1	BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4	RALPH THORNTON,)
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6	Petitioner,)
7) LUBA No. 95-242
8	vs.)
9) FINAL OPINION
10	CITY OF ST. HELENS,) AND ORDER
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12	Respondent.)
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15	Appeal from City of St. Helens.
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17	William C. Cox, Portland, filed the petition for review
18	and argued on behalf of petitioner.
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20	Peter Linden, City Attorney, St. Helens, filed the
21	response brief and argued on behalf of respondent.
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23	GUSTAFSON, Referee; LIVINGSTON, Chief Referee,
24	participated in the decision.
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26	AFFIRMED 06/21/96
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28	You are entitled to judicial review of this Order.
29	Judicial review is governed by the provisions of ORS
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1 Opinion by Gustafson.

2 NATURE OF THE DECISION

- 3 Petitioner appeals the city's denial of a site design
- 4 review application.

5 FACTS

- 6 Petitioner operates what he describes as an "industrial
- 7 storage yard" of "uses permitted outright in the city's
- 8 light industrial zone." Petition for Review 3.
- 9 In December, 1994, the city granted petitioner a
- 10 business license for an "industrial storage" business on the
- 11 property. Shortly thereafter, the city issued petitioner
- 12 building permits for construction of a fence and placement
- 13 of fill on the property. Petitioner then filled the site,
- 14 erected the fence, and commenced his business.
- 15 In August, 1995, the city informed petitioner by letter
- 16 that his land use was subject to site design review. The
- 17 letter states, in relevant part,
- 18 "The purpose of this letter is just a reminder.
- 19 Before anyone can use land inside the City Limits
- 20 they must comply with the ordinances. I have
- 21 noticed that you appear to be erecting a fence on
- 22 a property tentatively identified as Tax lot

¹Petitioner has declined to elaborate on the exact use or the types of industrial materials to be stored. In the petition for review he states "the intended uses are not to be hazardous, obnoxious, offensive or unsightly by reason of emission of odor, sound, vibration, radioactivity, electrical interference, glare, liquid or solid wastes, smoke or other air pollutants." Petition for Review 3. These intended restrictions correspond verbatim to the list of restrictions to industrial uses permitted in the city's industrial zone, set forth in St. Helens Zoning Ordinance (SHZO) 2.140(2).

1 419121100. The fill and the fence can 2 accomplished with only a building permit, but 3 parking, storing or any type of use of the land 4 must meet the requirements of the zone in which 5 the property is located. The property appears to be located in LI, Light Industrial zone per the б 7 City's Zoning Map.

"All 'permitted uses' must, at least, go through Site Design Review and all 'conditional uses' must additionally go through the conditional use permitting process. If you desire to use the property you should apply for the use with the applicable application and allow from five to twelve weeks for the process to be completed under normal circumstances." Record 31; 365.

16 Petitioner submitted a site design review application, 17 under protest, on August 30, 1995. In the application, 18 petitioner described the project as an "existing fenced 19 storage yard" and added "property is already developed. improvements are planned unless required by law." 20 35. On September 1, 1995, the city informed petitioner his 21 22 application was not complete because petitioner had not 23 labeled drawings submitted with the application, had not 24 included а landscaping plan, and had not adequately 25 described the proposed use. With regard to the proposed use, the city's letter states: 26

"No explanation of the use has been fully set out in the application. The applicant needs to state what he intends to place for storage on the site, with a full description of the type of equipment, use of the equipment, actions on the property to place or remove the equipment, safety of the equipment, safety of the placing or removing the equipment, hazardous or non-hazardous nature of the equipment and whatever else is necessary to fully explain the use of the site." Record 38.

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- 1 The applicant then labeled the drawings, but did not submit
- 2 a landscaping plan and, in subsequent correspondence to the
- 3 city, did not elaborate further on the intended uses of the
- 4 property except to state:
- 5 "An explanation [of the intended use] was fully My use is industrial 6 set out in the application. 7 storage. Please read the city's zoning ordinance 8 so that you can see the allowed items which are 9 legal for storage in that zone. I wish to be 10 store anything that is legal for allowed to storage in the zone which does not require any 11 additional special permits. I do not wish to 12 13 violate any laws, and need the use as liberal as 14 The staff report should reflect this possible. 15 request by listing as much as possible from the 16 zoning ordinance. Actions on the property to 17 remove storage items place or are bу hand, 18 forklift, truck, trailer, and other 19 necessary to function in a safe manner. Safety is 20 always a prime concern to me in my endeavors." 21 Record 45.
- 22 The city again informed petitioner that the application was not yet complete but, at the applicant's request, set 23 24 the matter for hearing. The city planning commission held a hearing on the application on October 10, 1995. 25 Upon questioning by commissioners during the public hearing, 26 27 petitioner discussed drainage and landscaping issues; 28 however, no drainage or landscaping plans were submitted. 29 Petitioner did not elaborate further on the nature of the 30 proposed Αt the close of the hearing, use. 31 commissioners recommended that the hearing be continued to

