

## Andrea - Deputy Clerk

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**To:** Ramon Hayes (mayor@townoflaconner.org); Scott Thomas  
**Cc:** Andrea - Deputy Clerk  
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**Attachments:** 306 Center Street Rezone-1-1.pdf

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**Subject:** Center Street Development

Dear Town Council –

I have grown increasingly disillusioned with government at all levels as the inability to support the will of the majority seems to have fallen by the way side, even on the local level. First, you conditionally approved the installation of a garish, expensive, pointless promotional sign in Gilkey Square, and now we have the development on Center Street.

According to the original contract with the town, this property should be reviewed and adhere to the Historic Preservation District codes. Perhaps the Town Planner can explain why that did not happen? I am pretty sure the proposed development would not meet those standards. The Planning Commission certainly didn't approve of it.

To be honest, I'm really tired of the fighting. There seems to be a small contingent of people who are hell bent on changing the character of La Conner without considering what the majority of people who live here want. We have empty storefronts now – do we really need another development with retail space? Can't we do just one thing right? This development seems wildly inappropriate for the space.

I'm attaching the original contract, in case you haven't seen it. And I'm writing just to get my objections added to the public record, as I know it won't make a damn bit of difference.

Nancy Crowell

**CENTRE  
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CONTRACT REZONE

This is an agreement between the Town of La Conner, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as "Town", and Gerald and Donna Blades, owners of that certain property more particularly described below, hereinafter referred to as "Owner". This is a concomitant agreement between the parties which is mutually intended to benefit the citizens of the Town of La Conner and the Owner, and is intended to condition the rezone of property described below by placing a specific condition and restriction upon the Owner through this agreement. The Owner agrees to accept and fulfill the conditions set forth in this agreement in consideration of the benefit received for granting of the rezone of real property.

I. Real Property: The real property which is the subject of this agreement is owned by Gerald and Donna Blades whose address is P.O. Box 482, La Conner, WA 98257. The property which is the subject of this agreement is located in the Town of La Conner, Skagit County, Washington, and consists of Lots 3, 6 and 7 and the East 3 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9, "Calhoun Addition to the Town of La Conner", as per Plat recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, page 14, records of Skagit County, Washington.

II. Conditions of Agreement: Owner agrees to accept the following condition and restriction as an integral part of the agreement to rezone the Owners' property. This condition is as follows:

Prior to any development or improvement of the above-described real property which would, under the applicable ordinances of the Town of La Conner require the application for an issuance of a building permit,

application shall be made to the appropriate person, commission, committee or body for approval of the plan to develop or improve said property as would be required if said property were located within the Historical Preservation District of the Town of La Conner. The parties agree that Owners' property, which is the subject of this Contract Rezone, is not presently located within the Historical Preservation District, but Owner agrees to be bound by the same application and review process which applies to property located within the Historical Preservation District as if the above-described property were located within the Historical Preservation District. Owner understands that any breach, violation or failure to comply with this condition shall cause the property in question to revert back to the underlying zone in effect prior to this rezone, namely residential. Owner agrees and understands that the City Attorney of the Town shall be authorized to take any action deemed necessary to enforce this agreement.

III. The Rezone: By previous action of the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, the real property which is the subject of this agreement has been changed from the previous zoning classification of residential to the rezone classification of commercial which shall become effective immediately upon the signing of this agreement. The land owner shall enjoy all use and benefits of the new zoning classification under the condition imposed by this agreement. Owner agrees and hereby authorizes Town to record the original or a copy of this agreement with the Skagit County Auditor so that this agreement will become a matter of public notice to subsequent purchasers and shall become an encumbrance upon the land.

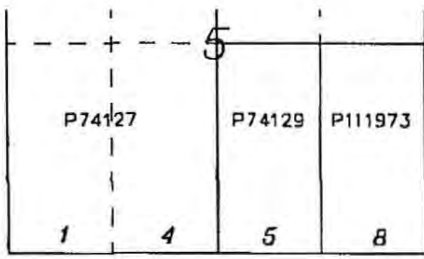
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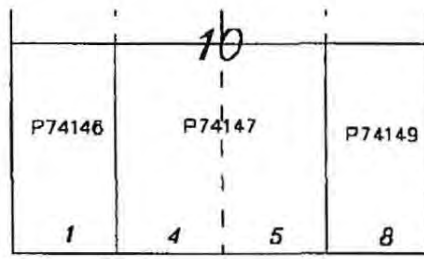


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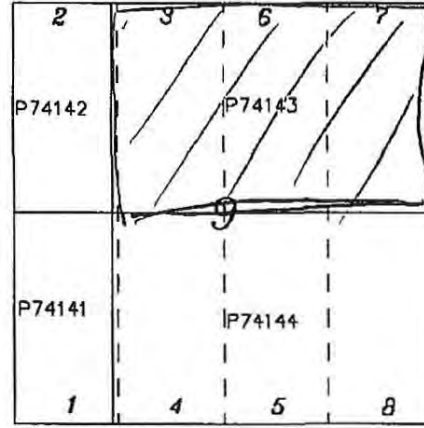
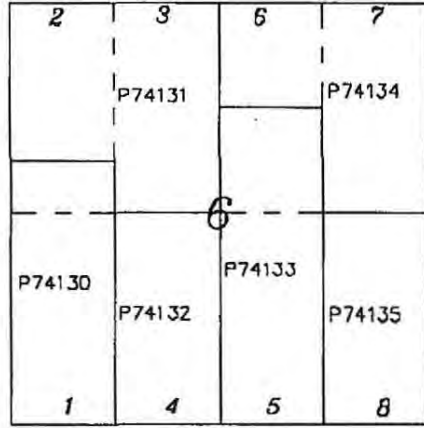
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