#### **AGENDA**

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS 7:00 P.M. MONDAY,

#### **MARCH 7, 2022**

#### FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER
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- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS
  - A. Cypress Creek Renewables Solar Farm
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - A. Public Comments
  - B. Requests for Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    - 1. Regular Meeting February 21, 2022
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT
- X. VILLAGE CLERK
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE
  - A. RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TAZEWELL AND THE VILLAGE OF MORTON
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL
  - A. RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF MORTON
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
  - A. Spring 2022 Yardwaste Disposal Program
  - B. Permission to Request Bids for the Main Street Lighting Improvements Project.
  - C. Permission to Request Bids for the Annual Mill & Overlay Project.
  - D. Permission to Request Bids for the Annual Sealcoating Project.
  - E. Permission to Request Bids for the Annual Misc. Concrete Project.
  - F. RESOLUTION APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT

#### XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- A. Petition No. 22-01 ZA
- B. Petition No. 22-02 SP
- C. Petition No. 22-03 SP
- D. AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10-15-12 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP

#### XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES

- A. Trustee Blunier
- B. Trustee Hilliard
- C. Trustee Leitch
  - a. Quote for Programming to E-mail Utility Bills to Customers
  - b. Quote for Business Tax Reporting and Collection (Further Discussion)
- D. Trustee Menold
- E. Trustee Newman

### F. Trustee Parrott

### XVIII. CLOSED SESSIONS

A. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees or Their Representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

## XIX. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

### XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

# VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M., February 21, 2022

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Evans called the roll, with the following members present: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

**PUBLIC HEARING – None.** 

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting February 7, 2022
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None -0. Absent: Blunier -1.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** – President Kaufman thanked the Street Department for a job well done on snow removal and mentioned that many citizens also expressed their gratitude.

VILLAGE CLERK - None.

#### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – None.

CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief Miller requested acceptance of proposal from Axon Enterprises Inc. on a five year contract for body cameras in the amount of \$137,986.70, and Acceptance of proposal from Axon Enterprises Inc. on a five year contract for in car cameras in the amount of \$83,046.61. There was a brief discussion regarding the need for the systems, how they integrate, and other departments that are using these cameras. Following the discussion, Trustee Newman motioned to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. The proposal was accepted with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None -0. Absent: Blunier -1.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

**DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES** – None.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – None.

#### **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – None.

#### **VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier - None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch motioned to upgrade the telephones at both Fire Stations and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. There was some discussion regarding the age of the old systems and how the new system will integrate with other Village department phones. After the discussion, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None -0. Absent: Blunier -1.

Trustee Leitch then motioned to purchase software for Hotel/Motel tax reporting & collection and License Billings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Newman. Trustee Parrott brought forth his concerns that this software purchase would not be an answer to solving the problem of "Airbnb" sites that are not currently paying or reporting this tax. The Trustees discussed this issue in depth and all uses of the software were also mentioned. After the discussion, the motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman – 4.

No: Parrott -1. Absent: Blunier -1.

Trustee Menold – None. Trustee Newman – None. Trustee Parrott – None.

#### **CLOSED SESSIONS** – None.

#### CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Menold moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

ATTEST:		
	PRESIDENT	
VILLAGE CLERK		

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-22**

# RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TAZEWELL AND THE VILLAGE OF MORTON

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton and the County of Tazewell desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement providing for Tazewell County to provide various animal and rabies control services to the Village through the Tazewell County Animal & Rabies Control; and

**WHEREAS,** there has been presented to the Village a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement to be entered into, which reflects the terms and conditions whereby Tazewell County would provide various animal and rabies control services to the Village of Morton.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

- 1. That the recitations set forth in the preamble to this resolution are found to be true and correct, and the same are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. That the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Morton and Tazewell County (the "Agreement") in the form attached to this Resolution is approved.
- 3. That the Village President and Village Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROV	VED at a regular meet	ing of the President and	Board of Trustees of the
Village of Morton, Tazewell C	ounty, Illinois, this	day of	, 2022; and upon roll
call the vote was as follows:			
AYES:			
NAYS:			
ABSENT:			
ABSTAINING:			
APPROVED this	day of	, 2022	
	Pro	esident esident	
ATTEST:			
Village Clerk			

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

#### **FOR**

#### ANIMAL & RABIES CONTROL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 1ST\_day of MAY, 2022, by and between the County of Tazewell, Illinois, a body politic and corporate (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the VILLAGE OF MORTON, a unit of local government of the State of Illinois (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality"), this Agreement being entered into pursuant to Article 7, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970.

In consideration of the payment by Municipality to the County of the sum of \$13,298.76, County agrees to provide the following Animal and Rabies Control services through the Tazewell County Animal & Rabies Control Department, its administrator, director, deputies, and agents as follows.

- 1. The County shall respond to calls and attempt to pick up animals running at large within the corporate limits of the Municipality between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week, including weekends, but not including regularly scheduled County Holidays.
- 2. The County shall, <u>on an emergency basis only</u>, attempt to pick up animals running at large between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the next morning seven (7) days a week including weekends. During these times, the County has no obligations under this contract unless an emergency exists.
- 3. On regularly scheduled County Holidays, the County shall, on an emergency basis only, attempt to pick up dogs running at large both day and night. On regularly scheduled County Holidays, the County has no obligations under this contract unless an emergency exists.
- 4. For the purposes of this Agreement, an emergency shall be considered to include but not be limited to the following situations: a.) a person in immediate danger of an animal; b.) sick or injured domestic animals running at large: c.) sick or injured wild animals; d.) aggressive animals running at large; e.) animal bite reports; f.) providing necessary assistance to police, fire or EMS agencies; g.) wildlife present in the living quarters of a home/apartment/business; however removal of such wildlife from attics, walls or closed interior areas of a building of any kind is not provided by Tazewell County Animal Control; h.) animals in extreme elements without proper shelter or access to water (e.g. a dog in frigid temperature with no access to shelter or an animal left in a hot car.)
- 5. Emergency calls shall be placed by the VILLAGE authorities or a citizen of the Municipality to either the Sheriff's Office (346-4141) or the Tazewell County Animal Control facility (925-3370). All calls placed by citizens, police, or governmental bodies will be answered as soon as possible during regularly scheduled working days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday Friday. Responses to emergency calls shall be made by the Tazewell County Animal Control Officer who is then on duty.

- 6. The County of Tazewell shall accept and make reasonable response to complaints of citizens concerning dogs running at large within the corporate limits of the Municipality.
- 7. The County may make regular and irregular patrols in the corporate limits of the Municipality one day a week at regular and irregular hours.
- 8. The County shall take custody and impound animals apprehended within the corporate limits of the Municipality at the Tazewell County Animal Control facility.
- The County shall require proof of payment of Municipal reclamation fees to the Municipality by owners of animals sought to be redeemed before releasing said animal from custody.
- 10. The County shall provide humane treatment of animals removed from the corporate limits of the Municipality during the period of impounding.
- 11. For each animal impounded from within the municipality, the County shall provide a clear digital image of the animal to an agreed representative of the village, along with any relevant information about the animal, as soon as practicable. The Village shall provide notice to the County of a single agreed representative for notification purposes.
- 12. The County shall make reasonable efforts to locate the owner or owners of any impounded animal providing that said animal is wearing a collar or rabies tag capable of identifying ownership. Upon identifying the owner or any such animal, an attempt will be made for immediate notification to said owner. A letter shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner notifying him of the impoundment of his animal. Said notification will give notice to the owner that the animal shall be destroyed, adopted, or transferred after the passage of seven (7) days if not reclaimed in accordance with law by the owner. An affidavit or testimony of the Administrator, or his authorized agent, who mails such notice shall be prima facie evidence of the receipt of said notice by the owner of such animal.
- 13. It is mutually understood and agreed that any animal apprehended from within the corporate limits of the Municipality and impounded at the Tazewell County Animal & Rabies Control Shelter, with respect to whom the owner is unknown but which unknown owner has failed to claim the animal within four (4) working days, shall be humanely dispatched or placed for adoption at the discretion of the Director of the Tazewell County Animal Control Department pursuant to the provisions of the Animal Control Act of the State of Illinois.
- 14. It is further understood and agreed that the consideration payable by the Municipality to the County may at the option of the Municipality be paid in equal monthly installments.
- 15. This Agreement shall become effective on the 1ST day of MAY, 2022 and shall be in full force and effect for a period of 1 year.
- 16. This contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All relevant provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois applicable hereto and required to be reflected or set forth herein are incorporated by reference.
- 17. No waiver of any breach of this contract or any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of any other or further breach of this contract or any provision thereof.

- 18. This contract is severable, and the invalidity, or unenforceability of any provision of this contract, or a part thereof, should not render the remainder of the contract invalid or unenforceable.
- 19. This contract may not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party.
- 20. This contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto and upon the successors in interest, assigns, representatives and heirs of such parties.
- 21. This contract shall not be amended unless in writing expressly stating that it constitutes an amendment to this contract, signed by the parties hereto.
- 22. The parties hereto agree that the foregoing constitutes all the agreement between the parties and in witness thereof the parties have affixed their respective signatures on the date above first note.

PASSED this day of	, 2022.		
	Tazewell County Board Chairman		
ATTEST:			
Tazewell County Clerk			
	MUNICIPALITY:		
	Mayor or Village Board President		
	TAZEWELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL:		
	Director		

Annual Amount: \$13,298.76

Monthly Amount: \$1,108.23

# RESOLUTION NO. 17-22

# RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF MORTON

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Morton and the Morton Park District desire to transfer ownership of land commonly referred to as 420 E. Washington Street, Morton Illinois from the Village to the Park District; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 21, 2020 the Village Board of the Village of Morton adopted Resolution 11-21 which authorized the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for the transfer of ownership of 420 E. Washington Street, Morton Illinois from the Village to the Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, after adoption of Resolution 11-21, it was determined that additional right of way was required for Village purposes, which right of way the Village intended to except and exclude from the conveyance to the Park District of 420 E. Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton obtained a survey of the right of way; and

**WHEREAS,** there has been presented to the Village a proposed Agreement to be entered into, which reflects the change in legal description made by the reservation of right of way.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

- 1. That the recitations set forth in the preamble to this resolution are found to be true and correct, and the same are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. That Resolution 11-21 is repealed in whole; and
- 3. That the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Morton Park District, and the Village of Morton (the "Agreement") in the form attached to this Resolution is approved.
- 4. That the Village President and Village Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the		
Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this	day of	, 2022; and upon roll
call the vote was as follows:		
AYES:		
NAYS:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAINING		

APPROVED this	day of	, 2022	
ATTEST:		President	
Village Clerk			

# MORTON PARK DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF MORTON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Regarding Transfer of Land

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the Morton Park District, Tazewell County, Illinois, a unit of local government hereinafter referred to as "PARK DISTRICT" and the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, a municipal corporation hereinafter referred to as "VILLAGE."

WHEREAS, both the PARK DISTRICT and the VILLAGE are authorized by the terms and provisions of Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/3 et seq.) to enter into intergovernmental agreements, ventures, and undertaking to perform jointly any governmental purpose of undertaking which either of them could do singularly; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE has owned a parcel of land, commonly known as 420 E. Washington St., Morton Illinois ("Subject Property"), more particularly described on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, PARK DISTRICT desires to gain legal title to the Subject Property to implement its plan for use by the public; and

WHEREAS, the territories of the PARK DISTRICT and the VILLAGE are largely coextensive, as referenced in the Local Government Property Transfer Act [50 ILCS 605/0.01 et seq.];

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE and the PARK DISTRICT find that it is in each of their respective interests and the interests of the community to complete this transfer of the Subject Property from the VILLAGE to the PARK DISTRICT and determine that it is necessary and convenient so that the PARK DISTRICT can use, occupy and improve the Subject Property for public purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and between the PARK DISTRICT and the VILLAGE as follows that:

- 1. VILLAGE will transfer ownership of the Subject Property legally described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and hereby made a part of this Agreement. PARK DISTRICT shall be responsible for the cost of recording the deed of conveyance.
- 2. PARK DISTRICT has executed this Agreement by its Director of Parks and Recreation, whose signature has been attested to by the Secretary, pursuant to authority granted to him by the PARK DISTRICT Board of Park Commissioners. The VILLAGE has executed this Agreement by its President, whose signature has been attested by the Village Clerk, pursuant to authority granted by the Board of Trustees of VILLAGE.

3. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties and no verbal statement shall supersede any of its provisions. This Agreement may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties, executed with the same formalities in the same manner in which this Agreement was executed.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals to several counterparts of this Agreement, of equal effect.
DATED BY VILLAGE:
2021

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DATED BY PARK DI	STRICT:, 2021
THIS AGREEMENT WILL B	E DEEMED EFFECTIVE AS OF THE LAST DATE SIGNED.
	MORTON PARK DISTRICT
ATTEST:	BY: Director of Parks and Recreation
Secretary	
	VILLAGE OF MORTON
ATTEST:	BY:Village President
Village Clerk	

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Lot "X1" in HEIGHTS BANK SUBDIVISION, a Subdivision in the Village of Morton, as shown by plat recorded in Plat Book "BBB", page 63, except any part taken or used for roadway purposes, situated in Tazewell County, Illinois and further excepting therefrom the following described tract: A PART OF LOT "X1" IN HEIGHTS BANK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT "X1", SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT "X1", A DISTANCE OF 212.73 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 5TH AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 4.00 FEET, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 5TH AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 157.74 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 41.13 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT "X1"; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST. ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SAID LOT "X1", A DISTANCE OF 57.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RECORD

PIN: 06-06-21-127-002

#### COMMENCING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT"X L', SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, 212.73 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF STH AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 4.00 FEET, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 5TH AVENUE; LICENSE EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2022 THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT "X 1", A DISTANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION PLAT DEGREES 49 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 41.13 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAD LOT "X1"; THENCE NORTH OO DEGREES 29 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, ALCING SAID WEST LINE OF SAID LOT "X1", A DISTANCE OF 57.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHT-OF WAY OF RECORD. WE, MOHR & KERR ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. DO HEREBY STATE THAT WE HAVE SURVEYED A PART OF LOT "X.I" IN HEIGHTS BANK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2.1, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF A PART OF LOT "X L" IN HEIGHTS BANK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2 L, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; thence north 46 degrees 35 minutes 36 Seconds West, a distance of 157.74 feet; thence South 66 LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON WHICH HAS APPROVED AND ADOPTED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLFDGE AND BELIEF THE PLAT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF SAID SURVEY AS MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THAT THE LAND SHOWN ON THIS PLAT LIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE IT IS NOT WARRANTED THAT THIS ROW DEDICATION PLAT CONTAINS COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING VILLAGE OF MORTON A PART OF 10T Y.1" IN HEIGHTS BANK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2.1, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANCE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EASEMENTS, RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, RIGHT-OF-WAY, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION, A TITLE OPINION OR OTHER COMMITMENT FOR TITLE CEU BAB 1 - 30 BEARINGS ARE BASED ON STATE PLANF COORDINATES, ILLINOIS WEST ZONE, NAD83 SURVEYED DRAWN CHECKED SCALE MOHR & KERR ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING, P.C. 9501 N. Prospect Road, Suite 6B Office, 1309 622-6501 Fax (309 622-650) www.montandkerr.com Professorial Design Firm # 184 005091 RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION 2020. DESCRIPTION ILLINOIS REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR # 035-3884 THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONFORMS TO THE CURRENT ILLINOIS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY MOHR & KERR ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. DRAWN TO A SCALE OF 1" # 30" (1 INCH = 30 FEET) FIFLD WORK COMPLETED NOVEMBER, 2020. INSURANCE SHOULD BE OBTAINED. DAY OF COUNTY OF PEORIA ) 55 NOSNHOC STATE OF ILLINOIS DATED THIS CALEBE NOTES: R.O.W. 5TH AVE. NW'RLY 9 SCALE: 1" = 30" EAST LINE OF LOT "X I" ... / 5 40°54'02" W ~ 4.00' unstruction stylet TAZEWELL COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE RIGHT OF WAY TO BE DEDICATED SES BILLING AL. 13 FOUND VILLAGE OF MORTON SET VILLAGE OF MORTON P.I.N. 06-06-21-127-002 MEASURED DISTANCE MEASURED BEARING POINT OF BEGINNING BRASS MONUMENT P.O.B. MOST N'RLY COR., RIGHT-OF-WAY O.OA ACRES? " ! X" WEST LINE OF LOT N 46°35'36" W 1 00°29'07" E 1.C.R.O. 157.74 P.O.B. $\boxtimes$ **HTH AVENUE** LEGEND

# YARD WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM SPRING 2022

Open: Monday, April 4 – Sunday, May 1

# Closed April 15 (Good Friday) thru April 17 (Easter)

8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. daily

**VILLAGE OF MORTON RESIDENTS ONLY:** Free yard waste disposal is available at Sewage Treatment Plant #2, **2625 S. Fourth** (at the corner of S. Fourth and Broadway Rd.). **Verification of name & address required.** 

The program is "self-serve" as it has been in the past. A fenced area at STP#2 will be designated for yard waste disposal. Assistance will not be provided for removal or dumping of landscape waste, so please plan accordingly.

The following regulations and limitations must be met:

- 1) Only leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches (no greater than 5' in length or 4" in diameter), and any associated landscape waste will be accepted.
- 2) No paper or plastic bags will be allowed for disposal.
- 3) Neither landscaping timber (railroad ties) nor construction lumber is allowed.
- 4) No commercial enterprise may deposit landscape waste at this site.
- 5) "Root mass" from trees, bushes, or shrubbery is not allowed.
- 6) No pet waste, household garbage or plant containers of any kind at this site.
- 7) No yard waste is to be left outside the designated fenced area.
- 8) Video surveillance will take place during the program.

Please follow, or help us police these rules to ensure the continued operation of this free yard waste disposal program for all citizens of Morton.

Remember that it is a violation of Village ordinances to deposit landscape and yard waste on Village property (in the streets, in Prairie and Bull Run Creeks, down storm sewers, etc.), and that open burning of landscape waste or any kind of garbage is prohibited within the Village limits.

# RESOLUTION NO. 18-22

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton has previously entered into a certain Waste Collection Agreement with Area Disposal Service, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Article 2.9 of the Agreement requires Area Disposal Service, Inc. to provide certain laboratory services for the Village of Morton; and

WHEREAS, Area Disposal Service, Inc. no longer owns an analytical laboratory which can provide analytical services for the Village of Morton; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Waste Collection Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

- 1. That the Third Amendment to Waste Collection Agreement in the form and substance as attached to this resolution is hereby approved.
- 2. The President of the Board of Trustees is authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the Village.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board	of Trustees
of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this day of	, 2022
and upon roll call the vote was as follows:	

AYES:

NAYS:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAINING:		
APPROVED this day of	, 2022.	
	President	
ATTEST:	President	

#### THIRD AMENDMENT TO WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT TO WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT (this "Amendment") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022, by and between the Village of Morton, an Illinois municipal corporation ("Village") and Area Disposal Service, Inc., an Illinois corporation ("Contractor").

### **RECITALS**

- A. Village and Contractor are parties to a Waste Collection Agreement dated September 17, 2012 as amended by the First Amendment to Waste Collection Agreement dated February 16, 2015 and the Second Amendment to Waste Collection Agreement dated January 18, 2016 (collectively, the "Agreement").
  - B. The parties desire to make certain amendments to the Agreement as set forth herein.

#### **AGREEMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Recitals, the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Article 1 of the Agreement is hereby amended in that the annual fee paid by the Contractor to the Village for the franchise of waste collection and disposal services as set forth therein is hereby increased to \$15,000 annually.
  - 2. Article 2.9 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- 3. Except as specifically modified herein, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as written. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein will have the meanings set forth in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment is executed and delivered on behalf of the undersigned by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first set forth above.

VILLAGE OF MORTON	AREA DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.	
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By:	By:	
Name:	Name:	
Title:	Title:	

### **AGENDA**

# PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS 7:00 P.M.

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD ST., MORTON, ILLINOIS

#### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

# II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting - October 25, 2021

## III. Public Hearing(s):

**Petition No. 22-01 ZA:** A zoning amendment petition has been filed by The Village of Morton. The Village of Morton is proposing the following zoning changes for the described properties.

Parcel ID	Parcel Address	Proposed Zoning Change
06-06-21-101-001	320 N. First Ave.	B-1 to R-1
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06-06-21-101-004	308 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-001	228 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-002	224 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-003	220 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-004	216 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-21-106-005	212 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-007	208 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-008	125 E. Madison St.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-001	116 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-031	112 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-032	104 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-008	109 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-007	113 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-006	117 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-020	205 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-20-230-017	209 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-016	213 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-015	217 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-014	221 & 225 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-20-230-013	229 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-100-012	301 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-100-011	300 N. Main St.	B-1 to R-1
06-06-21-100-002	313 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1

**Petition No. 22-02 SP:** Subject properties are located at 641 and 651 Harding Rd. (P.I.N 06-06-16-201-007 and 06-06-16-201-006). A petition has been filed by Steve Lehman.

Mr. Lehman is requesting a special use at these properties to permit building to be thirty-nine feet (39') in height.

**Petition No. 22-03 SP:** Subject property is located at 700 S. Fourth Ave. (P.I.N 06-06-21-300-005). A petition has been filed by Maria Leman. Mrs. Leman is requesting a special use at this property to permit a private school.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10-15-12 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP

IV. Other Business: None

### V. Brad Marks:

2021 Zoning Map2021 Village of Morton Official Map2021 Land Use Map

# VI. Adjourn

# MORTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES-FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Plan Commission met on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., Chairman Keach presiding. Present: Geil, Knepp, Smock, Ritterbusch, Keach, Aupperle and DeWeese. Absent: Zobrist and Yordy. Also, in attendance: Zoning Officer Brad Marks, Trustee Craig Hilliard, and Attorney Pat McGrath.

Aupperle made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2021, meeting. Ritterbusch seconded the motion to approve. The October 25, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

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ZEO Marks presented the petition and Trustee Craig Hilliard also spoke as the petitioner for the Village of Morton. ZEO Marks and Trustee Hilliard gave a summary of the proposed zoning changes. There were two residents that spoke in opposition of the zoning changes. There were three residents that spoke in support of the zoning changes. After discussion from the board (see transcripts), a motion to approve as proposed with the amendment to change the zoning at 313 N. First Ave. from B-2 to B-1 was made by Ritterbusch. A second motion to approve was made by Aupperle. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes-Keach, Aupperle, Ritterbusch, Smock, Geil, DeWeese. No-Knepp

#### **APPROVED**

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Yes-Knepp, Geil, Ritterbusch, Smock, DeWeese, Keach No-None Abstain-Aupperle

#### **APPROVED**

**Petition No. 22-03 SP:** Subject property is located at 700 S. Fourth Ave. (P.I.N 06-06-21-300-005). A petition has been filed by Maria Leman. Mrs. Leman is requesting a special use at this property to permit a private school. Mrs. Leman presented the petition and gave a summary of the intent to open a private school that would be kindergarten through sixth grade. With no discussion from the board, a motion to approve the special use was made by Aupperle. A second motion to approve was made by Smock. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes-Keach, Ritterbusch, Smock, Geil, DeWeese, Aupperle, Knepp No-None

#### **APPROVED**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10-15-12 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP. ZEO Marks presented the ordinance stating that the change in the map is reflective to the zoning changes that are being proposed in Petition No. 22-01 ZA. After discussion from the board, a motion to approve was made by Aupperle. A second motion to approve was made by Geil. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes-Ritterbusch, Smock, Geil, DeWeese, Keach, Knepp, Aupperle No-None

## **APPROVED**

## Other Business:

None

**Brad Marks:** ZEO Marks stated that all the map updates are complete and can be found on The Village of Morton website.

With no further business, Smock made a motion to adjourn. A second motion to adjourn was made by Aupperle. With a voice roll call, there was a unanimous approval to adjourn.

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1 PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
                                                                         MR. KEACH: Okay. So tonight we have some
2 DATE:
                February 28, 2022
                                                              2 public hearings, and before we enter the public
3 TIME:
                 7:00 p.m.
                                                              3 hearing, we'll have some information from our counsel,
                 Freedom Hall
                                                              4 Mr. Pat McGrath.
                 349 West Birchwood
Morton, Illinois
5
                                    61550
                                                                         MR. McGRATH: Thank you. Public hearings
6 COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
                                                              6 are being held tonight pursuant to published notice.
                                                              7 Any person wishing to make a comment to the Planning
                 Mr. Nate Geil
                 Ms. Kara Knepp
                                                              8 Commission will be afforded an opportunity to do so
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                Mr. Gerald Ritterbusch
Mr. Jeff Keach
                Mr. Chad Deweese
Mr. Craig Smock
Mr. Bill Aupperl-
Mr. Pat McGrath
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                                                              9 and will give their testimony under bath or
                                                              10 affirmation.
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                          Aupperle
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                 Mr. Brad Marks
                                                                        Any person living within 250 feet of a
                 Mr. Craig Hilliard
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                                                             12 property at issue who wishes to cross-examine another
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            MR. KEACH: Welcome to the Plan Commission
                                                              13 testifying witness may be afforded the opportunity to
14 of the Village of Morton for Monday, February 28th,
                                                              14 do so at the discretion of our chair but matters
15 2022. And we need a roll call.
                                                              15 germane to the issues before the planning commission.
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            MR. MARKS: Gell.
                                                              16 No member of the public may address the commission or
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                                                             17 cross-examine an applicant until recognized by the
            MR. GETL: Here.
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                                                              18 chair.
            MR. MARKS: Knepp.
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            MS. KNEPP: Here.
                                                                        At the conclusion of the public hearing, the
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            MR. MARKS: Smock.
                                                             20 Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the
                                                             21 Village Board. The Planning Commission makes
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            MR. SMOCK:
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                                                             22 recommendations only. The Village Board is
            MR. MARKS: Ritterbusch.
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                                                             23 responsible for taking final action on these matters.
            MR. RITTERBUSCH: Here.
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            MR. MARKS: Keach.
                                                                       MR. KEACH: Thank you, sir. So the first
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            MR. KEACH: Here.
                                                                item tonight on the agenda on the public hearing is
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            MR. MARKS: Zobrist.
                                                                 Petition No. 22-01 ZA, zoning amendment. A petition
               (No response.)
                                                              4 has been filed by the Village of Morton. The Village
            MR. MARKS: Absent.
                                                                of Morton is proposing the following zoning change for
            MR. AUPPERLE: Here.
                                                                the described properties. And at this point I'm going
            MR. MARKS: Yordy.
                                                                 to go ahead and turn it over to Brad Marks for an
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               (No response.)
                                                                 explanation of this proposal.
            MR. MARKS: Deweese.
                                                                       MR. MARKS: Thank you, Jeff. So if you
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            MR. DEWEESE: Here.
                                                              10 remember back in October, we brought a similar
            MR. MARKS: We have a quorum.
                                                                 petition. This one is a little revised from that one.
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            MR. KEACH: Okay. Next item on the agenda
                                                              12 We took the recommendations from you all, the
13 is to approve the minutes from October 25th, 2021.
                                                              13 concerns. There was three properties that are
14 Are there any comments or questions about the minutes
                                                              14 currently businesses on First Avenue, so the rezoning
15 that you saw in your packet?
                                                                 that is proposed now would be for those three
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            MR. AUPPERLE: I'll make a motion to
                                                              16 businesses to not get zoned to B-1 -- or to not go to
                                                              17 residential but to go to B-1, so then the remaining
17 approve.
                                                                 parcels that are currently being used as residential
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            MR. RITTERBUSCH: I'll second the motion.
                                                                 would be zoned to R-1.
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            MR. KEACH: A motion and a second.
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                                                                       MR. KEACH: Okay.
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            MR. MARKS: By voice coll, all in favor say
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                                                                       MR. MARKS: Any questions you want to add to
21 ave.
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            ALL IN UNISON: Aye.
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                                                                       MR. KEACH: Anyone have any questions for
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            MR. MARKS: Oppose the same. Approved.
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1 Mr. Marks?

