

#### MEMO

TO:

Monroe Planning Commission Members

FROM:

Mr. Hunt Neely, Chairman

DATE:

October 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, Monroe, Louisiana.

The tentative agenda will include the following items:

#### **MINUTES**

None

#### **PLANNING**

REV 104-24: Revocation of a portion of a 14' x 322' alley located between North 3rd and North 4th

Streets - Bosley Investments

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **ZONING**

CUP 115-24 (Major): Brad Warren, CPA APAC - Request to allow the sale of alcohol for off-

premises consumption - 1801 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive

CUP 116-24 (Major): D & H Monroe, LLC - Request to allow the sale of alcohol for off-premises

consumption - 6010 DeSiard Street/104 Kansas Lane

CUP 117-24 (Major): Holyfield Construction/Forrest Fife - Request to allow the sale of alcohol for

off-premises consumption - 2252 Tower Drive, Ste. 103

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

MA 103-24:

Zoning Map Amendment to zone a 5.47-acre tract of land, from the R-4 (High Density Multi-Family Residential) District to the B-4 (Heavy Commercial) District. The property

is located at 4300 Loop Road (old Piney Grove Church) - Crest Construction

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Citizens will be recognized, in order, by the citizen sign-in sheet.

CASE NO.:

REV 104-24

NAME OF APPLICANT:

**Bosley Investments** 

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

Revocation of a portion of an alley between North

3rd & North 4th Streets

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 

**REQUEST:** 

This is a request to revoke a portion of an alley between North 3rd Street and North 4th Street, to allow True Releaf to acquire additional use of the

existing alley.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The purpose of this request is to revoke an approximately 14' wide by 130' long portion of an existing alley. The remaining portion of the alleyway will remain as a public alleyway. The alleyway lies between North 3rd and North 4th

Streets.

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

The approximate size of the alley portion to be revoked is 14' wide x 130' long (approximately) or 0.04-acre tract of land, which is currently being used as public alleyway.

PRESENT ZONING:

N/A

PRESENT USE:

Public alleyway

MOST NEARLY BOUNDED

BY (STREETS):

North of Pine Street, south of Arkansas Avenue. east of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and west of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

The surrounding land use consists of businesses in all directions with apartments to the southwest of the property.

**ADVERSE INFLUENCES:** 

N/A

**POSITIVE INFLUENCES:** 

The property owners would gain additional land. If the alley is revoked, additional fencing will be provided for the existing business. Revoking this alley will limit access to the western part of the block.

## COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

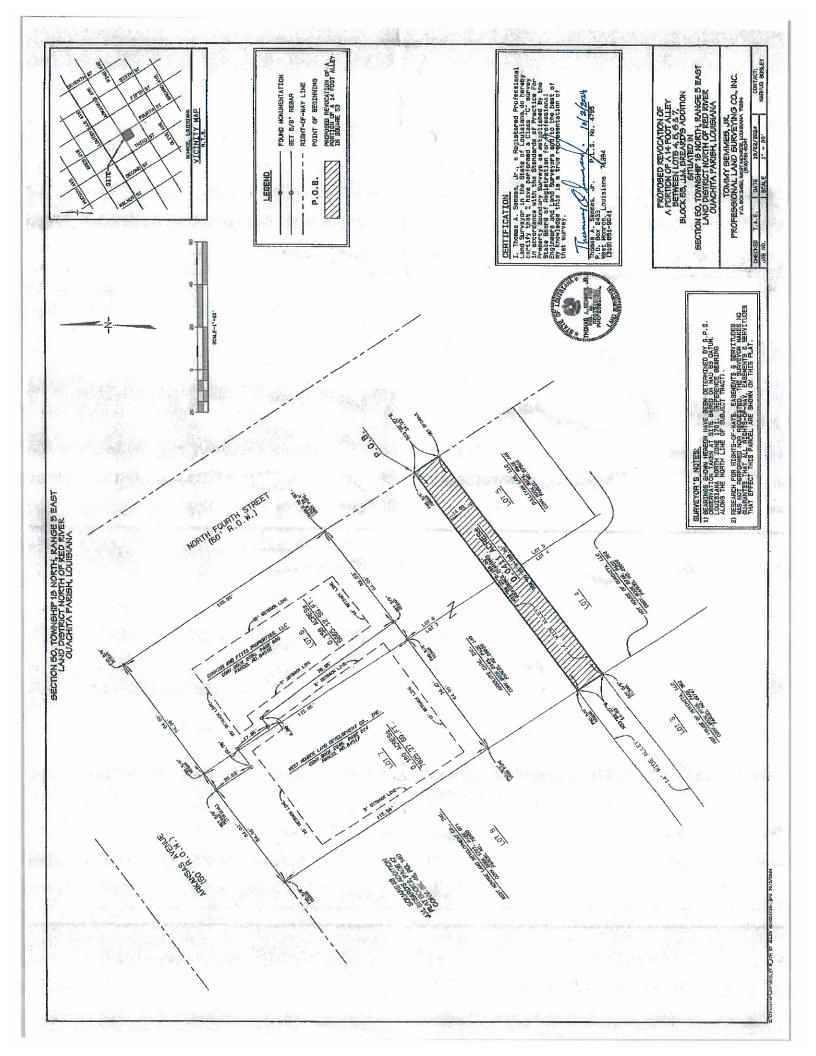
The applicant wishes to specifically revoke a portion of the alley to fence in and utilize it for the existing business (True Releaf). If the property is revoked approximately 7' of the alley will revert to the property owners on the north and south side of the alley.

