

AGENDA
GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION
February 6, 2025
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTEER)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2024

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
(MATTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a request for a four-foot five-inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District. 8216 Meadowdale Drive, (GPC #25-01-VAR)
2. Consider a request for a Special Exception that would allow a tiny home transitional living development in an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Carter Road, PID #85298083.000, (GPC #25-02-SE)
3. Consider a request for a one thousand five (1005) square foot variance for 10 dwellings in an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Carter Road, PID #85298083.000, (GPC #25-03-VAR)

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. PREVIOUS CASE UPDATES
2. PERMIT & TRC REPORTS

IX. ADJOURN

**DECEMBER 5, 2024
GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Gautier Planning Commission of The City of Gautier, Mississippi, was held on December 5, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Gautier Municipal Building at 3330 Highway 90, Gautier, Mississippi.

Commission Members present were: Chairman Kay C. Jamison, Commissioners Josh Ward, Maurice Hudson, and William Davis. Also present were Scott Ankerson, Planning Director, Josh Danos, City Attorney (by phone), and Babs Logan, Planning Technician. Absent were DeAnna McManus, Chris Hoover, and Ricky Decoteau.

AGENDA

GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION

DECEMBER 5, 2024

5:30 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTEER)**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (NOVEMBER 7, 2024)**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
(MATTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT LISTED ON THE
AGENDA)**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Consider a request for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District. 1715 Piney Lane, (GPC #24-52-VAR)

2. Consider a request for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District. 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9, (GPC #24-53-CU)

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. PREVIOUS CASE UPDATES
- B. PERMIT & TRC REPORTS

IX. ADJOURN

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded:

AYES:	Kay C. Jamison Josh Ward Maurice Hudson William Davis
ABSENT:	DeAnna McManus Chris Hoover Ricky Decoteau

Motion Passed

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the November 7, 2024, minutes.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded:

AYES:	Kay C. Jamison Josh Ward Maurice Hudson William Davis
ABSENT:	DeAnna McManus Chris Hoover Ricky Decoteau

Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MATTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA) - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a request for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District. 1715 Piney Lane, (GPC #24-52-VAR)

Scott Ankerson, Planning Director, gave a brief overview of the case. He reminded the Commissioners that the applicant had received a one-foot (1') height variance for a fence in his front yard a couple of months ago. The applicant has decided he would like to modify the original variance and extend the fence to the front property line. Mr. Ankerson wanted to bring the request back to the Planning Commission because of the change in the location of the fence.

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Roger Dulcich for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 1715 Piney Lane, PID #85440148.000 (GPC #24-52-VAR). The application fee of \$175 was paid on October 18, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

On September 17, 2024, the City Council approved a one-foot (1') variance to fence height requirements in a front yard for the applicant. The applicant would like to change the location of the fence that was approved in September and place it closer to the front and secondary front property lines than was originally approved. Per the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), fences shall not exceed four feet in height within a designated front yard. The applicant will need a 1' variance to fence height in a front yard.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is asking for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front and secondary front yard. Although he was previously approved for a one-foot (1') height variance for a fence in his front and secondary front yard, the approval was based on the location presented at the September meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council.

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) defines **Variances** as:

A Variance is a relaxation of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance where such Variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary or undue hardship. As used in this Ordinance, a Variance is authorized only for height, area and size of structure, or size of yards, separation of uses, open spaces, off-street parking spaces and some subdivision of property. The establishment or expansion of a use not permitted shall not be allowed by Variance.

The UDO defines **Hardship** as:

Hardship means the unnecessary hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance or special exception. An unnecessary hardship exists if:

- (1) the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return if used only
 - (a) for a purpose allowed in that zone (applicable to special exceptions), or
 - (b) as permitted by the dimensional requirements of this ordinance (applicable to variances);
- (2) that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances of the land for which the variance or special exception is sought; and
- (3) that the use to be authorized by the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

UDO SECTION 4.18: Variance

In certain circumstances, a Variance from the dimensional requirements (i.e. height, setbacks, square footage) of this ordinance may be granted if the applicant can prove that because of physical constraints of the property involved, he is not able to build the same type of structure that other persons with the same zoning classification can build. Variances for uses permitted will not be considered in as much as "use Variances" are not legal in the State of Mississippi.

Most Variances must be granted by the City Council; however, certain minor Variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director in accordance with *Section 4.18.3* below.

4.18.1 Who May Initiate

A request for a Variance may be initiated by the property owner or agent of the owner provided that said property has not been denied a previous request for a Variance for the same property or portion of property within the past twelve (12) months.

4.18.2 Application for Variance

Applications for a Variance (from dimensional requirements) may be filed on the appropriate application available from the Economic Development/Planning Department and shall include all requested information, attachments and submittals:

4.18.3 Administrative Variances

The following dimensional variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director at his/her discretion (Note: Within the COR, Corridor Overlay District, applicants shall be required to mitigate a requested dimensional variance in accordance with the Tier Land Use Provisions in Section 5.11):

- A. 30% of required off-street parking spaces and/or
- B. 30% of required setbacks from property lines

4.18.4 Criteria for Approval

The Variance application shall demonstrate the following:

- A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels) or structures or buildings in the same district;
- B. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance;
- C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant; and
- D. That granting the Variance requested will not confer upon the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels) structures or buildings in the same district.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets all "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

- 1. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request as presented;
- 2. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request with changes; or
- 3. Recommend that City Council deny variance request.

Chairman Jamison asked the applicant to present his case.

Roger Dulcich, the applicant, said he wanted to change the location of the fence that was approved in September. It would be the same fence, he just wanted to bring it out further to the property line.

Chairman Jamison asked Mr. Dulcich if he still intended to keep the angle at the corner.

Mr. Dulcich said he was going to keep the angle only it would be a little closer to the property line.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Ankerson if a fence that was over four feet (4') high, in a secondary front yard, was required to meet a twenty-five feet (25') setback per the UDO.

Mr. Ankerson said that secondary front yard requirements did not apply to fences, only for accessory structures.

Commissioner Ward asked if Mr. Dulcich was still going to use the same fencing as presented at the September meeting.

Mr. Dulcich replied that he was still using the same fencing.

Commissioner Davis noted the applicant's drawing showed the property line in front to be eighteen feet (18') from the road.

Mr. Dulcich said that was correct.

There were none in attendance speaking in opposition of the request.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Jamison made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the variance as presented and ensure that the same conditions as the previous variance still apply.

Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Kay C. Jamison**
 Josh Ward
 Maurice Hudson
 William Davis

ABSENT: **DeAnna McManus**
 Chris Hoover
 Ricky Decoteau

Motion passed.

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2. Consider a request for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District. 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9, (GPC #24-53-CU)

Scott Ankerson, Planning Director, gave a brief overview of the case. He explained that the applicant was asking for a cigar lounge which would not require a Conditional Use but since he wanted to serve alcohol it would have to be considered a bar which does require a Conditional Use.

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Josh Rose and Courtney Sangster dba Voodoo Cigar Lounge, LLC for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District at 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9. PID #82435010.050 (GPC #24-53-CU) The application fee of \$250 was paid on October 30, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

The request property is zoned C-2 Community Commercial.

1. Location: 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9, PID #82435010.050 (See Exhibit A)
2. General features of the proposed project:
Total Area: Approximately 1.87 Acres
3. Existing Zoning – C-2 Community Commercial (See Exhibit B)
4. Existing Land Use – Commercial – Retail (See Exhibit C)
5. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation – Low Impact Commercial (See Exhibit D)

DISCUSSION:

The following addresses the review criteria for a Major Conditional Use outlined in Section 4.17.5 of the UDO.

1. Is the proposed use listed in the list of possible Conditional Uses in the particular Zoning District?

Applicant Response: Yes.

Staff Finding: Yes. Bar or Tavern is listed as a Conditional Use-Major in a C-2 Community Commercial District.

2. Describe how the project is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to (a) density, bulk and intensity of structures, (b) parking, and (c) other uses. Please attach parking plan, site plan, architectural rendering or other plans.

Applicant Response: Google image attached. No changes proposed.

Staff Finding: The proposed use is allowed in a C-2 zoning district with a Major Conditional Use. Special conditions may be imposed if deemed necessary to help the proposed use be more compatible with the character of development in the vicinity.

3. Will your project negatively affect neighboring property values or pose a real or perceived threat to citizens? Explain.

Applicant Response: No.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence to indicate the proposed use will negatively affect the property values or cause a detriment to the surrounding properties.

4. Will your project adversely affect vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the vicinity? Explain.

Applicant Response: No. We hope to bring more traffic from the public that will benefit surrounding business.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence that the proposed use will have any adverse effect on vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

5. Can the proposed use be accommodated by existing or proposed public services and facilities including, but not limited to, water, sanitary sewer, streets, drainage, police and fire protection, and schools?

Applicant Response: Yes. All current utilities and public services are able to accommodate.

Staff Finding: The proposed use can be accommodated by existing public services and facilities.

6. Is the proposed use in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan? Explain how.

Applicant Response: We hope to add an additional hospitality based business to our City of Gautier.

Staff Finding: The Comprehensive Plan calls out "Low Impact Commercial" for future land use of this property.

7. Does the proposed use pose a hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing affect, either real or perceived, to present surrounding land uses due to noises, glare, smoke, dust, odor, fumes, water pollution, vibration, electrical interference, or other nuisances? Explain.

Applicant Response: Smoke eaters to be installed in order to assist in alleviating lingering cigar smoke.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence that the proposed use poses a hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing effect to present surrounding uses.

8. Does the use conform to all district regulations for the applicable district in which it is located, or have other provisions been provided for? Explain.

Applicant Response: Yes.

Staff Finding: The proposed use will conform to all current district regulations.

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

1. The UDO defines conditional uses as specific uses which are enumerated in each zoning district and which because of their nature are not allowed by right but may be allowed after the required review process. The City may specify certain conditions as necessary to make the use compatible with other uses in the same district. Conditional uses are issued for uses of land and uses designated "Conditional Uses-Major" are transferable from one (1) owner of land to another.

The UDO further defines Conditional Uses-Major as uses that are not allowed by right but require a recommendation by the Planning Commission and the approval of the City Council. Additionally, if the conditional use is transferred to a new owner, the new owner must submit a letter to the Planning Director agreeing to the current terms and condition.

2. Conditional Uses-Major requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission and approval by the City Council (Section 4.14 of the UDO).

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets the "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

1. Recommend that City Council approve the Conditional Use-Major
2. Recommend that City Council approve the Conditional Use-Major with changes;
or
3. Recommend that City Council deny the Conditional Use-Major.

Chairman Jamison asked the applicant to present the case.

Josh Rose, one of the applicants, said they are wanting to have a cigar lounge with a bar. He said the total area of the suite is about 1000 square feet with about 250 square feet of that being upstairs. They are looking to do a four person “belly up” bar with a limited drink menu. Each drink would accompany a specific cigar, like a paring. This would allow people to come in and lounge and have their cigars with a drink. Mr. Rose said he thought the ATF and ABC would only allow them to be open until 10:00 PM. He said because they would be in a resort area, they might have different hours. Once ABC and ATF make their inspections, they will tell him what the restrictions on hours of operation will be.

Chairman Jamison asked if there would be any kind of music or bands.

Mr. Rose said there would be no bands, no pool tables, no dart boards, no foosball tables. Nothing of that nature.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Fire Department would have a limit on their capacity. He asked if Mr. Rose knew the capacity limit for the space.

Mr. Rose said he thought the limit was about 56 people, but there was no way they could sit that many. He thought their maximum would be about 22 people.

Chairman Jamison asked if there would be tables upstairs also.

Mr. Rose said they were going to have a larger round table upstairs with nice chairs geared more towards meetings.

Commissioner Davis asked what Mr. Rose how he would handle it if they were full, with 22 people, and others were wanting to come in. Would he turn them away or what?

Mr. Rose said if that were to start happening, they would probably have a waiting list or reservation list.

Commissioner Davis clarified that he was wondering if they would have people hanging around outside waiting for a seat if the lounge was full.

Mr. Rose said that would not happen.

Commissioner Hudson said he was concerned with the parking. He asked if the parking for the lounge would work with the other businesses there.

Mr. Rose said there was overflow parking just to the south of the space he would be located in.

Chairman Jamison asked what time Mr. Rose planned to open the cigar lounge. She noted that the other business usually close around 5:00 or 6:00 PM.

Mr. Rose said he planned to open around 3:00 PM.

Commissioner Ward said his biggest concern was whether there were any letters sent to the city in objection to the request.

Babs Logan, Planning Technician, advised that she had not received any objections or questions regarding the request.

Mr. Ankerson asked if letters went to just the property owner or did they also go to the separate renters in the shopping centers.

Ms. Logan said that letters were sent to the owner of the shopping center and everyone within 250 feet of the property, which included many residences in the area. They were not sent to the individual businesses within the shopping center. The UDO only requires that notification be sent to property owners listed on the Jackson County Mapping Website.

Commissioner Ward asked what the plan was for ventilation because he has been places with cigar shops next door and the smoke blends over to the other businesses. He asked how Mr. Rose planned to stop that from happening.

Mr. Rose said the way that you mitigate that correctly is with a smoke eater. This is a filtration system that utilizes multistage filtration and UV lights, like what you would find in a hospital to stabilize the air. The cigar smoke stays within the lounge. It is pulled into the unit, filtered, and expelled back into the building. This is not generally a requirement for a cigar lounge, but the owner of the building is requiring something to take care of the smoke from the cigars.

Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Ankerson if there were any ventilation requirements for the smoke absorber.

Mr. Ankerson said Mr. Rose would have to turn in mechanical plans that would show what kind of ventilation was needed per his engineer.

Chairman Jamison asked if he planned to be open 7 days a week and would he allow cigarette smoking besides the cigars.

Mr. Rose said he did not plan on being open 7 days a week. It would probably be closed on Sundays and Mondays. He said he didn't plan on allowing cigarette smoking. Most people don't go to a cigar lounge unless they plan on smoking cigars because it is a very traditional, old-school kind of thing, and you usually smoke a pipe or cigars.

Chairman Jamison asked about employees other than bartenders. She also asked if there would be security or cameras.

Mr. Rose said there would just be a bartender, and there would absolutely be cameras.

Commissioner Hudson asked Mr. Ankerson what the rule was about leaving a bar with alcohol in a cup, etc.

Mr. Ankerson said the Council had just approved for this to be a Leisure District. He said there are regulations as to what you can leave with. It can't be in a glass, and it can only be a certain number of ounces. Also, most places are not going to want to let you in with something you bought at another establishment. He advised that the Minutes from the last Council meeting have all the regulations for the Leisure District if anyone wanted to see exactly what they were.

Mr. Rose said as far as leaving his establishment with drinks, it would have to be something his employees would be comfortable with. He would definitely not want someone leaving his bar with a drink if they seemed drunk.

There were none in attendance speaking in opposition of the request.

ACTION TAKEN:

Commissioner Ward made a motion to recommend that City Council approve the Conditional Use – Major with the requirements that ventilation is met by a licensed engineer, and that smoke containment is in place.

Chairman Jamison seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Kay C. Jamison**
 Josh Ward
 Maurice Hudson
 William Davis

ABSENT: **DeAnna McManus**
 Chris Hoover
 Ricky Decoteau

Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. PREVIOUS CASE UPDATES

Mr. Ankerson advised Commissioners that City Council had approved both cases from the November meeting.

B. PERMIT & TRC REPORT

Mr. Ankerson told Commissioners the November monthly report was not completed in time for the meeting and would be emailed to them upon completion.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Kay C. Jamison
Josh Ward
Maurice Hudson
William Davis

ABSENT: DeAnna McManus
Chris Hoover
Ricky Decoteau

Motion Passed.

APPROVED BY:

Scott Ankerson
Planning Director/Building Official

DATE: _____

Kay C. Jamison, Chairman
Gautier Planning Commission

DATE: _____

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

Gautier Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

December 5, 2024

GPC #24-52-VAR

1715 Piney Lane

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a request for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District. 1715 Piney Lane, (GPC #24-52-VAR)

**CITY OF GAUTIER
STAFF REPORT**

To: Chairman and Members, Planning Commission

From: Scott Ankerson, Planning Director

Date: November 19, 2024

Subject: Consider a request for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 1715 Piney Lane, (GPC #24-52-VAR)

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Roger Dulcich for a one-foot (1') variance to fence height in a front yard in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 1715 Piney Lane, PID #85440148.000 (GPC #24-52-VAR). The application fee of \$175 was paid on October 18, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

On September 17, 2024, the City Council approved a one-foot (1') variance to fence height requirements in a front yard for the applicant. The applicant would like to change the location of the fence that was approved in September and place it closer to the front and secondary front property lines than was originally approved. Per the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), fences shall not exceed four feet in height within a designated front yard. The applicant will need a 1' variance to fence height in a front yard.

DISCUSSION:

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UDO SECTION 4.18: Variance

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The following dimensional variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director at his/her discretion (Note: Within the COR, Corridor Overlay District, applicants shall be required to mitigate a requested dimensional variance in accordance with the Tier Land Use Provisions in Section 5.11):

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- B. 30% of required setbacks from property lines

4.18.4 Criteria for Approval

The Variance application shall demonstrate the following:

- A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are

not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels) or structures or buildings in the same district;

- B. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance;
- C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant; and
- D. That granting the Variance requested will not confer upon the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels) structures or buildings in the same district.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets all "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

- 1. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request as presented;
- 2. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request with changes; or
- 3. Recommend that City Council deny variance request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Application
- 2. City's Exhibit A – Location Map
- 3. City's Exhibit B – Existing Zoning Map
- 4. City's Exhibit C – Existing Land Use Map
- 5. City's Exhibit D – Future Land Use Map

GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION

Public Hearing Number

24.52-VAR

TO BE HEARD BY GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION:

FEE:

Variance _____

\$176.00

*Includes \$1.00 filing fee per MS Code §25-60-5

Name of Applicant: Roger Dulcich

Name of Business: _____ Phone: 541-441-4460

Property Address: 1715 Piney Lane Mailing Address (if Different): _____

E-Mail Address: RDULC007@yahoo.com

Reason for request, location and intended use of Property: change fence layout in
Front yard - 1' height variance

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE:

- x 1. Diagram of intended use, showing dimensions and distances of property, building with setbacks, parking spaces, entrances and exits.
- x 2. A detailed project narrative.
- na 3. Copy of protective covenants or deed restrictions, if any.
- na 4. Copies of approvals, or requests for approval, from other agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Mississippi State Department of Health, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Marine Resources.
- x 5. Any other information requested by the Planning Director.

Signature of Applicant: Roger Dulcich Date of Application: 10/18/24

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received 10/18/24 Verify as Complete Babs

Fee Amount Received 176.00 Initials of Employee Receiving Application Babs

VARIANCE

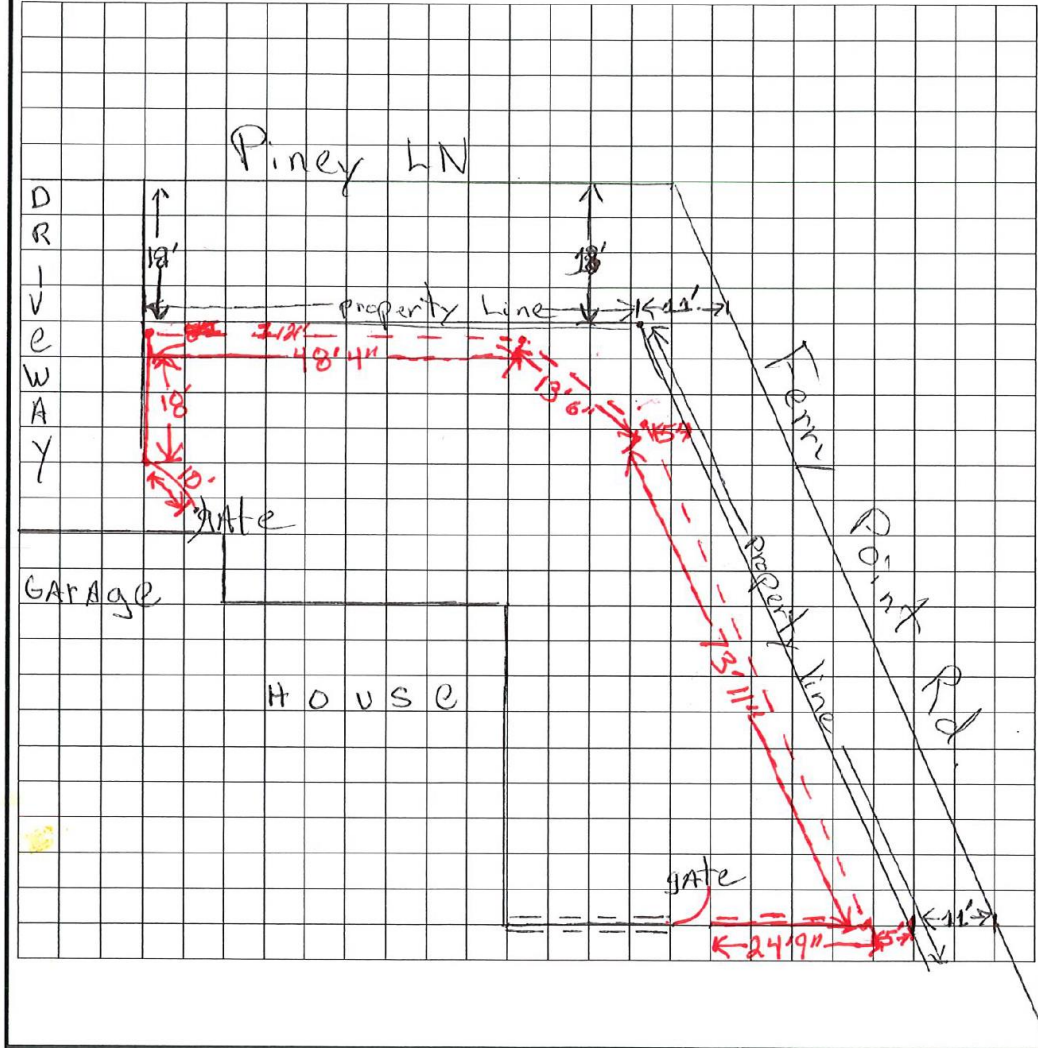
Criteria for Approval

1. What special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels), or structures or buildings in the same district? *none*
2. Are these special conditions and circumstances a result of your actions? Explain.
no
3. How will the literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance deprive you of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance? Explain. *no*
4. Will the granting of the Variance requested confer upon you any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels), structures or buildings in the same district? Explain. *no*

NARRATIVE

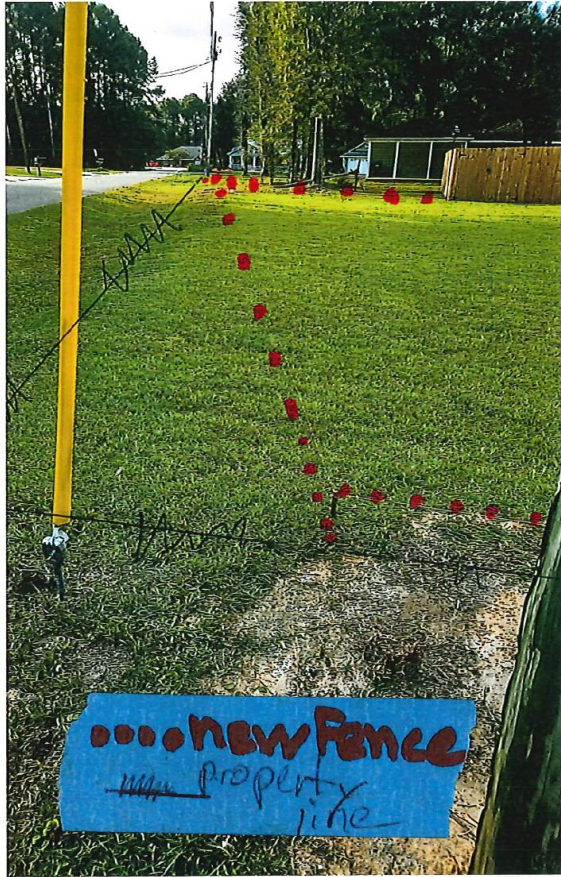
On August 26, 2024 my wife and I attended a Application Hearing #GPC 24-35-VAR for a 6' variance for side yard for an accessory building and a 1' variance for a fence post height in my front yard. On Sept 5th our motion for these 2 items was approved. I would like to change the fence layout in my front yard according to plan in this paperwork. It would be the same fence being built just different location.

