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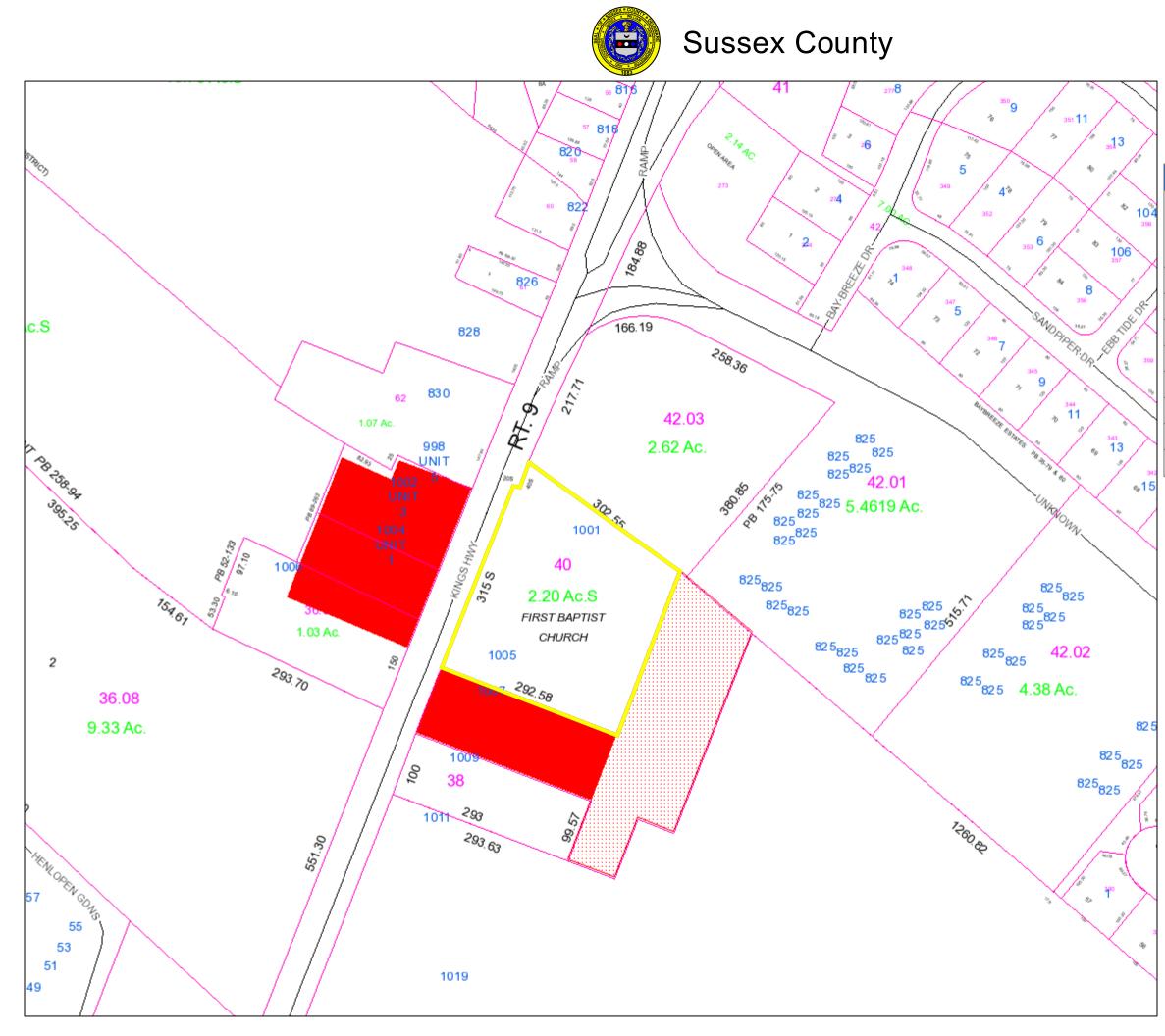
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#### PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Application:	CZ 1932 Jeff-Kat, LLC
Applicant:	Jeff-Kat, LLC 113 Draper Dr Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
Owner:	First Baptist Church of Lewes P.O. Box 25 Lewes, DE 19958
Site Location:	The east side of Kings Highway (Route 9) approximately 900 feet southeast of Theodore C. Freeman Highway (S.C.R 23)
Current Zoning:	AR-1 Agricultural Residential Zoning District
Proposed Zoning:	C-3 Heavy Commercial Zoning District
Comprehensive Lan Use Plan Reference:	
Councilmanic District:	Mr. Burton
School District:	Cape Henlopen School District
Fire District:	Lewes Fire Department
Sewer:	Lewes BPW
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Water:	Lewes BPW
water: Site Area:	Lewes BPW 0.78 acre +/-





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Book	0
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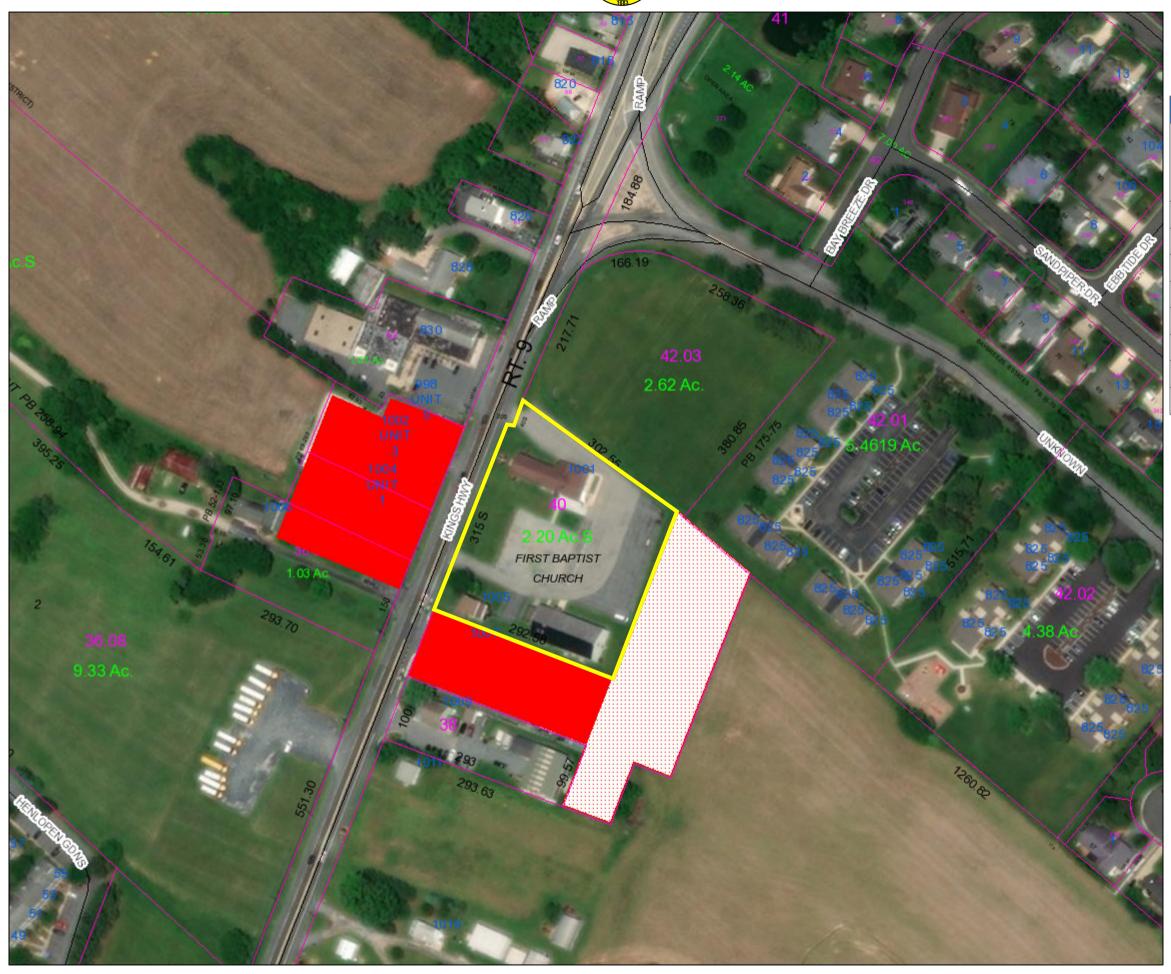
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# Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members From: Nick Torrance, Planner I CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and applicant Date: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 RE: Staff Analysis for CZ 1932 Jeff-Kat, LLC

