

Community Development – Zoning Division

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ZONING CASE

SLUP-4-2024

SITE BACKGROUND

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Property Location Located on the south side of Oak Ridge Commerce Way, north of

Oak Ridge Road

Address 6694 Oak Ridge Commerce Way

Access to Property Oak Ridge Commerce Way

QUICK FACTS

Commission District 4-Sheffield

Current Zoning LI

Current Use of Property Industrial

Proposed Zoning SLUP

Proposed Use Used auto and truck sales

Future Land Use IC
Site Acreage 1.24
District 18

Land Lot 377, 378

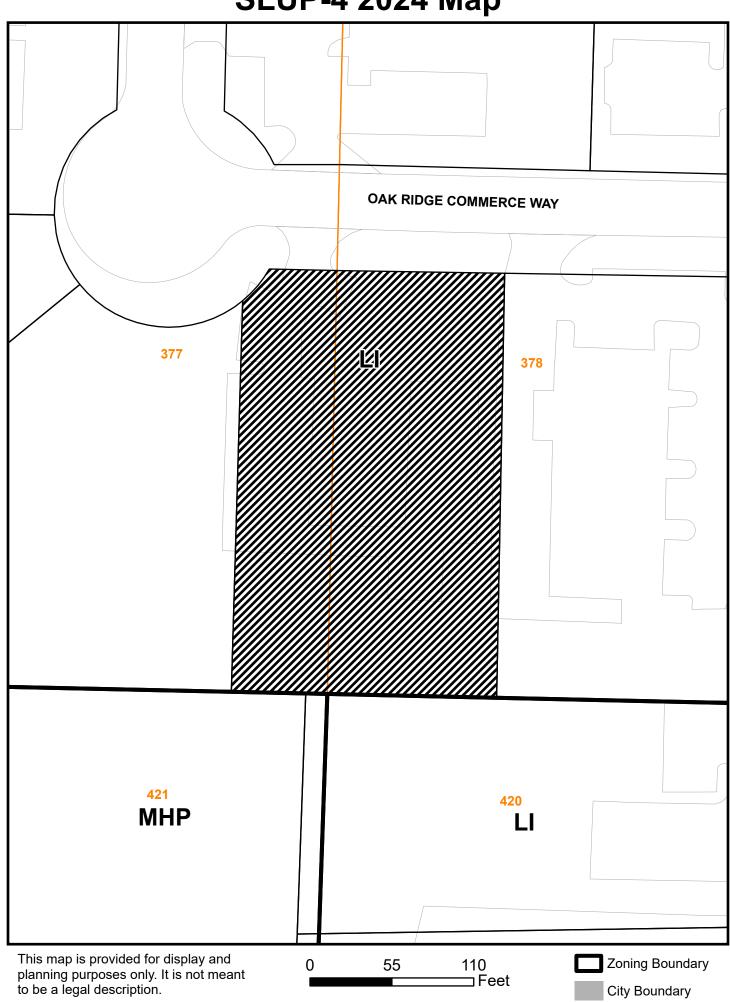
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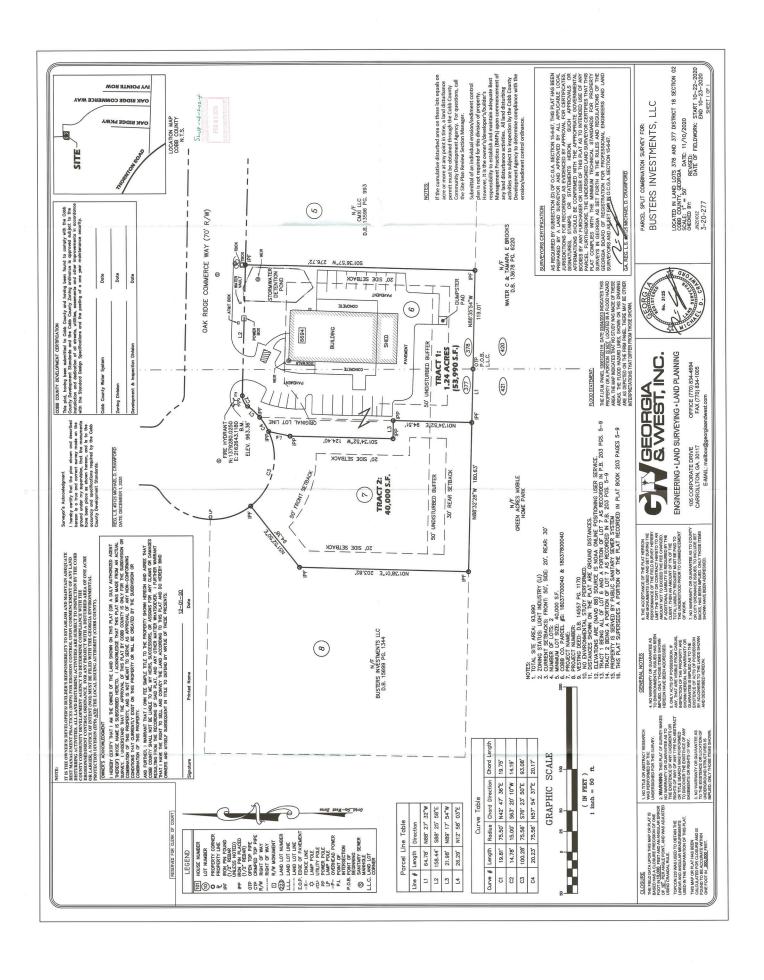
Taxes Paid No

