

City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Staff Report – RZ 25-09, 4700 Industrial Drive
300 S. Church Street/Municipal Center
For Consideration by Planning Commission on June 10, 2025

REQUEST: To consider a rezoning of one tract of land containing 4.97 +/- acres

PURPOSE: A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “R-1”, single family medium density district, to “I-2”, general industrial district.

APPLICANT: McAlister Engineering, 4508 Stadium Blvd. Ste. D, Jonesboro, AR 72404

OWNER: Dale Koehn, 1533 CR 604, Jonesboro, AR 72404

LOCATION: 4700 Industrial Drive

SITE DESCRIPTION: **Total Size:** Approx. 4.97 acres
Street Frontage: Approx. 323 feet on Industrial Drive

Existing Development: Vacant house and shop building.

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

ZONE	LAND USE
North	R-1 – Vacant Residential
South	R-1 – Vacant Residential
East	R-1 – Vacant Residential
West	R-1 – Residential and Welding Shop

HISTORY: Previously used as residential. The site has been vacant for approximately a year.

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 **Rural Intensity** Growth Sector.

Rural Intensity:

Rural land uses are extremely low intensity uses that happen in areas that have traditionally been devoted to agriculture. These areas typically do not have sewer. In much of the area designated rural, flooding is a distinct possibility. Even though individual properties can be brought into conformation with flood-prevention standards to allow construction, limited development is still advisable.

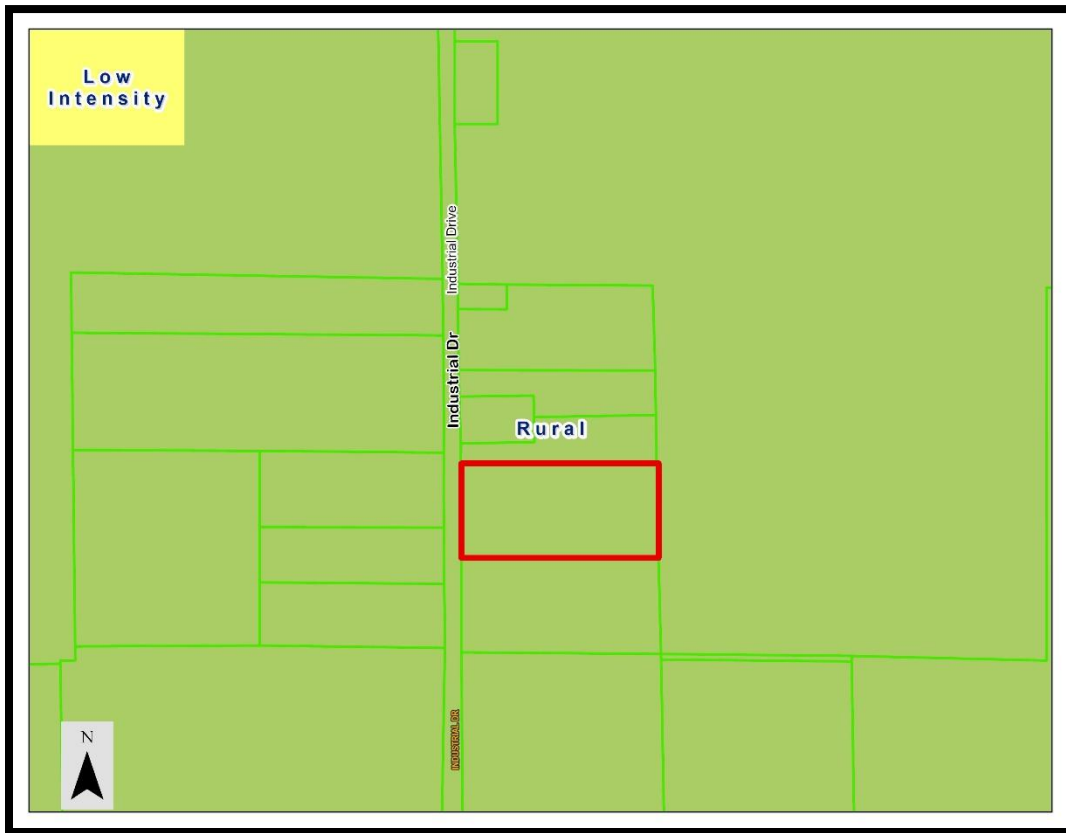
At some of the rural crossroads, very small-scale businesses such as convenience stores may be allowed to serve the needs of the surrounding residents. Additionally, commercial businesses serving agricultural needs may be allowed at the crossroads. The intent is to prevent highway-oriented strip development even in these rural areas.

