

Subject: Rezoning (Fourth District)
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Item Description: Susan Nicole Rahn requests to **rezone** +/- 6.13 acres from **AR-1 to AR-2** to allow for permitted uses in AR-2. Located at 240 Bethany Road. **[Map# 442 Parcel# 15]**

Executive Summary/Background

- The rezoning request is a requirement of Appendix C, Article IX-Amendments to Map or Text, Section 9. Zoning districts are described in Appendix C, Article V-Uses Permitted in Districts.
- The applicant is requesting to rezone +/- 6.13 acres to AR-2.
- Per the Effingham County Code of Ordinances, conforming AR-1 zoning shall have 5 acres or more. Since the applicant would like to subdivide the parcel into smaller lots, the zoning will need to change to AR-2.
- There are currently other AR-2 parcels to the south of this parcel along Low Ground Road.
- Per the Effingham County Table of Permitted Uses, the following are permitted by right uses in AR-2 zoning:

- <i>Single Family Detached</i>	- <i>Land Development and Subdivision</i>
- <i>One-Additional Single Family Detached Dwelling</i>	- <i>Crop production</i>
- <i>Disaster Emergency Housing</i>	- <i>Grain and Oilseed</i>
- <i>Mobile Homes</i>	- <i>Wheat</i>
- <i>Manufactured Homes</i>	- <i>Corn</i>
- <i>Religious Housing</i>	- <i>Rice</i>
- <i>Youth Home</i>	- <i>Soybean and Oilseed</i>
- <i>Room and Boarding</i>	- <i>Dry Pea and Bean</i>
- <i>Rental Housing - Related</i>	- <i>Vegetable Farming or Growing Services</i>
- <i>Parks, Open Space, & Trails</i>	- <i>Fruits and Trees</i>
- <i>Fire and Rescue</i>	- <i>Greenhouse, Nursery, and Floriculture</i>
- <i>Police</i>	- <i>Food crops grown under cover</i>
- <i>Emergency Management Agency</i>	- <i>Nursery and tree production</i>
- <i>Emergency Medical Services</i>	- <i>Floriculture production</i>
- <i>E-911</i>	- <i>Poultry and egg production and hatcheries</i>
- <i>Religious Institutions</i>	- <i>Apiculture (Bees, Wax, and related Operations)</i>
- <i>Residential Construction</i>	- <i>Logging</i>
- The applicant wants to subdivide the land to deed the 2.17 acres to their daughter.
- Although the zoning map does not show surrounding AR-2 zoning, multiple non-conforming AR-1 (less than 5 acres) lots are in close proximity.
- Bethany Road is a county-maintained road.
- This proposal aligns with Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan: Needs and Opportunities, which expresses a need to encourage affordable housing where reasonable by permitting increased residential density and a greater variety of residential options. Along with the need to increase the housing stock to meet the demands of future population growth.
- The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) projects this parcel as Agricultural-Residential.

Determination

Staff have reviewed the application, and the application is complete with the following conditions:

1. Development Services shall review and sign the plat. Then, the plat shall be recorded so the zoning can take effect.

Department Review: Development Services

Attachments: 1. Rezoning application and checklist
 4. Ownership certificate/authorization

FUNDING: N/A

2. Plat
 3. Deed
 5. Aerial photograph