

## KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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POSTPONEMENT(S): 3/9/2006 **AGENDA DATE: 4/13/2006** 

► APPLICANT: DANIEL J. WOODS

OWNER(S): DANIEL J. WOODS

TAX ID NUMBER: 169 029.01

JURISDICTION: County Commission District 5

► LOCATION: Southeast side of Early Rd, southwest of Choto Rd

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 17.65 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Southwest County

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Rural Area

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Early Rd., a local street with a pavement width of 13' to 14'

within a 40' wide right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: First Knox Utility District

Sewer Source: NA

ZONING:
A (Agricultural)

EXISTING LAND USE: One single family dwelling and vacant land

► PROPOSED USE: Private Heliport/Aircraft Landing Field

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND North: Single family residences / A agricultural

USE AND ZONING: South: Proposed subdivision / PR residential

East: Stone Henge Subdivision / A agricultural

West: Single family residences / A agricultural

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: This are of Early Rd. is developed with single family dwellings on lots that

are typically one acre in size or larger. The proposed site is located between the existing Stone Henge Subdivision and the recently approved Early Road

Subdivision proposed by S & E Properties.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

WITHDRAW as requested by the applicant

### **COMMENTS:**

Staff is recommending denial of this request because we believe that it will not be compatible with the surrounding residential character. The nearest residences to this site will be less than 300' from the proposed landing area. The operation of a helicopter creates a lot of noise. While a helicopter has the capability of vertical take off and landing, most helicopter approaches are made at a descending angle similar to an airplane. With this in mind, a helicopter operating from this location will be flying at a low altitude in close proximity to the residences in the area.

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### EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The heliport will have minimal impact on local services.
- 2. The proposed heliport is not consistent in use with the residential subdivision development in the area. The predominant use in the area is detached single family dwellings. The proposed landing area is less than 400' from the nearest existing dwelling. There are other lots in Stone Henge Subdivision that have not been built on as yet that will result in houses approximately 250' to 300' from the landing area.
- 3. Noise associated with the operation of a helicopter in close proximity to residences would not be compatible with the rural residential setting.

#### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX ZONING ORDINANCE

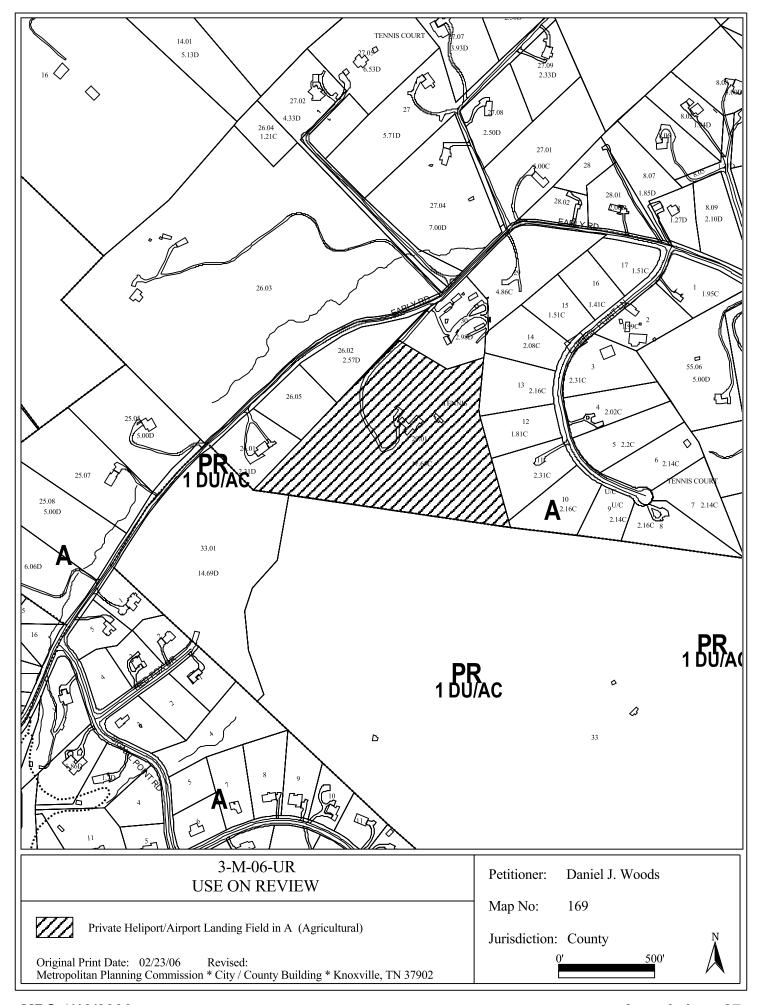
- 1. The proposed heliport is not believed to be consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review:
- A. The use is not in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed use would be an intrusion into a residential area
- B. The use is not compatible with the character of the neighborhood where it is proposed. As previously noted, the proposed heliport is not compatible in use with the surrounding area.
- C. Due to noise and potential safety issues, the use may injure the value of adjacent property.

### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

1. The Southwest County Sector Plan identifies this property for rural density residential use with a maximum density of 1 du/ac.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. The date of the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal an MPC decision in the County.

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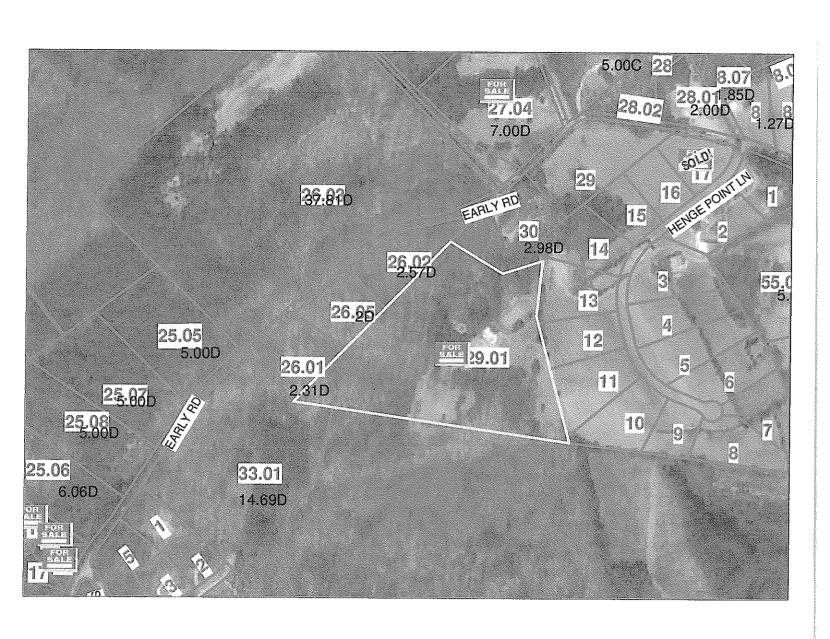
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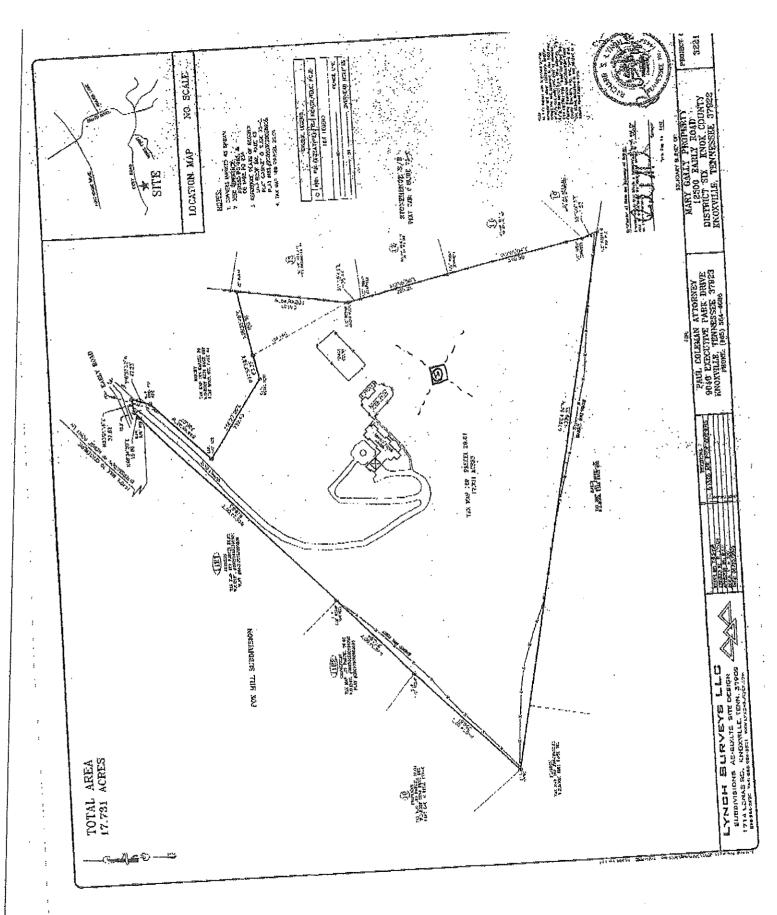
I have a Bell 47 helicopter that I would like to keep at my house. The house is on 17+ Acers at the top of a hill off of Early Road in the Choto area. My hope is to fly the helicopter 4 or 5 times a month. The nice thing about the 17 Acers is that a safe approach the landing area can be from almost any direction because it is the top of a hill. This landing area will be private for my use only. I will only use it during the daylight hours. The noise level of the Bell 47 is about the same as a garbage truck and the approach will take around 3 minutes.

