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[Planning Commission Comment] RE: Metro Trailer Repair Service - File Nos. 8-F-20-RZ & 8-B-20-RZ - Date of Meeting - 10.8.20

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Attached please find correspondence and attachments regarding the above-referenced matter.



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September 29, 2020

Commissioners Knoxville-Knox County Planning 400 Main Street, Suite 403 Knoxville, TN 37902 commission@knoxplanning.org

RE: Metro Trailer Repair Service

File Nos. 8-F-20-RZ and 8-B-20-RZ Date of Meeting: October 8, 2020

Dear Commissioners:

I represent the petitioner in this application, Metro Trailer Repair Service. Mr. Omer Kennedy owns Metro Trailer Repair and has retained me to represent his application for continued operations of Metro Trailer Repair for a plan amendment change to heavy industrial and a zoning change to Industrial. This application will come before you in the October MPC meeting and, because of the unusual nature of the zoning request, I would like to explain the need for the application.

Mr. Kennedy purchased the property approximately two (2) years ago and was under the impression that the property was zoned Commercial. Metro Trailer is run as a family owned and operated business. Recently Mr. Kennedy received a Notice of Violation indicating the property was zoned AG, but it looks like one-half commercial and one-half industrial. The codes enforcer considered the property a salvage yard and told Mr. Kennedy he must file for Industrial zoning,

which he did. Although there are tractors and trucks on the property, the primary market at the site is for sales and semi-tractor repair.

The Knox County, Tennessee Code of Ordinances, Article 4.40, cites the standards for automobile, wrecking, junk and salvage yards in similar uses. Section 4.40.01 indicates that

Because of the nature and character of their operations, automobile, wrecking and salvage yards, junk yards, and similar uses of land can have a decidedly detrimental effect upon surrounding properties. Salvage and wrecking yards tend to create problems of noise, dust, traffic and health hazards, and may adversely affect property values by their general appearance. The following standard shall be used as a guide in evaluating whether proposed land uses, such as those outlined above, will have properly minimized their objectionable characteristics:

- A. Location. Because of the tendency for salvage yards to promote the breeding of vermin, no such operation shall be permitted closer than three hundred (300) feet from any established residential zone.
- B. Screening. All outdoor storage of salvage and wreckage operations shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed opaque fence or wall excepting driveway areas from eight (8) to twelve (12) feet in height. Storage between the road or street in such fence or wall is expressly prohibited. Any fence or wall erected for screening purposes shall be properly painted or otherwise maintained in good condition.
- C. Off-street Parking. As regulated in Section 3.50, "off-street parking," of this resolution.

In an effort to inform the planners and the Planning Commission, the location meets the requirements of this ordinance. The screening is presently in place, but the owner agrees to erect a completely opaque screen, excepting driveway area, eight (8) to twelve (12) feet in height, such that it meets all the requirements of the screening ordinance if the Commission approves the application. Metro Trailer Repair is willing to increase the height of its fencing if the Planning Commission so requires. All off-street parking already meets Section 3.50 of the resolution.

There have been complaints about water quality downstream. Metro Trailers does not allow oil or mechanical fluids to seep into the ground water. Accordingly, stream samples were taken following significant rainfall in the recent past and, as you can see from the attached lab samples, no contamination, particulates or pollutants tested positive for the downstream water from the Metro Trailer site.

Importantly, every resident and business in the immediate (within ½ mile) and adjacent vicinity of Metro Trailers at 10426 Rutledge Pike, has signed to support the change in Sector Plan and changing the zoning to an Industrial zone for Metro Trailer's property. The reason is that the business has been established for some time and the community supports the business and supports maintaining the business growth with appropriate zoning. There have been no adverse effects to the neighbors and one of the two complainants has now expressed his support for the application. The other complainant lives more than one mile away from Metro Trailer and his residence is upstream from the Metro Trailer site. All signed petitions are attached to this letter and incorporated herein.

