

PLANNING STAFF REPORT
Zoning Map Amendment

SUMMARY:

Hearing Date: October 7, 2014 – Planning Board
November 17, 2014 – Board of Commissioners
Case Number: 11244
Applicant: Mark Armstrong
Property Owner: Jack and Ruth Gaye Ingram

Rezoning Proposal: Mark Armstrong, applicant, on behalf of Jack and Ruth Gaye Ingram, owner, is requesting approval of a zoning map amendment for a general use rezoning for one tract totaling 2.64 acres from RP, Residential Performance zoning district, to GB, General Business zoning district.

Property Record Number, Acreage, and Location: The subject property is located at 188 Hoover Road (SR 1569) in Hampstead, and may be further identified by Pender County PIN 3292-09-0359-0000. There is one tract associated with this request totaling 2.64 acres.

Staff Recommendation: The request complies with all criteria set forth in Article 3.3.8 of the *Pender County Unified Development Ordinance*. The request is not in conflict with the *2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan*. Staff respectfully recommends that the request be approved.

HISTORY:

The subject property was zoned R-20 prior to the adoption of the 2010 Unified Development Ordinance, at which point it was rezoned to RP, Residential Performance district.

DESCRIPTION:

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The subject property is located at 188 Hoover Road (SR 1569) in Hampstead, and may be further identified by Pender County PIN 3292-09-0359-0000. The tract is currently vacant.

The subject property meets the minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet and the minimum rezoning acreage requirement of one acre for the GB, General Business district. The tract is not located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The tract has direct access to Hoover Road (SR 1569) to the west and is approximately 640 feet from the intersection of Hoover Road (SR 1569) and US HWY 17 to the south. The subject property has access to Pender County Utilities water and has been issued a letter advising that wastewater generated by potential future development on this site will be accepted by Pluris Hampstead, LLC.

This is a general use rezoning which will encompass all uses permitted-by-right in the GB, General Business district as shown on the Permitted Use Table 5.2.3 of the *Pender County Unified Development Ordinance*. The GB, General Business district, is primarily intended to accommodate uses which require close access to major highways. The district is established to provide convenient locations for businesses which serve the needs of surrounding residents, including office, retail, and personal service uses.

PROJECT EVALUATION:

This zoning map amendment request has been evaluated for compliance with the *Pender County Unified Development Ordinance* and the *Pender County Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as well as the existing land uses and zoning classifications in the surrounding area.

- A. *Public Notifications:*** Public Notice of the proposal for map change has been advertised in the *Pender-Topsail Post and Voice*. Adjacent property owners have been given written notice of the request, and a sign has been placed on the subject property.
- B. *Existing Zoning:*** The adjacent property to the southeast is zoned GB, General Business district. All other adjacent properties are zoned RP, Residential Performance district.
- C. *Existing Land Use:*** The 1.72-acre parcel to the southeast is vacant. The seven other adjacent parcels contain single-family homes.
- D. *2010 Comprehensive Land Use Compliance:*** The *2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan* designates the subject property “Mixed Use.” The Mixed Use land classification designates locations where a mixture of higher density/intensity uses is to be encouraged. Mixed Use areas should be characterized by physically and aesthetically unified developments containing a mixture of commercial, office, institutional, and high- and medium-density residential uses, arranged in a walkable, compact, pedestrian, and transit friendly manner. The following goals and policies within this plan may be relevant to the proposed Zoning Map Amendment:
 - a. *Growth Management Goal IA.1:*** *Manage the physical growth and development of Pender County by promoting more intensive land uses in key locations identified for such growth while preserving and protecting the unique physical character and social assets of the predominant rural lifestyle and coastal environment that makes the County a unique place to live.*
 - i. *Policy IA.1.2*** *Encourage development in areas where the necessary infrastructure – roads, water, sewer, and schools - are available, planned or can be most cost effectively provided and extended to serve existing and future development.*
 - ii. *Policy IA.1.5:*** *The County supports a pro-business/pro-growth attitude, balanced by a concern for preserving the natural assets and quality of life factors that make the area attractive to visitors and permanent residents alike.*
- E. *Unified Development Ordinance Compliance:*** This is a general use rezoning, which will allow all uses permitted-by-right in the GB, General Business zoning district. The GB, General Business district is primarily intended to accommodate uses which require close access to major highways.

The district is established to provide convenient locations for businesses which serve the needs of surrounding residents, including office, retail, and personal service uses. (§ 4.9.1)

3.3.8 Review Criteria for Rezoning

The Planning Board and Board of Commissioners shall consider the following matters in considering a rezoning request:

- A. *Whether the range of uses permitted by the proposed change would be appropriate to the area concerned (including not being detrimental to the natural environment, not adversely affecting the health or safety of residents or workers in the area, not being detrimental to the use or development of adjacent property, and not materially or adversely affecting the character of the general neighborhood);*
- B. *Whether adequate public facilities/services (i.e., water, wastewater, roads) exist, are planned, or can be reasonably provided to serve the needs of any permitted uses likely to be constructed as a result of such change;*
- C. *Whether the proposed change is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and CAMA Land Use Plan or any other adopted land use document.*
- D. *Whether the proposed amendment is reasonable as it relates to the public interest.*

F. Summary and Administrator Recommendation: The application consists of a general use rezoning of one tract (2.64 acres total) from RP, Residential Performance district to GB, General Business district. As submitted, the application is in compliance with the standards of the Pender County Unified Developed Ordinance and is not in direct conflict of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Staff respectfully recommends approval for this general use rezoning.

Planning Board

Motion: _____ **Seconded:** _____

Approved: _____ **Denied:** _____ **Unanimous** _____

Williams: ___ McClammy: ___ Baker: ___ Boney: ___ Edens: ___ Marshburn: ___ Nalee: ___