Thank you reviewing this request and I look forward to your approval.

Daniel Woods 865-671-2828

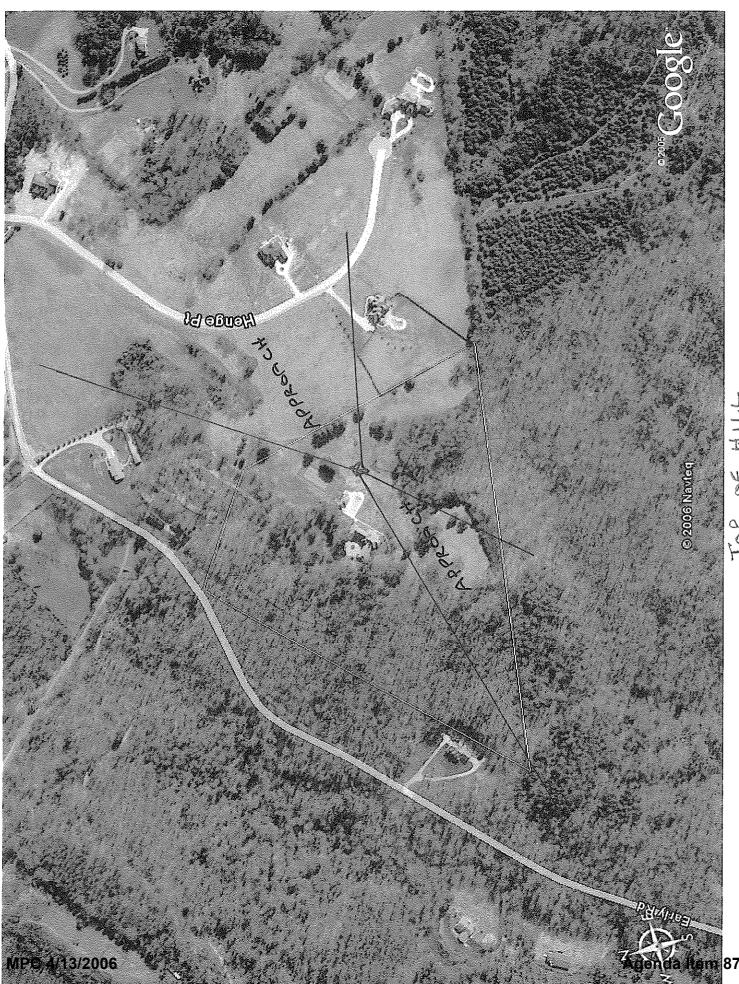


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# STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS DIVISION

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GERALD F. NICELY COMMISSIONER

PHIL BREDESEN
COVERNOR

February 3, 2006

Mr. Dan Woods 12128 Warrior Trail Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

RE: PRIVATE HELIPORT

Dear Mr. Woods:

Thank you for contacting our office about licensing of private heliports in the State of Tennessee. Pursuant to your request, please be advised that current Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, airport/heliport-licensing regulations do not require that private heliports be licensed by the State. There are certain restrictions on activities that can be conducted on private heliports, which are spelled out in our airport licensing standards. A copy of those standards is enclosed with this letter.