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MR. RITTERBUSCH: What this does now is make

3 everything conforming. We don't have any

nonconforming uses on First Street then, do we?

MR. MARKS: If this is approved, yes.

MR. SMOCK: Back in October I mentioned my

7 concern about the fact that this isn't being brought

8 forward by the homeowners, and I think I talked about

9 a specific kind of active permission by the homeowners

10 to respond and say, yes, they'd want it to be this

11 way; otherwise, they purchased the property with a

12 certain expectation that might now be changed, not by

13 their action, by our action.

So maybe this time I'm a little sensitive to 14

15 government overreach of citizens' rights, but I'm just

16 curious, did anything change from October to now where

we have a sense of adding 26 properties? Are they all

on board with this change?

19 MR. MARKS: Well, I mean, that's up to them

20 to acknowledge if they're not on board. Everyone

21 received a letter by ordinance. I sent a letter to

every property owner, so they had the opportunity to

23 come to this meeting to express their, you know,

1 mean, are we supposed to --

MR. KEACH: We're going to open it up to the 2

3 public.

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MS. KNEPP: And do we have a chance to talk 4

about it after that as well?

MR, KEACH: Yes.

MS. KNEPP: I propose we move to that phase

and have that discussion after.

MR. SMOCK: I just wanted to see if there

was a difference between how this was brought forward 10

to now, and it doesn't sound like there was an active

permission. It was more passive. A letter was sent,

and if they don't respond --13

14 MR. MARKS: That's by ordinance. By

ordinance, we have a procedure to notify. 15

MS. KNEPP: Yep. And this was brought from 16

17 the town not from --

MR. MARKS: This was recommended by the 18

19 Village of Morton.

MR. HILLIARD: Craig, can I address you

21 here?

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22 MR. SMOCK: Sure.

MR. HILLIARD: I think this came to light

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when the daycare attempted to come in, and we looked

2 at what that was, and, actually, you know, more than

3 just looked at their petition but looked at the

4 neighborhood, went into the neighborhood and went

5 like, this is a residential neighborhood and all the

6 residences here are nonconforming; and the few

businesses that are in there, which were B-2, you

know, it was like, what's this zoned for, and this,

quite frankly, is zoned wrong.

And that's sort of my thought that we ought 10

to look at zoning and what it needs to be and what it 11

should be. What we did from the last planning

13 commission is we took what you said and looked at it

and said, okay, rather than changing the businesses

that are in operation as businesses under B-2, move

them to B-1 because, quite frankly, that's what they 16

17 fall under, they're under B-1.

And B-2 takes all of the B-1 with an 18

additional 45 items, and in those 45, there's several

items that we don't want to come in there. You know,

it's not proper for that to be in the neighborhood,

22 and, quite frankly, if we don't change it, there's no

23 stopping any of those 45 to come in because it's zoned

1 concerns.

MR. SMOCK: And I did see that at our last

meeting, according to the transcript, there was a Mrs.

4 Smith who came and spoke, and I think her address is

5 the last on the list, 313 North First Avenue. And I

6 believe she spoke against the change of zoning, but I see her property on the list to be changed. Is that

accurate?

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9 MR. MARKS: Yes, and I do not believe that 10 parcel is being used as a business. It is not being currently used as a business. 11

MR. SMOCK: Okay.

MR. MARKS: So to change it, that would 13

bring it to conforming as to what it's being used as. 15 MR. SMOCK: I don't know if I'm the only one

that is concerned that we're taking a property that 16

people purchased that had the flexibility that they

18 could create a business out of that property and now changing it kind of without their consent. Am I the

only one that has that concern, or does anybody share 20

21 that concern?

22 MS. KNEPP: No, I share that concern. Do we have people here that want to speak about this? I

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1 that. So that's sort of the thought process of the

Village Board.

MR. SMOCK: Yeah, and I completely

4 understand that it's residential now and you want to

keep it that way; maybe a lot of the residents want to

keep it that way. I totally understand that. I just

was hoping for a more active agreement on the part of

the property owners before their property was rezoned

without their intent.

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MR. KEACH: Maybe we'll find some tonight.

11 MR. HILLIARD: And I can't answer to that,

12 but I'm not sure that that didn't happen several years

ago when they changed it from R-1 to B-2 and made the

14 residences nonconforming.

15 MR. SMOCK: Maybe it's a moot point, but I'm

16 curious as to why that ever happened.

17 MR. HILLIARD: I think -- and I can only,

you know, say "I think" -- that the vision of the plan 18

commission and the village board way back when, the

best we can tell back in the 70's, was the town was

21 going to grow in a different means than what it did.

MR. SMOCK: And they just picked a

23 residential neighborhood to change the zoning?

1 way.

2 When you buy something, you don't expect

people to come in and then take it away from you for

no reason whatsoever. If somebody is putting in for

the zoning and they don't want it, then let them do it

just for their own property, but how have they got the

right to go against everybody else?

And as far as the city, I feel the city, it

seems like, would want more businesses because it's

10 better for people coming in and spending more money.

11 But for the places that they want to change, a couple

12 people that I've talked to didn't want to come because

13 of retaliation. They was afraid they'd have trouble,

14 and they said it's just like when children is taken

15 away from you, and then they have trouble, but they

feel they'd have trouble with the city.

But one lady said she thought about --17

because of losing everything they had during COVID,

19 they're barely hanging on to their home, and she

wanted to maybe start either a daycare or sewing

clothes and taking in ironing and stuff. And then a

22 gentleman said he thought about fixing lawn mowers and

23 repairing bikes and making stuff, like woodcraft and

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MR. HILLIARD: Well, they picked it right 1 2 off of Main Street.

MR. SMOCK: It could have gone a lot of 3

different directions, and it happened to go that way.

5 MR. HILLIARD: And the other section of 6 First Avenue, the south section, is several

businesses, which fall into that.

MR. SMOCK: Yeah. Okay.

MR. KEACH: We can keep talking about this,

but let's go ahead and open it up to the public and

see if there's anybody here tonight who would like to

speak to this petition. Anybody in the public? I see

a hand. If you would stand up and be sworn in.

(Witness sworn.)

15 MS. SMITH: I'm the one that was here a few

16 months ago that complained.

17 MR. KEACH: Could you please state your name

18 and what your address is.

19 MS. SMITH: Beverly Smith, 313 North First

20 Avenue, the last one on the list. Like I said a

21 couple months ago, a few months ago, we bought the

22 house 30 years ago, it was zoned for business. We

paid for it all these years, and we want it kept that

1 things, but they didn't want to appear because, like I

said, they didn't want to feel that they would have

trouble later because of it.

But, to me, I feel if you've paid for it and

5 you want it, that's why you buy it. You should be

6 allowed to keep it. Why should they come in and tell

7 you after that that you can't do it? I just feel

8 that's completely wrong in a way. It's a free

9 country, but it's not if you buy a home and think

10 you're going to get what you're paying for then they

11 take it away.

12 Now, when they take it away -- one lady

13 asked a couple months ago, will they reduce the taxes

14 because they do that. No, she was told, they won't.

15 They're going to keep the taxes up, even if the zoning

16 is took away; that means you're not getting what

17 you're paying for because that's what you paid for all

18 the years and for however long people have it.

19 I just feel that's wrong, and it's not a way

you do people. I feel doing to other as you want

other to do unto you. How would any of you like if

22 somebody come in and did that with your car or your

23 home or something you have? I just feel that's not a

1 very good way they should do it, and that's my

opinion. Thank you.

MR. KEACH: Thank you for your comments. 3

Sir, please come to the court reporter.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. KEACH: Would you please give your name 6 and your address.

MR. McKIMMEY: My name is Austin McKimmey.

9 I reside at 418 East Edgewood here in Morton. I think

10 changing this would be a bad thing for the city. I,

11 myself, am a businessowner. I recently moved back

12 here. I grew up here.

13 I recently moved back here, and, as a

14 businessowner, I've been looking at properties here in

Morton, which I have been looking at properties on

First Street there for the fact that they are zoned

that way, one of which was recently up for sale, which

is one of the few properties that are going to be

19 staying in the proposed plan of that.

20 I didn't end up moving forward with that

purchase at that time because of other things, but I

had been looking at properties along there. As a

23 businessowner, I have not found a property here in

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Morton because there are -- there seems to be a lot,

2 but, in reality, there's not.

And so by literally restricting and moving

4 back on the availability of these properties for the

5 future, I think that would be a detriment to the

6 growth of businesses here in Morton. There are a lot

7 of small businesses that would love to be here in

8 Morton, but there are not a lot of small business

spaces here in Morton.

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I know currently, obviously, if someone is

11 residing in it as a home, that's one thing, but if

12 that went on the market next year and someone was

13 like, oh, look, next door there's a hair salon, I

14 should be able to do this here, why shouldn't they be

15 able to? That's how it's been my entire childhood;

16 that's how it should continue to be. I mean, if

17 anything, I think there should be the opposite thing

18 going on and it should be expanding, but that's my

19 view there, so yeah.

20 I would -- I would wholeheartedly disagree

21 with the idea of removing that or removing that

22 without actually doing what some of the other members

23 here have said, like actually be like, hey, if you

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don't want to be this, then change it to residential,

2 but in reality it just doesn't make sense. Like why

3 change it now? There's -- if it's not going to lower

4 the taxes for the people being there, then why even do

it? I don't know. That's just in my mind.

I mean, as of right now, because I'm a small

businessowner and I can't find a place here in Morton

that works for me, I'm looking outside of Morton as

someone who is going to be residing in Morton for the

foreseeable future. I'm going to be living here, but 10 I can't even have a space here.

And, yeah, I mean, that's kind of that as 12

13 the business aspect. I mean, I would love to find a

space here. If anyone has a space here, let me know.

15 But, yeah, so that's my take on that. I hope that

16 helps.

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17 MR. KEACH: Thank you for your comments. Is

18 there anyone else?

19 (Witness sworn.)

MS. SPRINGER: Hi, my name is Sherry

Springer. We live at 316 North Second, and nobody

seems to be speaking on the other side. And I just

wanted to say we would love it to be zoned residential

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1 because we live on Second, and it's a neighborhood.

2 The businesses that are there we don't object to, but

we'd like the rest to be zoned back to residential.

MR. KEACH: Thank you for your comments. 4

5 (Witness sworn.)

MR. SPRINGER: I'm William Springer. I live

at 316 North Second, and I guess I have a question

because you mentioned B-1 and B-2, and I'm not -- you

know, I don't know what the zoning differences are

between a 1 and a 2, but you kind of indicated that

business -- a B-2 would broaden the types of

businesses that would be able to establish in that

13 area. Is that correct?

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MR. HILLIARD: That is correct, sir.

MR. SPRINGER: Okay. Again, as my wife had 15

said, it is a neighborhood. We would like it to stay

17 as a neighborhood, residential, but, again, I don't

know what all the criteria are for the B-1. And

19 that's what you kind of indicated; those that are

there, you would want them to stay as a B-1 and not

21 broaden to a B-2 to limit the types of businesses that

22 could be run on First Street, which we don't object to

23 that, like she said. We would like to see those

- 1 grandfathered in, again, so that this lady doesn't
- 2 have to stop doing what she's doing, which she's been
- 3 allowed to do for 20 or 30 years. Let those
- 4 businesses be grandfathered in and stay what they are
- but not to expand it any farther in that sense. So
- that's our perspective. Thank you.
- MR. KEACH: Thank you.
- 8 (Witness sworn.)
- MS. MESSER: I'm Valerie Messer. I live at
- 214 North Second. I spoke before when this originally
- started when it was going to be a daycare trying to go
- in there. I agree fully with the Springers. They
- live down the street from me. We've lived there 30
- some years. It's a nice, quiet neighborhood. The
- businesses that are there are quiet businesses; the
- people that come are quiet. 16
- 17 I sit on my front porch every night when
- it's nice out and read, and different businesses that
- would come in could be very noisy. That is our homes.
- That's where we go to have peace, to live comfortably.
- You have to think, would you want some of these 21
- businesses to come and be in your neighborhood to
- disrupt your family life. So I would hope that the
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- 1 ones that are there could stay but agree with the Springers very much. So thank you.
- MR. KEACH: Thank you. Is there anyone else
- who would like to speak to this petition? Okay. If
- not, we'll close the public comment portion of this
- petition. 6
- MR. RITTERBUSCH: Mr. Chairman?
- MR. KEACH: Yes, sir.
- MR. RITTERBUSCH: A part of the job of a
- planning commission is to avoid as many nonconforming
- uses as possible because nonconforming confuses
- things, and I think that's why the Village has brought
- this up is that way back when, like you say, in the
- 70's, The Planning Commission and the Village Board at
- that time had some ideas that this street would become
- commercialized; 30 years later, it hasn't.
- 17 And so at this point for everybody in the
- 18 future, it's better to eliminate as many nonconforming
- uses as possible because when people come to the
- village, they look at it, they can see what things are
- zoned and know how to deal with it. So that's one
- 22 reason why I think we need to eliminate all these
- nonconforming issues that we have, but we're being

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- 1 principle enough to say that where there are
- businesses today, they fit in B-1. We will keep all those zonings, and we'll change all of those to B-1
- from B-2 so they're still a business.
- And, in the future, if there is a property
- here that somebody would want to put into business,
- that same property could be brought forward to the
- planning commission again, and we would have to look
- at the business and how it fits and decide if it could
- 10 be rezoned from R-1 to a B-1. There's nothing that
- 11 says you can't go back and forth on zoning. It's all
- up to the planning commission.
- So I think the main emphasis right now is
- 14 let's try to eliminate all these nonconforming issues
- 15 that we have right now because 30 years, after it was
- 16 originally put together, it didn't happen. So it's
- time to clean up the zoning.
- 18 MR. KEACH: So you're in support of the
- 19 petition tonight?
- MR. RITTERBUSCH: I am in support of the way 20
- it's been reworked now from the last meeting.
- 22 MR. SMOCK: I would just say this to that,
- 23 what if we had a person who just purchased one of
  - Page 20
- 1 these properties and they intended on putting a
- 2 business in and they've gone through all the effort to
- get that property and have their plan, and then we're
- going to sit here and vote and say that they can't do
- what they were just intending to do?
- MR. HILLIARD: Commissioner Smock, we had
- that, and that was the nail salon that moved in to
- what Bella's salon was, the potential -- where the
- daycare was requested.
- MS. SMITH: Can't hear.
- MR. HILLIARD: I apologize. Mr. Smock, we
- 12 had that happen. The proposed daycare, which was
- Bella's salon, the hair salon, which is now the nail
- 14 salon, they were in the process of purchasing that
- property, and we worked with them and waited to bring
- this forward until they got established so that they
- would not fall into that predicament. 17
- 18 MR. SMOCK: But we have someone that spoke 19 tonight.
- MR. HILLIARD: We have someone who spoke 20
- 21 tonight that they've lived in a residential home
- nonconforming for 30 years, and they haven't started a
- 23 business.

