

APPLICATION FOR REZONING

Name and Address of Applicant:
 SR1 Technologies, LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability
 Company, 369 Towne Center Blvd, Suite B
 Ridgeland, MS 39157
 601-260-2475

APPLICATION DATE	Present Zoning of Property	Legal Description of Property:	TAX PARCEL NUMBER	FLOOD ZONE	MAP/PLAT OF PROPERTY
May 1 2023	Agriculture	See (Exhibit A)	103I-29-007/00.00 103H-28-001/00.00 103H-28-001/01.00	X A	See (Exhibit B)

Other Comments: As per Article VIII Section 806 of the Madison County Zoning Ordinance.

Comments

Respectfully Submitted



Chad A. Wages, P.E.

Petition submitted to Madison County Planning and Development
 Commission on _____

Recommendation of Madison County Planning and Development
 Commission on Petition _____

Public Hearing date as established by the Madison County Board of
 Supervisors _____

Final disposition of Petition _____

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MADISON
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING OF
CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 28 and 29
TOWNSHIP T10N NORTH, RANGE R3E EAST/WEST
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

PETITIONER:

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PETITION TO REZONE AND RECLASSIFY REAL PROPERTY

Comes now SR1 Technologies, LLC, owner of the hereinafter described land and property, and files this petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, to rezone and reclassify a tract or parcel of land situated in Section 28 and 29 Township 10 N, Range 3E, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A

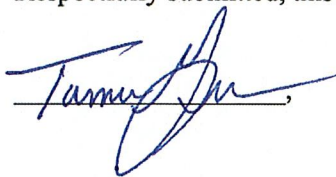
from its present Zoning District Classification of Agriculture District to a Special Use SU-1 District, in support thereof would respectfully show as follows, to-wit:

1. The subject property consists of 259.9 acres. SR1 request rezoning of the site less and except 177 +/- acres as described on the attached Exhibit A
2. The zoning proposed (is) is not in compliance with the adopted Land Use and Transportation Plan of Madison County, but is the highest and best use.
3. List of changes or conditions that support rezoning:

SEE EXHIBIT B

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioners respectfully request that this petition be received, and after due consideration, the Board of Supervisors of Madison County will enter an order amending the land use plan to reflect SU-1 zoning, and reclassifying this property from its present Agricultural District classification to a Special Use (SU-1) District.

Respectfully submitted, this the 1 day of MAY, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tammie J. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Petitioner

Exhibit B

Since 2003, Madison County has experienced steady growth in population and work force. While most of the development that has occurred has been in the southern half of the county, the area around the City of Canton has begun to experience a steady growth in and outside the city limits.

The growth in the workforce has created a current and projected need for more highly skilled workers with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and high education technical capabilities to serve the increasing industry needs in Madison County. The recent location of the Amazon Fulfillment Center (JAN1) in the Madison County Mega Site, a highly automated facility using robotic equipment, advanced conveying systems and computer programmed operations is an example of the next level skill requirements of future workers.

May 1, 2023, it was announced that the Clark Beverage Company was locating to the Mega Site as well. This facility will be a highly automated distribution facility and require the same advanced workforce skills that go beyond the historic warehouse environment.

Increasingly, not only Madison County but the state of Mississippi's greatest source of employment and economic growth will be jobs that require 21st century thinking and skills. Research proves that higher rates of educational attainment lead to communities that are healthier, have higher rates of economic stability, lower crime, high-achieving schools, and greater equality. Rand public policy research shows that regardless of a student's gender or race/ethnicity, raising the level of education he or she attains has associated benefits for the public budget. To maximize the opportunity, we must consider the entire education ecosystem so that children of all backgrounds, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and income levels can learn the wonders and possibilities of STEM and maintain that interest and passion throughout their lives.

Recent data shows that the median annual wage for non-STEM careers is \$38,160, while the median wage for careers in STEM is \$86,980. The inequality in access to STEM courses at the earliest stages of K-12 education exacerbates the broader, nation-wide issues in pay discrepancy. The continued industrial growth in Madison County with advanced manufacturing will continue to put pressure on the educational systems to develop the technical skills of future graduates to fulfill these new jobs. As the need grows for a specialized STEM-focused workforce, it is becoming clear that not everyone has an equal opportunity.

The need for a vast, talented workforce in STEM-related fields has never been more necessary for not only Madison County but for the state of Mississippi. Mississippi is (including the District of Columbia): 51st in share of STEM professionals; 49th in projected STEM job growth by 2028; 50th in 8th grade math & science performance; 51st in science & engineering graduates age 25+; 49th in share of technology companies; 47th in research & development spending per capita; and 51st in venture capital funding per capita.

SR1 College Preparatory and STEM Academy (CPSA) is a quasi-public facility as it has been authorized by the State of Mississippi to provide services customarily and ordinarily provided by either public entities, i.e., schools. The current Madison County property on which SR1 CPSA will be located is currently zoned A1 (agricultural). SR1 is requesting that a portion of the land be rezoned to SU-1 based upon the 2019 Madison County Zoning Ordinance.

SR1 will develop an educational campus that encompasses Mississippi's first state approved College Preparatory and STEM Academy public charter school. SR1 CPSA's development will place Madison County as an educational and high skill occupational leader for Mississippi.

SR1 CPSA was approved in 2020 and will provide college preparatory and STEM education to students, which will provide long-term benefits, such as a highly skilled workforce and economic stability. In the short-term, it will offer an immediate benefit of access to a high-level educational opportunity.

Under the State of Mississippi's Charter School laws, SR1 was approved based on a rigorous selection and application process. Furthermore, under charter law, SR1 CPSA will provide **free** public educational options for families and students from school districts that are rated a "C" and below, to obtain a higher education.

SR1 also plans to include advanced agricultural classes and training which the proposed property is clearly suitable. The existing site has been in agricultural use for many years and SR1 plans to take advantage of this setting as part of its programs.

While the proposed location and area has not recently experienced any significant change in character, the future rural growth along the Highway 51 corridor can be seen as small developments of estate size lots have occurred in the outlying areas.

SR1 believes that by locating in this area it can serve public, private, and homeschool students in Madison County and in neighboring counties.