

## STAFF REPORT

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**HEARINGS:** Planning & Zoning Commission: January 9, 2023  
Board of County Commissioners: February 14, 2023

**APPLICANT:** David Kerns

**FILE NUMBER:** H-22-82

**REQUEST:** Rezoning from R1-C (Residential) to AR-2 (Agricultural/Residential-2)

**GENERAL LOCATION:** West side of the Southern Terminus of Slingshot Drive

**PARCEL KEY:** 25546

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### APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

The petitioner is requesting a rezoning of his property from R-1C to AR-2 to allow for a greater range of housing choices, farming, and personal livestock on the property.

### SITE CHARACTERISTICS:

**Site Size:** 1.4 acres

**Surrounding Zoning & Land Uses:**

North:	R-1C (Residential), undeveloped
South:	AG (Agricultural), undeveloped
East:	R-1C (Residential), Residence
West:	R-1C (Residential), undeveloped

**Current Zoning:** R-1C

**Future Land Use Map Designation:** Rural

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

**Soil Type:** Eaugallie Fine Sand

- Protection Features:** The property is west of the Florida West Aggregates mine and falls within its 500-foot Special Protection Area (SPA) buffer.
- Hydrologic Features:** The property is within a karst sensitive area
- Habitat:** The property is designated as Zeric Hammock according to FWC CLC mapping (Florida Cooperative Land Cover Classification System that combines Florida Land Use Cover and Classification System with fish and wildlife data).
- Water Quality Review:** The property is not within any Basin Action Management Plan (BMAP) area, Priority Focus Area (PFA), or Outstanding Florida Spring (OFS) area.
- Flood Zone:** X

#### **UTILITIES REVIEW:**

The Hernando County Utilities Department (HCUD) has reviewed the petitioner's request and provided the following comments:

- HCUD does not currently supply water or sewer service to this parcel. Water and sewer service are not available to this parcel.
- HCUD has no objection to the requested zoning change from R-1C to AR-2 to allow a modular home on site along with some farm animals, subject to Health Department approval of an appropriate Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System.

#### **ENGINEERING REVIEW:**

The County Engineer has reviewed the petitioner's request and provided the following comments:

- This property is located outside the 1% annual chance floodplain. Access to the site may be impacted by flooding.
- Property owner should be aware that Slingshot Drive is an emergency maintenance only roadway.

#### **LAND USE REVIEW**

Minimum AR-2 (Agricultural/Residential-2) Building Setbacks:

- Front: 50'
- Side: 10'
- Rear: 35'

The AR-2 District is designed to allow the continued development of low-density, single-family housing, characterized by an established mixture of both conventional single-family dwellings and mobile homes. The AR-2 district is not to be utilized for future development. The Hernando County Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Article IV, Section 13 identifies the permitted uses within the AR-2 zoning district as follows:

A. The following regulations apply to agricultural/residential districts as indicated:

(1) Permitted uses:

(a) All agricultural/residential districts:

- i. Aquaculture
- ii. Grazing livestock at the rate of one mature animal and offspring less than one year of age, per acre.
- iii. Poultry and swine for home consumption maintained at least seventy-five (75) feet from adjacent property.
- iv. Horticultural specialty farms, including the cultivation of crops.
- v. Accessory structures related to the principal use of the land.
- vi. Pigeon aviaries with a maximum of 1,500 square feet of area devoted to housing pigeons per acre.
- vii. Sales on the premises of permitted agricultural products produced on the premises: provided that where such products are sold from roadside stands, such stand shall be set back a safe distance from any public street right-of-way and shall provide for automobile access and off-street parking space in such a manner so as to not create an undue traffic hazard on the street on which such roadside stand is located.

(d) Agricultural/Residential-2:

- i. Single-family dwellings
- ii. Mobile Homes

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW:**

**Rural Category**

**Objective 1.04C:** The Rural Category allows agriculture, agricultural commercial, agri-industrial, recreation, agritourism and residential land uses of a rural character. Certain neighborhood commercial uses may be allowed subject to locational criteria and performance standards. Residential density is 0.1 dwelling units per gross acre (1 unit per ten gross acres) except where otherwise indicated by the strategies listed herein and incorporated into the land development regulations.

*Comment:* The parcel is within the Rural land use classification and is surrounded by residential parcels ranging in size from .3 acres to the west, and parcels between 1.3 and 9.2 acres on the other three sides. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the strategies for rural density and the pattern of land development on the surrounding parcels.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

A rezoning from R-1C (Residential) to AR-2 (Agricultural/Residential-2) is appropriate based on consistency with the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan, subject to the staff report.

**NOTICE OF APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY:**

*The rezoning process is a land use determination and does not constitute a permit for either construction on, or use of, the property, or a Certificate of Concurrence. Prior to use of, or construction on, the property, the petitioner must receive approval from the appropriate County department(s) for the proposed use.*

*The granting of this land use determination does not protect the owner from civil liability for recorded deed restrictions which may exceed any county land use ordinances. Homeowner associations or architectural review committees require submission of plans for review and approval. The applicant for this land use request should contact the local association or the Public Records for all restrictions applicable to this property.*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution approving a rezoning from R-1C (Residential) to AR-2 (Agricultural/Residential-2) in accordance with the staff report.