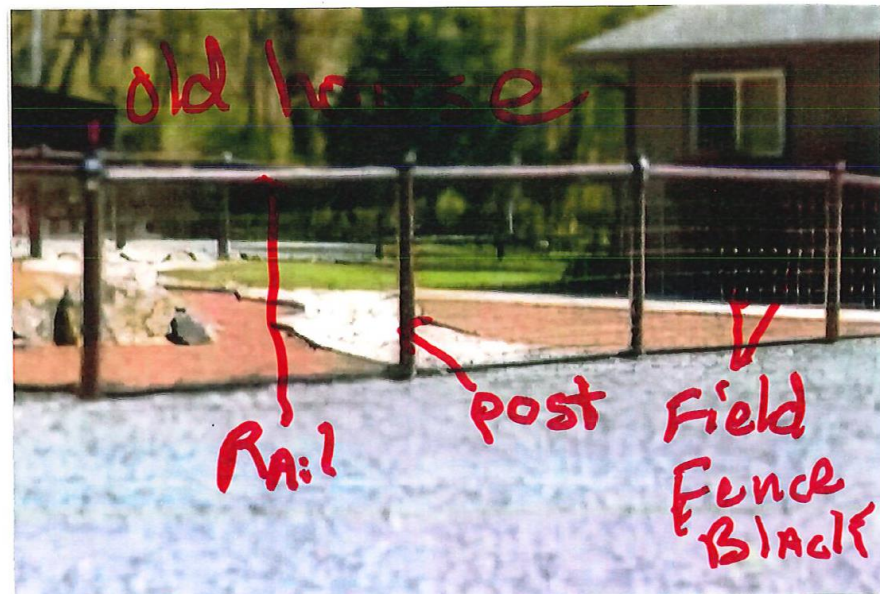
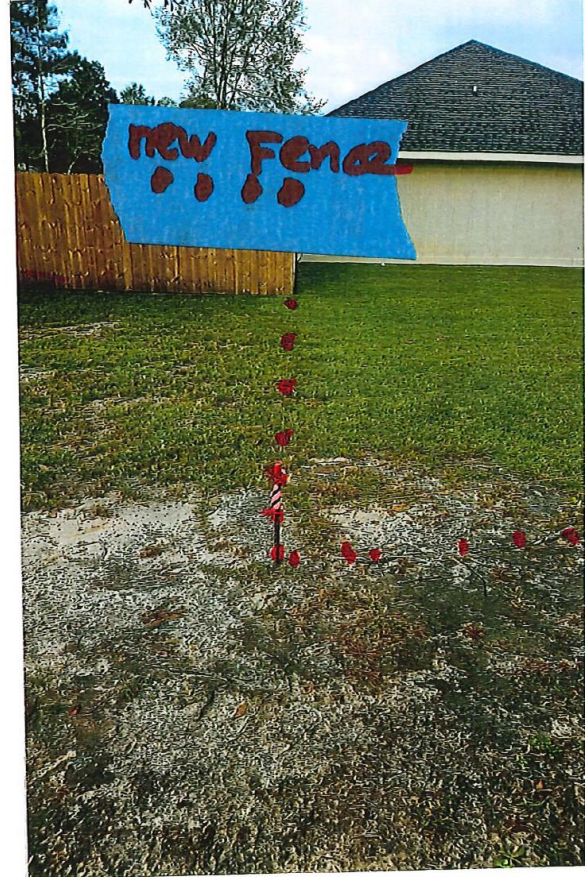
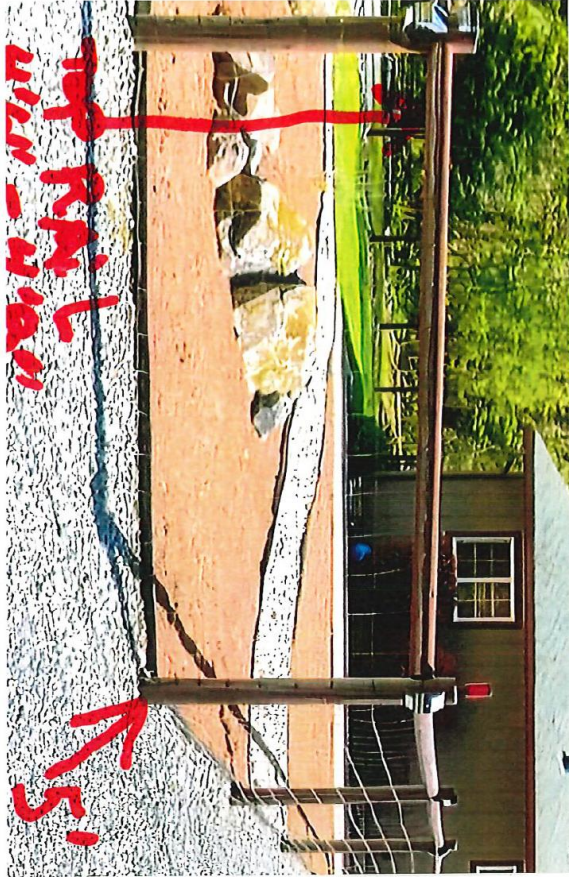
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- new fence post & rail
- - - existing 6' fence
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New Fence Layout

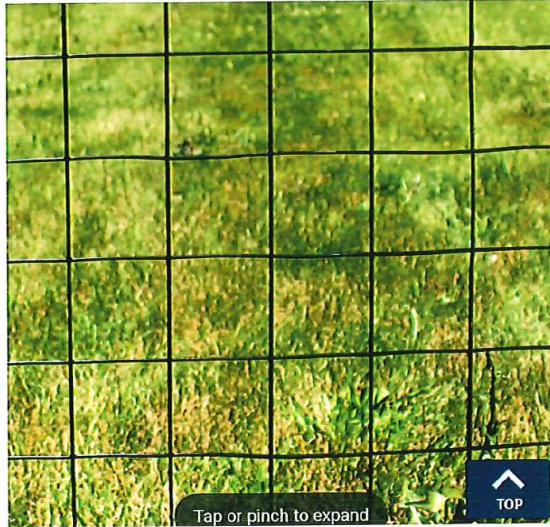




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85440148.000 DULCICH DEBRA

PIDN: 85440148.000

GISP: 771.01-01-0172.00

Owner Information

Percent of Ownership: 100

Name: DULCICH DEBRA

Name 2: DULCICH ROGER

Mailing Address: 1715 PINEY LN

GAUTIER MS

39553

Site Address: 1715 PINEY LN GAUTIER

Land Information

Section: 01 Acreage: 0

Township: 7

Range: 7

Street Name PINEY
LN

Value and Tax Information

Total Assessed Value: 1611

Total Appraised Value: 10740

Improvement Value: 0

Land Value: 10740

Tax Amount: 227

SQ FT: 0

Year Built: 0

Legal Description

Description: LOT 55 HICKORY HILL EST S/D UNIT

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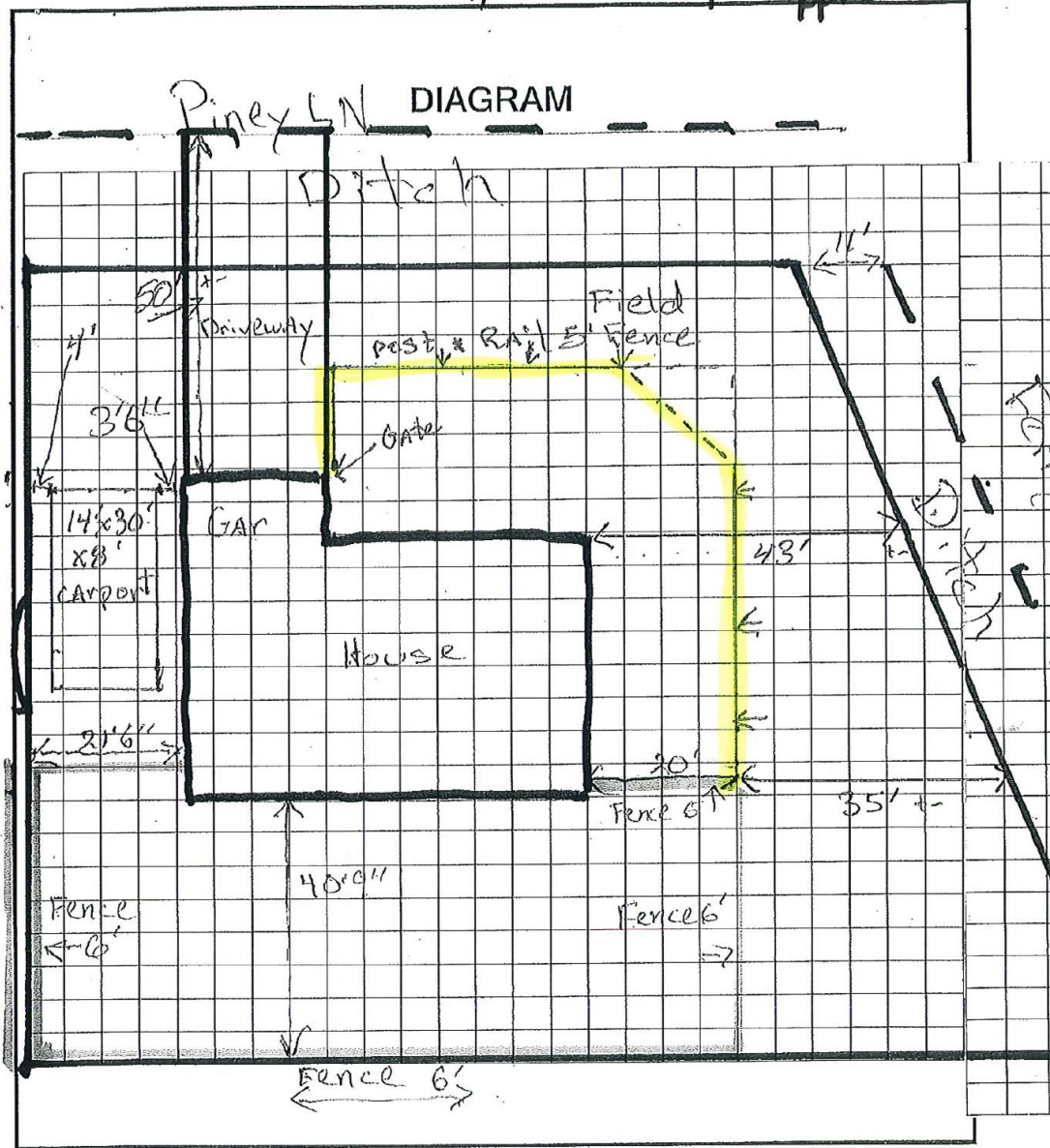
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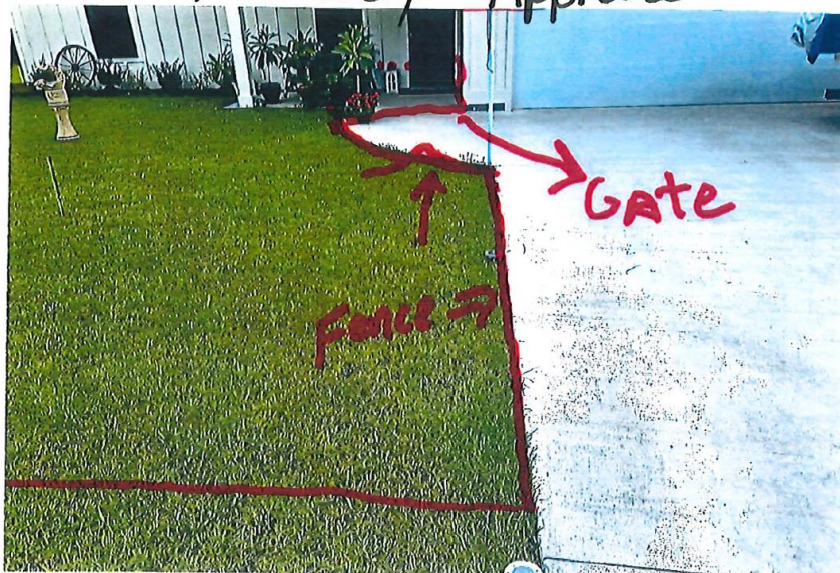


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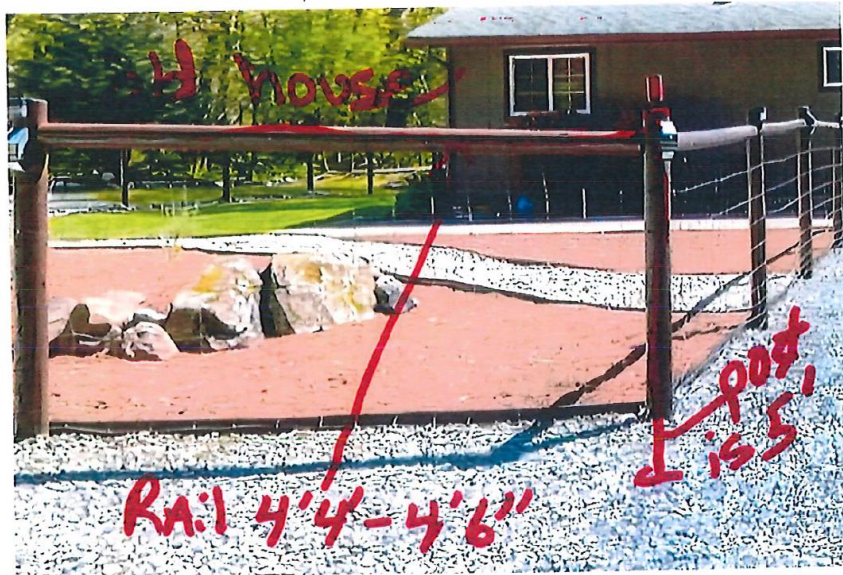
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Exhibit A Location Map

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Exhibit B

Existing Zoning

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Legend

Zoning

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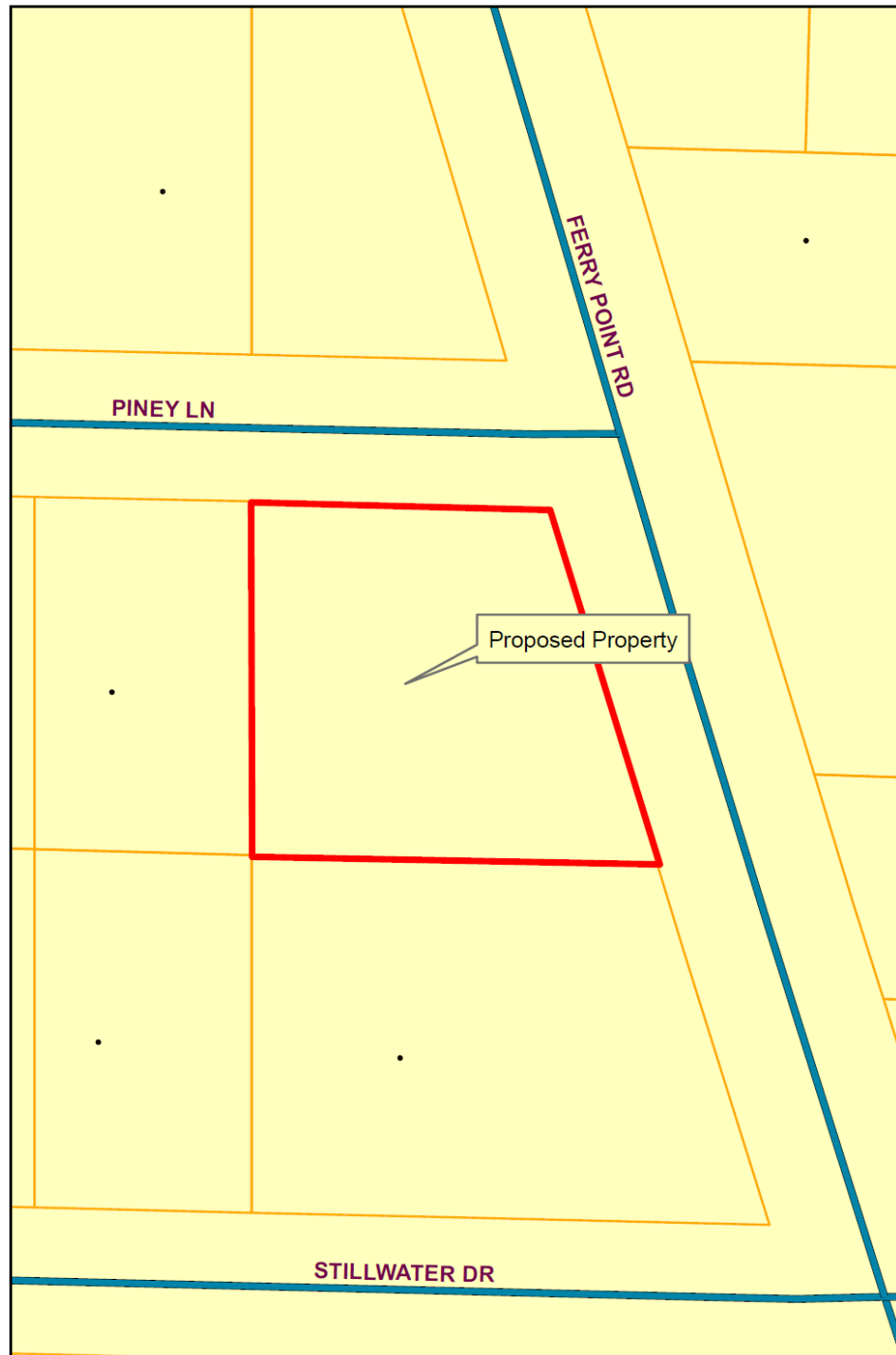


Exhibit C

Existing Land-Use

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Legend

EXISTING LAND USE

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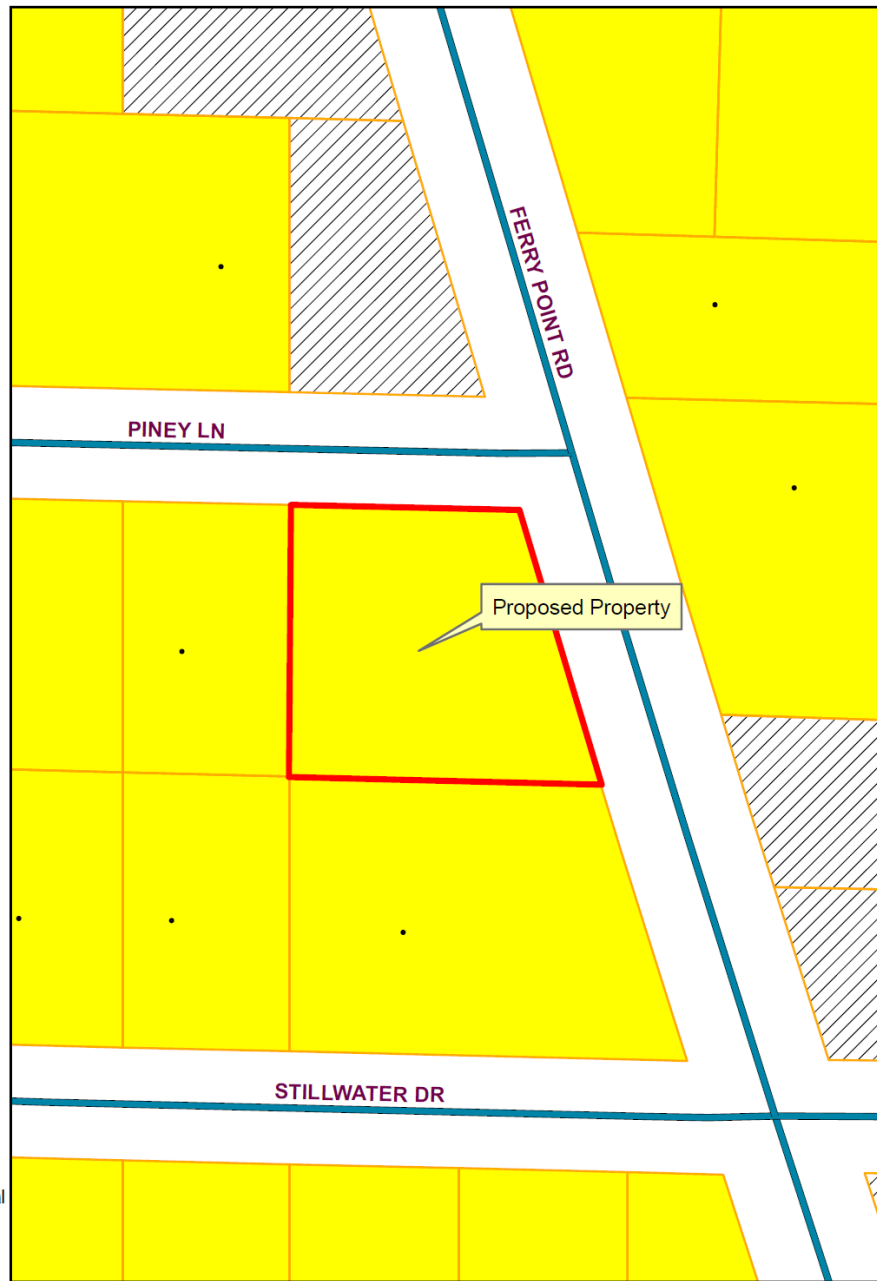


Exhibit D

Future Land-Use

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Legend

FUTURE LAND USE

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-  Conservation
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-  low impact Commercial
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-  recreational commercial
-  Regional Scale Commercial
-  mixed use residential
-  Town Center
-  Very Low Density Residential



Gautier Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

December 5, 2024

GPC #24-53-CU

Josh Rose & Courtney Sangster

dba

Voodoo Cigar Lounge, LLC

3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2. Consider a request for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District. 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9, (GPC #24-53-CU)

**CITY OF GAUTIER
STAFF REPORT**

To: Chairman and Members, Planning Commission

From: Scott Ankerson, Planning Director

Date: November 20, 2024

Subject: Consider a request for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District. 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9. (GPC #24-53-CU)

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Josh Rose and Courtney Sangster dba Voodoo Cigar Lounge, LLC for a Conditional Use-Major that would allow a Cigar Lounge with a Bar in a C-2 Community Commercial Zoning District at 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9. PID #82435010.050 (GPC #24-53-CU) The application fee of \$250 was paid on October 30, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

The request property is zoned C-2 Community Commercial.

1. Location: 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road, Suite #9, PID #82435010.050 (See Exhibit A)
2. General features of the proposed project:
Total Area: Approximately 1.87 Acres
3. Existing Zoning – C-2 Community Commercial (See Exhibit B)
4. Existing Land Use – Commercial – Retail (See Exhibit C)
5. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation – Low Impact Commercial (See Exhibit D)

DISCUSSION:

The following addresses the review criteria for a Major Conditional Use outlined in Section 4.17.5 of the UDO.

1. Is the proposed use listed in the list of possible Conditional Uses in the particular Zoning District?

Applicant Response: Yes.

Staff Finding: Yes. Bar or Tavern is listed as a Conditional Use-Major in a C-2 Community Commercial District.

2. Describe how the project is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to (a) density, bulk and intensity of structures, (b) parking, and (c) other uses. Please attach parking plan, site plan, architectural rendering or other plans.

Applicant Response: Google image attached. No changes proposed.

Staff Finding: The proposed use is allowed in a C-2 zoning district with a Major Conditional Use. Special conditions may be imposed if deemed necessary to help the proposed use be more compatible with the character of development in the vicinity.

3. Will your project negatively affect neighboring property values or pose a real or perceived threat to citizens? Explain.

Applicant Response: No.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence to indicate the proposed use will negatively affect the property values or cause a detriment to the surrounding properties.

4. Will your project adversely affect vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the vicinity? Explain.

Applicant Response: No. We hope to bring more traffic from the public that will benefit surrounding business.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence that the proposed use will have any adverse effect on vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

5. Can the proposed use be accommodated by existing or proposed public services and facilities including, but not limited to, water, sanitary sewer, streets, drainage, police and fire protection, and schools?

Applicant Response: Yes. All current utilities and public services are able to accommodate.

Staff Finding: The proposed use can be accommodated by existing public services and facilities.

6. Is the proposed use in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan? Explain how.

Applicant Response: We hope to add an additional hospitality based business to our City of Gautier.

Staff Finding: The Comprehensive Plan calls out “Low Impact Commercial” for future land use of this property.

7. Does the proposed use pose a hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing affect, either real or perceived, to present surrounding land uses due to noises, glare, smoke, dust, odor, fumes, water pollution, vibration, electrical interference, or other nuisances? Explain.

Applicant Response: Smoke eaters to be installed in order to assist in alleviating lingering cigar smoke.

Staff Finding: There is no evidence that the proposed use poses a hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing effect to present surrounding uses.

8. Does the use conform to all district regulations for the applicable district in which it is located, or have other provisions been provided for? Explain.

Applicant Response: Yes.

Staff Finding: The proposed use will conform to all current district regulations.

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

1. The UDO defines conditional uses as specific uses which are enumerated in each zoning district and which because of their nature are not allowed by right but may be allowed after the required review process. The City may specify certain conditions as necessary to make the use compatible with other uses in the same district. Conditional uses are issued for uses of land and uses designated “Conditional Uses-Major” are transferable from one (1) owner of land to another.

The UDO further defines Conditional Uses-Major as uses that are not allowed by right but require a recommendation by the Planning Commission and the approval of the City Council. Additionally, if the conditional use is transferred to a new owner, the new owner must submit a letter to the Planning Director agreeing to the current terms and condition.

2. Conditional Uses-Major requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission and approval by the City Council (Section 4.14 of the UDO).

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets the “Criteria for Approval” from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

1. Recommend that City Council approve the Conditional Use-Major
2. Recommend that City Council approve the Conditional Use-Major with changes;
or
3. Recommend that City Council deny the Conditional Use-Major.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Application
2. City's Exhibit A – Location Map
3. City's Exhibit B – Existing Zoning Map
4. City's Exhibit C – Existing Land Use Map
5. City's Exhibit D – Future Land Use Map

GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING DEPARTMENT
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Public Hearing Number

24-53 CU

<u>TO BE HEARD BY GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION:</u>		<u>FEE:</u>
Conditional Use - Major	_____	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>TO BE HEARD BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING DIRECTOR:</u>		<u>FEE:</u>
Conditional Use - Minor	_____	\$250.00

Name of

Applicant: Josh Rose, Courtney Sangster
Name of Business: Voodoo Cigar Lounge, LLC Phone: 228-217-4148
3880 Gautier Vancleave Rd. Ste9
Property Address: _____ Mailing Address (if Different): _____
E-Mail Address: joshvoodoorose@gmail.com, csangster2086@gmail.com
Proposed Use Requiring Conditional Use: C-2 Cigar lounge with Bar. (Refer to Article V, UDO)

Proposed Location is: ☐ New Build ☒ Existing (with no modifications) ☐ Existing (with proposed modifications)

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE:

- ✓ 1. Answers to the Criteria for Approval (see attached).
- ✓ 2. Project Narrative (see attached).
- ✓ 3. Diagram of intended use (see attached).
- NA 4. Copy of protective covenants or deed restrictions, if any.
- NA 5. Copies of approvals, or requests for approval, from other agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Mississippi State Department of Health, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Marine Resources.
- NA 6. Any other information requested by the Economic Development/Planning Director and/or members of the Technical Review Committee.
- ✓ 7. Owner's Consent form, if anyone other than 100% sole owner makes application (see attached).

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date of Application: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received <u>10/30/24</u>	Verify as Complete <u>Bals</u>
Fee Amount Received <u>25.00</u>	Initials of Employee Receiving Application <u>B2</u>

I, Connie West, the fee simple owner(s) of the following described property:

Address: 3880 Gautier Vandevue Rd # 9

Parcel ID No.:

hereby petition to the City of Gautier to *Grant a Conditional Use Major or Minor of* Cigar Lounge (Bar) (state proposed use from Article V of the Unified Development Ordinance) at the above reference property and affirm that Josh Rose (name of agent) is hereby designated to act as agent on my behalf to accomplish the above.

I certify that I have examined the application and that all statements and diagrams submitted are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand this application, attachments and fees become part of the official records of the City of Gautier, MS, and are not returnable.

(Owner's Signature)

(Owner's Signature)

Notary Information:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of October, 2021 by Connie West who is personally known to me or has produced MS. DL. as identification and who did take an oath.

Addie L Bang
(Printed Name of Notary Public)

Addie L Bang
(Signature of Notary Public)

Commission # 101387. My commission expires Feb 13, 2028

(Notary's Seal)



CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL - Complete either the Major Conditional Use section or Minor Conditional Use Section below. If more room is needed, answers can be provided on a separate sheet of paper.

MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

1. Is the proposed use listed in the list of possible Conditional Uses in the particular Zoning District?
Yes.
2. Please describe how the project is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to (a) density, bulk and intensity of structures, (b) parking, and (c) other uses. Please attach parking plan, site plan, architectural rendering or other plans.
Google image attached. No changes proposed.
3. Will your project negatively affect neighboring property values or pose a real or perceived threat to citizens? Explain.
No. We hope to bring more traffic from the public that will benefit surrounding business.
4. Will your project adversely affect vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the vicinity? Explain.
No. There is no change anticipated. Parking lot provided is sufficient.
5. Can the proposed use be accommodated by existing or proposed public services and facilities including, but not limited to, water, sanitary sewer, streets, drainage, police and fire protection, and schools?
Yes. All current utilities and public services are able to accomodate.
6. Is the proposed use in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan? Explain how.
We hope to add an additional hospitality based business to our City of Gautier.
7. Does the proposed use pose a hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing affect, either real or perceived, to present surrounding land uses due to noises, glare, smoke, dust, odor, fumes, water pollution, vibration, electrical interference, or other nuisances? Explain.
Smoke eaters to be installed in order to assist in alleviating lingering cigar smoke.
8. Does the use conform to all district regulations for the applicable district in which it is located, or have other provisions been provided for? Explain. **Yes.**

MINOR CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

1. Is the proposed use substantially compatible with other uses in the area, including factors relating to the nature of its location, operation, building design, site design, traffic characteristics, and environmental impacts? Explain.
2. Will the proposed use be materially detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public or otherwise injurious to the environment or to the property or improvements within the area? Explain.
3. Is the proposed use consistent with the Comprehensive Plan? Explain how.
4. Is the proposed use in conformance with specific site location, development, and operation standards as required by this Ordinance? Explain.

