CITY OF BAY MINETTE PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

December 9, 2021
Regular Meeting
8:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301D'Olive Street, Bay Minette

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Invocation and Pledge
- 3.) Approval of Minutes for the November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 4.) Old Business
- 5.) New Business

a.) SD-2102 Boeschen Minor Subdivision – *Public Hearing*

Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest

Request: Minor Subdivision application for a 4-lot subdivision

Location: The subject property is located on Old Brady Road

b.) Z-2101 The Landing Rezoning Request – Public Hearing

Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest

Request: Rezoning request from R-2 to B-2 to allow for the expansion of the existing facility and construction of 4-unit apartment.

Location: The subject property is located at 2411 S US Hwy 31

c.) SE-2105 The Landing Special Exception Request

Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest

Request: Special Exception approval for lodging/boarding/rooming house to allow for the expansion of the existing facility and construction of 4-unit apartment.

Location: The subject property is located at 2411 S US Hwy 31

- 6.) Reports
 - a.) Mayor/Council
 - b.) Attorney
 - c.) Commissioner's Comments
 - d.) Planning Staff
- 7.) Adjournment

Bay Minette Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes November 10, 2021

Monthly Meeting No. 11

The Bay Minette Planning Commission met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m., by Acting Chairman Covington, in the Council Chambers located in Bay Minette City Hall, in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, date and hour as advertised to hold such meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE At 8:03 a.m. the following members were present:

Neal Covington, Vice-Chairman *Acting Chairman Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor Rob Madison, Building Official Earl Emmons, Commission Member Scotty Langham, Commission Member Ray Clark, Commission Member

Commission Members absent:

Todd Stewart, Chairman Wynter Crook, Commission Member William Taylor, Commission Member

Commission Members late:

Other persons in regular attendance:

Clair Dorough, City Planner
Jessica Peed, Planning Assistant
Tammy Smith, City Administrator
Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
Steven Stewart, Fire Department

GUESTS

Danny Stevens Tammy Henry Steven Boeschen Chris Lieb **INVOCATION** Scotty Lewis gave the invocation, followed by the pledge.

ITEM 3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting. Commission Member "Mayor" Wills made a motion to approve the October minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Emmons and was unanimously carried.

ITEM 4. Old Business - NONE

ITEM 5. New Business:

a.) ES-2107 Boeschen Family Division

Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest

Request: Family Exemption for a 6-lot subdivision

Location: The subject property is located on Old Brady Road and Pine Grove

Road

Mrs. Dorough introduces the request and includes that the applicants would like to divide the parcel from 1 lot to 6 lots, and that all qualifications and requirements have been met. She also states the applicant plans to subdivide one lot from this divide and start the minor subdivision process for next month's Planning Commission, and all of the lots will front Old Brady Road and that the applicants are in attendance for this meeting for any questions. With no response, comments or questions, Mayor Wills made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the plat. Commission Member Clark seconded and it was unanimously carried.

b.) SP-2107 Lieb Engineering Company LLC Site Plan Approval Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest Request: Site Plan Approval for Chuck Stevens Ford expansion Location: The subject property is located at 1304 S US Hwy 31

Mrs. Dorough gave an introduction of the Site Plan request for an expansion, which also includes renovations and landscaping. She also states the aerials are from 2018 and includes more recent pictures of the site, also including a large hardcopy format available for review. She states the metal façade regulations will not apply due to the type of materials used for construction. Chris Lieb explained his requested plans to redo the parking lot which includes adding parking on the north side, and adding a detention pond. There is a brief discussion including the plans for landscaping, the detention pond draining to the ditch on Hwy 59 and a large front showroom elevation, and resurfacing of the parking lot. After all questions and comments were discussed, Commission Member Clark made a motion to allow the Acting Chairman to approve the plat. Commission Member Langham seconded and it was unanimously approved.

c.) SE-2104 Danny & Sharon Stevens

Disclosure of Prior Communications and/or Conflict of Interest

Request: Special Exception approval for two duplexes

Location: The subject property is located on E Hurricane Road

Mrs. Dorough introduces the Special Exception request for two duplexes on two vacant, adjacent parcels and states the Planning Commission will only make a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment as the BOA makes final approval. Mayor Wills inquired on the location of the proposed duplexes. Mrs. Dorough shows pictures of the surrounding area including an NBU facility, and a church. She states the applicant will be required to extend the water line so it can accommodate a fire hydrant, and that the Fire Department is also requiring an all-weather surface for access. She also states the request complies with the Zoning Ordinance to allow 1 duplex per property totaling 4 units, with Special Exception approval. Acting Chairman Covington inquired on the sizes of the lots to which Mrs. Dorough states they are approximately .24 acres and .26 acres, which meets the minimum size requirements. Commission Member Clark inquired on a plot or site plan to which Mrs. Dorough states the Special Exception request must receive approval before the applicant is able to apply for Site Plan approval, at which time a Site Plan will be available for review. With no further questions or comments, Commission Member Emmons made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Adjustment for the Special Exception request to allow for 2 duplexes. Commission Member Langham seconded and it was unanimously carried, with the exception of Commission Member Clark abstaining due to his membership on the Board of Adjustment.

