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# PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Application: CU 2244 Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez

Applicant: Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez

8354 Hickman Rd Greenwood, DE 19950

Owner: Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez

8354 Hickman Rd Greenwood, DE 19950

Site Location: 8354 Hickman Road. Lying on the south side of Hickman Rd. (Rt. 16),

approximately 1,600 ft. east of Scotts Store Rd. (Rt. 36), Greenwood

Current Zoning: Agricultural Residential (AR-1)

Proposed Use: Grocery Store

Comprehensive Land

Use Plan Reference: Developing Area

Councilmatic

District: Ms. Green

School District: Woodbridge School District

Fire District: Greenwood Fire District

Sewer: Septic

Water: Well

Site Area: 1.39 acres +/-

Tax Map ID.: 530-9.00-53.01



# Sussex County



PIN:	530-9.00-53.01	
Owner Name	MENDEZ RAMON ALBERTO	
Book	4790	
Mailing Address	8354 HICKMAN RD	
City	GREENWOOD	
State	DE	
Description	163' S OF RT 16	
Description 2	1850' E OF RD 32	
Description 3	N/A	
Land Code		

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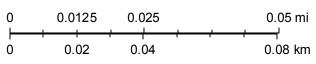
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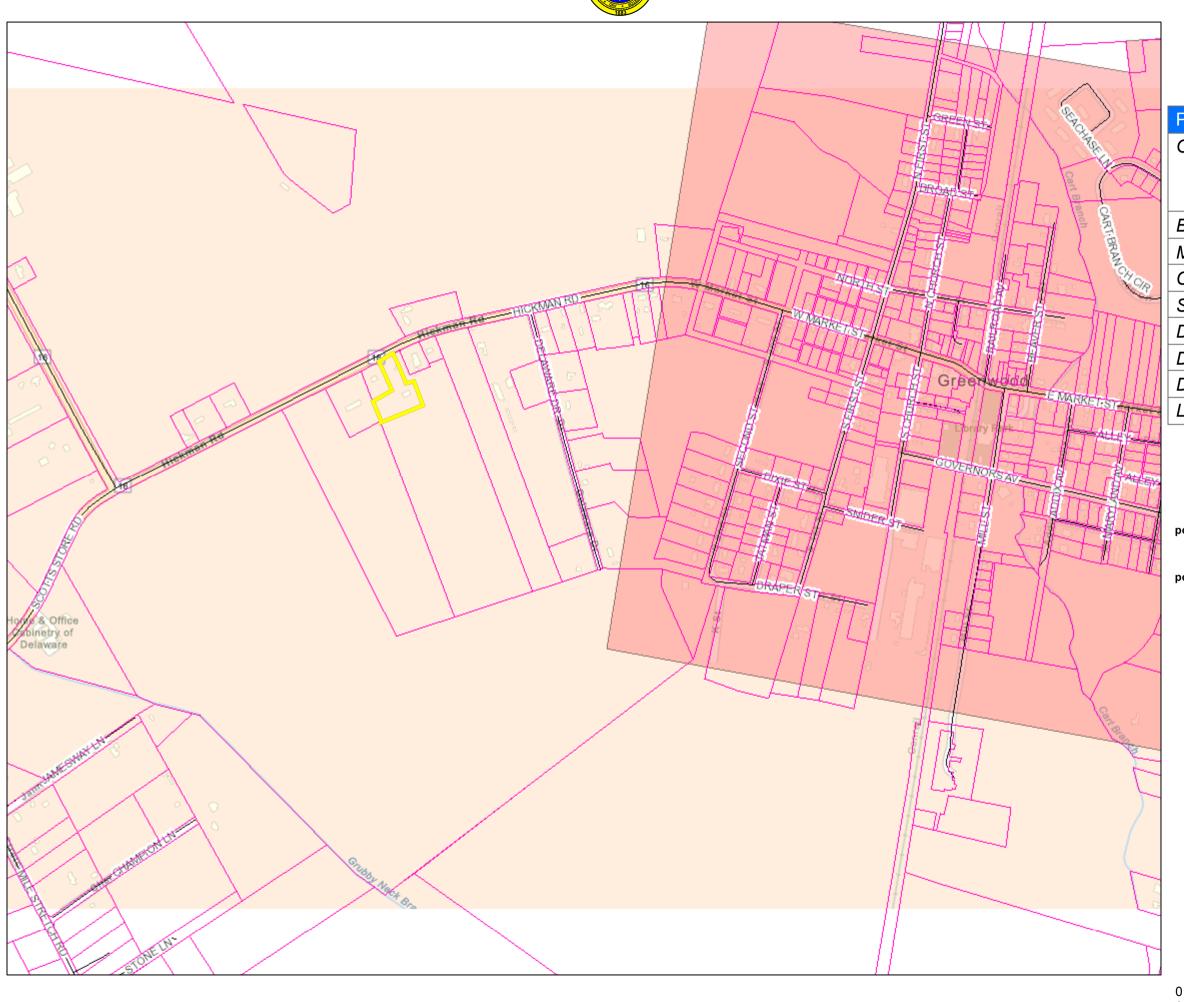
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### Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members

