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## Pac. Seafoods: Request to quash extension denied

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pandemic and the amount of planning required before construction could begin, the company's attorney wrote in a request to extend the city's conditional use permit and site-design review by another year.

The request was approved by interim city planner Mark Barnes in August and Widdicombe filed his appeal a few weeks later.

Widdicombe contends Pacific Seafoods' plans don't meet guidelines set by Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration and that Warrenton's former community development director, Kevin Cronin, failed to inform the city or its planning commission.

The company has said it hopes to house at least 70 workers at the location and would provide them meals as well as transportation to and from work.

The Planning Commission, at its Oct. 8 meeting, granted a request by Pacific Seafoods to continue Widdicombe's appeal hearing to Nov. 12.

Widdicombe's assertions have nothing to do with the criteria for granting an extension, Pacific Seafoods attorney Michael Robinson told commissioners at their Nov. 12 meeting.



Peggy Yingst/The Columbia Press

The former Pacific Fabrication building on NW Warrenton Drive.

"I simply don't understand why he chooses to talk about things that are irrelevant to the five approval criteria ... that you're bound to make your decision on," Robinson said. "If OSHA requires Pacific Seafood to do something, Pacific Seafood will do it."

City Attorney Spencer Parsons told planning commissioners they're bound to make their decision based on the legal criteria for extending a conditional use permit. Those include no changes have been made to the original approved site design plan, the company shows its intent to initiate construction within the extension period, there have been no material changes to the applicable code provisions on which the approval was based, and failure to

begin construction during the initial approval period was based on conditions beyond the applicant's control.

With Commissioner Chris Hayward absent, the remaining six members of the Planning Commission voted to extend Pacific Seafoods' conditional use permit to Nov. 19, 2021.

"My belief is we have certain criteria we are guided by," Commission Chairman Paul Mitchell said. "Regardless of how we personally feel, we really have to stick with the guidelines before us."

Widdicombe said he's hopeful the company will comply with OSHA requirements and, once he's seen a floor plan, he'll decide whether to bring his concerns before state officials and politicians.

## Shark Tank: New approach; winning idea

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The contest was designed to shine a spotlight on those who are passionate about solving some of the toughest challenges facing the VA. It also provides them with an opportunity to replicate and increase the scale of their practice because of buy-in from the highest levels at the VA.

"Despite a known mortality benefit, lung cancer screening implementation has been unexpectedly slow," Slatore wrote in a dissertation about his program. "New programs face barriers to implementation, which may include lack of clinician engagement or beliefs that the intervention



Courtesy Portland VA Health Systems

Dr. Christopher Slatore and his team won a nationwide medical "Shark Tank" competition.

is not beneficial."

Slatore's centralized screening program has received more than 4,500 consults,

screened more than 2,400 veterans, and detected and treated 62 patients with early-stage lung cancer.