

**CITY OF NEWPORT
PUBLIC NOTICE¹**

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted by video-conference and a limited number of people (up to 15) are allowed to attend in person. Please contact the Community Development Department at the phone number or email listed below for options on how you can participate by video-conference or in person in the hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Newport, Oregon, will hold a public hearing to consider the following Nonconforming Use Permit request:

File No. 2-NCU-21:

Owner / Applicant: Northwest Natural Gas (Mike Smith, Norwest Engineering, representative).

Request: Approval of a request per Section 14.32/“Nonconforming Uses, Lots, and Structures” of the Newport Municipal Code, to alter/expand the footprint of the existing non-conforming natural gas facility to allow construction of three new concrete foundations to support equipment, pressure vessels, process piping and new cable tray. This is all part of a Pretreatment Regen Optimization project at Northwest Natural Gas.

Location: 1702 SE Bay Blvd (Lincoln County Assessor’s Map 11-11-09-00; Tax Lot 1600).

Applicable Criteria: Pursuant to NMC Section 14.32.060(A), the approval authority shall determine that the structure was legally established at the time the Zoning Ordinance was enacted or amended, and that the use has not been discontinued for a continuous 12-month period. The approval authority must also verify the nature and extent of the nonconforming use, considering (1) a description of the use; (2) The types and quantities of goods or services provided and the activities conducted; (3) The scope of the use (volume, intensity, frequency, etc.) including fluctuations in the level of activity; (4) The number, location and size of physical improvements associated with the use; (5) The amount of land devoted to the use; and (6) Other factors the approval authority may determine appropriate to identify the nature and extent of a particular use (NMC Section 14.32.060(B)). Pursuant to NMC Section 14.32.070, after verification of the status of a nonconforming use pursuant to subsection 14.32.030, the approval authority may authorize alteration, expansion, or replacement of any nonconforming use or structure when it is found that such alteration, expansion, or replacement will not result in a greater adverse impact on the neighborhood when considering the following factors: (A) (1) The character and history of the use and of development in the surrounding area; (2) The comparable degree of noise, vibration, dust, odor, fumes, glare, or smoke detectable within the neighborhood; (3) Adequacy of infrastructure, including sewer, water, and streets, to accommodate the use; (4) The comparative numbers and kinds of vehicular trips to the site; (5) The comparative amount and nature of outside storage, loading, and parking; (6) The comparative visual appearance; (7) The comparative hours of operation; (8) The comparative effect on solar access and privacy; (9) Other factors which impact the character or needs of the neighborhood. (B) The approval authority must consider the purpose of the current zoning provisions that cannot be satisfied when determining whether or not the alteration, expansion, or replacement of a nonconforming use or structure will have a greater adverse impact on the neighborhood. (C) To the extent there is a rational nexus, and the City can establish that needed improvements are roughly proportional to proposed development, an alteration, expansion, or replacement of a nonconforming use or structure shall be brought into compliance with provisions of the Zoning Ordinance that relate to: (1) Surfacing of parking areas and landscaping; (2) Exterior design of structures; and (3) Outdoor displays, storage, and signage.

Testimony: Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances that the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal (including to the Land Use Board of Appeals) based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters sent to the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address below under “Reports/Application Material”) must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant and those in favor or opposed to the application, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and

¹Notice of this action is being sent to the following: (1) Affected property owners within 200 feet of the subject property (according to Lincoln County tax records); (2) affected public/private utilities/agencies within Lincoln County; and (3) affected city departments.

deliberation by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to ORS 197.763 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application.

Reports/Application Material: The staff report may be reviewed or a copy purchased for reasonable cost at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon 97365, seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials (including the application and all documents and evidence submitted in support of the application), the applicable criteria, and other file material are available for inspection at no cost; or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address.

Contact: Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above under "Reports/Application Material").

Time/Place of Hearing: Monday, April 26, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; City Hall Council Chambers (address above in "Reports/Application Material").

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