

VARIANCE OF USE (RECOMMEND APPROVAL)

CARLSON moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. VA243
5935 TEMPLETON GAP ROAD VARIANCE OF USE

WHEREAS, Great West Construction did file an application with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department for approval of a Variance of Use to allow a contractor's equipment yard use in the A-5 (Agricultural) and CAD-O (Commercial Airport Overlay) Zoning Districts 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 this Commission on September 5, 2024; 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, and comments by the El Paso County Planning Commission members during the hearing, this Commission finds as follows:

1. The application was properly submitted for consideration by the Planning Commission;
2. Proper posting, publication, and public notice were provided as required by law for the hearing before the Planning Commission;
3. The hearing before the Planning Commission was extensive and complete, that all pertinent facts, matters, and issues were submitted and that all interested persons and the general public were heard at that hearing;
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;

6. All data, surveys, analyses, studies, plans, and designs as are required by the State of Colorado and El Paso County have been submitted, reviewed, and found to meet all sound planning and engineering requirements of the El Paso County subdivision regulations; and
7. For the above-stated and other reasons, the proposed Variance of Use is in the best interest of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County.

WHEREAS, when approving a Variance of Use, the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners may consider criteria found in Section 5.3.4.C of the El Paso County Land Development Code ("Code") (as amended):

1. The strict application of any of the provisions of the Code would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or undue hardship;
2. The Variance of Use is generally consistent with the applicable Master Plan;
3. The proposed use is compatible with the surrounding area, harmonious with the character of the neighborhood, not detrimental to the surrounding area, not detrimental to the future development of the area, and not detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants of the area and County;
4. The proposed use will be able to meet air, water, odor or noise standards established by County, State, or Federal regulations during construction and upon completion of the project;
5. The proposed use will comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and all applicable County, State, and Federal regulations except those portions varied by this action;
6. The proposed use will not adversely affect wildlife or wetlands;
7. The applicant has addressed all off-site impacts;
8. The site plan for the proposed Variance of Use will provide for adequate parking, traffic circulation, open space, fencing, screening, and landscaping; and/or
9. Sewer, water, storm water drainage, fire protection, police protection, and roads will be available and adequate to serve the needs of the proposed Variance of Use as designed and proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the El Paso County Planning Commission recommends that the petition of Great West Construction for approval of a Variance of Use to allow a contractors equipment yard use in the A-5 (Agricultural) and CAD-O (Commercial Airport Overlay) Zoning Districts be approved by the Board of County Commissioners with the following conditions and notations:

CONDITIONS

1. Approval is limited to the use of a contractor's equipment yard, as discussed and depicted in the applicant's Letter of Intent, and Variance of Use Site Plan. Any subsequent addition or modification to the use beyond that described in the applicant's Letter of Intent shall be subject to approval of a new Variance of Use request.
2. Applicant to obtain driveway access permit from City of Colorado Springs.
3. Applicant shall be required to pay road impact fees in accordance with the El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program (Resolution No. 19-471). Road impact fees shall be paid at time of building permit or within thirty days of Variance of Use application approval if no building permit is required.
4. Approval of the Variance of Use shall remain in effect only so long as the existing or any future property owner resides on the property. If the property owner is not a natural person, the owner or an employee of the entity that owns the property shall reside on the property to fulfill this requirement.

NOTATIONS

1. The Board of County Commissioners may consider revocation and/or suspension if zoning regulations and/or Variance of Use conditions/standards are being violated, preceded by notice and public hearing.
2. If the Variance of Use is discontinued or abandoned for two (2) years or longer, the Variance of Use shall be deemed abandoned and of no further force and effect.
3. The underlying A-5 Zoning District and Commercial Airport Overlay District still govern the property and any future uses, density or dimensional changes to the property.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution and the recommendations contained herein be forwarded to the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners for its consideration.

SMITH seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows: (circle one)

Thomas Bailey	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Sarah Brittain Jack	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Jim Byers	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Jay Carlson	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Becky Fuller	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Jeffrey Markewich	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent

Bryce Schuettpelz	aye / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Wayne Smith	aye / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Tim Trowbridge	aye / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Christopher Whitney	aye / no / non-voting / recused / absent

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 to 0 by the El Paso County Planning Commission, State of Colorado.

DONE THIS 5th day of September 2024 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

By: 
Chair

EXHIBIT A

A TRACT IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 189 WITH THE NORTH LINE OF TEMPLETON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, THENCE NORTHERLY ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 726.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID TRACT; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SAME COURSE FOR 301 FEET; ANGLE RIGHT 90 ° (SOUTHERLY) 847.84 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF AFOREMENTIONED TRACT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR 390.23 FEET, THENCE NORTHERLY 599.50 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

