



**AUGUST 10, 2017**

**9964 HIGHWAY 144**

## ZONE CHANGE

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| <b>From:</b> EX-1 Coal Mining                   |
| <b>To:</b> A-U Urban Agriculture                |
| <b>Proposed Use:</b> Residential & Agricultural |
| <b>Acreage:</b> 86.25 acres                     |
| <b>Applicant:</b> Frances Meserve (1708.2015)   |
| <b>Surrounding Zoning Classifications:</b>      |
| <b>North:</b> R-1A & A-R <b>South:</b> EX-1     |
| <b>East:</b> A-R & EX-1 <b>West:</b> A-U & EX-1 |

## Proposed Zone & Land Use Plan

The applicant is seeking an A-U Urban Agriculture zone. The subject property is located in a Rural Maintenance Plan Area, where rural farm residential land uses are appropriate in general locations.

## SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA

**(a) Large Tracts with agricultural potential** – Each dwelling should be located on a separate, large tract that has potential for productive agricultural use.

**(b) Access to existing public road via private drive** – Each dwelling/tract should have access to an existing public road; public roads should not be created or extended to provide access. Access should be provided via private drives. No more than two dwellings/tracts should share a single private drive where it connects with a public road.

## Planning Staff Review

### GENERAL LAND USE CRITERIA

#### Environment

- It appears that the subject property is not located in a wetlands area per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service dated March 6, 1990.
- The subject property is partially located in a special flood hazard area per FIRM Map 21059CO170D.
- It appears that the property is not designated as prime agricultural farmland per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service map dated March 1980.
- The developer is responsible for obtaining permits from the Division of Water, The Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA, the EPA, the OMPC building/electrical/HVAC division or other state and federal agencies as may be applicable.

#### Urban Services

Electricity, water and natural gas are existing to the subject property. Sanitary sewage disposal will be accomplished by an on-site septic system.

#### Development Patterns

The subject property is an 86.25 acre tract with more than 1400 feet of frontage on Highway 144. The property contains one single family residence and three accessory

structures and was previously used for coal mining. Land uses in the vicinity include rural residential, agricultural and coal mining.

OMPC records indicate that this property was rezoned for coal mining purposes in 1978. According to the applicant's findings, mining activity has ceased and the site is ready to revert to the original zoning classification.

Any future changes to the property would have to comply with applicable portions of the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, as well as obtain any necessary permits, if required.

## SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA

The applicant's proposal is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The subject property is an 86.25 acre tract and the applicant proposes rural farm residential land uses on the property. The subject property has access to Highway 144 with no new streets proposed. Mining activity has ceased on the property and it is ready to revert back to its original zoning classification.

## Planning Staff Recommendations

The planning staff recommends approval subject to the findings of fact that follow:

### Findings of Fact:

1. Staff recommends approval because the proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted Comprehensive Plan;
2. The subject property is located in a Rural Maintenance Plan Area where rural farm residential land uses are appropriate in general locations;
3. The subject property is a single tract of 86.25 acres;
4. The subject property has access to Highway 144;
5. Mining activity has ceased on the property and it is ready to revert back to its original zoning classification; and
6. The Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance Article 12a.31 requires that property shall revert to its original zoning classification after mining.