2)	) Prior to development of the subject property, the property owner shall obtain all necessary permits from the Building and Environmental Health Divisions, and Public Works Department prior to release of building permits. These permits may include, but are not limited to the following: building, electrical and plumbing permits from the Polk County Building Division, septic installation permits from the Polk County Environmental Health Division, and an access permit from the Public Works Department.		
13 14 15	(3)	(3) Any development that occurs on the subject property must be established in accordance with the provisions for development within the R-IND Zone, as follows: [PCZO 112.410(E)]		
		FrontSide andMaximumSetbackRearHeightSetback20None unless70abuttingresidential		
16 17	(4)	If water is to be provided by a community water system, a "Statement of Water Availability" shall be submitted prior to building permit issuance.		
18 19	(5)	Applicant shall establish a vegetative buffer of trees along the property lines as identified on the "conceptual plan" (Attachment B).		
20 21 22 23	Based on the evidence and information submitted into the record at the time of completion of this Staff Report, staff recommends that the Hearings Officer recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the applications be approved, based on findings in the staff report and evidence in the record to support the applications.			
24		V. EXHIBITS		
25	Attachment A	Area Map		
26	Attachment B	Applicant's "conceptual" plot plan		
27	Attachment C	Current zoning map		
28	Attachment D	2004 Aerial Photo		
29	Attachment E	Community septic system easement		
30	Attachment F	City of Dallas Comprehensive Plan Map		
31	Attachment G	Comment from property owner		
32	EXHIBIT 1	Applicant's findings and attachments		

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