# CITY OF SUWANEE REZONING/SPECIAL USE PERMIT ANALYSIS

**CASE NUMBER:** 

RZ-2011-005

REQUEST:

PMUD (PLANNED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) TO PMUD (PLANNED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) WITH A CHANGE

OF CONDITIONS

**CASE NUMBER:** 

SUP-2011-003

REQUEST:

**AUTOMOBILE RENTAL FACILITY IN C-2A** 

(SPECIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT)

LOCATION:

3900 MCGINNIS FERRY ROAD

TAX ID NUMBER:

7-209-029

ACREAGE:

3.9 ACRES

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

TRUCK RENTAL FACILITY

APPLICANT:

McGINNIS FERRY SELF STORAGE

OWNER:

McGINNIS FERRY SELF STORAGE 3343 PEACHTREE ROAD STE. 200

ATLANTA, GA 30326

CONTACT:

MARTI JORDAN

CONTACT PHONE:

770-904-6150

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

#### PROJECT DATA:

The applicant seeks a change in zoning conditions and a special use permit to allow for a vehicle rental facility as a component of an approximately 4 acre existing retail/self-storage facility. The truck rental business would be an accessory use to McGinnis Ferry Self Storage which has been in business at this location since April of 2008. The site currently contains roughly 105,000 square feet of mixed-use (office/retail/self-storage) space and is located on McGinnis Ferry Road just east of Scales Road adjacent to the Norfolk-Southern railroad. The subject property was part of a rezoning in 2005 that proposed development of an approximately 94,000 square foot multi-story mixed-use office/retail/self-storage project. Later in 2005, a change in conditions was approved to increase the size of one of the buildings. The site includes 4 buildings that permit a mixture of non-residential uses.

#### **ZONING HISTORY:**

The subject property was rezoned from M-1 (Light Industry District) to PMUD (Planned Mixed Used District) to allow for development of an approximately 94,000 square foot multi-story mixed-use office/retail/self-storage project in June 2005. The property was rezoned again in December of 2005 with a change in conditions from the original rezoning to allow an additional 11,000 square feet of space.

A number of conditions of zoning apply to this property. Specifically, condition #2 states, "The site shall be limited to a maximum of 105,000 square feet of development. In addition to self-storage/mini warehouse uses which are to be allowed only on the interior of the site, the site shall be limited to those uses and the district regulations found in the C-2A zoning district with the exception of vehicular related uses (including sales, service and repair) which are expressly prohibited." The applicant is seeking to operate a U-haul rental facility which would be considered a vehicular related use. As such, a change of condition would be required.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMENTS:**

If the project is approved then the proposed revision will need to be reviewed for compliance with zoning and development requirements through the usual development or building permit review process.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

The subject site is 3.95 acres with four existing structures including three warehouses totaling 54,610 square feet and a 50,295 square feet self-storage/commercial building. The site is located on McGinnis Ferry Road east of Scales Road. The applicant is proposing to operate the truck rental facility as a supplemental business for McGinnis Self Storage. According to the applicant's letter of intent, the truck rental business will provide U-haul moving trucks. The applicant is requesting to store and lease up to five rental trucks on-site at any given time. In addition, the applicant proposes that no more than two of these trucks will be located in front of the warehouse/office/retail building along McGinnis Ferry Road.

The proposed truck rental use would require approval in two steps. First, a rezoning is required to amend the zoning condition stating that "no vehicular related uses" are permitted. The second part of the request is to obtain a Special Use Permit.

The site is located on McGinnis Ferry Road near the intersection of McGinnis Ferry Road and Scales Road. The surrounding area consists of a mixture of single-family residential and commercial/retail development. To the south, across McGinnis Ferry Road is the entrance to the Suwanee Station neighborhood and undeveloped land zoned C-2A. To the east is the Norfolk Southern railroad right-of-way. North of the site is the Old Suwanee neighborhood, zoned a mixture of residential districts. To the west is a retail/office building and parking area also within the Old Suwanee Village mixed use area zoned PMUD.

