



***City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission  
Staff Report – RZ 23-15, 3315 Willow Rd.  
300 S. Church Street/Municipal Center  
For Consideration by Planning Commission on October 10, 2023***

**REQUEST:** To consider a rezoning of one tract of land containing 8.8 +/- acres

**PURPOSE:** A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “R-1” single family medium density district to “I-1” limited industrial district

**APPLICANT:** Ted Dickey, 9125 I-30, Little Rock, AR, 72209

**OWNER:** Dean Lee, LLC, 2907 Woodthrush Cir. Jonesboro AR, 72401

**LOCATION:** 3315 Willow Road

**SITE**

**DESCRIPTION:** **Tract Size:** Approx. 8.8 Acres

**Street Frontage:** Approx. 488 ft. on Willow Road

**Existing Development:** Undeveloped

**SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:**

ZONE	LAND USE
North	R-1 – Residential
South	C-3 – Undeveloped
East	I-2 – Industrial
West	C-3 – Commercial

**HISTORY:** Property has never been developed.

## ZONING ANALYSIS:

*City Planning Staff has reviewed the proposed Zone Change and offers the following findings:*

### **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map:**

The Current/Future Land Use Map recommends this location as a **Low Intensity** Growth Sector. This property is also slightly located in the **High Intensity** Growth Sector.

**Low intensity** uses take place in areas where transportation arteries are fewer and services like sewer are more sparse. Additionally, many Jonesboro residents have moved to areas of low intensity development because they like it that way, so that one of the major intents of this sector is to preserve the more laid-back feel to residential life. As a result, limited commercial development, primarily at the crossroads of arterials and collectors, is allowed. Where commercial development is allowed, it should be of higher quality construction materials and design. Also, limits on hours of operation, lighting standards, screening from residential uses, etc. are appropriate.

### **Typical Land Uses:**

- Moderate to large lot single family residential developments Neighborhood markets
- Neighborhood convenience stores
- Neighborhood services (dry cleaners, carwashes, small banks) Senior Living Centers/Nursing Homes, etc.
- Stable

**Density:** Single Family Residential on 1/5 to 5 acre lots

**Height:** 40 feet

**Traffic:** Approximately 100 peak hour trips (Commercial Only)

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A wide range of land uses is appropriate in the **high intensity** zone, from multi-family to fast food to Class A office space to outdoor display/highway oriented businesses like automotive dealerships, because they will be located in areas where sewer service is readily available and transportation facilities are equipped to handle the traffic.

