

# Kitsap County Department of Community Development

## **Notice of Hearing Examiner Decision**

#### 07/26/2024

To: Interested Parties and Parties of Record

RE: Project Name: Post Conditional Use Permit - Accessory Dwelling Unit

(CUP-ADU)

Applicant: WILLIAM HEATH & PATTY ANN POST

8108 GRAYSTONE WAY NW SILVERDALE, WA 98383-7375

Application: Conditional Use Permit

Permit Number: 23-05196

The Kitsap County Hearing Examiner has **APPROVED** the land use application for **Permit #23-05196 Post Conditional Use Permit - Accessory Dwelling Unit (CUP-ADU)**, subject to the conditions outlined in this Notice and included Decision.

THE DECISION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER IS FINAL, UNLESS TIMELY APPEALED, AS PROVIDED UNDER WASHINGTON LAW.

The applicant is encouraged to review the Kitsap County Office of Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure found at:

https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/HEDocs/HE-Rules-for-Kitsap-County.pdf.

Please note affected property owners may request a change in valuation for property tax purposes, notwithstanding any program of revaluation. Please contact the Assessor's Office at 360-337-5777 to determine if a change in valuation is applicable due to the issued Decision.

The complete case file is available for review by contacting the Department of Community Development; if you wish to view the case file or have other questions, please contact <a href="mailto:help@kitsap1.com">help@kitsap1.com</a> or (360) 337-5777.

CC: Owner/Applicant: William & Patty Post, wilberpost1952@msn.com

Health District Public Works

Parks Navy DSE

Kitsap Transit

Central Kitsap Fire District Central Kitsap School District

**Puget Sound Energy** 

Skokomish Tribe

Point No Point Treaty Council

Suquamish Tribe

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Squaxin Island Tribe

Puyallup Tribe

WA Dept of Archaeological Historic Preservation

WA Dept of Natural Resources

WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife

WA Dept of Transportation/Aviation

WA State Dept of Ecology-SEPA

WA State Dept of Ecology-Wetland Review

WA State Dept of Transportation

Silverdale Water District

Prosecutor's Office

Assessor's Office

Kitsap Sun

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Interested Parties: None

#### BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER FOR KITSAP COUNTY

Phil Olbrechts, Hearing Examiner

| RE: William and Patty Post          |  |
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| Accessory Dwelling Unit (CUP – ADU) | FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DECISION. |
| File No. 23-05196                   |  |
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

William and Patty Post request a Conditional Use Permit to construct a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at 8108 Graystone Way NW, Silverdale. The application is approved subject to conditions.

#### **ORAL TESTIMONY**

Izzy Lotz, Associate Planner, summarized the staff report. No other testimony was presented.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibits 1-17 listed in the Index to the Record prepared by County staff were admitted during the hearing.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### **Procedural:**

- Applicant. William and Patty Post, 8108 Graystone Way NW, Silverdale, WA 98383
- <u>Hearing</u>. The Hearing Examiner conducted a remote/hybrid hearing on the application at 9:00 am on July 11, 2024.

#### **Substantive:**

- 3. <u>Site/Proposal Description</u>. William and Patty Post request a Conditional Use Permit to construct a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at 8108 Graystone Way NW, Silverdale. The proposed ADU will be 676 square feet and approximately 118 feet from a 2,659-square-foot existing single-family residence. The proposed ADU will be the only ADU on subject lot. The owners of the property, William and Patty Post will reside in the primary residence. The proposed ADU will maintain the appearance of the principal residence by having the same pitched roof and siding as he primary residence. The Kitsap County Health District approved the site for additional sewage and water supply. The proposed ADU will use the same driveway entering the property that the primary residences uses
- 4. <u>Characteristics of the Area</u>. The subject property is bordered on all sides by parcels that are developed with single-family homes on heavily wooded lots each several acres in size as shown in the aerial photograph of the staff report and the att. B zoning map.
- 5. <u>Adverse Impacts</u>. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated from the proposal. Impacts are more directly addressed as follows:
  - a. <u>Off-Street Parking</u>. KCC 17.49.030 requires three (3) parking off-street spaces per single-family residence and one (1) parking space for an ADU. The Applicant proposes four off-street parking spaces as required.
  - b. <u>Stormwater</u>. Development Engineering has reviewed the land use proposal and finds the concept supportable in its approach to civil site development. This conclusion was based on a review of the Applicant's stormwater worksheet, Ex. 6 and recommended stormwater conditions contained in the development engineering memo, Ex. 10. The engineering memo recommendations are adopted by this decision.
  - c. <u>Access, Traffic, Roads</u>. The ADU uses the same access as the primary residence, off Graystone Way NW which is a county-maintained road. Development Services and Engineering reviewed the proposal for compliance with traffic and road standards and recommended approval subject to conditions adopted by this decision.
  - d. <u>Fire Safety</u>. Kitsap County Building and Fire Safety Division reviewed and approved the ADU and found no need to recommend fire safety conditions.
  - e. <u>Water/Septic</u> Water and Septic were approved by the Kitsap County Health District.
  - f. <u>Compatibility</u>. The proposal is compatible with surrounding uses. As identified in Finding of Fact No. 4, surrounding uses are all heavily wooded residential on large lots. The proposed ADU will also be surrounded by numerous trees on all sides as shown in the aerial photograph of the staff report. The increase in density is not likely to make a significant aesthetic difference to surrounding neighbors. The ADU provides for similar appearance to the

