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Aptos Shop Center Suit Is Filed

A suit charging the county with changing its mind on a permit for an Aptos shopping center in mid-course was filed by developer Larry Knight Wednesday.

The suit asks for a writ of mandate against the county to get it to remove a stop work order from a 2.5-acre shopping center at 7960 Soquel Drive.

Knight charged in the suit that he had won permission for a planned development permit from the county planning commission and the coastal com-

mission.

The permit was for a 12,000 square foot building.

Later, he brought in final plans for a 19,725 foot building which reflected addition of another parcel to the shopping center, he said.

The planning department approved the plans and he began work.

He said he spent approximately \$241,000 getting work accomplished before the county came and put a stop work no-

tice on his building, saying he was building without a planned development permit.

"Sometime previous to the stop work orders... the planning department determined that phase III represented a significant departure from the original plans and insisted that a new PD permit be obtained before phase III could start," he charged in the suit.

A hearing has been set on the writ of mandate for June 1 at 9 a.m.