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SOLANO COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Staff Report LLA-22-02 & CC-22-03

Application No. LLA-22-02 & CC-22-03 (Siegal - Ou)

Project Planner: Eric Wilberg, Senior Planner

Meeting of April 20, 2023

Agenda Item No. 1

Property Owner – Lot 1

Steven Siegal No Situs

Fairfield, CA 94534

Property Owner – Lot 2

Weiyao (Olivia) Ou 4311 Stonefield Lane Fairfield, CA 94534

Action Requested

Public Hearing to consider Lot Line Adjustment application LLA-22-02 of Steven Siegal and Weiyao Ou to transfer two 8,145 square foot portions of land between two adjacent lots located near Stonefield Lane, one mile northwest of the City of Fairfield, within the Rural Residential "RR-5" and Exclusive Agriculture "A-20" Zoning Districts: APN's 0153-170-030, 190, and 290.

General Plan Designation, Zoning District, and Existing Land Use

	General Plan	Zoning	Land Use	
Subject Site	Rural Residential / Agriculture	"RR-5" and "A-20"	Undeveloped / Residential	
North	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture "A-20"	Residential	
South	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture "A-20"	Agriculture	
East	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture "A-20"	Residential	
West	Rural Residential	Rural Residential "RR-5"	Residential	

SETTING

The subject site consists of three Assessor's parcels totaling 29.88 acres, located along Stonefield Lane and Rockville Heights. The Siegal owned parcels (APNs 0153-170-030 and 190) are 8.98 acres and zoned Rural Residential "RR-5". APN 0153-170-030 is developed with a primary dwelling and 0153-170-190 is undeveloped. The Ou owned parcel (APN 0153-170-290) is 20 acres and zoned Exclusive Agriculture "A-20". This parcel is developed with a primary dwelling.

Surrounding properties generally consist of 20-acre agricultural parcels along Stonefield Lane and 5-acre rural residential parcels along Rockville Heights.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal involves transferring two separate 8,145 square foot portions of land between the Siegal and Ou properties. The intent of the lot line adjustment is to address existing grading and tree clearance by Siegal on the Ou property. Transfer of a separate portion of acreage from Siegal to Ou results in no net change in acreage for either lot.

The common property line being adjusted also coincides with the boundary between the Rural Residential "RR-5" and the Exclusive Agriculture "A-20" Zoning Districts. In order to maintain appropriate zoning for the entirety of each lot and prevent a split-zone scenario, the project involves realigning the RR-5 and A-20 boundary to match the reconfigured parcels.

On August 4, 2022 the Planning Commission considered Rezoning Petition Z-22-01 and forwarded a recommendation to approve the rezone on to the Board of Supervisors. Zoning Administrator approval of this lot line adjustment is contingent upon effective rezoning by the Board.

The lot line adjustment results in the equal transfer of square footage between the lots and results in no net change in acreage for either lot.

OWNER	APN	EXISTING SIZE	PROPOSED SIZE	NET CHANGE
Siegal	0153-170-030 and 190	8.98 ac	8.98 ac	
Ou	0153-170-290	20.00 ac	20.00 ac	

CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

General Plan & Zoning

The General Plan Land Use Diagram designates the western portion of the site Rural Residential and the eastern portion of the site Agriculture. The land use designations coincide with the zoning districts applied to the lot ownerships. As noted, the Siegal property is zoned Rural Residential "RR-5" and the Ou property is zoned Exclusive Agriculture "A-20". As seen on the General Plan/Zoning Consistency Table (Table LU-7 General Plan), the zoning districts are consistent with the general plan designations.

As there is no net change in acreage for either lot and no lot will be made non-conforming with respect to minimum parcel size, both reconfigured lots remain consistent with their respective general plan designation and zoning district.

Subdivision Ordinance

The applicant has supplied adequate information to accompany the lot line adjustment application per County Subdivision Ordinance Section 26-41.1. The proposal is consistent with allowable land uses and development standards of the Exclusive Agriculture "A-20" and Rural Residential "RR-5" Zoning Districts. The proposal involves the reconfiguration of two legal lots and no additional lots would be created.

The lot line adjustment shall not become operative until a certificate of compliance is filed with the Solano County Recorder's office. Details regarding the certificate of compliance process are described in Condition of Approval No. 2.