Typical Land Uses:

- Large lot single family residential
- Commercial businesses serving agricultural needs
- Small retail to meet needs of local residents
- Convenience store/gas station (at intersections of Collector and above)
- Neighborhood Markets
- Open Space
- Agricultural (Crop/animal)
- Stable or kennel
- Churches
- Institutional (wastewater treatment plants, sludge ponds, water towers, landing strips, cell towers, drainage ways)

Density: Single Family Residential on > 5 acre lots





Land Use Map



Zoning Map

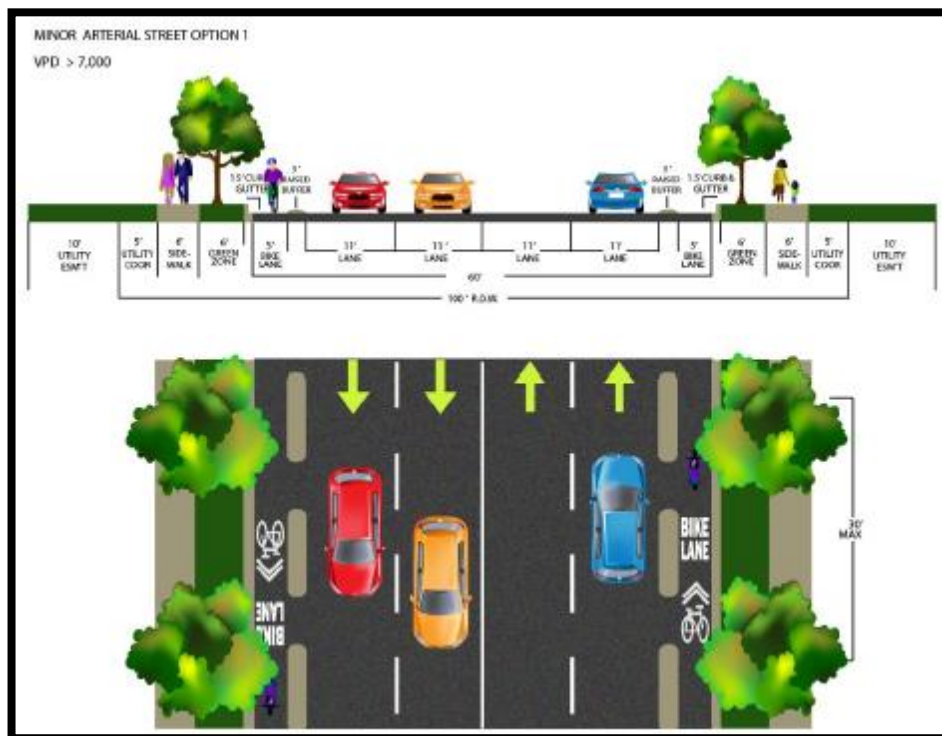
Master Street Plan/Transportation

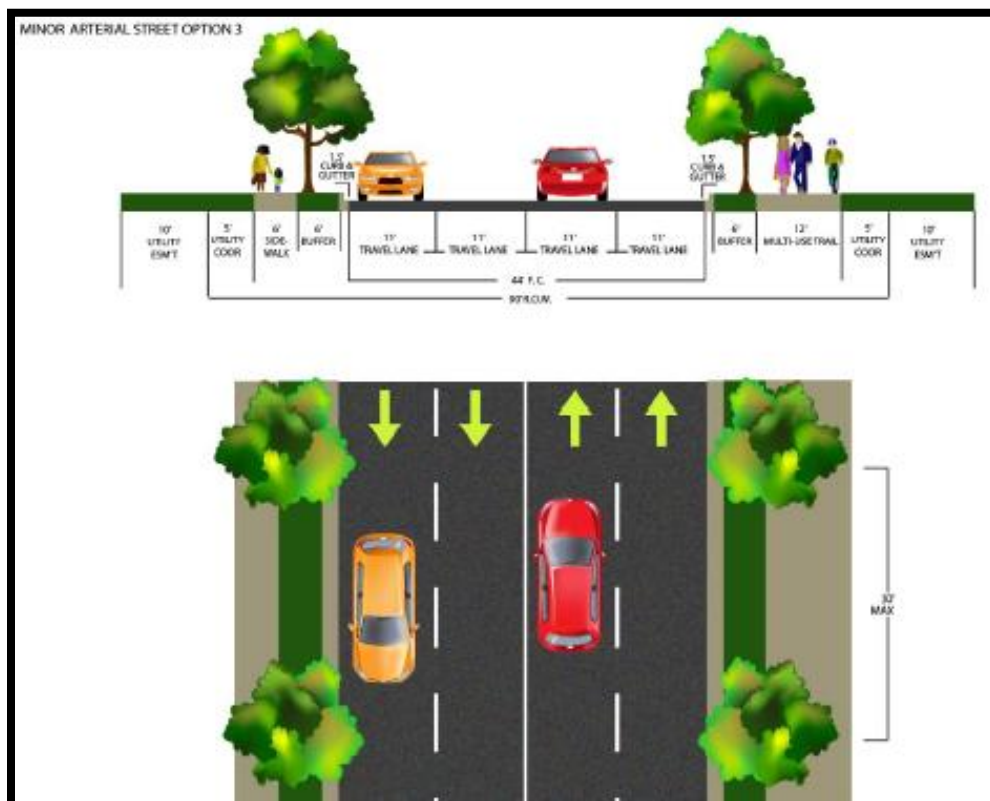
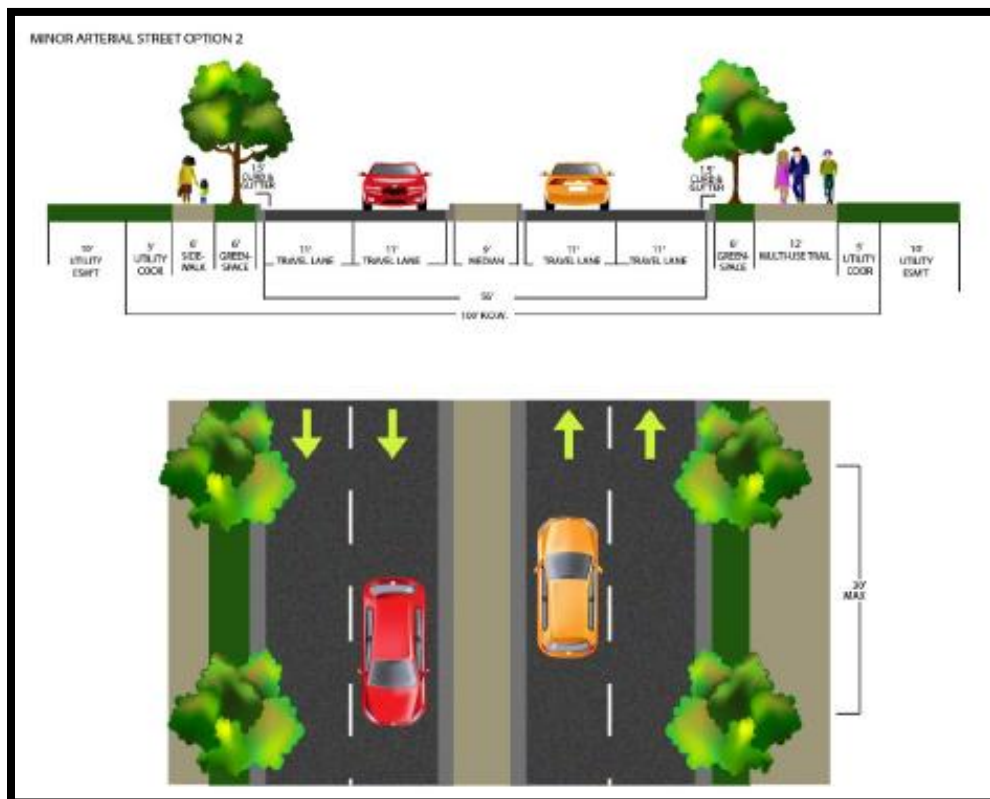
The subject property will be served by Industrial Drive. The Master Street Plan classifies this road as a Minor Arterial.

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).





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 not consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan. The current zoning is not consistent with the Land Use plan either. This property is in the rural 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 of all District standards.	
(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.	Compatibility is not achieved with this rezoning considering the surrounding area is residential zoning.	
(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 an industrial use.	
(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.	

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 use at this location.

Rezoning this property is not consistent with the *Jonesboro Comprehensive Plan* and the *Future Land Use Plan*.

Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ordinances/Zoning defines I-2 as follows:

I-2, general industrial district. This district is intended for the more intensive industries and those manufacturing facilities making products from raw materials. Regulations are the minimum for mutual protection between industries. Rail service is typically necessary, as is adequate highway access.

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 25-09; a request to rezone property “R-1”, single family medium density district, to “I-2” general 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

Sample Motion:

I move that we place Case: RZ 25-09 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-2” general industrial district, will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.