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MR. SMOCK: Yeah, I understand the difference. Like I said, I think -- I'm sensitive to changing expectations when someone owns a property and

4 we're changing it on them. I'm sensitive to that.
 5 And we've had two opportunities for people

6 to speak on this, and the same property owner has

7 spoken twice. I think it's fair to say that we know

of one person on this list that would reject this, and
 so I would be in favor of all of these properties -- I

mean, people have had the opportunity a couple times

11 to publicly express their opinion -- all these

12 properties except for the last one and change it to

13 B-1 instead of R-1. I would be open to that because

14 there has been a good effort made to contact the

15 citizens.

I think this should be R-1. I mean, I'm not

17 debating what people are saying. These are

18 neighborhoods. It's just the concept of someone

19 purchasing a property with a certain expectation and a

20 certain value based on that expectation that now the

21 government is going to come in and change.

MR. KEACH: Craig, I want to understand what you proposed there because I didn't understand it.

you proposed there because I didn't understand it.

1 significant change that they may not understand. They

2 may not have been notified for whatever reason,

3 whether they lost their mail, they're traveling,

4 they're sick, whatever, and I would just want to make

5 sure that they understand because I do feel like this

6 is not a request from them. This is us kind of

7 pushing that change onto them, and I'm just not very

8 comfortable with it.

9 MR. KEACH: So I would comment. I think 10 I've heard some really good comments tonight on this,

11 and I think I -- as I review the code -- by the way,

12 those that don't know what the zoning is, you can go

13 online on the village website, and you can see what's

14 allowed in a B-1 and a B-2 and by reading that, it's

15 pretty obvious that B2 is not going to fly on this

16 street.

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You know, that was the one that we -- that

18 came to us, the daycare, and that was more of a B-2

19 type of business, but there's not enough space for

20 that. B-2 allows things like restaurants and --

21 aren't I right?

MR. MARKS: Yes. There's quite a bit.

MR. KEACH: All of them have needs for more

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1 parking; whereas, B-1 is more service kinds of

2 businesses where maybe you have appointments and you

3 wouldn't need a parking lot for an entire business.

4 You know, people would be -- you'd be able to probably

5 park on the street or in the driveway and accomplish

6 it, something like an attorney's office or an

7 accountant or dentist, doctor's office, those kind of

8 things.

9 So, to me, I think something should be done

10 because B-2 is not going to work on this street. And

11 I like the idea -- I like what you've done, Village of

12 Morton, by grandfathering in these businesses that are

13 already businesses and calling them B-1 instead of

4 B-2, and I would support Craig's idea of making the

one at 313 North First Avenue also a B-1.

I'm just kind of spitting out everything I'm

17 thinking here, so pardon me on this. And I think, you

18 know, whenever you have two zoning -- two zones face

19 to face, there's going to be sort of that line that's

20 hard to do. You know, you're going to have

21 residential next to business; that's always a little

22 bit difficult. I think that First Street does lend

23 itself to B-1.

MR. SMOCK: The list of properties we have

2 on the agenda, the last one was spoken about tonight,

and if that was B-2 to B-1.MR. KEACH: Yes.

MR. SMOCK: Now, we'd have a list of

6 properties. I don't know what these other people

7 think, but they've had an opportunity to speak at this

8 meeting twice now, and they haven't. So I know of one

9 resident that, if we changed theirs from B-2 to B-1,

10 like we are the other business properties, then I feel

11 like everyone else we can -- I guess at this point we

12 can assume they agree with this, and I would feel

13 comfortable with that. I'm just saying that's just

4 where I'm at. I'm one person. That's just where I'm

15 at.

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MS. KNEPP: Yeah, I'm having a hard time

17 with it. I feel like these people bought their

18 properties with the expectation. I don't know why

19 they haven't come to speak necessarily against it,

20 although, they haven't come to speak for it. And I

just feel like I would appreciate more of an activediscussion with these people to figure out if they're

23 okay with the change because I do feel like this is a

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And so if I'm on this board -- if we pass it

- this way and I'm on this board in the future, I would
- 3 be very open to changing -- doing spot zoning to B-1
- 4 for these houses that are along here because they are
- close enough to the downtown. It is a good location
- for a business, and it would be a public hearing at
- that point where the neighbors can come in and weigh
- in on the merits of changing that particular piece of
- property and to leave one piece of property.
- 10 But I could see supporting this proposal. I
- really like Craig's idea of offering 313 North First
- Avenue as a B-1. Also, I don't know if that's a
- possibility, if we could do that. Is that something
- 14 we can do as a plan commission tonight?
- 15 MR. MARKS: Pat.
- 16 MR. McGRATH: You can inform your own
- 17 recommendation. And just a clarification on 313 North
- First, the proposed business use is a worm farm, which
- would be not be a permitted business in B-1 or B-2.
- 20 So what they've suggested to use the property for
- today they could not do in B-1; that would be a B-3
- 22 property.

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MR. AUPPERLE: I think it's important to

1 I'd like it grandfathered in at that.

- MR. KEACH: So we cannot accept comments 2
- from the audience at this point.
- MS. SMITH: Well, what goes around comes
- around. Something will happen to them then.
- MR. McGRATH: So clarifying, if I may, just 6
- as a procedural matter. Would it be fair to
- interpret, since we don't have a motion on the table
- and since it was a request to amend, that could be
- interpreted to approve subject to that amendment, was
- 11 that what was intended?
- 12 MR. RITTERBUSCH: That could be, yes. I'll
- change it. We'll approve it with the change to 313
- North First to B-1 instead of R-1. 14
- MR. KEACH: So the procedure here would be 15
- that someone might second it, and then we would
- discuss that further. 17

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- MR. AUPPERLE: I'll second it.
- 19 MR. KEACH: Okay. We have a second. Let's
- 20 discuss that option. Anybody at the table?
  - MR. SMOCK: I think all these are
- 22 concessions. I mean, even the B-2 business -- the
- 23 businessowners that have B-2 right now are conceding

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- 1 that they can't use the property in the future for
  - 2 some other purpose and I think we probably all agree
  - that it's probably for the best for the neighborhood
  - and for everyone else.
  - So I just want to make a point that there 5
  - are probably a lot of property owners on this list
  - that are making a concession. Just because it makes
  - sense today that, oh, that's what their business is,
  - it's a B-1 type of business, they're still making some
  - 10 kind of concession like we spoke about that there was
  - an expectation of what they could have done with their
  - 12 property, and now they're going to lose that right.
  - 13 And so I just -- it's not likely that I
  - would approve this, but I would vote yes for this
  - amendment, but I think there are a lot of property
  - owners that would be making concessions on that. I
  - 17 think that's worth acknowledging.

  - 18 MR. AUPPERLE: One last point. If we use
  - 19 the daycare as an example, Craig, you know, you had
  - someone there that purchased the property as a B-2 20
  - 21 thinking that they could use the business for a
  - 22 daycare, but the safety concerns and some of the other
  - 23 things that came along with that business led to it

1 note there that people bought the property under the

- 2 pretense that it was zoned a business district, which
- 3 I think is -- you know, they want that option. So I
- 4 -- you know, I don't disagree with anything you're
- 5 saying, Jeff. I think it's important to note that,
- 6 you know, by adopting this ordinance and switching it
- 7 to R-1, it doesn't preclude you from coming back and
- 8 asking for a zoning change. In fact, I would argue it
- 9 would probably give you a better chance to get B-1 if 10 you were coming with a business license and you're
- saying here's what we want to do. On a case-by-case
- 12 basis, I think this stretch here would be more than
- likely to receive that zoning change because of what 13
- it once was. 14
- MR. KEACH: It's peppered with B-1 already, 15
- 16 if we accept this petition, so it would be, I think,
- 17 natural.
- MR. RITTERBUSCH: Mr. Chairman, I'll propose 18
- 19 an amendment to this proposal that for 313 North First
- Avenue we will change it from B-2 to B-1 instead of 20 21 R-1.
- 22 MS. SMITH: We paid for B-2. I feel we
- 23 should have the B-2. That's what we bought it as, and

Page 8 (Pages 29-32) Page 29 Page 31 MR. RITTERBUSCH: Yes. 1 being denied. Right? MR. SMOCK: I think that was a special use, MR. MARKS: Smock. 2 2 that wasn't a guarantee. They didn't have a guarantee MR. SMOCK: Yes. 3 to be able to buy that property and put a daycare in MR. MARKS: Geil. 4 there. They didn't have a guarantee. MR. GEIL: Yes. 5 MR. AUPPERLE: I think it protects against 6 MR. MARKS: Deweese. MR. DEWEESE: Yes. that a little bit too. MR. SMOCK: Yeah. MR. MARKS: Motion passes. 8 MR. AUPPERLE: You know. MR. KEACH: Okay. Next is a petition, 9 MR. SMOCK: Yeah, I agree, and I feel for subject property -- it's Petition No. 22-02 SP, 10 10 subject properties are located at 641 and 651 Harding 11 the residents that, you know, they probably moved in 12 just not even looking at the zoning map, right, and Road. Petition has been filed by Steve Lehman. He's requesting a special use at these properties to permit 13 not even realizing that the backdoor neighbor could be 14 a restaurant tomorrow, so I feel for that. But I feel a building to be a 39-foot high building. So is Steve here? Would you like to make a presentation, Steve? 15 stronger for the expectation of the property owner and 15 what they -- the expectations they had. 16 (Witness sworn.) 16 MR. LEHMAN: Thanks for the opportunity to Other people have the right to look at 17 17 share this and consider this request. I believe all 18 zoning maps and figure out or to realize themselves, 18 of you have the packet -well, this vacant property some day could be something 19 MR. KEACH: I'm going to ask you to give 20 I don't want, and they go into that purchase knowing 20 your name and your address. I'm sorry, Steve. that, right. There's -- there's fair warning of what 21 22 things can become, and so it's when the fair warning 22 MR. LEHMAN: I forgot. 23 MR. KEACH: It's standard. 23 goes away that I am less comfortable, but I'm Page 32 Page 30 1 comfortable with what's on the table. MR. LEHMAN: Yeah, you bet. My name is 2 Steve Lehman. I live at 414 Wolf Crossing Drive in MR. KEACH: Anybody else have anything they 2 Morton. And -- is that everything? Is there anything want to say about that? 3

MR. DEWEESE: I can't say it any better than

MR. KEACH: Well, I think that Gerry's

5 Craig said it. I agree completely with what Craig 6 said.

8 motion, actually, you know, is a good amendment to the 9 -- to the petition, and, again, I think that anybody 10 who wants to change their property from residential to 11 business, to B-1, I think it would be a pretty -- it's 12 a reasonable request, not that I'm saying it's going 13 to get passed, but it's a reasonable request based on the neighborhood. 14

Any other comments? If not, let's call the 15 roll. 16

17 MR. MARKS: Keach. 18 MR. KEACH: Yes. MR. MARKS: Knepp. 19 MS. KNEPP: No. 20 MR. MARKS: Aupperle. 21

MR. AUPPERLE: Yes. 22 MR. MARKS: Ritterbusch. 23

else? Okay. We can dive right in. We had the zoning map up just a second ago, 5 and I guess --7 MR. MARKS: Do you want that map up? MR. LEHMAN: You can probably bring it back. 9 I just want to clarify something on that because we're right at the edge of the zoning map, just so I can 11 touch on that topic first. Okay. You can see in the green there in the middle, that's the R-4 property. 13 So the property we're talking about is already zoned R-4; that's not changing on this request. We're just matching it. The top piece is R-4 with an S, special, 15 for making sure that we can do the 3-story, 39-foot.

