

Staff Report

Subject: Rezoning (First District)
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Department: Development Services
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Item Description: **Greg Coleman** as agent for **KFJT Enterprise, LLC** requests to **rezone** +/- 144.04 acres from **AR-1 & R-4 to LI** to allow for industrial use. Located at 662 Godley Road. **[Map# 399 Parcel# 3 & 3D]**

Summary Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the application and recommends **approval** of the requests **rezone** +/- 144.04 acres from **AR-1 & R-4 to LI** to allow for industrial use.

Executive Summary/Background

- The request for rezoning 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 144.04 acres to Light Industrial for an industrial warehouse facility.
- These parcels currently surround a mining operation.
- The zoning surrounding these parcels to the north is AR-1, to the south is Chatham County, to the west is AR-1, and to the east is I-1.
- There are significant wetlands and floodplain located on parcel 399-3.
- These parcels are served by private well and private septic systems.
- After rezoning, a site plan will be required to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- This rezoning is consistent with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) as these parcels are projected to be transitional.
- At the July 9, 2024, Planning Board meeting, Mr. Ryan Thompson motioned for approval with the following added condition:
 - A Traffic Impact Analysis shall be completed before the Site Plan is approved to define any needed improvements.
- Mr. Peter Higgins seconded the motion, which carried 3-1, with Chairman Dave Burns opposing.

Alternatives

1. Approve the requests **rezone** +/- 144.04 acres from **AR-1 & R-4 to LI** to allow for industrial use with the following conditions:

- A Site Plan shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- All buffers shall adhere to the Effingham County Code of Ordinances, **Part II – Official Code, Appendix C – Zoning Ordinance, Article III – Section 3.4 Buffers.**
- All Site Development shall comply with the Effingham County Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 30 – Environment** and **Chapter 34 – Flood Damage Prevention**, along with the Local Stormwater Design Manual.
- A Traffic Impact Analysis shall be completed before the Site Plan is approved to define any needed improvements.

2. Deny the requests **rezone** +/- 144.04 acres from **AR-1 & R-4 to LI** to allow for industrial use.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Department Review: Development Services

Other Alternative: 2

FUNDING: N/A

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

2. Plat
3. Deed
5. Aerial photograph