

PKts. 4-10-20

Diane Voss

From: Kelly Diekmann <KDiekmann@city.ames.ia.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:14 PM
To: City Clerk Office
Cc: vicky.marty@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: Re: AUFPP map amendment

Diane, can you please forward this to the City Council.

Kelly Diekmann
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-----Forwarded by Kelly Diekmann/COA on 04/09/2020 03:12PM -----

To: "Kelly Diekmann" <KDiekmann@city.ames.ia.us>
From: "Vicky Marty" <vicky.marty@yahoo.com>
Date: 04/07/2020 06:14PM
Subject: Re: AUFPP map amendment

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Ames City Council

We have a small family business, PSA (Property Service Agency), that we have been operating from our home and property at 2538 E 190th Street, Ames, Iowa Approximately 20 years ago, when our 2 sons and son-in-law graduated from college, we decided to expand our business and have them join the two of us. We met with Story County Planning and Development at that time and were granted a home business permit. We have been operating under that ever since, getting yearly renewals. Last year Jerry Moore, Story County Planning and Development, advised us to contact you about getting rezoned.

We have 17 acres with our home as well as a Morton style building that we operate our business from. We do HOA property management, grounds care, and home improvement. The number of people working (including family) runs approximately 4-5 during the "off season" and 10 or just over during "peak" season: One to two work in the office and the rest load up and leave for the day. We, by choice, have no business signs displayed on the property.

We are requesting to be able to initiate an AUFPP Amendment from Ag/Natural Area and Mining to Highway Commercial to accommodate our business. I am informed this would allow us to request a rezoning from Story County to accommodate our business.

We thank you so much for your time and for helping us keep our Small Business in operation.

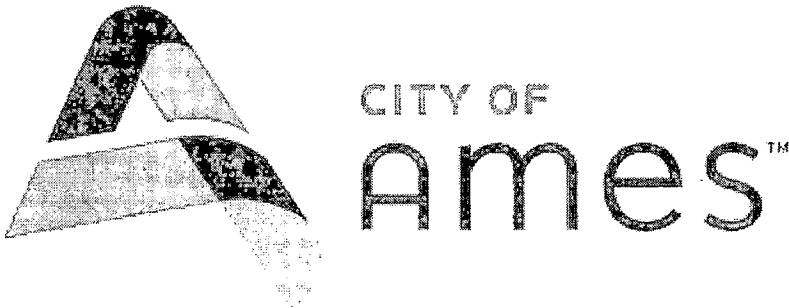
Norm and Vicky Marty

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, 09:56:57 AM CST, Kelly Diekmann <kdiekmann@city.ames.ia.us> wrote:

You can email City Council directly through the City's website or if you can send it to me and I can have it forwarded through the City Clerk.

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To: "Kelly Diekmann" <KDiekmann@city.ames.ia.us>
From: "Vicky Marty" <vicky.marty@yahoo.com>
Date: 03/04/2020 06:01PM
Subject: Re: AUFPP map amendment

Thank you for your input. Do you have the email for city council. Would it be ok if I sent it to you first and you can let me know if I am doing the request correctly. My background info kind of runs together. Where do you suggest I cut it off. Thanks for your time

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2020, at 2:08 PM, Kelly Diekmann <KDiekmann@city.ames.ia.us> wrote:

Hi Vicky, I would say you should forward your request to the City Council by specifically stating you would like to be able to initiate an AUFPP Amendment from Ag/Natural Area and Mining to Highway Commercial. This would allow you to request a rezoning from Story County to accommodate your business. The first

paragraph of background provides good context. Some of the detailed information about the County's inspection process would not be relevant to the City Council and the AUPF amendment process.

If you send the email/letter in by this Friday, City Council could choose to create a referral for the request under Council Comments for their meeting on March 10th. It will not formally be on the agenda on the 10th, it will be a communication. If Council is interested in the request they will likely ask staff for more information before deciding how to proceed. If they do decide to take up the request and agree to initiate a change, it will then also go to the Story County Board of Supervisors and start the formal application process that may take about 3 months overall.

As I mentioned on the phone, Council may choose not to take up the issue and you would then need to work again with Story County about your situation.

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To: "kdiekmann@cityofames.org" <kdiekmann@cityofames.org>
From: "Vicky Marty" <vicky.marty@yahoo.com>
Date: 03/02/2020 09:29AM
Subject: AUPF map amendment

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Vicky Marty <vicky.marty@yahoo.com>
To: psa@psames.com <psa@psames.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020, 12:06:46 PM CST
Subject:

Kelly Diekmann

This is in regards to our phone conversation a week ago about our family business. Thank you for your time and information. I hope I have included the correct information you needed me to email to you in written form. Thank you.

We have a small family business, PSA (Property Service Agency), that we have operated from our home and property at 2538 E 190th street Ames, Iowa. As I discussed with you, we have recently been advised by Jerry Moore, Story County Planning and Development Director, that we need to contact you about requesting an AUPF map amendment allowing us to have our property rezoned for our business. Our business does HOA property management, grounds care and home improvement.

Background: Approximately 20 years ago when our 2 sons and son in-law graduated college we decided to expand our business and have them join the two of us. We had multiple meetings with a lady from Story County Planning and Development about getting a business permit to do this. We received approval and have renewed every year. Eight years ago we had a devastating fire that destroyed our Morton building along with all the equipment, vehicles, and supplies housed in it. We decided to build a bigger building that would house the office in it as well. We again met with Story County Planning and Development discussing the growth of our business and going over the plans and getting approval to build a bigger building and office. She said they had never had any complaints or issues filed against us and approved the construction and expansion. She met at our property and inspected the site before and after building it. The number of employees (including family) runs about 4-5 during the off season of

winter and over 10 during peak summer season. 1-2 people man the office and the rest report in and load their trucks and leave for the day. This number has been pretty consistent for over 10 years. We and our sons made a large financial investment into the construction of the building, office, and grounds to operate our business after approval. We do NOT have any advertising or signs on our property by choice. Most would have no idea there is a business here. Then last year we were contacted by Jerry Moore of Story County Planning and Development. He informed us that we have too many people reporting in here and needed to contact you. We went about registering our family business the legal/right way and were given approval. After nearly 20 years of operation we were informed she shouldn't have approved us. That has put us in a very difficult position.

Thank you
Norm and Vicky Marty