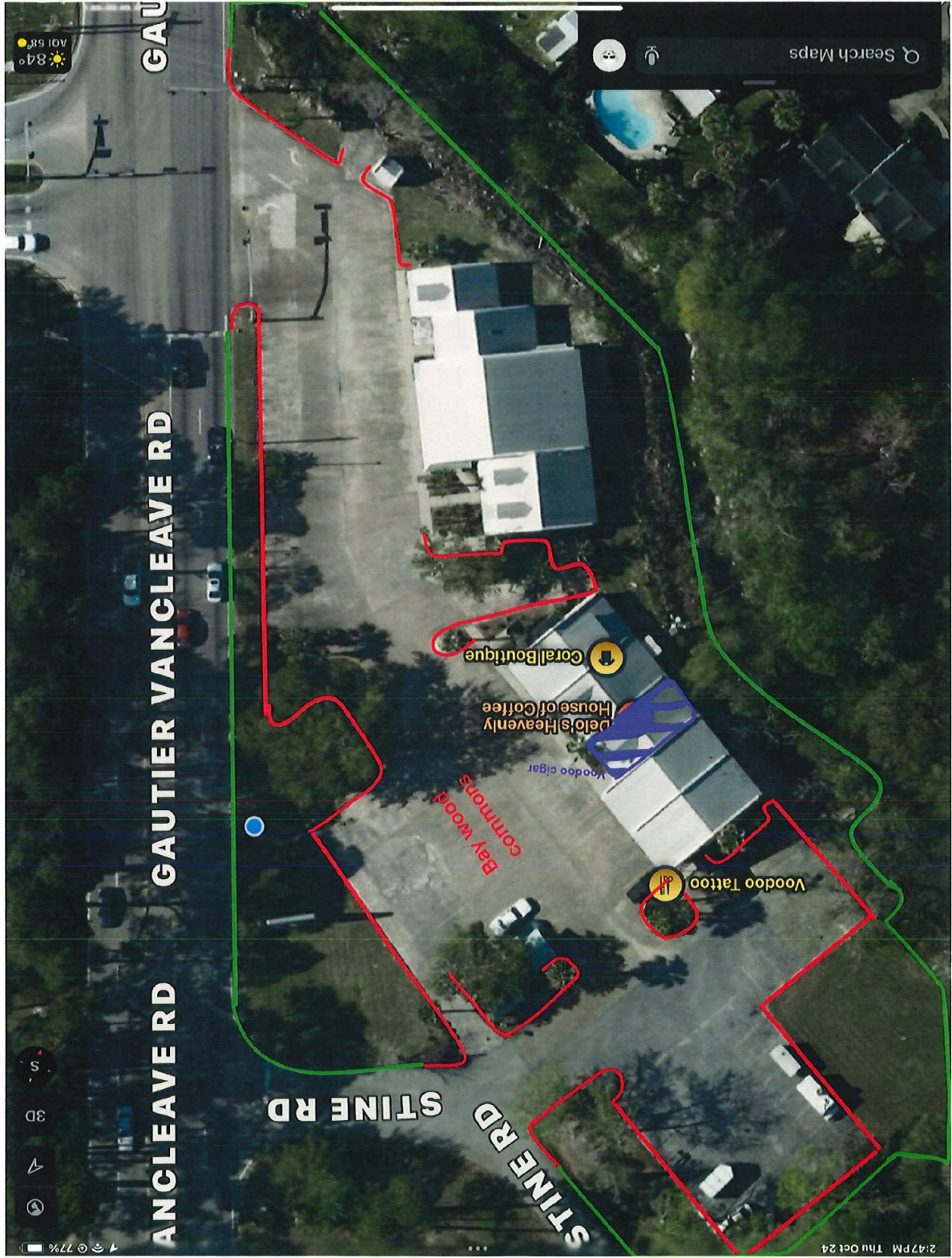
CONDITIONAL USE NARRATIVE – Describe the proposed project in detail. Include all types of business activities that will be conducted on-site, any out-door storage or seating proposed, anticipated traffic, access for pick-up/delivery vehicles, proposed improvements, etc. Use the space below or provide a separate type written sheet of paper and attach. Staff will provide guidance as needed on additional information needed in the narrative.

NARRATIVE

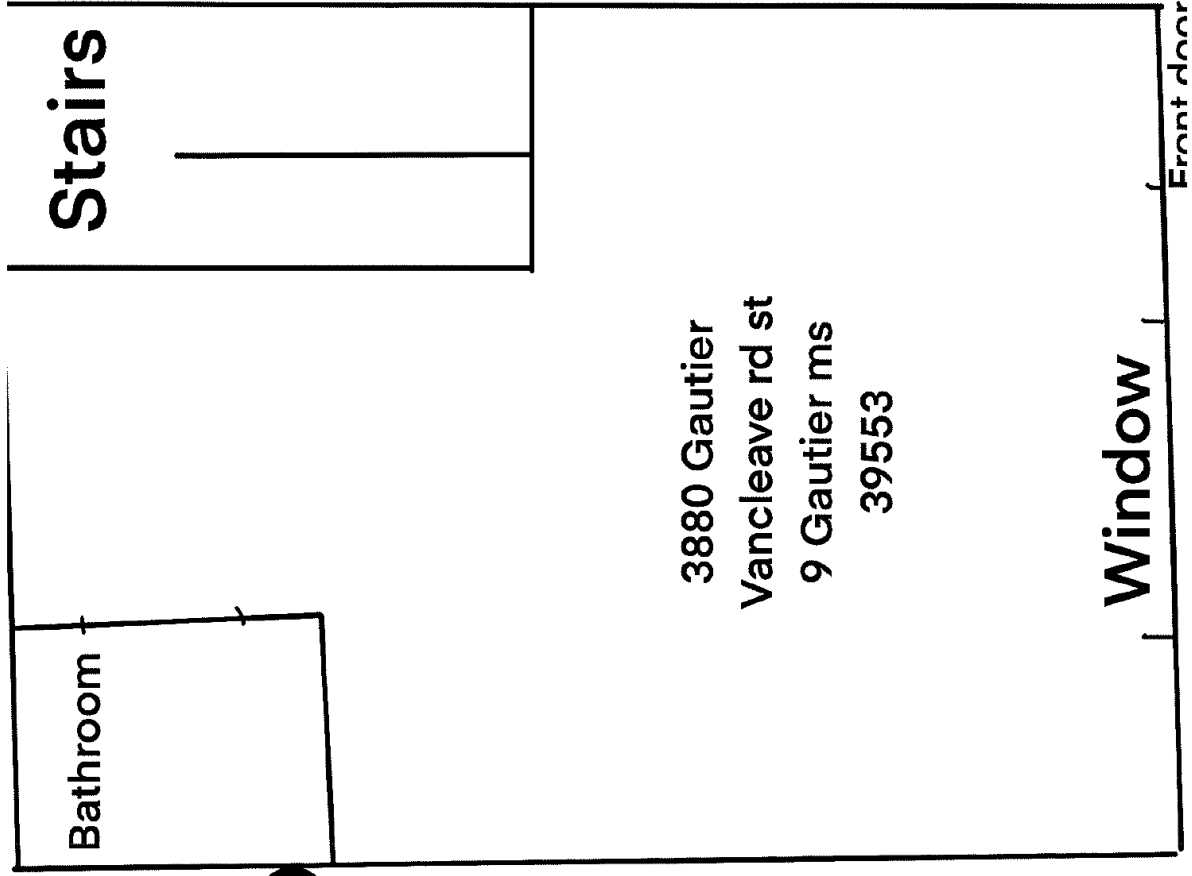
We propose to open and operate a cigar lounge with bar. This will allow patrons to purchase and consume cigars onsite and enjoy an alcoholic beverage. Smoke eaters will be installed upstairs and downstairs in order to alleviate lingering cigar smoke.

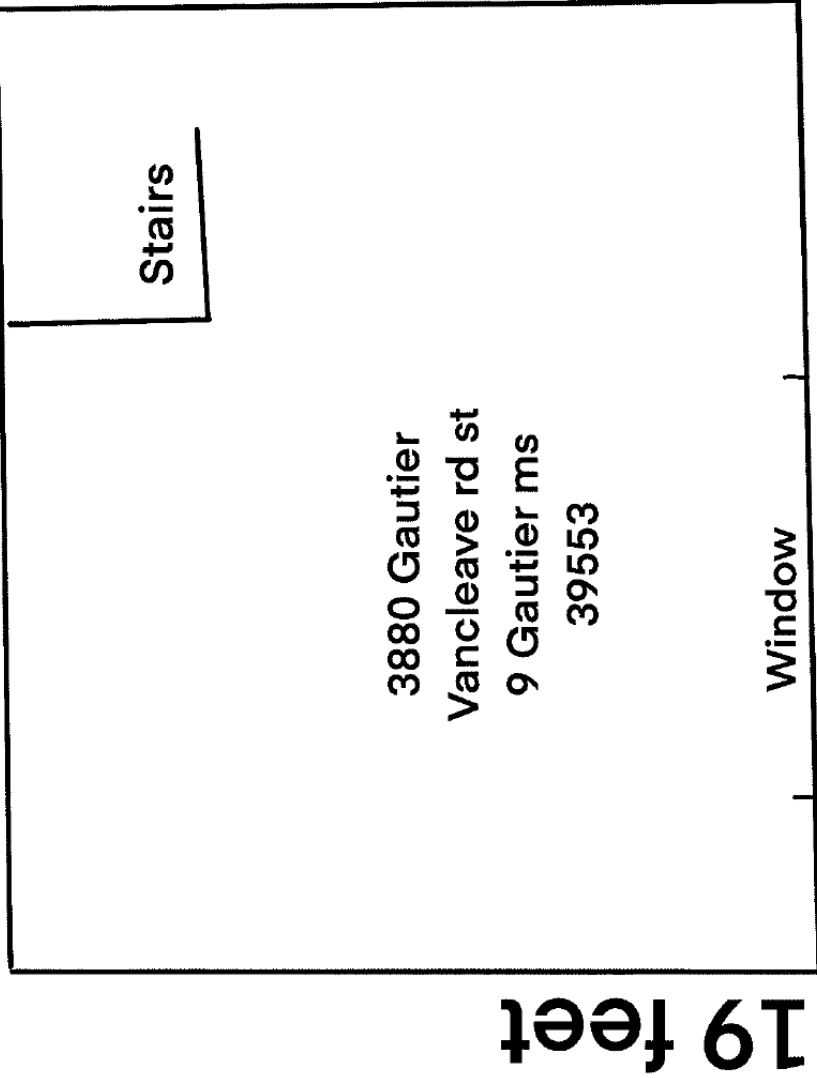
Smoking will be limited to inside of the premises, not to overflow on sidewalk as to not offend passing patrons to surrounding business.

There are no anticipated issues with traffic/parking as the parking lot is sufficient to accomodate any increased traffic and delivery vehicles.



30 feet long





Second floor

82435010.050 BAYWOOD COMMONS LLC

PIDN: 82435010.050
GISP: 777.35-01-0014.00

Owner Information

Percent of Ownership: 100
Name: BAYWOOD COMMONS LLC
Name 2:
Mailing Address: 4223 COBBLESTONE LN
GAUTIER MS
39553

Site Address: 3880 GAUTIER VANCLEAVE RD GAUTIER

Land Information

Section: 35 Acreage: 1.87
Township: 7
Range: 7
Street Name GAUTIER VANCLEAVE
RD

Value and Tax Information

Total Assessed Value: 94084	Total Appraised Value: 627222
Improvement Value: 506472	Land Value: 120750
Tax Amount: 13271	SQ FT: 12939 Year Built: 1985

Legal Description

Description: BEG SWC LOT 90 NORTHWOOD HILLS S
/D S 71 DEG E 194.25' S 23 DEG E
114.01' S70 DEG E 123.47' S 252
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Exhibit A Location Map

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Exhibit B

Existing Zoning

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Legend

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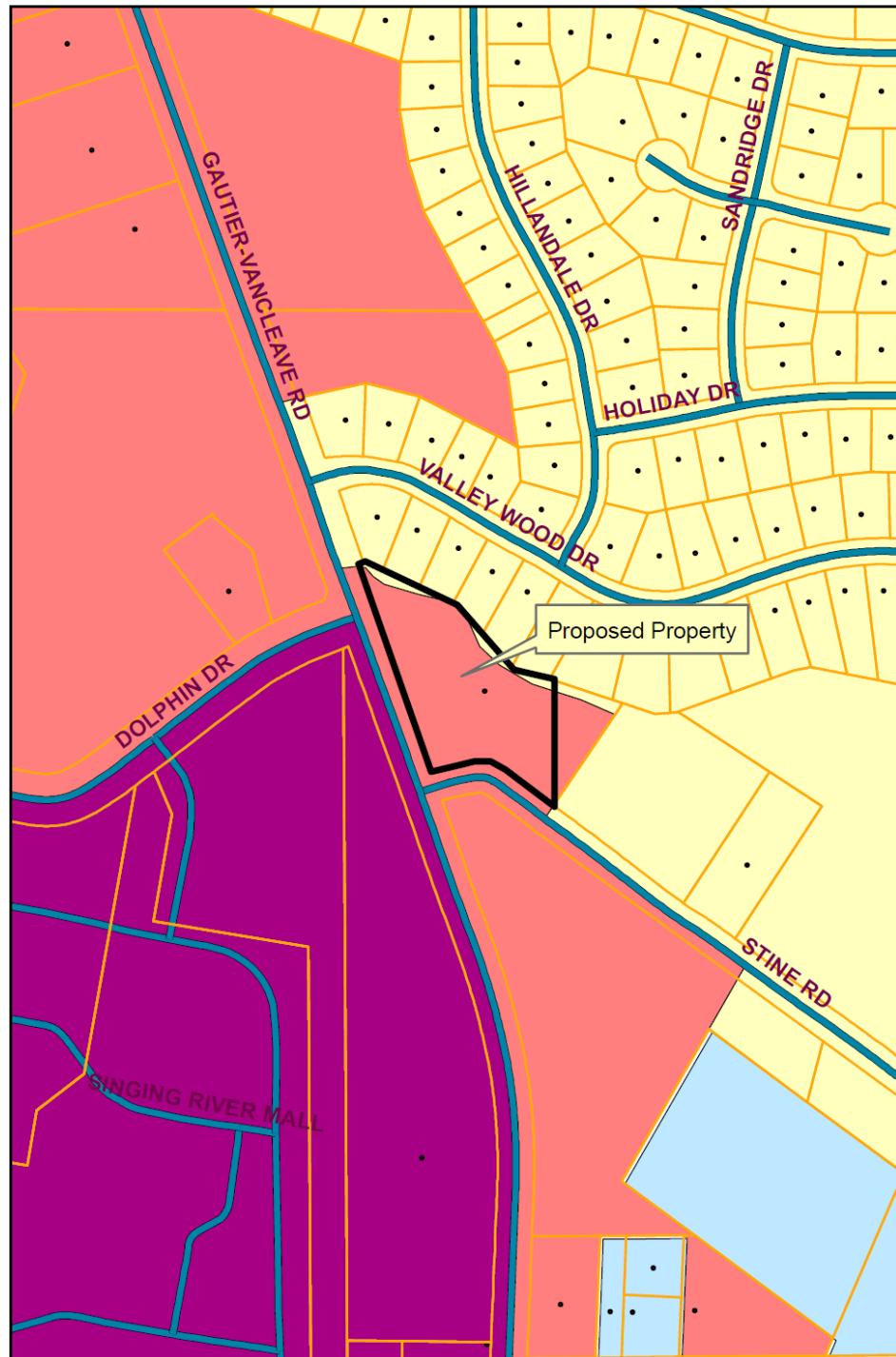


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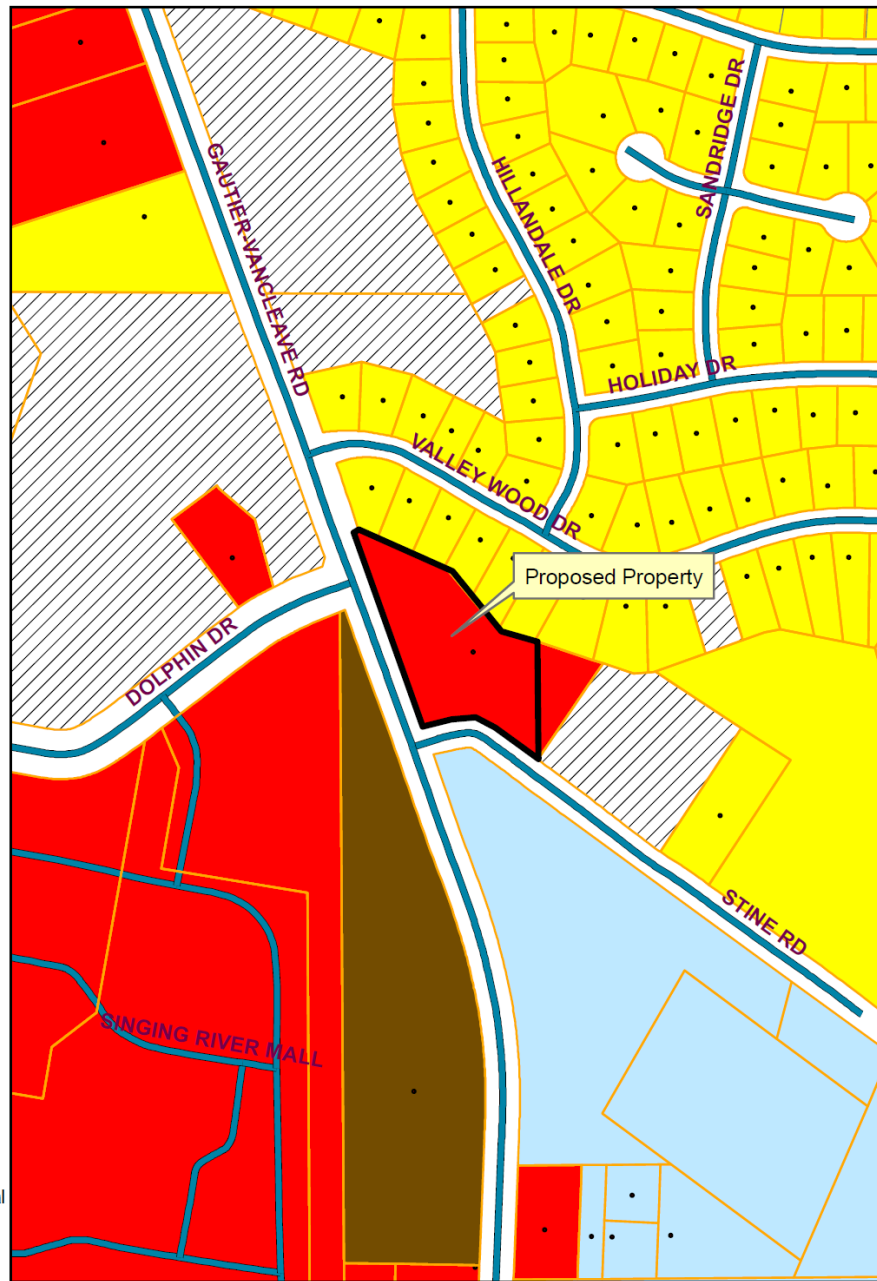


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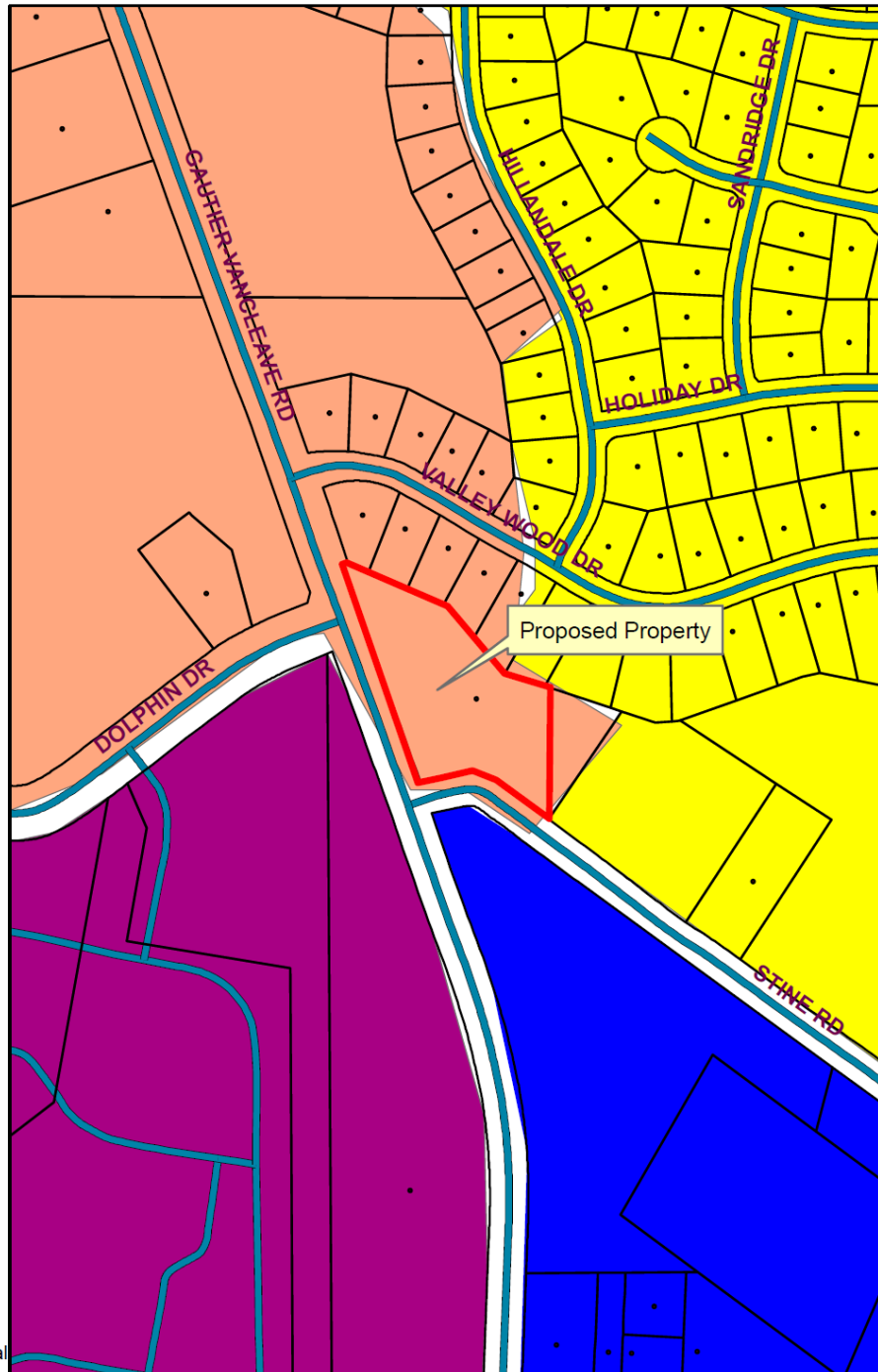
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Gautier Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2025

GPC #25-01-VAR

8216 Meadowdale Drive

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a request for a four-foot five inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District. 8216 Meadowdale Drive, (GPC #25-01-VAR)

**CITY OF GAUTIER
STAFF REPORT**

To: Chairman and Members, Planning Commission

From: Scott Ankerson, Planning Director

Date: January 29, 2025

Subject: Consider a request for a four-foot five-inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 8216 Meadowdale Drive, (GPC #25-01-VAR)

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Robert A. McDonald for a four-foot five-inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building in a R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 8216 Meadowdale Drive, PID #85441920.000 (GPC #25-01-VAR). The application fee of \$175 was paid on December 10, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

The applicant would like to place an accessory building five feet seven inches (5'7") from his side property line. The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) requires an accessory building to be ten feet (10') from the side property line. The applicant will need a four-foot five-inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is asking for a four-foot five-inch (4'5") variance to side yard setback requirements for an accessory building. He is wanting to place the accessory building five feet seven inches (5'7") from the side property line. The UDO requires a minimum of ten (10') for side yard setbacks for accessory buildings.

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) defines **Variances** as:

A Variance is a relaxation of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance where such Variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary or undue hardship. As used in this Ordinance, a

Variance is authorized only for height, area and size of structure, or size of yards, separation of uses, open spaces, off-street parking spaces and some subdivision of property. The establishment or expansion of a use not permitted shall not be allowed by Variance.

The UDO defines **Hardship** as:

Hardship means the unnecessary hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance or special exception. An unnecessary hardship exists if:

- (1) the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return if used only
 - (a) for a purpose allowed in that zone (applicable to special exceptions), or
 - (b) as permitted by the dimensional requirements of this ordinance (applicable to variances);
- (2) that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances of the land for which the variance or special exception is sought; and
- (3) that the use to be authorized by the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

UDO SECTION 4.18: Variance

In certain circumstances, a Variance from the dimensional requirements (i.e. height, setbacks, square footage) of this ordinance may be granted if the applicant can prove that because of physical constraints of the property involved, he is not able to build the same type of structure that other persons with the same zoning classification can build. Variances for uses permitted will not be considered in as much as "use Variances" are not legal in the State of Mississippi.

Most Variances must be granted by the City Council; however, certain minor Variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director in accordance with *Section 4.18.3* below.

4.18.1 Who May Initiate

A request for a Variance may be initiated by the property owner or agent of the owner provided that said property has not been denied a previous request for a Variance for the same property or portion of property within the past twelve (12) months.