16 17 So what the request is here is just to match that for continuity with the adjacent attached lot 18 19 that's already in that same classification. But when -- on the request it asks us to identify what's north, 20 21 south, east, and west of the subject property. Since 22 we're on a skew, it could be a little bit confusing of

23 what's north, east, and all that. But I put down

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1 north is the R-4 three-story because it is. We're

- 2 just asking to match what's already attached to it.
- 3 And then to the east, depending on how you draw the
- 4 line, is also still the same property.
- But I'm the property owner for the
- 6 neighboring attached piece. I'm just asking for it to
- 7 be able to be conformed or continuous in the same
- 8 fashion. So I hope that clears up if there's any
- questions on that part.
- 10 So really the request is primarily to make
- it consistent so it's more aesthetically pleasing and
- 12 just has a flow to it with the look and feel of the
- 13 lifestyle center, we'll call it. It's upscale
- 14 housing. It's close to Gold's Gym and the daycare, so
- 15 it'll be great to support local businesses. We also
- 16 have a letter of support from Gold's Gym and from the
- Morton Economic Development Council and other tenants
- that live nearby, so we feel like we have pretty good,
- strong support from the local adjacent properties in
- 20 general.
- 21 There's a lot of benefits to go with the
- 3-story, the 39-foot. The consistency across the

1 allows for more yard space so we can have

23 other lots nearby is a big part of it. Also, it

1 earners. And this is all market-rate, upscale

- 2 apartments, so we're getting people who have to earn a
- good living to be there.
- The Rivian industry is bringing a lot of
- people who want to live in the Morton area. It's only
- 22 minutes to get from here to the factory in
- Bloomington, so there's been a lot of demand from
- 8 them.
- We've also seen a lot of retirees who want
- to live here in Morton; many of them have family in
- the area, and it's just a great safe community. A
- 12 large portion is young, single, working people, a lot
- 13 of retirees. There are some with families, of course.
- 14 There's not near as many families as I would have
- 15 expected, but there's a lot of people on both ends of
- the spectrum as far as their career goes.
- 17 And a lot of people work from home; a lot of
- 18 times with the two bedrooms, they use the one bedroom
- for themselves, and the second bedroom is used as a 19
- work-from-home location. So I guess that's the main
- 21 thing, I guess, as far as the overview, but I'm open
- 22 to any questions or feedback on that.
- 23 MR. KEACH: So you're asking -- the thing

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- 2 professionally maintained yards and more landscaping
- 3 and trees, which also helps with making it feel more
- 4 secluded from neighboring properties, so it gives us
- 5 more flexibility to make the greenscaping better.
- So if you go to the -- I don't know if you
- have that. It's the fourth slide that I had in there.
- 8 MR. MARKS: They have copies of all that in
- 9 there.
- 10 MR. LEHMAN: Great. You can see they're
- 11 basically -- to the north we have a three-story
- already, and slightly to the east and then to the west
- we have industrial, Gold's Gym, the daycare, and then
- going south we have more industrial, and then the
- interstate. 15
- 16 So I feel like this shouldn't be
- problematic, I wouldn't think, and it fits nicely in
- 18 this location. So far with the leasing process, we've
- had a lot of people who are looking for upscale
- 20 housing who are primarily young working professionals.
- many of them working at Rivian and Caterpillar, OSF,
- 22 some Bradley as well, and Methodist. So you get a lot
- of the younger working professionals; they're high

- 1 you're asking for is that it could go to three stories
- 2 instead of just the two, which I think is what the
- MR. MARKS: Two and a half at 35 feet is
- permitted.
- MR. KEACH: Two and a half at 35 feet.
- MR. LEHMAN: We're asking for an extra
- story, an extra four feet, which, about a year ago,
- was the standard code anyway, so this isn't much
- different. 10
- 11 MR. KEACH: Yes. This is a recent
- amendment. Any questions for the petitioner? I guess 12
- 13 not. Thanks, Steve.
- MR. LEHMAN: Yeah, I appreciate it. Thank 14
- 15 you.

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- MR. KEACH: Is there anybody from the 16
- audience who would like to speak to this petition? 17
- 18 MR. CRAWFORD: I'm sorry, what?
- MR. KEACH: Anybody from the audience want 19
- to speak about this? 20
- 21 MR. CRAWFORD: I do.
  - MR. KEACH: Come on up.
  - (Witness sworn.)

MR. CRAWFORD: So my name is John Crawford.

- 2 I live at 25691 Harding Road, and I also own the house
- 3 at 25659 Harding Road, which is next door. And I'm
- 4 not familiar with this format, so if I need
- 5 correction, by all means. But right out of the gate,
- 6 the petition lists my house as a three story, and it
- 7 is not a three-story home, and it totally ignores the
- 8 one-story ranch next to it. I don't know if that's a
- big deal or not, but it seems to me that the petition
- should be accurate as to how the properties are.
- 11 So moving on to the next point, I have a
- 12 sketch that I received that was put out by Mr. Lehman,
- 13 I assume, that is showing, as nearly as I can tell,
- 14 seven buildings across the street in this double lot.
- 15 There are already 3, 96 units. If there are 7 or 8
- 16 more buildings -- I'm doing some guessing here because
- the drawings aren't extremely detailed -- but you're
- talking about putting 350 units on 2 lots.
- 19 And has there been any sort of a traffic
- 20 study at all about Harding Road and any improvements,
- or are we going to have 6 or 700 cars coming in and
- out one driveway 2 times a day? Is there anyone to
- 23 answer that question or is that --

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- 1 Chair's consent and Mr. Crawford's consent, but it is
- 2 his time; or he can finish, and then you can have the
- 3 opportunity after he testifies.
- MR. CRAWFORD: Well, my time is not going to
- 5 be abbreviated, is it?
- MR. McGRATH: There's no time limit. 6
  - MR. CRAWFORD: I'd love responses from
- Mr. Lehman.

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- MR. KEACH: You may approach the mic, if you
- 10 would like to, and respond.
- 11 MR. CRAWFORD: Do we take turns?
- 12 MR. KEACH: Sure.
- 13 MR. LEHMAN: I appreciate your comments. I
- would love to have talked earlier so we could work
- 15 through a lot of this stuff before, of course, that
- would be good, but we're here now. These are good
- 17 questions. No, there's nowhere near 300 and something
- units planned. It's not even close to that. Plus,
- 19 this is also a multi-year process to get them built.
- MR. CRAWFORD: What are these? This is what 20
- 21 I received. This is all I have.
- MR. LEHMAN: This is a preliminary, and 22
- 23 these are much smaller than -- what we're trying to do

1 is a lot smaller with the length of the building, so

- 2 it's not near as large as what you imagined or that
- you stated here, but I can understand why there would
- be a missguess on that.
- As far as the fire department, we actually
- 6 have been working with the fire department. They're
- very involved in the planning phase before we get
- 8 anything going, so we're discussing the plan, getting
- the layout with them, getting their input. And even
- throughout construction, they're doing inspections.
- We even had the fire department run some practice
- drills in existing buildings, all three of them.
- We have three building now; one is almost 13
- 14 complete; one is drywall; one is in framing stage, and
- we worked with the fire department and let them use it
- 16 as a training opportunity so they could run through it
- 17 with their crew and just do a test run on how they
- 18 would respond if there's an event. And this is all
- voluntarily doing it, so they've been a really good
- 20 partner to work with. They are very involved in the
- 21 planning process. They're all fire sprinkler
- 22 buildings, and we have fire protection with the
- 23 drywall and the whole design process.

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MR. MARKS: I'm not aware of any traffic studies that have been done.

MR. CRAWFORD: Anything for schools? 3

- MR. MARKS: I'm not aware of the schools as 4
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- MR. CRAWFORD: Anything for police and fire? 6 7 If you add a third story, that's going to be more risk
- for the fire department and EMTs doing any sort of
- work there.
- 10 MR. MARKS: I'm not aware of any of those departments or entities doing any kind of studies. 11
- MR. CRAWFORD: So as it stands right now, 12
- 13 the 96 units, their only entrance is on Harding Road,
- no light plan that I'm aware of, and, now, you're
- talking about, if I'm correct, 7 or 8 more buildings at 32 units per. Is that accurate?
- 17 MR. LEHMAN: No, not quite. What is the
- 18 procedure for me to respond? How does that work? 19 MR. McGRATH: So there's two ways in which
- 20 you can proceed, and the Chair can give directions to
- 21 supplement mine, but you can -- we want to get you on
- 22 the microphone if you're going to respond to specific 23 comments, so you can either come up now with the

MR. CRAWFORD: This is going to be

2 sprinkled? 3 MR. LEHMAN: Yes, they'll be sprinkled. For 4 sure. I'm trying to think of what else you had mentioned that I should respond to. Yeah, as far as your house, you're in the gray area; that's not on the zoning map, so it wasn't clear to me what your yours is. Just from the outside, it has three levels of windows and it's about the same height as what we're building, so I was saying this is similar in height to what you've got, and it's got three levels of windows, similar to what you have.

13 I've never been inside your house. I don't know how many stories is it, but I do know to the north we've got the same thing as what we're asking for, and then to the east, as far as I'm aware of, on 17 our property, it's the same thing as what we're asking 18 for.

19 MR. CRAWFORD: In direct response there, 20 yes, it's -- I would guess that my house is probably every bit as tall as what you are asking for;

although, it was built 110 years ago before zoning

laws even existed, and there's nothing that I can do

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1 at all. We're just talking about the height matching 2 up with the neighboring property; that's really all

we're talking about here.

MR. CRAWFORD: Well, if we take one story off the top that's going to change the density. 5

MR. LEHMAN: It actually doesn't because 6 then those come down to the ground level, and it just

means there's less landscaping, less trees, which I

think it's better to have more greenscape, more space

10 for -- it's professionally maintained, professionally

11 landscaped. It doesn't change the density or the use,

12 it just changes us back to matching up with the

neighboring heights.

MR. CRAWFORD: Okay. Well, again, I was 15 asleep at the switch on the first time around. That's 16 my fault. I'm here tonight. I think -- I suppose the 17 bottom line in my mind is I've built in this town for 18 35 years myself, and the rules were in place, and we

19 lived by the rules. And if the village has an ordinance that says 35 feet, then why do we continue

to give exceptions to that rule. If you don't like

22 the rule, why not change the ordinance so that we're

23 not having these sort of disagreements here in a

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1 to alter that.

The other thing, in retrospect, somehow, 2

when you applied for this change for the three

4 buildings that you already have, I don't know if I was

5 asleep at this switch or what, but I was not really

6 aware or I would have -- I wouldn't change the

outcome, but I would have not been in favor of that

then either because I think they're a little

overpowering based on the density.

10 And, again, we've got -- I have to be honest, I was surprised that they put the entrance to the existing three buildings on Harding Road.

Courtland is an improved road with a turn lane, and yet they put the entrance on Harding Road, which is an

unimproved two lane with no shoulders, no curb, no

16 sidewalk, no nothing. Although, you're putting

sidewalks in now. 17

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MR. LEHMAN: Yeah, we are.

19 MR. CRAWFORD: And now we're talking about

putting -- how many units will there be when it's all 20

done? Do you know? 21

22 MR. LEHMAN: This request doesn't change the 23 number of units at all. It doesn't change the density

public forum. Again, I'm -- I don't understand.

MR. MARKS: Maybe I can help answer that. A 2

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special use is a permitted use in maybe certain

circumstances where maybe it fits in certain areas

where maybe it wouldn't in other areas, so that's the

premise behind a special use.

MR. CRAWFORD: I understand special use. We 7

have one ourselves, but you've currently -- correct me

if I'm wrong -- but you gave the three story on

10 Jefferson Street, which is the heart of downtown, and

are you doing it out in a semisuburban area? I don't

understand.

MR. MARKS: Well, the Village Board approves 13 14 the special uses, so you would have to ask the Village

Board what their thought is, but I would say that they

16 felt it was appropriate to have a three story where

17 the Jefferson building is.

18 MR. LEHMAN: Another point, it was, up until

about a year and a half ago, I think, that three and a

20 half stories -- at least three, maybe even three and a

21 half stories -- was allowed without any special

22 request for an R-4 zoned property. So for this to

23 even become a special use, it has only happened within

MR. LEHMAN: Well, on that topic, we have

2 hired extra help to stay on top of that. I never

4 preemptive. When I saw that there was some, I told

the crew, we've got to really focus on that and clean

have a rock entrance, but we need to do a better job

with that as well or we can fence it in during

I'll say the good news is once it's

11 completed, there won't be that issue as we'll have

professionally landscaped yards. I mean, that's a

whole lot better than the current stockpile of rock

dirt and rock back and forth currently, but once we

drawings for the entrances and exits for this phase?

village, but the engineers are trying to pin it down.

get this developed and finished off, it'll improve

and gravel where you constantly have trucks trucking

MR. CRAWFORD: And you have no current

MR. LEHMAN: We're working on it with the

MR. KEACH: Can I interrupt now and say that

construction.

that whole situation.

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that up. We have other things we can do as well. We

3 received a phone call, but in my mind it was

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- 1 the last year, year and a half, and that was
- 2 primarily, I believe, to give some control to the
- 3 board to say if it's in -- if it's next to a bunch of
- 4 single-family homes or something, maybe we don't want
- 5 a three-story building right there; but if we're next
- 6 to other homes or properties that are similar, then it
- makes sense.
- I'm kind of guessing on that, but the time
- 9 line of -- the history of it, it has been allowed for
- 10 the majority of my existence in Morton, which is 12,
- 11 15 years by now, I think.
- 12 MR. CRAWFORD: And to be absolutely open
- 13 about the whole thing, that property has been zoned
- 14 I-2 for the last 50 years when the Village rezoned it
- 15 for the theoretical Caterpillar expansion that never
- 16 came to be, and then when the Aupperles purchased that
- ground, they made it into an industrial park. It was
- all zoned I-2. I'm happy that it's going to R-4
- instead of I-2.
- So even though I may sound a little 20
- antagonistic, that's just my nature. I'm not totally 21
- against this. I just am not really in favor of the
- three stories. And, again, I'll go back to if the
- 1 this is just a zoning hearing, and, you know,

The specific exact entrance is still in flux.

- 2 Mr. Lehman does come to these meetings sometimes with
- 3 more drawings about what he's planning to do, but
- 4 that's not really what we're about. We're just about
- 5 the zoning and he still has to provide drawings to the
- 6 city for what he wants to do, and, you know, there's a
- process for that. 7
- MR. CRAWFORD: And, again, this -- I may
- 9 have brought some things up that weren't really
- 10 necessary in this format, and if I did, I apologize
- for that. Bottom line is, I'm not against the
- 12 apartments at all because that's an improvement over a
- 13 chemical factory, which is what could have gone there,
- 14 but I just -- the three-story thing is killing me, so
- 15 I'm done.