allow petitioner to complete his application with a full

description of the proposed use and the required landscaping

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- 1 and drainage plans. Petitioner declined, stating "I'd
- 2 prefer you make a decision now so that we can get on with
- 3 the appeal process." Record 167. The Planning Commission
- 4 then voted to deny the application and concluded in its
- 5 findings, in part:
- 6 "The Planning Commission (sitting as the Site
- 7 Design Review Board) concluded that they had to
- 8 deny the proposal specifically for the following
- 9 reasons:
- 10 "a. Uses were not clearly stated in the
- 11 application.
- 12 "b. There was no drainage plan submitted.
- "c. There was no landscaping plan submitted.
- "d. There were errors found on the site plan.
- 15 "e. The Criteria for Evaluating Site Design
- 16 Review Plans were not adequately addressed *
- 17 * * [.]"
- 18 The findings continue by listing the five areas for which
- 19 the planning commission concluded the criteria for
- 20 evaluation were not addressed, including crime prevention,
- 21 pedestrian and vehicular circulation, surface drainage,
- 22 landscaping and land use.
- 23 Upon petitioner's appeal, the city council conducted a
- 24 hearing on the record. During that hearing, the city
- 25 permitted discussion of the appeal by city officials, but
- 26 did not permit additional testimony or argument by
- 27 petitioner. At the close of the hearing, the city council
- 28 upheld the planning commission's denial. This appeal

1 followed.

2 FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 3 Petitioner contends the city failed to follow the
- 4 applicable procedures in a manner that prejudiced
- 5 petitioner's substantial rights when it refused to allow
- 6 petitioner to present testimony to the council or rebut
- 7 statements made by city officials at the appeal hearing.
- 8 Petitioner argues the city council's conduct violated both
- 9 ORS 197.763(7) and the city's code.
- ORS 197.763(7) addresses the situation when a local
- 11 record is reopened to admit new evidence. 2 While petitioner
- 12 states he wished to have the record reopened, the record
- 13 does not reflect that it was reopened. Because the record
- 14 was not reopened, ORS 197.763(7) does not apply.
- With regard to the alleged violation of the city's
- 16 code, petitioner cites SHZO 5.020(8)(a), which states:
- 17 "The Planning Commission or City Council, in
- 18 conducting [sic] which will result in a
- determination as to the permissible use of a
- 20 specific property, are acting in an
- administrative, quasi judicial capacity, and all
- hearings are conducted accordingly. Interested
- 23 parties are therefore entitled to an opportunity
- to be heard, to present and rebut evidence to an

²ORS 197.763(7) states:

[&]quot;When a local governing body, planning commission, hearings body or hearings officer reopens a record to admit new evidence or testimony, any person may raise new issues which relate to the new evidence, testimony or criteria for decision-making which apply to the matter at issue."

- impartial court, to have the proceedings recorded
- and to have a decision based only on the evidence
- 3 which is supported by findings of fact as a part
- 4 of that record."
- 5 On the basis of that provision, petitioner argues he was
- 6 denied his right to be heard before the city council.
- 7 However, while SHZO 5.020(8)(a) provides parties a
- 8 right to be heard before the city council when it conducts
- 9 an evidentiary hearing, that section does not mandate that
- 10 the city council conduct evidentiary hearings. Rather, the
- 11 city council has the discretion to conduct appeals from the
- 12 planning commission on the record. As explained in SHZO
- 13 5.020(3)(c):
- 14 "The City Council may hold an evidentiary or
- 15 review hearing to consider such an appeal from a
- decision or ruling of the Planning Commission, and
- may affirm, reverse or modify such decision in
- 18 whole or in part."
- 19 The city council acted in accordance with SHZO 5.020(3)(c)
- 20 when it chose to conduct a review hearing on petitioner's
- 21 appeal.
- 22 Petitioner also argues the city council's refusal to
- 23 grant him his "right" to address the city council during the
- 24 appeal hearing violated his substantial due process rights
- 25 because the city council allowed the planning staff and city
- 26 attorney to speak. According to petitioner, by not allowing
- 27 petitioner to address comments made by staff during the
- 28 appeal hearing, he was not allowed to bring contrary
- 29 evidence to their attention, and "in adopting the decision