ITEM 6. Reports:

a.) Mayor/Council Report

• Mayor Wills states that Veterans Day is on November 11, 2021 at which there will be a breakfast, parade, and Korean War Ceremony. He also states the Baldwin County football team will be participating in the second round of playoffs at 7pm Friday night in Bay Minette. Mrs. Smith includes that there is a lot of excitement, and a community pep rally is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 6:30pm at the High School stadium. She states the Cross-Country team members qualified and competed at State recently, and Mayor Wills includes that basketball kicked off last night.

b.) Attorney – None

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ITEM 7.	With no further business Acting	Chairman Covington adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.
		DONE THIS THE 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021
		Neal Covington, Acting Chairman
ATTEST:		
Jessica Pee	d, Planning Coordinator	

• Rob Madison states that he started the process of unsafe structure for the

c.) Commissioner – None

d.) Planning Staff



Planning & Development Services

Preliminary/Final Plat – Minor Subdivision Staff Report

Case No. SD-2102 – Old Brady Road Subdivision

Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing
December 9, 2021

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Planning Commission: December 9,2021

II. IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Jurisdiction: City Limits

Zoning Designation: R-2, Single Family Residential

Location of Property: The subject property is located on Old Brady Road, approximately 0.25 miles from Pine

Grove Road

Parcel Number(s): 05-23-06-23-0-000-004.004

III. SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL:

Proposed number of Lots: 4

Linear Feet of Streets: N/A – all lots will front Old Brady Road

Total Acreage: 41.56± acres

Smallest Site Size: 10.00± acres

Largest Site Size: 11.28± acres

Owner/Developer: Harry L. Boeschen with Tammy Henry as Authorized Agent

7 Command Heights Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Surveyor: David Lowery Surveying LLC

9915 Bryant's Landing Road

Stockton, AL 36579

Request: The applicant is requesting Preliminary/Final Plat Approval for 41.56± acres to allow for a

4-lot Minor Subdivision.

IV. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SITE CONSIDERATIONS

Public Utilities Services: Water: North Baldwin Utilities

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Sewer: North Baldwin Utilities Natural Gas: North Baldwin Utilities Electricity: Alabama Power

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Transportation: The proposed lots will front on Old Brady Road, a paved and county-maintained roadway.

Property owners will be required to apply for driveway/culvert permit from the Baldwin

County Highway Department.

The Bay Minette Fire Department has stated that a fire hydrant will be required within 600 feet of each lot (at least a 1,200-ft spacing) and that the County's driveway permitting

process will suffice for ensuring appropriate grade for ingress of fire apparatus.

V. STAFF COMMENTS:

• This property is part of Case ES-2107, a family exempt subdivision of 6 lots that was approved by the Planning Commission at the November 10, 2021 meeting. This is a 41-acre parcel that did not meet the exempt requirements as the owners are planning to list the lots for sale. The developer will be required to connect to sewer and provide adequate fire protection per the Subdivision Regulation Sections 11.7.1 and 11.8.6.1; and Zoning Ordinance Section 7.12.2. North Baldwin Utilities can install a hydrant on the existing waterline without expansion.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Preliminary/Final Plat –Minor Subdivision for Case No. SD-2102, Old Brady Road Subdivision be APPROVED.