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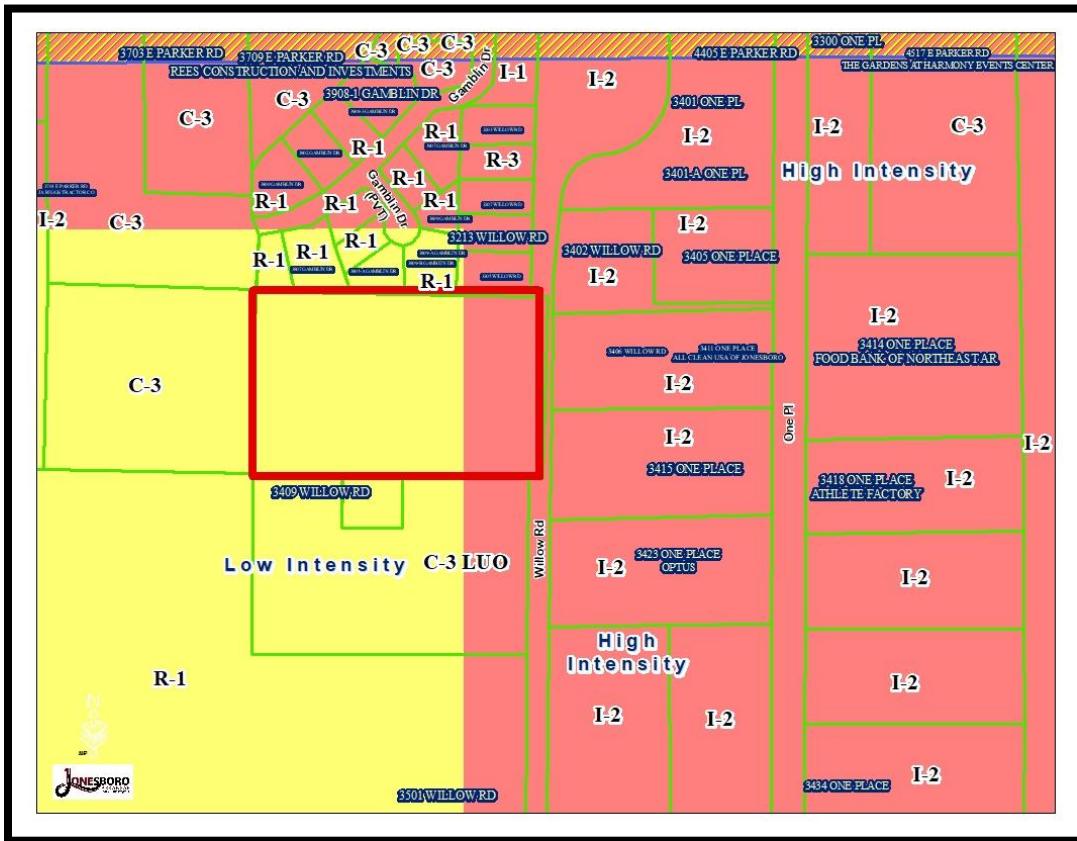
- Regional Shopping Centers
- Automotive Dealerships
- Outdoor Display Retail
- Fast Food Restaurants
- Multi-family
- Service Stations
- Commercial and Office
- Call Centers
- Research and Development
- Medical

- Banks
- Big Box Commercial
- Hotel

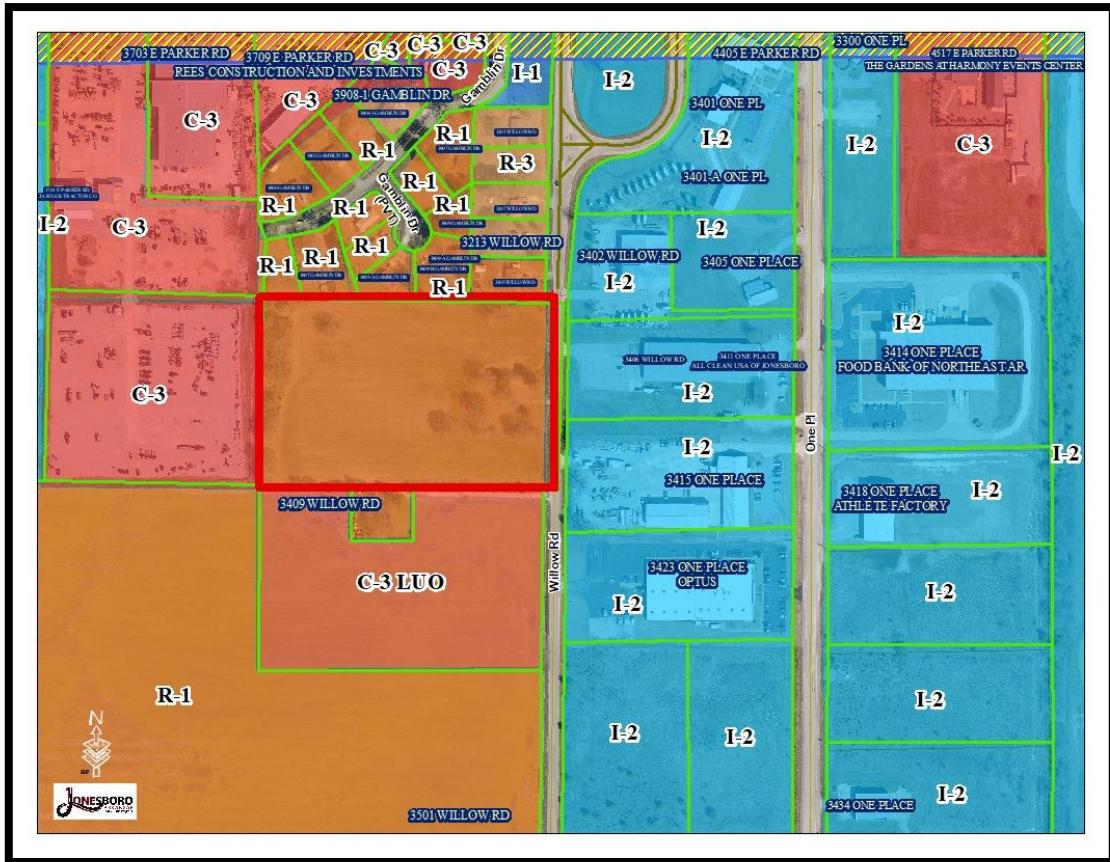
**Density:** Multi-family 8-14 Dwelling Units per acre