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application CZ 1932 Jeff-Kat, LLC to be reviewed during the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 Change of Zone for Tax Parcel 335-8.00-40.00 (portion of) to allow for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District to a Heavy Commercial (C-3) District. The property is lying on the east side of Kings Hwy. (Route 9) 900 feet southeast of Theodore C. Freeman Highway (S.C.R 23). The size of the property is approximately 0.78 acre +/-.

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of 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 subject property has the land use designation of "Coastal Area." Each property to the south, east, and west also has the "Coastal Area" designation. The property to the north is located within town limits of Lewes and therefore has a future land use classification of Municipality. The Coastal Area is designated to encourage growth and development provided that environmental concerns are addressed. The Coastal Area may include various types of housing, small-scale retail and office, light commercial, and institutional land uses. Sussex County's base density of two (2) units per acre is standard. Medium and higher densities (4-12 units per acre) may be appropriate in select locations.

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan outlines Zoning Districts by their applicability to each Future Land Use category. Under Table 4.5-2 "Zoning Districts Applicable to Future Land Use Categories", the Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District is listed as an applicable zoning district in the "Coastal Area."

Additionally, the subject property is currently within an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. The parcels to the south and west are currently zoned C-1 (general commercial), the parcel to the east is currently C-3 (Heavy commercial) and the parcels to the north are located within town limits.

Since 2011, there has been one Change of Zone applications within a one-mile radius of the subject property. Change of Zone No. 1875, which proposed a change from Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District to Heavy Commercial (C-3) District, was approved by County Council on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It was adopted through Ordinance No. 2654.



Based on the analysis of the surrounding zoning and uses, a Change of Zone to a Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District could be considered as being consistent with the land use, area zoning and surrounding uses.

File #: <u>(121932</u> 2020 11437

# **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 applicable) Conditional Use

Zoning Map Amendment 🗸

Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning N	/lap Amendment	t	
1005 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware			
Type of Conditional Use Requested:			
N/A (Rezoning)			
Tax Map #: <sup>p/o 335 8.00 40.00</sup>			ŝ
		Size of Parcel(s	):
Current Zoning: AR-1 Proposed Zo	oning: <u>C-3</u>	Size of Building	: Existing
Land Use Classification:			
Water Provider:	Sewer	Provider: Lewes	BPW
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- \_\_\_\_ 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

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\_\_\_\_ Date: 07/09/3050

Signature of Owner

	Date:	
<u>For office use only:</u> Date Submitted:	Fee: \$500.00 Check #:	
Staff accepting application:		
Location of property:		
Subdivision:		
Date of PC Hearing:		
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 **Jeff-Kat**, **LLC** rezoning application, which we received on July 27, 2020. This application is for a portion of a 2.20-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 335-8.00-40.00). The subject land is located on the east side of Kings Highway (Sussex Road 268), approximately 900 feet southeast of the intersection of Kings Highway and Theodore C. Freeman Highway (Sussex Road 23). The subject land is currently zoned as AR-1 (Agricultural Residential), and the applicant is seeking to rezone the land to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to utilize the facility for offices and expansion of brewpub operations.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along the segment of Kings Highway where the subject land is located, which is from Gills Neck Road (Sussex Road 267) to Freeman Highway, are 12,019 and 15,468 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 DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

- TO: Jamie Whitehouse
- REVIEWER: Chris Calio
- DATE: **10/27/2020**
- APPLICATION: CZ 1932 Jeff-Kat LLC
- APPLICANT: Jeff-Kat LLC
- FILE NO: NCPA-5.03
- PARCEL(S): 335-8.00-40.00 (part of)
- LOCATION: The east side of Kings Highway (Rt. 9), approximately 900 feet southeast of Theodore C. Freeman Highway (SCR 23).
- NO. OF UNITS: Upzone from AR-1 to C-3

0.78

GROSS ACREAGE:

TAX MAP &

SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 2

#### SEWER:

- (1). Is the project in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water district?
  - Yes 🛛

No 🖾

- a. If yes, see question (2).
- b. If no, see question (7).
- (2). Which County Tier Area is project in? Municipal Growth & annexation Area
- (3). Is wastewater capacity available for the project? **N/A** If not, what capacity is available? **N/A**.
- (4). Is a Construction Agreement required? **No** If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.
- (5). Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? No If yes, how many? N/A. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? No If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is Unified \$6,360.00 per EDU. Please contact N/A at 302-855-7719 for additional information on charges.