4.18.2 Application for Variance

Applications for a Variance (from dimensional requirements) may be filed on the appropriate application available from the Economic Development/Planning Department and shall include all requested information, attachments and submittals:

4.18.3 Administrative Variances

The following dimensional variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director at his/her discretion (Note: Within the COR, Corridor

Overlay District, applicants shall be required to mitigate a requested dimensional variance in accordance with the Tier Land Use Provisions in Section 5.11):

- A. 30% of required off-street parking spaces and/or
- B. 30% of required setbacks from property lines

4.18.4 Criteria for Approval

The Variance application shall demonstrate the following:

- A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels) or structures or buildings in the same district;
- B. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance;
- C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant; and
- D. That granting the Variance requested will not confer upon the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels) structures or buildings in the same district.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets all "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

- 1. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request as presented;
- 2. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request with changes; or
- 3. Recommend that City Council deny variance request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Application
- 2. City's Exhibit A – Location Map
- 3. City's Exhibit B – Existing Zoning Map
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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION

Public Hearing Number

25-01-VAR

TO BE HEARD BY GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION:

FEE:

Variance _____

\$176.00

*Includes \$1.00 filing fee per MS Code §25-60-5

Name of Applicant: Robert A. McDonaldName of Business: _____ Phone: 910-297-1511Property Address: 8216 meadowdale Dr
Gautier, MS 39553 Mailing Address (if Different): _____E-Mail Address: RobFromNC78@yahoo.comReason for request, location and intended use of Property: would like to build aGarage/shop on my property to allow for me to work on my own cars
ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE: need 4'5" variance sideyard

- ☒ 1. Diagram of intended use, showing dimensions and distances of property, building with setbacks, parking spaces, entrances and exits.
- ☒ 2. A detailed project narrative.
- N/A 3. Copy of protective covenants or deed restrictions, if any.
- N/A 4. Copies of approvals, or requests for approval, from other agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Mississippi State Department of Health, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Marine Resources.
5. Any other information requested by the Planning Director.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: 12/9/2024

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Date Received 12-10-24 Verify as Complete BahsFee Amount Received 176.00 Initials of Employee Receiving Application AB/BZ

VARIANCE

Criteria for Approval

1. What special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels), or structures or buildings in the same district? *on a corner lot and yard Drainage prevents moving buildings to other Side*
2. Are these special conditions and circumstances a result of your actions? Explain.
NO
3. How will the literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance deprive you of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance? Explain. *because of corner lot and Drainage*
4. Will the granting of the Variance requested confer upon you any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels), structures or buildings in the same district? Explain. *NO*

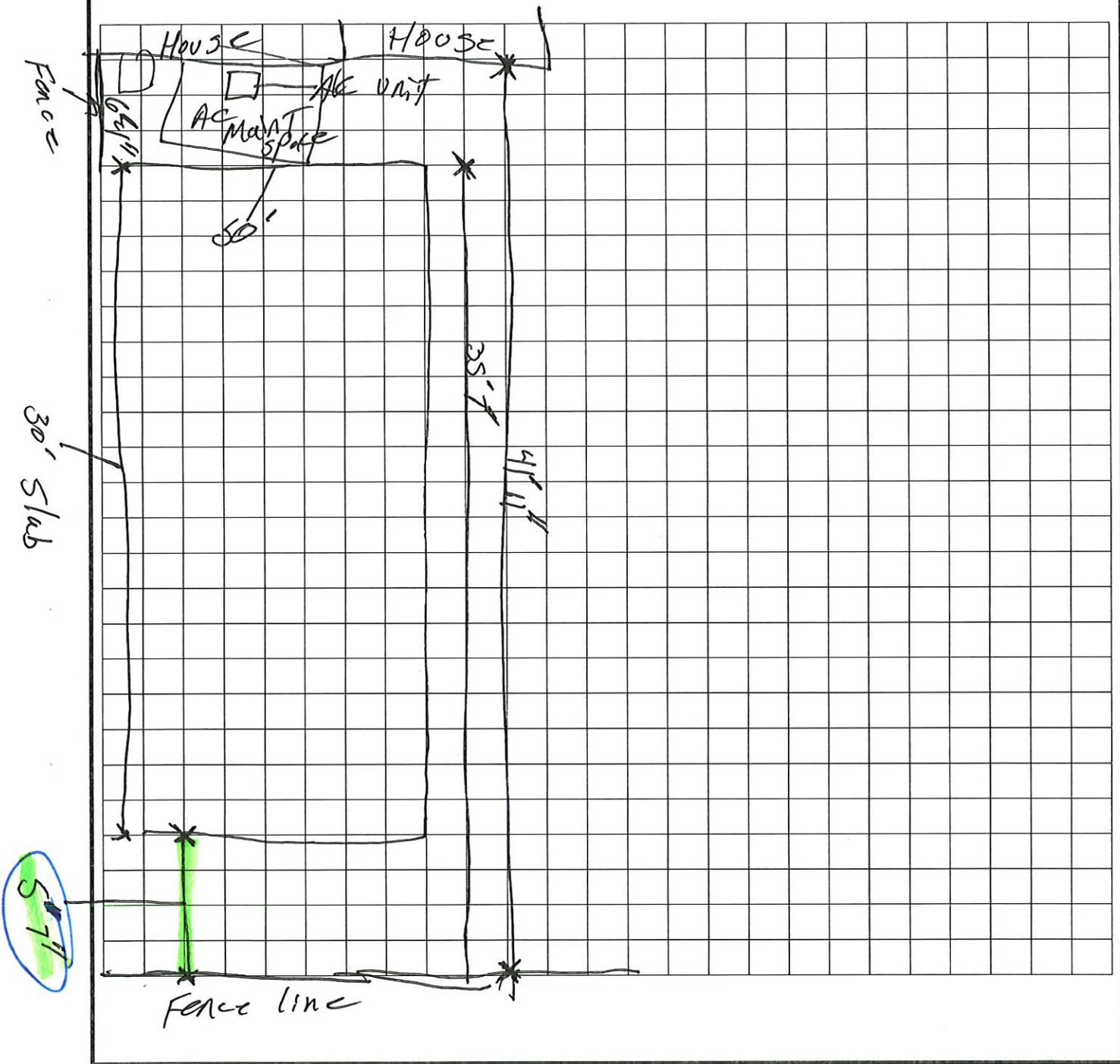
NARRATIVE

I would like to Build a Garage/Shop for storage of my 2 Motorcycles ^{and 2 cars} as well as to conduct my hobby of automotive work. I would like to Build this Shop on the side of my property that borders property owned by the City of Gaultier. IT is currently used by a pumping station. I am requesting a 4'5" variance.

City Property



DIAGRAM



85441920.000 MCDONALD ROBERT A

PIDN: 85441920.000

GISP: 771.12-02-0218.00M

Owner Information

Percent of Ownership: 100

Name: MCDONALD ROBERT A

Name 2:

Mailing Address: 8216 MEADOWDALE DR
GAUTIER MS
39553

Site Address: 8216 MEADOWDALE DR GAUTIER

Land Information

Section: 12 Acreage: 0

Township: 7

Range: 7

Street Name MEADOWDALE
DR

Value and Tax Information

Total Assessed Value: 16597

Total Appraised Value: 165968

Improvement Value: 153248

Land Value: 12720

Tax Amount: 0

SQ FT: 2532

Year Built: 1999

Legal Description

Description: LOTS 20 & 21 HICKORY HILL EST S/
D UNIT #13 PB 11-20 DB 1981-733
(218M MAP771.12-02)

Deed Book / Page: 1981 / 733

85441920.000 MCDONALD ROBERT A



Exhibit A Location Map

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Planning Department

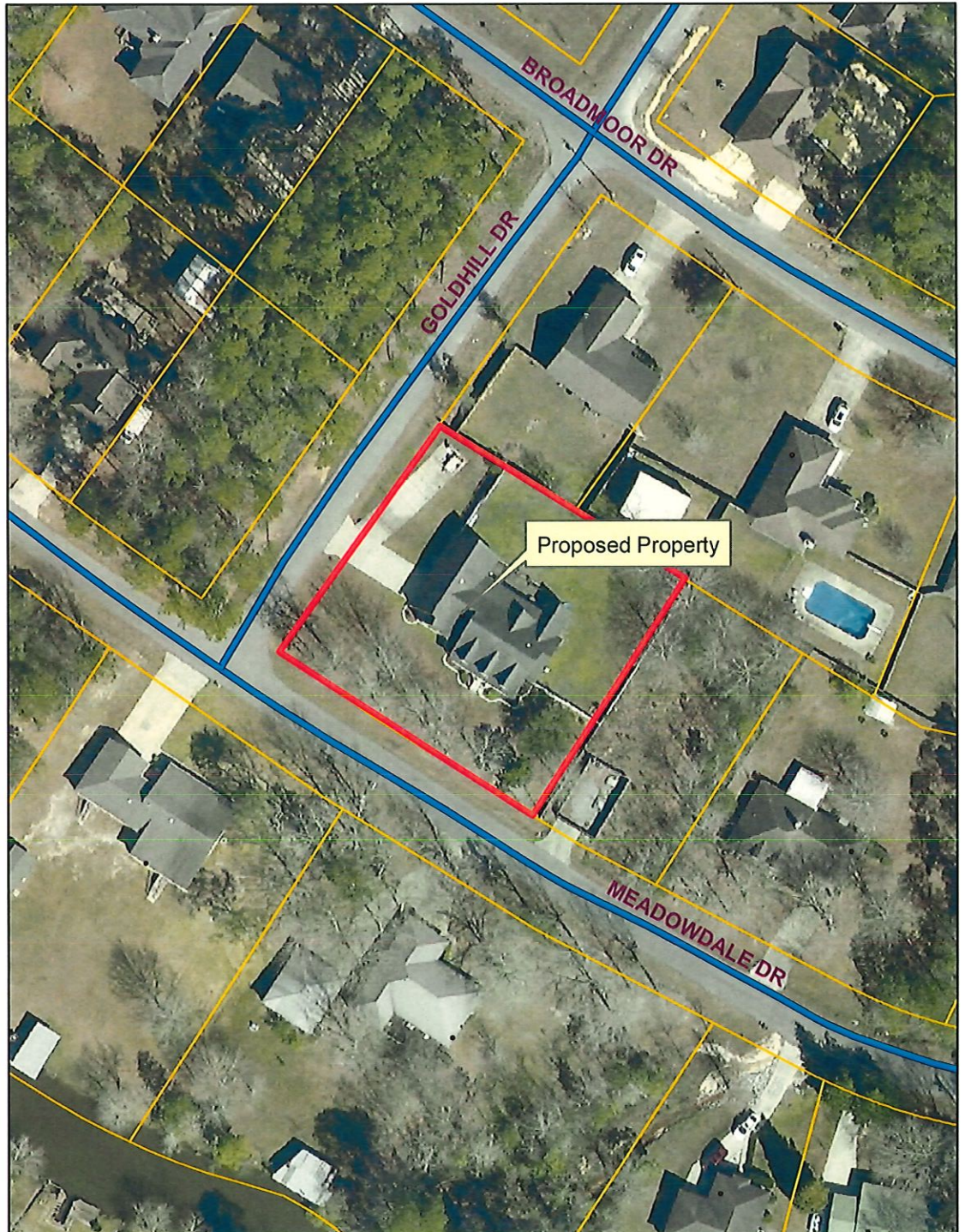


Exhibit B

Existing Zoning

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Legend

Zoning

ZONECODE

	AG
	C-1
	C-2
	C-3
	I-2
	MURC-1
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	MURC-MW
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	PUD
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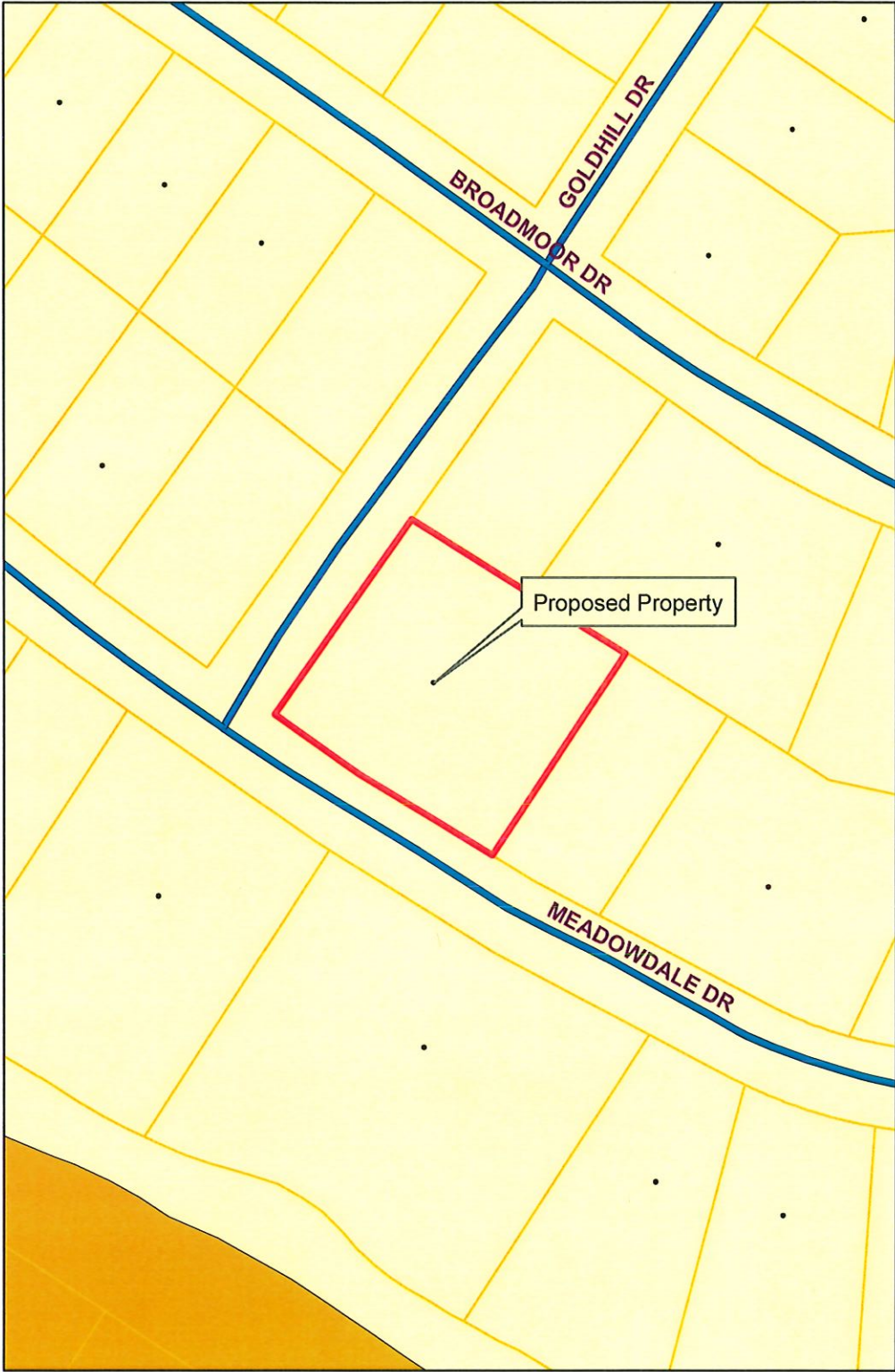


Exhibit C

Existing Land-Use

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Legend

EXISTING LAND USE

ELU_08

- commercial-retail
- conservation
- civic
- industrial
- marina/fish camps
- high density residential
- mobile home
- mobile home park
- medium density residential
- office
- recreation
- very low to low density residential
- utility
- vacant

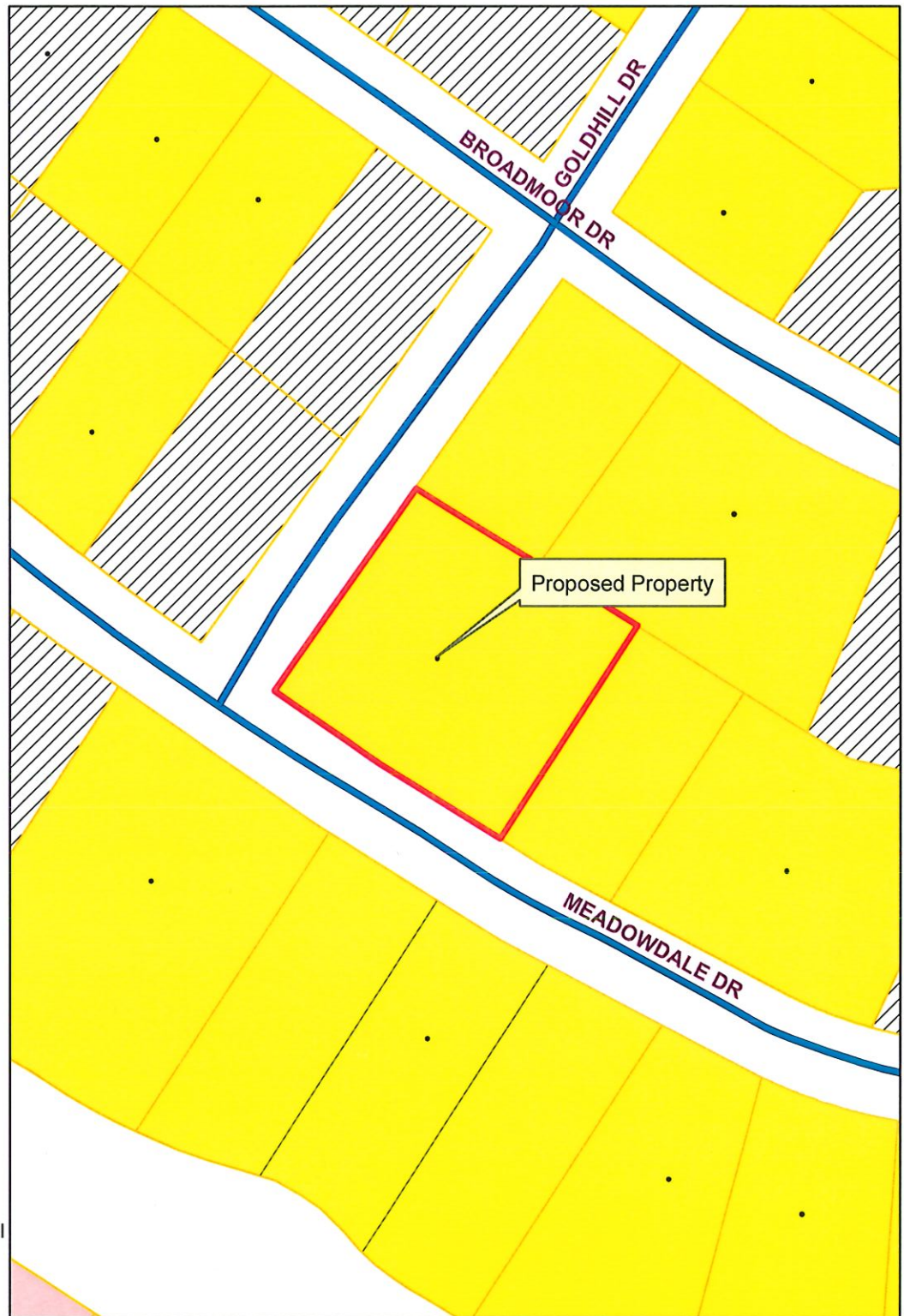


Exhibit D

Future Land-Use

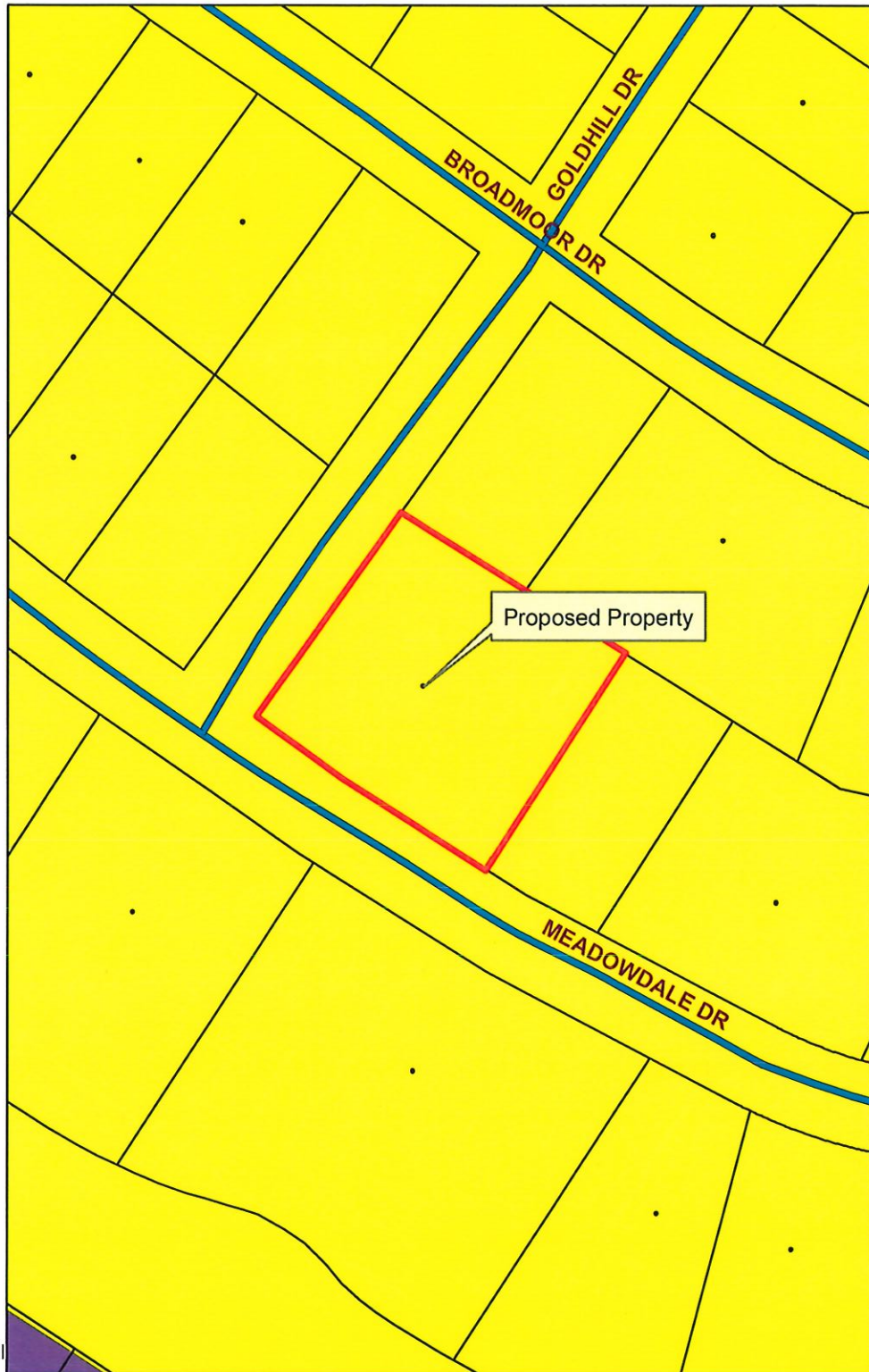
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Legend

FUTURE LAND USE

FLU_Class

-  Civic
-  high impact commercial
-  Conservation
-  High Density Residential
-  Industrial
-  Low Density Residential
-  Medium Density Residential
-  Mobile Home Residential
-  low impact Commercial
-  Recreational
-  recreational commercial
-  Regional Scale Commercial
-  mixed use residential
-  Town Center
-  Very Low Density Residential



Gautier Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2025

GPC #25-02-SE

Brandi Bosarge

Carter Road, PID #85298083.000

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2. Consider a request for a Special Exception that would allow a tiny home transitional living development in an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Carter Road, PID #85298083.000, (GPC #25-02-SE)

CITY OF GAUTIER STAFF REPORT

To: Chairman and Members, Planning Commission

From: Scott Ankerson, Planning Director

Date: January 29, 2025

Subject: Consider a request for a Special Exception that would allow a tiny home transitional living development in an AG Agricultural Zoning District, Carter Road, PID #85298083.000. (GPC #25-02-SE)

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Brandi Bosarge for a Special Exception that would allow a tiny home transitional living development in an AG Agricultural Zoning District at Carter Road, PID #85298083.000. (GPC #25-02-SE). The application fee of \$250 was paid on December 19, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

The request property is zoned AG Agricultural.

1. Location: Carter Road, PID #85298083.000 (See Exhibit A)
2. General features of the proposed project:
Lot Size: approximately 4.14 acres
3. Potable Water and Wastewater Services: Available at current location
4. Current Zoning (See Exhibit B): AG Agricultural
5. Current Surrounding Zoning (See Exhibit B): AG Agricultural, (**NOTE:** The lot to the south of the subject property, shown on Exhibit B as R-2, was rezoned to AG Agricultural in January 2024)
6. Current Surrounding Existing Land Use (See Exhibit C): Very low to low density residential to the north, south, and west, Mobile home to northwest., Vacant to the east. (**NOTE:** Homes are currently being built south of the subject property shown on Exhibit C as vacant.)

7. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation (See Exhibit D): Low Density Residential

DISCUSSION:

The following addresses the review criteria for a Special Exception outlined in Section 4.16.4 of the UDO.

1. Explain how a literal interpretation of the City of Gautier's Unified Development Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others of the district in which the property is located, and would work unnecessary hardship upon the applicant?

Applicant Response: See attached.

Staff Finding: Unsubstantiated

2. Explain how the requested Special Exception will be in harmony with the purpose of the City of Gautier's Unified Development Ordinance and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or the general welfare?

Applicant Response: See attached.

Staff Finding: Unsubstantiated

3. Explain how the special circumstances requiring the proposed Special Exception are not results of actions of the applicant.

Applicant Response: See attached.

Staff Finding: Unsubstantiated

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

1. The UDO defines a Special Exception as a relaxation of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance where such an exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in undue hardship. Special Exceptions are necessary when an applicant seeks to establish or expand a use not ordinarily permitted in a specific zoning district. "Special Exceptions" are not transferable from one (1) owner of land to another.
2. Special Exception requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission and approval by the City Council (Section 4.14 of the UDO).

3. Once an application for a Special Exception is submitted to the Planning Department, the procedures outlined in UDO Section 4.14.1 will be followed. At the appropriate time, The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to determine whether the applicant meets all relevant criteria, and make a recommendation to City Council pursuant to UDO Section 4.14.4. City Council, pursuant to UDO Section 4.14.4(C), will then consider the matter at its next regularly scheduled meeting and approve or deny the Special Exception.
4. A Special Exception is required for uses not ordinarily permitted in a specific zoning district. Special Exceptions are not permitted by right, and may only be granted when certain criteria are established. (4.16.4)
5. Special Exceptions do not run with the land, and may be revoked by the Planning Department if any of the following circumstances are discovered:
 - A. The property changes ownership
 - B. The property is being utilized in a manner not permitted under the zoning regulations or the special exception; or
 - C. The property ceases to be used for the purpose allowed in the Special Exception for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days during the existence of the Special Exception.

The UDO defines **Hardship** as:

Hardship means the unnecessary hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance or special exception. An unnecessary hardship exists if:

- (1) the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return if used only
 - (a) for a purpose allowed in that zone (applicable to special exceptions), or
 - (b) as permitted by the dimensional requirements of this ordinance (applicable to variances);
- (2) that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances of the land for which the variance or special exception is sought; and
- (3) that the use to be authorized by the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets the "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

1. Recommend that City Council approve the Special Exception;
2. Recommend that City Council approve the Special Exception with changes; or
3. Recommend that City Council deny the Special Exception.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Application
2. City's Exhibit A – Location Map
3. City's Exhibit B – Existing Zoning Map
4. City's Exhibit C – Existing Land Use Map
5. City's Exhibit D – Future Land Use Map

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI

SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING APPLICATION

Public Hearing Number

25-02-SE

TYPE OF REQUEST:

Special Exception

FEE:

\$251.00

*Includes \$1.00 filing fee per MS Code §25-60-5

Special Exception– These uses are not allowed by right and **require** a recommendation by the Planning Commission and approval of the City Council.

Name of Applicant: Brandi Bosarge

Name of Business: Transition Blvd.

Address:

2012 Magazine Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Mailing Address (if different):

Email Address: brandi@transitionblvd.org

Phone: 228-549-3765

Cell Phone: 228-261-1559

Reason for request, location and intended use of Property:

PID # 85298083,000

Tiny home project; Carter Road, Gautier MS; Transition living program for aging out youth

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE:

- ✓ 1. Diagram of intended use, showing dimensions and distances of property, building with setbacks, parking spaces, entrances and exits.
- ✓ 2. Legal descriptions and street address.
- ✓ 3. A detailed project narrative that also addresses the questions on the "Criteria for Approval" page of this application.
- NA 4. Copy of protective covenants or deed restrictions, if any.
- 5. Copies of approvals, or requests for approval, from other agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Mississippi State Department of Health, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Marine Resources.
- 6. Any other information requested by the Planning Director.
- 7. Owner's Consent form if anyone other than 100% sole owner makes application (see attached).

Signature of Applicant:

Brandi Bosarge

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Date Received

12-19-24
(8/20/24)

Verify as Complete

Scott

Fee Amount Received

251.00

Initials of Employee Receiving Application

Bals

(AG - Brought in 8/20/24 had to wait 1 year from previous request)

IRF S 88°26'37" E 381.23' IRF N 89°01'11" E 326.65' IRF S 89°13'28" W 1964.34' IRF

CARTER ROAD (50' R.O.W.)

CARTER ROAD
LOT 64, FOUNTAINBLEAU ACRES
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PARCEL #85298083.000

The East 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Jackson County, Mississippi, referred to as Lot 64, of the unrecorded plat of Fountainbleau Acres Subdivision. Said parcel contains 207714 square feet or 4.77 acres.

This survey does not reflect a title search by Gary A. Durbin, P.L.S., nor should it be considered as such.

This is a Class "B" survey per "The Standards of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Mississippi".

Bearings based on GPS Observation of the south margin of Carter Road, NAD 83, MS East Zone, convergence angle -0.130449, scale factor 0.9999960.

This property is situated in Zone "X" per FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Jackson County, Mississippi, Community Panel Number 28059C-0312-G, Revised: 3/16/09.

This is to CERTIFY that this plat or map and the survey on which it is based were made in accordance with "The Standards of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Mississippi".

