# Proposed Conditional Use (CU-12-7-17)

Board of County Commissioners August 15, 2017

## **Conditional Use Request**

- Country Oaks Animal Hospital & Boarding Kennel at 1412 Belcher Rd, Palm Harbor
- Conditional Use modification request:
  - Allow a 1,612 square foot addition
  - Hydrotherapy unit
    - No additional animal boarding space
    - South side of existing structure
- Agricultural Estate Residential Zoning requires conditional use approval for animal hospitals and kennels
- Variance request for the expansion to be 16 feet from the south property line where 25 feet is required







#### Area of Conditional Use & Variance

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### **Additional Information**

- Past Conditional Use Approvals
  - First granted by the BCC in 1987
  - Various expansions and hours of operation changes granted in 1988, 1996 & 2001
    - Past expansion approvals never constructed

### The subject parcel was once much larger

- Five acres when approved in 1987
- Reduced to its current one-acre size due to the widening of Belcher Road and the need for associated drainage retention

## **PRC Staff Findings**

- Expansion request meets the General Standards for conditional uses
  - No anticipated traffic issues
  - Parking and drainage can be accommodated
  - Nearest home is over 150 feet away
- The variance request is reasonable
  - Best location for expansion
    - Will prevent removal of mature trees
    - Will not encroach overhead power line area
    - Belcher Road widening project reduced the original property size by 80 percent
    - Adjacent to County-owned property

### **PRC Staff Recommendation**

- Approval of the Conditional Use modification request and the associated variance, subject to these conditions:
  - 1. Full site plan review
  - 2. Site development shall maintain substantial conformance with the associated concept plan
  - 3. Appropriate licensure shall be maintained
  - The proposed expansion shall not exceed 1,612 square feet
  - 5. All animals shall be boarded indoors only
  - All kennel areas shall be soundproofed and professionally certified per STC rating in keeping with the Pinellas County Noise Ordinance

# Staff Recommendation (cont.)

- 7. All parking requirements shall be met
- 8. The building setback from the south property line shall be 16 feet. All other required setbacks shall be met
- Any changes to the conditions listed shall require approval of the appropriate Board at a public hearing
- 10. In the event any of the above conditions are not met or the conditional use becomes a nuisance, its approval may be rescinded
- Local Planning Agency
  - Recommended approval (6-0 vote)