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Staff Report WA-24-01

Application No. WA-24-01 Project Planner: Abigail Pipkin, Assistant Planner	Notice of Intent mailed out: Yes ZA Agenda: October 3, 2024
Applicant	Property Owner
Jody Brazil – Brazil Ranches – Dixon, LLC P.O. Box 750115 Petaluma, CA 94975-0115	Same as the applicant.

Action Requested

Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver WA-24-01 from Jody Brazil to waive the enclosed two (2) car garage requirement for a primary dwelling per section 28.27.10 B of the Solano County Code in favor of two (2) gravel parking spaces to the south of the proposed dwelling at 7401 Binghamton Road, approximately 5.4 miles southwest of the City of Dixon in the Exclusive Agriculture (A-80) Zoning District, APN 0143-150-110.

Property Information

Size: 157 acres	Location: 7401 Binghamton Road	
APN: 0143-150-110		
Zoning: Agricultural 80 acre (A-80)	Land Use: Agriculture	
General Plan: Agriculture – Resource	Ag. Contract: WA 629	
Conservation Overlay		
Utilities: Maine Prairie Water District	Access: Binghamton Rd	

Adjacent General Plan Designation, Zoning District, and Existing Land Use

	General Plan	Zoning	Land Use
North	Agricultural – Resource	Agricultural – 80 acre	Agriculture
	Conservation Overlay		
South	Agricultural – Resource	Agricultural – 80 acre	Agriculture
	Conservation Overlay		
East	Agricultural – Resource	Agricultural – 80 acre	Agriculture
	Conservation Overlay		
West	Agricultural	Agricultural – 80 acre	Agriculture

Environmental Analysis

The Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver application is a ministerial action, therefore exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act per CEQA Section 21080(b)(1).

Motion to Approve

Staff recommends that the Director **approve** the Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver Application No. WA-24-01.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site, Assessor Parcel Number (APN 0143-150-110), is located at 7401 Binghamton Road, approximately five (5) miles southeast of the City of Dixon. The parcel is used for cattle ranching and the existing development consists of a barn.

Figure 1 below is a vicinity map indicating the subject site's location.



Figure 1 - Vicinity Map

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant proposes a new single-family dwelling used as the ranch caretaker's residence that meets all of the standards for a Primary Dwelling in Section 28.72.10 except for the two-car enclosed garage requirement in Section 28.72.10(B)(1). The applicant has requested this Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver to waive the two-car enclosed garage standard per Section 28.108(A) of the Solano County code and instead provide a gravel parking area 24' x 30' with adequate parking for two residential vehicles to the south of the proposed residence (Attachment A).

The new home replaces an agriculture employee home that was destroyed by a fire on the ranch. The additional costs of adding a garage would push the rebuild beyond what can be afforded for a replacement.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS

The parcel is located in rural Dixon on a 157-acre parcel. The surrounding zoning enforces a minimum parcel size of 80 acres, leading to a low-density population. The surrounding environment is largely used for agriculture, and many of the existing dwellings pre-date the enclosed two-car garage requirement. The dwelling that was destroyed in the fire did not have a garage, therefore the proposed project is consistent with the parcel's historic development.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Pursuant to Section 28.04 (F) Notice for Waivers, a 10-day Notice of Intent has been provided to property owners contiguous to the project location as shown on the latest equalized assessment roll. As of this writing, no objection from any adjacent property owner has been received.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on these findings of neighborhood compatibility, staff recommends that the Director approve Waiver application number WA-24-01 to waive the enclosed two (2) car garage requirement for the proposed primary dwelling in favor of a gravel 24' x 30' parking area where two (2) residential vehicles can adequately be stored, located at 7401 Binghamton Road, APN 0143-150-110.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL

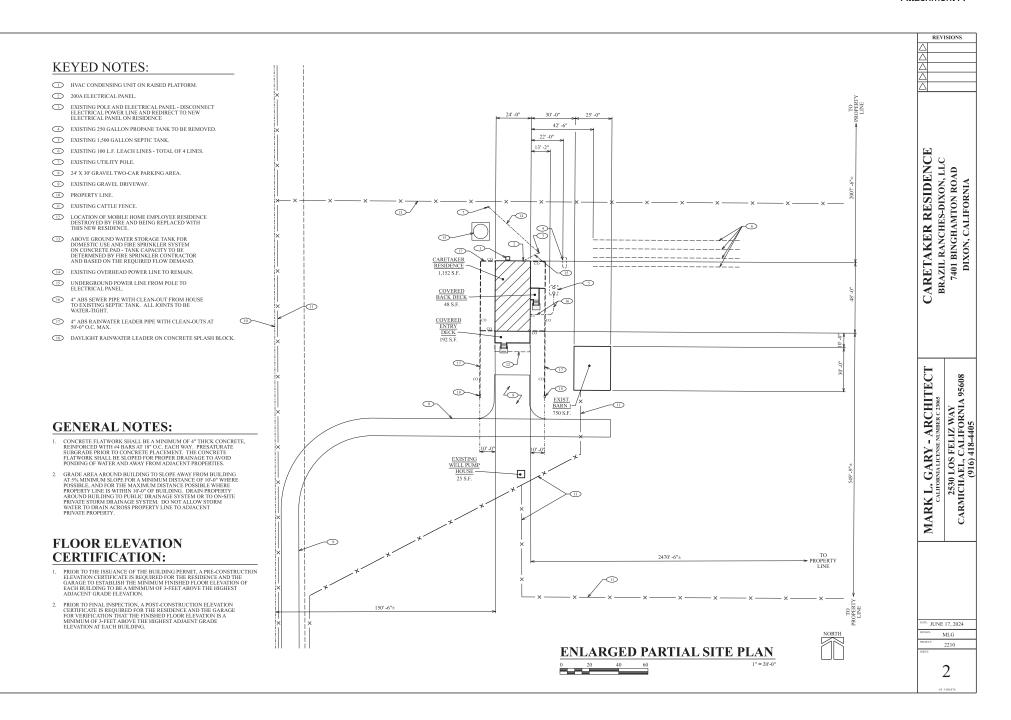
As Zoning Administrator of Solano County, I, Allan Calder, hereby approve Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver Application No. WA-24-01 and waive the enclosed two (2) car garage requirement for the as-built primary dwelling in favor of two (2) uncovered parking spaces adjacent to the driveway and proposed dwelling, located at 7401 Binghamton Road, APN 0143-150-110.

Attachment A: Site Plan
Attachment B: Notice of Intent

Approved by:

Allan Calder, Planning Program Manager

Date: October 3, 2024



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NOTICE of INTENT **Community Compatibility Waiver** WA-24-01

This notice is to inform you that the Solano County Department of Resource Management has received Neighborhood Compatibility Waiver application no. WA-24-01 from Jody Brazil to waive the enclosed two (2) car garage requirement for a primary dwelling per section 28.27.10 B of the Solano County Code in favor of two (2) gravel parking spaces to the south of the proposed dwelling at 7401 Binghamton Road, approximately 5.4 miles southwest of the City of Dixon in the Exclusive Agriculture (A-80) Zoning District, APN 0143-150-110.

Pursuant to Section 28.108(A) of the Zoning Regulations, granting of this waiver request would remove these minimum development standards for the primary dwelling, as required by Section 28.72.10(A)(2) of the Solano County Code.

This Department will consider any responses received within the ten (10) day notice period.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this waiver request, please contact this office at (707)-784-6765 no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024.

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See vicinity map on reverse side.

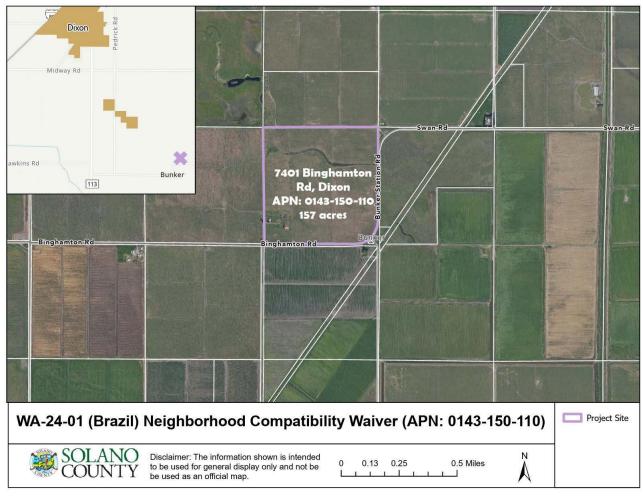


Figure 1: Vicinity Map of 7401 Binghamton Rd, Dixon, CA