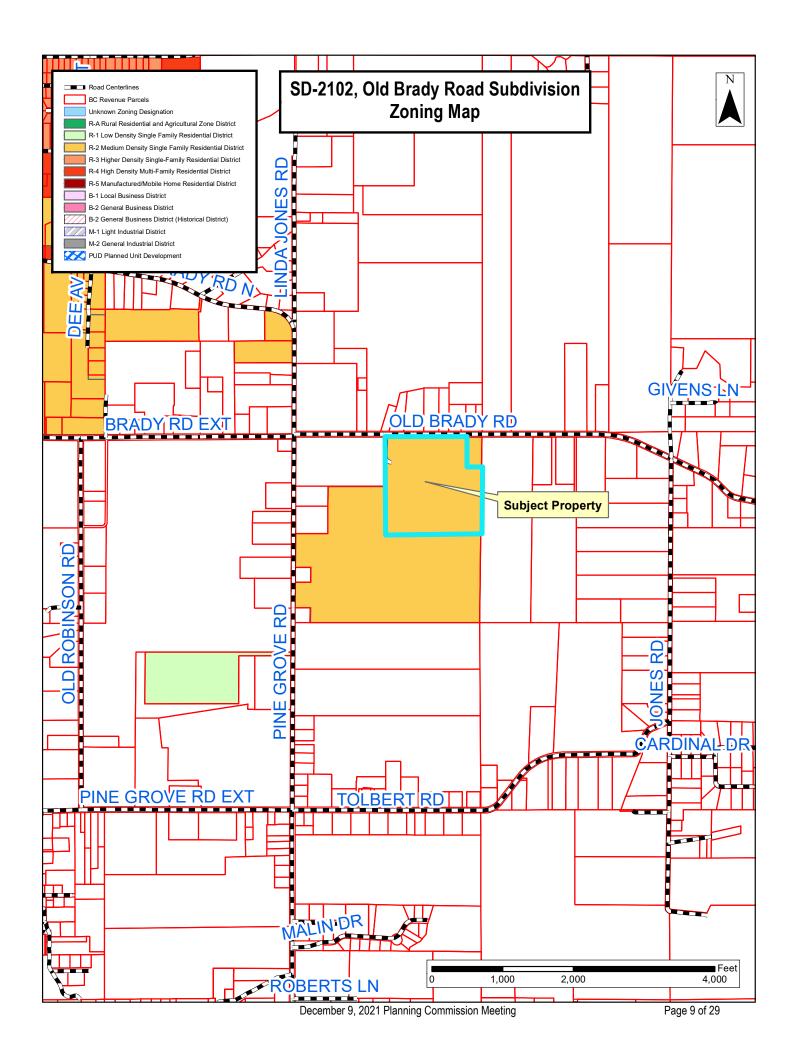


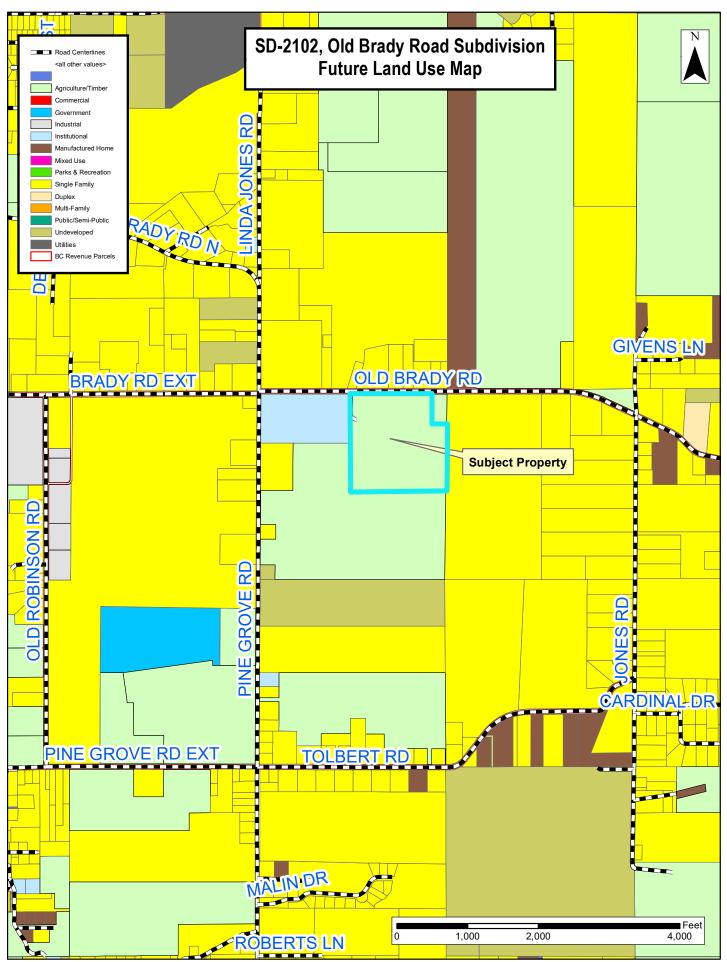
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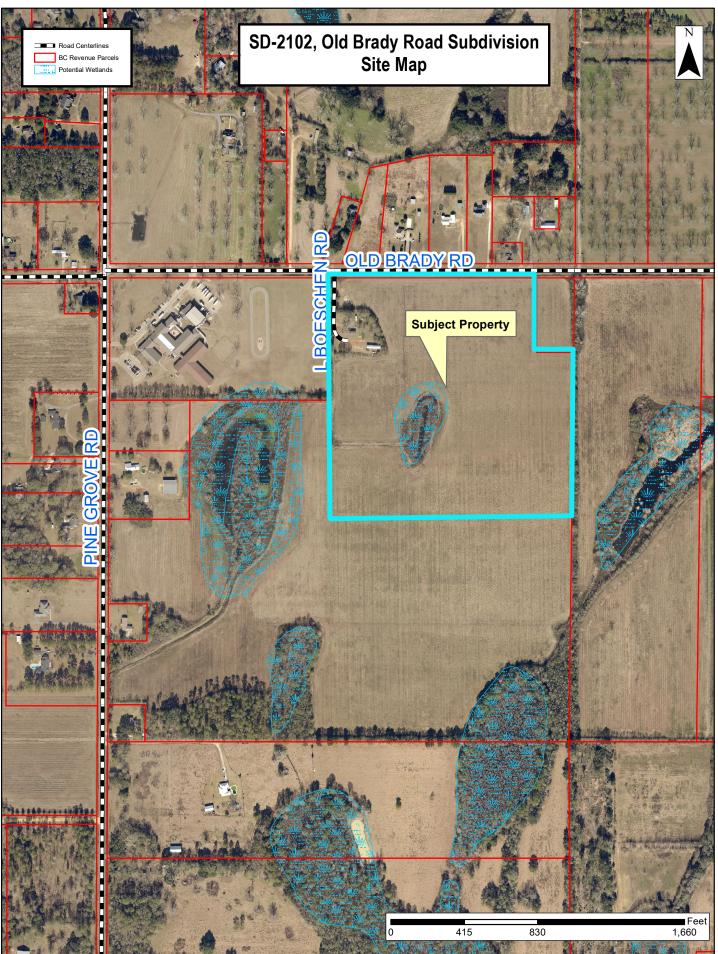
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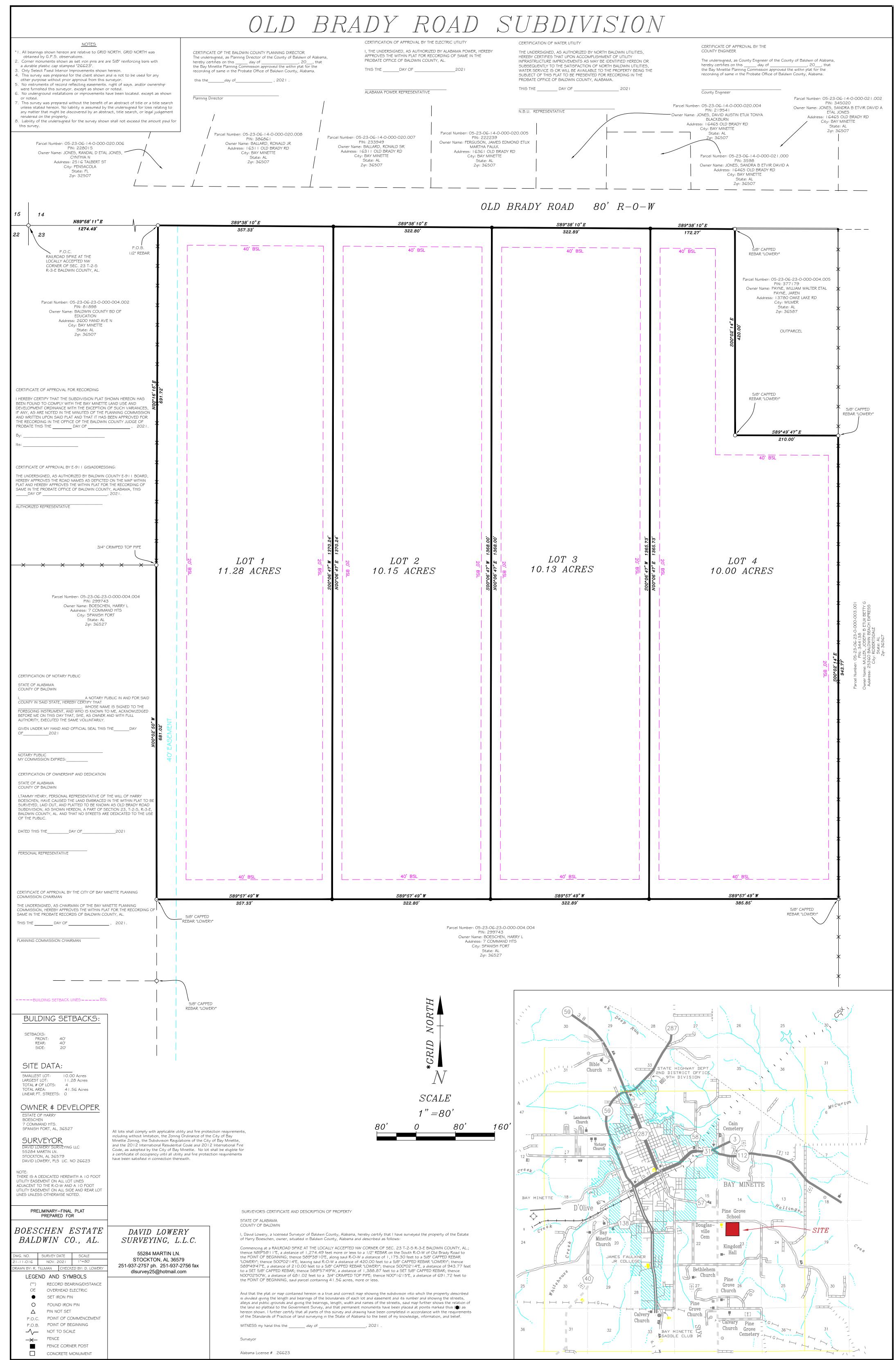






