MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

TO: Members of the Trinity County Planning Commission

FROM: Sean Connell, Director, Cannabis Division

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 1—Regulations for Limited Density Owner Built Rural Dwellings

Comments received from public as of April 27, 2022.
Dear Chairperson Sharpe & Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you please change the wording in the class K ordinance to not limit the class k option to parcels 2 acres or larger in unincorporated areas, as that will cut out many parcels that need this type of building accommodation. Limiting class k to parcels 2 acres or larger will have an unintended affect of further limiting options for the county’s residents who don’t earn a living wage and lack access to safe affordable housing.

Please remove the parcel size from the ordinance and recommend that the BOS do the same.

I would also like to urge you to add parcels zoned Timber Protective Zone (TPZ) to the list of allowable zones, as properties zoned TPZ are allowed a single domicile, and land zoned TPZ should not be left out of affordable housing plans.

Trinity County has an amazing opportunity to bring relief to so many of its residents, but it is a mistake to limit who can build using class k by basing it on parcel size. Numerous parcels in the county would benefit from having the class K option, but don’t meet the 2.5 acre minimum.

Are the 2.5 acre/5 acre minimums being entertained a state regulation that must be followed, or is it an arbitrary number that the ad hoc committee came up with on their own?

Perhaps larger parcels would have been appropriate had the county’s loan program for updating aging housing not been mismanaged out of existence some years ago, but unfortunately due to the circumstances, current homeowners on smaller parcels in incorporated areas have no viable options in place for financial relief to repair or replace their aging homes. Please don’t ban us from benefitting from this ordinance based on an arbitrary number, and please don’t make us go through a variance process to be able to utilize class k construction.

Many deserving families will be directly affected by cutting out land owners who could not afford a larger parcel farther from the amenities living in town provides. Please don’t punish people that have grown up here & dedicated their lives to making these communities better through work & volunteering, but don’t have the income or capital to afford larger parcels of land in unincorporated areas.

We need your help to not be left behind yet again, please don’t limit class k by acre size, and please add TPZ to the list of allowable zones for class k.

Thank you for your time, we look forward to changes that will not exclude any Trinity county resident from benefiting from this new ordinance that we have desperately needed and asked for for years.

Sincerely,

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