| 1        | primary residence – the staff report notes that the ADU is designed to maintain the appearance of the primary residence, using similar roof pitch and siding.  |
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| 3        | CONCLUSIONS OF LAW   |
| 4        | Procedural:  |
| 5        | 1. Authority of Hearing Examiner. KCC 17.550.030 authorizes the hearing  |
| 6        | examiner to issue decisions on applications for conditional use permits.   |
| 7        | Substantive:   |
| 8        | 2. <u>Zoning Designation</u> . The property is currently zoned Rural Protection (RP).  |
| 9        | 3. <u>Review Criteria</u> . KCC 17.410.042 requires a conditional use permit for   |
| 10       | detached ADUs in the RP zone. KCC 17.550.030A governs the criteria for conditional use permits. Pertinent criteria are quoted below and applied via correspondent  |
| 11       | conclusions of law.  |
| 12       | <b>KCC 17.550.030.A:</b> The hearing examiner may approve, approve with conditions, deny a hearing examiner conditional use permit. Approval or approval with conditional be granted only when all the following criteria are met:                       |
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| 14       | KCC 17.550.030.A.1: The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;  |
| 15       | 4. <u>Criterion met</u> . The criterion is met. The proposed ADU provides the ability to   |
| 16<br>17 | create an affordable housing unit which is a goal supported by several policies in the Comprehensive Plan in a manner consistent with the zoning established for the subject   |
| 18       | property. The proposal is also found consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the reasons identified in Section 7 of the staff report (Exhibit 1).   |
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| 20       | <b>KCC 17.550.030.A.2:</b> The proposal complies with applicable requirements of this title;   |
| 21       | 5. <u>Criterion met</u> . The criterion is met. The proposal conforms to the County's zoning   |
| 22       | code as detailed in Section 4 and 10 of the staff report (Exhibit 1). Staff planning and public works staff have reviewed the proposal to ensure conformance to the County's   |
| 23       | zoning code for this level of review. The results of that work have been implemented   |
| 24       | in detailed conditions of approval, adopted by this decision. Nothing in the record suggests any outstanding compliance issues. More detailed compliance will be   |
| 25       | required during the building and civil permit review.  |
| 23       | The primary issue of zoning compliance is adherence to KCC 17.415.015B, which adopts standards tailored to detached ADUs outside urban growth areas. Pursuant to those standards, only one ADU is allowed per lot, the owner of the property must reside |

in the primary residence or the ADU, the ADU shall not exceed 50% of the habitable area of the primary residence, the ADU shall be located within 150 feet of the primary residence unless involving a conversion of an existing structure such as that proposed, the ADU shall be designed to maintain the appearance of the primary residence, all setback requirements shall be met, all health district standards shall be met, ADUs may not be mobile homes or recreational vehicles, and the ADU shall use the same access as the primary residence and shall provide an additional parking space. The conditions of approval recommended by staff require conformance to all of these standards. The proposed design and site characteristics further establish conformance as detailed in Findings of Fact No. 3 and 5.

**KCC 17.550.030.A.3.:** The proposal will not be materially detrimental to existing or future uses or property in the immediate vicinity; and

6. <u>Criterion met</u>. The criterion is met for the reasons identified in Finding of Fact No. 5.

KCC 17.550.030.A.4: The proposal is compatible with and incorporates specific features, conditions, or revisions that ensure it responds appropriately to the existing character, appearance, quality or development, and physical characteristics of the subject property and the immediate vicinity.

7. <u>Criterion met</u>. The criterion is met for the reasons identified in Finding of Fact No. 5f and via its required conformance to the ADU standards of KCC 17.415.015B.

#### **DECISION**

Based upon the conclusions of law above, the conditional use permit application is approved subject to the following conditions:

### a. Planning/Zoning

- 1. All required permits shall be obtained prior to commencement of land clearing, construction and/or occupancy.
- 2. The accessory dwelling unit is subject to the payment of impact fees. Impact fees must be paid at time of permit issuance, or if deferred, must be paid prior to final inspection. No certificate of occupancy will be granted until all impact fees are paid.
- 3. Any proposed modification (not including cosmetic work such as painting, papering and similar finish work), remodel or expansion of the accessory dwelling unit building, regardless of whether a building permit is required, shall be reviewed by the Department of Community Development and granted approval prior to such modification, expansion, construction and/or issuance of a building permit.
- 4. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted on the subject property.