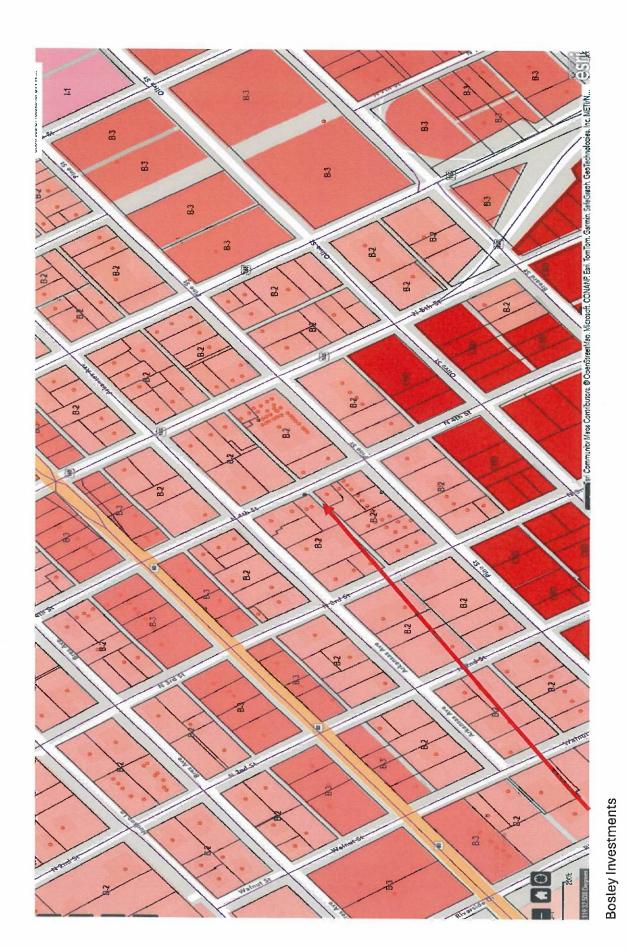
Utility reviews will be available by meeting time.

Plat is available for review.