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Planning Commission Staff Analysis

Case No. Z-2101 Haley Beason // The Landing Rezoning from R-2 to B-2 December 9, 2021

Subject Property Information

Physical Location: 2411 S US Hwy 31

05-23-08-28-4-000-012.000

Parcel No. // PPIN: **Current Zoning:** R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential

Proposed Zoning: B-2, General Business District

Current Land Use:

Sober Living Facility//Boarding Rooming House Proposed Land Use: Boarding Rooming House Expansion//Multi-Family

PPIN 40862 - 1.78± acres Acreage:

Applicant: Haley Beason

> 2411 S US Hwy 31 Bay Minette, AL 36507

Owner: Haley Beason

> 2411 S US Hwy 31 Bay Minette, AL 36507

	Adjacent Land Use	Adjacent Zoning
North	Residential	R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential
South	Residential	B-2, General Business District
East	Railroad, Mobile Lumber	M-2, General Industrial District
West	Commercial Complex, various uses	B-2, General Business District

Summary

The subject property which consists of approximately 1.78± acres is currently zoned R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential District. The applicant is requesting a rezoning to B-2, General Business District, to allow for a lodging, boarding or rooming house and allow for a 3,000 sq. foot expansion and new construction of a 4-unit multi-family dwelling. Per the Table of Permitted Uses, "Lodging, boarding or rooming houses" are only allowed in the B-2 District by Special Exception. Due to the property's history of being used as a retirement home and then a college dormitory, the current use is existing as a legal non-conformity. The applicant attended the May 9, 2019 Planning Commission meeting and since The Landing was a continuation of a previous similar use with no expansion or significant renovations, no zoning or site plan modifications were required, therefore, no Planning Commission action was necessary. Because the applicant is proposing an expansion of the existing facility and a new use as a multi-family dwelling, it triggered the approval process. This rezoning request is the first step, along with Special Exception approval by the Board of Adjustment followed by Site Plan approval by the Planning Commission if both the Rezoning and Special Exception requests are approved.

Current Zoning District

6.2.3 R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential This district is intended as a medium density single family urban residential district, with lots of moderate size.

Proposed Zoning District

6.3.2 B-2, General Business District. This district is intended to provide opportunity for activities causing noise and heavy traffic, not considered compatible in the more restrictive business district. These uses also serve a regional as well as a local market and require location in proximity to major transportation routes. Recreational vehicle parks, very light production and processing activities are included.

Table of Permitted Uses and Conditions	R-A	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	B-1	B-2	M-1	M-2
Dwelling, multi-family					R	R	Р	Р		
Lodging, boarding or rooming houses.							S	S		

Staff Analysis and Findings

The following factors for reviewing zoning amendments are found in Article 15 - Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bay Minette. These factors are to be considered when an application is being reviewed for rezoning.

1.) Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan

The subject property is designated as Manufactured Home on the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan. It is adjacent to Single Family designated areas to the North and South with Commercial to the West and Industrial to the West. The Manufactured Housing designation was assigned during the time of the Comprehensive Plan research, which started in 2010. This facility was built in 1998, so the use as a group living facility pre-dates the Comprehensive Plan designation.

2.) Compliance with the standards, goals and intent of this ordinance

The Zoning Ordinance was intended to promote the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the residents; to lessen congestion in the street; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, and parks; to facilitate initiation of the comprehensive plan, and other public requirements.

The site has been historically used as for-profit residential group facility for more than 20 years. The R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential designation is not consistent with the use that has been established for many years. The requested B-2 designation will make the existing use of the property more compatible and consistent with the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. If approved, the Site Plan must meet surface drainage requirements, Section 9.5 Apartments, Townhouses and Condominiums, Landscaping and buffer regulations.

