

STAFF NOTE: Citizen comment received via email for P&Z Public Hearing on 10/1/24

Re: The Montgomery Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for 1 October 2024 – Resident Comment – Not on the Agenda

Dear Planning Commissioners Chairman Mr. William “Bill” Simpson and Members Mr. John Fox, Mr. Daniel Gazda, Mrs. Merriam Walker and Mr. Tom Czulewicz,

**c/o City of Montgomery
Montgomery City Hall, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Texas 77316**

Subject: Benjamin Rigsby Survey, Abstract 31, 8.00 acres and Benjamin Rigsby Survey, Abstract 31, 7.46 acres

My name is Annie Butler. I am an Active-Duty Service Member whose permanent home of record is 526 Lawson Street within Lawson Estates. I am unable to attend the Public Hearing due active-duty status. My son, a Houston Police Officer, resides in the home. He is unable to attend due to his shift.

I realize that some may only see the property as a field that requires development and not focus too much on the safe and quiet neighborhood behind it. I grew up on this street and could leave the door open because we all knew each other and watched out for one another. Lawson Estates is not just a community; we are family. Many families have resided here a long time. I have lived here for over 40 years.

I understand that we cannot stop progress. The City of Montgomery is developing at a rapid rate.

By rezoning the adjunct and congruent parcels as requested, change the residential dynamics of Lawson Estates. Commercial properties near this residential area may cause a variety of issues e.g., increased noise, an increase in rodents, parking issues, increased traffic in an already congested area (FM 149, Lawson Street, Simonton Street, and Lone Star). It is difficult to enter Lawson and Simonton Street from FM 149 due to traffic.

I only ask that we compromise in the rezoning e.g., switch the Multi-Family (R-2) and Commercial (B) parcels. This would allow the current residential and Multi-Family zoned parcels to be adjacent and congruent. The Commercial (B) parcel would be adjacent and congruent to already designated Commercial (B) parcels (as designated by The Montgomery Planning and Zoning Commission current website map).

I believe my request aligns with the Planning and Zoning Commission’s intent to create thriving and sustainable neighborhoods. This can be achieved with this compromise that balances land use and community growth by aligning the residential and commercial zoning areas, respectively.

I urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to think about all these points I’ve mentioned, consider a motion to approve the rezoning according to the proposed compromise.

Sincerely,

Annie L. Butler

