## Staff Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Zoning Map Amendment Subject: Author: Chelsie Fernald, Planning Manager

Department: **Development Services** 

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

**Item Description:** Justin Webb requests to rezone +/- 5.00 acres from AR-1 to AR-2 to allow for permitted uses in AR-2. Located at 200 Clyo-Shawnee Road. [Map# 313 Parcel# 3]

## **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  $\pm$ -5.00 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 adjacent to this parcel and across Springfield Road.
- Per the Effingham County Table of Permitted Uses, the following are permitted by right uses in AR-2 zoning:
  - Single Family Detached
  - One-Additional Single Family Detached Dwelling
  - Disaster Emergency Housing
  - Mobile Homes
  - Manufactured Homes
  - Religious Housina
  - Youth Home
  - Room and Boarding
  - Rental Housing Related
  - Parks, Open Space, & Trails
  - Fire and Rescue
  - Police
  - Emergency Management Agency
  - Emergency Medical Services
  - E-911
  - Religious Institutions
  - Residential Construction

- Land Development and Subdivision
- Crop production
- Grain and Oilseed
- Wheat
- Corn
- Rice
- Soybean and Oilseed
- Dry Pea and Bean
- Vegetable Farming or Growing Services
- Fruits and Trees
- Greenhouse, Nursery, and Floriculture
- Food crops grown under cover
- Nursery and tree production
- Floriculture production
- Poultry and egg production and hatcheries
- Apiculture (Bees, Wax. and related Operations)
- Logging
- The applicant proposes subdividing the parcel into five (5) one-acre parcels.
- Suggested access for the proposed parcels is the following:
  - The two parcels with frontage along Springfield Road will access Springfield Road.
  - The other parcels will alternate between Clyo-Shawnee Road and Old Dixie Highway S.
- 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.
- At the March 11, 2025, Planning Board Meeting, Mr. Walter Boykin motioned for denial, expressing that his reasons for the denial were:
  - The shape of the property
  - The number of times the applicant would like to subdivide the parcel
- Mr. Neal Kessler seconded the motion, and it carried 4-1, with Chairman Ryan Thompson opposing.

## **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.
- 2. The two parcels with frontage along Springfield Road will access Springfield Road.

3. The other parcels will alternate between Clyo-Shawnee Road and Old Dixie Highway S.

**Department Review:** Development Services **Attachments:** 1. Zoning Map Amendment FUNDING: N/A