3.) The character of the surrounding property, including any pending development activity

The property to the North and South of the subject property are single family residential. The property directly borders the railroad to the East and Mobile Lumber. The property fronts a highly travelled Principal Arterial, US Hwy 31, and faces a commercial complex housing a variety of businesses. There is no known development pending in the immediate vicinity of the subject property. As the use has existed since 2019 and was previously a dormitory and retirement home at the same density, the proposed expansion to increase the residents by 6, is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding property.

4.) Adequacy of public infrastructure to support the proposed development

The Public Works Director stated that since the property fronts US Hwy 31 with an existing access, ALDOT will be the managing agency for access. At the time of Site Plan approval, a concurrence letter from ALDOT will be required, particularly if the existing access is planned to be widened or expanded in any way. The Bay Minette Fire Department did not have any comments on the application and no comments were received from North Baldwin Utilities.

5.) Impacts on natural resources, including existing conditions and ongoing post-development conditions

No major impacts are expected due to the site's existing conditions and location. Drainage will be addressed at the time of

Site Plan approval and the applicant will be responsible for increased runoff resulting form the development that would
cause flood damage to neighboring property.

6.) Compliance with other laws and regulations of the city

Bay Minette Police Chief has stated the Department has no issues with the application. Staff received comments from one citizen that lives on Neighbors Lane, stating that the "police visit frequently" because of the facility. The BMPD researched the location and found that in the past year, there were 4 calls to the facility, none of which warranted reports after the initial visit. The Police Chief stated that The Landing is supported by the District Attorney's Office and the Circuit Court Judges and that the applicant recently received an award at the Drug Court Foundation Banquet for her service.

- 7.) Compliance with other applicable laws and regulations of other jurisdictions
- The subject property sits within the city limits of Bay Minette and falls under the city's jurisdiction. The applicant will be required to work with ALDOT on access concurrence/approval.
- 8.) Impacts on adjacent property including noise, traffic, visible intrusions, potential physical impacts, and property values

As the property has been used in the same manner for two years and for similar uses for 20+ years prior, any impacts are anticipated to be minimal negative impacts. As the use has existed since 2019 and was previously a dormitory and retirement home at the same number of units, the proposed expansion to increase the residents by 6, is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding property.

9.) Impacts on the surrounding neighborhood including noise, traffic, visible intrusions, potential physical impacts, and property values

Along with the comments above, the proposed rezoning should have little impact on the surrounding area. This is a highly travelled area of US Hwy 31 with only an increase of 6 residents. The railroad borders the Eastern property line, Mobile Lumber is approximately 100 feet to the East and an Industrial Park is approximately 500 feet to the Southwest. As the use has existed since 2019 and was previously a dormitory and retirement home at the same number of units, the proposed expansion to increase the residents by 6, is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding property.

10.) Other matters which may be appropriate

This rezoning is accompanied by a Special Exception request, which will be contingent upon approval of the Rezoning. If they are both approved, the applicant will be required to submit a Site Plan application with detailed plans for Planning Commission approval.

Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation: Based on the submitted information and the analysis above, staff recommends that the proposed rezoning for The Landing from R-2, Medium Density Single Family to B-2, General Business be *Approved.*

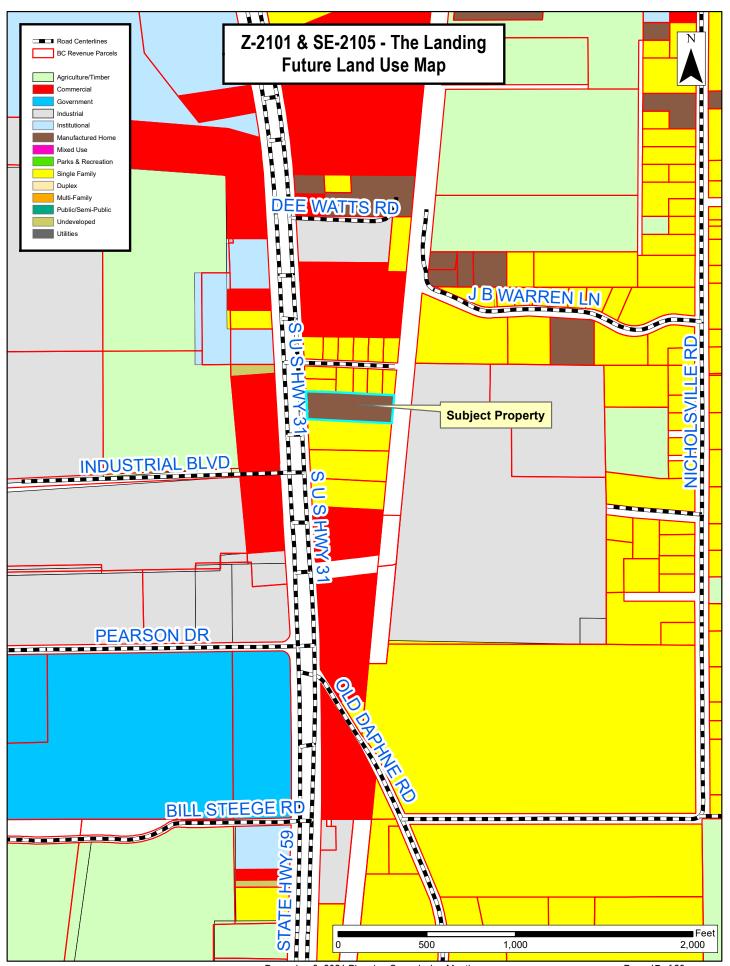
Planning Commission Action

For rezoning applications, the Planning Commission sends an advisory recommendation to the City Council, who makes the final decision.

