

## HAWK HAVEN EQUINE

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August 4, 2023

**Re: Case File No. T3-2022-16220 (Portland Water Bureau)**

Dear Hearings Officer Rappleyea,

I am writing to supplement my letter of June 15, 2023. I own and have for many years operated the farm and farm business known as Hawk Haven Equine at the above address. My farm is located roughly 4,000 feet west of the PWB site, on SE Carpenter Lane between SE Cottrell Rd, and SE Altman Rd.

As part of my equestrian operation under the above name, I board and train horses and give riding lessons (especially in dressage), all for a fee. This is how I make my living. My clients are horse owners who generally do not have farm facilities of their own. I house and feed their horses and provide the horses with room to graze and exercise. I offer an arena for schooling and dressage riding. I generally board 20-25 horses at a time. The owners come from as far away as Wilsonville and Lake Oswego.

I do not have riding trails on my property and there are no accessible public trails in this area. Therefore, the quiet country roads around my farm, most especially including Carpenter Lane running east between the farm and the Water Bureau site, as well as adjoining and nearby rural roads such as Cottrell Road, are an important feature for existing and prospective clients who wish to ride outside of the arena. Such riding on country roads is an accepted farm practice of farm operations such as mine, and Carpenter Lane east of Cottrell is the route most favored by my boarders because it is the quietest and most peaceful one.

Horses are naturally nervous, skittish animals. They are easily disturbed by loud sounds, such as noise from the diesel engines and air brakes of trucks, or horn honking by drivers unfamiliar with driving in the vicinity of livestock. Vehicles, especially large loud vehicles, driving past horses are a major problem, and are likely to spook a horse who at best will fidget, or at worst will throw their rider onto the pavement and run away.

Neighbors in the area generally understand the need to drive slowly past horses and other livestock, whereas visitors to our area often behave as if they are passing a bicyclist and speed up, passing within a few feet of the animal. This is dangerous and unsafe for the horse and the rider. Widening Carpenter would only cause traffic, including truck traffic, to speed up, creating additional dangers for riders, as well as for pedestrians and bicyclists on Carpenter (many of whom are of school age).

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Truck noise will also make my horse training extremely difficult, and cause horse owners and novice riders to go elsewhere. Such distracting stimuli will make this aspect of my business untenable.

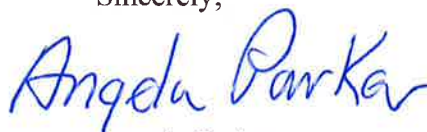
This is an agricultural area with quiet country roads and lanes with minimal traffic, which my clients find suitable for horseback riding. My clients will not want to ride on these roads with the increased traffic proposed by the Water Bureau, including but not limited to the truck and employee/contractor traffic proposed during five years of construction of the filtration plant and pipelines.

I would add that regardless of any condition supposedly directing construction traffic to go to and from Carpenter Lane only via Cottrell, there is no chance that, short of placing tank traps in Carpenter west of my farm, such a condition could succeed. The turning movements for trucks turning onto and off of Carpenter at its intersection with Cottrell are practically impossible, regardless of any "improvements" proposed for Carpenter. For the sake of both safety and efficiency, inbound (eastbound) truck traffic will inevitably stack up on Carpenter in front of my farm, in order to obtain a clear line of sight as to truck traffic on Cottrell, and to provide straight, direct access to Carpenter east of Cottrell. This will enhance vehicular safety, but it will at the same time destroy my farm business.

Losing the use of community roads for my clients will force a major change in my equestrian operation, and increase its costs by depriving me of substantial revenue, and spreading my fixed costs among far fewer patrons. A number of my clients will simply move their horses elsewhere in search of the peace and quiet and safety they require, and which they expect in an agricultural setting such as ours. Both existing and potential clients will choose to board at a different facility in a country setting. Based upon my experience, once they have made that decision, they will not come back; there are alternatives out there, including some closer to where some of my clients reside. Regardless of routing, the enormous increase in traffic on the surrounding road system will impede my clients' access to my farm, delaying travel and encouraging them to move their horses elsewhere. Mine is a word-of-mouth business, so when I lose one client, I am likely to lose the business of future clients as well.

In summary, the proposal before you will force a significant change in my accepted farm practices and will significantly increase the cost of those practices, eliminating much of the farm income on which I depend. I respectfully request that this application be denied.

Sincerely,



Angela Parker  
Hawk Haven Equine



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Good morning,

Attached for filing in the above matter please find a letter dated August 4, 2023, from Angela Parker, owner of Hawk Haven Equine on SE Carpenter Lane.

Ms. Parker's assistant, who handles email for Ms. Parker, is out of town, and I was asked to submit this letter for the record.

Thank you.

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