# **Development Services**

## From Concept to Construction



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### APPEAL SUMMARY

Status:	Mixed Decision.	Item 1:	: Decision I	Rendered.	Item 2: Hold	for Additional	Information
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Appeal ID: 21937	Project Address: 13333 N Rivergate Blvd
Hearing Date: 10/2/19	Appellant Name: Ryan Weston
Case No.: B-001	Appellant Phone: 503-224-9560
Appeal Type: Building	Plans Examiner/Inspector: Geoff Harker
Project Type: commercial	Stories: 1 Occupancy: S-1, B Construction Type: V-B
Building/Business Name: Georgia Pacific	Fire Sprinklers: Yes - ESFR - Whole Building
Appeal Involves: Addition to an existing structure	LUR or Permit Application No.: 19-136876-CO
Plan Submitted Option: pdf [File 1] [File 2]	Proposed use: Warehouse

#### APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

#### Appeal item 1

Code Section	0550 1016.2	

#### **Requires** S-1 Occupancy exit access travel distance with a sprinkler system allows 250 ft max travel from

the most remote point within a story along the natural and unobstructed path of horizontal egress

travel to an exit.

## **Proposed Design** The proposed distribution warehouse would like to adjust the travel distance for F-1 and S-1

occupancies from 250 ft to 400 ft per the latest 2015 IBC.

#### Reason for alternative The 2012 IBC (2014 OSSC) changed the travel distance in F-1 and S-1 occupancies from 400 ft to

250 ft. However, the 2015 IBC allows the travel distance in group F-1 and S-1 occupancies to be

increased to 400 ft if the proposed building met three criteria:

Limited to one story building (Georgia Pacific Facility is one story)

Minimum height from FF to bottom of deck is 24 ft. (GP is a 32 ft clear building)

Equipped throughout with automatic sprinkler system (ESFR System throughout)

Our proposed building meets all three conditions so we would like to request that the City allow the

400 ft travel distance.

Per BCD SAM 16-01 this would be allowable but we would need to follow 2015 mechanical and fire codes as well. This method allows the building official to approve limited cross-over scope, allowing the 400 ft travel distance without pushing the rest of the design to meet 2015 requirements.

requirements

### Appeal item 2

Code Section OSSC Table 2902.1

#### Requires

Provide plumbing fixtures based on Table 2902.1.

Building Addition Required Fixtures 12 total water closets and 12 total lavatories based on S-1 and B occupancies.

The building official is asking for the existing facility plumbing fixtures counts.

Existing Building would require 18 total water closets and 16 total lavatories based on S-1 and B occupancies.

#### **Proposed Design**

The addition is proposing 13 total water closets and 12 total lavatories and meets current code.

The existing facility to maintain it's current 8 total water closets and 6 total lavatories.

Georgia Pacific is requesting that the City allow the new facility to meet current code for it's area and occupant load and allowing the existing portion of the building to remain as currently built.

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The building official is asking for the existing facility plumbing fixtures counts.

Existing Building Required Fixtures 18 total water closets and 16 total lavatories based on current code. The existing facility has 8 total water closets and 6 total lavatories; well under the current code requirements.

Georgia Pacific is requesting that the City allow the new facility to meet current code for it's area and occupant load and allowing the existing portion of the building to remain as currently built. The entire facility is shifting to automation and ability to operate with a reduced headcount; code requirements are not consistent with industry automation for warehousing and distribution facilities. Georgia Pacific is expecting xxx number of employees after this project completion.

