

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** Plumas Hospital District  
**OWNER:** Plumas County  
**DATE APPROVED:** May 10, 2023  
**USE PERMITTED:** Public service facility consisting of an alternative birthing center in an existing structure in S-1 (Suburban) zoning.

**ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER:** 117-021-001

**FILE NUMBER:** U 10-22/23-02

**LOCATION:** 527 Bell Lane, Quincy

Permittee is hereby granted a Special Use Permit under the provisions of Plumas County Code Section 9-2.601 *et seq.* with the following conditions:

**Plumas County Planning Department**

1. The special use permit for the public service facility (alternative birthing center) is approved in conformance with the special use permit application submitted on October 31, 2022, the site plan submitted December 29, 2022, floor plan and accessibility (ADA) plan submitted December 30, 2022, and the additional information submitted on May 3, 2023.
2. Any signage proposed for the public service facility shall adhere to the applicable requirements of Plumas County Code Sec. 9-2.1507, *Signs (S-1)*, and Plumas County Code Sec. 9-2.416, *Signs*, and a sign permit shall be obtained from the Planning Department prior to the installation of any business signs.
3. The violation of any condition of a special use permit shall be a violation of the provisions of this chapter and shall be punishable as set forth in Article 12 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Plumas County Code.
4. The special use permit is to be signed by the property owners and applicants and returned within forty (40) days of the date of approval or the permit will be voided.

**Plumas County Building Department**

5. Applicant shall submit all necessary building permits for the change in use of the structure to the Plumas County Building Department within twenty-four (24) months of the approval of this special use permit.

**Plumas County Environmental Health**

6. Food Service:
  - a. Food prepared on-site or brought in by patient family members or visitors, shall be limited in sharing to only their specific patient and family/visitor group.
  - b. Prior to providing food service at the facility, Environmental Health shall be contacted to discuss any applicable requirements and obtain all necessary permits.

**American Valley Community Services District**

7. Prior to the installation of any plumbing fixtures in the facility, Plumas Hospital District shall obtain the necessary permit(s) from American Valley Community Services District for the installation.

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Tracey Ferguson  
Tracey Ferguson, AICP  
Zoning Administrator

I, the undersigned, understand and accept this Special Use Permit and the conditions stated above and agree to comply with them. I further understand that failure to comply with any of the conditions may result in revocation procedures of the permit being started by the Director of Planning & Building Services.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

JoDee Read

JoDee Read, CEO  
Plumas Hospital District (Permittee)

Date 6/7/23

Dwight Ceresola

Plumas County (Owner)

This Special Use Permit shall not be considered to be granted until it is signed by the permittee and owner, if applicable, and the Zoning Administrator, and a copy is filed in the Department of Planning & Building Services.



May 12, 2023

Plumas County Planning Department  
Attention: Zoning Administrator  
555 Main Street  
Quincy, CA 95971

Dear Zoning Administrator:

PDH staff has attached responses to community member remarks about birth center operational activities made during the May 10, 2023 Zoning Administrator meeting. Please include these materials in the official hearing minutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoDee Read". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "JoDee" on the top line and "Read" on the bottom line.

JoDee Read MBA, RHCEOC  
Chief Executive Officer  
Plumas District Hospital

Enclosures: 1



Response to community member remarks during May 10, 2023 Zoning Administrator Public Hearing

1. Under the midwifery model of care and the independent scope of midwifery practice, every effort is made to support the health and normalcy of birth and body processes through diet, exercise, education, natural remedies and basic supplies. The following are *available* to support the normal birth and baby *to provide a simple or preventative remedy or to sustain life in the rare case of an emergency*. Supportive measures used in the freestanding birth center are the same as those used in the home birth setting:
  - a. Medications for hemorrhage prevention and for use while waiting for emergency transport
  - b. Medications for neonatal resuscitation while waiting for emergency transport
  - c. Medical-grade gases
  - d. Standard medications for normal newborn preventative care immediately after the birth: erythromycin eye ointment, Vitamin K.
  - e. Medications for prevention of infection if needed (medical treatment of infection occurs within the hospital setting)
  - f. Supplies for simple perineal repairs: sutures, lidocaine; (major repairs requiring medical intervention would occur in the hospital setting)
2. Plumas District Hospital maintains a permit to generate and properly dispose of medical waste, including biohazardous waste, sharps, and pharmaceuticals. This permit is issued by the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Medical Waste Management Program. CDPH inspects the hospital's compliance of this program annually. Medical waste collection and disposal program compliance and enforcement is solely the jurisdiction of CDPH.

The alternative birthing center will be equipped with the necessary receptacles to ensure safety of all staff and patients. The alternative birthing center will operate as a satellite generation/collection point for medical waste with subsequent transportation and disposal at the hospital site located at 1065 Bucks Lake Rd. Medical waste is then collected and disposed of by a licensed medical waste disposal company on a weekly basis from this site. This practice mirrors existing practices of the hospital's other satellite locations in accordance with policy and state regulations.