Furthermore, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that anyone establishing an heliport throughout the United States complete the form known as, "Notice of Landing Area Proposal" (FAA Form 7480-1). This form can be found on FAA's website: <a href="www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a>. In addition, they request that you attach a county road map, highlighting the proposed sited. Those items should be mailed to the following address:

Federal Aviation Administration Airports District Office 2862 Business Park Drive, Building G Memphis, TN 38118-1555

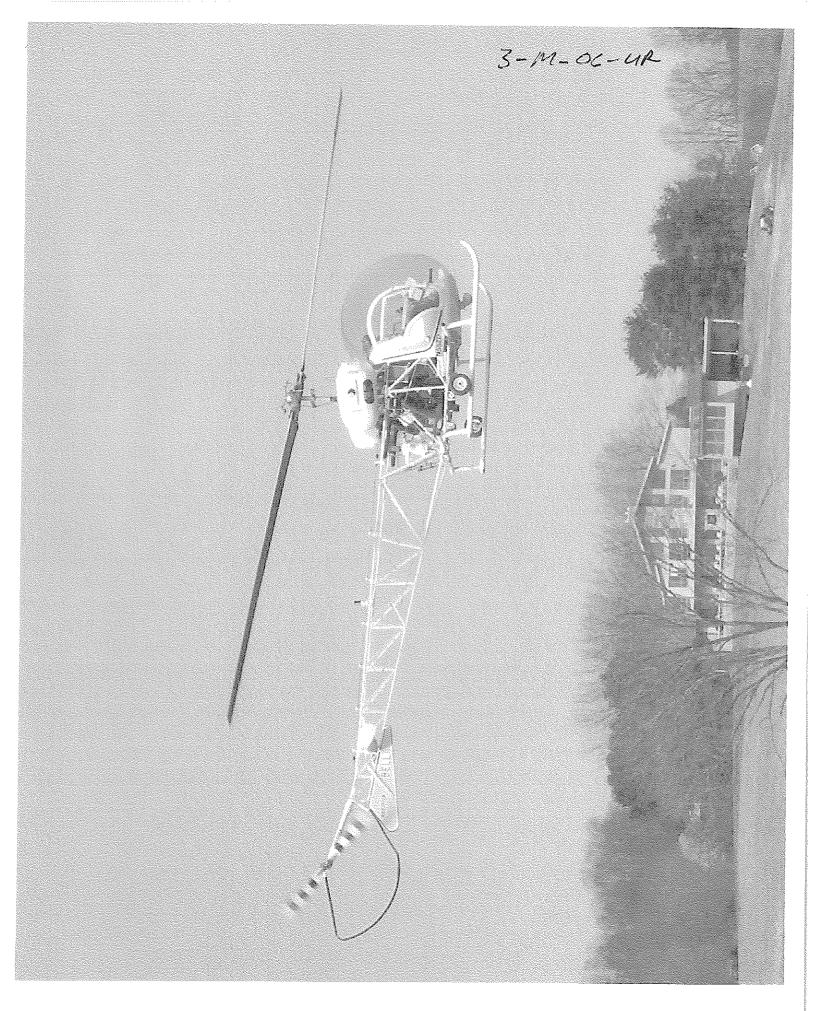
Be sure to indicate on the form that this will be a restricted use heliport. Finally, I would encourage you to check with your local county or city (if applicable) zoning commission for any regulations regarding this matter. Should you have any additional questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely

Transportation Planner III

Enclosures

Paul A. Perly



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