

SANDY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 72 Fire Prevention Division

E-mail Memorandum

To: Emily Meharg From: Gary Boyles

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Re: Fire District Comments for Sandy Woods Phase II – 43 Lot Subdivision

Review and comments are based upon the current version of the Oregon Fire Code (OFC) as adopted by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal. The scope of this review is typically limited to fire apparatus access and water supply, although the applicant shall comply with all applicable OFC requirements. When buildings are completely protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system, the requirements for fire apparatus access and water supply may be modified as approved by the fire code official. References, unless otherwise specified, include provisions found in the Metro Code Committee's Fire Code Applications Guide, OFC Chapter 5 and appendices B, C and D.

COMMENTS:

General

- 1. Construction documents detailing compliance with fire apparatus access and fire protection water supply requirements shall be provided to Sandy Fire District for review and approval upon building permit submittal.
- 2. Approved fire apparatus access roadways and an approved water supply for fire protection, either temporary or permanent, shall be installed and operational prior to any combustible construction or storage of combustible materials on site in accordance with OFC Chapter 33.
- 3. Buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property.

Fire Apparatus Access

FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD (as defined by the OFC). A road that provides fire apparatus access from a fire station to a facility, building or portion thereof. This is a general term inclusive of all other terms such as *fire lane*, public street, private street, parking lot lane and access roadway.

- 1. Fire apparatus access roads shall be within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior wall of the first story of any building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building. An approved turnaround will be required if the remaining distance to an approved intersecting roadway, as measured along the fire apparatus access road, is greater than 150 feet.
- 2. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed driving surface width of not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13 feet 6 inches.
- 3. Facilities, buildings, or portions of buildings hereafter constructed shall be accessible to fire department apparatus by way of an approved fire apparatus access road with an asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface capable of supporting the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing up to 75,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight). Documentation from a registered engineer that the final construction is in accordance with approved plans, or the requirements of the OFC may be requested.
- 4. The inside turning radius and outside turning radius for fire apparatus access roads shall be not less than 28 feet and 48 feet respectively, measured from the same center point.
- 5. Streets and roads shall be identified with approved signs. Temporary signs shall be installed at each street intersection when construction of new roadways allows passage by vehicles.
- 6. Where fire apparatus roadways are not of sufficient width to accommodate parked vehicles and 20 feet of unobstructed driving surface, "NO PARKING-FIRE LANE" signs shall be placed on one or both sides of the roadway and in turnarounds as needed.

Firefighting Water Supplies

- 1. The minimum available fire flow for one- and two-family dwellings served by a municipal water supply shall be 1,000 gpm at 20 psi residual provided the fire area of the dwelling(s) does not exceed 3,600 square feet. For dwellings that exceed 3,600 square feet, the required fire-flow shall be determined in accordance with OFC Appendix B, Table B105.1(2).
- 2. Fire flow testing will be required to determine available fire flow. Testing will be the responsibility of the applicant. Applicant to contact the City of Sandy Public Works for testing information and requirements and notify the Fire Marshal prior to fire flow testing.
- 3. For one- and two-family dwellings served by a municipal water system, all portions of the dwellings shall be located within 600 feet from a fire hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured in an approved route that is approved by the fire code official (The intent is that not more than 600 feet of hose will have to be laid out to reach all portions of the exterior grade level of a structure).
- 4. Prior to the start of combustible construction, required fire hydrants shall be operational and accessible.

- 5. Fire hydrants installed within the Sandy Fire District shall comply with the following requirements:
 - a. Flow requirements and location of fire hydrants will be reviewed and approved by Sandy Fire upon building permit submittal.
 - b. Each new fire hydrant installed shall be ordered in an OSHA safety red finish and have a 4-inch non-threaded metal faced hydrant connection with cap installed on the steamer port. If a new building, structure, or dwelling is already served by an existing hydrant, the existing hydrant shall also be OSHA safety red and have a 4-inch non-threaded metal faced hydrant connection with cap installed.
- 6. The minimum number and distribution of fire hydrants shall be in accordance with City of Sandy requirements and OFC Appendix C.

NOTE:

Sandy Fire District comments may not be all inclusive based on information provided. A more detailed review may be needed for future development to proceed.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fire Marshal Gary Boyles at 503-891-7042 or mboyles.sandyfire@gmail.com should you have any questions or concerns.