SPECIAL USE PERMIT: SUP-2011-001

CITY OF SUWANEE SPECIAL USE PERMIT ANALYSIS

CASE NUMBER:

SUP-2011-001

REQUEST:

EMISSIONS TESTING FACILITY IN C-2

ZONING:

C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT)

LOCATION:

310 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD

TAX ID NUMBER:

7-252-051

ACREAGE:

1.02 ACRES

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

900 SQUARE FOOT EMISSIONS TESTING

FACILITY

APPLICANT:

PACIFIC INVESTORS FORUM, LLC

P.O. BOX 821

CLARKSTON, GA30021

OWNER:

ANN ENTERPRISES, LLC 155 STILLWOOD DRIVE FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30215

CONTACT:

YUSUF ALI

PHONE CONTACT:

770-617-4527

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

PROJECT DATA:

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit on an approximate 1.02 acre tract to allow for a 900 square foot emissions testing facility in the C-2 zoning district. The site is located at 310 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, east (towards Sugar Hill) of Kroger. Access for the emissions testing facility is proposed via an existing shared driveway on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The proposed emissions testing facility is located at the end of the Chevron convenience store in an area which was formerly used as an automatic car wash.

The Special Use Permit process was created by the City Council in 2001 to better handle certain land uses. The SUP process allows the Council to review certain proposals in the context of their use and take into consideration the surrounding area and other relevant factors. A Special Use Permit does not change the underlying zoning of property, but grants the property an additional specified use. In this case the specified use would allow for an emissions testing facility.

ANALYSIS:

The subject property currently contains a Chevron gas station with a convenience store and automatic car wash facility. In the past, the Planning Department has been approached about special use permits for car washes with exterior activities such as vacuuming and detailing for this site. A concern of the Planning Department regarding this and similar automotive related uses is the potential for "visual clutter" with directional signs, employees vacuuming vehicles, drying vehicles, exterior equipment, etc. The applicant in this case is proposing that the emissions testing facility and all associated activities be located inside the existing car wash area.

The subject property is located in a commercial corridor on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The property is located between two multi-tenant shopping centers (zoned C-2A and C-3) to the north and south. The shopping centers contain typical retail uses such as dry cleaners, meat market, restaurant, etc. Across Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, to the west, are more multi-tenant shopping centers, including the recently constructed Three Bridges commercial buildings and the entrance to the residential portion of Three Bridges. The property located directly to the east of the proposed emissions testing facility is zoned C-2, the same as subject property.

Vehicles entering the site wishing to get an emissions test should circle around the building and enter through the back. This will allow the stacking of vehicles to occur behind the convenience store and out-of-sight of drivers on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The proposed special use would not increase the size or the exterior of the building. It would also not enlarge any impervious surface area.

The subject property is located in the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Charter Area and commercial uses are recommended. The subject property is consistent with this recommendation. The City tries to direct automotive related special uses away from more residential areas. The subject property should not adversely impact residential uses in the area. It is worth noting that the site is currently used by a gas station and it was used for a carwash previously.

In conclusion, the requested Special Use Permit for an emissions testing facility would be appropriate at this location. The inclusion of an emissions testing facility would be a consistent use with the current automotive activities on the subject property. The additional use will be completely enclosed in an existing structure and a condition ensuring that vehicle stacking will be screened from view by the convenience store will minimize any impacts. Creative reuse of existing buildings should be encouraged whenever possible. As such, the Planning Department recommends **APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS** of the request as currently proposed.

Planning Department's Recommended Conditions

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If the Planning and Zoning Commission wishes to approve the request, for an emissions testing facility the following conditions are recommended:

- 1. Any signage necessary for the emissions testing and the subject property shall conform to Article XVI Signs of the zoning ordinance. Any temporary signage shall also conform to Article XVI Signs of the zoning ordinance.
- 2. Special uses on the site shall be limited to an emissions testing facility. No other vehicular services or other special uses are allowed under this special use permit. All activities related to emissions testing shall be conducted inside the former "car wash" area of the building.
- 3. Vehicle entry to the emissions testing facility will be through the rear entrance.

Standards Governing Exercise of Zoning Power

Pursuant to Section 2006 of the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance, the City finds the following standards are relevant in balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the unrestricted use of property and shall govern the exercise of the zoning power therewith.

A. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

The subject property is located in heavily commercialized area. The emissions testing facility would be suitable at this location.

B. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby property;

The Special Use Permit request will not enlarge the current building on the property. Therefore, it would not adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

C. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;

The subject property has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned without a SUP.

D. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools;

Approval of the request likely would not result in excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.

E. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Land Use Plan;

The Future Land Use Plan recommends commercial uses for the site. The proposal is consistent with the current use and future use of this property.

F. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal;

There is often negative visual impacts created by automotive related uses. In such cases the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Corridor is not the appropriate location for these uses. However, in this instance the applicant will contain the automotive related use within the existing facilities. There are negative aspects to the potential emissions testing facility related to the queuing of vehicles; however is this aspect of the proposed use is screened by the existing building.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION*	OWNER INFORMATION*			
NAME: PACIFIC INVESTORS FORUM LLC	NAME: CHEVRON FOOD MART			
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 821 CLARKSTON, Ga. 30021	Suwanee, Qu. 3002P			
PHONE: 770 617 4527	PHONE: 404-441-7209			
CONTACT PERSON: YUSUR ALI	PHONE:			
E-Mail Address: Yusufali 1 @ bellsouth. ne				
PROPERTY INFORMATION				
PRESENT ZONING DISTRICT(S): $C-2$	REQUESTED ZONING DISTRICT			
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:				
TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S):				
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 310 Peachtree Industrial Blud, Suwanee, Ga. 3002+				
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NO. OF LOTS/DWELLING UNITS:				
DWELLING UNIT SIZE (SQ. FT.):	TOTAL GROSS SQUARE FEET:			
CERTIFICATIONS				
I hereby certify that the above and attached information is true and correct. I am also aware that no reapplication on the same land which has been denied by the City Council shall be acted upon within 12 months from the date of last action				
unless said time period is waived by the Council. In no case shall a reapplication be acted upon in less than 6 months				
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Print Name*	Print Name* Date			
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Signature of Notary OTAR, Date	Signature of Notary Date			
* If Additional Application Cowner Information is Needed Please Complete Additional Application Form(s)				

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Date Received: 5/30 Case No.:	201-001 Accepted By: W			

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

STANDARDS GOVERNING EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWER

Pursuant to the 1998 Zoning Ordinance, the city council finds that the following standards are relevant in balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property and shall govern the exercise of the zoning power.

Please respond to the following standards in the space provided or use an attachment as necessary:

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	No zoning change requested. Request change of use From "CAR WASH" to Emission testing station. No impact to adjacent properties
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	nether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as rently zoned:
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	nether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or redensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools:
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of	the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning oposal:
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION FOR ZONING ACTIONS

The undersigned below, making application for rezoning, has read and complied with the Official Code of Georgia Section 36-67A-1, et.seq, Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions, and has submitted or attached the required information on the forms provided.

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Signature of Applicant	2-29-2011 HAS Date Type or Pri	AN ALI - Managing Director int Name and Title			
Signature of Applicant's Attorney or Representative	p.	SUF ALI - manager. int Name and Title			
Signature of Notary Public	Notary seal Date My Com	RAJNI GULATI Notary Public Gwinnett County State of Georgia nmission Expires May 6, 2014			
Disclosure of Campaign Contributions Have you, within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, made campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a member of the City Council or a member of the city of Suwanee Planning Commission?					
•	Your Name 14as a	IN AZ,			
If the answer is yes, please complete t	the following section:				
Name and Official Position of Government Official	Contributions (list all which aggregate to \$250 or more)	Date Contributions was made (within last two years)			

*Attach additional sheets, if necessary to disclose or described all contributions.

DIRECTOR
Planning and Zoning
City of Suwanee
330 town Center Ave., Ga. 30024

RE: Request special use permit

Sir,

This is a request to allow our company to do vehicle emission testing in the closed 'car wash' in this Chevron Gas Station. The address of this location is 310 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suwanee, Ga. 30024. Our company will test only newer vehicle (1996 and newer) as dictated by Georgia Clean Air Force.

Since this location is already in operation as Food Mart and gas station we do not expect any additional traffic impact in the area. Our emission testing will help the environment and convenience for the residence in the area.

Please let us know what else we can provide to make your affirmative decision easier. Thanks you very much for your consideration.

Date: 7-29_2011

Sincerely,

Hasan Ali – Managing Director

Pacific Investors Forum LLC

P.O.Box 821

Clarkston, Ga. 30021

Contact: Yusuf Ali - manager

Ph: 770-617-4527

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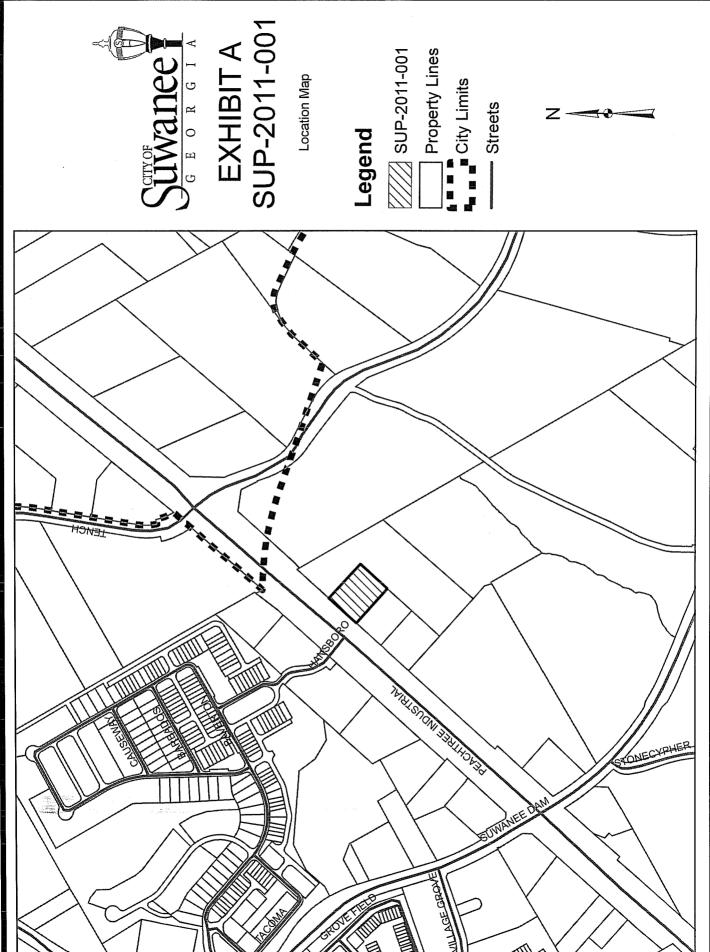
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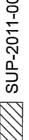
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