Gary A. Durbin, P.L.S. 2401
September 28, 2023

JOB 21040

GARY A. DURBIN, P.L.S.
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
13048 RIVERWALK CIRCLE, OBERVILLE, MS. 39540
PH. (228) 365-3632 Telex: gdd@aol.com

N: 338292.65
E: 1024774.30

LOT 65

635.91' (M)
615.93' (M)
S 00°21'00" E

LOT 64

200624 SQ.FT.
4.61 ACRES

638.07' (M)
615.64' (M)
N 00°21'00" E

LOT 63

REFERENCE:
SURVEY BY GERALD
MOODY, P.L.S.
DATED 4/08/05

SURVEY BY JAMES
BOOTH, P.L.S. DATED
02/28 /18

SURVEY BY JAMES
BOOTH, P.L.S. DATED
07/10 /09

SURVEY BY JAMES
BOOTH, P.L.S. DATED
09/21 /23

SE CORNER
SE 1/4 SW 1/4
SECTION 17

IRF S 89°04'12" E 351.29' IRF

S 89°04'12" W (M)
24.91' (M)

N: 337671.44
E: 1024451.46

S 89°04'12" W (M)
301.74' (M)
325.75' (D)

U.S. GOVERNMENT

N: 337676.74
E: 1024778.06



IRF 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND
IPF 3/4" IRON PIPE FOUND
IRS 1/2" IRON ROD SET
CMF CONCRETE MONUMENT
PKS PK NAIL SET
P=PLAT OF RECORD
M=MEASURED
D=DEED

Prepared by:
David B. Pilger
Attorney at Law
1406 Bienville Blvd.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(228) 215-0011

Grantor:
P V & P Farm LLC
a Mississippi Limited Liability Company
P.O. Box 180731
Ridgeland, MS 39218
(601) 808-8293

RICHLAND

Return To:
Pilger Title Co.
1406 Bienville Blvd.,
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(228) 215-0011

Grantee:
Brandi Bosarge

(228) 261-1550

File No. 0236008N

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: A parcel of land situated in Sec. 17, T7S, R7W, Jackson County, MS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF JACKSON

WARRANTY DEED

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the price and sum of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of all of which is hereby acknowledged, P V & P Farm LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company, does hereby sell, convey and warrant unto Brandi Bosarge, all of that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Jackson County, Mississippi, together with all improvements, buildings, fixtures, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain parcel of land being situated in Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Jackson County, MS also being known as Tract 64 in the unrecorded Plat in Fountainbleau Acres, being more particularly described as follows: The East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Jackson County, Mississippi.

This being the same property as that conveyed to P V & P Farm LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company, by instrument recorded Deed Book 1934, at Page 612, Land Deed Records of Jackson County, Mississippi.

If this property is bounded by water, this conveyance includes any natural accretion, and is subject to any erosion due to the action of the elements. Such riparian and littoral rights as exist are conveyed herewith but without warranty as to their nature or extent. If any portion of the property is below the mean high tide watermark, or is coastal wetlands as defined in the Mississippi Coastal Wetlands Protection Act it is conveyed by quitclaim only.

Grantor(s) quitclaims any and all oil, gas, and other minerals owned, if any, to Grantee(s). No mineral search was requested or performed by preparer.

This conveyance is subject to any and all covenants, rights of way, easements, restrictions and reservations of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson County, Mississippi.

It is agreed and understood that the taxes for the current year have been pro-rated as of this date on an estimated basis, and when said taxes are actually determined, if the proration as of this date is incorrect, the Parties hereto agree to make all necessary adjustments on the basis of an actual proration.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

P V & P Farm LLC
a Mississippi Limited Liability Company



Pertis B. Watts
By: Pertis B. Watts, Sole Member

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF JACKSON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Pertis B. Watts, the Sole Member of P V & P Farm LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company, who acknowledged before me that he signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument on the day and year thereof, for the use and purposes therein mentioned, for and on behalf of the aforesaid entity, after first having been duly authorized so to do.



UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, on this the 16 day of October, 2023.

Sara Givens
NOTARY PUBLIC

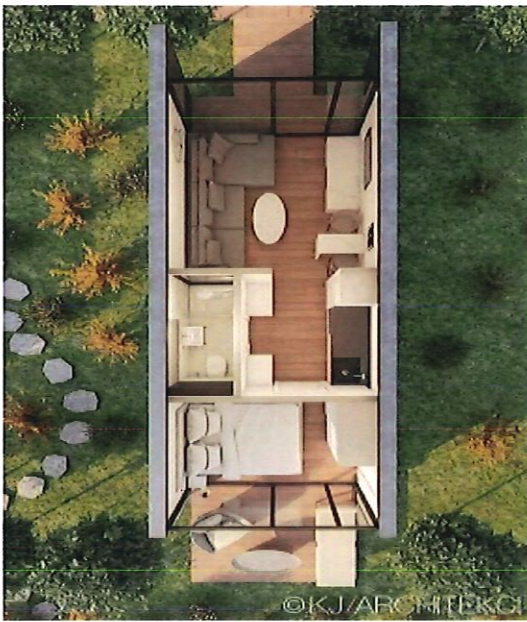
My commission expires: 5-7-2027

Enclosed Documents for Transition Blvd. include:

- 1-Proposal
- 2-Strategic Plan for Transition Blvd
- 3-Engineering plans for property
- 4-Screening documents for participants in Transition Blvd.
- 5-Survey of Land-Carter Road, lot 64, Fountainbleau Acres, Jackson County, MS
- 6-Warranty Deed
- 7-501 (c) (3) notification letter from Department of Treasury
- 8-Certificate of Good Standing from Secretary of State
- 9-Example of similar development in Pensacola, FL

INTRODUCTION

Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program for development at 0 Carter Rd., Ocean Springs, Mississippi, situated within the agricultural district of Gautier. This 4.6-acre property is conveniently located near Hwy 57 and I-10. The project will consist of twelve tiny with ten designated for students aging out of foster care. Each home will offer a private living space to promote independence. The remaining two homes will be allocated for the Dean and live-in security personnel, ensuring effective oversight and safety. A centrally located commons area will facilitate community interaction and support among students. The development will include a single, one-way access road and perpendicular parking for students to streamline traffic flow and enhance security. Transition Blvd will include vegetable and herb gardens, as well as flower and specialty gardens, reinforcing our commitment to environmental sustainability and providing residents with opportunities for horticultural engagement.



Transition Blvd is committed to empowering these young adults by offering a stable, supportive living environment that facilitates their journey from foster care to independent living. This innovative program not only provides a physical space but also promotes personal growth and self-sufficiency. The benefits extend beyond the individual, serving as a model for similar initiatives nationwide. By combining transitional housing with comprehensive support services, Transition Blvd aims to inspire and create pathways for youth to achieve their full potential.

The concept of tiny homes is central to Transition Blvd's philosophy. These cozy dwellings are more than just shelter; they represent a fresh start and tangible symbol of autonomy for program recipients. The compact dimensions of the homes promote a feeling of accountability and self-sufficiency, motivating residents to assume control over both their living quarters and their personal journeys without feeling overburdened. Transition Blvd represents more than just a collection of tiny homes; it is a beacon of hope and opportunity for youth transitioning to independence. By integrating thoughtful design with comprehensive support services, Transition Blvd enables its residents to restore, transition, and flourish as they embark on the next phase of their lives as no youth should have to navigate life alone.



STANDARD OF REVIEW

The location for Transition Blvd is currently zoned under the Agriculture Zone, subcategory 'Single Residential Agriculture Zone.' The general purpose of an Agriculture Zone is to provide a land use designation that supports both residential living and agricultural activities in a rural or semi-rural setting. This particular zoning encourages the development of low-density residential areas where people can live in a more rural, spacious environment. This often includes larger lot sizes compared to urban areas, offering residents a greater sense of privacy and space. This preserves the scenic and open character of rural areas by limiting the density of development and integrating agricultural land use which helps to maintain the aesthetic and environmental quality of the area.

The Agricultural Zone aims to create a harmonious balance between residential living and agricultural activity, supporting both community development and rural traditions. Transition Blvd perfectly balances residential living with rural traditions.

Gautier Development Ordinances, 5.3.1 AG, Agricultural District Purpose and Intent

The AG District is intended to provide an area for low density residential development and small-scale agricultural uses such as farms and ponds for livestock or fowl. This zoning district is to encourage large lots, open space and single-family detached dwellings in an agricultural environment. The provision of these zoning regulations shall not be exercised so as to require permits with reference to land used for agricultural purposes, or for the maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures.

Gautier Development Ordinances, 5.4.2 AG, Agricultural District

All uses and structures in the AG District shall meet the following development standards, except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance. Conservation subdivisions may be used in this district with the permission of the City Council.

A. Minimum Lot Area:

Single-Family Dwelling — Twenty thousand (20,000) square feet

Agricultural Uses --Three (3) acres

Country Clubs -- Five (5) acres

Golf Course and/or Golf Driving Range — Ten (10) acres

B. Minimum Lot Width: One hundred (100) feet for both interior and corner lots at front building line and fifty (50) feet on a public or platted street

C. Minimum Setbacks for Principal structure: Front—Fifty (50) feet Side—Twenty (20) feet for interior lots and thirty-five (35) feet for corner lots Rear—Twenty-five (25) feet

1. Minimum Setbacks for Accessory structure(s):
Front—All accessory structures shall be located in the rear yard of the principal use
Side—Ten (10) feet
Rear—Five (5) feet
2. Maximum Building Height: Thirty-five (35) feet for principal structure and twenty-five (25) feet for accessory structure
3. Maximum Lot Coverage: Fifteen (15) percent for principal structure and accessory structures and accessory structures shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the rear yard
4. Minimum Living Area of Dwelling Units: Thirteen hundred twenty-five (1,325)

The city of Gautier allows conservation subdivisions, which are designed to preserve significant amounts of open space and natural resources. One of the many benefits of conservation subdivisions revolves around clustered homes together on a smaller lot to maximize the amount of preserved open space. Transition Blvd meets the requirements for a conservation subdivision by utilizing only 3 of the 4.6 acres of property. The intended design in the development of Transition Blvd is to offer residents open green spaces and a closer connection to nature for a peaceful haven with a variety of gardens.

Similar Garden



Ordinance 5.3.6 R-3, Mobile/Manufactured Home Residential District Purpose and intent.

The purpose of the R-3 District is to provide for affordable housing including student and artist cooperatives for Gautier. The principal use of land is for manufactured home subdivisions, cottage villages, and/or modular home dwellings. Manufactured and mobile homes may only be placed in existing or new Manufactured and Mobile Home Parks or in platted Manufactured Home Subdivisions which are zoned R-3. It is the intent of this Ordinance that these districts be located in areas where they will not adversely affect low- or medium-density residential neighborhoods. This district, and the developments allowed in it, should be located so as to not interfere with or damage environmentally sensitive lands and must ensure that V - 20 adequate open space and recreational facilities are located within the development to serve the needs of residents in the district. A large amount of land zoned R-3 concentrated within one area should be avoided to prevent crowding and effects of traffic generated by this type of development.

The Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program aims to provide a structural and supportive living environment for aging-out youth, similar to the benefits afforded to college students residing in mobile homes. Denying this program not only overlooks the critical support these young individuals need for their transition to independence but also creates an imbalance in housing policy. Just as mobile homes offer college students affordable and practical living solutions, tiny homes can provide. Aging-out youth are mostly college students, so why should they be treated differently?

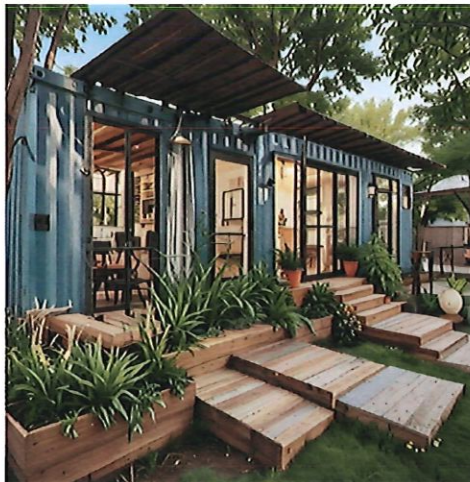
Current existing neighbors FEMA cottage and double-wide.



Benefits of tiny homes compared to mobile/manufactured homes include:

- Design and Construction Quality- tiny home builds typically focus on maximizing space and efficiency in a well-designed, permanent structure versus mobile homes which are mostly built to a standardized design and might use more cost-effective materials, which can affect long-term durability and customization.
- Durability and Longevity- tiny homes are built on a fixed foundation or trailer and are usually constructed to last longer with a focus on sturdiness and quality versus mobile homes
- Aesthetics- tiny homes offer the aesthetic look of a house but on a smaller scale, whereas mobile homes do not
- Energy Efficiency- structural features such as high-quality insulation, energy-efficient windows, and eco-friendly materials are utilized, which can lead to lower utility bills and a smaller environmental footprint versus mobile homes which may not always have the same level of insulation or energy-saving features as tiny homes, potentially resulting in higher energy costs
- Space Efficiency- Maximizing every inch of square footage, this strategic design ensures efficient use of space and often provides a more comfortable living experience despite the small footprint versus mobile homes where their design do not always utilize space as effectively as tiny homes
- Investment and Property Value- mobile homes often depreciate over time, similar to vehicles, and might not offer the same long-term investment potential as tiny homes.
- Community and Lifestyle- tiny homes promote a minimalist lifestyle that can enhance quality of life and reduce clutter, whereas mobile home parks or standalone units might not offer the same sense of community or permanence.

Examples of Transition Blvd vision:



DEVELOPMENT ORDER: An order granting, denying, or granting with conditions an application for approval of a development permit. A distinction is made between the two distinct types of development permits: final development order and development permit.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: For purposes of this code a development permit is that official city document which authorizes the commencement of construction or land alteration without need for further application and approval. Development permits include: all types of construction permits (plumbing, electrical, foundation, mechanical, and so forth, in addition to the building permit itself), grading and clearing permits, permits, tree removal permits, sign permits, development order, zoning permit, subdivision approval, rezoning, certification, conditional use, variance, or any other official city action having the effect of permitting the development of land.

4.1.3 Prerequisites to Issuance of a Development Permit

No development permit shall be issued unless the proposed development activity:

- A. Conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance; and
- B. Conforms to the building codes and fire codes as adopted by the City; and
- C. Conforms to technical construction standards and any other engineering standard for stormwater, sewage, water, streets, traffic and other engineering concerns as may be adopted by the City of Gautier.

If the meeting with the planning commission, our engineer, and the mayor had taken place as initially planned, we would have had the opportunity to discuss and address the only issue identified: the square footage and the underlying reason for it. Although the project conforms to the building and fire codes adopted by the City and aligns with the technical construction standards for stormwater management, sewage systems, water infrastructure, streets, traffic, and other engineering concerns as stipulated by the City of Gautier, the missed meeting prevented us from finalizing these details or making any necessary adjustments. Our goal has always been, and continues to be, to work collaboratively with the city to resolve any issues and ensure full compliance with all requirements. This project is crucial not only for meeting regulatory standards but also for preventing aging-out youth from facing homelessness, highlighting the urgent need for timely resolution and support.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION: a relaxation of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance where such an exception will not be contrary to the public interest, and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in undue hardship. Special Exceptions are necessary when an applicant seeks to establish or expand a use not ordinarily permitted in a specific zoning district.

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HARDSHIP: Hardship means the unnecessary hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance or special exception. An unnecessary hardship exists if:

(1) the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return if used only

(a) for a purpose allowed in that zone (applicable to special exceptions), or

(b) as permitted by the dimensional requirements of this ordinance
(applicable to variances)

- **Financial Feasibility:** Tiny homes (320 sq. ft.) are essential for keeping the program financially viable. Adhering to the 1,325 sq. ft. requirement would significantly increase costs, jeopardizing the program's sustainability and diverting funds away from critical support services.
- **Practicality:** Tiny homes offer a realistic and supportive living environment for these young adults. A larger home would be impractical and overwhelming for this demographic, who benefit from manageable and affordable housing solutions.
- **Community Integration:** Tiny homes will blend seamlessly with the neighborhood and contribute positively to the community. They provide a practical solution that meets both the students needs and the area's character.

(2) that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances of the land for which the variance or special exception is sought; and

(3) that the use to be authorized by the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

- **Complementing Agricultural Use:** The development will include green spaces and community gardens, integrating well with the agricultural setting and enhancing the property's rural character.
- **Safe and Discreet Design:** The tiny homes will be nestled in a designated nook, creating a secure community with trees lining the perimeter. This design ensures the homes blend seamlessly with the landscape.

A program designed to support aging-out foster youth, is crucial to prevent significant hardship stemming from the current square footage requirements. Transition Blvd seeks this exception to accommodate the unique needs of its residents by allowing a relaxation of the square footage regulations outlined in the Unified Development Ordinance. The proposed development, even with the variance, will not alter the essential character of the locality. The use authorized by the variance will integrate seamlessly into the community, maintaining the area's overall character and contributing positively to local needs. Denying the special exception would impede Transition Blvd's ability to offer essential services, thereby increasing the risk of homelessness among these vulnerable youth.

Special Exemption shall be approved upon finding that the following standards are met:

4.16.4 Criteria for Approval

A Special Exception is required for uses not ordinarily permitted in a specific zoning district. Special Exceptions are not permitted by right, and may only be granted when the following criteria are established:

- A. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others of the district in which the property is located, and that interpretation of this ordinance would work unnecessary hardship upon the applicant;

The denial would impose unnecessary hardship on the applicant by restricting their ability to provide additional affordable housing tailored to students and vulnerable populations, such as aging-out youth. The property currently includes a FEMA cottage and a double-wide mobile home, which already serve as affordable housing options. Denying the proposed tiny homes project would prevent the applicants/students from expanding on these existing affordable housing solutions in a manner consistent with the needs of the community. Denial would impose an undue burden compared to the rights and benefits available to others in the district. Harrison County is number two in the state for the most kids in foster care.

- B. That the requested Special Exception will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of this ordinance and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or the general welfare; and

Alignment with Ordinance Purpose and Intent:

- **Community Integration:** The Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program is designed to serve a specific and socially beneficial purpose—providing stable housing for students aging out of foster care. This aligns with the ordinance’s goal of supporting diverse and supportive community developments.
- **Enhancement of Neighborhood Character:** The program aims to create a well-integrated community through the inclusion of a commons area and shared gardens, promoting a sense of community and cooperation which enhances neighborhood cohesion and social fabric.

Non-injurious to Neighborhood or General Welfare:

- **Safe and Controlled Access:** The development includes a single, one-way access road with perpendicular parking, which is designed to streamline traffic flow and enhance safety, reducing potential traffic-related disruptions or hazards in the neighborhood.
- **Environmental Considerations:** The inclusion of vegetable, herb, flower, and specialty gardens demonstrates a commitment to environmental sustainability and provides residents with opportunities for meaningful engagement with their surroundings, benefiting both residents and the broader community.
- **Security and Oversight:** The presence of a Dean and live-in security personnel ensures effective oversight and security for the tiny home community, addressing safety concerns and contributing to the overall well-being of the neighborhood.
- **Minimal Disruption:** The small scale of the development (twelve tiny homes) and its strategic location near major highways (Hwy 57 and I-10) ensure that it will not place undue strain on local infrastructure or resources.

In conclusion, the Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program is designed with thoughtful consideration for community integration, safety, environmental sustainability, and minimal neighborhood impact, aligning with the purpose and intent of the ordinance while promoting the general welfare.

C. That the special circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant

The need for the tiny homes programs specifically addresses the urgent housing and support requirements of aging-out youth from foster care and students in transition. This need arises from broader community challenges and gaps in available resources, rather than from any actions or decisions made by the applicant. The applicant is responding to this critical need within the framework of existing zoning regulations and community objectives, ensuring that the development aligns with the broader goal of providing stable, supportive housing for vulnerable youth, rather than creating special circumstances.

The Transition Blvd project has garnered dedicated support from local neighbors who appreciate its mission and potential benefits. Initial opposition from Clancy Borries was based on incomplete information and was later retracted upon gaining a fuller understanding of the project. Additionally, property mapping confirms that the Owner is Johnie Ward. These points collectively reinforce the project's positive reception and the validity of its proposed benefits.

Potential community concerns related to housing young adults aging out of foster care:

1. 320sq.ft not being adequate living space for an individual.

Studies from organizations like the National Association of Home Builders and various architectural firms show that small apartments and homes can be very livable with efficient design. For example, a survey by the National Multifamily Housing Council found that compact living spaces can be appealing to many individuals due to their affordability and functionality.

2. Increased crime

Stable housing for youth aging out of foster care can lead to significant reductions in crime. By addressing economic instability, providing access to support services, and offering preventive interventions, stable housing helps reduce the likelihood of criminal behavior among former foster youth. Supporting evidence from various studies and programs demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach.

In the broader context, initiatives such as Transition Blvd play a crucial role in reducing crime rates.

In Mississippi, there are currently no dedicated tiny home programs for youth aging out of foster care. Jackson is ranked third in the state for the highest number of children in foster care. The City of Gautier aims to address this gap by contributing to programs that support these transitioning youth. Below, we provide statistics on youth aging out of foster care and outline their potential outcomes in the absence of initiatives such as Transition Blvd.

Family and Social Connections

- **Lack of Support Networks:** Youth aging out of foster care often lack strong family or social support networks. Approximately 40% report having no reliable support system after leaving foster care.

- **Social Isolation:** This lack of a support network can lead to feelings of isolation and difficulties in building meaningful relationships.

Legal and Systemic Issues

- **Legal Barriers:** Many youth aging out of foster care face legal and systemic barriers, including difficulties accessing benefits and navigating complex systems such as healthcare and education.
- **Rights and Services:** Youth in foster care often have limited knowledge about their rights and available services, impacting their ability to access necessary support.

Educational Outcomes

- **High School Graduation:** Only about 50% of youth in foster care graduate from high school, compared to 85% of their peers in the general population.
- **Higher Education:** Approximately 20% of youth aging out of foster care enroll in post-secondary education, and only about 3% complete a college degree.

Employment and Economic Stability

- **Employment Rates:** Around 50% of youth aging out of foster care are employed within a year of leaving the system. However, they often face challenges such as lower wages and less stable employment compared to their peers.
- **Income Levels:** Youth who age out of foster care are more likely to experience poverty. Approximately 50% of former foster youth live below the poverty line.

Housing Stability

- **Homelessness Risk:** Nearly 20% of youth who age out of foster care experience homelessness within the first year of leaving the system. This risk of homelessness is significantly higher than for their peers who have not been in foster care.
- **Housing Instability:** Many former foster youth struggle with housing instability, including frequent moves and inadequate living conditions.

Mental Health and Well-being

- **Mental Health Issues:** Youth aging out of foster care are at a higher risk for mental health issues, including depression and anxiety. Studies indicate that around 50% of youth aging out of foster care experience significant mental health challenges.
- **Trauma and Resilience:** Many of these youth have experienced trauma, which can impact their mental health and overall well-being. Supportive programs and services are crucial for addressing these issues.

Data from local programs, such as those in New York City and California, show that providing stable housing and support services significantly reduces criminal activity. For instance, a study of the “Transitional Living Program” in California found that participants had lower rates of arrest and incarceration compared to non-participants.

3. Decreased property value for existing neighbors

- **Definition and Appeal:** The planned design for Transition Blvd promotes a sense of community and enhances the overall aesthetic appeal of the area. The unique aesthetic will improve property values by creating attractive, clean environments.
- **Increased Value:** Research from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) indicates that well-designed residential communities can lead to higher property values and improved neighborhood aesthetics.

Policies and Procedures Transition Blvd has enacted to ensure safety, security, and success for students of the program and to mitigate potential community concerns:

Screening criteria for the Transition Blvd program

1. Age Appropriateness

- **Targeted Support:** Focusing on young adults aged 16-19 ensures that the program addresses individuals at a critical stage of their transition to adulthood, providing them with essential support before they age out of the foster care system.

2. Structured Program Duration

- **Commitment and Growth:** A 24-month program offers a structured timeframe for participants to acquire necessary life skills and adjust to independent living. This extended duration allows for meaningful personal development and a more gradual transition to self-sufficiency.

3. Application Process

- **Intent and Readiness:** The application process helps assess the applicant's motivation and readiness for the program. This ensures that only those who are genuinely interested and committed to making a successful transition are admitted.

4. Criminal History Requirement

- **Safety and Focus:** Excluding individuals with a history of criminal offenses helps maintain a safe and secure environment for all residents. This allows the program to focus on rehabilitation and personal development without the added challenges of managing criminal behavior.

5. Family Status Considerations

- **Focused Resources:** By excluding individuals with children or those who are pregnant, the program can concentrate its resources and support on participants who can fully engage with the program's services without the added complexities of parenting responsibilities.

6. Substance Abuse Screening

- **Healthy Environment:** Requiring no history of drug or alcohol abuse helps create a stable and healthy living environment. This criterion ensures that participants can fully benefit from the program's resources and are less likely to face the additional challenges of substance dependency.

7. Social and Intellectual Abilities

- **Program Success:** Ensuring that applicants have the social and intellectual capabilities necessary to complete the program effectively is crucial for their success. This criterion helps identify individuals who are capable of engaging with and benefiting from the program's offerings.

8. Desire to Participate

- **Motivation and Success:** Requiring a genuine desire to participate and succeed in the program ensures that the individuals admitted are motivated and committed to making the most of the opportunities provided. This increases the likelihood of achieving positive outcomes.

9. Psychologist-Designed Screening

- **Professional Assessment:** A screening process designed by a psychologist ensures that the selection criteria are based on psychological principles and best practices, providing a thorough and professional evaluation of applicants.

10. Board Member Final Decision

- **Diverse Perspectives:** The final decision made by board members, who bring a range of experiences and expertise, ensures that admissions are carefully considered from multiple viewpoints. This collaborative approach enhances the fairness and effectiveness of the selection process.

Conclusion

The screening criteria for the Transition Blvd program are thoughtfully designed to create a supportive and effective environment for youth transitioning out of foster care. By targeting

appropriate age groups, ensuring commitment and readiness, and maintaining a focus on safety, health, and personal capabilities, these criteria are aimed at maximizing the program's impact and success. The involvement of both psychological and board member assessments further ensures that the selection process is rigorous and fair, ultimately fostering a positive and empowering experience for participants.

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The Transition Blvd Tiny Living Program for aging-out youth from foster care provides a vital and motivating goal, akin to a high school student aspiring to gain admission to a prestigious college. By implementing stringent criteria and a carefully structured program, this initiative offers both aging-out youth and other vulnerable students a clear path to independence and success. Just as a college aspiration drives students to excel, this program gives youth in foster care a concrete objective and the comprehensive support needed to achieve stability and self-sufficiency. This approach not only fosters personal growth and preparedness for long-term success but also addresses critical gaps in resources, empowering these young individuals to build a prosperous future.

How Transition Blvd Will Benefit the City of Gautier

Reduction in Homelessness:

- **Targeted Support for Aging Out Youth:** Transition Blvd will provide stable housing and comprehensive support services for youth aging out of foster care, a group at high risk of homelessness. By addressing their unique needs, the project will directly reduce the likelihood of these individuals becoming homeless.
- **Preventive Approach:** This proactive program aims to prevent homelessness before it starts, reducing the future need for emergency shelters and related services.

Integration and Collaboration:

- **Partnership with City Services:** The project will collaborate with city services to provide comprehensive support, such as job training, educational opportunities, and healthcare. This integration ensures that residents have access to necessary resources, fostering their independence and success.
- **Community Engagement:** Transition Blvd will engage with local residents and stakeholders through outreach and partnership opportunities, fostering community support and involvement in addressing homelessness.