(6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? **No** 

□ 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 Change of Zone is with the boundaries of the City of Lewes' Growth and Annexation Area. Therefore, the Sussex County Engineering Department has no schedule to provide 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. Jayne Dickerson No Permit Tech Assigned

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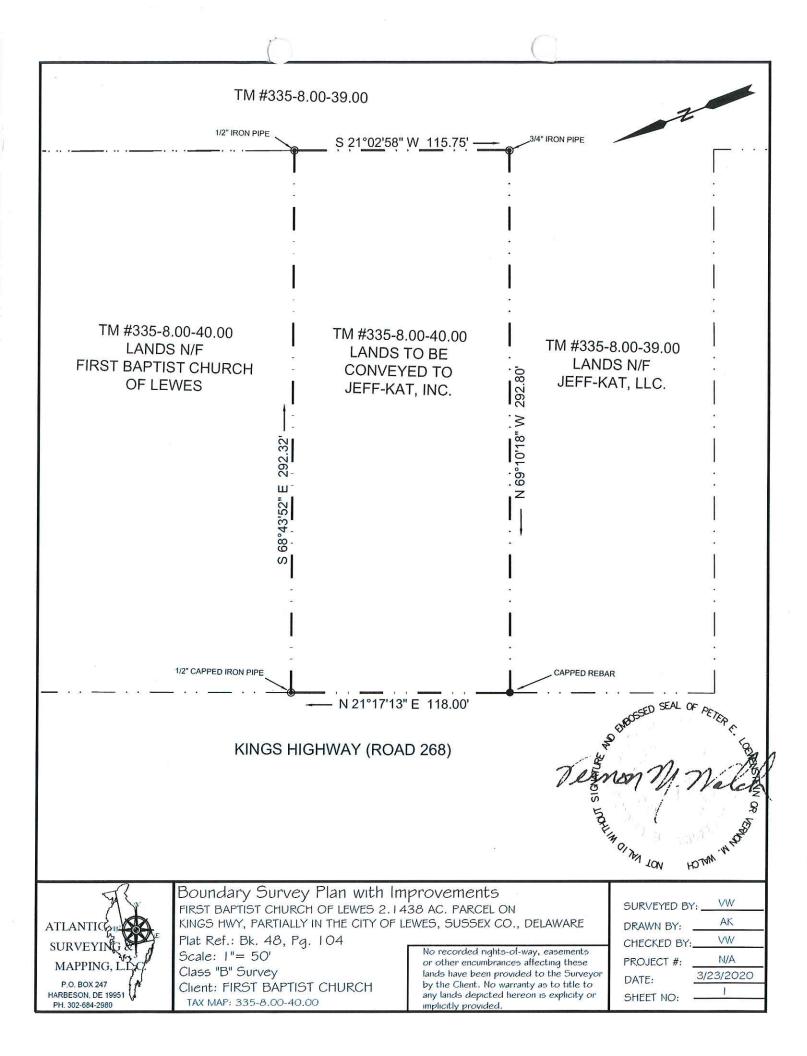
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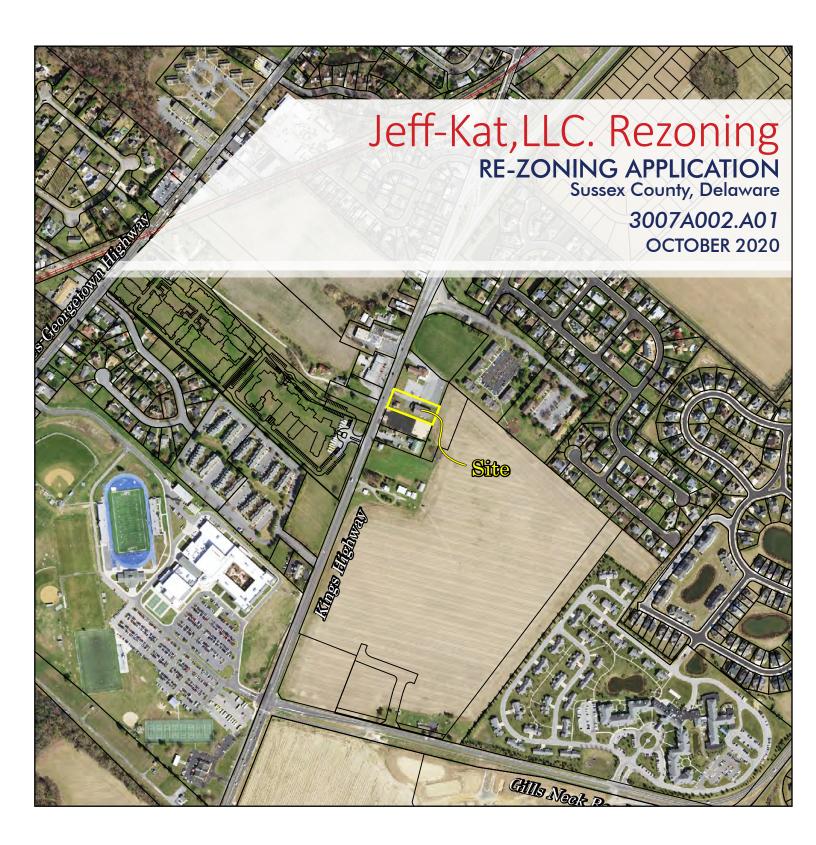
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C-3 Zoning is appropriate for this site for several reasons. C-3 Zoning is consistent with the County's recent approval of C-3 Zoning for the land behind both the Big Oyster Brewery and the entire Church property. This rezoning application is an appropriate expansion of the existing C-3 Zoning. The existing brewpub site is zoned C-1. C-1 Zoning is no longer available in Sussex County, and C-3 Zoning is the most compatible for the expansion of the brewpub site. The site is also in the Coastal Area according to the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan indicates that C-3 zoning is appropriate in the Coastal Area.

As the owners of The Big Oyster Brewery, we hope that you will look favorably upon this rezoning request.







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  - c. 2020 State Strategies Map
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  - e. Sussex County Zoning Map
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- 5. Deed of Record
- 6. DelDOT Support Facilities Report
- 7. Rezoning Plan

# Exhibit 1

#### Jeff-Kat, LLC. Rezoning Project Information

#### A. Land Use & Zoning

- 1. The Owner's name is First Baptist Church of Lewes, Delaware, Inc.
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- 3. The property is located at 1005 Kings Highway in Lewes, Delaware.
- 4. The property is currently zoned AR (Agricultural / Residential).
- 5. The property is located in the Level 1 Area of the 2015 State Strategies Map.
- 6. The property is located within the Coastal Area per the Comprehensive Plan.

#### B. Land Utilization

- 1. The total acreage of land to be rezoned is approximately 0.77 +/- acres of land.
- 2. The land to be rezoned was used for parking and buildings to support Church ministries.

#### C. Environmental

- 1. The property does not contain federal wetlands as indicated on the National Wetland Inventory Map.
- 2. The project is not located in the floodplain.
- 3. There are no known archaeological sites or National Register-listed properties on the parcels of land.

#### D. Traffic

- 1. A Support Facilities Report was completed for this project.
- 2. A Traffic Impact Study is not required for the rezoning according to DelDOT.