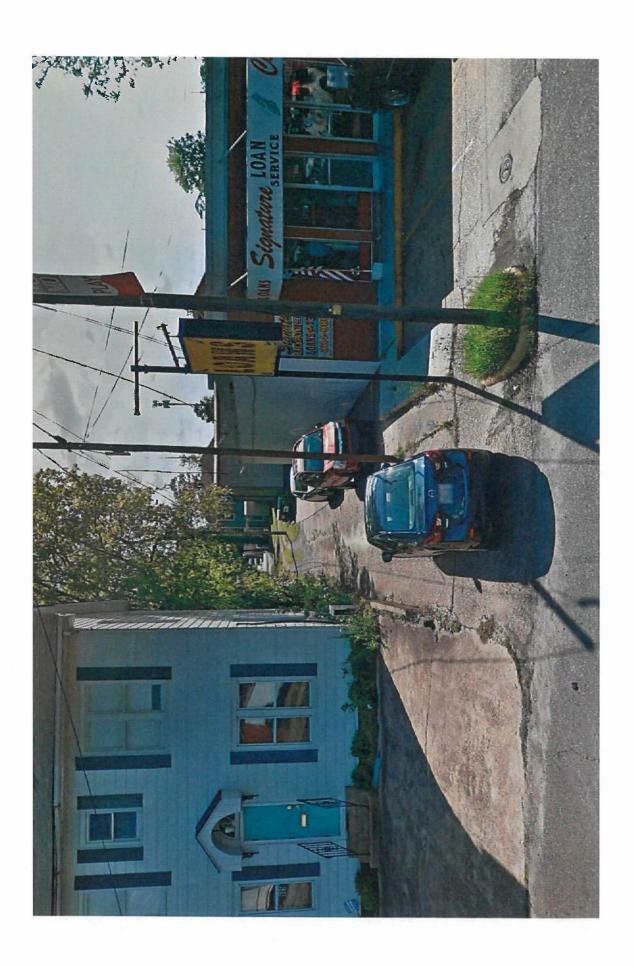
#### **OPTIONS:**

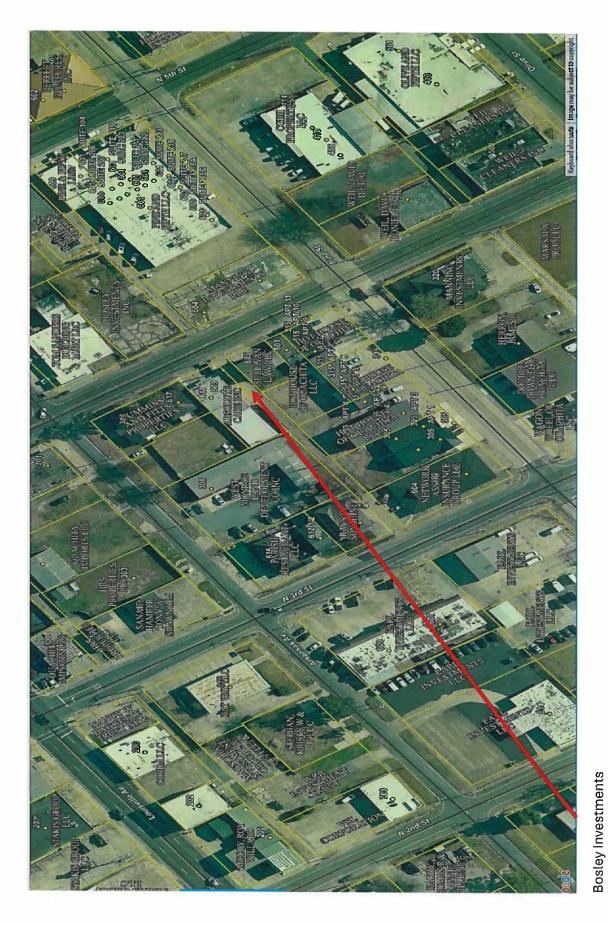
- 1. Approve the revocation of a portion of an alley located between North 3<sup>rd</sup> and North 4<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- 2. Deny the revocation of a portion of an alley located between North 3<sup>rd</sup> and North 4<sup>th</sup> Streets.





Alley revocation between N 3rd & N 4th Streets





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Alley revocation between N 3<sup>rd</sup> & n 4<sup>th</sup> Streets

CASE NO.:

CUP 115-24

NAME OF APPLICANT: ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: **BRAD WARREN, CPA APAC** 1801 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 

**REQUEST:** 

A Major Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises, in the B-3 (General Business/Commercial) District. The property is located at 1801 Matin L. King, Jr. Drive.

**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:** 

The purpose of the request is to allow the applicant to sell alcohol for consumption off-premises (daquiri's through the drive-thru) for a new restaurant.

**SIZE OF PROPERTY:** 

0.587-acres (more or less)

PRESENT ZONING:

B-3 (General Business/Commercial) District

PRESENT USE:

Vacant car wash building

MOST NEARLY BOUNDED

BY (STREETS):

North of Hadley Street, south of Ruffin Drive, and east of

Martin L. King, Jr. Drive

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

The surrounding land use consists of restaurants, to the north and east, commercial business to the east and a

rehabilitative care center to the south

ADVERSE INFLUENCES:

Increase in traffic for the area.

**POSITIVE INFLUENCES:** 

Increase retail sales taxes for the City.

COMMENTS/

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

The applicant is requesting permission to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off-premises and daquiris to-go for a proposed new tobacco and alcohol store, with a drivethru window. The site will be constructed to meet the minimum building requirements of the Comprehensive

Zoning Ordinance.

The applicant must obtain a certificate of occupancy and

occupational license for this location.

## CUP 115-24 Brad Warren CPA APAC

There are no churches, schools, playgrounds, or library within a 300' radius of this property.

As per the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, this request does follow the guidelines for said request. The future land use for this area is geared towards highway commercial mixed-use, which accommodates office/commercial and retail uses.

**OPTIONS:** 

Approve the applicant's request as presented.