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- 16 MR. KEACH: Thank you for your comments.
  - MR. CRAWFORD: All right. Thanks.
- MR. LEHMAN: I appreciate it. 18
- MR. KEACH: Does anyone else want to speak 19
- 20 to this petition?
- 21 (Witness sworn.)
  - MR. COOK: Good evening. My name is Jeremy
- 23 Cook. I own the property at 25765 Harding Road just

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- 1 Village doesn't want 39 feet or if they want 39 feet,
- 2 then change the ordinance.
- MR. KEACH: Thank you for your comments. 3
- MR. CRAWFORD: And one last thing. Sorry. 4
- 5 The builders have probably been less than good
- 6 neighbors throughout this first phase, and I had
- 7 originally -- we contacted the office; that didn't do
- 8 any good. We contacted the village; that didn't do
- any good. I ended up having to call the police
- 10 because there was so much mud on the road.
- 11 My wife has a Suburban, which has got more 12 than three inches of ground clearance, and the chunks
- 13 of mud were hitting the exhaust system on the car, and
- 14 we had to call the police to get it cleaned up. And
- 15 as of one o'clock this afternoon, the Ackerman and
- Wiedman property east of the three buildings, the
- entire 40 acres -- 20 acres is covered in trash, and
- the property on the other side of Courtland is in the
- same condition. 19
- There is so much building debris out there, 20
- 21 it's mind numbing. And that -- again, I spent 38
- 22 years in construction myself; that's not supposed to
- 23 happen.

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- 1 north of Mr. Crawford's property. I was going to read
- 2 everything on the sheet tonight, but what I've been
- 3 hearing, I think I'm just going to say a few things.
  - My biggest concern for this three story is
- 5 my privacy on my property. Everywhere I walk on my
- 6 property, I have a window looking at me. So I don't
- 7 know if that's a setback issue, I don't know if it's
- 8 the height issue, but it's definitely an issue. So
- 9 I'll be out in my property there, and I'm going to
- 10 have somebody looking out a window at everything I do,
- 11 just that on privacy.
- Mr. Crawford talked about the road
- 13 congestion. I was worried about that. Clearly if he
- 14 does this three stories, he could add more people. I
- 15 know this is not for that yet. We'll talk with the
- board more about that. I don't want to waste your
- guys' time. 17
- 18 Me personally aesthetically, I think those
- buildings stick out at three stories. I don't think
- they look good, especially out in an industrial area.
- I don't know where you put three-story buildings in
- Morton, but that's your guys' decision to get this
- 23 special use permit for three stories. Yes, they're

- 1 so we think it would look really good to keep that 2 going, support the growth in the community. I like
- the ideas of greenery, the trees, the landscaping. It
- would be much better than the field and the gravel and
- the rock piles that are there right now.
- I do have the same concern as Mr. Crawford
- 7 as far as the traffic on Harding Road. You know, if
- we can make some improvements to the road and the
- lighting, that would be great. But, overall, I don't
- want to take much of your time, but I wanted to take
- 11 the time to say we support this permit to go to 39
- 12 feet, 3 stories. Thank you.
- 13 MR. KEACH: Thank you. Anyone else? Okay.
- 14 We'll close the public comment portion of this
- 15 petition.
- 16 I have a question. I think I know the
- 17 answer to this, Brad, but the zoning, does that not
- set density of the property, the number of people that
- can actually live or the number of units?
- MR. MARKS: It meets setbacks, it meets 20
- 21 storm water, so if you're talking about the
- buildings --
- 23 MR. KEACH: The difference between a two
- 1 story and a three story, if it goes to three story,
  - 2 that doesn't mean he has more units on the property,
  - does it?
  - MR. MARKS: I believe it does. I think what
  - 5 Mr. Lehman was saying -- you would expand outward as
  - opposed to upward.
  - MR. LEHMAN: The density is still a certain
  - number of units per acre.
  - MR. KEACH: That's what I'm talking about.
  - 10 MR. LEHMAN: It doesn't change the density,
  - whether it's two stories or three stories.
  - 12 MR. KEACH: It does not change the density.
  - 13 So my point is, I think I'm hearing that whether it's
  - 14 a two story or three story, there are still going to
  - 15 be the same number of people allowed on the property.
  - 16 Is that right?
  - 17 MR. MARKS: I think that potentially could
  - 18 be true, yes.

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- MR. KEACH: Okay. That's what I want to 19
- 20 know. So I think what Steve was saying was it -- the
- 21 way you get more density if it's two stories is you
- 22 have more buildings. Okay.
  - How does the road get addressed? I'm asking

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1 out there. Yes, I've probably got some information on

- 2 the three they already put up.
- The one facing my property, if it was maybe
- 4 50 or 100 feet more off the road, it might not be bad,
- 5 but it's really close to the road and it's like a big
- 6 billboard. So I could put a business up out there at 7 my place; is anybody from North Morton Avenue going to
- 8 see that? No way. So that's about all I've got to
- 9 say. That's it. Thanks, guys.
- 10 MR. KEACH: Thank you. Anyone else?
- 11 (Witness sworn.)
- 12 MR. BELL: Good evening. I'm Chad Bell, and
- 13 I own Blue Jay's Learning Center. It's 1610 North
- 14 Main right next to Gold's Gym, pretty close to the
- area we're talking about here. Same as Mr. Crawford,
- 16 we didn't know about the first buildings going up. We
- 17 didn't get that opportunity to speak on that as well;
- 18 however, we feel that those buildings are beautiful,
- and we like the addition to the area. We have no
- 20 objections at all to continuing the growth over there
- 21 closer to our building.
- 22 We think that the three stories would be
- 23 best to keep it uniform with what's currently there,

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1 the village.

MR. MARKS: I think that would first get 2

directed to director of public works, and we could ask

what his thoughts are on that.

MR. KEACH: Is that under the purview of 5

6 this committee?

MR. McGRATH: The location on the road would

8 be set during site plan review, and the director of

public works, Loudermilk, is extensively involved in

providing direction on how many entrances or exit

points and where those will be located.

MR. KEACH: So that's not up to us? 12

MR. MARKS: No. That would be up to the 13

14 village engineers.

MS. KNEPP: I'm assuming the two -- the 15

existing one and the new one would be joined, or would

they be completely separate entrances? 17

18 MR. MARKS: So, like I said, Mr. Lehman

would come with a proposal. He has engineers

20 engineering that for him. That would go through our

21 site plan review, the director of public works --

22 MS. KNEPP: But there's a potential they

23 could be joined, if there's a separate lot.

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discussion at the table? I assume we had all the

2 questions answered that we had from Mr. Lehman. Are

there any other comments or points that we should make

MR. SMOCK: To make things -- this would

match what's already constructed, and the density

won't change; those two facts.

MR. KEACH: Right. And it is zoned -- I

mean, it's zoned for multi-family housing. The only

thing that he's here asking for is a taller building

11 so --

12 MR. GEIL: Which, I believe, a year, year

13 and a half ago, we switched from -- the R-4 from a

three and a half to a two and a half as, I believe,

15 the same developer was putting in buildings on the

south end of town near a more residential dense area.

and I think that brought us that concern to us where 17

18 we changed that to where we did the two and a half

story now so where we could have a little input and a

20 little provision on where to allow the three-story

21 buildings.

22 And this is just on height. Site plan

23 review is still going to be going on, so I'm assuming

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1 he's going to know what's going to happen before he

2 spends the money with engineers as far as the layout

goes. I'm sure there's a lot of costs to that.

MR. KEACH: Yeah. Any other comments? Is

there a motion?

MR. DEWEESE: I'll move to approve.

MR. RITTERBUSCH: I'll second the motion.

MR. KEACH: We have a motion and a second. 8

Any further discussion? Let's call the roll.

MR. MARKS: Knepp. 10

MS. KNEPP: Yes. 11

MR. MARKS: Geil. 12

MR. GEIL: Yes. 13

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MR. MARKS: Ritterbusch.

MR. RITTERBUSCH: Yes. 15

MR. MARKS: Smock. 16

MR. SMOCK: Yes.

MR. MARKS: Aupperle. 18

MR. AUPPERLE: Abstain.

MR. MARKS: Deweese. 20

21 MR. DEWEESE: Yes.

MR. MARKS: Keach.

23 MR. KEACH: Yes.

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MR. MARKS: I'm not an engineer, so Craig

2 Loudermilk could approve that based on his expertise

in that field.

MR. McGRATH: You would have to have a variance.

MR. MARKS: You mean to join, yes.

MR. McGRATH: The suggestion is that there

remain one exit from the entirety of the development

in that this property would exit out through the

existing ---10

MS. KNEPP: Or two so that they can both go 11

and then that way they can --

MR. MARKS: You're talking about shared 13

14 entrances?

MS. KNEPP: Yes. 15

MR. McGRATH: The vacant across the property 16

line would present setback issues, so that would

require a variance in the absence of there being a

common drive approved in site plan review. 19

20 MS. KNEPP: And I realize that's outside of

the scope of what we're talking about but --21

MR. KEACH: That's outside of our area. So 22

23 are there any other questions or is there any more

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- l MR. MARKS: It passes.
- MR. KEACH: The next petition is Petition 2
- 3 No. 22-03 SP. The subject property is located at 700
- 4 South Fourth Avenue. A petition has been filed by
- 5 Maria Lehman. Mrs. Lehman is requesting a special use
- 6 at the property to permit a private school. Is there
- 7 anybody from -- would the petitioner please come
- forward.
- (Witness affirmed.)
- MS. LEHMAN: All right. I am Maria Lehman, 10
- and I live on 63 Shiloh Street in Morton. I am here
- on behalf of our private Christian school, Solid Rock
- Christian Academy, that we are starting in the fall,
- and we are requesting to switch the zoning from R-4 to
- 15 R-4 with special use on 700 South Fourth Avenue.
- 16 Do you have any questions? I have a short
- 17 video of what the outside is going to look like and
- 18 with the traffic flow with the parking lot that's
- already there; the large backyard for future growth or
- playground exploration. This is the view from the
- street on the west side complete with birds chirping
- 22 in the background.
- 23 We initially anticipate 15 to 20 students

- 1 of thing, but this is just a vote on zoning. Thank
- you very much.
- MS. LEHMAN: Thank you.
- MR. KEACH: Is there anybody here who has a
- comment about this petition? Hearing none, any
- further discussion?
- MR. SMOCK: I just have a question about the
- zoning. So it's R-4, so was it under a special use
- with the lodge?

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- MR. MARKS: No. I think the lodge has been
- out for quite some time, so it would have been
- 12 nonconforming as a Masonic lodge at the time because
- it's zoned R-4, so it's multi-family.
- MR. KEACH: So the zoning for that area 14
- 15 probably came after the lodge was built.
- 16 MR. MARKS: I would say yes.
- 17 MR. SMOCK: I see.
  - MR. KEACH: Okay. Any other comments? Any
- 19 motions?
- 20 MR. AUPPERLE: I'll make a motion to approve
- as stated. 21
- 22 MR. SMOCK: I'll second.
- 23 MR. KEACH: Okay. Call roll.

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- MR. MARKS: Keach.
- MR. KEACH: Yes. 2
- MR. MARKS: Ritterbusch. 3
- MR. RITTERBUSCH: Yes.
- MR. MARKS: Smock.
- MR. SMOCK: Yes.
- MR. MARKS: Deweese.
- MR. DEWEESE: Yes.
- q MR. MARKS: Aupperle.
- MR. AUPPERLE: Yes. 10
- 11 MR. MARKS: Knepp.
- 12 MS. KNEPP: Yes.
- 13 MR. MARKS: Approved.
- 14 MR. KEACH: Okay. So we have now -- this is
- 15 still in the public hearing -- an ordinance making
- amendments to Section 10-15-12 of the Morton Municipal
- 17 Code regarding the mixed-use overlay district map.
- 18 So, Brad, do you want to explain it quickly?
- 19 MR. MARKS: This is the same ordinance I
- 20 brought in October that changes the mixed use
- 21 district, and it reflects on this map with the
- 22 rezoning -- of the proposed rezoning on First Avenue
- 23 that would reflect the need to take those out of the

this first year, and then we'll be adding a grade

- 2 starting in kindergarten, and we'll be adding a grade
- 3 every year thereafter. So potentially we could have
- 4 75 students, 6 teachers, etc.
- You can move it faster. You can see we made
- 6 sure there's a fence in the parking lot. Our goal is
- 7 to have administrators in the back of the parking lot
- 8 and have that drop-off zone in the front. The parking
- 9 lot is actually really big. We went out there and
- 10 made sure it all worked out. So the back exit is all
- 11 fenced in, playground, nice manicured grass.
- 12 Thanks, Brad. Do you have any questions?
- MR. KEACH: Are there any questions for the 13 petitioner? 14
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- MR. SMOCK: Just curious, how many grade levels you were planning to grow it to?
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- MS. LEHMAN: Sixth grade, K through sixth.
- 18 MR. SMOCK: Okay.
- 19 MR. KEACH: And, again, this is not a --
- we're not voting on her concept, we're just voting on
- 21 the zoning, whether we think that's an appropriate
- 22 place because there's, you know, a lot of work to make
- sure the building meets school standards and that sort

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1 mixed-use district because that would no longer make

- 2 them eligible as mixed use. So that makes this map
- 3 reflect that zoning, so this would be on the condition
- 4 that that is approved, the rezoning is approved.
- MR. KEACH: Makes sense. Any questions?
- 6 MS. KNEPP: Well, so any of those properties
- 7 that did remain business, do they --
- 8 MR. KEACH: They would fall outside of the
- 9 mixed use.
- MS. KNEPP: No longer being allowed to have
- 11 mixed use.
- MR. KEACH: The mixed-use ordinance map is
- 13 difficult to meet on a lot like that anyway. I've
- 14 looked into that a little bit. It's difficult to
- 15 actually meet all the requirements that we have for
- 16 mixed use.
- MR. SMOCK: It's almost got to be two
- 18 stories, doesn't it?
- MR. KEACH: Yes, and there's certain parking
- 20 requirements.
- MR. SMOCK: Parking, yep. Yeah, it's not
- 22 easy.
- 23 MR. KEACH: It doesn't work very well there