FINAL ZONING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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SLUP-4 2024 Map

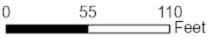




SLUP-4 2024 Aerial Map



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Zoning Boundary



I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This Application seeks a Special Land Use Permit ("SLUP") for automobile and truck sales and service facilities (used or pre-owned separate from a new car dealership) to allow the sale of vacuum trucks and equipment on an approximate 1.24-acre tract of land located on the south side of Oak Ridge Commerce Way near its cul-de-sac terminus.

The property ("Subject Property") is currently zoned in the Light Industrial ("LI") zoning classification and is situated within the confines of an Industrial designation on Cobb County's Future Land Use Map ("FLUM"). Oak Ridge Commerce Way and the parcels that are serviced by it is an approximately 114-acre industrial park which is comprised of industrial equipment sales and storage, manufacturing, construction and warehouse. The proposed vehicle sales use is permitted with a Special Land Use Permit within LI.

The plan for this proposal is for the Applicant, Vacutek, LLC to sell its specialized vacuum trucks from the subject property. The Applicant has a well-established rental and sales business and contracts with private business and local governments to provide truck-based vacuum systems. The actual need is to be classified as an autobroker for state licensing purposes. Presently, the state broker license is at an office location and the applicant wants the broker license to be allowed at the business location. There isn't going to be any change in the operation of the business and the request does not reflect additional parking of vehicles for sale on the property.

II. CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS

A. Whether or not there will be a significant adverse effect upon the neighborhood or area in which the proposed use will be located.

The Subject Property, consisting of an approximate 1.24 acres, is located at 6694 Oak Ridge Commerce Way in unincorporated Cobb County. The subject property is presently zoned LI and is surrounded by businesses which are typical of that nature. The only exception being a small portion of the southern property line which is zoned MHP and currently undeveloped. The proposed use is one of the less intense uses that could be allowed on the property. Therefore, the proposed automobile and truck sales and service facilities (used or pre-owned separate from a new car dealership) is consistent with uses on adjacent and nearby properties and will have no adverse impact upon them. The business currently has an automobile broker license at an office location separate from the business location. The requested land use permit will not change the operation of the business but simply allow the broker license to use the address of the main business.

B. Whether or not the use is otherwise compatible with the neighborhood.

The proposed automobile and truck sales facility will be a complimentary addition to the Applicant's current LI business. The proposed use and the Applicant's specialized sales business will generate less traffic than other possible uses. The proposed use of the Subject Property is compatible with the neighborhood.

