

Staff Report

Agenda Item No. D-1

To: City of Imperial Planning Commission

From: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Date: October 17, 2022

Subject: O Street Abandonment between 12th Street and 13th Street

Summary:

Applicant: Precision Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

on behalf of Joshua Quintero

Project Location: O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street

Project Abandonment of O Street between 12th Street and

Description: 13th Street

Zoning: Rail Served Industrial (I-2)

General Plan: Industrial Zone

Environmental: Categorically Exempt – 15301 Existing Facilities

Recommendation: Approve, subject to conditions

Background

Precision Engineering & Surveying, Inc. on behalf of Joshua Quintero is requesting the abandonment of the portion of O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street. The approximate 380-foot long portion of O Street requested to be abandoned will allow for a future project which consists of an industrial park constructed in two phases. The first phase will be a welding and machining shop placed over APN 063-012-001 and 063-121-002 with a section reserved for a retention basin with the water capacity of 10,130 cubic feet. The second phase is contingent on the street abandonment and if approved, an industrial park on APN 063-123-001 is being proposed. The abandonment of O Street will add more usable space to build a suitable retention basin and allow adequate space to build the industrial park. Mr. Quintero owns the parcels abutting O Street and is in the process of acquiring the final parcel to be able to build the industrial park. Currently, O Street between 12th and 13th Streets is unimproved and does not provide access to any of the abutting properties except as an alternate access to the City of Imperial's Waste Water Facility and Maintenance Shop.

Project Location

Highlighted parcels are owned by the applicant.



Aerial View of Proposed Street Abandonment



Discussion/Analysis

City staff has reviewed the proposed abandonment of O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street. The Development Review Committee met and discussed the project for compliance with the City's General Plan and development standards on August 18, 2022. Staff comments and recommended Conditions of Approval have been provided in the Department Comments in Resolution PC2022-08, Exhibit A.

Environmental Compliance

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 of the Guidelines.

Evaluation

California Government Code 65402 requires the City of Imperial not to vacate or abandon any streets unless the abandonment has been found to be in conformance to the General Plan. The abandonment of O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street has been found to be in conformance with the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan. The City of Imperial General Plan Circulation Element requires that streets be functionally classified according to the type of level of traffic they are designed to accommodate. O Street in its entirety is not classified as a Major or Secondary Arterial nor considered Industrial or Residential Collectors. All portions of O Street are classified as a local street and therefore not essential for traffic flow. P Street is classified as a secondary arterial and has sufficient capacity to handle any additional traffic resulting from the vacation and abandonment and will not interfere with local circulation.

Public Notification

The public hearing scheduled for October 26, 2022 was duly noticed in the Holtville Tribune and Calexico Chronicle, newspapers of general circulation on October 13, 2022 and a Notice of Public Hearing was sent to all property owners within 300-feet of the properties.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing to receive comments for and against the project. Unless sufficient evidence to the contrary is presented at the public hearing, Staff recommends that the Planning Commission find that the proposed street abandonment is in conformity with the General Plan and forwards their recommendation for approval to City Council.

Attachments

- Resolution PC2022-08
- Legal Description
- Preliminary Site Plan

Respectfully submitted,

Othon Mora, MCM, CBO Community Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. PC2022-08 FOR

FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY VACATION OF A PORTION OF O STREET BETWEEN 12TH STREET AND 13TH STREET

WHEREAS, the owner of property adjoining a city street has requested the City to vacate a portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Government Code of the State of California, Section 65402, provides in part that a local agency shall not vacate or abandon any streets until the location, purpose, and extent of such activity has been reported upon as to conformity with the adopted General Plan applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the portion of O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street is not identified in the Circulation Element of the General Plan as a major or secondary arterial roadway circulation system nor will it restrict access to private property; and

WHEREAS, the finding of conformance is with the General Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061 (b) (3)

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Planning Commission does hereby find the proposed vacation of the portion of O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street to be in conformance with the City of Imperial General Plan and determines that the City Council take the necessary procedures to effect the vacation as shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B and be subject to the Conditions of Approval outlined in Exhibit C.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Imperial, this 26th day of October, 2022.

	Planning Commission Chairman
ATTEST:	
City Clerk	

EXHIBIT "A"

STREET ABANDONMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF "O" STREET IN THE TOWNSITE OF IMPERIAL, IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO MAP NUMBER 883 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, A COPY OF SAID MAP BEING ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF IMPERIAL COUNTY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PORTION OF "O" STREET BOUND TO THE NORTH BY A LINE CONNECTING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 24 AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 23 AND BOUND TO THE SOUTH BY A LINE CONNECTING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 24 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 23, TOWNSITE OF IMPERIAL, IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO MAP NUMBER 883 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, A COPY OF SAID MAP BEING ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF IMPERIAL COUNTY.

CONTAINING 0.55 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL COVENANTS, EASEMENTS, AND AGREEMENTS OF RECORD.

AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "B", ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.