**Height:** 150 feet

**Traffic:** This will be located along arterial streets with high traffic volume.



*Land Use Map*



**Zoning Map**

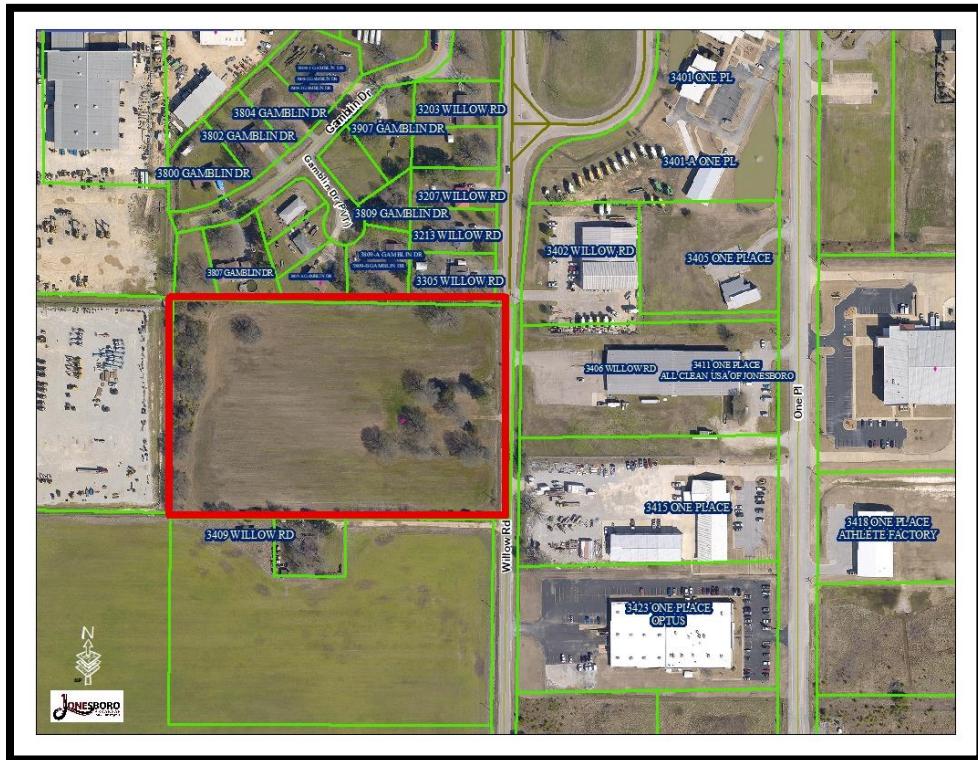
## **Master Street Plan/Transportation**

The subject property is served by Willow Road. The Master Street Plan classifies Willow Road as a **Minor Arterial**.