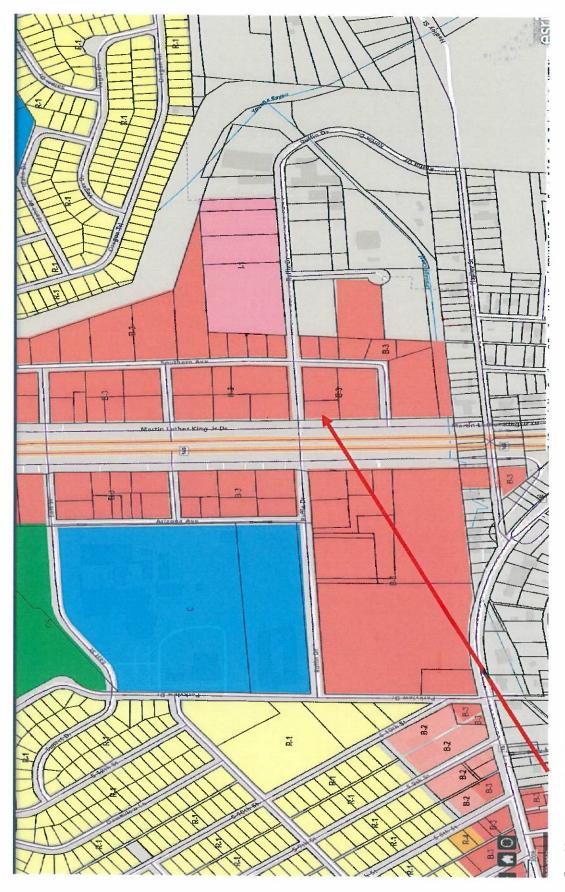
Approve the applicant's request with conditions.

Deny the applicant's request as presented.

#### Major and Minor Conditional Use Criteria

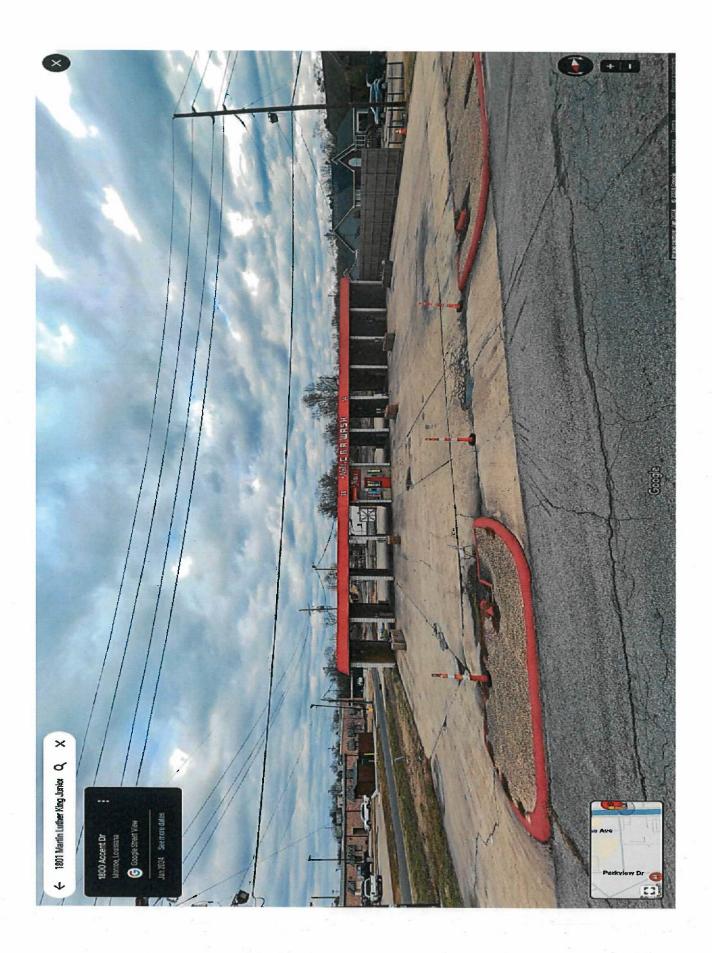
These conditions may include, but are not limited to the following:

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- 4) Control the location and number of vehicle access points.
- 5) Increase the number of required off-street parking spaces.
- 6) Limit the number, size, location or lighting of signs.
- Require additional fencing, screening, landscaping or other facilities to protect adjacent or nearby property.
- 8) Designate sites for open space.
- 9) Provide ease of access to major roadways; or
- 10) Assure that the degree of compatibility to the surrounding land use shall be maintained with respect to the particular use on the site and in consideration of other existing and potential uses within the general area in which the use is proposed to be located.