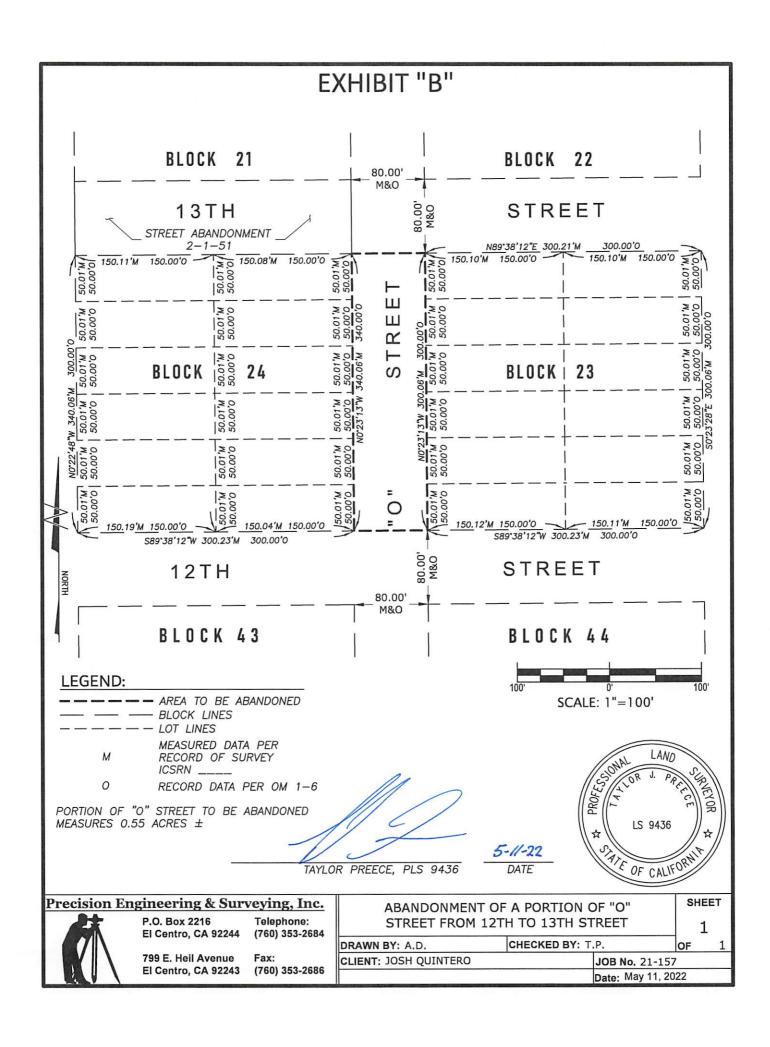


EXHIBIT C

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL O Street Vacation between 12th Street and 13th Street Josh Quintero 306 S. N Street Imperial, CA 92251

- 1. The Applicant shall comply with all local, State and Federal laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, and standards as they pertain to this project, whether specified herein or not. Where conflicts occur, the most stringent shall apply.
- 2. The Applicant shall pay all applicable impact and capacity fees.
- 3. The right-of-way vacation shall not constitute the waiver of any requirement of the City's Ordinances or regulations, except where a condition set forth herein specifically provides for a waiver.
- 4. The Applicant shall agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Imperial and its agents, including consultants, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City or its agents, including consultants, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of the right-of-way vacation. This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, or expert witness costs that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the Property Owner/Applicant arising out of or in connection with the approval of the public right-of-way vacation, including any claim for private attorney general fees claimed by, or awarded to any party from the City.
- 5. All conditions of approval for this right-of-way vacation shall be reprinted and included as a plan sheet(s) with the building permit plan check sets submitted for review and approval. These conditions of approval shall be on, at all times, all grading, landscaping, and construction plans kept on the project site. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the project contractor is aware of, and abides by, all conditions of approval. Prior approval from the Planning Department must be received before any changes are constituted in site design, grading, building design, building colors or materials, landscape material, etc.