The Special Use Permit process was created by the City Council in 2001 to better handle certain land uses. The SUP process allows the City 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 <u>specified</u> use. The C-2A zoning district lists automobile rental as a special use. Therefore, in order for the applicant to rent vehicles from this site a special use permit is required. It should be noted that if the rezoning request is denied then the special use permit request becomes moot.

Other truck rental businesses in this area have multiple trucks and trailers scattered around their site. This leads to a cluttered appearance which would not be appropriate for the area. Furthermore, outdoor storage is not permitted in the C-2A zoning district which means businesses cannot leave products outdoor for display for more than 24 hours. Leaving a rental truck in the front parking lot facing McGinnis Ferry Road would be considered outdoor storage. It would also be unfair to future tenants in the building to have rental trucks taking up parking spaces and reducing visibility for motorists.

While the site is directly adjacent to non-residential uses, it is near the entrance to two large residential neighborhoods; Old Suwanee and Suwanee Station. It is important to maintain a clean, well maintained commercial center near the entrances to these neighborhoods.

Renting moving trucks at a self-storage facility is an appropriate accessory use for this type of business. Self-storage facilities already have moving trucks entering and exiting frequently throughout the day. This request is in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan as it calls for this property to be commercial in nature. While there is some concern about the storage of the vehicles when they are not in use, if certain conditions are put in place those concerns can be alleviated. Therefore, staff recommends **APROVAL WITH CONDITIONS** of RZ-2011-005 and SUP-2011-003.

Planning Department Recommended Conditions: RZ-2011-005

Staff recommends approval of the change in conditions as follows:

1. All conditions for RZ-2005-013 shall remain in effect except for condition 2 which shall be amended as follows:

The site shall be limited to a maximum of 105,000 square feet of development. In addition to self-storage/mini warehouse uses which are to be allowed only on the interior of the site, the site shall be limited to those uses and district regulations found in the C-2A zoning district with the exception of vehicular related uses (including sales, service and repair) unless approved as a Special Use Permit.

Planning Department Recommended Conditions: SUP-2011-003

Staff recommends approval of the special use permit for a vehicle rental facility as follows:

- 1. Vehicle rentals shall be limited to moving trucks only. No other automotive related uses shall be permitted as a part of this permit.
- 2. All trucks shall be parked in the rear of the building 'A' as noted on exhibit 'A'. Any vehicles dropped off after business hours shall be moved to the rear of building 'A' by 10 a.m. the following day.
- 3. No more than five rental trucks shall be kept at the facility at any time.
- 4. No maintenance of any vehicles shall be done on the property.
- 5. No cleaning of any vehicles shall be done on the property.

#### 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 request to allow for the renting moving trucks as an accessory use to the self-storage business that is currently operating at the site is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties, provided conditions are included to minimize potential negative visual impacts related to storage, maintenance, and cleaning of vehicles.

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

The rezoning and special use permit would not adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby properties, provided conditions are included to minimize potential negative visual impacts related to storage, maintenance, and cleaning of vehicles.

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

The property has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

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;

The proposal would not result in a use which will or could cause an 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 2030 Future Land Use Map shows this property as commercial. The request is generally consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

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;

Truck rental is often associated with self-storage facilities. Provided conditions are included to minimize potential negative visual impacts related to storage, maintenance, and cleaning of vehicles, the proposed SUP and rezoning could be appropriate.

## LETTER OF INTENT

The Receiver for McGinnis Ferry Self Storage, LLC hereby requests the City of Suwanee to approve the application for rezoning to permit the rental of U-Haul trucks at the existing facility.

The U-Haul business will operate as a supplemental business for McGinnis Ferry Self Storage.

McGinnis Ferry Self Storage asks that you approve rezoning to include the restriction that the total number of trucks on site not exceed five (5) trucks on the property at any given time. No more than two (2) trucks to be stored out in front of the McGinnis Ferry Self Storage office.

We will work with other U-Haul dealers in the area to make sure that we don't exceed the number of trucks allowed.

There will be **NO** regular maintenance on any truck on the McGinnis Ferry Self Storage property.

There will be **NO** cleaning of any U-Haul truck on McGinnis Ferry Self Storage property.

Our hours of operation will remain the same for both the Self-Storage and the truck rental operations.

