

Attention Property Owner: A land use proposal has been submitted for property near where you live or near property you own elsewhere. State law requires that the county notify property owners within a certain distance from this property. The proposal and address of the property is described in the "Application" section below. The decision in this case does not directly affect the zoning or use of your property. If you object to the decision, refer to the "Appeal" section. If you have questions, contact the staff person listed at the end of this report.

**NOTICE OF DECISION
PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT CASE NO. 25-007**

APPLICATION: Application of John and Jonette Knebes for a property line adjustment to adjust the property lines on a 3.68-acre parcel and a 4.29-acre parcel to create a 3.48-acre parcel and a 4.49-acre parcel in an EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) zone located at 594 Cordon Rd SE, Salem (T7S; R2W; Section 32A, Tax lots 500 and 700).

DECISION: The Planning Director for Marion County has **APPROVED** the above-listed Property Line Adjustment application subject to certain conditions.

EXPIRATION DATE: Title transfer instruments accomplishing the property adjustments shall be recorded by the applicants with the Marion County Clerk by **April 17th, 2027** (two years). The effective period of an approved application may be extended for an additional year subject to approval of an extension (Extension form available from the Planning Division). **Additional extensions may not be granted if the regulations under which this decision was granted have changed since the original approval.**

WARNING: A decision approving the proposed uses is for land use purposes only. Due to septic, well and drainfield replacement areas, this parcel may not be able to support the proposed activities. To be sure the subject property can accommodate the proposed use the applicant needs to check with the Building Inspection Division, (503) 588-5147.

This decision does not include approval of a building permit.

CONDITIONS: The following conditions must be met before a building permit can be obtained or the approved use established:

1. A re-plat (**in the form of a partition plat**) is required, due to the adjustment or elimination of a partition plat parcel line or subdivision lot line.

Re-plat: (Re-configuration of lots or parcels and public easements within a recorded plat)

- 1) Must be surveyed and platted per ORS 92.050, and the plat submitted for review.
- 2) Checking fee and recording fees required.
- 3) A current or updated title report must be submitted at the time of review.
- 4) The portion of the subdivision or partition plat proposed for replatting contains utility easement(s) that will need to be addressed. Per ORS 92.185 (4), when a utility easement is proposed to be realigned, reduced in width or omitted by a replat, all affected utility companies or public agencies shall be notified, consistent with a governing body's notice to owners of property contiguous to the proposed plat. Any utility company that desires to maintain an easement subject to vacation must notify the governing body in writing within 14 days of the mailing or other service of the notice.

If it is necessary to re-configure the utility easement created by this partition plat (see map), then it will be the responsibility of the applicant to determine the names of all of the utility companies affected by the proposed re-configuration and give this list of names to the Marion County Surveyor's Office. Letters of notice will be sent by this office to the affected utility companies, who will determine whether or not the easement is to be maintained.

2. Prior to recording the deeds, the applicants shall obtain any septic review and/or evaluations that may be required from the Marion County Building Inspection Division.
3. The resulting parcels shall significantly conform to the site plan submitted with the proposal. Minor variations are permitted upon review and approval by the Planning Director.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS: Once the approved use is established the following conditions must be continually satisfied:

4. After the property line adjustment has been completed, no alteration of property lines shall be permitted without first obtaining approval from the Planning Director.

OTHER PERMITS, FEES, AND RESTRICTIONS: This approval does not remove or affect any covenants or restrictions imposed on the subject property by deed or other instrument. The proposed use may require permits and/or fees from other local, State or Federal agencies. This decision does not take the place of, or relieve the responsibility for obtaining other permits or satisfying any restrictions or conditions thereon. It is recommended that the agencies mentioned in Finding #6 below be contacted to identify restrictions or necessary permits.

5. Prior to recording the deed all taxes due must be paid to the Marion County Assessor Tax Section (contact them at (503) 588-5215 for verification of payments).
6. The applicants should contact the Marion County No. 1 Fire District to obtain a copy of the District's Recommended Building Access and Premise Identification regulations and the Marion County Fire Code Applications Guide. Fire District access standards may be more restrictive than County standards.