- 1 of its Planning Commission, the city council ignored
- 2 relevant evidence in the record which the planning
- 3 commission had also ignored." Petition for Review 8.
- 4 Petitioner does not allege, nor does the record
- 5 indicate, that the comments petitioner wished to rebut
- 6 during the appeal hearing constituted new evidence. Rather,
- 7 the comments related to the staff and city attorney's
- 8 analysis of the facts already in the record.
- 9 Petitioner's argument is essentially one of substantial
- 10 evidence, which is not the subject of this assignment of
- 11 error. If the city based its decision on misstatements or
- 12 evidence not in the record, petitioner may have an argument
- 13 that the decision is not based on substantial evidence.
- 14 However, such purported misstatements do not give rise to a
- 15 right by petitioner to rebut comments of the city attorney
- 16 or planning staff during the city council's appeal hearing
- 17 based on evidence already in the record. Linebarger v. City
- 18 of the Dalles, 24 Or LUBA 91, 93 (1992) (city is free to
- 19 seek advice from staff and city attorney in reaching a land
- 20 use decision and is not required to provide parties an
- 21 opportunity to rebut the substance of the staff advice).
- 22 See Dickas v. City of Beaverton, 92 Or App 168, 172-73, 757
- 23 P2d 451 (1988).
- 24 The first assignment of error is denied.
- 25 **SECOND ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**
- 26 Petitioner contends the city misconstrued the

- 1 applicable law when it continued to process the site design
- 2 review application after the city failed to render a
- 3 decision within 36 days of the application date, as required
- 4 by Ordinance 2252, § 10(2). According to petitioner, the
- 5 application should have been deemed approved on the 36th day
- 6 after the application was filed.
- 7 The city processed the application under SHZO
- 8 5.020(12), which implements and mirrors state law
- 9 requirements regarding time limits for applications set
- 10 forth in ORS 227.178.
- 11 Ordinance 2252, § 10(2), adopted in 1978, states:
- "The [site design review] board shall meet within
- 30 days of any submission and shall announce its
- decision within five days of hearing the
- application, unless the matter is continued for
- 16 action at a later meeting. Thirty-six days after
- a submission has been filed, if not extended with
- the consent of the applicant, and if the board has
- not reached a decision, the (submission) shall be
- treated as if approved."
- 21 SHZO 5.020(12), adopted in 1991, states:
- 22 "a. Final action on land use permits and zone 23 changes authorized by this ordinance,
- including resolutions of appeals, shall be
- within 120 days after the application is
- deemed complete.
- "b. If an application for a land use permit or
- zone change is deemed incomplete by the City, it shall notify the applicant of exactly what
- 30 information is missing within 30 days of
- 31 receipt of the application and allow the
- 32 applicant to submit the missing information.
- 33 The application shall be deemed complete upon
- the receipt of the missing information. If
- 35 the applicant refuses to submit the missing

information, the application shall be deemed complete on the 31st day after receipt by the City. Approval or denial shall be based upon the application meeting the applicable criteria of this ordinance.

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"e. The 120 day time limit also does not apply to amendments to the city's Comprehensive Plan or legislative revisions to this ordinance or any other land use ordinance adopted by the City."

12 In the city's September 1, 1995 letter to petitioner, it recited the requirements of SHZO 5.020(12) to explain to 13 14 petitioner that his application would be deemed complete for 15 filing purposes when petitioner submitted the However, in petitioner's 16 information. subsequent correspondence with the city, it appears petitioner was 17 relying on Ordinance 2252, § 10(2) to expect that the 18 19 planning commission was required to act within 36 days of 20 his initial application. We are not cited to a point during evidentiary hearing where petitioner 21 raised 22 applicability of Ordinance 2252, § 10(2), and the city did address 23 not its applicability in its decision. 24 Nonetheless, the city recognizes the applicability of Ordinance 2252 generally, petitioner did generally raise the 25 26 time line issue in his written correspondence, and the city 27 does not contend petitioner waived his right to raise this Therefore, we address it, and make our own 28 issue here. determination of whether the city's decision is correct. 29 30 ORS 197.829(2).

