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RESOLUTION NO. 20- 226

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF COLORADO

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AS A RURAL HOME OCCUPATION WITHIN THE RR-5 (Residential Rural) ZONING DISTRICT (AL-19-034)

WHEREAS, Eric Vandenhoek did file an application with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department for approval of a special use to allow a recreational vehicle repair as a rural home occupation within the RR-5 (Residential Rural) zoning district for property in the unincorporated area of El Paso County as described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the El Paso County Planning Commission on June 2, 2020, upon which date the Planning Commission did by formal resolution recommend approval of the application with conditions and notations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by this Board on June 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence, testimony, exhibits, consideration of the master plan for the unincorporated area of the County, presentation and comments of the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department and other County representatives, comments of public officials and agencies, comments from all interested persons, comments by the general public, comments by the El Paso County Planning Commission Members, and comments by the Board of County Commissioners during the hearing, this Board finds as follows:

1. The application was properly submitted for consideration by the Planning Commission.
2. Proper posting, publication and public notice was provided as required by law for the hearing before the Planning Commission.
3. That the hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners were extensive and complete, all pertinent facts, matters and issues were submitted and reviewed, and all interested persons were heard at those hearings.
4. All exhibits were received into evidence.
5. The proposed land use does not permit the use of an area containing a commercial mineral deposit in a manner which would interfere with the present or future extraction of such deposit by an extractor.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.3.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code, as amended, in approving this special use, this Board considered one or more of the following criteria:

1. The special use is generally consistent with the applicable Master Plan;
2. The special use will generally be in harmony with the character of the neighborhood, and will generally be compatible with the existing and allowable land uses in the surrounding area;
3. The impact of the special use does not overburden or exceed the capacity of public facilities and services, or, in the alternative, the special use application demonstrates that it will provide adequate public facilities in a timely and efficient manner;
4. The special use will not create unmitigated traffic congestion or traffic hazards in the surrounding area, and has adequate, legal access;
5. The special use will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations regarding air, water, light, or noise pollution;
6. The special use will not otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the present or future residents of El Paso County; and/or
7. The special use conforms or will conform to all other applicable County rules, regulations or ordinances.
8. That for the above-stated and other reasons, the proposed special use is in the best interest of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners, Colorado, hereby approves the application for a special use to allow a recreational vehicle repair as a rural home occupation within the RR-5 (Residential Rural) zoning district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following conditions and notations shall be placed upon this approval:

**WAIVER**

The applicant is requesting a waiver of Section 5.2.29.B.7.a:

Outside storage, parking, and work areas are allowed provided these are setback a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines and are limited in combination to one acre

or 5% of the total lot or parcel area, whichever is less. The screening standards of Chapter 6 of this Code shall apply to all outside storage areas.

The applicant will meet the overall area limitation for the outside storage area of no greater than five percent. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the screening standards of Chapter 6 of the Code. The applicant has screened the outside storage area with the existing buildings as well as plantings, however, the area is not 100 percent screened from view. The applicant received a letter from the adjacent property owner located in the rear of the property, which happens to be the property with the most significant visual impacts, requesting that no privacy fence be installed to screen the area and that the Board of County Commissioners approve a waiver of this request (see attached). The outside storage area is oriented so that the existing structures screen the storage from the view of the front but the rear is only screened by the vegetation planted by the applicant following the previous special use approval. Significant impacts

The surrounding lots all consist of at least five acres and are rural in nature. The predominant fencing types are split rail or livestock fencing. A privacy fence could cause the property to stand out and may actually defeat the purpose of the screening requirements, which is to mitigate visual impacts.

#### **CONDITION**

1. The special use shall be limited to the rural home occupation as described in the applicant's letter of intent and as shown on the site plan. Any subsequent addition or modification to the operation or facility beyond that described in the applicant's letter of intent and as shown on the site plan shall be subject to administrative review, and if it is the opinion of the Planning and Community Development Department Director that it constitutes a substantial increase, then such addition or modification shall be subject to a new special use application.

#### **NOTATIONS**

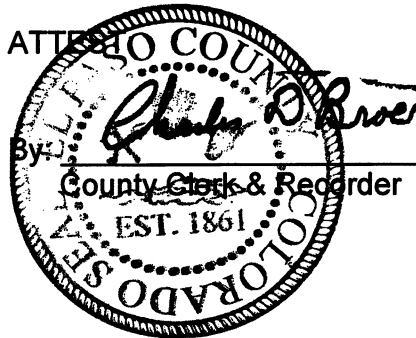
1. Special use approval includes conditions of approval and the accompanying site plan and elevation drawings. No substantial expansion, enlargement, intensification or modification shall be allowed except upon reevaluation and public hearing as specified in the El Paso County Land Development Code.
2. The Board of County Commissioners may consider revocation and/or suspension if zoning regulations and/or special use conditions/standards are being violated, preceded by notice and public hearing.

3. If the special use is discontinued or abandoned for two (2) years or longer, the special use shall be deemed abandoned and of no further force and effect.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the record and recommendations of the El Paso County Planning Commission be adopted, except as modified herein.

DONE THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO



By: [Signature]  
Chair

**EXHIBIT A**

**LOT 3 BLK 3 PINE HILLS ADD 3**