Alignment with City Goals:

- **Support for City's Homelessness Reduction Strategy:** Transition Blvd aligns with the City of Gautier's goal to reduce homelessness through preventative measures rather than

reactive solutions. By addressing the root causes of homelessness, the project supports the city's broader strategy for creating a stable and inclusive community.

- **Positive Community Impact:** The project will contribute to a positive and supportive community environment, reflecting the city's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Data-Driven Outcomes:

- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Transition Blvd will implement robust data collection and evaluation methods to track its impact on homelessness and community well-being. Regular reporting and analysis will ensure that the program remains effective and aligned with city objectives.

In summary, Transition Blvd will provide significant benefits to the City of Gautier by directly reducing homelessness, stimulating economic growth, integrating with city services, promoting long-term sustainability, and aligning with city goals. The project represents a proactive and collaborative approach to addressing homelessness and enhancing community well-being.

Community impact and reducing homelessness:

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Summary

In closing, I would like to emphasize our commitment to working collaboratively with the city to ensure the successful implementation and ongoing success of the Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program. This initiative is not just a project but a shared opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young individuals transitioning out of foster care, while also enhancing our community.

Our team is dedicated to maintaining an open and constructive dialogue with the city to address any concerns and to integrate feedback throughout the development and operational phases. We are fully prepared to engage with city officials and stakeholders to ensure that the project aligns with local regulations, enhances community welfare, and reflects the values of Ocean Springs and Gautier.

The Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program is designed with the utmost consideration for community impact, safety, and environmental sustainability. The thoughtfully planned layout, including private living spaces, a central commons area, and green gardens, underscores our commitment to creating a supportive and positive environment for residents and the broader community.

We are enthusiastic about the potential for this project to serve as a model for future developments that prioritize social responsibility and environmental stewardship. Your approval of the Special Exception will enable us to move forward with this important initiative, which promises to offer stability and hope to young adults in need, while also contributing positively to our neighborhood.

We appreciate your consideration and support of the Transition Blvd Tiny Home Living Program and look forward to a productive partnership with the city to make this vision a reality. Thank you for your time and commitment to enhancing the welfare of our community.

Strategic Plan for Supporting Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

1. Introduction

Overview of the Program's Mission and Objectives: Our program aims to support youth aging out of foster care by providing comprehensive resources and support systems to ensure their successful transition to independent living.

Importance of Supporting Youth Aging Out of Foster Care: Transitioning out of foster care can be daunting for young adults, often lacking stable support networks and resources. Our program seeks to fill this critical gap by offering tailored assistance to promote stability, resilience, and self-sufficiency.

2. Program Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Ensure Successful Transition to Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Objectives:

- Provide stable and supportive housing options, including transitional housing like tiny homes or shared apartments.
- Offer life skills training in essential areas such as budgeting, cooking, and household management.
- Facilitate access to educational and vocational resources to enhance career prospects.

Goal 2: Promote Emotional Well-being and Resilience Among Program Participants

Objectives:

- Provide access to counseling and mental health services to address trauma and emotional challenges.
- Foster a supportive community environment through group activities and peer support.
- Develop coping mechanisms and stress management skills to promote emotional resilience.

Goal 3: Foster Personal Growth and Self-Sufficiency

Objectives:

- Encourage goal-setting and career planning through personalized support and mentorship.
- Promote financial literacy and responsibility to empower participants in managing their finances effectively.
- Support personal development through mentorship programs and leadership opportunities within the community.

3. Target Population

Demographic and Eligibility Criteria: Our program serves young adults aged 18 to 25 who are aging out of foster care and are in need of support to achieve self-sufficiency.

Unique Needs and Challenges: Participants often face challenges such as housing instability, lack of educational and employment opportunities, and emotional trauma from their experiences in foster care.

4. Strategies and Activities

Housing and Stability:

- Provide transitional housing options such as tiny homes or partnerships with landlords and housing agencies.
- Offer rent subsidies or financial assistance to alleviate housing expenses for participants.

Education and Employment:

- Establish partnerships with educational institutions to provide access to higher education or vocational training programs.
- Offer career counseling, job readiness workshops, and internship opportunities to enhance employability.

Life Skills and Support Services:

- Conduct life skills workshops covering financial management, nutrition, and health.
- Provide access to healthcare services, including physical and mental health care through partnerships with healthcare providers.
- Develop individualized support plans and case management to address participant needs comprehensively.

Community Engagement:

- Foster a sense of community through social events, peer support groups, and community service projects.
- Encourage participation in volunteer opportunities and establish alumni networks to support ongoing engagement and success.

5. Evaluation and Monitoring

- Define measurable outcomes such as housing stability rates, educational attainment, and employment placement.
- Implement regular program evaluations and participant feedback mechanisms to assess effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.
- Utilize data-driven insights to continuously improve program delivery and impact.

6. Partnerships and Collaboration

- Identify key stakeholders including government agencies, nonprofits, and community partners to leverage resources and expertise.
- Form strategic partnerships to access funding opportunities, enhance program sustainability, and expand service reach.
- Collaborate with local businesses for job placement and internship opportunities for program participants.

7. Sustainability and Growth

- Develop a sustainability plan outlining strategies for long-term funding, including grants, donations, and corporate sponsorships.
- Explore opportunities to replicate successful program models in other communities to broaden impact and reach.
- Continuously assess and adapt strategies to ensure scalability and relevance in evolving community needs.

8. Communication and Outreach

- Develop a communication strategy to raise awareness about the program's mission, impact, and success stories.
- Engage stakeholders through newsletters, social media campaigns, and community events to foster support and collaboration.
- Share testimonials and success stories to demonstrate the program's effectiveness in supporting youth aging out of foster care.

9. Risk Management

- Identify potential risks such as funding fluctuations, policy changes, and legal compliance issues related to youth services.
- Develop contingency plans and mitigation strategies to address risks proactively and ensure program continuity.
- Maintain compliance with legal and regulatory requirements to uphold standards of care and support for program participants.

10. Conclusion

In conclusion, our strategic plan outlines a holistic approach to supporting youth aging out of foster care, emphasizing stability, resilience, and self-sufficiency through comprehensive housing, education, and support services. By implementing these strategies and collaborating with stakeholders, we aim to empower young adults to thrive and succeed in their transition to independent living.

This strategic plan provides a structured framework to address the unique needs of youth aging out of foster care, ensuring a comprehensive and impactful approach to supporting their transition into adulthood.

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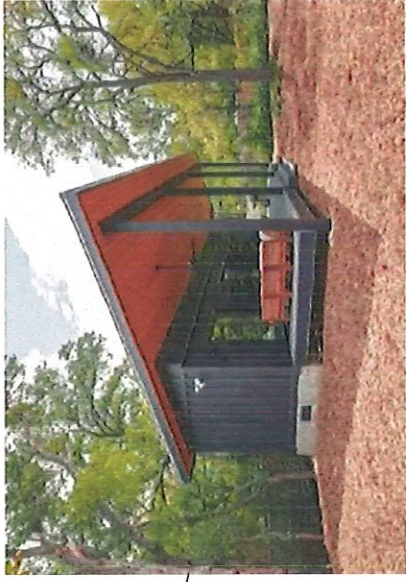
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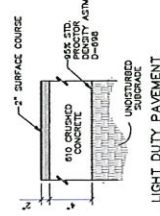
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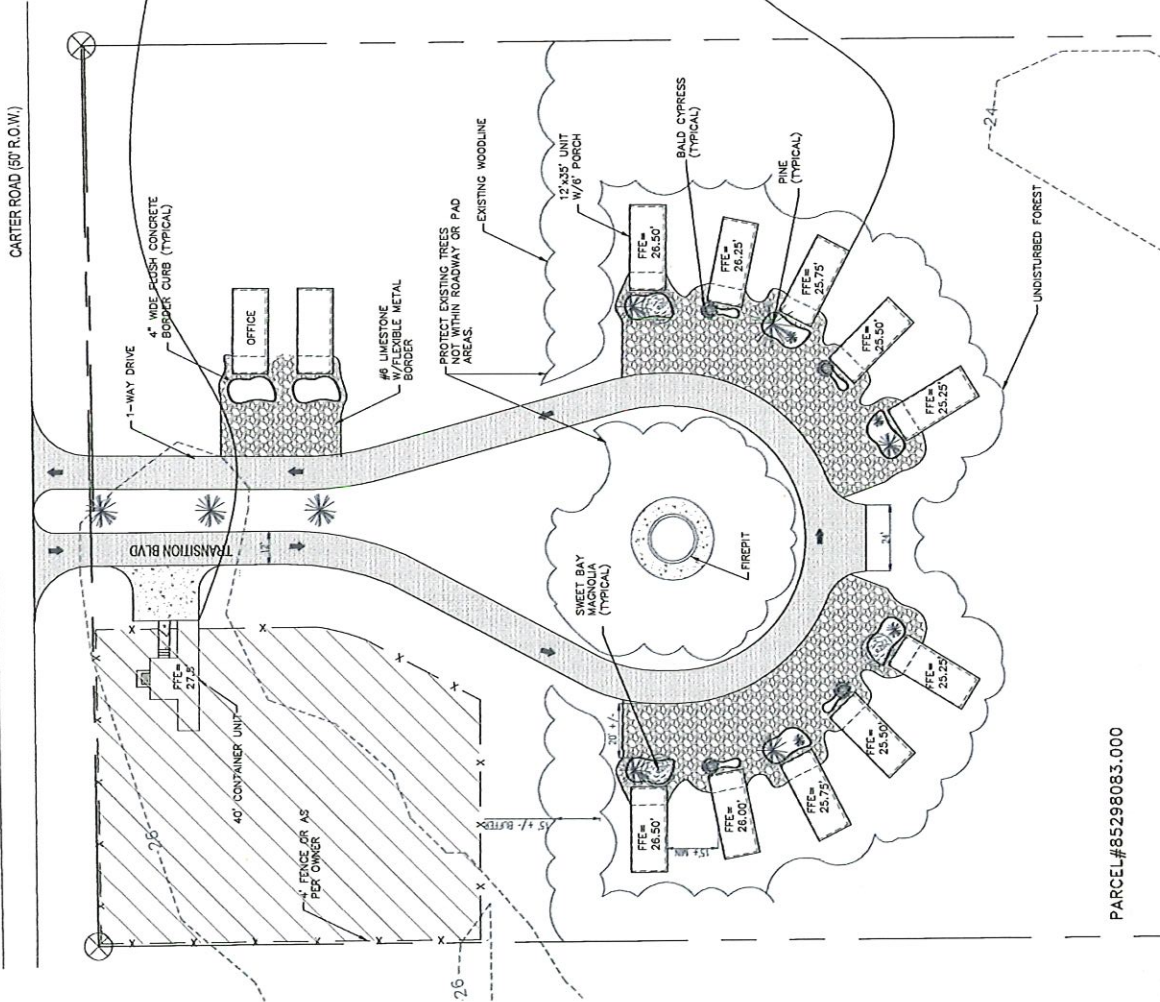


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UNIVERSAL SCREENING

Date of Engagement: _____ Time: _____ Interviewer: _____

Client's Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone #(s): _____

Full Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Do you identify as: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgendered Female to Male ☐ Transgendered Male to Female ☐ Gender Non-Conforming

Primary Race: ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ White or Caucasian ☐ Native American or American Indian

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ Other: _____

Secondary Race (if applicable): ☐ N/A ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ White or Caucasian

☐ Native American or American Indian ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ Other: _____

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Non-Hispanic

Have you ever volunteered for the military? If yes, what is your current status? _____

Language Preference: ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other: _____

Referral Sources: _____

Parent/Guardian/Worker Name: _____

Section I: Essential Program Qualifications

Do you have any children or other dependents? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the relationship?

Are you currently pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, due date:

Substance Abuse Screening

Any history of drug/alcohol use, risk? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes,

Substance Used Used Date	Amount Used	Frequency	Age of 1 st Use	Last
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Legal Issues / Legal Status

Have you ever been arrested? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many times? _____

What were you arrested for?

Are you court involved? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, with: ☐ DHS ☐ Juvenile Bureau ☐ Office of Juvenile Affairs ☐ Municipal Court

If yes, Worker Name & Phone#:

How many different homes, shelters or group homes have you stayed in? (Must be a # i.e., 3)

Are you now or have you ever been gang involved or gang associated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what gang?

Are you currently considered a runaway? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Education

Last/highest grade completed: _____

Are you currently in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, where? _____ Current
grade: _____

Are you able to read on grade level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what grade level? _____

Current school status: ☐ attending school regularly
school ☐ expelled

☐ attending school irregularly
☐ obtained GED ☐ dropped out

☐ graduated high
☐ suspended

Are you passing all classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, which are you not passing?

Are you on an IEP? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what for?

Are you experiencing any barriers? ☐ Behind on credits ☐ Other:

If not in school, what is your educational plan?

What are your future educational goals? ☐ College ☐ Trade School ☐ Career-tech ☐ Other

Other educational issues:

Employment/Vocational

Which of the of the following best describes your employment situation?

☐ Employed, full-time ☐ Employed, part-time ☐ Actively looking ☐ Seasonal/sporadic (*including day labor*)
☐ Unemployed

If not employed, why: ☐ Unable to work, reason: _____ ☐ Not looking, reason:

☐ other: _____

What are your employment goals?

Tell me about the jobs you have had in the past:

What barriers do you feel you face in achieving employment goals?

Interpersonal Skills

In general, how do you get along with other people? _____

Over the past year, what problems have you had at home, at school, or at work? _____

Are you involved in any activities, groups, organizations? (*i.e., band, sports, clubs at school, church youth group, etc.*)

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what activities/groups/organizations?

If applicant meets all qualifications in Section I, please proceed to Section II questions. If not, please stop here.

Section II: Housing and Basic Needs – Current Situation

Do you have stable housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who do you live with? ☐ Alone ☐ w/Family/Relatives ☐ w/Non-Related Persons ☐ Foster Care
☐ Other

If yes, skip to "Do you have needs in the following area?" on pg. 2

If no, where did you sleep last night: *(select only one)*

Homeless situation:

- ☐ Place not meant for habitation
- ☐ Emergency shelter, incl. hotel/motel paid for w/ ES voucher or RHY-funded Host Home shelter
- ☐ Safe Haven

Institutional situation:

- ☐ Foster care home or foster care group home
- ☐ Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility
- ☐ psychiatric facility
- ☐ Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility or detox center
- ☐ Long term care facility
- ☐ Psychiatric hospital or other
- ☐ Substance abuse treatment facility

Temporary and permanent housing situation:

- ☐ Residential project or halfway house
 - ☐ Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house
 - ☐ Hotel/motel paid for w/o ES voucher
 - ☐ Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house
 - ☐ Transitional housing for homeless persons
 - ☐ Rental by client, with GPD TIP housing subsidy
- (incl. homeless youth or Host Home non-crisis)*

If you don't have stable housing, what was the length of stay where you slept last night: ☐ 1 night or less ☐ 2-6 nights ☐ 1 week or more, but less than 1 month ☐ 1 month or more, but less than 90 days ☐ 90 days or more, but less than 1 year ☐ 1 year or longer

If you don't have stable housing, what is the approximate start date of homelessness: ____/____/____ *(need actual date i.e., 1/1/21)*

Of times on the streets in the past 3 years *(in emergency shelter ES or street homeless SH)*:

☐ 1 time ☐ 2 times ☐ 3 times ☐ 4 or more times

Total # of months in the past 3 years: ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months ☐ 4 months
☐ 5 months ☐ 6 months ☐ 7 months ☐ 8 months ☐ 9 months
☐ 10 months ☐ 11 months ☐ 12 months ☐ more than 12 months

Do you feel safe in your living situation? ☐ Yes, tell me more:

☐ No, tell me why:

Do you have needs in the following area? ☐ No needs at this time

☐ food (access/availability) ☐ hygiene products ☐ clothing ☐ transportation ☐ other needs:

Do you receive:

☐ I do NOT receive ANY non-cash benefits

☐ WIC- \$ _____ Amount of non-cash benefits

☐ TANF (Transportation Services)- \$ _____ Amount of non-cash benefits

☐ TANF (Child Care Services)- \$ _____ Amount of non-cash benefits

☐ SNAP/Food Stamps - \$ _____ Amount of non-cash benefits

☐ Other Sources: _____ \$ _____ Amount of non-cash benefits

TOTAL AMOUNT OF NON-CASH BENEFITS: \$ _____

Are you covered by Health Insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Need assistance with applying

☐ Medicaid (aka Sooner Care) If yes Policy/Medicaid # _____

Policy Holder Name (as it appears on the insurance card) _____

☐ Title 19 (TXIX) ☐ Mental Health/Substance Abuse Only ☐ Child Custody Only

☐ Private pay insurance If yes, with whom? _____

Policy Holder Name (as it appears on the insurance card) _____

☐ Employer provided insurance If yes, with whom? _____

Policy Holder Name (as it appears on the insurance card) _____

☐ Cobra insurance

☐ Indian Health Services

☐ Other: _____

Do you have a Monthly Income: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Alimony or other Spousal Support-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ Private Disability Insurance-Monthly

☐ Child Support-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ SSDI-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ Earned Income (currently have a job)-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ SSI-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ Pension/Retirement from another job-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ TANF-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ Unemployment Insurance-Monthly Amount \$ _____

☐ Worker's Compensation-Monthly

Do you have a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, is it expected to be long continued & indefinite duration & substantially impairs ability to live independently? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have a disability, do you receive SSI or SSDI for that disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much monthly? \$ _____ Start date of disability:

Disability type: ☐ Alcohol Abuse ☐ Both Alcohol and Drug Abuse ☐ Chronic Health Condition ☐
Developmental ☐ Drug Abuse ☐ Dual Diagnosis ☐ Hearing Impaired ☐ HIV/AIDS ☐ Mental
Health Problem ☐ Physical ☐ Physical/Medical ☐ Vision Impaired ☐ Other: Cognitive ☐ Other: Learning
☐ Other: Speech

Section III: Health and Wellness

Physical Health

Do you have any specific medical conditions/diagnosis/injuries/illnesses/allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe description of problem(s) and client's ability to adjust to reported disorders or disabilities:

Are there any conditions in the environment that have affected your wide range of health, functioning, or quality of life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Social determinants of health - i.e., lack of economic stability, lack of quality education, lack of access & quality of healthcare, lack of food, lack of safe affordable housing, lack of transportation, neighborhood violence, different kinds of pollution or exposure to toxins like 2nd hand smoke or loud noises)

If yes, describe:

Do you have any medication allergies or adverse reactions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, note what medication & the reaction it causes:

If you have allergies or adverse reactions, do you have an EpiPen (*auto injector*) in their possession? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If you have asthma, do you have an inhaler? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Does you have an official advanced directive document: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Please list any food allergies:

Please list any dietary requirements:

Do you have regular eating habits? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please describe:

In the past 90 days, how often have you had access to an adequate amount of food from the major food groups approximately?

☐ 25% of the time ☐ 50% of the time ☐ 75% of the time ☐ Over 75% of the time

How often do you exercise or do something physical at least 20 minutes a day?

☐ Daily ☐ Every other day ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never ☐

Other: _____

How would you describe the following areas?

Overall Health:
(dental) Health:

- ☐ Excellent
Excellent
- ☐ Very Good
Good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

Mental Health:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Very Good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

Oral

- ☐
- ☐ Very
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

Do you have any needs in the following health areas?

- ☐ Vision ☐ Dietary ☐ Sexual health (birth control, STD testing, education, etc.)
- ☐ Hearing ☐ Exercise

Do you have any other health needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain:

If yes, what referrals need to be made?

Do you have a Dr.? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, who & phone #:

If not, what do you do when you are sick?

Are you now or have you ever been sexually active? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If sexually active, do you use protection? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what kind?

What is your sexual preference? ☐ Bisexual ☐ Heterosexual ☐ Homosexual ☐ Gay ☐ Lesbian

☐ Pansexual ☐ Demisexual ☐ Asexual ☐ Questioning/Unsure ☐ Other:

Do you identify as: ☐ He ☐ She ☐ Transgendered ☐ Gender Fluid ☐ Gender Neutral

Has your gender identity or sexual orientation caused any difficulties/discrimination? (i.e., housing, family or peer conflict, employment, etc.)

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how?

Suicide Assessment

Over the past three months, have you been thinking about doing something to end your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, take immediate action by following agency procedures and document steps taken below:

Homicidal (harm to others) Assessment

Over the past three months, have you been thinking about homicide or hurting someone else? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, take immediate action by following agency procedures and document steps taken below:

Mental Health

In your lifetime, have you ever been subjected to any forms of abuse or neglect? This includes emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuse. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when, and what type? _____

If yes, have you received any mental health services related to these experiences? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently receiving mental health services anywhere else? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?

Have you received mental health services, including counseling, therapy, or medicine for mental health, in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?

Emotional Indicators Behavior Checklist – CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☐ None

☐ Lies, cheats, or steals	☐ Eating Difficulties/Change in appetite
☐ Stubborn, Negative or Defiant	☐ Weight loss/gain
☐ Shows lack of consideration for others	☐ Displays self-abusive/self-injurious behavior (i.e., cutting)
☐ Defiant of authority figures	☐ Engages in inappropriate sexual behavior
☐ Defiant of parent	☐ Overly active
☐ Unresponsive to redirection by caregiver/parent	☐ Overly impulsive
☐ Temper Tantrums	☐ Obsessive/compulsive behavior
☐ Intentionally destroys property of own/others	☐ Appears sad, unhappy, depressed
☐ Physically aggressive toward others	☐ Exhibits anxiety/Panic attacks
☐ Kicked out of home	☐ Mood Swings
☐ Runs away - If yes, # of times _____	☐ Exhibits facial/body tics
☐ Exhibits peculiar mannerisms /habits, stereotypical behavior	☐ Intentionally setting fires
☐ Difficulty completing class work	☐ Intentionally harming animals
☐ Inability to follow simple instructions	☐ Enuresis/Encopresis (bed-wetting/bed soiling)
☐ Poor attention span	☐ Unaware of happenings in immediate environment
☐ Isolation/Classroom withdrawal	☐ Expresses thoughts that are not sensible/Delusional
☐ Disruptive classroom behavior	☐ Appears to be attending/responding to internal stimuli, (e.g., hallucinat
☐ Refusal to do work or homework assignments	☐ Sexual abuse victim
☐ Conflicts/fights with peers	☐ Sexual abuse/rape perpetrator
☐ Conflicts/fights with school personnel	☐ Physical abuse

Teases/Bullies others	Emotional abuse
Violation of school rules	Domestic violence victim
Poor eye contact	Domestic violence witness
Withdraws from contact with others/isolates	Family history of mental illness and/or substance abuse
Refuses scheduled activities	Neglect/Abandonment
Sleeping Disturbances/Insomnia/Hypersomnia	Significant loss/trauma/grief issues
Nightmares	DHS involvement/placement to include foster care
Grinds Teeth	

Section IV: Permanent Connections

What are your sources of support? *(client's supports that assist in achieving goals of independence & productivity and facilitate integration into the community)*

☐ Parent ☐ Guardian ☐ Other family ☐ Friends ☐ Self ☐ Other:

Who do you rely on the most for support?

Family critical issues: has your family experienced any of the following *(check all that apply)*: ☐ None

☐ Unemployment ☐ Incarcerated parent ☐ Mental health issues ☐

Physical disability

☐ Alcohol or other SA ☐ Insufficient income

Strengths, Needs, Abilities (and/or Interest), Preferences, & Liabilities

Describe the client's perceptions concerning their personal strengths, needs, abilities, & preferences as they relate to their overall functioning in the community. Include any liabilities in these areas that needs to be addressed in the client's treatment, as well as preferences for treatment.

Strengths:

(i.e., personality characteristics – i.e., trustworthy, caring, giving, confident, etc.)

Needs:

(i.e., what they need to work on or need in their life)

Abilities:

(i.e., talents/skills – i.e., sports, singing, dancing, video games, etc.)

Preferences:

(i.e., preferences towards treatment – i.e., male/female provider, race of therapist, individual, group, family, etc.)

Liabilities:

(i.e., things that hold them back or stand in the way – i.e., being on probation, neg. peers, etc.)

Action Taken:

Preferred date and Appointment time:

Fees Assigned: (Intake \$20.00) Session Fee: \$

For OPBH/ Counseling Center

Requesting Counseling? ____ Yes ____ No

Medicaid Eligible? ____ Yes ____ No

Intake Date? _____

Referrals/resources provided:

Client Signature _____

Signature _____

Staff



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

TRANSITION BLVD
2012 MAGAZINE STREET
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564

Date:
02/13/2024
Employer ID number:
99-1160393
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
January 07, 2024
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053438005624

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Secretary of State
Jackson, Mississippi

Certificate of Good Standing

I, MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, and as such, the legal custodian of the records as required by the laws of Mississippi, to be filed in my office, do hereby certify:

That on the 8th day of January, 2024, the State of Mississippi issued a Charter/ Certificate of Authority to:

TRANSITION BLVD

That the state of incorporation is Mississippi.

That the period of duration is perpetual.

That according to the records of this office, Articles of Dissolution or a Certificate of Withdrawal have not been filed.

I further certify that all fees, taxes and penalties owed to this state, as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State, have been paid and that the corporation is in existence or has authority to transact business in Mississippi.

That insofar as the records of this office are concerned, the said Transition Blvd is in good standing at this time.

Given under my hand and seal of office
the 5th day of February, 2024

Certificate Number: CN24181554

Verify this certificate online at <http://corp.sos.ms.gov/corpcnv/verifycertificate.aspx>



Two of "Fresh Start Village" tiny homes at the corner of West Blount Street and North Pace Boulevard in Pensacola on Thursday, August. 8, 2024. The development has seven tiny homes for people aging out of foster care and transitioning into adulthood.