APPEAL PROCEDURE: The Marion County Zone Code provides that certain applications be considered first by the County Planning Director. If there is any doubt that the application conforms with adopted land use policies and regulations the Director must condition or deny the application. Anyone who disagrees with the Director's decision may request that the application be considered by a Marion County hearings officer after a public hearing. The applicant may also request reconsideration (one time only and a fee of \$200) on the basis of new information subject to signing an extension of the 150-day time limit for review of zoning applications.

A public hearing is held on appeals subject to the appellant paying a \$250.00 fee. Requests for reconsideration, or consideration by a hearings officer, must be in writing (form available from the Planning Division) and received in the Marion County Planning Division, 5155 Silverton Road NE, Salem, by 5:00 p.m. on **April 17th, 2025**. If you have questions about this decision contact the Planning Division at (503) 588-5038 or at the office. This decision is effective **April 18th, 2025** unless further consideration is requested.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: Findings and conclusions on which decision was based are noted below.

1. The subject properties are designated Special Agriculture in the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and correspondingly zoned SA (Special Agriculture). The primary intent of both this designation and zone is to promote and protect small farm operations or areas with a mixture of good and poor farm soils.
2. The properties are located directly east of the Salem Urban Growth Boundary on Cordon Rd NE, a 1/3rd mile south of the intersection at Cordon Rd and State St. The parcels have an abundance of trees and vegetation across the landscape and there is no agricultural activity on the parcel. Tax lot 700 is 3.68 acres and consists of a single-family dwelling and an accessory structure. Tax lot 500 is 4.29 acres and is undeveloped. Research into the history of the subject parcels found that they were part of the Wagon Road Estates Subdivision, platted in 1975 and recorded in the Book of Town Plats (Vol. 30 Page 7). Both lots were sold separately in 1976 and 1977 and have not changed their configuration since. The parcels have not changed their configuration since this description and are therefore legal for land use purposes.
3. All adjacent properties to the subject parcels are zoned SA (Special Agriculture) and were created in the Wagon Road Estates Subdivision. These properties consist of wooded, mid-sized acreage home sites.
4. Soil Survey for Marion County, Oregon, indicates approximately 99.6% of the soils on the subject tax lots are classified as high value.
5. The applicants are proposing to adjust the property lines on a 3.68-acre parcel and a 4.29-acre parcel to create a 3.48-acre parcel and a 4.49-acre parcel. The purpose of this adjustment is to make the property line more parallel with the driveway on Tax lot 500.
6. Various agencies were contacted about the proposal and given an opportunity to comment.

Marion County Survey commented: A re-plat (**in the form of a partition plat**) is required, due to the adjustment or elimination of a partition plat parcel line or subdivision lot line.

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If it is necessary to re-configure the utility easement created by this partition plat (see map), then it will be the responsibility of the applicant to determine the names of all of the utility companies affected by the proposed re-configuration and give this list of names to the Marion County Surveyor's Office. Letters of notice will be sent by this office to the affected utility companies, who will determine whether or not the easement is to be maintained.

Marion County Assessor's Office provided information regarding taxes on the subject properties.

All other contacted agencies either failed to comment or stated no objection to the proposal.

7. The criteria for reviewing lot line adjustments within an SA zone are listed in Chapter 17.137.090(C) MCC. These criteria are as follows:

A. When one or more lots or parcels subject to a proposed property line adjustment are larger than the minimum parcel size pursuant to subsection (A)(1) of this section, the same number of lots or parcels shall be as large or larger than the minimum parcel size after the adjustment. When all lots or parcels subject to the proposed adjustment are as large or larger than the minimum parcel size, no lot or parcel shall be reduced below the applicable minimum parcel size. If all lots or parcels are smaller than the minimum parcel size before the property line adjustment, the minimum parcel size pursuant to this section does not apply to those lots or parcels

The minimum parcel size listed in MCC 17.137.090(A)(1) for SA parcels is 80 acres. Both parcels are under this threshold, therefore, this section does not apply.

B. If the minimum parcel size in subsection (A)(1) of this section is larger than 80 acres, and a lot or parcel subject to property line adjustment is smaller than the minimum parcel size but larger than 80 acres, the lot or parcel shall not be reduced in size through property line adjustment to less than 80 acres.

