STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
PLANNING COMMISSION  

Resolution  
No. 2008-021  
A resolution approving Use Permit Determination No. 2008-070 for  
Ranch Fence Inc., Applicant  
Assessor Parcel Number 014-210-023.  

WHEREAS a Use Permit Determination application was submitted by Ranch Fence on  
March 25, 2008; and  

WHEREAS the proposal includes the construction of the following building, structures and  
other improvements in two phases:  

Phase 1:  
- 40'x40' (1600 sq. ft.) shop  
- 12'x16' (192 sq. ft.) sand and gravel bunkers, 4' in height and  
constructed of concrete block  
- 10'x12' (120 sq. ft.) concrete storage shed  
- 10'x50' (500 sq. ft.) pipe storage building (open sides, and covered)  

Phase 2:  
- 40'x80' (3200 sq. ft.) office, shop and garage  

WHEREAS the Planning Department circulated the application among trustee and  
responsible agencies, interested public organizations, and others as appropriate; and  

WHEREAS a finding has been made pursuant to Section 15061 of CEQA Guidelines that  
the project is exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality  
Act under the General Rule exemptions; and  

WHEREAS a Staff Report and Notice of Exemption were prepared pursuant to the  
California Government Code, Mariposa County Code, California Environmental  
Quality Act, and local administrative procedures; and  

WHEREAS a public hearing was scheduled for the 6th of June, 2008; and  

WHEREAS a continued public hearing was scheduled for the 20th of June, 2008; and  

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on the continued public  
hearing date and considered all of the information in the public record, including the  
Staff Report, testimony presented by the public concerning the application, and the  
comments of the applicant;  

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of  
Mariposa does hereby approve a Notice of Exemption; and
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve the application for Use Permit Determination No. 2008-070.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the approved project is based upon the project as described in the use permit determination application and as shown on the Site Plan for the project.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT findings are made for project approval as shown in Exhibit 1.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Francisco, seconded by Commissioner Ross, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 20th day of June, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Ross, Rudzik, Skyrud, Francisco, DeSantis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Attest:

Carol Suggs, Secretary to the Mariposa County Planning Department

Skip Skyrud, Chair
Mariposa County Planning Commission
This use permit determination has been processed and reviewed in accordance with standards set forth in Title 17, Mariposa County Zoning Ordinance.

1. **FINDING:** The project is suitable and a proper use in the Bootjack Town Planning Area, is not socially, economically, or environmentally incompatible with the surrounding area, and will not adversely affect the nature and condition of adjacent properties, uses, and structures, and to the area affected by the proposed use.

   **EVIDENCE:** The project is similar in use to those permitted uses in the Neighborhood Commercial 1 and 2 Zones. Hardware and paint stores, which sell home and property improvement products, are a permitted use in Town Planning Areas under County Zoning Ordinance Section 17.076.020.A.1.b.(1). The proposed use is similar to or compatible with the existing uses on the property and in the general area of the project site. The project will use an existing on-site well and septic system and will not impact any sensitive environmental resources.

2. **FINDING:** The site is physically suitable for the proposed development.

   **EVIDENCE:** The project site is an existing parcel with an existing residence. There is sufficient area on site for parking for the proposed retail use. Cole Road is improved and does not require any additional improvements for the proposed use. The project is required to obtain a building permit, which involves a number of affected agencies, including the County Fire Department, CDF, the County Health Department, the County Resource Conservation District, and the Building Department. The permit process, involvement of affected agencies, and application of existing standards and regulations will address potential impacts of the project. Based upon these site characteristics and existing permit processes, the site is found to be physically suited for the proposed use.

3. **FINDING:** The proposed establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use applied for will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be objectionable by reason of production or emission of noise, offensive odor, smoke, dust, bright lights, vibrations, involving explosives or dangerous materials, or which might constitute a public or private nuisance.

   **EVIDENCE:** The project is similar to or compatible with the existing uses in the area. As based upon the information in the staff report and project application, which is incorporated into this finding by reference, it will not emit vibrations,
offensive odor, smoke, dust, or bright lights. No explosive or dangerous materials are foreseen to be used.

5. **FINDING:** The proposed project is consistent with applicable Mariposa County Zoning ordinances and its General Plan.

**EVIDENCE:** The project is located in the Bootjack Town Area, with a General Plan designation of Planning Area and zoning designation of Town Planning Area. The County General Plan Land Use Element states Planning Areas “...represent the rural scale ‘urban’ development centers for the County. Town planning areas are specifically designated as locations in the County where policy mandates a broad and comprehensive mixture of land uses and zoning.” The proposed project will facilitate the relocation of a home enterprise into a Planning Area in accordance with Section 6.1.05B(3)[b] of the General Plan.

Section 17.12.010, Town Planning Areas states that the Town Planning Areas “...are the centers for industrial and commercial activity, and population concentration.” Section 17.12.010.B. of the County Zoning Ordinance states that TPAs that don’t have specific plans can allow uses listed in the Neighborhood Commercial (CN-1) zone. The CN-1 zone under Section 17.076.020.A.1.b.(I) states retail hardware and paint store uses are a permitted use, and the proposed use is similar in nature. The project will have to comply with applicable sections of the County Zoning Ordinance pertaining, but not limited to, parking, signs, lighting, and use.

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**ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**USE PERMIT DETERMINATION NO. 2008-070**

1. The project shall comply with applicable requirements and subsections of Mariposa County Zoning Ordinance Section 17.108.

2. The project shall comply with all pertinent sections of the Mariposa County Zoning Ordinance Section 17.76.020; development standards for the Neighborhood Commercial Zone-1.