85298083.000 BOSARGE BRANDI

PIDN: 85298083.000

GISP: 774.17-00-0107.00

Owner Information

Percent of Ownership: 100

Name: BOSARGE BRANDI

Name 2:

Mailing Address: 2012 MAGAZINE ST
OCEAN SPRINGS MS
39564

Site Address: CARTER RD GAUTIER

Land Information

Section: 17 Acreage: 0

Township: 7

Range: 7

Street Name CARTER
RD

Value and Tax Information

Total Assessed Value: 5694

Total Appraised Value: 37960

Improvement Value: 0

Land Value: 37960

Tax Amount: 857

SQ FT: 0

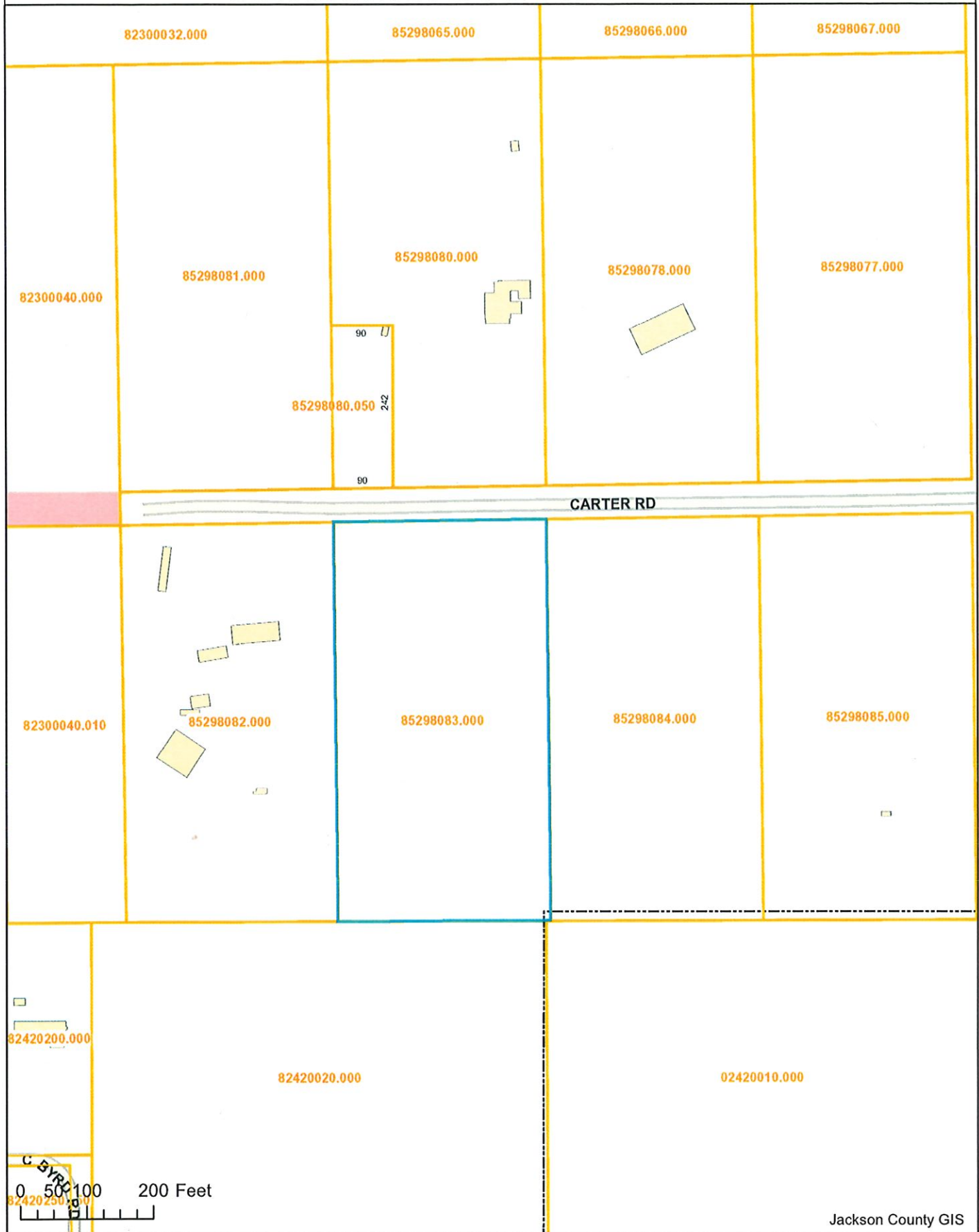
Year Built: 0

Legal Description

Description: LOT 64 FOUNTAINEBLEAU ACRES (E1/
2 SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4) DB 2141-829
(107 MAP774.17)

Deed Book / Page: 2141 / 829

85298083.000 BOSARGE BRANDI



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Jackson County GIS

Exhibit A

Location Map



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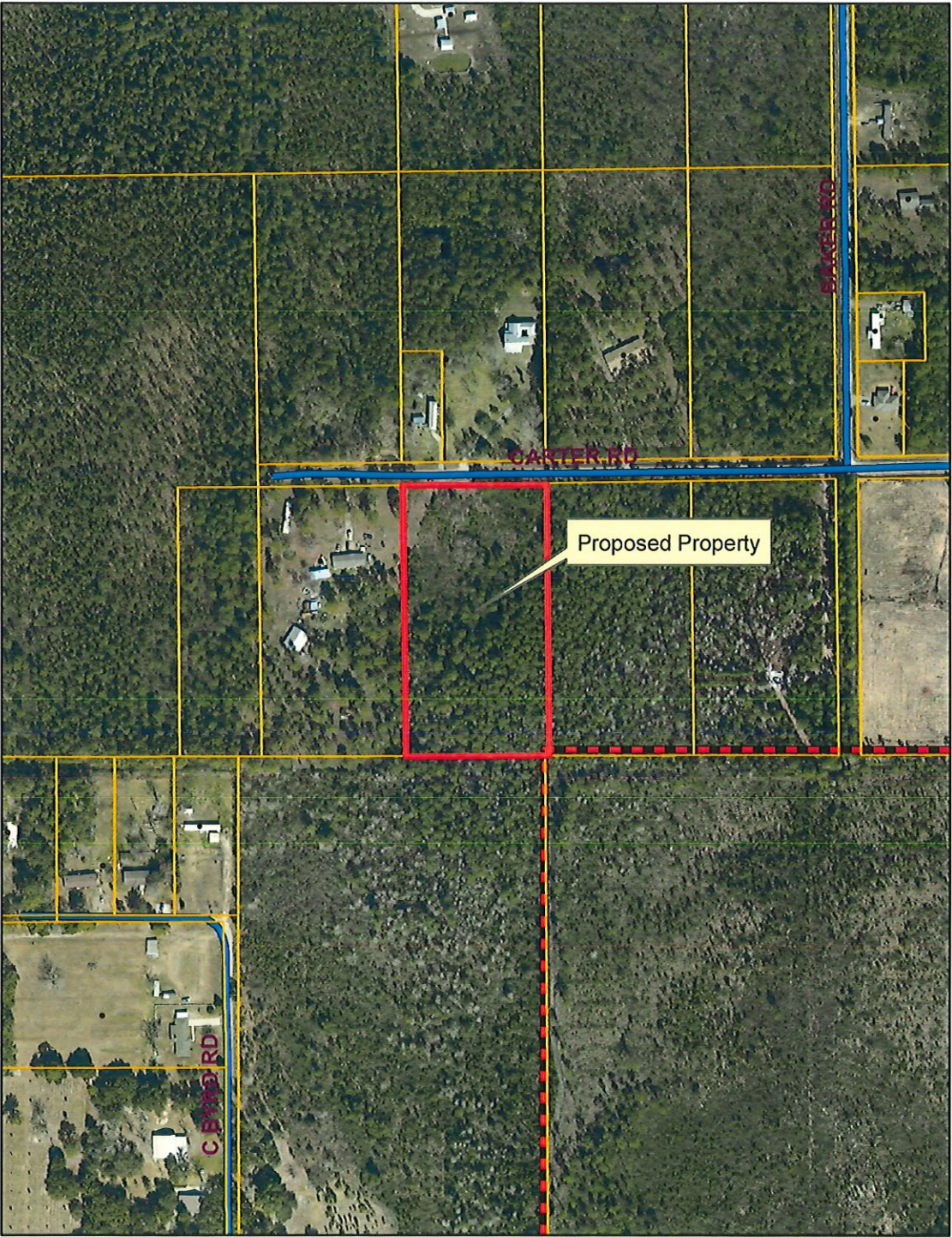


Exhibit B

Existing Zoning

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Legend

Zoning

ZONECODE

	AG
	C-1
	C-2
	C-3
	I-2
	MURC-1
	MURC-2
	MURC-MW
	PL
	PUD
	R-1
	R-2
	R-3
	RE
	TC

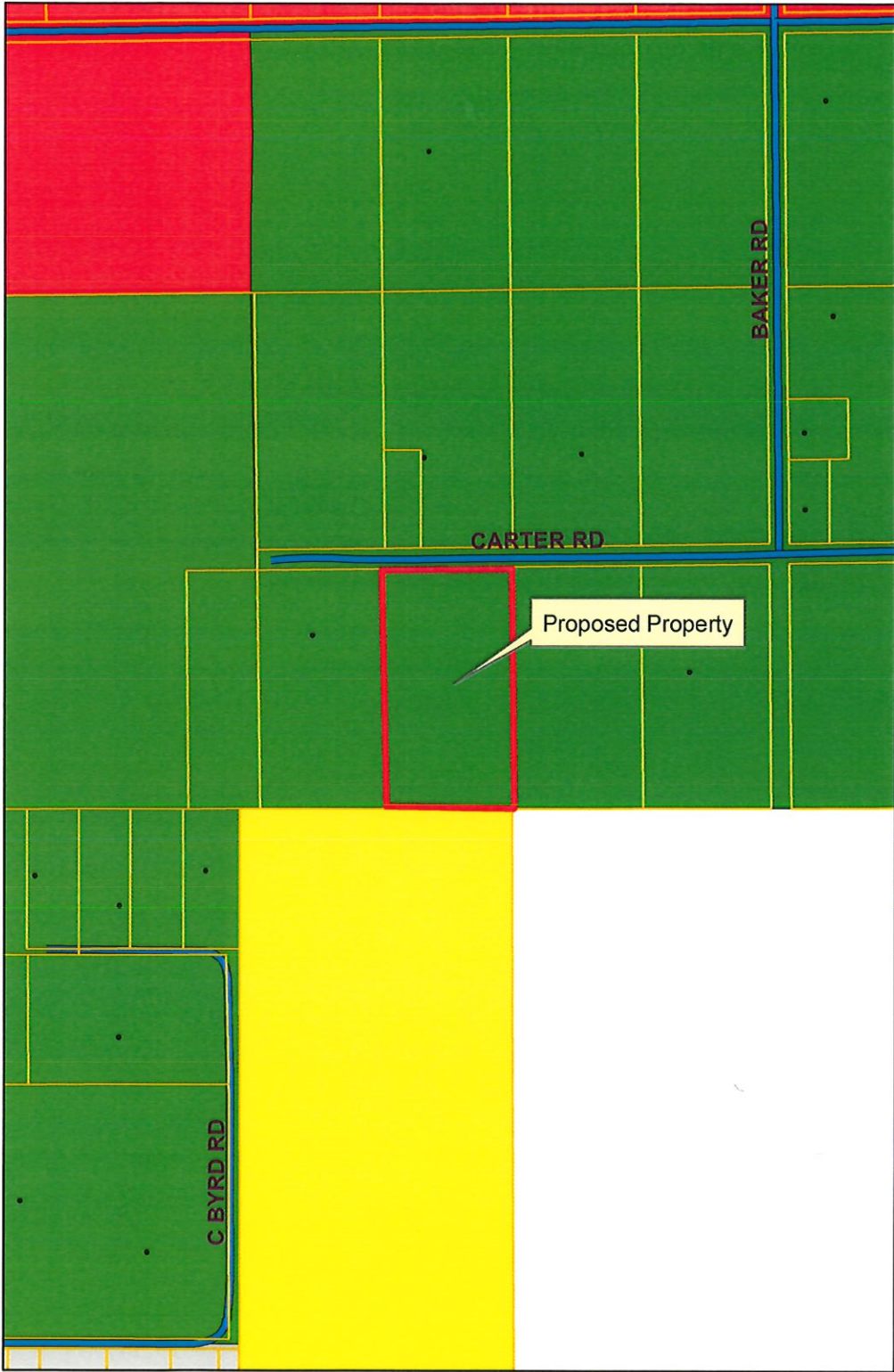


Exhibit C

Existing Land-Use

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Legend

EXISTING LAND USE

ELU_08

- commercial-retail
- conservation
- civic
- industrial
- marina/fish camps
- high density residential
- mobile home
- mobile home park
- medium density residential
- office
- recreation
- very low to low density residential
- utility
- vacant

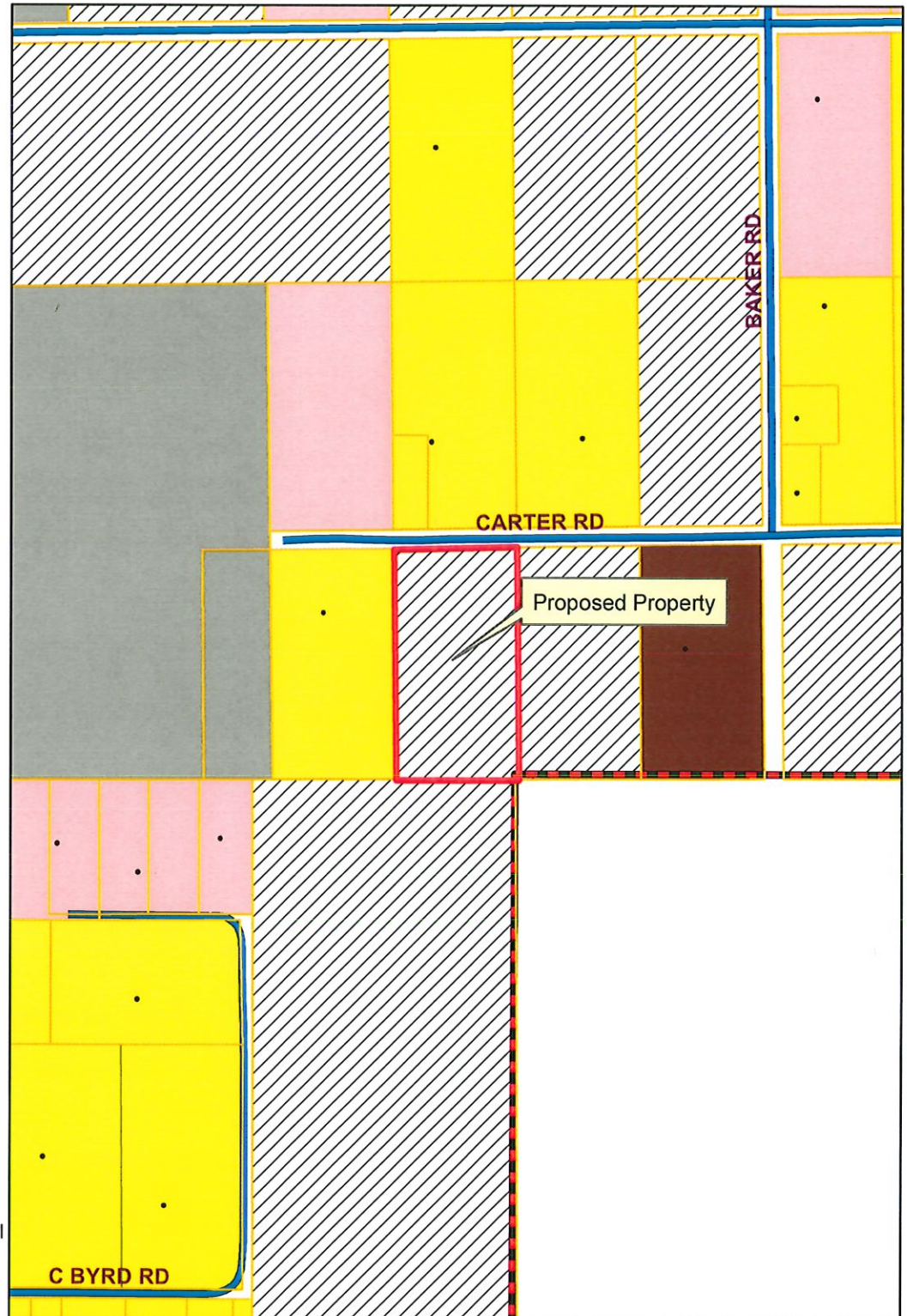


Exhibit D

Future Land-Use

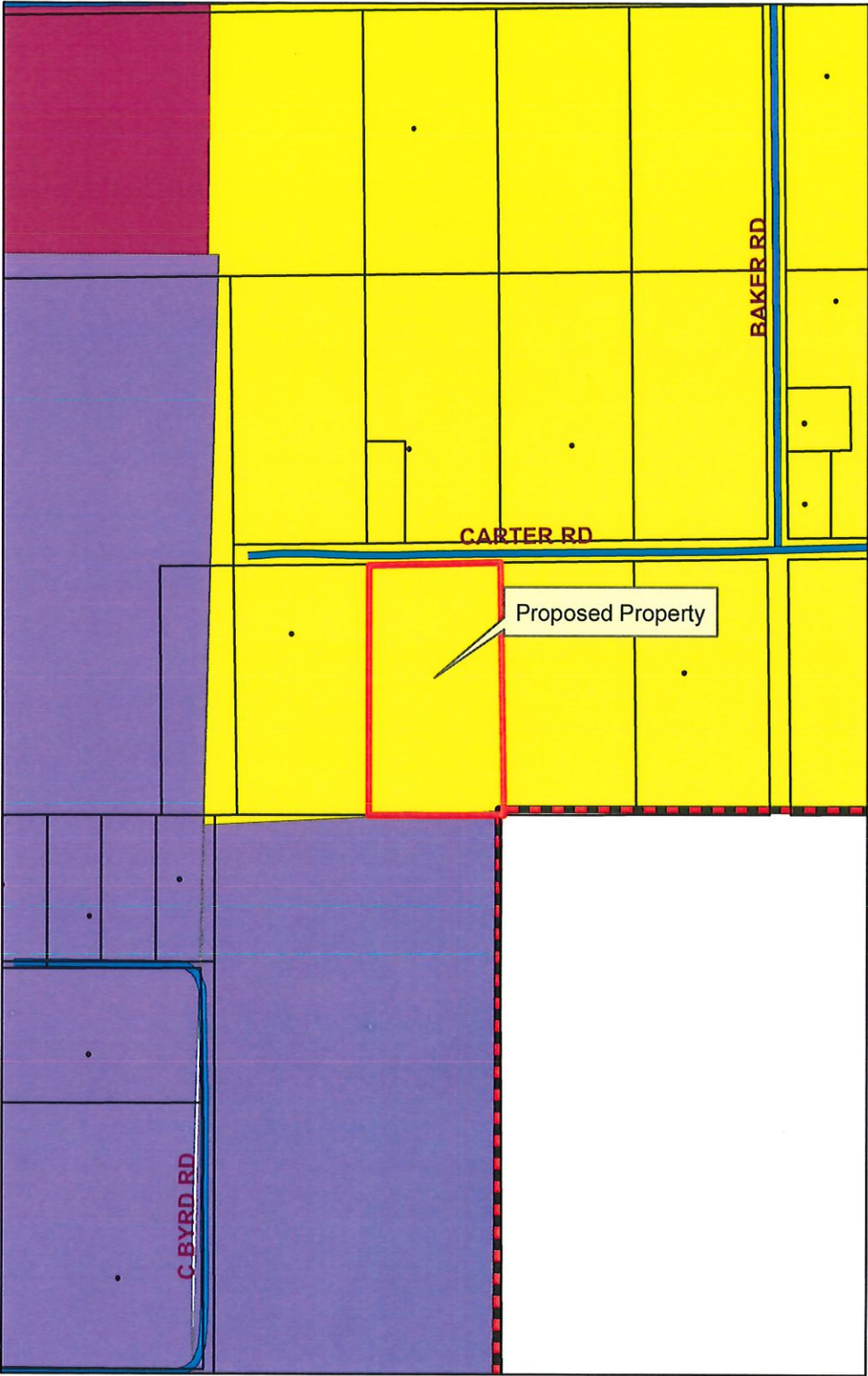
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Legend

FUTURE LAND USE

FLU_Class

- Civic
- high impact commercial
- Conservation
- High Density Residential
- Industrial
- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Mobile Home Residential
- low impact Commercial
- Recreational
- recreational commercial
- Regional Scale Commercial
- mixed use residential
- Town Center
- Very Low Density Residential



Gautier Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2025

GPC #25-03-VAR

Carter Road, PID #85298083.000

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Consider a request for a one thousand five (1005) square foot variance for 10 dwellings in an AG Agricultural Zoning District. Carter Road, PID #85298083.000, (GPC #25-03-VAR)

**CITY OF GAUTIER
STAFF REPORT**

To: Chairman and Members, Planning Commission

From: Scott Ankerson, Planning Director

Date: January 29, 2025

Subject: Consider a request for a one thousand five (1005) square foot variance for 10 dwellings in an AG Agricultural Zoning District at Carter Road, PID #85298083.000. (GPC #25-03-VAR)

REQUEST:

The Planning Department has received a request from Brandi Bosarge for a one thousand five (1005) square foot variance for 10 dwellings in an AG Agricultural Zoning District at Carter Road, PID #85298083.000. (GPC #25-03-VAR). The application fee of \$175 was paid on December 18, 2024. All public notice requirements have been met.

BACKGROUND:

The applicant would like to build ten 320 square foot tiny homes on a parcel that is approximately 4.14 acres and located in an AG Agricultural District. The tiny homes would be located within a tiny home transitional living development the applicant is currently seeking approval for. The minimum square footage for a dwelling in an Agricultural District is 1,325 square feet. The applicant is requesting a 1005 square foot variance for each of the ten homes.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is asking for a 1005 square foot variance to minimum square footage for a dwelling in an AG Agricultural District. The variance would apply to 10 homes to be built within a tiny home transitional living development the applicant is currently seeking approval for. Each of the 10 homes would be 320 square feet. The UDO requires a minimum of 1325 square feet for a dwelling in an Agricultural District.

DETERMINATION OF APPLICABLE LAW:

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) defines **Variances** as:

A Variance is a relaxation of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance where such Variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary or undue hardship. As used in this Ordinance, a

Variance is authorized only for height, area and size of structure, or size of yards, separation of uses, open spaces, off-street parking spaces and some subdivision of property. The establishment or expansion of a use not permitted shall not be allowed by Variance.

The UDO defines **Hardship** as:

Hardship means the unnecessary hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance or special exception. An unnecessary hardship exists if:

- (1) the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return if used only
 - (a) for a purpose allowed in that zone (applicable to special exceptions), or
 - (b) as permitted by the dimensional requirements of this ordinance (applicable to variances);
- (2) that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances of the land for which the variance or special exception is sought; and
- (3) that the use to be authorized by the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

UDO SECTION 4.18: Variance

In certain circumstances, a Variance from the dimensional requirements (i.e. height, setbacks, square footage) of this ordinance may be granted if the applicant can prove that because of physical constraints of the property involved, he is not able to build the same type of structure that other persons with the same zoning classification can build. Variances for uses permitted will not be considered in as much as "use Variances" are not legal in the State of Mississippi.

Most Variances must be granted by the City Council; however, certain minor Variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director in accordance with *Section 4.18.3* below.

4.18.1 Who May Initiate

A request for a Variance may be initiated by the property owner or agent of the owner provided that said property has not been denied a previous request for a Variance for the same property or portion of property within the past twelve (12) months.

4.18.2 Application for Variance

Applications for a Variance (from dimensional requirements) may be filed on the appropriate application available from the Economic Development/Planning Department and shall include all requested information, attachments and submittals:

4.18.3 Administrative Variances

The following dimensional variances may be granted by the Economic Development Director at his/her discretion (Note: Within the COR, Corridor

Overlay District, applicants shall be required to mitigate a requested dimensional variance in accordance with the Tier Land Use Provisions in Section 5.11):

- A. 30% of required off-street parking spaces and/or
- B. 30% of required setbacks from property lines

4.18.4 Criteria for Approval

The Variance application shall demonstrate the following:

- A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels) or structures or buildings in the same district;
- B. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance;
- C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant; and
- D. That granting the Variance requested will not confer upon the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels) structures or buildings in the same district.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION:

If recommending approval, Planning Commission shall record that the evidence presented meets all "Criteria for Approval" from the UDO as listed above.

The Planning Commission may:

- 1. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request as presented;
- 2. Recommend that City Council approve the variance request with changes; or
- 3. Recommend that City Council deny variance request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Application
- 2. City's Exhibit A – Location Map
- 3. City's Exhibit B – Existing Zoning Map
- 4. City's Exhibit C – Existing Land Use Map
- 5. City's Exhibit D – Future Land Use Map

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION

Public Hearing Number

25-03-VAR

TO BE HEARD BY GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION:

FEE:

Variance _____

\$176.00

*Includes \$1.00 filing fee per MS Code §25-60-5

Name of Applicant: Brandi BosargeName of Business: Transition Blvd Phone: 228 261 1559Property Address: Ocean Rd. PID # 85298083.000 Mailing Address (if Different): P.O. Box 1114 Ocean Springs 39504E-Mail Address: Brandi@transition BlvdReason for request, location and intended use of Property: Tiny Home IndependenceProgram Square Footage 1005 sq. ft variance to home's Size

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE:

- ☒ 1. Diagram of intended use, showing dimensions and distances of property, building with setbacks, parking spaces, entrances and exits.
- ☒ 2. A detailed project narrative.
- NA ☐ 3. Copy of protective covenants or deed restrictions, if any.
- ☐ 4. Copies of approvals, or requests for approval, from other agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Mississippi State Department of Health, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Marine Resources.
- ☐ 5. Any other information requested by the Planning Director.

Signature of Applicant: Brandi Bosarge Date of Application: 12/15/24

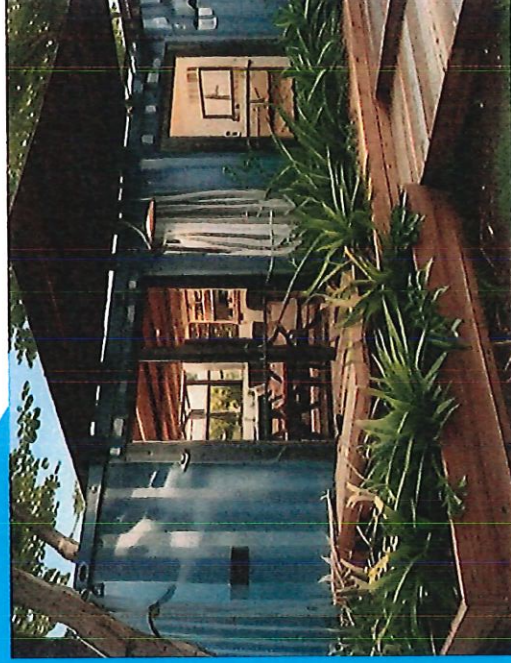
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Date Received 12-18-24 Verify as Complete BalsFee Amount Received 176.00 Initials of Employee Receiving Application Bals

Building Homes, Empowering Futures

Each year, thousands of young adults are displaced from housing once they are too old to remain in the foster system. Transition Blvd offers a safe haven for those by providing stable housing and the support they need to transition into independent adulthood. Through the use of tiny homes, life skills training, and a nurturing community, we empower these young adults to build a bright future, fostering their personal growth and development.

For many, tiny homes offer a transformative, safe space to heal, build confidence, and plan for the future. Our program inspires long-term self-sufficiency and personal growth.



Join our cause

There are several ways you can make a difference:

- Volunteers are always encouraged and welcomed. Please contact us to learn how you can help!
- Promote our program by spreading the word in our community.
- Advocate for policy change to ensure a better support system for youth transitioning out of foster care.
- Make a tax-deductible donation



TRANSITION BLVD

Contact us

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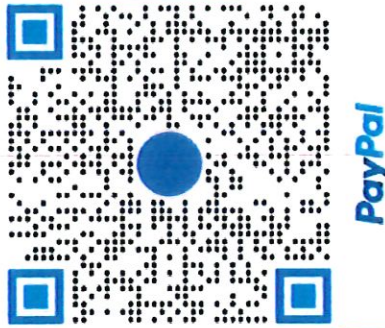
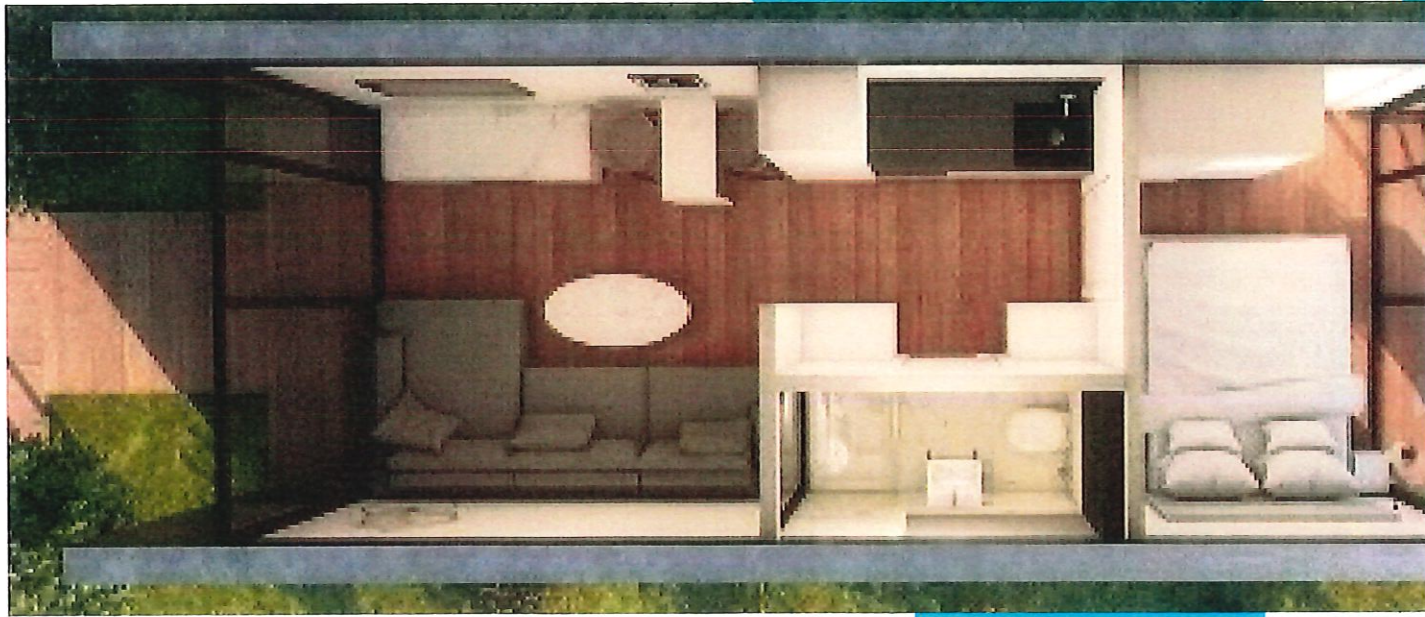
Visit us on the Web:

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Transition Blvd

Restore, dream, transition

Empowering Independence



Our mission

Our mission is to empower young adults transitioning out of foster care by providing stable, supportive housing through innovative tiny homes. We aim to foster independence and personal growth by offering valuable life skills training and creating a nurturing community where meaningful relationships can flourish.

