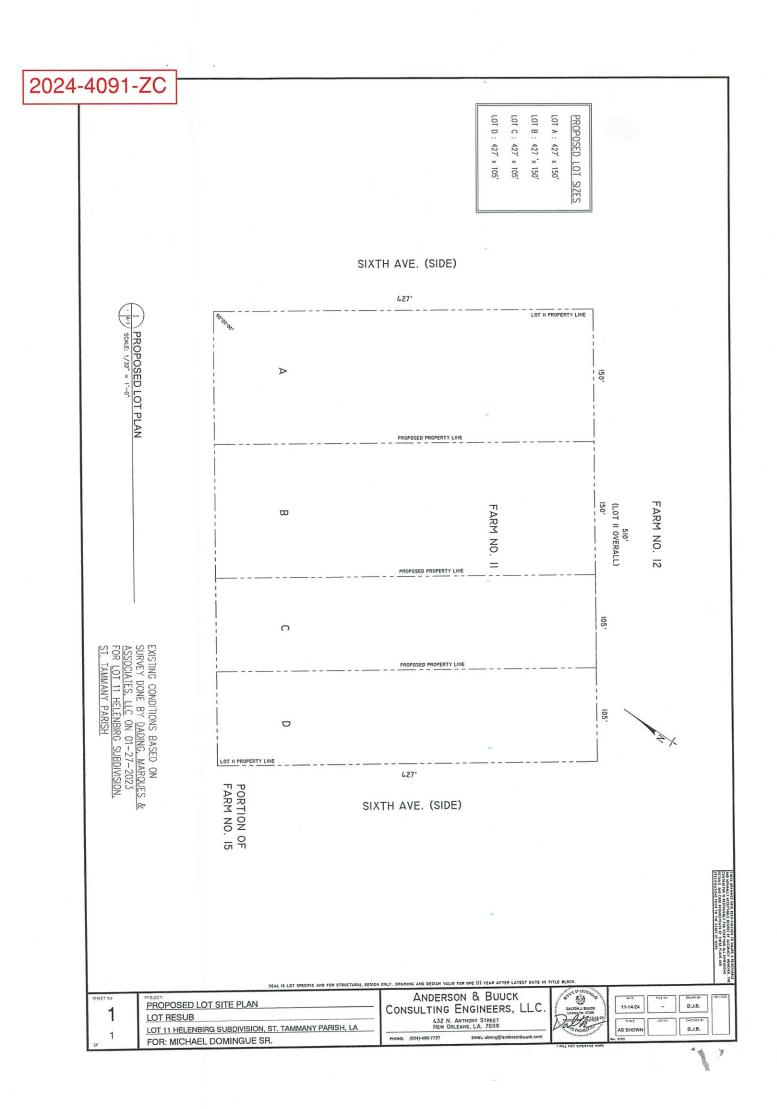
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ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PORTION OF LAND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the South half of Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 11 East, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, wherein subject property is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Farm No. 11 in the Subdivision of Helenbirg, having a frontage of 510 feet on Doris Street by a depth of 427 feet, all between equal and parallel lines.

Said property bears the municipal number 20438 Doris Street, Covington, LA.





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Location: Parcel located on the south side of Doris Street, east of 4th Avenue, being Farm No. 11,

Helenbirg Subdivision, Covington; S14, T6S, R11E; Ward 3, District 5

Council District: 5

Petitioner: Jones-Fussell, L.L.P. - Jeffrey D. Schoen

Posted: January 17, 2025

Owner: Minday Vickers and John J. Vickers

Commission Hearing: February 4, 2025

Determination: Approved

Size: 5 acres

Current Zoning

R-1 Rural Residential District

Requested Zoning

L-1 Large Lot Residential District

Future Land Use

Residential: Low-Intensity

Flood Zone

Effective Flood Zone: C

Preliminary Flood Zone: X

Critical Drainage:

No

Elevation Requirements:

FFE is 12" above crown of street elevation



FINDINGS

 The applicant is requesting to rezone the 5-acre parcel from R-1 Rural Residential District to L-1 Large Lot Residential District. Parcel located on the south side of Doris Street, east of 4th Avenue, being Farm No. 11, Helenbirg Subdivision, Covington.

Zoning History

Table 1: Zoning history of Subject Lot(s)

Ordinance	Prior Classification	Amended Classification
83-119A	Unknown	SA Suburban Agriculture
09-2116	SA Suburban Agriculture	R-1 Rural Residential District

Site and Structure Provisions

3. The site is currently undeveloped.

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Compatibility or Suitability with Adjacent Area

4. Table 3: Surrounding Land Use and Zoning

5. Direction	Surrounding Use	Surrounding Zoning Classification
North (across Doris Street)	Residential	L-1 Large Lot Residential District
South	Residential	R-1 Rural Residential District
East	Undeveloped	R-1 Rural Residential District
West	Residential	L-1 Large Lot Residential District/R-1 Rural Residential District

- 6. The subject site is bordered by residential property to the north across Doris Street zoned L-1 Large Lot Residential District. To the south and east are residential and undeveloped parcels zoned R-1 Rural Residential District. To the west is property zoned R-1 Rural Residential District, with the exception of a 2.66-acre parcel that was rezoned to the L-1 Large Lot Residential District (then labeled as A-2 Suburban District) in 2019 via Council Ordinance # 19-4190.
- 7. The existing R-1 Rural Residential District is intended to provide a single-family residential environment at a low-density level. The R-1 District requires a minimum parcel size of 5 acres and a minimum lot width of 300'.
- The purpose of the L-1 Large Lot Residential District is to provide a single-family residential
 environment on moderate sized lots which are served by central utility systems and other urban
 services. The minimum parcel size under the L-1 District is 1 acre with a minimum lot width of 150'.
- 9. Per the petitioner's application, the reason for the request is to apply for a minor subdivision and create 4 parcels out of the existing 5 acres.

Consistency with New Directions 2040

Residential areas: i Residential: Low-Intensity: Predominantly single family, detached homes on very large lots. The lower residential density creates a more spacious character appropriate as a transition between the Parish's Rural or Conservation areas and more intense land uses. The dispersed development pattern makes public services and amenities less efficient and more expensive to provide, and so residents typically must travel farther to access them.

The proposed zoning change is consistent with the following goals, policies, and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan:

 Goal 1.3: The character of existing residential areas, expansive rural landscapes, and sensitive ecologically areas will be preserved.

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Standards for Review (Sec. 200-3.1.G) - When reviewing a zoning map amendment, the St. Tammany Parish Planning & Zoning Commission shall take the following items into consideration prior to recommending a decision to the Council:

- i. The proposed amendment is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan and consistent with the future land use map.
- ii. The proposed amendment promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the Parish.
- iii. The proposed amendment corrects an error or meets the challenge of some changing condition, trend or fact.
- iv. The proposed amendment is compatible with existing use and zoning of nearby property.
- v. The proposed amendment is a more suitable zoning classification for the property than the current classification.
- vi. The proposed amendment enhances or protects the surrounding natural environment, including air, water, stormwater management, wildlife, and vegetation.

