Compost Rezoning Meeting

(3-5-09)



Jonesboro City Council Members Jonesboro, AR 72401

March 5th, 2009

Re: Rezoning Appeal for Robert Sartin on Property Located at 2918 Casey Springs Road

To Whom It May Concern,

We are requesting your help in the rezoning of our property located at 2918 Casey Springs Road from R-1 to I-2 L.U.O., which was recently denied by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. We have filed an appeal with the City Council which will be hearing this issue soon.

Rachel Sartin and myself (Robert Sartin) had leased this property from Floyd and Virginia Wineland from 1982 until August 11, 1994, for the disposal of yard waste from the operation of our business, Sartin Services Complete Lawncare, Inc. We purchased this property from the Winelands on August 11, 1994, in order to secure a disposal site for our continued use as our business continued to grow.

This property has been used for a composting site before the mass annexation by the City of Jonesboro and had continued to be used for that purpose until on or about October 16, 2008, when the City of Jonesboro notified us that we were no longer permitted to bring in any form of waste or fill materials to this location until the property was rezoned. This has caused and continues to cause a financial burden and hardship on our company and we need to get this taken care of as quickly as possible.

It is our understanding that this property was "grandfathered" by the mass annexation and we would like to be allowed to immediately resume using this land as a composting site as we have done for the past 26 years.

We are hoping to be able to resolve this matter as amicably as possible and would greatly appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Robert Sartin, Owner

Sartin Services Lawncare & Nursery, Inc.

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Purpose for Rezoning:

- Seeking rezoning of current 2918 Casey Springs property from R-1 to I-2 L.U.O. zoning in order
 to complete future development of property for establishing an effective, efficient composting
 facility to help to provide locally produced mulches and soil amendments to be made available
 to the community.
- To further establish and reinforce our commitment to "Go Green" through the use of recycling and reusing previously discarded green waste materials.
- We fully intend to operate this facility in such a manner as to minimize the impact on the environment as well as maintaining the integrity of the existing neighborhood.

Purpose of a Composting Facility:

Composting-Maximizing the Benefits and Minimizing the Environmental Impact:

- Municipal waste composting has grown significantly over the last few years as many Local
 Authorities have begun to encourage separate green waste collection facilities; reducing the
 amount of biodegradable waste going into landfills.
- Our main goal is to give our community a better place to call home by working with City and County Officials by providing a proper composting facility for green waste materials such as trees, shrubbery, stumps, roots, leaves and grass.
- Composting is the breakdown of the organic fraction of waste materials (garden waste) by micro organisms in controlled conditions. A mixture of material can be used in the composting process. (Trees, grass, leaves, etc. are all organic materials that will easily decompose.)
- We hope this will also further aid in helping to stop some of the unauthorized dumping that goes on throughout the city and county.

Composting-Odor Control:

- We plan to follow all standard procedures for the management and operation of composting sites and guidance on various ways of operating that prevent or minimize nuisance odors.
- We have been composting at this site to some varying degree for the past 20 plus years and have not had a problem with odor or nuisance animals or vector.
- It is our full intention to leave all existing greenway areas between the homeowners and the current property being used in order to maintain a natural buffer between the abutting residential properties.
- We currently hold an active permit issued by the ADEQ (AR Dept. of Environmental Quality) and are regularly checked and following their quality control guidelines. Including but not limited to the quality control of potential water runoff. (Copy of Permit included.)

Addressing of Residents Concerns:

City Planner Otis Spiggs suggested several conditions be met in the event the rezoning request gain approval and we have been in agreement to those requirements.

- Many of the residents' concerns seem to be based on comparing the composting site with the previously existing City Landfill that they adjoin. They have been unable to distinguish the difference in the two and are not comparing apples to apples so to speak. The two facilities are 2 totally different types. Our facility would not be taking in or processing any type of hazardous waste material but strictly green waste ONLY.
- Concerns regarding additional traffic on Casey Springs Road but should not be a problem, however, we would continue to pursue the future plans of changing the main entryway from Casey Springs Road to a possible new entrance from an existing area off City Landfill property.
- We have further agreed to leave the full 16.48 acres of additional land as a natural greenway buffer between the current residential properties and the existing area previously used for disposing of green waste material.
- Future plans for the use of production machinery to be used during daytime hours only between the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm to avoid potential nuisance to surrounding neighbors.

While we do understand the concerns of the surrounding neighbors, many of which have chosen to make that their residence even with the previously active City Landfill as their neighbor, we feel it is still in the best interest and best use of the piece of property in question.

We would appreciate your giving this matter the due concern and attention that it needs in order that we may move forward with this rezoning. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your opinion on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Sartin, Owner

Sartin Services Lawncare & Nursery, Inc.

870-935-0357



January 10, 2008

Williams and Sartin Compost Site Attn: Mr. Robert J. Sartin 3703 S. Culberhouse Rd. Jonesboro, AR 72404

RE: Coverage under the General Permit for Williams and Sartin Compost Site

Permit Number: 0018-SCYW-MC AFIN: 16-00403 Document Identification # 44878; Reference Identifier: 35048

Dear Mr. Sartin:

Williams and Sartin Compost Facility is hereby granted coverage under the General Permit for the Operation of an existing Compost Facility located in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Permit tracking number 0018-SCYW-MC has been assigned to the facility. As per the calculated Closure Cost Estimate under the General Permit the facility should maintain financial assurance in the amount of \$25,000.00 in a mechanism in accordance with Chapter 14 of APC&EC Regulation 22.