They are and will continue to be:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:30pm,

Saturday, 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Closed on Sundays.

Our involvement with the U-Haul system will be limited to the following:

1- Greeting customers and assisting them in filling out the appropriate paperwork.

2- Trucks will be assessed for condition

3- Trucks will be removed and returned to the site in accordance with the rental agreement.

McGinnis Ferry Self Storage thinks that the addition of the U-Haul truck business will provide addition services to the community while not significantly impacting traffic.

The City of Suwanee is a thriving city for businesses and homes. We strive to continue to grow and serve Suwanee with their storage and rental truck needs in the future.

Thank you for your courtesy,

Henry Lorber

Director

Hays Financial Consulting as Receiver for McGinnis Ferry Self Storage, LLC.

McGinnis Ferry Self Storage would like you to consider and approve the U-Haul truck rentals at 3900 McGinnis Ferry Rd., Suwanee, GA 30024

#### Stipulations as follows:

- 1) Never more than <u>one</u> 14ft U-Haul truck out front of the office at McGinnis Ferry at any time.
- 2) No more than <u>one</u> 14ft U-Haul truck inside the McGinnis Ferry Storage facility at any time.
- 3) We have and continue to have a No Drop-off sign for U-Haul trucks.
- 4) If any trucks are accidently dropped off we will, within 4 hrs, have The trucks removed to our sister location at Duluth Self Storage on Peachtree Ind. Blvd. This location is set up, zoned for and able to Take all available trucks.
- 5) No maintenance will be handled on any U-Haul truck on our property.
- 6) No cleaning will be done on any U-Haul truck on our property.
- 7) U-Haul has all new trucks. It's fleet only consists of gas engines which Are more fuel efficient, less carbon and create less noise than diesel eng.
- 8) The U-Haul's will be a much needed truck rental service for our tenants. Our tenants have a need for trucks. With this service, the tax dollars Stay in the City of Suwanee.

We ask that you please approve this change of condtions.

We will gladly take a probationary period for the chance to show the City of Suwanee we can comply with the provisions you approve.

Thank you for your consideration.

RZ-2011-005-854P-2011-003

#### **REZONING APPLICATION**

AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL	ZONING MAP OF CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA	
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PHONE: 110-904.6150	PHONE: 404. 926.0056	
CONTACT PERSON: Marti Jordan	PHONE:	
	FAX NUMBER: 404.926.0055	
EMAIL ADDRESS: mcginnisferry g absoluterngmt.com		
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## SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