Environmental Analysis

The proposed lot line adjustment is a ministerial action and is therefore not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 21080(b)(1).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Zoning Administrator **ADOPT** the attached resolution with respect to the enumerated findings and **APPROVE** Lot Line Adjustment LLA-22-02 subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Draft Resolution

B - Assessor Parcel Map

C - Lot Line Adjustment Map

D – Vicinity Map

SOLANO COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR RESOLUTION NO. 23-xx

WHEREAS, the Solano County Zoning Administrator has considered Lot Line Adjustment application No. LLA-22-02 and Certificate of Compliance No. CC-22-03 of Steven Siegal and Weiyao (Olivia) Ou to transfer two 8,145 square foot portions of land between two adjacent lots located near Stonefield Lane, one mile northwest of the City of Fairfield, within the Rural Residential "RR-5" and Exclusive Agriculture "A-20" Zoning Districts: APN's 0153-170-030,190, and 290, and;

WHEREAS, said Zoning Administrator has reviewed the Department of Resource Management's report and heard testimony relative to the subject application at the duly noticed public hearing held on April 20, 2023 and;

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Zoning Administrator has made the following findings in regard to said proposal:

1. The adjustment is consistent with applicable building ordinances and no conforming lot will be made nonconforming with applicable zoning requirements, and the adjustment will not reduce the aggregate area of all affected lots which do not meet the minimum area requirements of their zoning designations, pursuant to Section 66412(d) of the Subdivision Map Act.

The proposal is consistent with applicable building codes and no lot will be made nonconforming with regard to zoning regulations. Each resulting parcel exceeds the minimum parcel size requirement for their respective zoning district.

2. Approval of the lot line adjustment will not create a greater number of parcels than originally existed.

The lot line adjustment does not result in the creation of any additional lots.

3. A letter signed by the Solano County Tax Collector, stating that there are no liens against the properties or any part thereof for unpaid State, County, municipal or local taxes or special assessments collected as taxes, except taxes or special assessments not yet payable, and stating that security has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the estimated taxes which are a lien on the property but not yet payable for taxes and special assessments, and stating that security satisfy the requirements of Section 66493 of the Subdivision Map Act will be provided.

A signed Tax Certificate shall be obtained from the County Tax Collector. The Tax Certificate shall be recorded as part of the Certificate of Compliance package.

4. The proposed lot line adjustment is a ministerial action and is therefore not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 21080 (b) (1).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Zoning Administrator has approved Lot Line Adjustment application LLA-22-02 subject to the following recommended conditions of approval:

- 1. The Lot Line Adjustment shall be established in compliance with the application materials and tentative lot line adjustment map prepared by Robert A. Karn & Associates, Inc., dated February 23, 2023, and as approved by the Solano County Zoning Administrator.
- 2. A Certificate of Compliance demonstrating that the subject lot line has been adjusted in accord with the State of California Subdivision Map Act and Solano County Subdivision Ordinance regulations shall be recorded with the Solano County Recorder's Office within one (1) year of the tentative approval by the Zoning Administrator. Failure to record a Certificate of Compliance within one year of Hearing Authority approval shall render the Lot Line Adjustment null and void.

Submittal of additional documents is required in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the Planning Division. The applicant shall initiate this step by submitting written legal descriptions of the parcels as adjusted to the Planning Services Division. The legal descriptions shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor or civil engineer licensed to survey in the State of California and each page of the legal descriptions must be signed and sealed by the professional preparing the descriptions. Upon review and approval of the legal descriptions by the Planning Division and Solano County Surveyor, a Certificate of Compliance will be prepared and forwarded by the Planning Services Division to the Title Company/Escrow Officer identified on the Lot line Adjustment application, with instruction to the Title Company/Escrow Officer to prepare new grant deeds reflecting the property boundaries as adjusted.

Prior to recordation of the Certificate of Compliance, the permittee shall obtain the following documents to accompany the Certificate of Compliance:

- a) Grant Deed(s) that convey the adjustment area(s) between the parcel owners.
- b) Any conveyance documents that may be required for the relocation and/or extensions of existing utilities and easements.
- A statement, certificate, or security indicating there are no liens against the properties for any unpaid taxes or special assessments. Property owners shall work with their representative title company and contact the Solano County Assessor's Mapping Department to initiate the "Tax Certificate" process. Fees are collected by the Assessor's Office to begin this process.

Once all of the necessary documents have been obtained by permittee, the applicant or its Title Company shall transmit all necessary documents along with the Certificate of Compliance to the Solano County Recorder for recordation, thus completing the Lot Line Adjustment approval process.

3. Deed of Trust agreements which encumber only portions of conforming legal lots are violations of the Subdivision Map Act. The permittee shall ensure that any Deed of Trust agreements on the subject properties conform with the adjusted lot boundaries.

4. The Certificate of Compliance shall not be recorded until after Rezoning Petition Z-22-01 receives approval by the Board of Supervisors and the rezoning becomes effective.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Solano County Zoning Administrator on April 20, 2023.

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