Please note that compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit and the provisions of Regulation 22, and the submitted operations and design narratives and drawings (Reference Identifier: 35048) is required at all times. Please note the above reference numbers assigned to your facility. Use these numbers on all correspondence and submittals related to the facility. Please be reminded that periodic reporting is required by the general permit and that annual permit fees will be due in each calendar year hereafter. If you have any questions, please call Ali Dorobati at (501) 682-0603.

Sincerely,

Steve Martin; Chief, SWMD

Enclosures: General Permit for the Operation of a Solid Waste Compost Facility

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CC: Bryan Leamons, Engineer Supervisor, SWMD
Susan Speake, Programs Branch, SWMD
Harry Elliott, Enforcement Branch, SWMD
Jim Purvis, Fiscal Division, ADEQ
George Turner; Inspector, SWMD

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GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A MEDIUM CAPACITY YARD WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY ISSUED BY STATE OF ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



PERMIT NUMBER:

0000-CYW-MC

AUTHORITY:

In accordance with the provisions of The Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act (Act 237 of 1971), Ark. Code Ann. §§ 8-6-201 et seq. as amended, and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, Regulation No. 22, the Department has the authority to issue general permits for certain classes of solid waste processing facilities as defined in Section 22.102 of Regulation 22. The Department has chosen to permit medium capacity yard waste composting facilities using a general permit program.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

February 15, 2006

EXPIRATION DATE:

February 15, 2011

LIMITATIONS:

Owners or operators of yard waste composting facilities within the State of Arkansas who fail to make a written request to the Director to be covered by this general permit and/or submit the required documentation are not authorized to operate under the permit

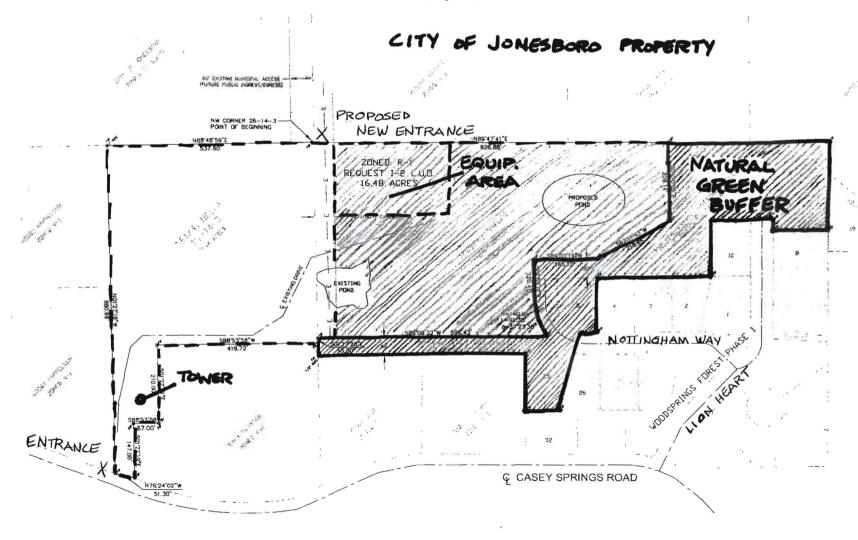
operate under the permit.

Signed this 15th day of February 2006.

Steve Martin, Chief

Solid Waste Management Division

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality



CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MCAUSTER ENGINEERING HAS THIS DATE MADE A BOUNDARY SURVEY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN COMPLANCE WITH THE ARKANSAS MINMUM STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY BOUNDARY SURVEY'S AND PLATS AND THAT ALL, PROPERTY LINES AND CORNER, MONUMENTS HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY ESTABLISHED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELLEF.

CLARENCE W. MCALISTER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1303

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OWNER'S CERTIFICATION .

WE MEREBY CERTIFY THAT ROBERT SARTIN AND RACHEL SARTIN AND R & R INVESTMENTS, LLC IS THE OWNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND THAT WE REQUEST THE ZONING CHANGE AS SHOWN HEREON.

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March 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been involved in the landscape and lawn care business in Jonesboro for 35 years. I leased a compost dumpsite from Robert Sartin in 1986 and 1987. However I was aware that Robert had been dumping at this site since 1982 or 1983. Robert was always very protective of this site, not to allow anything other than compost or hardfill to be dumped.

Sincerely,

Pope Lawn Care & Landscaping

Kelly D. Pope

Owner

solemnly state that I remember Robert Sartin having used the property in question at 2918 Casey Springs Road to dispose of excess green waste material, prior to the City Annexation dated December 4th, 1989.

The property was originally owned and leased from the deceased Mr. Floyd Wineland from 1982 until the purchase of said property in August 11th, 1994.

Signed:

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