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Warner Pacific University

Thank you for the opportunity to support the vacation of the street stub, SE Caruthers.

Warner Pacific is a faith-based university attracting students from throughout the world. The university is challenged by Portland's zoning as the university works to foster partnerships with community-based organizations to build housing around the campus.

Portland institutional zoning code has a long and complex legislative history that has resulted in this table:

Table 150-1 Campus Institutional Zone Primary Uses

Retail Sales and Service is allowed as a conditional use in CI1. Residential and office are prohibited in CI1. In the CI2 zone, office, sales and service and office, and residential uses are allowed by right.

The CI1 zoning prohibits office or retail unless the property is owned and used for a university purpose. The university desires to mix university housing with market housing to improve diversity on campus. The university also is working with community-based non-profits who need ownership positions in the projects developed and the zoning prohibits conventional financing.

These are the universities that have been restricted. The zoning has also caused all existing housing within the CI1 zone to become non-conforming.

CI1

University of Oregon (Concordia)
University of Portland
Linfield College

Multnomah Lewis and Clark Reed College Warner Pacific University

Only the Planning Commission can correct this extremely harmful zoning consequence.

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