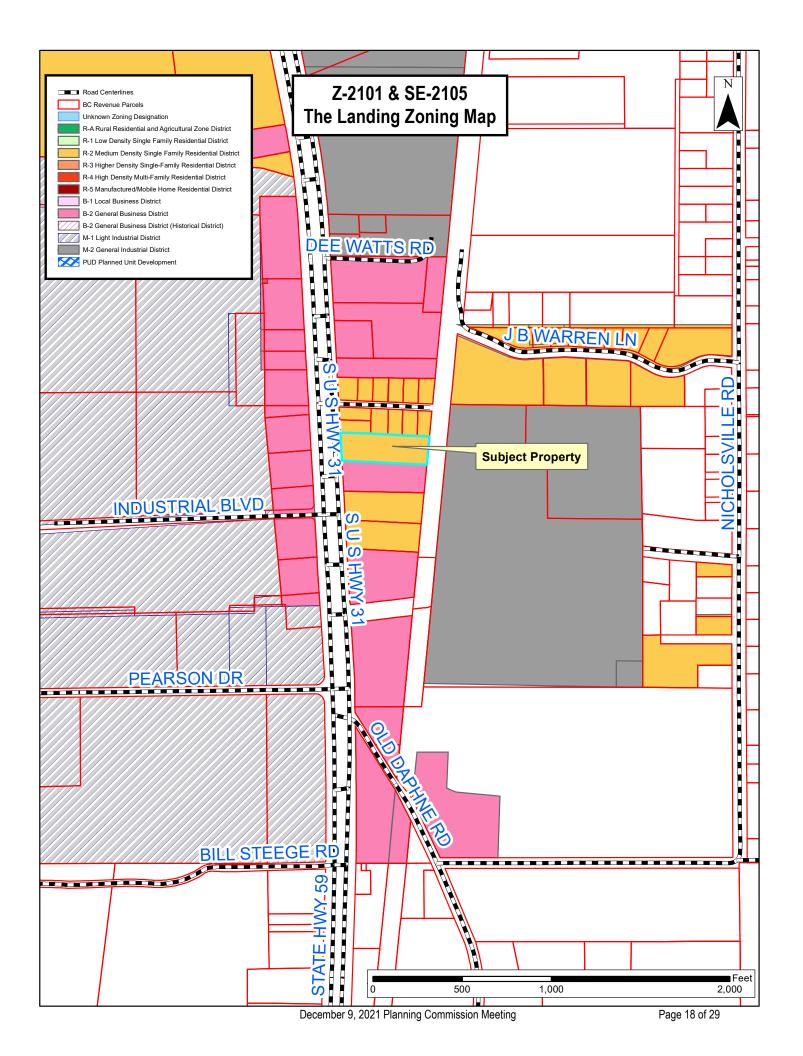
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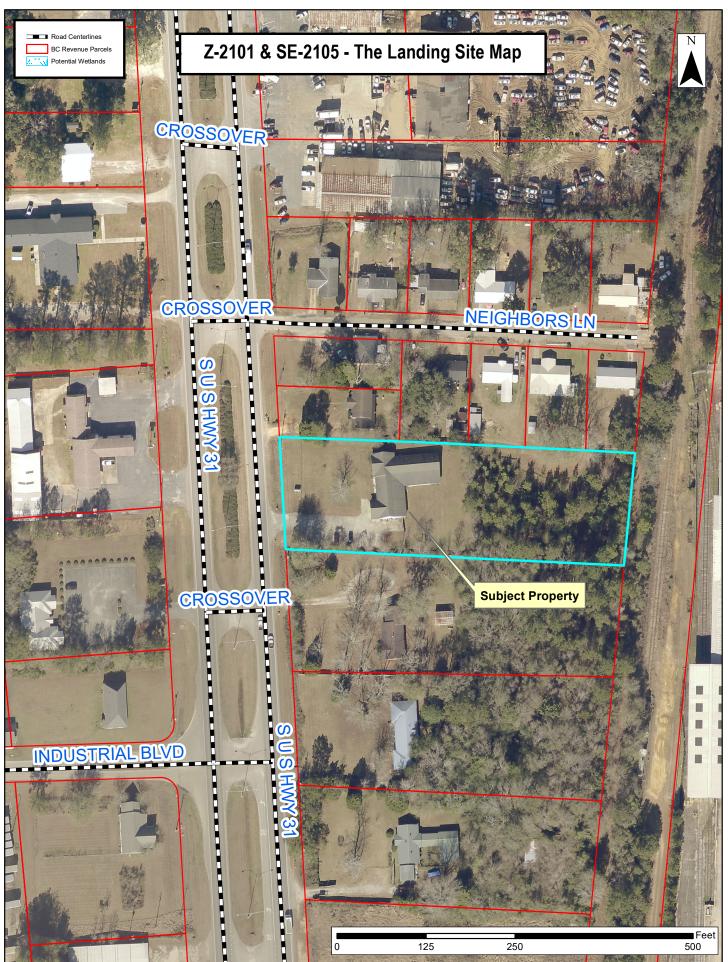
- · Make a recommendation for approval to the City Council
- Make a recommendation for approval with conditions to the City Council
- Make a recommendation for denial to the City Council, with stated factors for the denial.

15.2.6 Limitation on resubmittal. No application for a zoning map amendment shall be considered within 365 days from a final decision on a previous application for the same or similar parcel of land. An application may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the public hearing being open by the city council. A request to withdraw an application shall be made in writing.



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City of Bay Minette Re-zoning Application

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Planning Commission Staff Analysis

Case No. SE-2105 Haley Beason // The Landing Special Exception Reguest for Lodging/Boarding/Rooming House December 9, 2021

Subject Property Information

Physical Location: 2411 S US Hwy 31

Parcel No. // PPIN:

Current Zonina:

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Staff Analysis and Findings

The following standards for reviewing special exception requests are found in *Section 14.4 Establishment and Membership* of the *Board of Adjustment* of the *Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bay Minette*. The Planning Commission will review the request against the criteria below and will submit an advisory recommendation to the Board of Adjustment. The BOA shall review request against the criteria below and, after a public hearing, will make the final decision only upon the concurring vote of four Board members.

