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Chad Armstrong
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RE: Warren Green Development – 296-A-6 et. al – B-4 and R-3 Zones -

Determination Letter for JMC Warren Ave., LLC

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I am in receipt of your request to determine the suitability of current allowable uses/text within the B-4 Zone to allow neighboring users to share in the utilization of a proposed Biomass system.

According to submitted plans, the proposed Biomass system is to be located in the B-4 Commercial Corridor Zone. Under section 14-229.11 "Permitted Uses" of the B-4 Zone, there is a listing for "Utility substations, as defined in section 14-47, subject to the requirements of article V (site plan)". The definition of Utility substation under 14-47 is "Any sewage or water pumping station, electric power substation, transformer station, telephone equipment enclosures, or other similar structures owned or operated by a public utility.

It is my understanding that the proposed Biomass system will not be owned or operated by a public utility. It will be owned and/or operated by a private entity.

Based upon the current text of the ordinance, neighboring users would not be able to share the utilization of the proposed Biomass system. Please note that this zoning determination does not reflect negatively or positively on the validity of the proposed alternate utility system. The City of Portland tries to endorse alternate technologies when it can.

The developers may want to consider a text amendment to the definition section of the ordinance to allow private entities to own and/or operate utility substations. Such a text change would be accomplished by contacting the Planning Division and submitting an application.

You have the right to appeal my decision. If you wish to exercise your right to appeal, you have 30 days from the date of this letter in which to appeal. If you should fail to do so, my decision is binding and not subject to appeal. Please contact this office for the necessary paperwork that is required to file an appeal.

Very truly yours,

Marge Schmuckal Zoning Administrator

Cc: Penny St. Louis Littell, Director of Planning and Urban Development Alex Jaegerman, Division Director of Planning Barbara Barhydt, Planning Supervisor File

## Marge Schmuckal - 411-423 Warren Avenue

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Attachments: Survey JMC Warren Avenue.pdf

## Marg:

I am representing KeyBank with respect to the 48 acre property on Warren Avenue owned by JMC Warren Avenue LLC, which I believe is composed of the following tax parcels:

> 296-A-6 301-J-10 302-A-1 303-A-8-10 304-B-28 305-D-1 301-F-4 TO 6 307-B-19 308-B-2 310-E-35 307-J-1 308-C-1 310-F-1

The area closest to Warren Ave is said to be in the B-4 zone. I would like to speak with you either in person or over the phone about the suggestion from the borrower that city would be receptive to a wood to energy electrical generating plant on the site without need for a rezoning or contract zone. I believe that there was a prior contract zone request that was not approved for a purely residential development.

My initial impression is that a wood to energy plant would not be a permitted use in the B-4 zone, but certainly you are the authority I would consult first on that issue.

A survey of the property is attached.

Would you have some time this week to address that with me, either in person or over the telephone?

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