Brad Warren, CPA APAC

1801 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive





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1801 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive

CASE NO.:

CUP 116-24

NAME OF APPLICANT:

D & H Monroe, LLC

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: COUNCIL DISTRICT:

6010 DeSiard Street/104 Kansas Lane

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**REQUEST:** 

A <u>Major</u> Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises, in the B-2

(Neighborhood Business) District. The property is located

at 6010 DeSiard Street/104 Kansas Lane.

**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:** 

The purpose of the request is to allow the applicant to sell

alcohol for consumption off-premises for a new

convenience store/gas station.

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

0.93-acres (more or less)

PRESENT ZONING:

B-2 (Neighborhood Business) District

PRESENT USE:

Vacant land

MOST NEARLY BOUNDED

BY (STREETS):

North of Blanks Avenue, south of DeSiard Street, east of

Arlington Drive and west of Kansas Lane.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

The surrounding land use consists of mini-warehouses to

the west, apartments to the north and the LA Baptist

Children's Home to the east.

**ADVERSE INFLUENCES:** 

Increase in traffic for the area.

**POSITIVE INFLUENCES:** 

Increase retail sales taxes for the City.

**COMMENTS**/

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

The applicant is requesting permission to sell alcohol for consumption off-premises for a new convenience store/gas station. The site will be constructed to meet the minimum

building requirements of the Comprehensive Zoning

Ordinance.

The applicant must obtain a certificate of occupancy and

occupational license for this location.

There are no churches, schools, playgrounds, or library within a 300' radius of this property.

As per the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, this request does follow the guidelines for said request. The future land use for this area is geared towards high-density residential, which accommodates new residential areas east of the airport.

**OPTIONS:** 

Approve the applicant's request as presented.

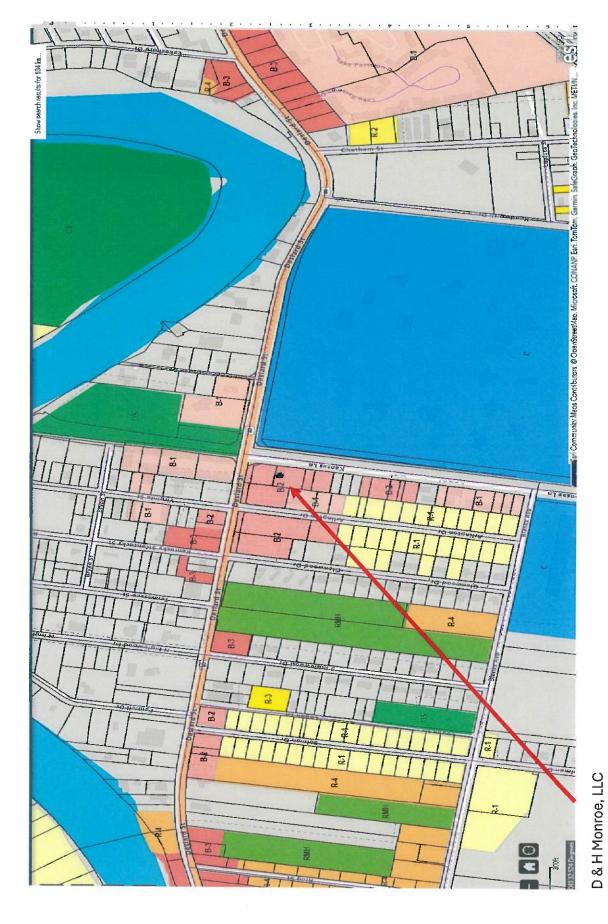
Approve the applicant's request with conditions.

Deny the applicant's request as presented.

