



**CITY OF JONESBORO
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION**

Case Number CU-07-10 MAPC Deadline 07-17-07
Date Submitted 7/17/07 MAPC Meeting Date 08-14-07

OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Owner Cooper, Roy E., Jr. & Lee Anne Applicant Cooper, Roy E., Jr., & Lee Anne
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Lee Cooper *Lee Cooper*

PARCEL INFORMATION

Address/Location 2908 Day Drive
Current Zoning RI Existing Land Use Residential with Conditional Use (Horses)
Adjacent Zoning North RI East RI South RI West RI

REQUESTED CONDITIONAL USE

Describe the proposed use, explain why it is appropriate for this location, and describe any precautions to be taken to minimize adverse impacts on neighboring properties.

Christian Children's Ranch for abused and neglected children (peaceful)
It is appropriate for this multi-acred, wooded tract with horses and a barn,
because the area is isolated and will be near our home where we can
observe the progress of these children.

GENERAL SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

- Submit a narrative letter explaining your request along with ten (10) copies of an accurate site plan drawn at a scale that clearly illustrates the requested use, the subject property, and surrounding properties, streets and easements, etc.
- Provide confirmation receipts to our office that adjoining owners of all properties within 200' of subject property have been notified.
- Pay \$100.00 fee.

Through our involvement with foster children in our city, we have identified a great need in our community. A growing number of children in Jonesboro and the surrounding region are suffering abuse, neglect and abandonment. However, while this number is increasing, homes to provide shelter for these children are not. It is for these children that we feel God leading us to open a children's ranch on our property. We've named this ranch King's Ranch.

King's Ranch is a tax-exempt, non profit, non denominational Christian organization that is privately funded. Children, 12 years of age and younger, who have suffered abuse, neglect, or abandonment will be received at the ranch. Our goal is restore their childhood and to share with them and others the hope that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The ranch will be licensed by the Department of Human Resources.

We plan to start the ranch with one group home. The home will blend nicely into the rustic setting of our 60 acre ranch and will be 3000+ square feet in size. We will have a ranch office and play ground with plans for a learning center, a recreation center, and additional homes in the future.

Eight children will live in each ranch home with a quality Christian couple as house parents. These couples will give each child consistent love, discipline and direction. Individual counseling will be provided for the children by trained staff. In the future we hope to provide learning opportunities and educational services in the learning center. The ranch will provide a variety of recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, horseback riding, sports, and camping.

The children must be 12 years of age or younger at the time of acceptance, however, they may remain as long as necessary. The Ranch will not accept children with severe behavioral problems or problems that would affect the well being of the other children or the surrounding community. If possible, the successful restoration of each family will be our intention. Therefore, we plan to implement a parent training program to work closely with the parents of the children.

The Ranch will be funded by private donations from the community. We plan to have fundraisers on the Ranch premises. These fundraisers will be by invitation and will include but is not limited to Christian concerts performed in the indoor arena, cookouts, fishing tournaments, etc.

We feel that there are many children who, if given the opportunity, would be able to break the family cycle of poverty, drugs, and abuse, and become productive citizens in our community. In order to meet this need, we feel God's call to provide a safe environment where children are loved,

encouraged, disciplined and trained to promote mind, body, and spiritual development.