From: Nick Torrance, Planner I

CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney, and applicant

Date: March 31st, 2021

RE: Staff Analysis for CU 2244 Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application CU 2244 Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez to be reviewed during the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. This analysis should be included in the record of this application and is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Conditional Use for Tax Parcel 530-9.00-53.01 to allow for a Conditional Use of land in an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District for a grocery store. The parcel is located on the south side of Hickman Road. (Route 16) at 8354 Hickman Road in Greenwood, Delaware. The size of the property is approximately 1.39 acres +/-.

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework for how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use map in the plan indicates that the property has the land use designation of Developing Area.

The surrounding parcels to the southwest, west, and northwest are all designated on the Future Land Use Map as "Developing Area". The uses that the Developing Area land use designation recognizes are A range of housing types are appropriate in Developing Areas, including single family homes, townhouses, and multi-family units. In selected areas and at appropriate intersections, commercial uses should be allowed. A variety of office uses would be appropriate in many areas. Portions of the Developing Areas with good road access and few nearby homes should allow for business and industrial parks. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed. In doing so, careful mixtures of homes with light commercial and institutional uses can be appropriate to provide for convenient services and to allow people to work close to home.

The property is zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential Zoning District). All adjoining and surrounding properties also zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential Zoning District).

Since 1970, there have been four Conditional Use approvals within a 1-mile radius of the application site. Conditional Use No. 217 was to allow an extension to the current plant and was approved by County Council on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1974. Conditional Use No. 232 was to add an addition to an existing butcher shop and was approved by the County Council on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1974. Conditional Use No. 660 was to add another addition to the same butcher shop approved in Conditional Use No. 232 and was approved by the County Council on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1981. Conditional Use No. 1427 was for a showroom countertop shop and was approved by the County