C. Whether or not the use proposed will result in a nuisance as defined under state law.

The proposed use will not result in a nuisance, either public or private, as that term is defined by Georgia law. Any sales will be in an enclosed facility and will allow the Applicant to continue to utilize the remainder its parcel of land as intended.

D. Whether or not the quiet enjoyment of surrounding property will be adversely affected.

The proposed low intensity use of the Subject Property will not adversely affect the quiet enjoyment of surrounding properties. The surrounding properties consist of warehouse, shipping, industrial and undeveloped residential uses. The Applicant's current LI zoning and development will provide a use that has less impact on surrounding areas than other commercial or industrial uses.

E. Whether or not property values of surrounding property will be adversely affected.

The current proposal of a will be complimentary to the existing businesses in the Oak Ridge Commerce Way industrial park.

F. Whether or not adequate provisions are made for parking and traffic considerations.

The proposed use will meet Cobb County's parking ratio requirements. Parking and traffic considerations will be further discussed by Staff and the developer as part of the Plan Review process.

G. Whether or not the site or intensity of the use is appropriate.

The Subject Property is approximately 1.24 acres. Automobile and truck sales and service facilities (used or pre-owned separate from a new car dealership) and the Applicant's "business-to-business" sales model will be less intense than other permitted uses in the same zoning district. The size of the property is more than adequate to accommodate the proposed use.

H. Whether or not special or unique conditions overcome the Board of Commissioners' general presumption that residential neighborhoods should not allow non-compatible business uses.

The subject property is presently zoned LI and is surrounded by businesses which are typical of that nature. A small portion of the southern property line is zoned MHP and currently undeveloped.

I. Whether or not adequate provisions are made regarding the hours of operation.

The hours of operation will be typical for the nature of automobile and truck sales and service facilities (used or pre-owned separate from a new car dealership) businesses. The Applicant's business model consists primarily of business-to-business and contract sales.

J. Whether or not adequate controls and limits are placed on commercial and business deliveries.

Commercial deliveries to the Subject Property will be commensurate in number and type to the existing deliveries in the Oak Ridge Commerce Way industrial park. Oak Ridge Commerce Way can only be accessed via Oak Ridge Road and any deliveries will travel through the industrial park.

K. Whether or not adequate landscape plans are incorporated to ensure appropriate transition.

The existing landscaping provides more than adequate screening and buffering on the southern portion of the subject property. Landscaping is consistent with other businesses within the Oak Ridge Commerce Way industrial park. Further landscaping details will be subject to Staff and/or District Commissioner review during the Plan Review process.

L. Whether or not the public health, safety, welfare or moral concerns of the surrounding neighborhood will be adversely affected.

The proposed use will be comparable to the commercial uses in this area and will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or moral concerns of the surrounding neighborhood.

M. Whether the Application complies with any applicable specific requirement set forth in this chapter for a Special Land Use Permit for particular types of uses.

The application meets all of the requirements for a Special Land Use Permit pursuant to and in accordance with Sec. 134-37 and all required information has been supplied.

N. Whether the Applicant has provided sufficient information to allow a full consideration of all relevant factors.

The Applicant has addressed all issues required by law. Additionally, the Applicant remains available to respond to any questions or issues which may be raised during the review process or those raised by Cobb County's professional staff and Members of both the Planning Commission and/or Board of Commissioners.

III. PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Zoning Ordinance of Cobb County, Georgia, lacks adequate standards for the Board of County Commissioners to exercise its power to issue Special Land Use Permits. In essence, the standards are not sufficient to contain the discretion of the Board of Commissioners and to provide the Courts with a reasonable basis for judicial review. Because the stated standards (individually and collectively) are too vague and uncertain to provide reasonable guidance to the Board of Commissioners, the Zoning Ordinance violates the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States in matters of zoning. The Zoning Resolution also