Petitioner argues that there is nothing in SHZO 5.020 1 2 otherwise in the city's code that would indicate 3 Ordinance 2252, § 10(2) has been repealed and that further, by virtue of SHZO 5.020(12)(e), the 120-day rule does not 4 5 apply to the site design review ordinance. The city responds, essentially, that the site design review ordinance 6 is subject to the zoning ordinance, and that to the extent 7 8 the site design review ordinance does not define when an application is complete, the definition in the zoning 9 10 ordinance applies. The city also argues that, to the extent § 10(2) of Ordinance 2252 violates ORS 227.178, it cannot be 11 enforced.3 12 13 Employing a standard maxim of statutory construction, local legislation must be interpreted in a manner which 14 15 gives effect to all provisions. PGE v. Bureau of Labor and 16 Industries, 317 Or 606, 859 P2d 1143 (1993). those provisions must be interpreted in a manner which is 17 consistent with state statutes. 18 See e.g. Historical Development Advocates v. City of Portland, 27 Or LUBA 617,

20 623 (1994).

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21 We agree with petitioner that Ordinance 2252, § 10(2)

22 applies to the site design review process. However, that

23 ordinance does not define "submission" or provide a date

 $^{^{3}}$ The city also suggests that the site design review timeline has been implicitly repealed. There is nothing in the city's code to confirm such a repeal.

- 1 upon which a "submission" is deemed complete. Petitioner's
- 2 argument is premised on an interpretation that the city must
- 3 act within 36 days of the initial submission, regardless of
- 4 the completeness of the application or whether it is
- 5 submitted in a form upon which the site design review board
- 6 can evaluate it. Such an interpretation would violate ORS
- 7 227.178, which requires that applicants be given an
- 8 opportunity to amend an incomplete application before it is
- 9 deemed complete for purposes of review.
- In an effort to be both consistent with state statute,
- 11 and to give effect to the city's own regulations, we read
- 12 Ordinance 2252, § 10(2) to require the city to act within 36
- 13 days of when the application or "submission" is deemed
- 14 complete, in accordance with ORS 227.178.
- The city "deemed" the application complete on September
- 16 15, 1995 at petitioner's request, after he informed the city
- 17 he did not wish to further supplement the application. The
- 18 planning commission reached its decision within 36 days
- 19 after that date. Thus, we find the city's decision correct.
- The second assignment of error is denied.

21 THIRD ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 22 Petitioner contends the site design review ordinance
- 23 applies only to situations where a building permit is
- 24 pending. Accordingly, petitioner argues the city improperly
- 25 construed the law when it forced petitioner to apply for
- 26 site design review on land for which no building permit was

- 1 pending and for a use that had been "permitted and licensed"
- 2 for nearly nine months. Petitioner relies on Ordinance
- 3 2252, § 4, which states:
- 4 "No building permit shall be issued for a building
- 5 subject to this ordinance until a design review
- 6 plan is approved by the City. Actual site
- 7 construction shall conform to mat approved plan.
- 8 Additionally, no occupancy permit or final
- 9 building inspection permit shall be issued until
- 10 the building inspector has determined the
- 11 conditions of the design review plan have been
- 12 met."
- 13 Petitioner also cites Ordinance 2252, § 6(4), which states:
- "The prospective applicant for a building permit
- which is subject to the site design review
- 16 procedure shall submit to the recorder the
- 17 following: * * *."
- 18 Petitioner argues these citations confirm that Ordinance
- 19 2252 applies only to building permits.
- 20 The city responds first that no use has ever been
- 21 reviewed or approved for petitioner's property. The
- 22 issuance of a business license, by its terms, does not
- 23 permit use of the property without necessary land use
- 24 approvals; the building permits for a fence and fill also
- 25 did not approve a particular use of the property. In
- 26 addition, the city responds that petitioner has taken
- 27 excerpts of Ordinance 2252 out of context. Read as a whole,
- 28 and in conjunction with the zoning code, the city argues the
- 29 site design review is authorized and required before any
- 30 particular use can be made of petitioner's property.
- Ordinance 2252, § 3, entitled "Types of Development