6. Department Comments

Public Services

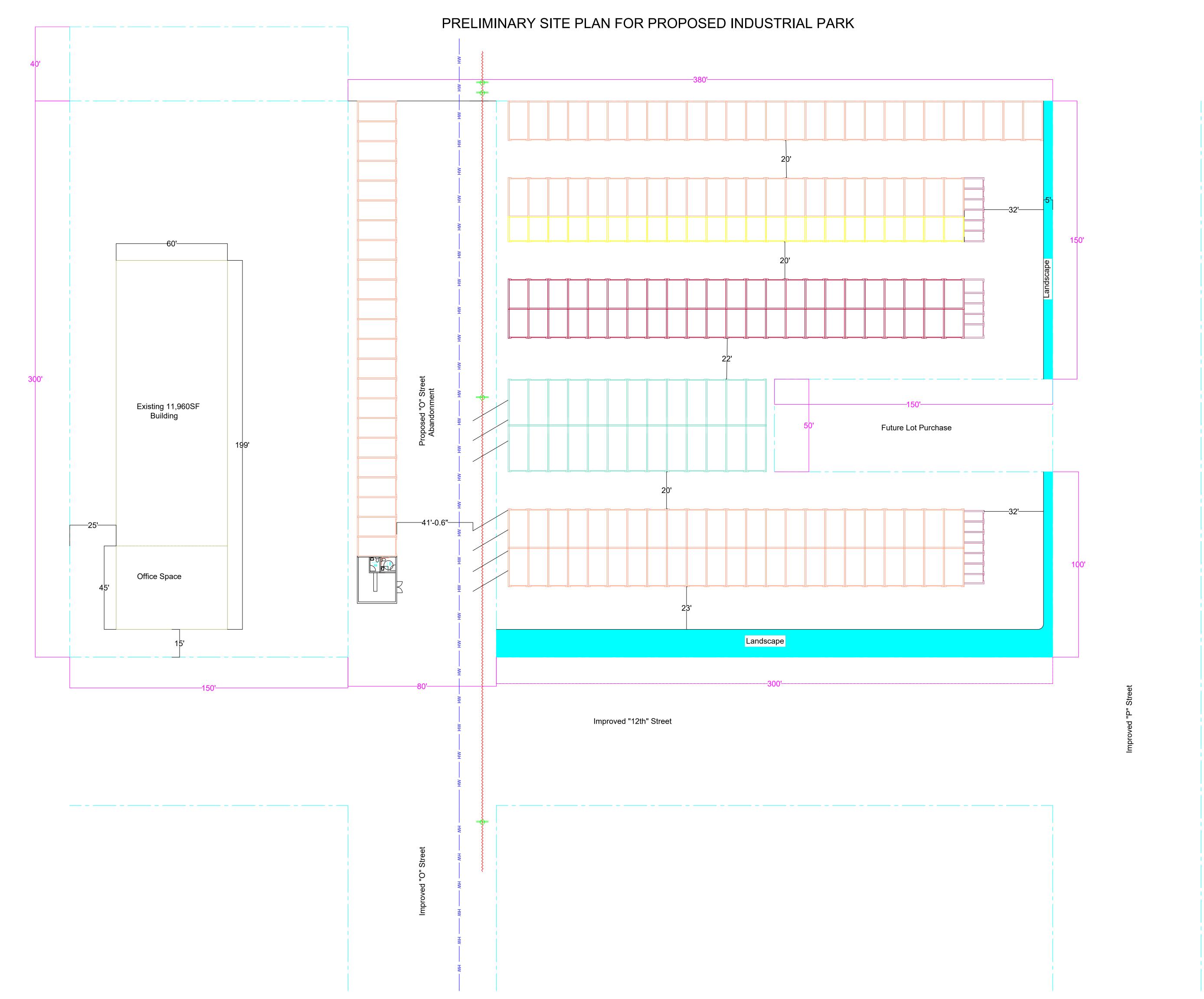
- a. Applicant shall provide access to repair underground utilities, such as storm water and potable water, on O Street between 12th Street and 13th Street, running North and South, if needed.
- b. City of Imperial Shop South entrance gate located on O Street and northern portion of 13th Street may be used as an additional access point, if needed.
- c. All paving material shall be asphalt and shall maintain line of site to existing O Street City of Imperial Shop entrance.

Fire Department

- d. Abandonment of public streets are of concern as they could lead to operational challenges in emergency situations that could cause unforeseen issues. As presented, this private enterprise project does not currently present an issue.
- e. Right-of-Way vacation procedures are to be executed according to City of Imperial specifications.

Community Development

- f. A Site Plan Review is required prior to the construction of any building or structure on any Industrial Zone property pursuant to Section 24.19.500 of the City of Imperial Zoning Ordinance.
- g. Industrial Zone property development and performance standards shall apply to all land and buildings authorized within this zone.
- 7. The provisions of the permit are to run with the land/project and shall bind the current and future owner(s) successor(s) in interest, assignee(s) and/or transferor(s) of said project.
- 8. If the Community Development Department finds and determines that the Applicant or successor-in-interest has not complied or cannot comply with the terms and conditions listed herein, or the Planning/Building Department determines that the activities constitute a nuisance, the City shall provide Applicant with notice and opportunity to comply with the enforcement or abatement order. If after receipt of the order (1), Applicant fails to comply, and/or (2) Applicant cannot comply with the conditions set forth herein, then the matter shall be referred to the Planning Commission, or to the appropriate enforcement authority for termination of the right-of-way abandonment of the portion of O Street, between 12th and 13th Street.
- 9. As between the City and the Applicant, any violation of these Conditions of Approval may be a "nuisance per se". The City may enforce the terms and conditions of these conditions in accordance with its Codified Ordinances and/or State law. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any claim of nuisance per se brought by a third party.
- 10. Applicant shall not be permitted to maintain a "nuisance", which is anything which (1) is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, and/or (2) affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal, and/or (3) occurs during or as a result of the re-located business.



Unit Qtys:

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5 \times 10 18 units $85.55 = $1539.90 10 future $855.5

10 \times 12 23 units $117.65 = $2705.95

10 \times 15 46 units $155.10 = $7134.60

10 \times 20 119 units $192.55 = $22913.45

10 \times 25 26 units $230.15 = $5983.90 20 future $4603
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Monthly Rev \$40,277.80 Future \$45736.30