

Staff Report

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To: Gearhart Planning Commission

From: Garrett Phillips, AICP City Planner

City File:#24-03 Naming Private Road for Taxlot 61003CD00701

City of Gearhart approved a building permit for four dwelling units at the Pink Windows property, which is accessed by a private road intersecting US 101. At the time of application, or building permit approval, the dwellings were addressed as 3702, 3704, 3706, and 3708 Highway 101 North on permit documents, and the road was not named. Clatsop County's online GIS lists the property address as 3701 Highway 101 North.

Private roads serving three or more dwellings are supposed to be named to ensure that emergency services can efficiently identify their destinations. City of Gearhart does not have an established procedure for naming roads outside of the subdivision process, however ORS 227.120 provides a basic procedural framework to follow, and Clatsop County Title 12 provides naming standards that the City may use as informal guidelines. Following is an outline of next steps for naming the road:

1. Planning Commission recommend one road name and two alternate names.
2. Staff schedule City Council Hearing and Ordinance and send notice to:
 - Newspaper and webpage
 - Adjacent owners and occupants
 - County Assessor
 - County Public Works
 - County Surveyor
 - County Sheriff
 - Astoria Emergency Dispatch
 - City Fire Marshal
 - City Police Chief
 - City of Seaside
3. Conduct City Council Hearing, adopt ordinance and send notice of decision and ordinance to:
 - The list above
 - County Recorder
 - US Postal Service
 - School District
 - Utility Companies

In the March 2024 meeting, Planning Commission requested that staff seek adjacent property owners' input to propose potential road names and present them to the Planning Commission. The list of alternative names is below.

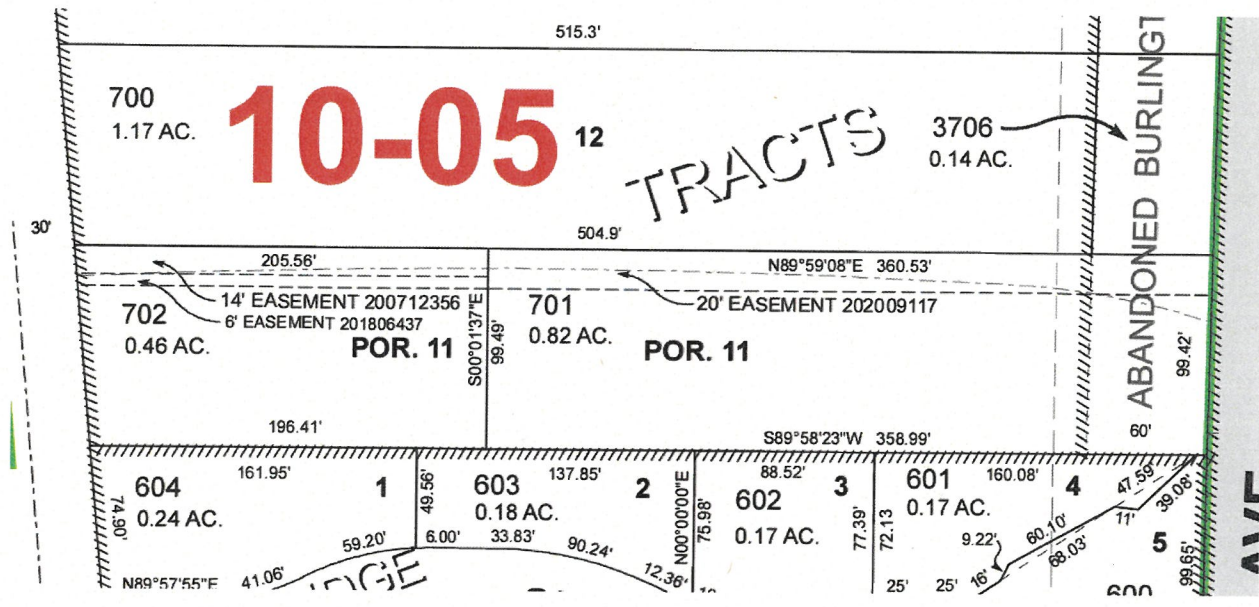
McAdam Rd or Dr – Aaron Strickland, Pink Windows property owner request. Plamberg paving was the original property owner there and Mrs. Palmberg didn't want her name used, so Strickland thought this name would be fitting since it was to do with the asphalt and still be a reminder to people of what the land was originally used for. Asphalt is defined as: "a mixture of substances with

gravel, crushed rock, or the like, used for paving.” To deepen the history, the word macadam is derived from the “inventor” of the modern paving surface, John Loudon McAdam. Mr. McAdam was a Scotsman who constructed roads using a process of combining “broken stone on top of soil to form angles and create a hard surface.”

- Coral Lane
- Cedar Lane
- Tidepool Lane
- Willow Creek Lane
- Elk Lane
- Driftwood Lane
- Maple Grove Lane
- Fern Hollow Lane
- Sycamore Lane
- Duneberry Lane



Location Map



Assessor Map indicating recorded easements for existing private road.