



STAFF REPORT

HEARINGS: Planning & Zoning Commission: October 13, 2025

APPLICANT: Robert and Tammie Thorne

FILE NUMBER: CU-25-05

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit for Two Temporary Structures for Security and Medical Hardship

GENERAL LOCATION: Southwest corner of Phillips Road and Phillips Road, approximately 3500' southeast of its intersection with Benes Roush Road

PARCEL KEY NUMBER: 904908

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the provision of two Recreational Vehicles (RVs) due to losing their home in Hurricane Milton. One RV will be for a temporary security residence while the home is being built; the second RV is to provide a residence for aging in-laws due to medical hardship.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Site Size	4.4 acres
Surrounding Zoning; Land Uses	North: AG (Agricultural); Winery (SE15-03) South: AG (Agricultural); Vacant East: AG (Agricultural); Residential West: AG (Agricultural); Vacant
Current Zoning:	AG (Agricultural)
Future Land Use Map Designation:	Rural

UTILITIES REVIEW

Hernando County Utilities Department (HCUD) does not currently supply water or wastewater service to this parcel. Water and wastewater services are unavailable to this parcel. HCUD has no objection to the Conditional use to allow two Recreational Vehicles (RVs) on the parcel during the rebuild of the home, subject to Health Department approval of any upgrades that may be required for the existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.

ENGINEERING REVIEW

The subject site is located at the Southwest corner of Phillips Road and Phillips Road, approximately 3500' southeast of its intersection with Benes Roush Road. The Department of Public Works reviewed the petitioner's request and identified no concerns.

LAND USE REVIEW

Minimum Building Setbacks Required in the AG (Agricultural) District:

- Front: 75'
- Side: 35'
- Rear: 35'

A conditional use permit is intended to be used as a special permit which temporarily allows uses not otherwise permitted by the ordinance. The Commission can grant a conditional use permit for a period up to two years if they determine that a hardship exists.

NOTICE OF APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY

The conditional use permit process is a land use determination and does not constitute a permit for either construction, or use of, the property, or a Certificate of Concurrency. Prior to use of, or construction on, the property, the petitioner must receive approval from the appropriate County department(s) for the proposed use.

The granting of this land use determination does not protect the owner from civil liability for recorded deed restrictions which may exceed any county land use ordinances. Homeowner associations or architectural review committees require submission of plans for review and approval. The applicant for this land use request should contact the local association or the Public Records for all restrictions applicable to this property.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission determine whether a hardship exists; if such a determination is made, the Planning & Zoning Commission may approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit for Two Temporary Structures for Security and Medical Hardship with the following performance conditions:

1. The petitioner must obtain all permits from Hernando County and other applicable agencies and meet all applicable land development regulations, for either construction or use of the property, and complete all applicable development review processes.
2. No attachments or other structures shall be erected on the property or attached to the Recreational Vehicles (RVs).
3. The proposed Recreational Vehicles (RVs) must meet the following minimum setbacks of the AG (Agricultural) District:
Front: 75'
Side: 35'
Rear: 35'

4. The petitioner shall permit onsite well and septic through the Florida Department of Health in Hernando County.
5. County personnel shall have the ability to inspect the property periodically for the duration of the permit to verify that performance conditions are being followed, and the use has not been abandoned. A final inspection by county staff will occur within thirty (30) days immediately following the expiration of this permit to verify that the use has been discontinued.
6. The Conditional Use Permit shall expire on October 13, 2027.