

City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

Staff Report – RZ 26-11

300 S. Church Street/Municipal Center

For Consideration by Planning Commission on July 14, 2026

REQUEST: To consider a rezoning of 1400 Southern Ridge Blvd (Parcel #01-143364-00200)

PURPOSE: A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “R-1”, single family moderate intensity district, to “C-3 LUO”

APPLICANT: Fisher Arnold Inc

LOCATION: 1400 Southern Ridge Blvd

SITE

DESCRIPTION: **Total Size:** Approx. 7.56 Acre- 329,367 S.F.
Street Frontage: Approx. 675 ft along Southern Ridge Blvd

Existing Development: Circa 2002, and 2003 this site was designed and approved as a subdivision.

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

ZONE	LAND USE
North	R-1 – Residential
South	C-3 LUO
East	R-1 Vacant Land
West	PD-M

HISTORY:

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 **Moderate Intensity Residential**.

Moderate Intensity:

A wider mix of land uses is appropriate in the moderate intensity sectors. Control of traffic is probably the most important consideration in this sector. Additionally, good building design, use of quality construction materials, and more abundant landscaping are important considerations in what is approved, more so than the particular use. Limits on hours of operation, lighting standards, screening from residential uses, etc. may be appropriate. Consideration should be given to appropriate locations of transit stops.

Typical Land Uses:

- Single Family Residential
- Attached Single Family, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes
- Neighborhood retail, Neighborhood services
- Office parks
- Smaller medical offices
- Libraries, schools, other public facilities
- Senior living centers/nursing homes, etc.
- Community-serving retail
- Small supermarket
- Convenience store
- Bank
- Barber/beauty shop
- Farmer's Market
- Pocket Park

Density: 1/5 to 1/3 acre lots for Single Family

Height: 4 stories

Traffic: Approximately 300 peak hour trips (Commercial Only)



Land Use Map

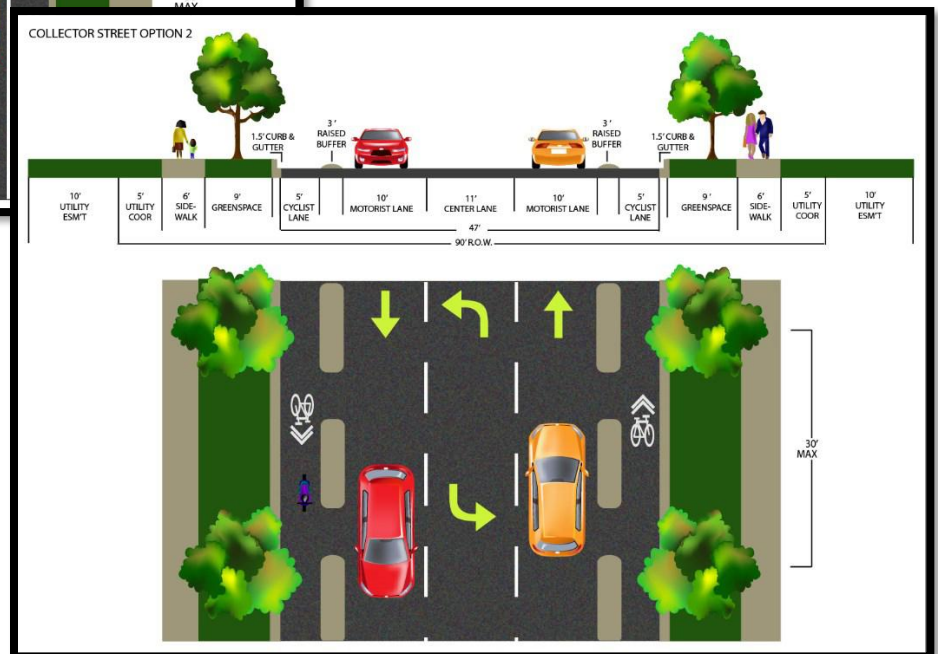
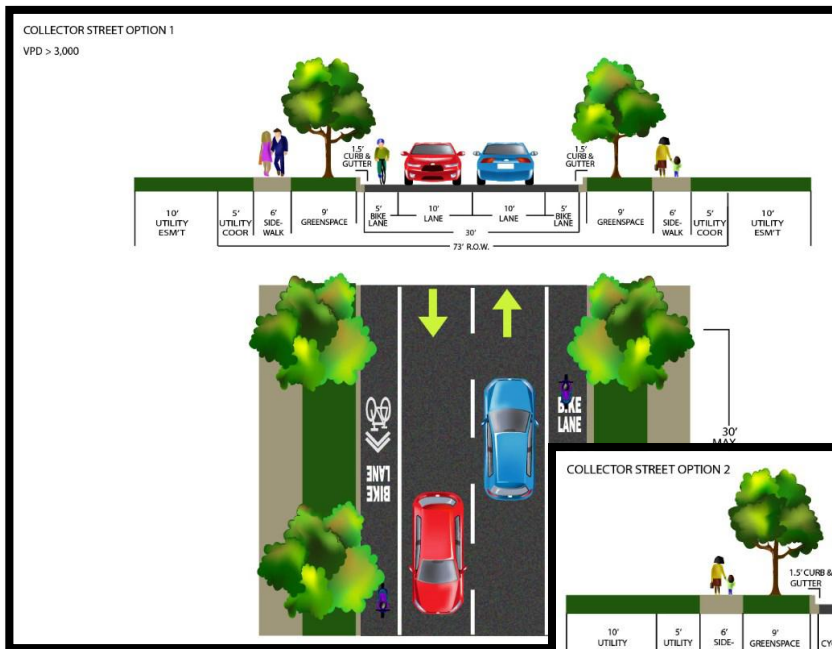
Master Street Plan/Transportation