## APPEAL DECISION

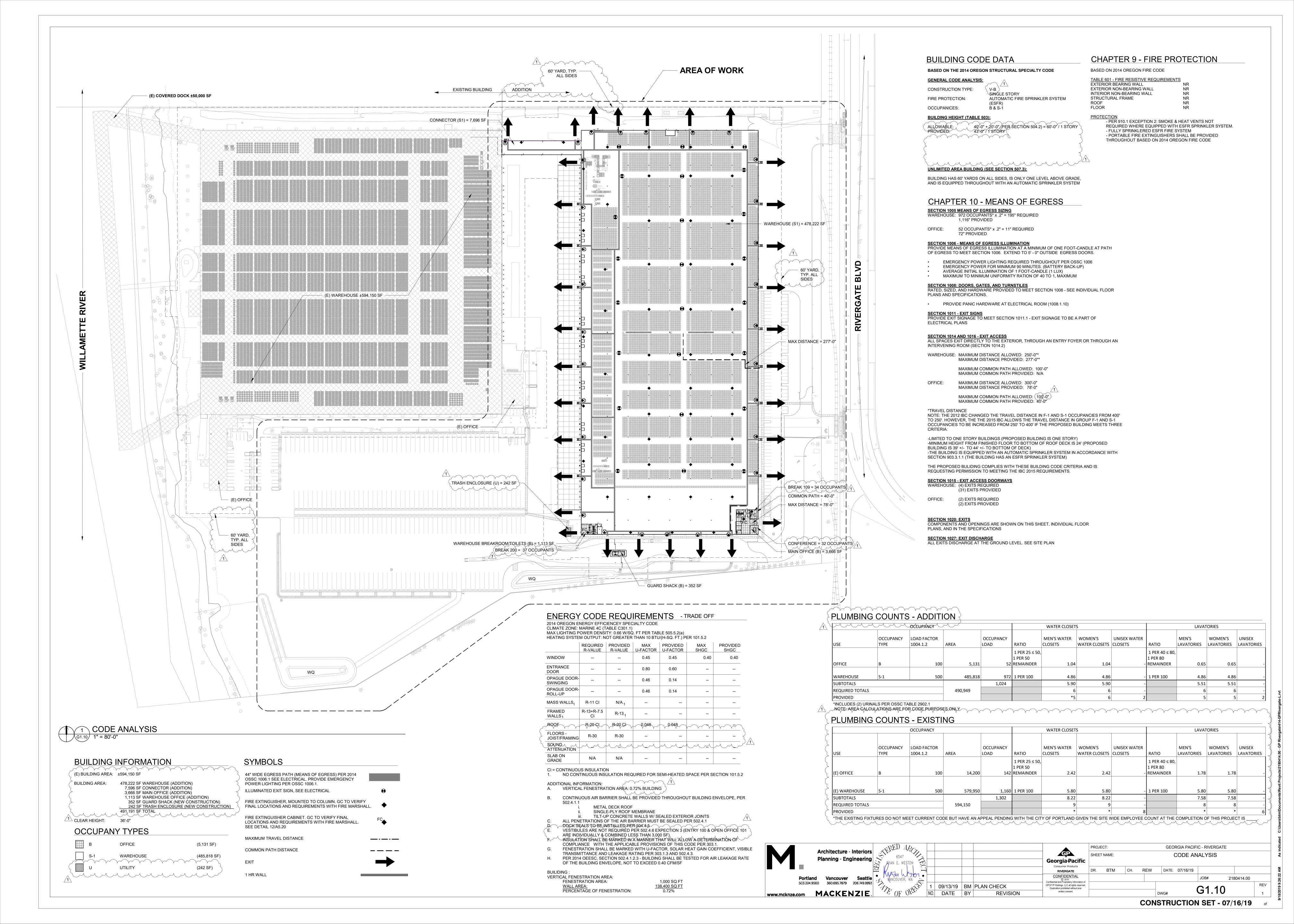
- 1. Increase in maximum travel distance to 400 feet in S1 ocupancy per 2015 IBC: Granted as proposed.
- 2. Reduction in minimum required number of plumbing fixtures: Hold for additional information. Appellant may contact John Butler (503 823-7339) with questions.

For Item 1: The Administrative Appeal Board finds that the information submitted by the appellant demonstrates that the approved modifications or alternate methods are consistent with the intent of the code; do not lessen health, safety, accessibility, life, fire safety or structural requirements; and that special conditions unique to this project make strict application of those code sections impractical.

Pursuant to City Code Chapter 24.10, you may appeal this decision to the Building Code Board of Appeal within 90 calendar days of the date this decision is published. For information on the appeals process, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/appealsinfo, call (503) 823-7300 or come in to the Development Services Center.

For Item 2: Additional information is submitted as a no fee reconsideration, following the same submittal process and using the same appeals form as the original appeal. Indicate at the beginning of the appeal form that you are filing a reconsideration and include the original assigned Appeal ID number.

Include the original attachments and appeal language, with the new text in a separate paragraph clearly identified as "Reconsideration Text" with any new attachments also referenced. No additional fee is required.





Georgia-Pacific Northwest Service Centers 3838 NW Front Avenue Portland, OR 97210

#### City of Portland,

The GP facility on 13333 N Rivergate Blvd is building a new 490,597 SF building that will connect to our existing 594,150 SF building. The existing building will have 30 employees and the new proposed building will have 35 employees for a total of 65 employees, with no more than 45 employees on site at any given point. This Georgia Pacific facility is transitioning to automation throughout, allowing the facility to operate with a reduced headcount and is not consistent with industry or code standards for occupant load counts for warehouse and distribution.

Georgia Pacific would like to request the City of Portland allow the existing facility plumbing fixtures to remain as currently built (9 water closets and 9 lavatories) knowing that the total employee count for that building is 30 employees. The new building is designed to meet current code for plumbing fixture counts based on the square footage of the new proposed building.

Sincerely,

Derril Richards
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Georgia-Pacific NWSC