- 1 see Brad Marks is pointing to something here.
- MS. KNEPP: I do have a question too, and I
- 3 don't know when it's appropriate in the meeting forum
  - t to ask it
- 5 MR. KEACH: Okay. That would be other
- 6 business
- MS. KNEPP: So go now. So previously
- 8 Mr. Lehman has brought a couple different PRDs,
- 9 planned residential developments, to the board, and I
- o know when we met in October there was significant
- discussion about how majority of the board did not
- 12 necessarily feel comfortable with the obligations that
- 13 seemed to be outlined for planned residential as far
- 14 as improvement -- or approval of traffic flow, water
- 15 retention, all that kind of stuff that usually Craig
- 16 Loudermilk does.
- I have no -- like what -- what do other
- 8 communities do for planned residential? Are our
- 19 requirements more restrictive because I do feel like
- 20 the sketches and the drawings that Mr. Lehman brought
- 21 would be a good fit for Morton, and I'm just concerned
- 22 that we have made the process cumbersome to the point
- 23 where we're not going to allow things like that to

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- 1 anyway as a mixed use neighborhood. Is there a
- 2 motion?
- 3 MR. AUPPERLE: I'll make a motion to
- 4 approve.
- 5 MR. KEACH: Motion to approve.
- 6 MR. GEIL: I'll second.
- 7 MR. KEACH: And a second. Roll call.
- 8 MR. MARKS: Ritterbusch.
- 9 MR. RITTERBUSCH: Yes.
- 10 MR. MARKS: Smock.
- 11 MR. SMOCK: Yes.
- 12 MR. MARKS: Geil.
- 13 MR. GEIL: Yes.
- 14 MR. MARKS: Deweese.
- 15 MR. DEWEESE: Yes.
- 16 MR. MARKS: Keach.
- 17 MR. KEACH: Yes.
- 18 MR. MARKS: Knepp.
- 19 MS. KNEPP: Yes.
- 20 MR. MARKS: Aupperle.
- 21 MR. AUPPERLE: Yes.
- 22 MR. MARKS: Approved.
- MR. KEACH: We have no other business, but I

- 1 happen in Morton because we've maybe structured it in
- 2 a negative way or whatever, in a prohibitive way. I
- 3 don't know whether anyone else had any thoughts on
- 4 that.
- 5 MR. KEACH: My thought on that is that the
- 6 planned residential development ordinance that we have
- 7 is rather -- what's the right word?
- 8 MS. KNEPP: Cumbersome, restrictive.
- 9 MR. KEACH: I almost had it. It was right
- 10 on the tip of my tongue. Rigorous. Rigorous. And
- 11 for a good reason because there's so many things about
- 12 a planned residential development that could go wrong
- 13 if you don't do it right having to do with traffic and
- 14 public space. And I don't see any need to change or
- public space. That I don't see any need to change of
- 15 talk about any -- I mean, Mr. Lehman didn't quite have
- 16 it quite figured out yet, according to the village,
- 17 for that particular case.
- And I think in the future, we would probably
- 19 appreciate it if somebody comes before us with a
- 20 planned residential development that they would have a
- 21 lot more information to share with us, you know, and
- 22 have some of that rigor taken care of.
- 23 MR. McGRATH: From an administrative

Page 65 Page 67 1 standpoint, I would say it's a fair statement that just a thought. 2 discouraging not encouraging planned residential MR. KEACH: Okay. Thank you. Brad, are we 3 developments would be the overall consensus of -- I going to be getting transcripts now? 4 don't want to speak for others, but those who I work MR. MARKS: For the planning commission, with regularly on issues like this within the village. 5 yes. The primary concerns with a planned MR. KEACH: From now on? residential development is failure of the developer, MR. MARKS: Yes. 8 and then you have these private roads that don't meet MR. KEACH: I was just wondering. normal village specifications. You have private water MR. MARKS: Leigh does a great job of mains that don't meet the village specifications. The 10 providing those for us. I do put those in with the developer fails, and then the village has to step in village board, so in the next village board meeting, and rescue things. when they get the recommendations, the village board 13 So I think it's the fact that our existing also sees the transcript. 13 ordinance is rigorous reflects a preference to steer MR. KEACH: Okay. Very good. Did you want 14 developers toward more conventional means of building 15 to say anything about your agenda item? out their infrastructure, whether that's putting in 16 MR. MARKS: Yes. I just wanted to mention roads and dedicating them to the village that meet 17 that the new zoning map with all the updates, the village specifications, or, in this case, single Village of Morton official map and the land use map ownership of the entirety of the development by one 19 have all been updated and reflect all the changes that 20 owner for the entire parcel so that we have a few 20 came through the planning commission last year, so 21 planned residential developments in town. everything is now updated on the website. If you go Some of the EPA rules for private water 22 22 to the website, you can see everything is up to date 23 mains complicate things. The EPA really doesn't 23 and current. Page 66 Page 68 MR. KEACH: Okay, 1 acknowledge there is such a thing as a private water MR. MARKS: That's all I have. 2 2 main, and you get into developers having to have 3 MR. KEACH: Very good. I'll entertain a operators to manage their own infrastructure past 4 motion adjourn. where the village lines drop off. So there's 5 MR. GEIL: I'll make a motion to adjourn. 5 complexities to it that do require an abundance of MR. AUPPERLE: Second. caution and an abundance of planning. MR. KEACE: All in favor. And so while I don't anticipate any changes 8 are forthcoming, imminently I would say from my ALL IN UNISON: Aye. 9 (Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.) conversations with, you know, the director of public works, Loudermilk and others, we'd be less likely to 10 11 bring forward suggestions to loosen those restrictions and to tighten them. 12 12 13 MS. KNEPP: And that makes sense. I guess I 13 was forgetting the component of those aren't village 14 14 entities after that. I guess I just liked the vision 15 of having an area with the different residential mixes 16 17 and not necessarily being so constricted to the 17 different lots, you know, like squared lots. I just 18 thought -- I did think that that had a nice aesthetic, 19 and it would fit well in Morton, and yeah. I don't 20 know how you go about accomplishing that while still 21

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22 maintaining, you know, the integrity of the roadways

and the waterways and all that kind of stuff, so it's

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### PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT / SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Petiti	etition Number: <u>22-01 ZA</u>		Date: <u>1/3/2022</u>			
1.	Legal Description: SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES					
Stree	et Address:					
2.	Area of subject property:	sq. ft. o	r	Ac.		
3.	Present land use:					
Prop	osed land use or special use:					
Requ	uested zoning change: from B-1 AND B	-2 District to		District		
4.	Surrounding zoning districts:					
	North East	South		West		
5.	Subject property is owned by:					
	Name: SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PROP	ERTIES				
	Address:					
<ol> <li>7.</li> </ol>	(If subject property is owned by a truste names of all beneficial owners. A chan process must be disclosed immediately.)  A list of names and addresses of all prop this petition) will be provided by the Villa A statement is attached hereto, indica necessary for the preservation and enspecial use will not be detrimental to the	ge in any of the benefici verty owners in the petition age of Morton and attach ting why, in our opinion joyment of substantial p	ial owners during the on area (within 250 fed ned hereto.  In, the amendment or property rights, and we have the component of	amendment/special use et of the area affected by special use requested is why such amendment o		
8.	thereof.  Additional exhibits submitted by the pet	itioner:				
	ZONING MAP OF CURRENT ZONING	AND PROPOSED ZONII	NG			

Petitioners' Signature:				
Name: TRUSTEE CRAIG HILLIARD				
Address: 120 N. MAIN ST. MORTON				
Phone No.: 309 266-5361				
Email Address: CHILLIARD@MORTON-IL.GOV, Signature:				
Signature: (SX/10/10x CV)				
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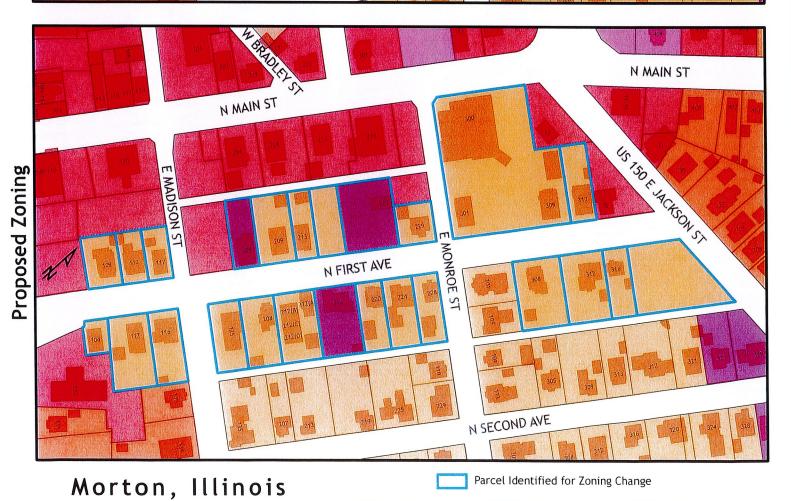
- 7. The proposed zoning changes would be beneficial because this would align zoning with the original intended uses in this area. Most of the properties affected are currently non-conforming. The R-1 zoning would make the affected properties conforming as they are currently being used as single-family dwellings. The 3 properties that are currently being used as a business would be rezoned from B-2 to B-1. This would be respected by the state of the state of
- 1. This would allow them to continue to be used as a conforming use.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Morton Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., at the Freedom Hall, 349 W. Birchwood St., to consider a Zoning Amendment for the following described premises:

Petition No. 22-01 ZA: Subject properties are located at the following locations.

Parcel ID	Parcel Address	Proposed Zoning Change
06-06-21-101-001	320 N. First Ave.	B-1 to R-1
06-06-21-101-002	316 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-101-003	312 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-101-004	308 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-001	228 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-002	224 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-003	220 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-004	216 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-21-106-005	212 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-007	208 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-106-008	125 E. Madison St.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-001	116 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-031	112 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-232-032	104 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-008	109 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-007	113 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-231-006	117 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-020	205 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-20-230-017	209 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-016	213 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-015	217 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-20-230-014	221 & 225 N. First Ave.	B-2 to B-1
06-06-20-230-013	229 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-100-012	301 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1
06-06-21-100-011	300 N. Main St.	B-1 to R-1
06-06-21-100-002	313 N. First Ave.	B-2 to R-1



R-1 One-Family

North First Avenue Proposed Zoning Changes R-2 Two-Family

B-2

B-3

B-1

R-3 Multi-Family

### PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT / SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Petiti	on Number: 22-02 SP	Date:	1/20/2022			
1.	Legal Description: <u>06-06-16-201-006</u> and 06-0	06-16-201-007				
Stree	et Address: <u>651+641 Harding Rd, Morton IL 61550</u>					
2.	Area of subject property:	sq. ft. or	7.81	Ac.		
3.	Present land use: R4-multi family					
Propo	osed land use or special use: <u>Same as above with</u>	3-story to match adjace	ent building le	vels		
Requ	ested zoning change: from R4	District to	R4	District		
4.	Surrounding zoning districts:					
	North <u>R4-3-story</u> East <u>Res 3-story</u>	South <u>B3</u>		West Bus/SpecUse		
5.	Subject property is owned by:					
	Name: Peoria Sand and Gravel					
	Address: 190 E. Washington St, Morton IL 615	550				
	(If subject property is owned by a trustee, a wnames of all beneficial owners. A change in process must be disclosed immediately.)					
6.	A list of names and addresses of all property owners in the petition area (within 250 feet of the area affected by this petition) will be provided by the Village of Morton and attached hereto.					
7.	A statement is attached hereto, indicating why, in our opinion, the amendment or special use requested is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights, and why such amendment or special use will not be detrimental to the public welfare, nor the property of other persons located in the vicinity thereof.					
8.	Additional exhibits submitted by the petitioner:					
	property overview package					
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Petitioners' Signature:
Name:
Address: 414 Wolf Crossing De
Phone No.: 309. 339. 7270
Email Address: Stevea ethos. build
Signature:
Name:
Address:
Phone No.:
Email Address:
Signature:
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Zoning Districts

Morton, Illinois

Harding Rd & E. Courtland St.

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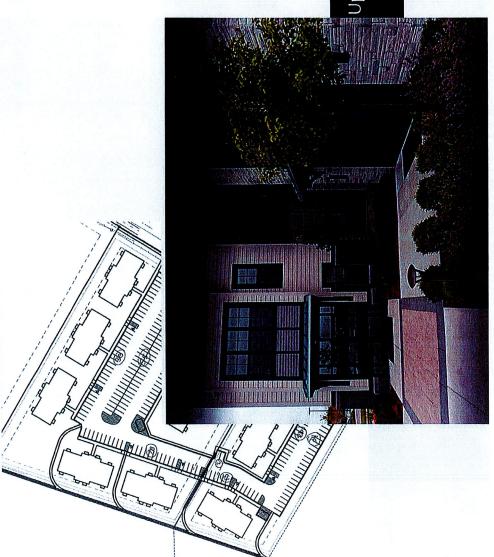
B-3 Highway and Service Commercial District

I-2 General Industrial District

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# Harding Rd. Luxury Living - Morton

Upscale, Modern, Luxury Living Community – 651 + 641 Harding Rd.

# **Amenities & Features**

- Entrance on Harding Rd
- Close access to
  - Gold's Gym
- New childcare facility
- Outdoor pergola & patio spaces

# **Amenities & Features**

- Clubhouse with social gathering/event space, workstations, games and more.
- Community recreational outdoor features
- Great green space and landscaping.



## 651 + 641 Harding Rd.

Request does not Change Current zoning (already zoned R4).

Request does not change the number of units or density.

Request is simply to allow 3-story to match neighbors.