About us

Transition Blvd is a 501(c)(3) approved organization serving Mississippi. At the heart of Transition Blvd is our use of tiny homes. These carefully designed, sustainable dwellings offer more than just shelter; they symbolize a new beginning and personal autonomy. Each tiny home includes a cozy living area, kitchenette, bathroom, and sleeping space, all crafted to maximize efficiency and promote independence.

What we offer:

- Stable housing
- Sense of community
- Employment and education resources
- Development of essential life skills

Who we serve

Teenagers and young adults transitioning from foster care to independent living. Our program utilizes tiny homes to promote individual life skills necessary to achieve a successful transition to adulthood. We believe no youth should have to navigate life alone.



1. What special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to this particular site (lot or parcel), structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other sites (lots or parcels), or structures or buildings in the same district?

The special conditions for this site are:

- **Tiny Homes as Part of a Housing Program:** The proposed tiny homes are part of a **program to house young adults**, empowering them towards **independence** and working to **prevent homelessness**. This specific use is a unique circumstance for the site, which sets it apart from other properties in the district. The tiny homes offer a solution that is tailored to the specific needs of young adults at risk of homelessness, which is not typical for most sites in the district.
- **Existing Non-traditional Housing:** The site currently includes a **double-wide trailer** and a **FEMA cottage**. FEMA cottages are smaller structures that are not in line with the square footage typically required by zoning ordinances. These existing conditions make the site suitable for alternative, smaller housing types like tiny homes.
- **Transitional Nature of the Area:** The area is in a **transitional phase**, with a mix of temporary and non-traditional housing. The need for affordable housing options, especially those designed to support young adults transitioning to independence, makes the site unique compared to others in the district.

2. Are these special conditions and circumstances a result of your actions? Explain.

No, these special conditions and circumstances are **not a result of the applicant's actions**. The presence of a **double-wide trailer** and **FEMA cottage** pre-existed the variance request. These structures were likely installed due to past recovery or temporary housing needs. The **tiny homes program** was designed to address the needs of young adults, empowering them with housing that supports their independence and reduces the risk of homelessness. The applicant is seeking the variance to align the site with the program's objectives, rather than creating these conditions.

3. How will the literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance deprive you of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the provisions of this Ordinance? Explain.

A **literal interpretation of the square footage requirements** would deprive the applicant of the ability to provide housing that meets the specific needs of the program. Specifically:

- **Tiny Homes** are essential to the program that helps young adults achieve independence and avoid homelessness. These homes are smaller and more efficient than traditional homes, but the current square footage requirements **in the City's ordinances** do not accommodate these types of structures. Literal enforcement of these provisions would prevent the program from being implemented as intended.
- The site's **existing non-traditional structures**, such as the **FEMA cottage** and **double-wide trailer**, already represent a non-standard housing arrangement. Applying the square footage requirements as they are would hinder the ability to develop this area in a way that benefits the community, particularly the young adults this program aims to support.

4. Will the granting of the Variance requested confer upon you any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other similar sites (lots or parcels), structures or buildings in the same district? Explain.

The granting of the **variance for square footage** will not confer a special privilege. The request is based on the **unique needs of the young adult housing program**, which is a specific solution for this site's context. Unlike other properties that may be developed with traditional homes, this site is designed to address the needs of a vulnerable population at risk of homelessness.

- The program is not aimed at granting special privileges, but rather, at providing a **housing solution** that aligns with the transitional nature of the area and the larger goals of supporting young adults' independence.
- This variance will allow the tiny homes to be part of a **larger community effort** that is both affordable and suitable for the neighborhood, and it is not intended to benefit the applicant beyond fulfilling the needs of this specific program.

NARRATIVE

The property located at 0 Carter Rd is being developed for the **Transition Blvd Independent Tiny Home Program**, a project designed to support young adults transitioning out of foster care. These individuals often face significant challenges in securing stable housing, making them particularly vulnerable to homelessness. The program aims to provide them with a safe, supportive, and affordable living environment in the form of 10 tiny homes, each measuring 320 square feet.

Due to the unique needs of this program, the applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the required square footage from 1,325 square feet per home to 320 square feet per unit. This reduction is essential to ensure that the program provides a safe, affordable, and economical home for the young adults. By providing these young adults with a stable place to live, the program will help prevent homelessness and facilitate their successful transition into independent adulthood.

The variance will not have a negative impact on the surrounding area. The tiny homes will be designed to be functional, safe, and aesthetically compatible with the neighborhood. The project is a vital community resource that addresses a critical need, and granting the variance will help ensure its success in providing lasting, positive outcomes for these young individuals.

Owner	AG
Developer	AG
Engineer	AG
Architect	AG
City	AG

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN TRANSITION BOULEVARD

Sheet Title

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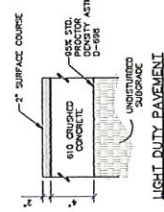
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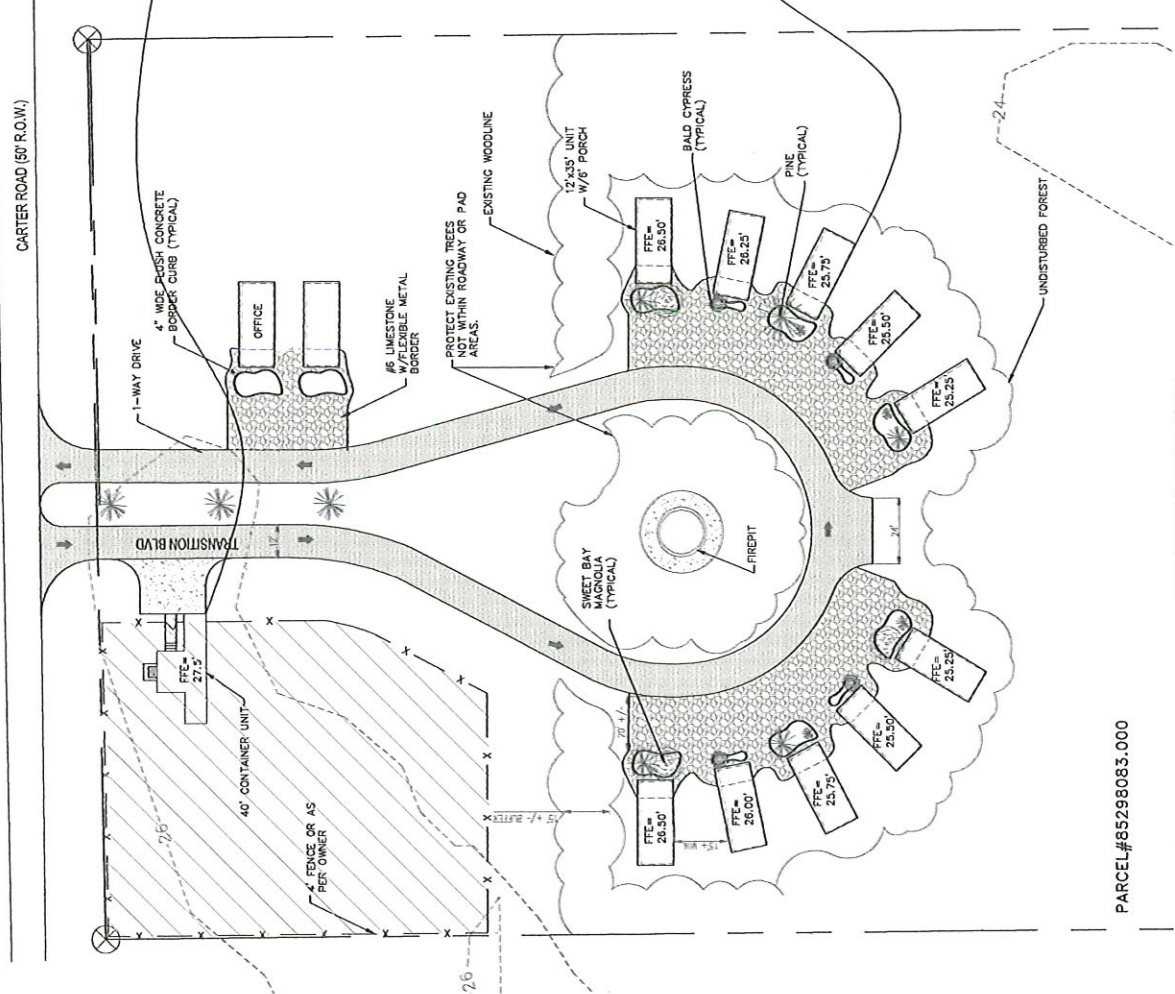


SIMILAR BUILDS
SCALE: N/A

SITE INFORMATION	
ZONING	AG
ACREAGE	4.61 AC
FRONT YARD	50 FT
REAR YARD	25 FT
SIDE YARD	25 FT
SE TRACIS	0 FT
MIN. ROAD WIDTH	24 FT
LANE WIDTH	12 FT
PASSING SPACES REQ'D	14 EA
PASSING SPACES PROVIDED	24 EA
IMPERVIOUS COVER	0 SF
IMC	0 SF
DW	0 SF
PERVIOUS COVER	0 SF
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SITE LEGEND	
2" ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE & 4" 610 BASE CRUSHED CONCRETE	
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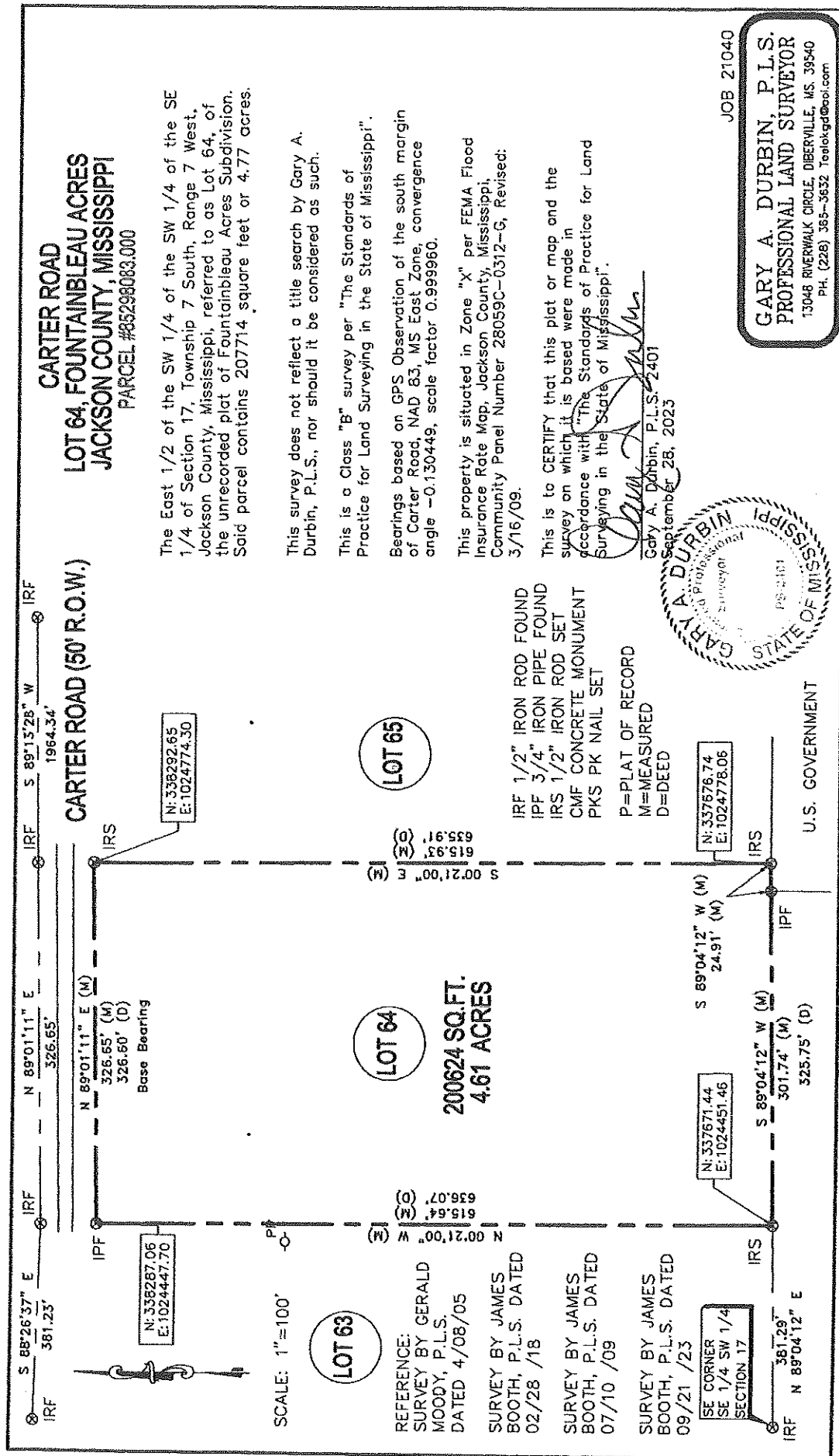


ASPHALT PAVEMENT DETAILS
N.T.S.



PARCEL#85298083.000

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



85298083.000 BOSARGE BRANDI

PIDN: 85298083.000

GISP: 774.17-00-0107.00

Owner Information

Percent of Ownership: 100

Name: BOSARGE BRANDI

Name 2:

Mailing Address: 2012 MAGAZINE ST
OCEAN SPRINGS MS
39564

Site Address: CARTER RD GAUTIER

Land Information

Section: 17 Acreage: 0

Township: 7

Range: 7

Street Name CARTER
RD

Value and Tax Information

Total Assessed Value: 5694

Total Appraised Value: 37960

Improvement Value: 0

Land Value: 37960

Tax Amount: 857

SQ FT: 0

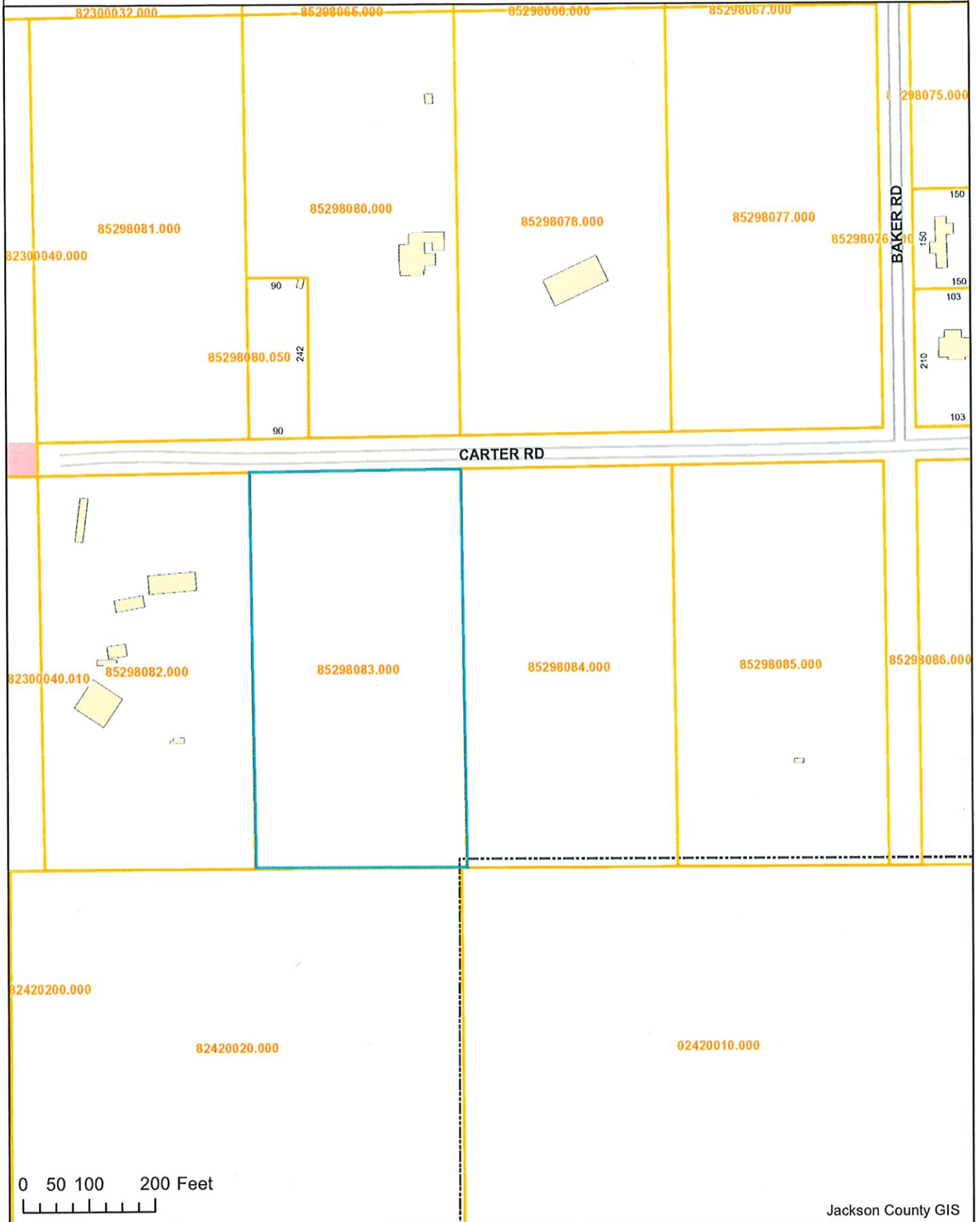
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Legal Description

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Exhibit A Location Map

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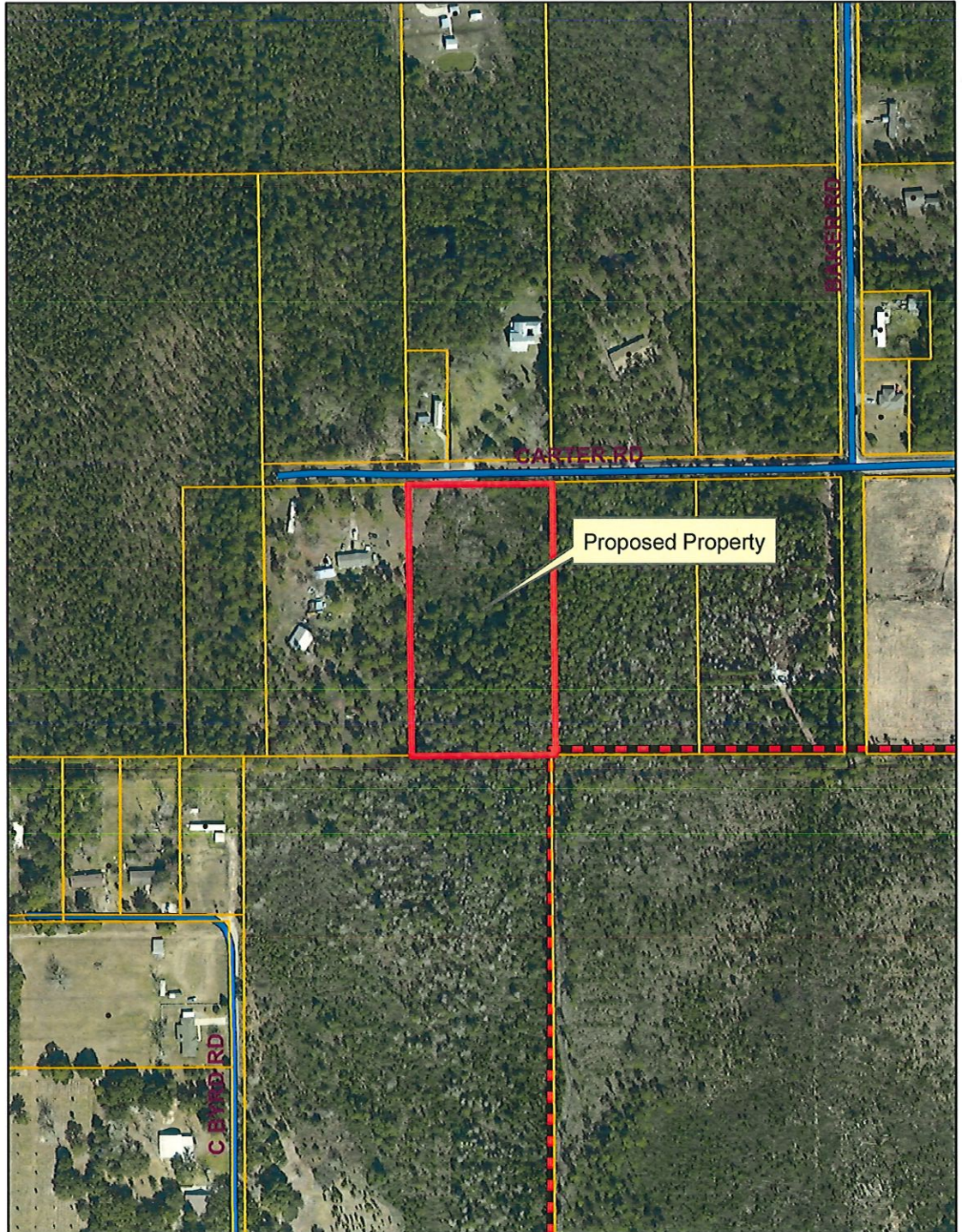


Exhibit B

Existing Zoning



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Legend

Zoning

ZONECODE

- AG
- C-1
- C-2
- C-3
- I-2
- MURC-1
- MURC-2
- MURC-MW
- PL
- PUD
- R-1
- R-2
- R-3
- RE
- TC



Exhibit C

Existing Land-Use

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Legend

EXISTING LAND USE

ELU_08

- commercial-retail
- conservation
- civic
- industrial
- marina/fish camps
- high density residential
- mobile home
- mobile home park
- medium density residential
- office
- recreation
- very low to low density residential
- utility
- vacant

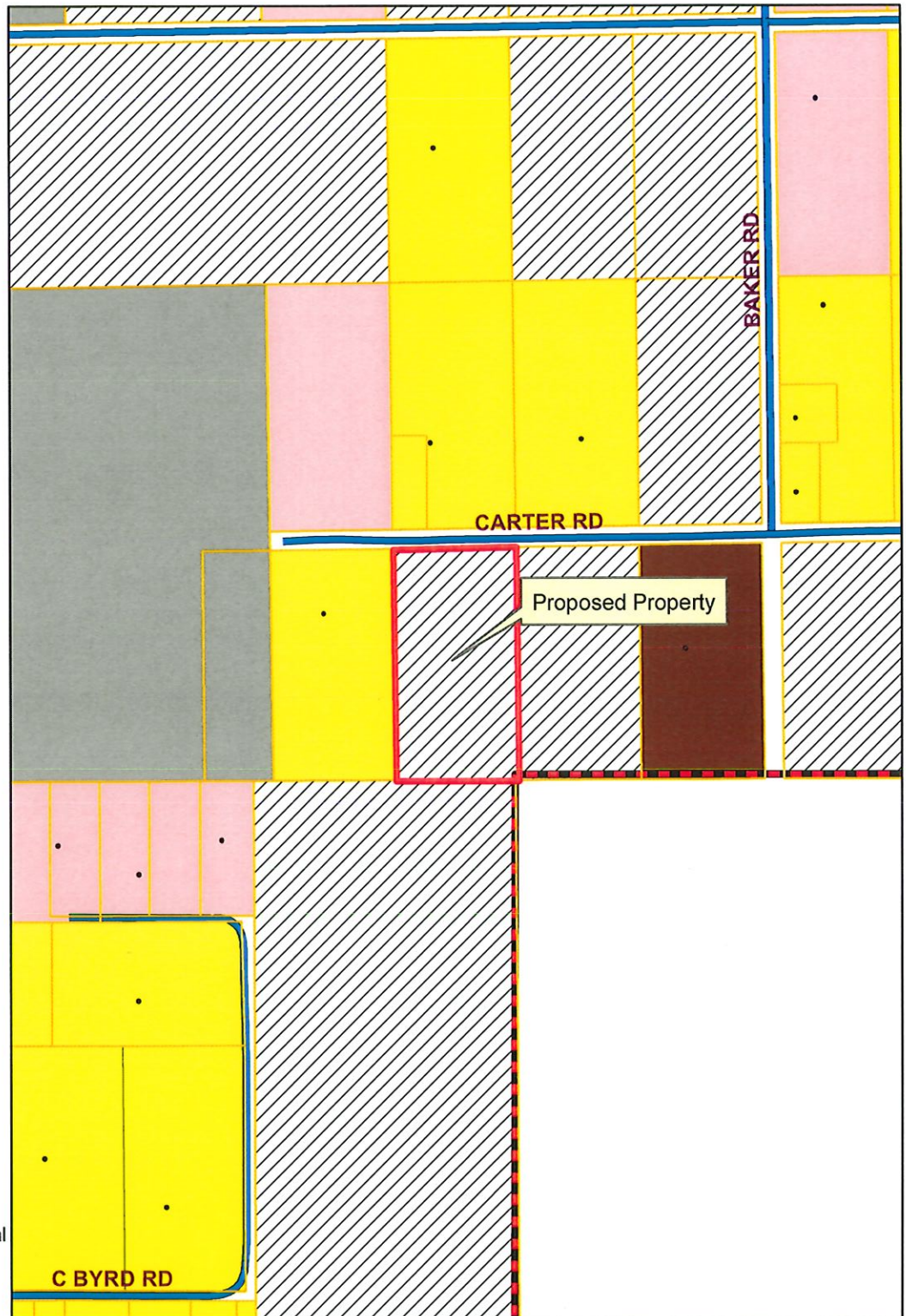


Exhibit D

Future Land-Use

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Legend

FUTURE LAND USE

FLU_Class

-
- Civic
- high impact commercial
- Conservation
- High Density Residential
- Industrial
- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Mobile Home Residential
- low impact Commercial
- Recreational
- recreational commercial
- Regional Scale Commercial
- mixed use residential
- Town Center
- Very Low Density Residential