- 1 Included, " states:
- 2 "This ordinance shall apply to all:
- 3 "(1) New development designated for such review by 4 the city of St. Helens' Zoning Ordinance or 5 Comprehensive Plan.
- 6 "* * * * *"
- 7 SHZO 2.140, which addresses the LI zone, states:
- 8 "* * * *
- 9 Uses Permitted Outright. In the LI-1 Light 10 Industrial Zone the following buildings and 11 are permitted as hereinafter 12 specifically provided, subject to the general 13 provisions and exceptions set forth in this 14 ordinance, and the Site Design Review 15 Ordinance.
- 16 "* * * *
- 17 "4. <u>Standards</u>. In the LI-Zone, the following standards shall apply:
- 19 "* * * * *
- 20 "e. Landscaping may be required by the Site
 21 Design Review Board on any side of a
 22 building that faces a residential zone,
 23 and for outdoor storage facilities.
- "f. The Site Design Review Board may require
 up to a one-hundred (100) yard buffer
 area between any facility and any
 residential zone."
- The site design review ordinance is, in some respects,
- 29 inartfully drafted. As petitioner points out, some
- 30 provisions of that ordinance appear to apply only to
- 31 situations in which a building permit is requested. It may
- 32 be that some provisions of the site design ordinance apply

only to building permit applications. However, the fact 1 2 that some provisions may address situations where a building 3 permit is subject to site design review does not restrict the ordinance to a review of building permits. Rather, the 4 5 express language of the zoning and site design review ordinances makes clear that uses in the LI zone are subject 6 7 to site design review, regardless of whether a building 8 permit is requested.

9 Petitioner's argument that he proposes 10 development that could be subject to site design review is 11 also without merit. First, as a factual matter, neither the building permits for a fence and fill, nor the business 12 13 license purported to or had the effect of granting approval 14 any particular use of petitioner's property. Petitioner's reliance on those documents is misplaced. 15 Moreover, although the nature and extent of petitioner's 16 intended use of the property is unclear, it is clear that he 17 intends to develop it for some type of outdoor industrial 18 However minor the development may be, this use 19 storage. requires some 20 development. For example, under 21 2.140(4)(e), the use may require development of landscaping. 22 As the city's decision points out, the use will also require 23 some sort of development for vehicular circulation and 24 parking.4 Thus, we agree with the city that petitioner's

 $^{^4{}m In}$ listing the site design review criteria petitioner failed to address, the decision notes under "Service and Delivery,"

- 1 use is subject to design review.
- 2 The second assignment of error is denied.

3 FOURTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 4 Petitioner contends the city improperly construed the
- 5 applicable law by imposing standards for review that were
- 6 not set forth in the land use regulations.
- 7 The essence of petitioner's argument is that the city
- 8 contradicted ordinances governing (1) petitioner's right to
- 9 participate in quasi-judicial hearings, (2) the
- 10 applicability of the site design review ordinance, and (3)
- 11 the mandate that his application be deemed approved 36 days
- 12 after it was submitted. According to petitioner, because
- 13 the city violated these ordinances it "must have been
- 14 relying on unannounced land use regulations." Petition for
- 15 Review 13.
- There is no merit to petitioner's argument. Even if
- 17 the city had misapplied or incorrectly construed or
- 18 interpreted an applicable ordinance, that would not equate
- 19 to or in any way indicate that the city relied on
- 20 "unannounced regulations" in reaching its decision.
- 21 Alternatively, petitioner contends the city's standards

[&]quot;This was not addressed by applicant in the application. Applicant states in his staff rebuttal letter that there are no buildings for service and delivery. It is just a fenced storage yard. The applicant did not address the fact that items to be stored or removed from the proposed storage yard will be delivered or picked up somehow. This [criterion] is intended to address how this will be accomplished." Record 124.

- 1 are "void for vagueness" because "[t]he standards by which
- 2 petitioner was judged are not clear enough for an applicant
- 3 to know what he must show in the application process."
- 4 Petition for Review 14. We find no merit to petitioner's
- 5 argument. More significantly, however, petitioner did not
- 6 raise this argument below, and may not raise it for the
- 7 first time here. Craven v. Jackson County, 29 Or LUBA 125,
- 8 132, aff'd 135 Or App 250, rev den 321 Or 512 (1995).