# Benefits of 3-story

### Benefits:

- Allows for more green space (lawns, trees, etc)
- Enhanced exterior cladding of buildings with masonry, etc.
- More interesting and appealing aesthetics.
- Fits the location of our project well
- Neighboring buildings are all either 3-story and/or commercial and industrial.
- Match height of neighboring buildings

- More environmentally friendly and energy efficient
- Less surface area to heat & cool
- Less heat loss through roof/ceilings
- Better for storm water management
- Less impervious surface with better impact of rainfall/storm water for community.
- Ample green space absorbs rainfall and reduces impact to VoM Storm Sewer systems.

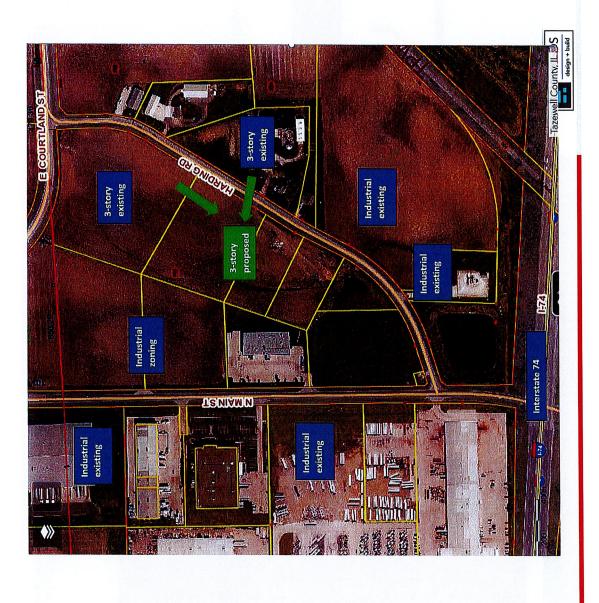


### Context

Proposed height limit of 39'

Match height of the direct neighbors

Neighboring buildings are 3-story, and commercial/industrial.







### **PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT / SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Petition	n Number: <u>22-03                                   </u>	Date: _	2-7-202	22	_
1.	Legal Description: 700 S. Fough Ave, May	For l	L 61550		
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Street A	Address: 700 S, Fourth, Ave				_
2.	Area of subject property: 8,000 sq	ft. or	1.01	Ac	
3.	Present land use:				
Propos	sed land use or special use: Private School	<del></del>	<del></del>	<del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>	-
Reques	ested zoning change: from <u>24</u> Distr	rict to	R4 With	Special District	-
4.	Surrounding zoning districts:	<b>.</b>		,	
	North R-4 East R-4 Sou	th <u><i>R</i>-9<sub>A</sub>,</u>	<u>w</u> o R.Z	West <u><i>R</i>-5</u>	
5.	Subject property is owned by:				
	Name: MORTON MASONIC LODGE.				
	Address: 700 S. FOURTH AVE, MC	RTDX	I, IL		
	(If subject property is owned by a trustee, a written statem names of all beneficial owners. A change in any of the be process must be disclosed immediately.)		•	•	
6.	A list of names and addresses of all property owners in the	petition are	ea (within 250 fe	eet of the area affected l	οу
	this petition) will be provided by the Village of Morton and a	attached h	ereto.		
7.	A statement is attached hereto, indicating why, in our of necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substanspecial use will not be detrimental to the public welfare, no thereof.	ntial prope	erty rights, and	why such amendment	0
8.	Additional exhibits submitted by the petitioner:				
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Petitioners' Signature:
Name: Mana Leman
Address: <u>U3 Shi len 84</u>
Phone No.: 309-648-2457
Email Address: Manab Leman @ gmail.com
Signature: Mfare
Name:
Address:
Phone No.:
Email Address:
Signature:
Name:
Address:
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We are requesting a special use zoning change at 700 S. Fourth Ave, to include property use of a school. Schools are a vital part of any village and in Morton like most villages, all schools are in residential areas. This property has sufficient space for parking, outdoor activities, and future growth. Initially we anticipate the school will have 15 students/families, one teacher and two administrators. If the school is successful the attendance could potentially grow to 100 students/families, 12 teachers and 4 administrators or more.

A school in this location will bring positive activity and youth to this area. This will benefit neighbors, the neighborhood and the village. The use of the school will primarily be from 9am-4pm on weekdays, therefore there will not be excessive activity or noise early or late in the day.



Village Limits

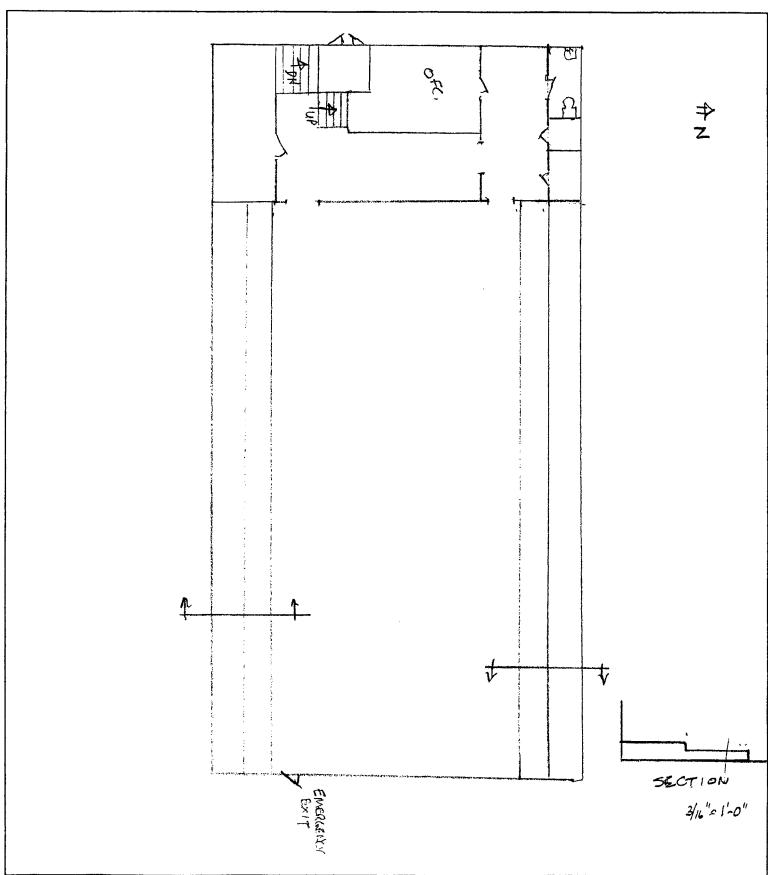
Morton, Illinois 700 S. Fourth Avenue

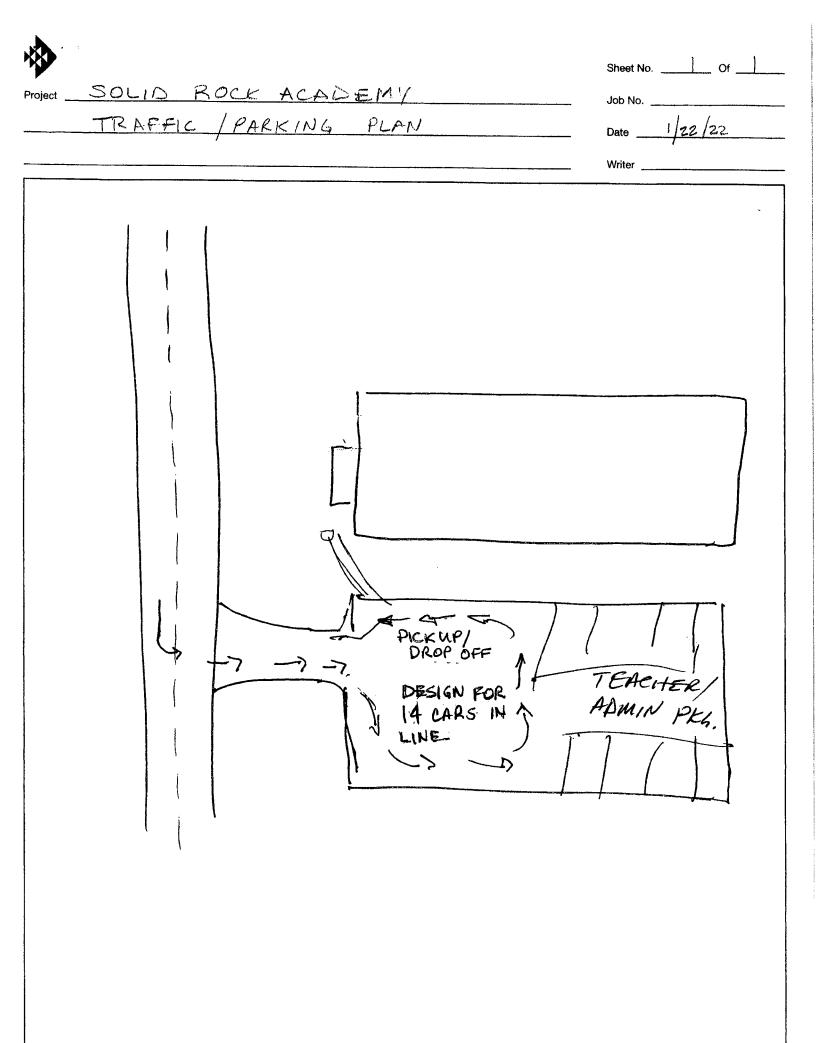
R-4 Multi-Family/Planned Residential Development District

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### VILLAGE OF MORTON ORDINANCE 22-

### AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10-15-12 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP

WHEREAS, the Morton Municipal Code was adopted on March 2, 1970, and duly published in book form; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requested consideration by the Plan Commission of certain zoning amendments along First Ave., which necessitate certain amendments to the mixed use overlay district map as set forth in Section 10-15-12 of the Morton Municipal Code

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has held a publish hearing after published notice in accordance with law, and has recommended the amendments set forth herein.

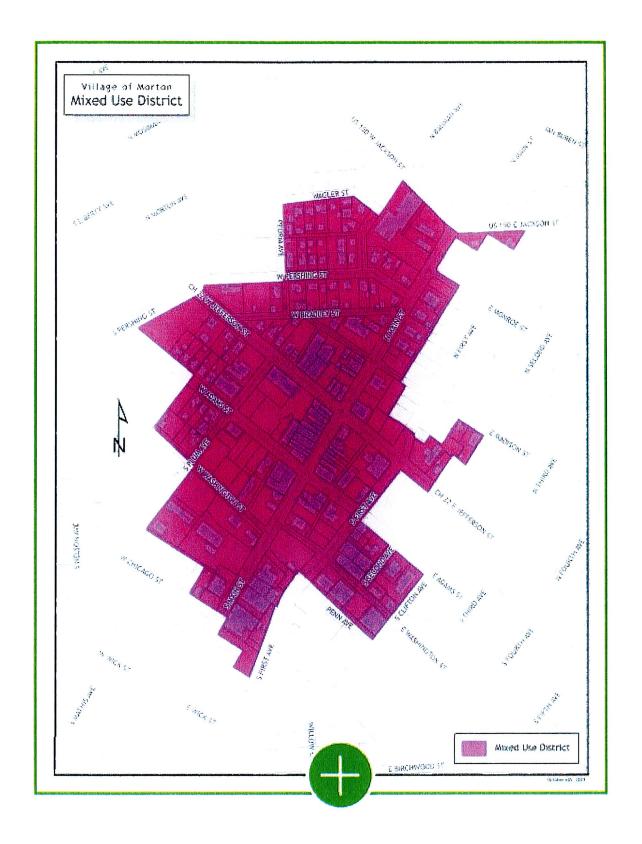
**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, in the County of Tazewell, State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** <u>AMENDMENT</u> "10-15-12: Applicability" of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

### AMENDMENT

10-15-12: Applicability

Any property which is zoned B-1 or B-2 and is located in the mixed-use area as reflected in the map set forth in this Sectionat the end of this ordinance is eligible for a special use as provided in this chapter. In the event at any time property shown on the following map is zoned other than B-1 or B-2, such property shall not be eligible for a special use as provided in this chapter.



**SECTION 2: REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after the required approval and publication according to law.

### PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MORTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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Trustee Hilliard				
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Proposed Mixed Use District Changes

Mixed Use District

Parcel

**Building** 

### **Software Purchase Agreement**

Civic Systems, LLC 4807 Innovate Ln P.O. Box 7398 Madison, WI 53707-7398 Village of Morton 120 North Main Street Morton, IL 61550

You agree to purchase the software and services detailed below and Civic Systems, LLC agrees to provide them. **Payment is due upon execution of the contract unless other payment terms are negotiated.** The information provided in this proposal is valid for 90 days from issue date.

### INVESTMENT SUMMARY

License Fee – Emailing of Utility Bills (Up to 3 Forms)	\$ 2,000
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$ 2,000
Annual Support	\$ 400

### **SIGNATURE AGREEMENT**

The signatures below indicate each party's acceptance of this agreement.

VILLAGE OF MORTON, IL				
Signature:				
Title:				
Date:				
CIVIC SYSTEMS, LLC				
Signature:				
Title:				
Date:				



<sup>\*</sup>Training may occur online, at our facility or on-site, however the Town would have to cover trainer's travel expenses (mileage, meals, lodging, etc).

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## Investment Summary License Fee - Business Tax Collection \$ 2,500 License Fee - Business Tax and CR Web Services 1,000 Setup and Training (12 Hours @ \$150/HR) 1,800 Sub-total \$ 5,300 Annual Support Increase \$ 875

### SIGNATURE AGREEMENT

The signatures below indicate each party's acceptance of this agreement.

VILLAGE O	F MORTON, IL						
Signature:							
Title:							
Date:							
CIVIC SYST	STEMS, LLC						
Cianatura							
Signature:							
Title:							



<sup>\*</sup>Above amounts do not include travel expenses.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Transaction fees may apply.

### **Optional Modules Not Included**

		One-Time			
	License Fee	conversion /	Training Cost	Year one Total	Annual
<b>Optional Product Descriptions (Not Selected)</b>	Purchase Price	setup	@ \$1,200/Day	w/o Support	Fees
Business Licenses	3,300	600	600	4,500	825

