



Notice of Rezoning Request

August 17, 2016

This letter is a follow-up to the August 3rd notice of rezoning request that was mailed to you as an owner of property that is part of a rezoning request. The request has been labeled the Tokeena-Dairy Farm Rd. request (Ordinance 2016-08). The request was presented to County Council on August 16, 2016, for consideration for First Reading. During this meeting, a number of petitioners requested that more information regarding the Agricultural District be presented to each of the individuals that petitioned to have their property rezoned. In response to this request for additional information, County Council directed staff to compile this letter.

Should you have any questions/comments regarding the information presented in this letter please contact Josh Stephens in the Community Development Department at 864-364-5109 or jstephens@oconeesc.com.

Below is the definition and intent of the Agricultural District:

Definition: Those areas in which rural lifestyles have traditionally been and continue to be intertwined with agricultural activity and production which has a significant economic impact to the area and Oconee County.

Intent: Agricultural districts are intended for the protection of farm land in Oconee County while ensuring sufficient residential and commercial development opportunities exist to serve the needs of citizens living in those areas.

In an effort to present additional information you will find the items listed below enclosed within this letter. These items represent some of the information pertaining to the Agricultural District which should be helpful in answering most general questions.

Map of the Rezoning Area

Attachment A – Agricultural District Dimensional Chart

Attachment B – Zoning Use Matrix with the Agricultural District (AD) and its use list highlighted

Attachment C – Conditional Uses within the Agricultural District are highlighted

Attachment D – Special Exception process for the uses permitted as a Special Exception

County Council will consider the Tokeena-Dairy Farm Rd. rezoning request (Ordinance 2016-08) during the Council meeting schedule at 6:00 PM on September 6th. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers which is located at 415 S. Pine St. Walhalla, SC 29691. Should Council take First Reading they will then refer the rezoning request to the Planning Commission for review and the Commission will meet on September 19th. Following the Commission meeting, Council will hold Second Reading, a Public Hearing and Third Reading on the rezoning request. Public comment is allowed at each of these meetings.