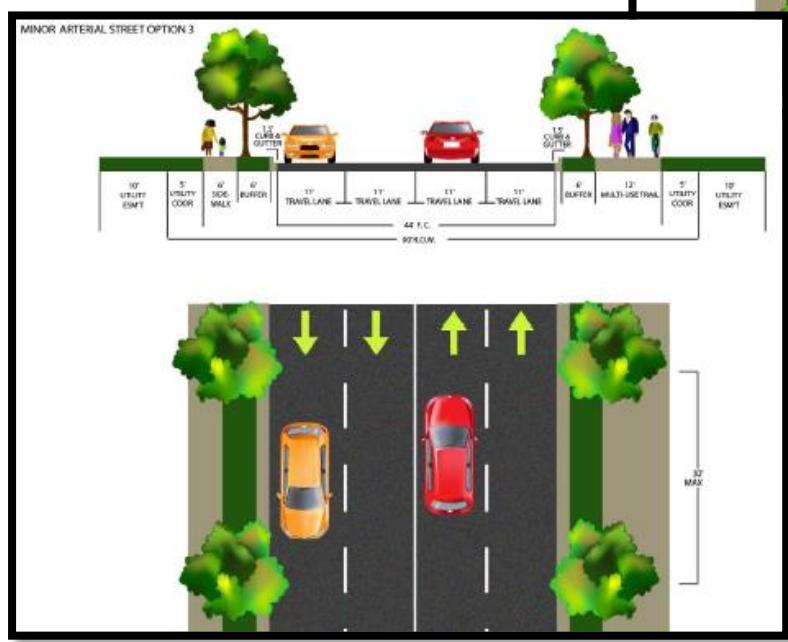
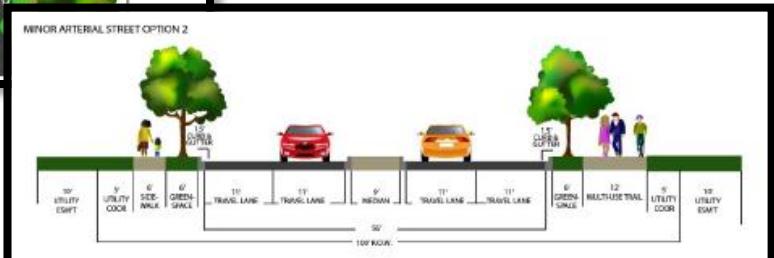
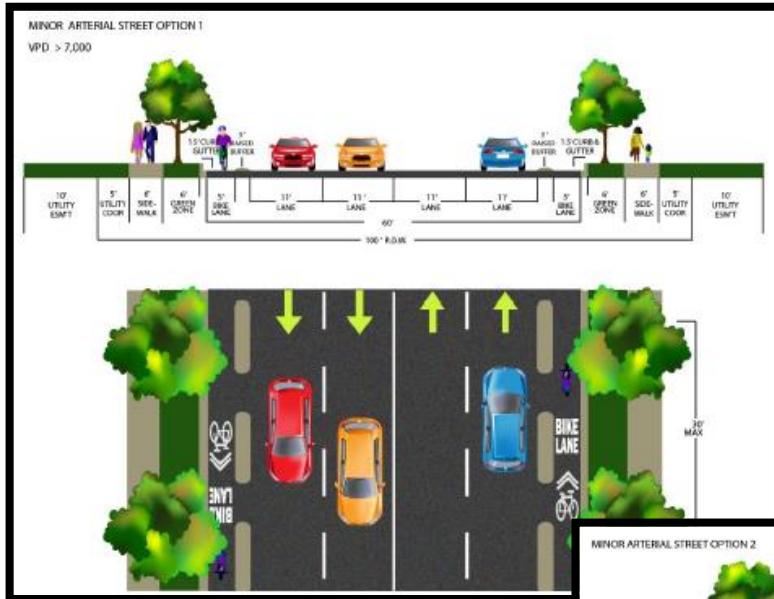
**Minor Arterials** function similarly to principal arterials, but operate under lower traffic volumes, serve trips of shorter distances, and provide a higher degree of property access than principal arterials.

