

Staff Report to the Western Weber and Ogden Valley Planning Commissions

Weber County Planning Division

Synopsis

Application Information

Application Request: Public hearing to discuss and take comment on a proposal to amend the following

section of Weber County Code: PRUD Area and Residential Density Regulations (§108-5-5) to offer more flexibility to the number of allowed dwelling units in a PRUD

and to increase open space requirements in exchange for the flexibility.

Agenda Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (Western Weber PC)

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 (Ogden Valley PC)

Staff Report Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2017

Applicant: Weber County Planning Division

File Number: ZTA 2017-14

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Applicable Ordinances

§108-5-5. - Area and residential density regulations.

Legislative Decisions

Decision on this item is a legislative action. When the Planning Commission is acting on a legislative item it is acting as a recommending body to the County Commission. Legislative decisions have wide discretion. Examples of legislative actions are general plan, zoning map, and land use code amendments. Typically, the criterion for providing a recommendation on a legislative matter suggests a review for compatibility with the general plan and existing ordinances.

Summary and Background

The county has received an application to amend the Planned Residential Unit Development (PRUD) ordinance to provide more flexibility regarding the minimum number of dwelling units allowed in a PRUD. Currently, the ordinance requires that a PRUD contain at least 24 residential units and be at least 10 acres in non-residential zones and four acres in residential zones. The applicant is requesting that an option be written that will allow the minimum number of units to be adjusted to six residential units in exchange for 80% perpetual open space and at least 20 acres of land in all zones.

Staff have reviewed the applicant's requested changes and have provided minor modifications for clarity purposes. Staff is recommending adoption of the proposed amendment.

Policy Analysis

Policy Considerations:

A planned residential unit development is a master planned community that is allowed certain flexibilities from the conventional zoning rules in exchange for a superior development. In the Western Weber planning area a PRUD is allowed bonus density and in exchange the County is given proportionate open space. In the Ogden Valley no bonus density is permitted so there is no incentive for a master planned community to preserve open space.

This amendment would make an option available for open space to be preserved a different way. If a developer is allowed to create a development with less than the 24 dwellings then (s)he would need to preserve 80 percent open space. The minimum threshold of no less than six dwelling units is also an important consideration. The Planning Commission should determine what number of dwelling units is too little for master planning to be meaningless, and does 80 percent open space provide a meaningful, valuable, and reasonable exchange for the reduction?

It should be noted that this amendment will not "retire" density. The developer is still allowed to maximize his or her development potential based on the zone, but that development potential will only be allowed on 20 percent of the land.

Another way to consider this change is to review the development potential in each zone. The following table shows the zones in which a PRUD is allowed, and the potential development density for a 20 acre PRUD:

Zone	Acreage with 24 minimum units (current req).	Density	Acreage			
F-5	120	6	30			
F-10	240	6	60	Minimum number of dwellings will		
F-40	960	6	240	require more than 20 acres.		
AV-3	72	6.66	20			
FV-3	72	6.66	20			
A-3	48	10	20			
A-1	22	21.78	20			
A-2	22	21.78	20			
FR-1	22	21.78	20			
RE-20	11.02	43.56	20			
RE-15	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	58.08	20			
R-1-12	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	72.6	20			
R-1-10	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	87.12	20			
RMH-1-6	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	124.46	20	Not affected by this amendment		
R-2	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	145.2	20	as the max density of the zone		
R-3	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	145.2	20	exceeds 24 units on 20 acres.		
FR-3	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	400	20			
CVR-1	10 (Min PRUD Acreage)	400	20			
DRR-1		Based on TDR's	20			

There isn't anything particularly magic about the current 24 unit minimum threshold, but adjusting it should be based on reasonable advancement of planning needs and equitable property rights considerations.

The benefit of allowing the applicant's proposed alternative is it might stimulate larger quantities of preserved open space on parcels of land that would not otherwise qualify for a PRUD. The Planning Commission should consider whether obtaining 80% open space in exchange for allowing less dwelling units in a master planned community is worth it.