The minimum parcel size is not larger than 80 acres; both parcels are under the minimum parcel size. Therefore, this section does not apply.

C. Any property line adjustment shall result in a configuration of lots or parcels that are at least as suitable for commercial agriculture as were the parcels prior to the adjustment.

The applicants state their intent is to make the lot line parallel to the driveway on the southern parcel. Of the two parcels, the northern property has the greater potential to be farmed due to the larger acreage and lack of development. This parcel will acquire undeveloped land, increasing the amount of potential farmland. If not adjusted, this land would not be as farmable due to the size and enclosure of the driveway. Consolidating the undeveloped land on the parcels makes them at least as suitable for commercial agriculture. The criterion is met.

D. A property line adjustment may not be used to:

- a. *Decrease the size of a lot or parcel that, before the relocation or elimination of the common property line, is smaller than the minimum lot or parcel size for the applicable zone and contains an existing dwelling or is approved for the construction of a dwelling, if the abutting vacant tract would be increased to a size as large as or larger than the minimum tract size required to qualify the vacant tract for a dwelling;*
- b. *Decrease the size of a lot or parcel that contains an existing dwelling or is approved for construction of a dwelling to a size smaller than the minimum lot or parcel size, if the abutting vacant tract would be increased to a size as large as or larger than the minimum tract size required to qualify the vacant tract for a dwelling;*
- c. *Allow an area of land used to qualify a tract for a dwelling based on an acreage standard to be used to qualify another tract for a dwelling if the land use approval would be based on an acreage standard; or*
- d. *Adjust a property line that resulted from a subdivision or partition authorized by a Measure 49 waiver so that any lawfully established unit of land affected by the property line adjustment is larger than the size granted by the waiver.*

No lot will be increased larger than the minimum parcel size. Though the lot with an existing dwelling is decreasing in size, the lot without a dwelling will not be increased to a size to qualify for an dwelling. Neither parcel can qualify for a dwelling because of this property line adjustment, and neither parcel was the subject of a Measure 49 Claim. The criterion does not apply.

- E. *Any property line adjustment that results in an existing dwelling being located on a different parcel shall not be subject to the standards in MCC 17.137.030(A) so long as the adjustment:*
 - a. *Does not increase any adverse impacts on the continued practice of commercial agriculture on the resulting parcels;*
 - b. *Does not increase the potential number of dwellings on the resulting parcels; and*
 - c. *Does not allow an area of land used to qualify a tract for a dwelling based on an acreage standard to be used to qualify another tract for a dwelling if the land use approval would be based on an acreage standard.*

The subject properties will not qualify for a dwelling based on the proposed acreage of the properties. No dwelling will be located on a different resulting parcel. The proposed property line adjustment will not have any adverse impact on commercial agriculture, as commercial farming potential will be maximized by this property line adjustment. The criterion is met.

- 8. Under MCC 17.172.120(E) Property line adjustment deeds shall be recorded with the Marion County clerk's office prior to submitting the property line adjustment survey, if a survey is required. Deed recording reference numbers shall be noted on the required survey.
- 9. The resulting lots shall significantly conform to the site plan submitted with the proposal. Minor variations are permitted upon review and approval of the Planning Director.
- 10. Based on the above findings, the applicants' proposal meets the criteria for a property line adjustment in an SA zone. The property line adjustment request is, therefore, **APPROVED**.

Brandon Reich
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

Date: April 2nd, 2025

If you have any questions regarding this decision, contact Gillian Peden at (503) 588-5038.

Notice to Mortgagee, Lienholder, Vendor or Seller: ORS Chapter 215 requires that if you receive this Notice, it must promptly be forwarded to the purchaser.

ZONING MAP

Input Taxlot(s): 072W32A000500, 072W32A000700

Owner Name: KNEBES FAM TR & KNEBES, JOHN M
TRE & KNEBES, JONETTE R TRE

Situs Address: 594 CORDON RD SE
City/State/Zip: SALEM, OR, 97317
Land Use Zone: SA
School District: SALEM-KEIZER
Fire District: MARION COUNTY NO.1

Legend



Input Taxlots



Lakes & Rivers



- Highways



Cities



scale: 1 in = 399 ft

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