**FUNCTION:** Minor Arterials provide the connections to and through an urban area. Their primary function is to provide short distance travel within the urbanized area. Since a Minor Arterial is a high volume road, a minimum of 4 travel lanes is required. At intersections with Collector Streets or other Arterials (principal or minor), additional right-of-way may be required if the anticipated turning movements warrant extra lanes.

**DESIGN:** Cross-section selection shall be based on anticipated traffic volume and speed limit, or traffic impact analysis, if applicable. Design in accordance with AASHTO policy on Geometric design of highways and streets (current edition).



## Minor Arterial



## **Approval Criteria- Chapter 117 - Amendments:**

The criteria for approval of a rezoning are set out below. Not all of the criteria must be given equal consideration by the MAPC or City Council in reaching a decision. The criteria to be considered shall include, but not be limited to the following.

Criteria	Explanations and Findings	Comply Y/N
<b>(a) Consistency of the proposal with the Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map</b>	The proposed district rezoning is consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan. Property is located in both the high and low intensity growth sectors.	
<b>(b) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of Chapter 117-Zoning.</b>	The proposal will achieve consistency with the purpose of Chapter 117, with compliance of all District standards.	
<b>(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.</b>	Compatibility is achieved with this rezoning considering the surrounding area includes industrial zones and uses.	
<b>(d) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment;</b>	Without the proposed zoning map amendment, this property cannot develop as an industrial use.	
<b>(e) Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property;</b>	With proper planning there should not be any adverse effects caused by the property if rezoned to residential.	
<b>(f) Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets, drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services</b>	Minimal impact if rezoned due to the fact that commercial and industrial uses currently exist in this area.	

## **Staff Findings:**

### **Applicant's Purpose**

The proposed area is currently classified as “R-1” single family medium density district. The applicant is applying for a rezoning to allow industrial uses at this location.

Rezoning this property is consistent with the *Jonesboro Comprehensive Plan* and the *Future Land Use Plan*.

### **Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ordinances/Zoning defines I-1 as follows:**

*I-1, limited industrial district.* This district is to accommodate freight terminals, warehousing, wholesaling, packaging, storage, fabrication, display and such limited manufacturing as does not create a nuisance for residential and commercial neighbors. Certain commercial uses are also permitted. Suitable transportation facilities are a necessity to this district.

### **Departmental/Agency Reviews:**

The following departments and agencies were contacted for review and comments. Note that this table will be updated at the hearing due to reporting information that will be updated in the coming days:

Department/Agency	Reports/ Comments	Status
Engineering	No issues were reported	
Streets/Sanitation	No issues were reported	
Police	No issues were reported	
Fire Department	No issues were reported	
MPO	No issues were reported	
Jets	No issues were reported	
Utility Companies	No issues were reported	CWL
Code Enforcement	No issues were reported	

**Conclusion:**

The Planning Department Staff finds that the requested zone change submitted for the subject parcel should be evaluated based on the above observations and criteria of Case RZ 23-15 a request to rezone property “R-1” single family medium density district to “I-1” limited industrial district; the following conditions are recommended:

1. The proposed site shall satisfy all requirements of the City Engineer, all requirements of the current Stormwater Drainage Design Manual and Flood Plain Regulations regarding any new construction.
2. A final site plan subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Planning Department, prior to any redevelopment of the property.
3. Any change of use shall be subject to Planning Department approval in the future.

Respectfully Submitted for Planning Commission Consideration,  
The Planning and Zoning Department

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**Sample Motion:**

I move that we place Case: RZ 23-15 on the floor for consideration of recommendation by MAPC to the City Council with the noted conditions, and we, the MAPC find that to rezone property from “R-1” single family medium density district to “I-1” limited industrial district will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.

## Rezoning Signs