9 FIFTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 10 Petitioner contends the city's decision is not
- 11 supported by substantial evidence because the findings and
- 12 conclusions ignore evidence submitted by petitioner.
- 13 The city denied petitioner's application because
- 14 petitioner did not submit required drainage and landscape
- 15 plans, and refused to explain the proposed use. The city
- 16 urged petitioner to allow a continuance of the planning
- 17 commission hearing specifically so that petitioner could
- 18 submit those materials. Petitioner declined to take
- 19 advantage of that opportunity. Petitioner now asserts that
- 20 the evidence he submitted compels approval of the
- 21 application, in part because at the hearing "drainage plans
- 22 and existing grading and fill efforts were discussed,
- 23 pictures and site plans submitted by petitioner. * * *
- 24 Landscaping was addressed." Petition for Review 15.
- 25 Regardless of whether petitioner discussed drainage and
- 26 landscaping, he did not submit the required drainage and

- 1 landscaping plans. Nor did petitioner respond to the city's
- 2 repeated requests that he explain his intended use of the
- 3 property beyond a summary statement that he intended to do
- 4 whatever the code allowed. Because petitioner did not
- 5 submit the required information, the city could not evaluate
- 6 the application, let alone find that each criterion was
- 7 satisfied.
- 8 Because the challenged decision denies petitioner's
- 9 site design review approval, the city need only point to
- 10 findings, supported by substantial evidence, demonstrating
- 11 that one or more approval standards are not met. Garre v.
- 12 Clackamas County, 18 Or LUBA 877, aff'd 102 Or App 123
- 13 (1990); Baughman v. Marion County, 17 Or LUBA 632, 638
- 14 (1989). Further, in order to overturn on evidentiary
- 15 grounds the city's determination that an applicable approval
- 16 criterion is not met, it is not sufficient for petitioner to
- 17 show there is substantial evidence in the record to support
- 18 his position. Rather, the "evidence must be such that a
- 19 reasonable trier of fact could only say petitioner['s]
- 20 evidence should be believed." Thomas v. City of Rockaway
- 21 Beach, 24 Or LUBA 532, 534 (1993); Schmaltz v. City of Hood
- 22 River, 22 Or LUBA 115, 119 (1991); McCoy v. Marion County,
- 23 16 Or LUBA 284, 286 (1987). Petitioner must demonstrate he
- 24 sustained his burden of proof of compliance with all
- 25 applicable criteria, as a matter of law. Jurgenson v. Union
- 26 County Court, 42 Or App 505, 600 P2d 1241 (1979).

1 Petitioner has not established that the evidence in the

2 record so undermines the city's findings so as to compel a

3 conclusion that, as a matter of law, each of the applicable

4 criteria have been satisfied. Moreover, until petitioner

5 submits the necessary information for the city to evaluate

6 his application, no determination can be made whether the

7 applicable criteria are satisfied.

8 The fifth assignment of error is denied.

9 SIXTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

10 Petitioner contends the city violated SHZO 5.020(15)

11 because the planning commission did not reply to

12 petitioner's request that it interpret specific terms and

13 meaning of specific code provisions.⁵

14 SHZO 5.020(15) states:

15 "It shall be the duty of the Planning Commission to rule on the meaning, spirit and intent of the 16 provisions of this ordinance as is necessary for 17 its administration. In interpreting and applying 18 19 the regulations, they shall be held to be the 20 minimum requirements for the promotion of the 21 public health, safety, convenience and general welfare." 22

⁵The three questions posed by petitioner, which he requested the planning commission answer during the public hearing, were:

[&]quot;Was my site-design review application approved by ordinance before the public hearing begins?" Record 90.

[&]quot;Should the city require a site design review hearing for my use after issuing a fill permit, fence permit, and a business license?" Record 93.

[&]quot;Should the city create and provide applications for occupancy permits?" Record 94.

- 1 This provision does not mandate that the planning
- 2 commission make an interpretation at the request of
- 3 petitioner. The planning commission's failure to respond
- 4 specifically to petitioner's questions provides no basis for
- 5 relief.
- 6 The sixth assignment of error is denied.

7 SEVENTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 8 Petitioner contends the city's decision violates his
- 9 federal constitutional rights to due process and federal and
- 10 state equal protection guarantees. Petitioner states he
- 11 "did not have fair notice of what conduct was expected of
- 12 him or the risk of penalty he faced if he complied with
- 13 Respondent's demand for a site design review application."
- 14 Petition for Review 17.
- 15 Petitioner did not raise this argument below, and may
- 16 not raise it for the first time here. Craven v. Jackson
- 17 County, 29 Or LUBA at 132. Even if it had been raised,
- 18 petitioner has not established any basis for relief.
- 19 This assignment of error is denied.
- The city's decision is affirmed.