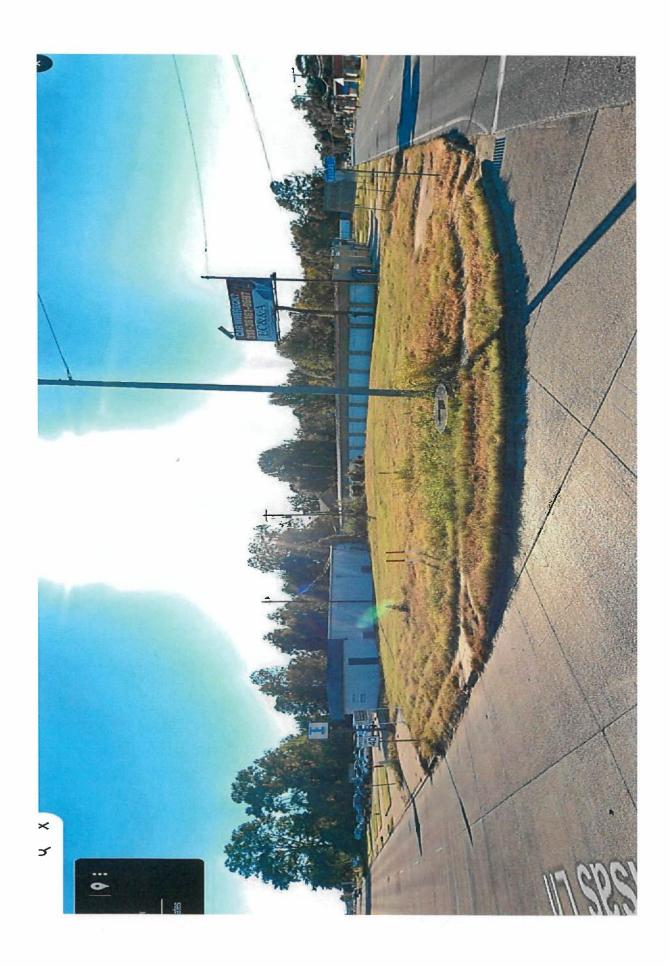
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104 Kansas Lane/6010 DeSiard Street





104 Kansas Lane/6010 DeSiard Street

CASE NO.:

CUP 117-24

NAME OF APPLICANT: ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

Holyfield Const./The Trove 2252 Tower Drive, Ste. 103

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 

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**REQUEST:** 

A <u>Major</u> Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises, in the B-3 (General Business/Commercial) District. The property is located at 2252 Tower Drive, Ste. 103.

**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:** 

The purpose of the request is to allow the applicant to sell alcohol for consumption off-premises at an existing gift shop (The Trove).

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

1.159-acres (more or less)

PRESENT ZONING:

B-3 (General Business/Commercial) District

PRESENT USE:

Retail gift shop

MOST NEARLY BOUNDED

BY (STREETS):

North of Louisville Avenue, south of Tower Drive, east of

Oliver Road and west of Fulton Drive.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

The surrounding land use consists of commercial businesses, banks and eateries in all directions.

**ADVERSE INFLUENCES:** 

Increase in traffic for the area.

**POSITIVE INFLUENCES:** 

Increase retail sales taxes for the City.

**COMMENTS**/

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

The applicant is requesting permission to sell alcohol for consumption off-premises for an existing gift shop. The applicant proposes to add wine sales to the retail

establishment.

The applicant must obtain a certificate of occupancy and

occupational license for this location.

There are no churches, schools, playgrounds, or library

within a 300' radius of this property.

## CUP 117-24 Holyfield Const./The Trove

As per the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, this request does follow the guidelines for said request. The future land use for this area is geared towards urban mixed-use, which accommodates residential and commercial uses.

**OPTIONS:** 

Approve the applicant's request as presented.

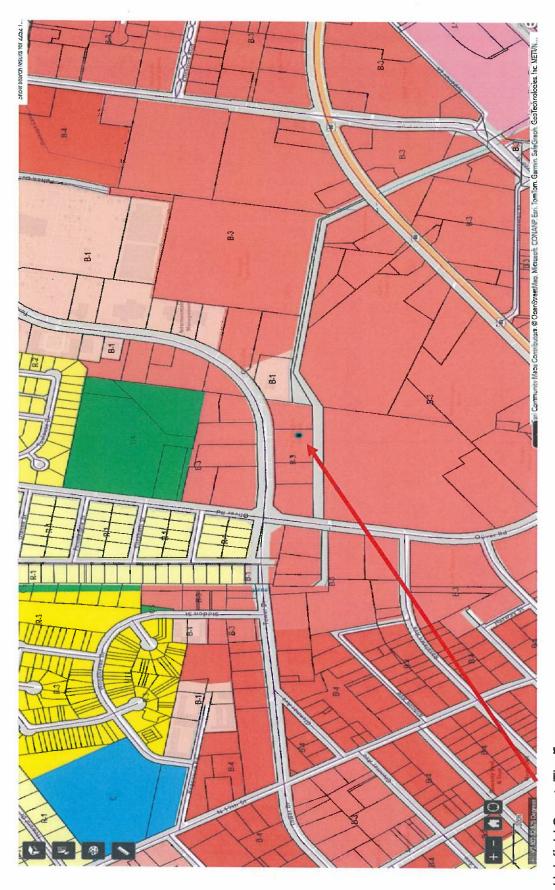
Approve the applicant's request with conditions.

Deny the applicant's request as presented.