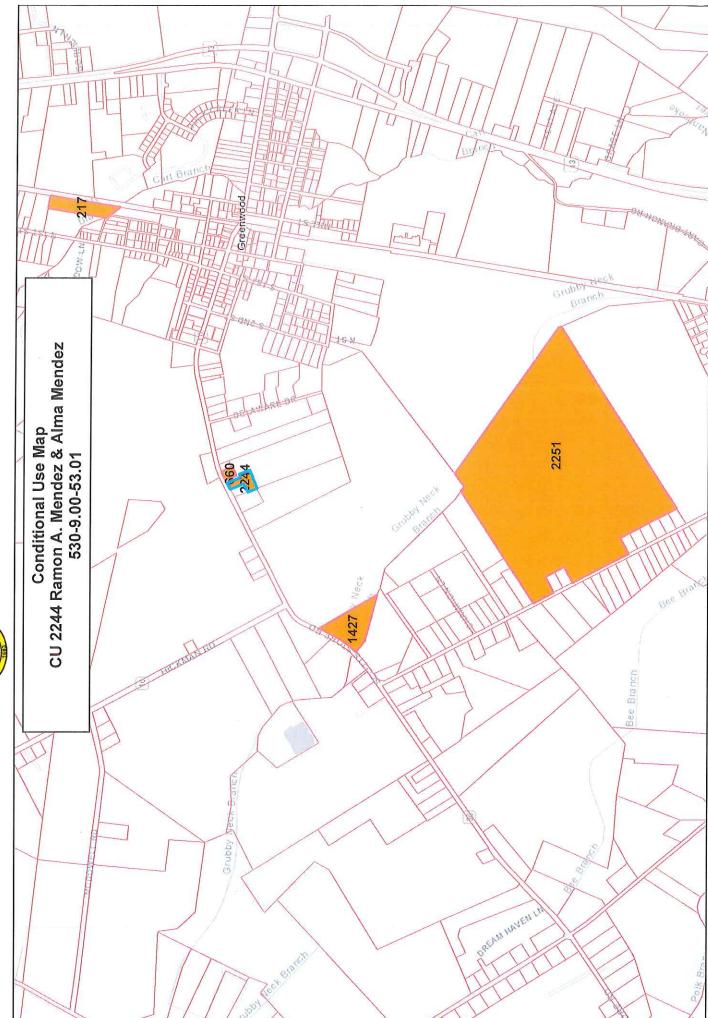


Council on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 1510. There is one pending Conditional Use application within a 1-mile radius. Conditional Use No. 2251 for a solar farm was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Based on the analysis of the land use, surrounding zoning and uses, the Conditional Use to allow for a grocery store, subject to considerations of scale and impact, could be considered as being consistent with the land use, area zoning and surrounding uses.



# Sussex County



Ordinance #		1510				
CC Decision	Approved	Approved		Approved		Approved
CC Decision Date	<  NO	11/27/2001	<inv></inv>	<nul></nul>	<nul></nul>	8/27/1974
P&Z Decision Date	<inv></inv>	11/8/2001	<iinn></iinn>	<inv></inv>	<inv></inv>	<null></null>
P&Z Decision	N/A	Recommended Approval		Recommended Approval		N/A
Proposed Use	addition to existing plant	showroom countertop shop	Grocery Store	addition to retail (meat market)	35.4 Acre Solar Field	Addition to Existing Butcher Shop
<b>Current Zoning</b>	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	AR-1	GR	AR-1
APPLICANT	New Process Fiber Co	Michael Biggs	Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez	Charles & Beverly Ferrar	Heimlich Solar Partners, LLC	Thomas Tennefoss Jr & Cora & James Tennefoss
Tax Parcel #	530-10.00-32.00	530-9.00-42.01	530-9.00-53.01	530-9.00-54.00	530-13.00-10.00	530-9.00-54.00
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## Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check applica	ble)	
Conditional Use		
Zoning Map Amendment		e e
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Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning M		
8354 HICKMAN RD GREENWOOD, DE 19950	)-4822	
Type of Conditional Use Requested:		
FOR BUSINESS. "GROCERY STORE".		
Tax Map #: 530.9.53.01		Size of Parcel(s): \39
Current Zoning: RESIDE Proposed Zon	ning: COMMER	Size of Building: 40 X30
Land Use Classification:		
Water Provider: WELL	Sewer	Provider:
Applicant Information		
Applicant Name: RAMON A. MENDEZ AND	ALMA MENDEZ	7.
Applicant Address: 8354 HICKMAN RD		
City: GREENWOOD	State: DE	ZipCode: 19950-4822
Phone #: (302) 727-1182	E-mail: ramor	nmendez7175@gmail.com
Owner Information		
Owner Name: RAMON A. MENDEZ & ALMA	MENDEZ	4.00
Owner Address: 8354 HICKMAN RD	WENDEZ.	
City: GREENWOOD	State: DE	Zip Code: 19950-4822
Phone #: (302) 727-1182		mendez7175@gmail.com
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Agent/Attorney/Engineer Information		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name:		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone #:	E-mail:	