The staff recommendation is to deny General Commercial designation because it does not meet the criteria for sector plan amendments, is not compatible with the area and could cause adverse impacts for neighboring residential properties. Metro Trailer has taken care of these concerns by contacting all of the neighboring residential properties and the petition shows complete accord and support for the designation. You can see from a drive-by that the business is compatible with the area because it sits at the corner of Circle Road and Rutledge Pike within 4.2 acres. Even the neighbors down Circle Road are in support of maintaining the business because it is good for the community and does not cause adverse impact for neighboring residential or other properties.

Staff recommends denying the request for Industrial zoning because it is not consistent with the Northeast County Sector Plan designation or with surrounding development and because it could cause adverse impacts for neighboring residential properties. Metro Trailer Repair Service has no intention of causing any adverse impacts for neighboring residential or other properties as was noted in the previous paragraph. There is no surrounding development except subdivisions and residential single family dwellings. The two neighboring businesses signed the Petition in support of the application along with all residents in support of the GC designation and the Industrial zoning.

There are only two salvage companies in the Greater Knoxville and East Tennessee area that offer salvage parts. The breadth of customers seeking salvage semitruck parts from Metro Trailer Repair Service is wider than East Tennessee, but with only two salvage trailer repair services in the Greater East Tennessee area, this business fills a need and is not adverse to the surrounding residences, businesses and property owners at this location, as is shown from the signed Petitioners. Although Industrial zoning is required by Knox County Ordinance, the business now serves more as a commercial venue.

This business is located in the Northeast Planning Sector. It is a rural area and there are not impediments to the 10426 Rutledge Pike site that would stand in the way of the requested proposed plan amendment and zoning changes.

Metro Trailers respectfully requests the Planning Commission approve its request for a plan amendment and zoning change in order to allow Metro Trailers to continue to be an excellent asset to the business community, to Knox County, and to the Greater East Tennessee area.

Very truly yours,

HODGES, DOUGHTY & CARSON, PLLC

Wayne A. Kline

Attorney for Metro Trailer Repair Service

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<u>Customer Info</u>	
Date: 9/1/2020	
Client: Metro Trailer Repair - Melissa	

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To whom it concerns:

I agree that Metro Trailers should be able to have their property changed to Industrial as long as a privacy fence gets put up and the property stays cleaned up.

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[Planning Commission Comment] Fwd: Rezoning, case 8-B-20-SP

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Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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Commissioners,

Please find Mr. Devault's concerns regarding the rezoning case on Rutledge Pike (8-F-20-RZ/8-B-20-PA) below in his email.

Thank you, Michelle

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From: Henry DeVault < h.devault@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 11:35 AM Subject: Rezoning, case 8-B-20-SP

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My property is across Hwy. 11W from the planned rezoning at 10426 Rutledge Pike, Corryton Tn. 37721. We feel

That the eye sore junkyard has hurt the value of our property and the property of the surrounding neighborhood.

The people at the end of Circle road have improved and cleaned up their property and now find themselves facing a

Junk yard! The Branch that goes through the said property runs under the Hwy and down through our property. When heavy rain it deposits trash in our hayfield and the it runs on and empties into Flat Creek causing pollution.

We believe there are Federal Laws regarding junk yards that are not being considered.

Thank You,

Henry and MarieDeVault

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[Planning Commission Comment] Opposition to 8-F-20-RZ/8-B-20-PA

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Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 9:21 AM

Commissioners,

Mr. Henry Devault called to express his opposition to the rezoning at 10426 Rutledge Pike (case 8-F-20-RZ/8-B-20-PA). He lives near the property and is upset with the applicant's use of the property as a "junk yard" over the past year and believes it should not be allowed to operate in that capacity. Mr. Devault says the operation is an eye sore and would cause a decrease to surrounding property values if allowed to continue.

Thank you,

Michelle Portier, AICP Senior Planner 865.215.3821



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