## Major and Minor Conditional Use Criteria

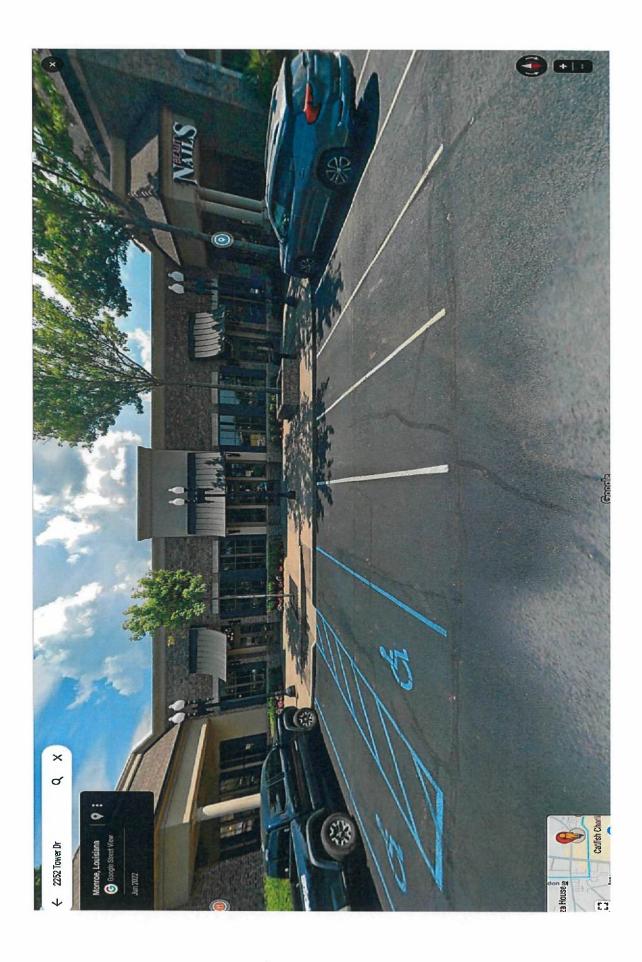
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Holyfield Const./The Trove

2252 Tower Drive, Ste. 103





Holyfield Construction/The Trove

2252 Tower Drive, Ste. 103

Case No.:

MA 103-24

Name of Applicant:

**Crest Construction** 

Address of Property:

4300 Loop Road

Size of Property:

 $\pm 5.47$ -acres

**Present Zoning:** 

R-4 (High Density Multi-Family Residential) District

**Proposed Zoning:** 

B-4 (Heavy Commercial) District

**Council District:** 

**Future Land Use:** 

Low Density Residential

Consistent to the

Comprehensive Plan:

No

**REQUEST:** 

This is a request to rezone a 5.47-acre tract of land from the R-4 (High Density Multi-Family Residential) District to the B-4 (Heavy Commercial)

District.

PRESENT USE:

Vacant church building (old Piney Grove Church)

MOST NEARLY BOUNDED

**BY (STREETS):** 

The property is located north of Westminster Avenue, south of Loop Road,

east of Crowley Street and west of Ferrand Street.

SURROUNDING LAND USES: The surrounding land use consists of single and multi-family residential properties to the north and west, commercial businesses to the east and commercial businesses and St. Frederick's School to the south of the site.

**ADVERSE INFLUENCES:** 

The proposed request may increase traffic in the area.

**POSITIVE INFLUENCES:** 

The proposed request will allow the applicant to warehouse and office space

to the public.

**COMMENTS/** 

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

The applicant would like to rezone a 5.47-acre tract of land from the R-4 (High Density Multi-Family Residential) District to the B-4 (Heavy Commercial) District. The purpose of the request is to allow the applicant to remodel an existing vacant church space to become warehouse and office space. The existing parking area will be used for future expansion. A fence will be erected to surround the property, to separate the proposed business from the residential zone. The B-4 (Heavy Commercial) District designation will be the most appropriate zoning classification for the proposed use.

If this application is approved, the request will be forwarded for final approval by the Monroe City Council.

The Future Land Use Classification for this area is Low Density Residential Use. This area is typically the base of the city, offering residences in densities of between seven units per acre. These areas include the currently developed city. This request is not consistent with the comprehensive plan.