# **Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications**

The following shall be submitted with the application

✓ Completed Application						
<ul> <li>✓ Provide eight (8) copies of the Site Plan or Survey of the property</li> <li>○ Survey shall show the location of existing or proposed building(s), building setbacks, parking area, proposed entrance location, etc.</li> <li>○ Provide a PDF of Plans (may be e-mailed to a staff member)</li> <li>○ Deed or Legal description</li> </ul>						
✓ Provide Fee \$500.00						
Optional - Additional information for the Commission/Council to consider (ex. architectural elevations, photos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided submit 8 copies and they shall be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.						
Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearings for the application.						
DelDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response						
PLUS Response Letter (if required)						
The undersigned hereby certifies that the forms, exhibits, and statements contained in any papers or plans submitted as a part of this application are true and correct.						
I also certify that I or an agent on by behalf shall attend all public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sussex County Council and any other hearing necessary for this application and that I will answer any questions to the best of my ability to respond to the present and future needs, the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the inhabitants of Sussex County, Delaware.						
Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney						
Date: 7-28-2020						
Signature of Owner    Date:   T-28-2020						
Subdivision:  Date of PC Hearing: Recommendation of PC Commission:  Date of CC Hearing: Decision of CC:						



### STATE OF DELAWARE

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

800 BAY ROAD
P.O. BOX 778
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

JENNIFER COHAN SECRETARY

August 20, 2020

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez rezoning application, which we received on July 31, 2020. This application is for an approximately 1.39-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 530-9.00-53.01). The subject land is located on the south side of Hickman Road (Sussex Road 16), approximately 350 feet southwest of the intersection of Hickman Road and Delaware Drive (Sussex Road 16C), west of Greenwood. The subject land is currently zoned as AR-1 (Agricultural Residential), and the applicant is seeking to rezone the land to C-1 (General Commercial) to utilize the facility to operate a grocery store.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along the segment of Hickman Road where the subject land is located, which is from Scotts Store Road (Sussex Road 32) to S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, are 3,964 and 5,102 vehicles per day, respectively.

Our volume-based criteria for requiring a traffic impact study (TIS), addressed in Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, are that a development generates more than 500 trips per day or 50 trips during a weekly peak hour. While it seems that the above criteria could be met, we presently cannot predict the site's trip generation with enough accuracy to make a TIS useful. Thus, we recommend that this rezoning application be considered without a TIS and that the need for a TIS be evaluated when a subdivision or site plan is proposed.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



# SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

TO:		Jamie Whitehouse				
REVIEWER:		Chris Calio				
DATE:		3/25/2021				
APPLICATION:		CU 2244 Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez				
APPLICANT:		Ramon A. Mendez & Alma Mendez				
FILE NO:		WS-4.06				
TAX MAP & PARCEL(S):		530-9.00-53.01				
LOCATION:		8354 Hickman Road. Lying on the south side of Hickman Road (Route 16), approximately 1,600 feet east of Scotts Store Road (Rt. 36).				
NO. C	OF UNITS:	Grocery Store				
GROSS ACREAGE:		1.39				
SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 2						
SEWER:						
(1).	district?					
		e question (2). question (7).				
(2).	Which County Tier Area is project in? Tier 2					
(3).	Is wastewater capacity available for the project? <b>N/A</b> If not, what capacity is available? <b>N/A</b> .					
(4).	Is a Construction Agreement required? <b>No</b> If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.					
(5).	Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? <b>No</b> If yes, how many? <b>N/A</b> . Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? <b>N/A</b> If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is <b>Unified \$6,360.00</b> per EDU. Please contact <b>N/A</b> at <b>302-855-7719</b> for additional information on charges.					