# Exhibit 2

#### Jeff-Kat, LLC. Rezoning Data Sheet

<u>Owner / Developer:</u>	First Baptist Church of Lewes
Applicant:	Jeff-Kat, LLC
Engineer:	Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

#### **Project Description**

Physical Location: Tax Parcel #: Acreage: Current Zoning: Proposed Zoning: Land Use: 1005 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware 3-35-8.00-40.00 (part of) 0.77 +\- Acres AR-1 C-3 Big Oyster Brewery Operations

#### **Minimum Zoning Requirements**

	<u>AR-1</u>	<u>C-3</u>
Front Yard Setback:	30'	60'
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Type of Conditional Use Requested: N/A (Rezoning)				
Tax Map #: p/o 335 8.00 40.00		Size of Pa	rcel(s):	
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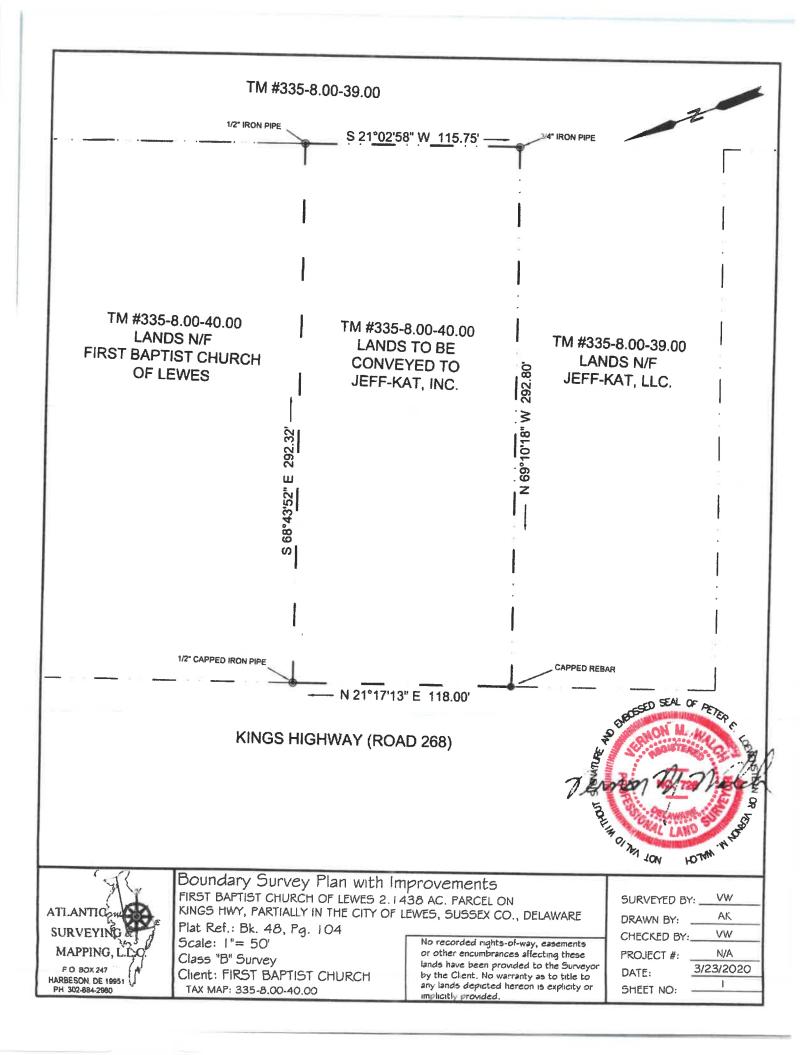
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#### Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney

	Date:
Signature of Owner	
	Date:
For office use only: Date Submitted: Staff accepting application: Location of property:	Fee: \$500.00 Check #: Application & Case #:
Subdivision:	
Date of PC Hearing:	Recommendation of PC Commission:
Date of CC Hearing:	Decision of CC:



ALL THAT CERTAIN lot, piece and parcel of land, lying and being in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County and State of Delaware fronting on the southeasterly side of Kings Highway (Road 268) and being further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a capped rebar set in the southeasterly right of way of Kings Highway (Road 268), said point being the common corner of these lands and lands now or formerly of Jeff-Kat, LLC; thence running by and with said right of way North 21 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds East 118.00 feet to a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch capped rebar, said point being the common corner of these lands and lands now or formerly of The First Baptist Church of Lewes; thence by and with said Church lands South 68 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds East 292.32 feet to a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch iron pipe; thence South 21 degrees 02 minutes 58 seconds West 115.75 feet to a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch iron pipe, said point being the common corner of these lands and the aforesaid lands of Jeff-Kat; thence by and with said lands of Jeff-Kat North 69 degrees 10 minutes 18 seconds West 292.80 feet to the point and place of beginning, as further depicted on a survey prepared by Atlantic Surveying & Mapping, LLC dated March 23, 2020.

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C-3 Zoning is appropriate for this site for several reasons. C-3 Zoning is consistent with the County's recent approval of C-3 Zoning for the land behind both the Big Oyster Brewery and the entire Church property. This rezoning application is an appropriate expansion of the existing C-3 Zoning. The existing brewpub site is zoned C-1. C-1 Zoning is no longer available in Sussex County, and C-3 Zoning is the most compatible for the expansion of the brewpub site. The site is also in the Coastal Area according to the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan indicates that C-3 zoning is appropriate in the Coastal Area.

As the owners of The Big Oyster Brewery, we hope that you will look favorably upon this rezoning request.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2654**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-3 HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.317 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of December 2018, a zoning application, denominated Change of Zone No. 1875, was filed on behalf of L. W. & J. T. Mitchell Family, LP; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of April 2019, a public hearing was held, after notice, before the Planning and Zoning Commission of Sussex County and on the 25th day of April 2019, said Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that Change of Zone No. 1875 be approved; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of May 2019, a public hearing was held, after notice, before the County Council of Sussex County and the County Council of Sussex County has determined, based on the findings of facts, that said change of zone is in accordance with the Comprehensive Development Plan and promotes the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 115, Article II, Subsection 115-7, Code of Sussex County, be amended by deleting from the Comprehensive Zoning Map of Sussex County the zoning classification of [AR-1 Agricultural Residential District] and adding in lieu thereof the designation of C-3 Heavy Commercial District as it applies to the property hereinafter described.

Section 2. The subject property is described as follows:

ALL that certain tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, and lying on the southeast side of Kings Highway, approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Gills Neck Road and being more particularly described in the attached legal description prepared by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., said parcel containing 1.317 acres, more or less.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by majority vote of all members of the County Council of Sussex County, Delaware.