The subject property will be served by Southern Ridge Blvd. The Master Street Plan classifies Southern Ridge Blvd as Collector St

Collectors provide for traffic movement between arterials and local streets. They carry moderate traffic volumes over moderate distances and have a higher degree of property access than arterials.

FUNCTION: A Collector Street is the traffic connection from Local Streets to Arterials, with the secondary function of providing access to adjoining property. The Collector system should not be continuous but should direct traffic to Arterials. This class of road is generally at a spacing of a quarter mile. At the time of the subdivision, the exact location and additional need for Collectors will be determined by the MAPC upon advice of the City Staff.

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).



Approval Criteria- Chapter 117 - Amendments:

The criteria for approval of a rezoning are set out below. Not all 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
(a) Consistency of the proposal with the Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map	The proposed district rezoning is consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan. This property is in the Moderate Intensity growth sector.	
(b) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of Chapter 117-Zoning.	The proposal will achieve consistency with the purpose of Chapter 117, with compliance with all District standards.	
(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.	Compatibility is achieved with this rezoning considering the surrounding area includes residential zoning and uses.	
(d) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment;	Without the proposed zoning map amendment, this property cannot develop as Limited Use overlay.	
(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;	With proper planning there should not be any adverse effects caused by the property.	
(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	Minimal impact if rezoned because the area is already equipped to handle residential uses.	

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 C-3 Limited Use Overlay

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 C-3 LUO as follows:

LU-O—Limited use overlay district.

(1)*Purpose.* By providing for flexible use of property development standards tailored to individual projects or specific properties, the LU-O district is intended to:

- a. Ensure compatibility among incompatible or potentially incompatible land uses;
- b. Ease the transition from one zoning district to another;
- c. Address sites or land uses with special requirements; and
- d. Guide development in unusual situations or unique circumstances.

(2)

Use and property development standards. When accompanied by a rezoning request from the property owner, the LU-O district can be used to restrict the use and property development standards of an underlying base zoning district, as applied to specific parcels of land. All LU-O requirements are in addition to, and supplement all other applicable standards and requirements of the underlying zoning district. Restrictions and conditions imposed by an LU-O district are limited to the following:

- a. Prohibiting otherwise permitted or conditional uses and accessory uses or making a permitted use a conditional use;
- b. Decreasing the number or density of dwelling units that may be constructed on the site;
- c. Limiting the size of nonresidential buildings that may be placed on a site;
- d. Increasing minimum lot size or lot width;
- e. Increasing minimum yard and setback requirements; and
- f. Restricting access to abutting properties and nearby roads.

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	
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-26- ; a request to rezone property “R-1”, single family Residential district, to “C-3 Limited Use Overlay”. 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.
4. The site shall comply with all overlay district standards.

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

Sample Motion:

I move that we place Case: RZ 26- 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 residential, to “C-3 LUO” , will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.