- 5. The owner of the property must reside in either the primary residence or the accessory dwelling unit and only one of the structures may be rented at any one time.
- 6. The accessory dwelling unit's (ADU) habitable area shall not exceed 50% of the primary residence or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller. The proposed size of the ADU is 676 square feet. Any future expansion of the ADU will require a building permit and would have to comply with all code requirements in place at the time of the new building permit application.
- 7. The accessory dwelling unit shall be designed to maintain the appearance of the primary residence.
- 8. No mobile home or recreational vehicle shall be allowed as an accessory dwelling unit.
- 9. The accessory dwelling unit shall use the same side street entrance as the primary residence and shall provide one additional off-street parking space.
- 10. An attached accessory dwelling unit (formerly called accessory living quarters) or guest house is not permitted on the same lot unless the accessory dwelling unit is removed and the ADU-attached or GH complies with all requirements imposed by the Kitsap County Code.
- 11. A property with a primary residence and an accessory dwelling unit cannot be segregated to create two separate legal lots unless it complies with all subdivision, zoning and density requirements in place at the time of a complete subdivision application.
- 12. The accessory dwelling unit cannot be sold separately from the primary residence unless it has legally been segregated onto its own lot.
- 13. The recipient of any conditional use permit shall file a Notice of Land Use Binder with the county auditor prior to any of the following: initiation of any further site work, issuance of any development/construction permits by the county, or occupancy/use of the subject property or buildings thereon for the use or activity authorized. The Notice of Land Use Binder shall serve both as an acknowledgment of and agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the conditional use permit and as a notice to prospective purchasers of the existence of the permit. The Binder shall be prepared and recorded by the Department at the applicant's expense.
- 14. The uses of the subject property are limited to the uses proposed by the applicant and any other uses will be subject to further review pursuant to the requirements of the Kitsap County Code. Unless in conflict with the conditions stated and/or any regulations, all terms and specifications of the application shall be binding conditions

of approval. Approval of this project shall not, and is not, to be construed as approval for more extensive or other utilization of the subject property.

- 15. The authorization granted herein is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Compliance with such laws, regulations, and ordinances is a condition to the approvals granted and is a continuing requirement of such approvals. By accepting this/these approvals, the applicant represents that the development and activities allowed will comply with such laws, regulations, and ordinances. If, during the term of the approval granted, the development and activities permitted do not comply with such laws, regulations, or ordinances, the applicant agrees to promptly bring such development or activities into compliance.
- 16. The decision set forth herein is based upon representations made and exhibits contained in the project application. Any change(s) or deviation(s) in such plans, proposals, or conditions of approval imposed shall be subject to further review and approval of the County and potentially the Hearing Examiner.
- 17. This Conditional Use Permit approval shall automatically become void if no development permit application is accepted as complete by the Department of Community Development within four years of the Notice of Decision date or the resolution of any appeals.
- 18. Any violation of the conditions of approval shall be grounds to initiate revocation of this Conditional Use Permit.

## b. Development Engineering

19. Stormwater quantity control, quality treatment, and erosion and sedimentation control shall be designed in accordance with Kitsap County Code Title 12 effective at the time this permit application was deemed fully complete. The submittal documents shall be prepared by a civil engineer licensed in the State of Washington. The fees and submittal requirements shall be in accordance with Kitsap County Code in effect at the time of SDAP application, or Building Permit if an SDAP is not required.

#### c. Environmental

None

#### d. Traffic and Roads

20. At building permit application, submit Kitsap County Public Works Form 1601 for issuance of a concurrency certificate, as required by Kitsap County Code 20.04.030, Transportation Concurrency.

## e. Fire Safety

| 1                                      | None   |
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| 3                                      | None   |
| 4                                      | g. Kitsap Public Health District   |
| 5                                      | 21. This permit shall comply with all Kitsap Public Health District regulations and  |
| 6                                      | conditions of approval.  |
| 7                                      | Doted this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of July 2024   |
| 8                                      | Dated this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.  Phil Olbrachta  |
| 9                                      | Phil Olbrechts,  |
| 10                                     | Kitsap County Hearing Examiner   |
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| 12                                     | Appeal Right and Valuation Notices   |
| 13                                     | Pursuant to KCC 21.04.100 and KCC 21.04.110, this conditional use permit decision is a final land use decision of Kitsap County and may be appealed to superior court within |
| 14                                     | 21 days as governed by the Washington State Land Use Petition Act, Chapter 36.70C RCW.   |
| 15                                     | Affected property owners may request a change in valuation for property tax purposes   |
| 16                                     | notwithstanding any program of revaluation.  |
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