**ROBIN A. GRIFFITH CLERK OF THE COUNCIL** 

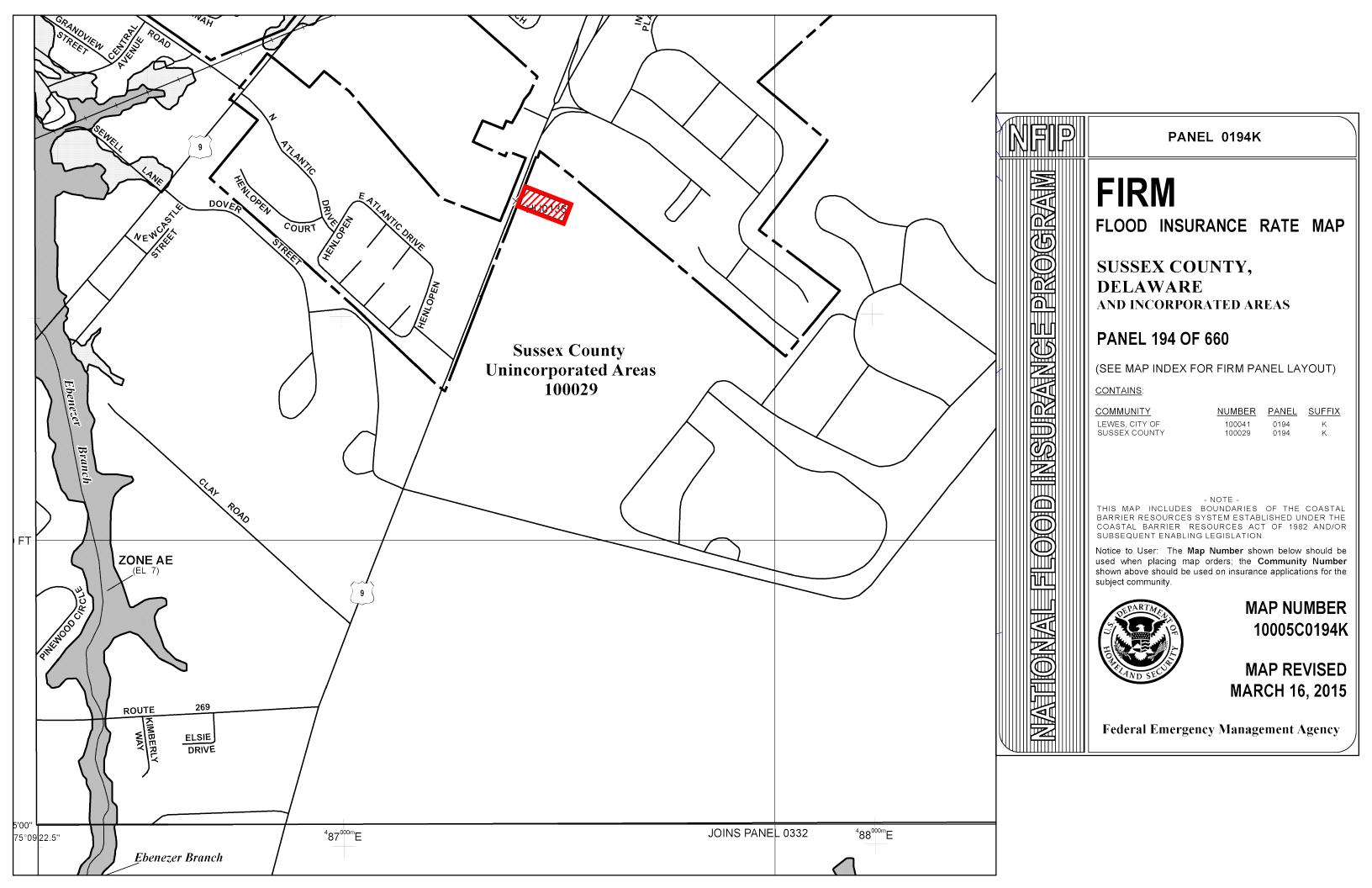
The Council found that the Change of Zone was appropriate legislative action based on the following Findings of Fact:

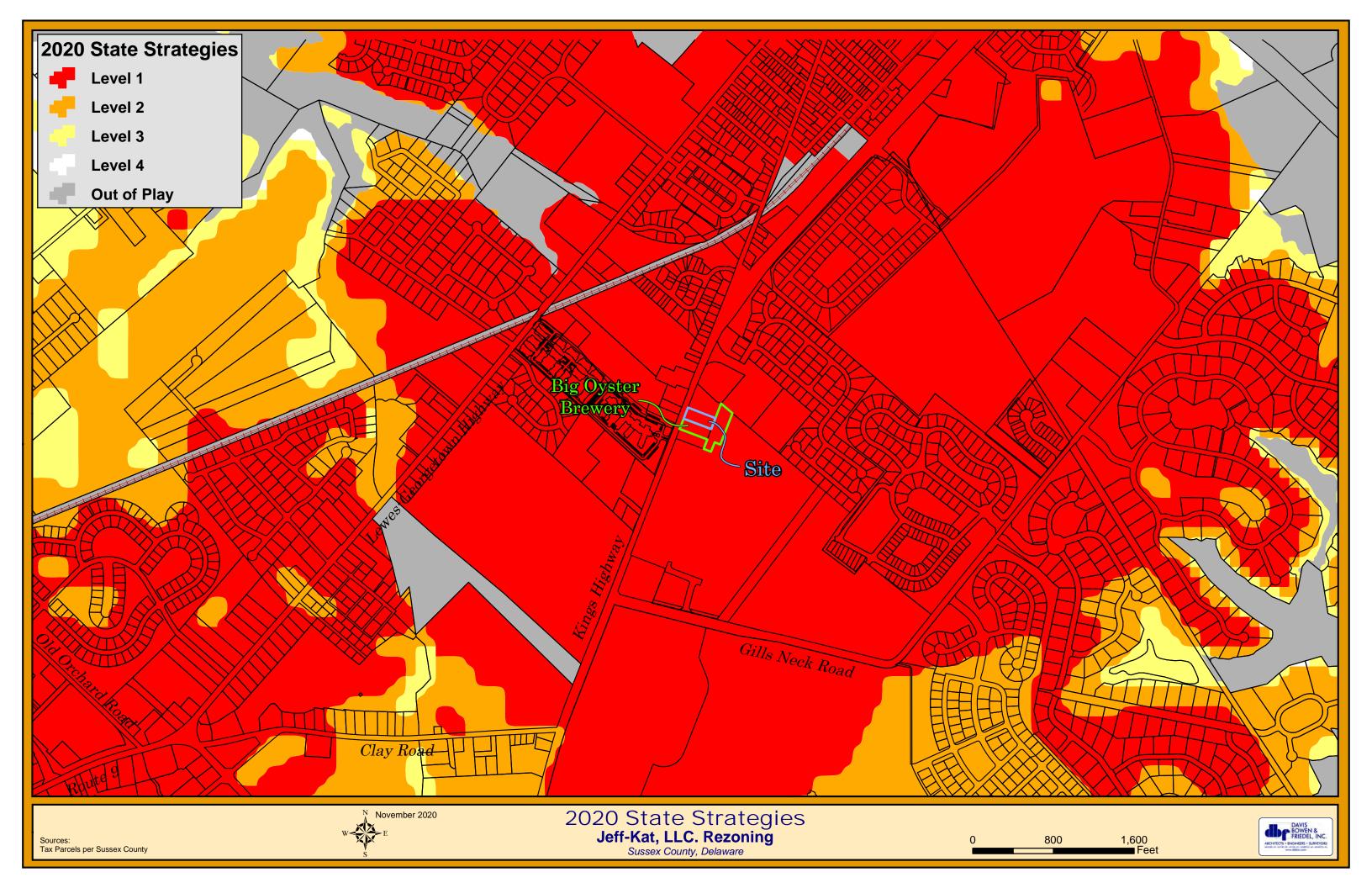
- A. This is the application of L.W. & J.T. Mitchell Family L.P. (Big Oyster) to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Map of Sussex County from an AR-1 Agricultural Residential District to a C-3 Heavy Commercial District for a certain parcel of land lying and being in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, containing 1.317 acres, more or less (land lying on the southeast side of Kings Highway, approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Gills Neck Road) (Tax I.D. No. 335-8.00-37.00 (portion of) (911 Address: None Available).
- B. Based on the record before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the hearing before the Sussex County Council, Council found that David C. Hutt, Esquire, with Morris James LLP, Jeff Hamer, Principal of Big Oyster Brewery, Bob Mitchell and Jerry Mitchell, property owners, and Ring Lardner, with Davis, Bowen, & Friedel, Inc., were present on behalf of the application; that the property is located in the area behind Big Oyster Brewery, Lane Builders, and First Baptist Church; that the project is not the entire Mitchell farm property; that the property was farmed up until 2019; that the farming operation has stopped and there has been a "For Sale" sign on the property for many years; that Big Oyster Brewery was looking to expand the existing business site to add more parking and storage; and that Big Oyster Brewery has arrangements with people across the street to be able to have off-site parking, but it requires customers to cross Kings Highway.
- С. Council also found that the site is not in a floodplain and there are no wetlands on the site; that there are no known historic or cultural features on the site; that the site has access to public utilities and is currently served by the Lewes Board of Public Works for sewer and water; that the property is located in the Delaware State Strategies for Spending Level 1 Area; that the property is located within the Lewes Fire District and the Cape Henlopen School District; that the Land Use Classification per the 2008 Comprehensive Plan is that the site is located in the Environmentally Sensitive Developing Area and, according to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, it is located in the Coastal Area; that the site is located in a designated growth area; that C-1 zoned property is located behind the site and across the street; that there is B-1 zoning nearby, Conditional Uses, and many business uses in the City of Lewes; that the Applicant applied for C-3 zoning classification because it most closely resembles the front portion of the property that is zoned C-1; that the C-3 zoning has fewer permitted uses than C-1 (General Commercial) zoning would allow for; that the setbacks are the same; that the parcel would meet the minimum 1-acre lot size for C-3 zoning; that if the rezoning is approved, a lot line adjustment would occur between the farm and the Big Oyster Brewery; that Kings Highway is a busy well-traveled road; and that Route 9 is a major arterial road per County Code.
- D. Council further found that the Cape Henlopen Medical Office is beginning its construction of the offices and the Mitchell family is putting in its entrance; that the Conditional Use for Lot 1 is for the Cape Henlopen Office Building, and the supporting infrastructure is located on the Mitchell property which is providing the access from Gills Neck Road further away from Kings Highway; that the internal road which will serve the Cape Henlopen Building and the road could potentially serve the residual land; and that a road would be put in and built to Sussex County standards.
- E. Based on the Findings (1 through 8) of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Council found that:

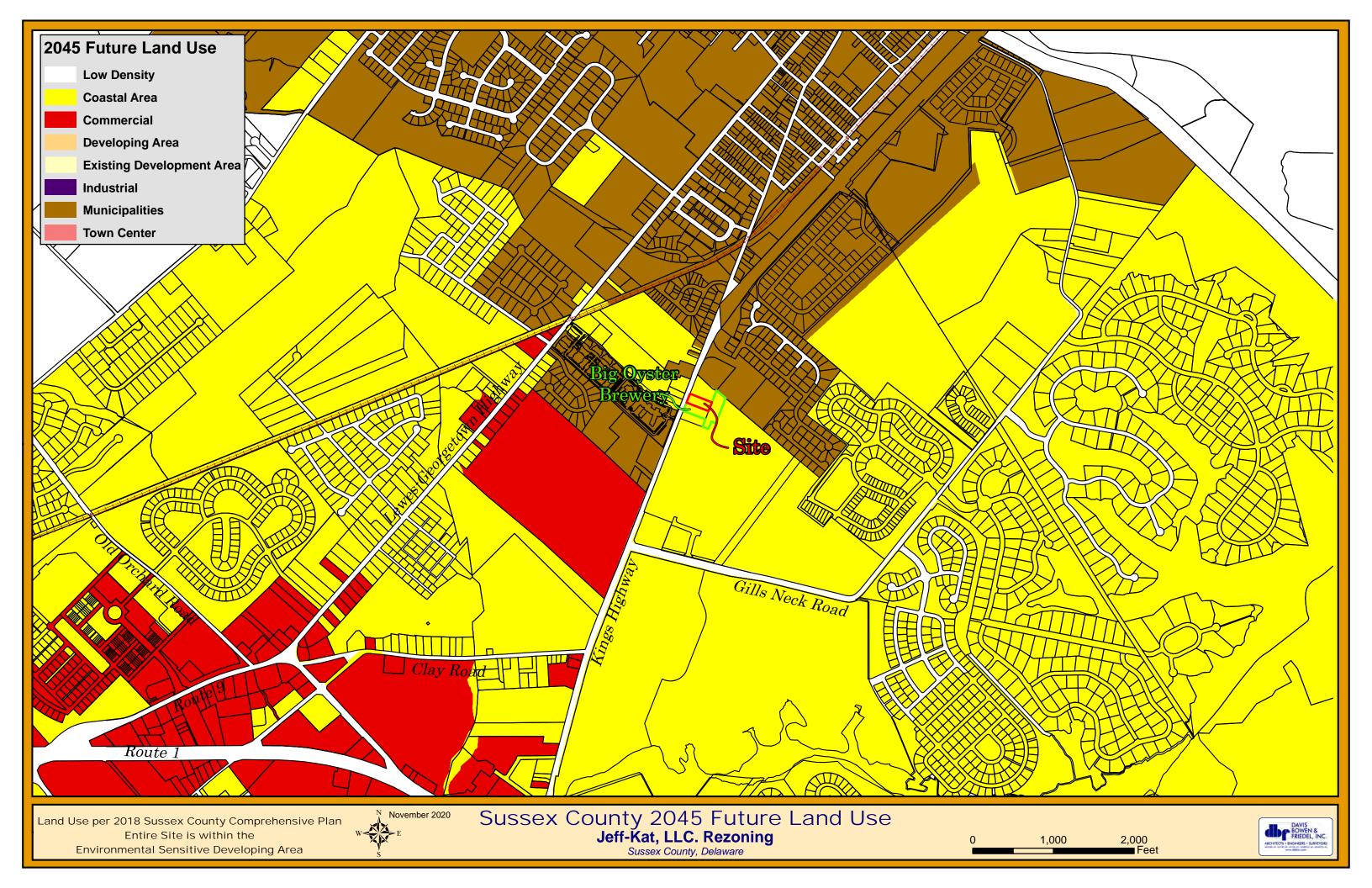
- 1. C-3 (Heavy Commercial Zoning) is designed to allow auto-oriented retail and service businesses that serve local and regional residents. Permitted uses include retail uses, restaurants, offices, and vehicle service stations.
- 2. The site is at the rear of a property fronting Kings Highway that is currently used for a restaurant and a church. This location is appropriate for this type of zoning.
- 3. This location is currently vacant. The Applicant has stated that this will be used for centralization and expansion of its restaurant and brewery.
- 4. As stated by the Applicant, there will be interconnectivity between this site and the existing brewpub restaurant that is next to it.
- 5. The site will be served by central water and sewer.
- 6. The site is in the Environmentally Sensitive Developing Area (now identified as the Coastal Area) according to the prior and current Sussex County Land Use Plans. This type of commercial use is appropriate in these areas according to the Plan.
- 7. The proposed rezoning meets the general purpose of the Zoning Code by promoting the orderly growth, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the County.
- 8. Any future use of the property will be subject to Site Plan review by the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission.
- F. Based on the record created before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sussex County Council, the Council approved this application.