Conformance to the General Plan

Generally, land use code changes should be vetted through the filter of policy recommendations of the applicable general plan. The 2016 Ogden Valley General Plan offers us guidance on what the community desires:

Western Weber General Plan:

The West Central Weber County general plan offers the following advice:

Policy: Pattern of Development:

The existing one and two-acre zoning lends itself to a cluster subdivision pattern of development with preservation of open space. An increase in overall density is permitted in Weber County's current Cluster Subdivision Special Provision Ordinance (Chapter 22B) for preservation of open space; however, additional incentives are desired. It is anticipated that the open space and public space allocated as a result of incentive-based increased density should be useable, undeveloped, consolidated open space in the form of parks, natural areas, sensitive lands, agriculturally productive land, or other managed open space.

Ogden Valley General Plan:

The Ogden Valley general plan suggests the following goals and principles:

Gateways and Viewsheds Goal 2: A goal of Weber County is to protect the Valley's sense of openness and rural character.

Gateways and Viewsheds Principle 2.2: Encourage creative development designs that preserve natural, agricultural, and other open spaces, including clustered and mixed-use developments.

Land Use Goal 1: A goal of Weber County is to reduce the overall amount and impact of future land development in the Ogden Valley planning area.

Land Use Principle 1.5: Encourage new development to locate in areas where water and sewer service could be provided by a sewer system. Encourage clustered residential developments with smaller building lots and larger areas of open space for most subdivisions.

If the Planning Commission(s) can determine that the proposal will advance the objectives of their general plan it should recommend approval of the proposal to the County Commission.

Past Action on this Item

No action has occurred on this item.

Noticing Compliance

A hearing for this item before the Planning Commission has been posted for public notice in compliance with UCA §17-27a-205 and UCA §17-27a-502 in the following manners:

Posted on the County's Official Website

Posted on the Utah Public Notice Website

Published in a local newspaper

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission consider the text included as Exhibit B and Exhibit C and offer staff critical feedback for additional amendments, if needed. If the Planning Commission is comfortable with the proposal, it could be forwarded to the County Commission with the following findings:

- 1. The changes are generally supported by the general plan.
- 2. The changes will offer an avenue for more preserved open spaces.
- 3. The changes are not detrimental to the general health and welfare of County residents.

Exhibits

- A. Proposed Ordinance Changes Track Change Copy.
- B. Proposed Ordinance Changes Clean Copy.
- C. Application from applicant.

Sec. 108-5-5. - Area and residential density regulations.

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- (a) A PRUD shall contain a minimum area of 24 dwelling units and be a minimum of four acres in all residential zones and ten acres in all other zones, where permitted, ten acres and consist of at least 24 housing units in all forestry and agricultural zones, and contain a minimum area of four acres in all residential zones. In all zones, the minimum number of dwelling units may be reduced to six if the PRUD contains a minimum area of 20 acres and provides a common open space easement, as defined in Section 108-5-1, over at least 80 percent of the PRUD's gross acreage.
- (b) The number of dwelling units in a PRUD shall be the same as the number permitted by the lot area requirements of the same zone in which the PRUD is located. Land used for schools, churches, other nonresidential service type buildings and uses, for streets and exclusively for access to the useable area of a PRUD shall not be included in the area for determining the number of allowable dwelling units.
- (c) Not withstanding section 108-5-5(b), the county may, at its discretion, allow for an increased number of residential lots in a PRUD by awarding bonus densities to those PRUDs developed within the Western Weber County Planning Area. PRUDs developed within the Ogden Valley Planning Area are not eligible for bonus densities. The following presents the bonus density opportunities that are available to PRUDs located within specific zoning classification boundaries:
 - (1) In the Forest (F-40) and the Residential Estates (RE-15 and RE-20) Zones, the county may award a maximum bonus density of ten percent based on an accumulation of any combination of the following:
 - a. If the PRUD provides a minimum of one road stub to an adjacent property where the planning commission determines that streets are needed to provide for current or future traffic circulation, up to a five percent bonus density may be granted.
 - b. If the PRUD provides a minimum of one approved public access to public lands, up to a five percent bonus density may be granted.
 - c. If the PRUD provides common area that offers easily accessible amenities, such as a trail, park, or community garden, that are open for use by the general public, up to a five percent bonus density may be granted.
 - d. If the PRUD dedicates and conveys to the county, the state division of wildlife resources, or both, an open space easement that permanently preserves areas that have been identified by the state division of wildlife resources as having substantial or crucial wildlife habitat value, up to a ten percent bonus density may be granted.
 - (2) In the Agricultural (A-1, A-2, and A-3) Zones, the county may grant a bonus density of up to 30 percent if the applicant preserves open space area equal to or greater than 30 percent of the PRUD's adjusted gross acreage as defined in section 101-1-7. However, if the applicant preserves open space area above 30 percent, the county may grant a bonus density of up to 50 percent. Overall bonus density potential shall be no greater than a percentage equal to the percentage of the PRUD's total area preserved as open space. The county may award bonus densities based on an accumulation of any combination of the following:
 - a. If a PRUD provides and implements an approved roadway landscape and design plan that includes, but is not necessarily limited to, vehicle and pedestrian circulation, lighting, and street trees of an appropriate species, size of at least a two-inch caliper, and quantity of not less than eight trees for every 100 feet of road length, up to 20 percent bonus density may be granted.
 - For each five percent increment of open space preserved over 50 percent: a five percent bonus density shall be granted up to the total bonus density allowed by subsection (c)(2).
 - If a PRUD provides a minimum of one approved access to public lands, up to a ten percent bonus density may be granted.