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- 9.) Impacts on adjacent property including noise, traffic, visible intrusions, potential physical impacts, and property values. And impacts on the surrounding neighborhood including noise, traffic, visible intrusions, potential physical impacts, and property values

Along with the comments above, the proposed rezoning should have little impact on the surrounding area. This is a highly travelled area of US Hwy 31 with only an increase of 6 residents. The railroad borders the Eastern property line, Mobile Lumber is approximately 100 feet to the East and an Industrial Park is approximately 500 feet to the Southwest. As the use has existed since 2019 and was previously a dormitory and retirement home at the same density, the proposed expansions to increase the residents by 6, is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding property.

10.) Overall benefit to the community

Aftercare/Sober Living homes are critical parts of today's society, particularly with the opioid addiction crisis. There was an application for a similar request made for a property in the Downtown Historic District, that was denied based on location and density. For this particular request, the location on a Principal Arterial, bordered by the railroad and intense industrial uses, and prior history of the site is more compatible and compliant with the goals and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

11.) Compliance with sound planning principles

Sound planning principles include preventing sprawl by using existing infrastructure, which the proposed use will achieve, and will expand on land already developed rather than abandoning the current location to build an entirely new structure elsewhere.

As it stands now, while it is a legal nonconformity, the existing use is not consistent with its R-2, Single Family Residential zoning designation nor compliant with the Special Exception requirement for a lodging/boarding/rooming house. According to the facility's Life Safety Plan, the maximum number of residents can be 25. On a property of 1.78 acres, this is a density of 14.04 units per acre, which is the limit of the 14.0 units per acre maximum density allowed in the R-4, multi-family district and it far exceeds the maximum density of 4.0 units per acre of the R-2 district. With the proposed addition of 6 units, the density increases to 17.42 units per acre, but the B-2, General Commercial district does not have a maximum density restriction. If approved, the rezoning application to B-2 and subsequent Special Exception request would put the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

Orderly development is dependent on location – uses with similar intensity are grouped together with a gradual transition of intensity based on the functional classification of roadways. The City's existing dormitories, hotels, motels, and apartments are all located on either Principle Arterials (highest classification in the City) or Minor Arterials (second highest classification).

The application for a similar use was recommended for denial by the Planning Commission as that proposal was located on local streets, the lowest functional classification in the City, and was incompatible with the surrounding Historic Downtown district. This location on a Principal Arterial, in a more commercial and industrial part of the City is a more desirable location.

12.) Compliance with the terms and conditions of any zoning approval

If the Special Exception application is approved by the Board of Adjustment, the applicant will be required to submit a Site Plan application to the Planning Commission for approval when the appropriate plans have been designed. Site Plan approval can happen in conjunction with Special Exception approval, but at this juncture, requiring the applicant to submit costly site plan documents and drawings without guaranteed approval of the use, was not feasible. The Site Plan application must meet surface drainage requirements, Section 9.5 Apartments, Townhouses and Condominiums, Landscaping and buffer regulations. Architectural drawings will be required by the Building Official and Fire Inspector prior to renovations or occupancy. Any signage would require a Sign Permit. All applicable federal, state, and local licenses, approvals and/or permits must be submitted to the Planning Department prior to occupancy.

13.) Any other matter relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation: Aftercare/Sober Living homes are critical parts of today's society, particularly with the opioid addiction crisis. There was an application for a similar request made for a property in the Downtown Historic District, that was denied based on location and density. For this particular request, the location, the intensity and prior history of the site is more compatible and compliant with the goals and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Based on the submitted information and the analysis above, staff recommends that the Planning Commission submit a recommendation of <u>Approval, contingent upon a successful rezoning to B-2, General Business District</u> to the Board of Adjustment for the lodging, boarding, rooming house Special Exception request due to the compatibility with the Zoning Ordinance.