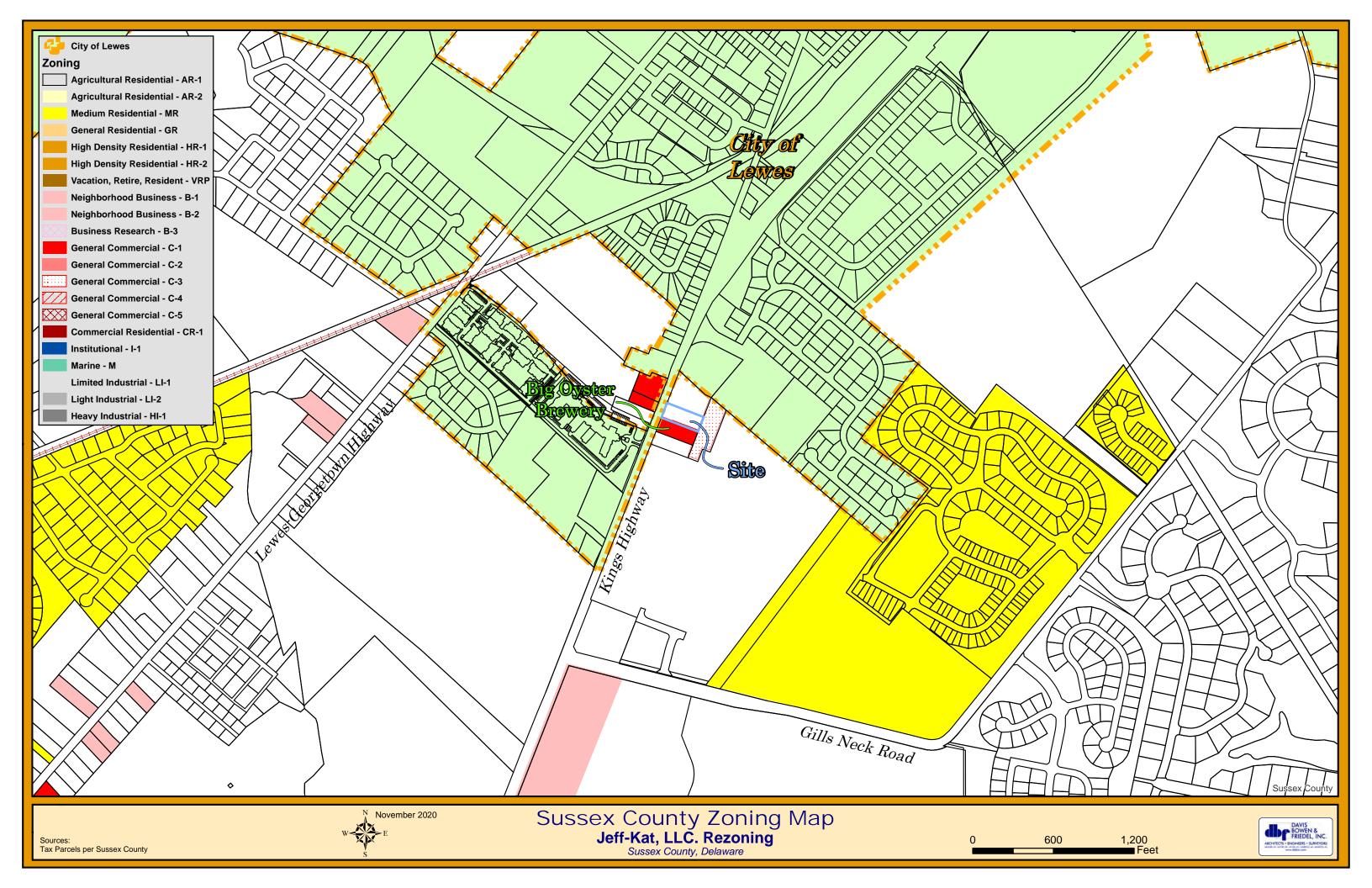
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in the year of

our LORD one thousand nine hundred and seventy three.

**BETWEEN,** Ralton H. Dennis and Richard Dennis, executors of the Estate of Virgil L. Dennis, deceased; Bessie Dennis, widow; Ralton H. Dennis and Dorothy L. Dennis, his wife; Richard Dennis and Genevieve E. Dennis, his wife, parties of the first part:

and

First Baptist Church of Lewes, Delaware, Inc., a Religious Corporation of the State of Delaware, party of the second part:

Witnesseth, That the said part tes of the first part, for and in consideration of

the sum of \$37,500.00

lawful money of the United

States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant

and convey

unto the said party of the second part,

March

#### ATT

That certain tract, piece, and parcel of land, located in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, near the town of Lewes, Delaware, described as follows, to wit: Beginning on the old county road known as the King Street Road, being road #268, at the corner now or formerly of the Robinson Homestead, marked by a Chestnut post, and running along and with the Robinson line south  $61\frac{1}{4}^{*}$  east a distance of 299 feet 6 inches to a cedar post; thence turning and running south  $28\frac{1}{2}^{*}$  west a distance of 115 feet 9 inches to a post in line of lands now or formerly of Fred C. Marshall, thence turning and running along and with lands now or formerly of Marshall. North  $61\frac{1}{4}^{*}$  west a distance of 300 feet to the edge of the King Street Road; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction along and with the King Street road 118 feet, home to the place of beginning, be the contents what they may, with all improvements thereon.