## STANDARDS GOVERNING EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWER

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

(A)	Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and
	development of adjacent and nearby property:
	We are a self storage facility. There is Southeastern Truck lines
	arrangent to us on the corner of Butord HWY of McGinnis Ferry Re.
	The commercial complex next door has 3 restaurants that might
	benefit from our potential customers. We would not affect their
	Parking. The subdivision behind us" OH Suwance Station" is a Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or (over)
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	McGinnis Ferry Rd is well traveled. The trucks that would be
	rented would not significantly increase traffic most customers rent
	for a period of 24Hes. They pull out & then bring the truck back - If
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(C)	Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as
	mcGinnis Ferry Self Storage has seen a decline in customer base because
	we do not offer truck rentals. Customers can take their business
	to other facilities who can give them a total moving package. Previously
	We saw a significant increase in tenants & income.
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	enhances + brings a much needed service to our
	current tenants. also, we can attract new business w/ this
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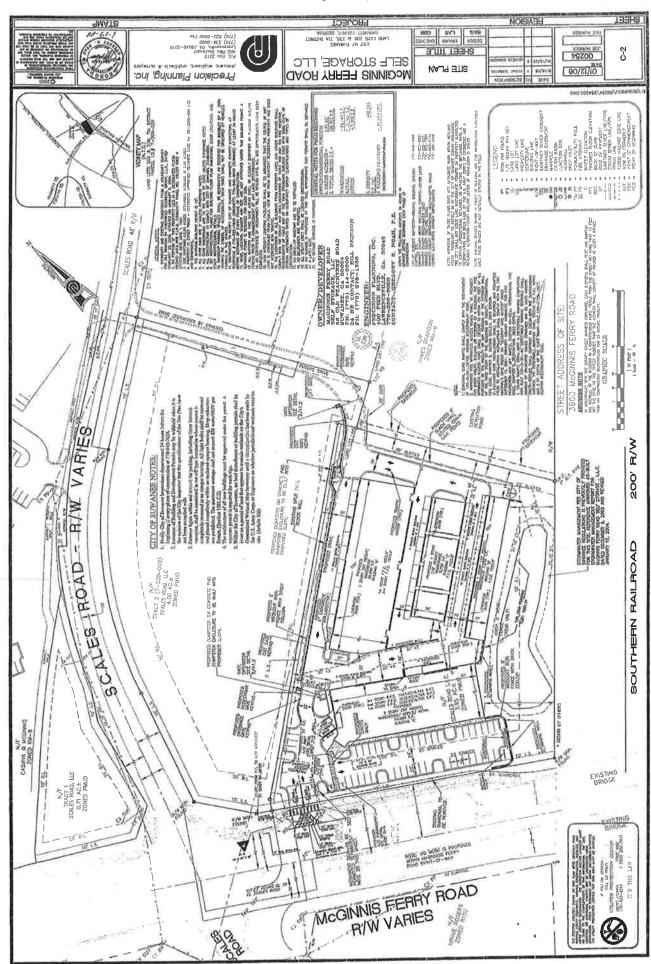
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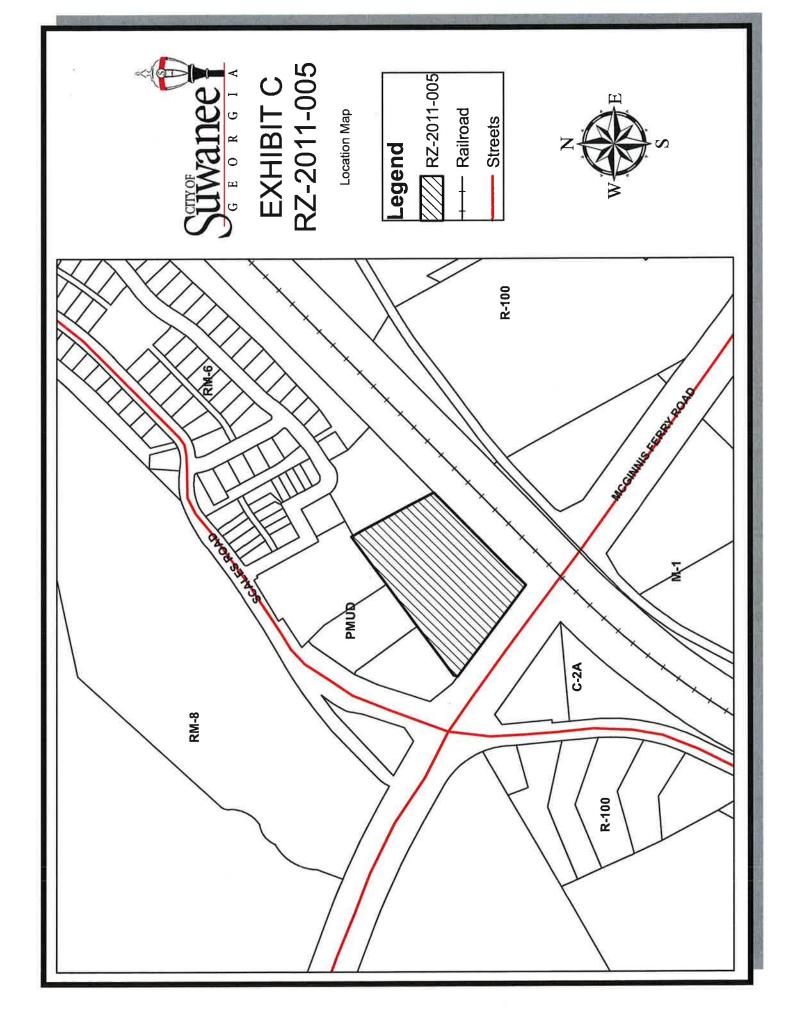
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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION FOR REZONINGS

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Suwanee Suwanee Exhibit B

Aerial Map