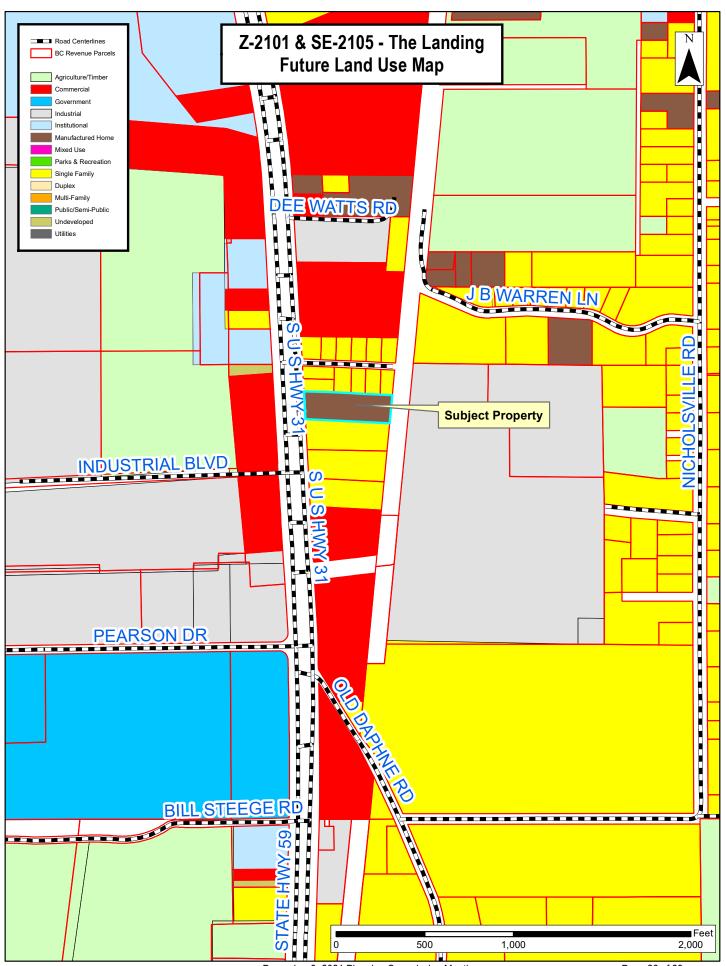
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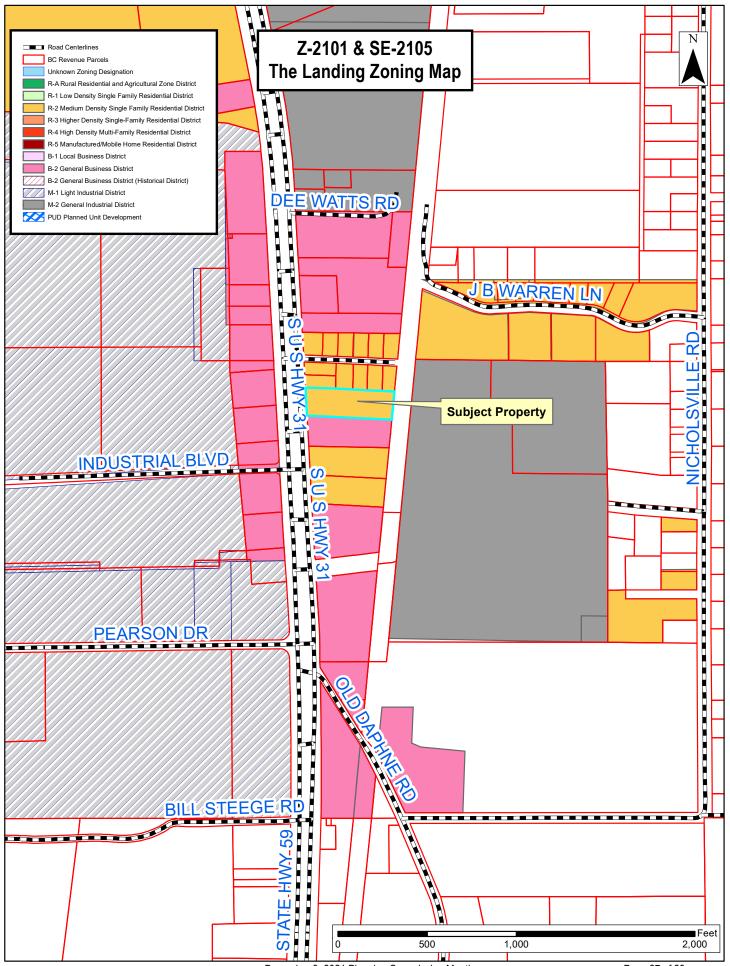
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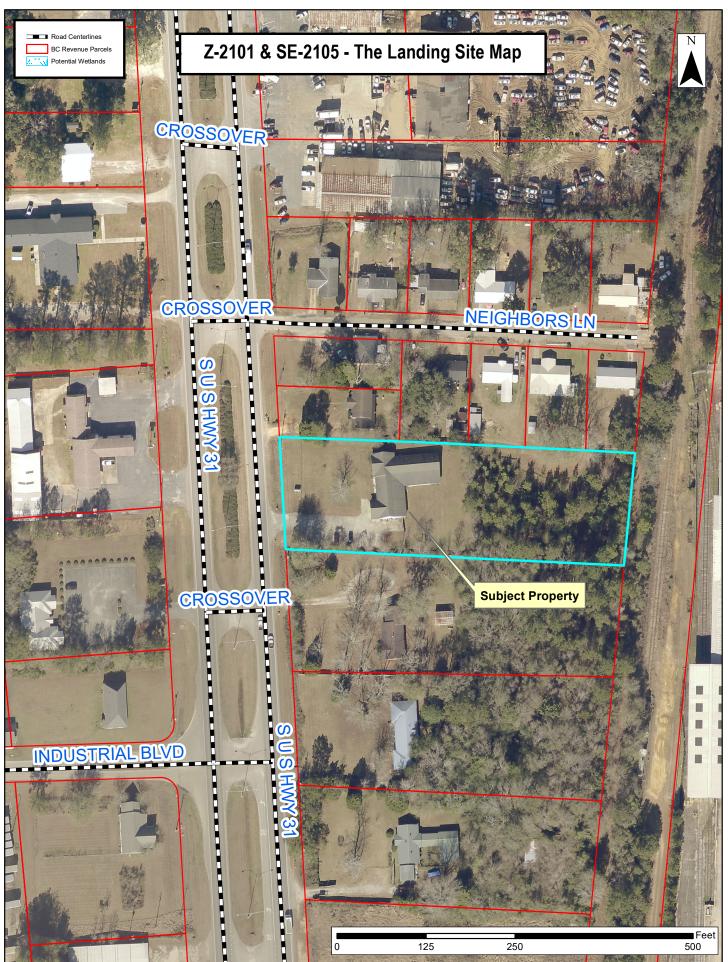
- Recommend Approval to the Board of Adjustment
- Recommend Approval with Conditions to the Board of Adjustment
- Recommend Denial to the Board of Adjustment, with stated factors for the denial

The Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on the Special Exception request, consider the Planning Commission and staff's recommendations, and make a final decision at that time. The BOA meeting and Public Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2022.

14.4.2.2 (f) Limitation on resubmission. An application for the same parecel of land shall not be submitted within 365 days of the final decision of the Board of Adjustment. Any application may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the opening of the hearing by the Board of Adjustment. All notices to withdraw shall be submitted in writing.







December 9, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting



Special Exception Application

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Phone (251) 580-1650 · COBM_ Planning@ci.bay-minette.al.us

Office Use Only

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Fee: \$250

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