Being same lands conveyed to Virgil L. Dennis and Bertha E. Dennis, his wife, by George W. Robinson, widower, by deed dated the 13th day of April, 1939, said deed now of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County, Delaware, in deed book no. 316, page 528.

The said Bertha E. Dennis predeceased her husband, Virgil L. Dennis, therefor said lands descended to the said Virgil L. Dennis absolutely.

The said Virgil L. Dennis later remarried and his wife is known as Bessie Dennis.

The said Virgil L. Dennis died testate, on or about 19th day of September, 1972, and in and by his Last Will and Testament of record in the office of the Register of Wills, in and for Sussex County, Delaware, he ordered that the residue of his property be sold by his executors and divided between his wife, Bessie Dennis and two sons, Ralton H. Dennis and Richard Dennis.



BOOK 701 MACE 363 In Witness Whereof. of the first part have here unto settheir hand s and seals , the day and year aforesaid. (SEAL) SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED, (SEAL) Min Richard Dennis, executors of Estate of Virgil and Witnessed in the presence of L. Dennis, deceased. Neur J. Siccian sain Dennis (Scal) Dessie Dengis Barbara M. Forda (Seat) Denne (Seal) Dennis Din (Scal) nnis (SEAL) Genevieve E. Dennis State of Florida County of BROWARDISS BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this <u>3</u> day of <u>7karch</u> A. D. 1973, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, Richard Dennis, executor of the estate of Virgil L. Dennis, deceased; and Richard Dennis and Genevieve E. Dennis, his wife, parties to this indenture, known to me personally to be such and they acknowledged this indenture to be their act and deed. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid. 2hur y Notary Public, NATAIT PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE MY COMMUNICATION LABORES FEIS- 13, 1974 BONDED THRU FRED W. Dilatormulat STATE OF DELAWARE, Sussex County. BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1713 day of march in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy three, personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, Ralton H. Dennis, executor of the Estate of Virgil L. Dennis, deceased, and Bessie Dennis, widow; Ralton H. Dennis and Dorothy L. Dennis, his wife, State of Delaware \* REALTY TRANSFER ≈00.00 MAR19177 TAX Part ies to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they acknowledge this Indenture to be their Deed. GIVEN under my hand and Seal of Office, the day and year aforesaid RECEIVED Buth E. 1111ke HAR 19 3 47 PH 173 REL HELL SOF DEEDS SUSSEX COUNTY LAW OFFICES OF Mauil & Mauil east market street rgetown, delaware 19947

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# Exhibit 6



STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 800 BAY ROAD P.O. Box 778 Dover, Delaware 19903

JENNIFER COHAN SECRETARY

August 21, 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 **Jeff-Kat**, **LLC** rezoning application, which we received on July 27, 2020. This application is for a 0.7-acre portion of a 2.20-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 335-8.00-40.00). The subject land is located on the east side of Kings Highway (Sussex Road 268), approximately 900 feet southeast of the intersection of Kings Highway and Theodore C. Freeman Highway (Sussex Road 23). The subject land is currently zoned as AR-1 (Agricultural Residential), and the applicant is seeking to rezone the land to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to utilize the existing facility for the expansion of brewpub operations.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along the segment of Kings Highway where the subject land is located, which is from Gills Neck Road (Sussex Road 267) to Freeman Highway, are 12,019 and 15,468 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review and information provided by the applicant, we estimate that the above land uses will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips in any hour and fewer than 500 vehicle trips per day. These numbers of trips are DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. Because the proposed land use would not meet these warrants, we consider the development's traffic impact to be negligible in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as negligible with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is negligible in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

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.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 August 21, 2020

Please contact Mr. Claudy Joinville, at (302) 760-2124, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

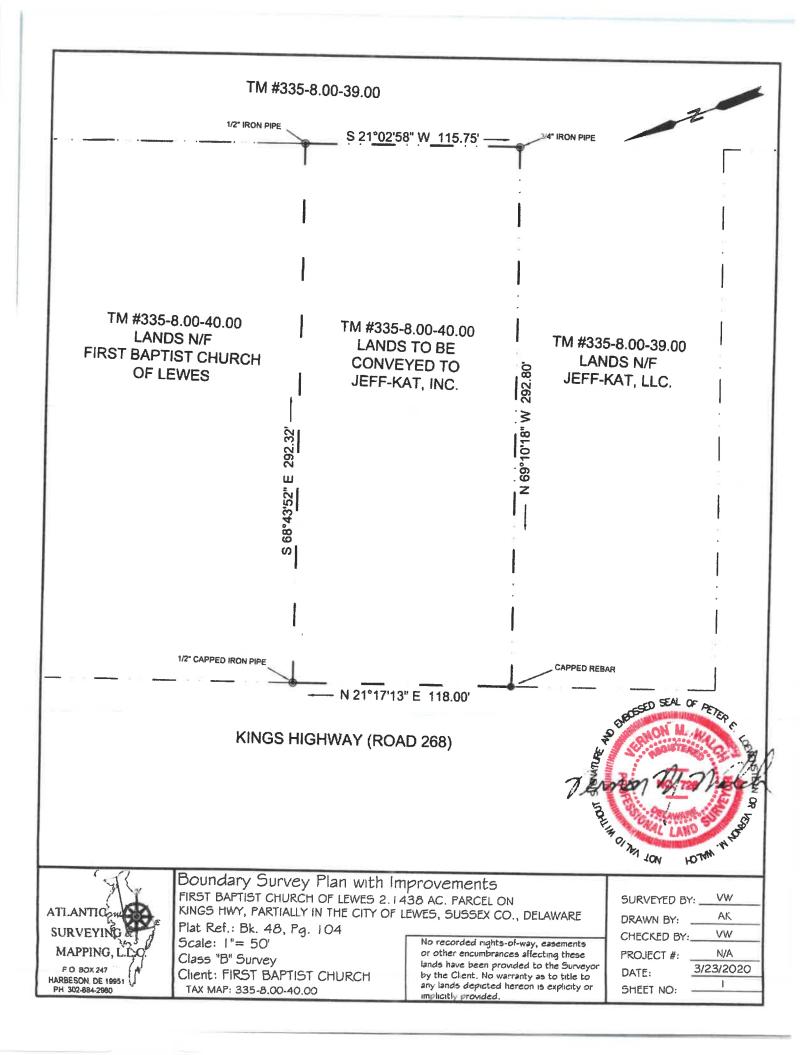
T. William Brochenbrough, J

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr. County Coordinator Development Coordination

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 cc: Constance C. Holland, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Jeff-Kat, LLC, Applicant Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination Gemez Norwood, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations Susanne K. Laws, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

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