Comment [c1]: What about CVR-1 and FR-1 zones?

Comment [c2]: There are a couple of smaller-lot residential zones in the Wolf Creek area and the Uintah Highlands. Think about the effect of this in that context as well.

Comment [c3]: Check Reference

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- e. If a PRUD donates and/or permanently preserves a site determined to be desirable and necessary, to a local park district or other county approved entity, for the perpetual location and operation of a public park, cultural, or other recreation facility; up to a 20 percent bonus may be granted.
- f. If ten percent of the lots and homes in a PRUD are permanently set aside for affordable housing as outlined by the Affordable Housing Act of 1990, up to a 20 percent bonus density may be granted. If a bonus density is granted to affordable housing, the applicant shall:
 - Present and gain county approval of an effective plan and method for guaranteeing and enforcing perpetual affordability. Any method used, such as an affordable housing deed restriction, shall limit the sale or rental of the affected lots and homes to a household with an income at or below 80 percent of the county median income;
 - 2. Identify and label, on the final plat, the lots set aside as affordable housing lots; and
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- g. If a PRUD preserves an agricultural parcel with an agriculturally based open space preservation plan approved by the planning commission and records an agricultural preservation easement on the parcel, a bonus density may be approved as follows:
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 - 2. For a parcel containing at least 20 acres but fewer than 30 acres, up to a 20 percent bonus density may be granted.
 - 3. For a parcel containing at least 30 acres but fewer than 40 acres, up to a 30 percent bonus density may be granted.
 - 4. For a parcel containing at least 40 acres but fewer than 50 acres, up to a 40 percent bonus density may be granted.
 - For a parcel containing at least 50 acres or more, up to a 50 percent bonus density may be granted.
- h. If a PRUD provides for the preservation of historical sites and buildings that have been identified by the state historic preservation office as having notable historical value, up to a five percent bonus density may be granted.
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(e) It is not the purpose of the PRUD provision to allow an increase in the housing density of a PRUD beyond what county development ordinances would normally allow, by requesting housing unit credit and transfer for lands to be included in the PRUD boundary as common open space which have little or no possibility of housing development. Such areas may include swamp lands, bodies of water, excessively steep slopes and hillsides, mountain areas which do not have the capability of housing development due to lack of water, access, natural resource limitations, etc. Therefore, the planning commission shall determine what part if any, of such lands may be included in a PRUD as useable open space common area for which dwelling unit credit is being requested for transfer to developable portions of the PRUD and, when such determination justifies such inclusion, the planning commission shall allow the transfer of units. In making this determination, the planning commission shall be guided by the following factors:

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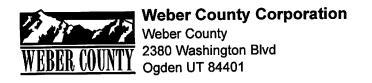
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Weber County General Plan or Text Amendment Application								
Application submittals will be accepted by appointment only. (801) 399-8791. 2380 Washington Blvd. Suite 240, Ogden, UT 84401								
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