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Taft 7-12 High School EMC Conditional Use Permit Narrative

Lincoln County School District is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to install a permanent electronic message center sign at Taft 7-12 High School. The sign will support communications for Taft 7-12 High School's students, staff, families, and the community.

Electronic Message Centers are beneficial for many reasons. They provide visual communications of upcoming events, time sensitive safety messages, and the opportunity to celebrate student achievements. They increase awareness of the location of a school, and promote pride in, ownership of, and a sense of belonging to the school community. EMC's provide communication to large volumes of people just by being consistently visible in the daily lives of the community who pass through the area.

Site Plan: The school is located at 3780 SE Spyglass Ridge Drive, but most of the vehicles going to the school come from either direction on SE High School Drive. Thus, our school sign will be located on the corner of SE High School Drive and SE Spyglass Ridge Drive (see red star). Lincoln County School District owns the land where the proposed sign will be installed. In fact, an electronic message center sign for Taft High School previously existed in this exact location, and the sign pole is still in place.



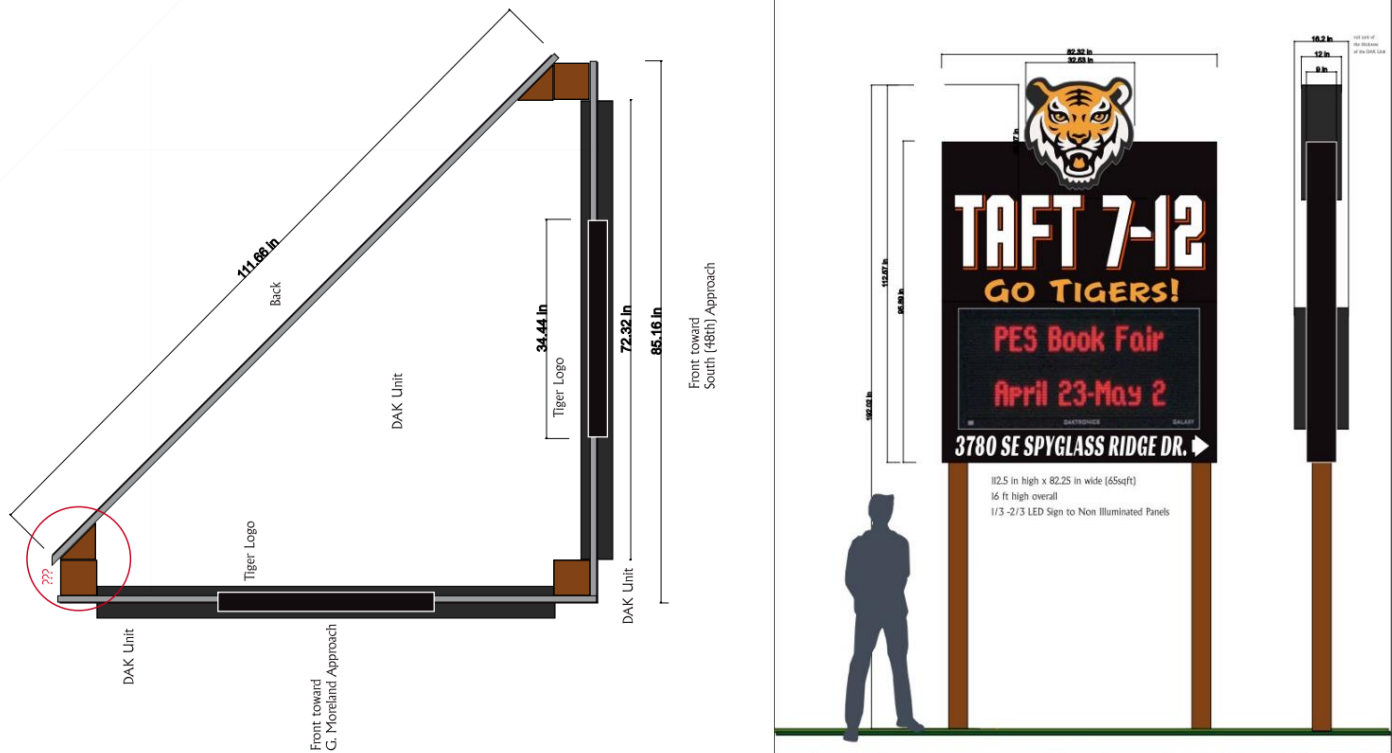


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Sign Design & Dimensions: We are proposing a two-sided sign so that our families and students can see it no matter what direction they are coming from on SE High School Drive. Once our Conditional Use Permit has been issued, we will submit a Zoning Sign Permit Application. In the meanwhile, here is the mock-up of our proposed sign, with all of the dimensions for both the sign and the structure supporting the sign.



This sign meets all of the requirements and limitations for the city's regulations regarding an electronic message center sign, including:

- 100 sq feet max.
- 20' high max.
- 30% max of sign can be the electronic display portion.
- Animation is prohibited.
- Light colors such as white and cream are prohibited.
- Lettering shall be on a black background. Red lettering is recommended but not required.

Landscape Plan: Once our Conditional Use Permit has been issued, we will submit a tree removal permit for the two Coastal Pine Trees that need to be removed in order for the sign to be installed and visible.



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Compliance with LMC: We are in compliance with all applicable LMC requirements, as indicated below:

LMC 17.77.060 D.1. *The proposal is in compliance with the comprehensive plan;*

Section 17 of Lincoln City's Sign Regulations is in compliance with the comprehensive plan. Our proposed sign is in compliance with Section 17 of the Sign Regulations. Therefore, our proposal is indeed in compliance with the comprehensive plan.

LMC 17.77.060 D.2. *The site for the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the use and all required setbacks, common spaces, retaining walls, parking and loading areas, landscaping, and other features required by this title;*

According to section 17.72.100, the sizing requirements for a freestanding sign allow for one square foot of sign per one lineal foot of street frontage, up to a maximum area of 100 square feet. We have more than 100 lineal foot of street frontage, with adequate size and shape, and therefore, our proposed sign meets this requirement.

LMC 17.77.060 D.3. *The site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and degree of improvement to handle the quantity and kind of vehicular traffic that would be generated by the proposed use;*

Not applicable.

LMC 17.77.060 D4. *The proposed use will have minimal adverse impact upon adjoining properties and the improvements thereon. In making this determination, the review authority shall consider, but not be limited to, the proposed location of the improvements on the site, vehicular egress/ingress and internal circulation, pedestrian access, setbacks, height and mass of buildings, retaining walls, fences, landscaping, screening, exterior lighting, and signage;*

There are no homes within sight of our proposed sign. The nearest homes are on the north side of the Taft High School property and not visible from our proposed sign. There is a church and the Oregon Coast Community College on High School Drive to the west of where the sign will be placed, but neither structures are visible from the sign location due to dense trees and shrubs. There will be minimal to no adverse impact on adjoining properties, and our sign is following all of the requirements of the Lincoln City sign code. Therefore, our proposed sign meets this requirement.

LCMC 17.77.060.D.5 – *In areas designated as requiring preservation of historic, scenic or cultural attributes, proposed structures will be of a design complementary to the surrounding area.*

Not applicable.



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Thank you for considering our request for a Conditional Use Permit to install an Electronic Message Center Sign at Taft 7-12 High School.

Sincerely,

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