The <u>Planning Commission</u> and the <u>City Council</u> shall consider the following criteria in approving or denying a map amendment:

- a. The proposed map amendment is consistent with the pertinent elements of the <u>City of Monroe</u> <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> and any other adopted plans.
- b. The proposed map amendment is consistent with the adjacent zoning classifications and uses.
- c. The proposed map amendment will reinforce the existing or planned character of the neighborhood and the City.
- d. The site is appropriate for the development allowed in the proposed district.
- e. There are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used according to existing zoning.
- f. Public facilities and services including schools, roads, recreation facilities, wastewater treatment, water supply, storm water management, police and fire are adequate for the development allowed in the proposed district.
- g. The map amendment will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent conforming properties.

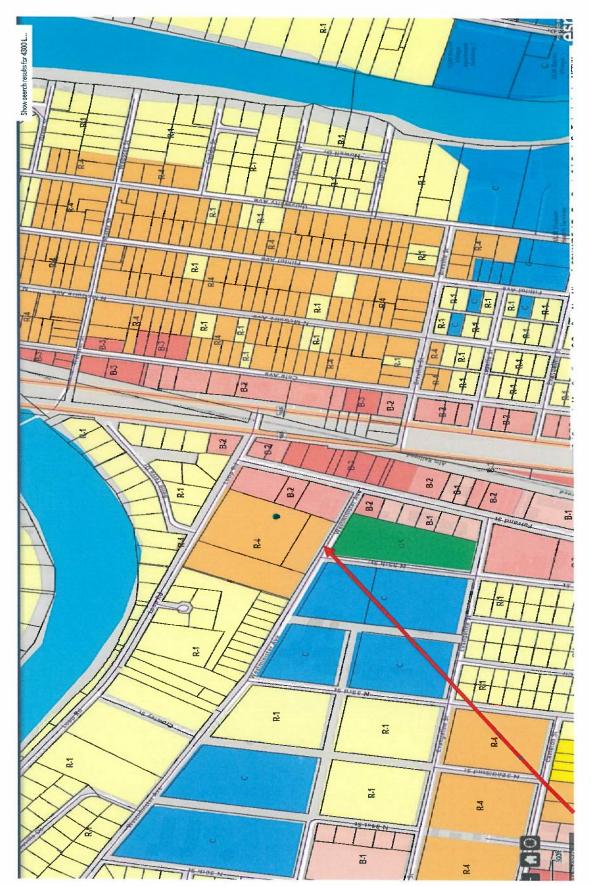
## Effect of Denial

The denial of a map amendment application shall ban the subsequent application for the same or similar use at the same location for a period of twelve (12) months.

**OPTIONS:** 

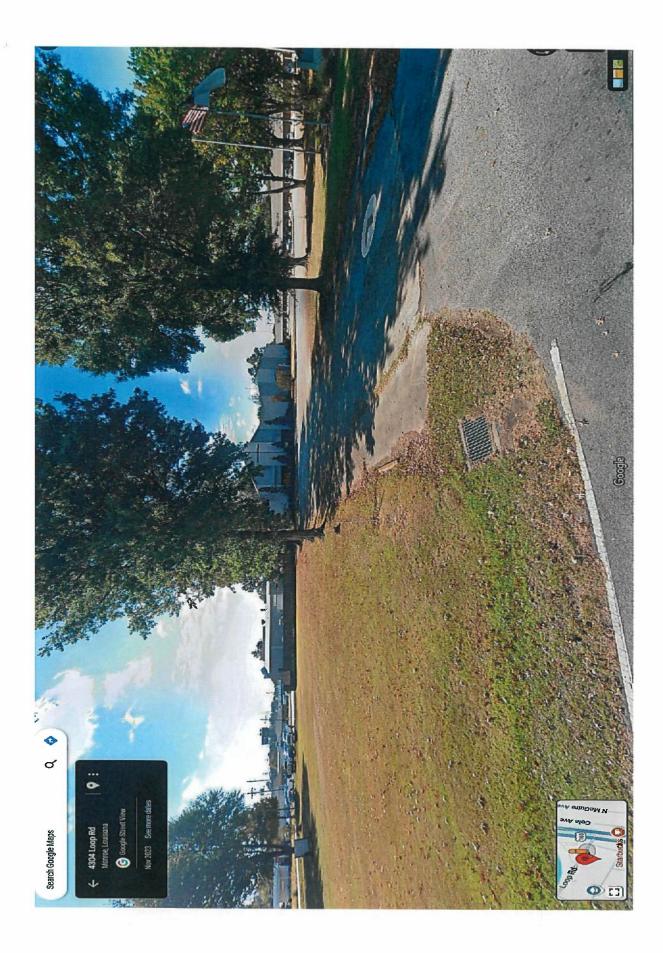
Approve the applicant's request as presented.

Deny the applicant's request as presented.



Crest Construction

4300 Loop Road





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