- (6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? N/A
  □ Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.
  (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? No
- (8). Comments: The proposed Conditional Use is in a Tier 2 area for sewer service and is in the Growth and Annexation Area of the Town of Greenwood. Contact the Town concerning the availability of sanitary sewer service
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? No
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? No

UTILITY PLANNING APPROVAL:

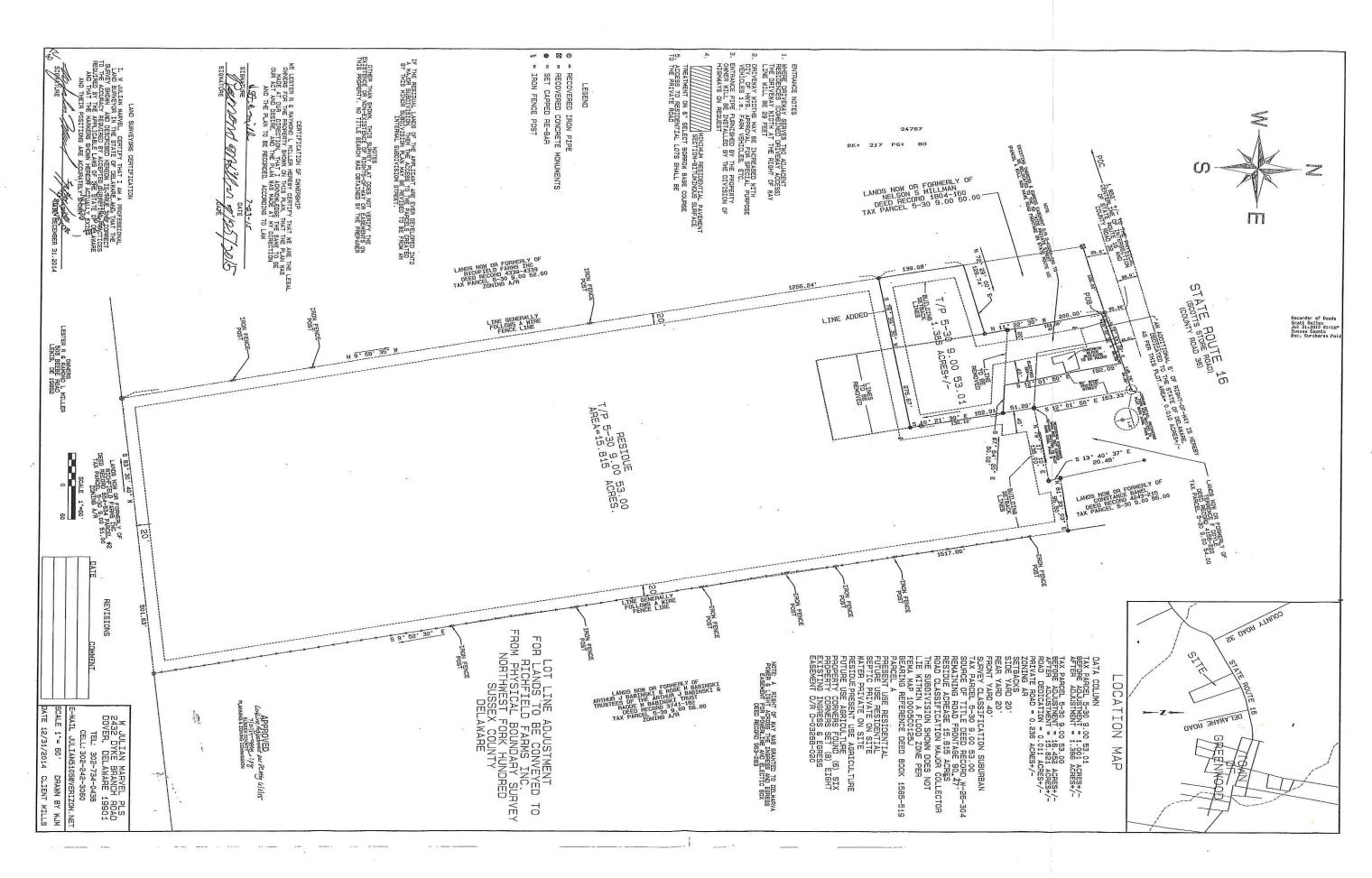
John J. Ashman

Director of Utility Planning

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.

Lisa Walls

No Permit Tech Assigned



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