

**GRANTING A REZONING AND VARIANCES
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT
6000-6200 BLOCK OF RENTSHLER ROAD/CARDINAL HILL ROAD AND
JOHNSON ROAD, ROCHESTER
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board, Sangamon County, Illinois, its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances** to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance with respect to the following described property, to-wit:

See Exhibit A

WHEREAS, the Petitioner, **Lisa Wentworth**, has petitioned the Sangamon County Board requesting for **Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Sangamon County Building on **August 21, 2025** after proper notice was posted on said property and given by news publication, as is required by said Ordinance, and all procedural and jurisdictional requirements of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board of Sangamon County its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances; and,**

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session assembled this 9th Day of September, 2025 that the following requests on the above described property are hereby approved:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District.

Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this 9th day of September, 2025.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK

Exhibit A

PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 AND
PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34,
TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID
SECTION 34, THENCE N89°-03'-37"W ON THE SECTION LINE , 610.00 FEET THENCE S
01°-27'-00"E, 1.53 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ROCHESTER
TOWNSHIP ROAD 376, CHICKEN BRISTLE ROAD, THE POINT OF BEGINNING,
THENCE CONTINUING S01°-27'-00"E , 738.47 FEET; THENCE S89°-03'-03"E, 610.00
FEET TO A POINT ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE S01°15'-05"E ON THE
QUARTER SECTION LINE , 574.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE
NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION 34; THENCE
N88°-56'-57"W ON THE QUARTER QUARTER SECTION LINE 1243.87 FEET TO A
POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY 37, CARDINAL
HILL ROAD; THENCE N02°-30'-12"W ON SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 1114. 62
FEET; THENCE N0°-49'-28"W ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 198.11 FEET TO A POINT
ON THE SECTION LINE; THENCE N0°-26'-40"W ON SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE,
459.18 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP ROAD
376, CHICKEN BRISTLE ROAD; THENCE S47°-17'-57"E, 197.55 FEET ON SAID SOUTH
RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE S48°-46"-17"E ON SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE,
281.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS OF
937.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON SAID CURVED RIGHT OF WAY LINE
FOR A CHORD DISTANCE OF 340.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING,
CONTAINING 30.419 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PIN#23-34.0-100-028

RECAP
(For County Board Use)

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER: # 3 NAME: David Mendenhall

DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-014

ADDRESS: 6000-6200 Block of Rentshler Road/Cardinal Hill Road and Johnson Road,
Rochester, IL 62563

PETITIONER: Lisa Wentworth

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: "A" Agricultural District.

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District.

AREA: 30.66 Acres

COMMENTS: None

OBJECTORS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval. The petitioner is proposing to divide the subject property in order to create an additional buildable lot. The LESA score of 152 indicates the property is marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-agricultural development. In this case, there is a trend toward rural residences in the area including rural residential subdivisions located directly west, south, and further east of the subject property. Allowing an accessory structure to be 24 feet instead of 18 feet in the R-1 District would be consistent with the height of accessory structures located on properties in this area that are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restriction. The Standards for Variation are met.

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION:
Approval of Staff Recommendation.


RECORDING SECRETARY

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:)
Lisa Wentworth)
)
) PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
) **6000-6200 Block of Rentshler**
) **Road/Cardinal Hill Road and Johnson**
) **Road**
) **Rochester, IL 62563**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THIS MATTER, Coming on for a hearing before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals of Sangamon County, Illinois, and it appearing to said Board that a petition for a **rezoning and variances** of the Zoning Regulations of said County has been filed herein by the above captioned petitioner(s); that legal publication has been made pursuant to law; and that a public hearing was held on **August 21, 2025** pursuant to law; and that said Board took testimony of witnesses, examined the evidence, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, therefore finds as follows:

1. That said Board has jurisdiction to consider the petition filed herein.
2. That the above-captioned petitioner(s) is the owner(s) and/or has a beneficial interest in, contract to purchase, or is the County Board Member representing the property commonly known as: **6000-6200 Block of Rentshler Road/Cardinal Hill Road and Johnson Road, Rochester, IL 62563** and more particularly described as:

See Exhibit A

3. That the present zoning of said property is **"A" Agricultural District**.
4. That the present land use of said property is **cropland and pasture**.
5. That the proposed land use of said property is **for Proposed Parcel 1: Single Family Residence with accessory structure and for Proposed Parcel 2: Agricultural accessory structure**.
6. That the requests for the subject property are **for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District**.
7. That required findings and standards of the Sangamon County Board of Appeals are accurately stated on the attached exhibit(s).
8. The evidence adduced at the hearing **does** support the proposition that the adoption of the proposed **rezoning and variances** is in the public interest and is not solely in the interest of the petitioner(s).

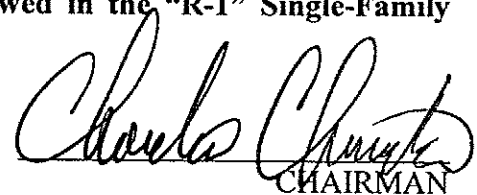
IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals to the County Board of Sangamon County that the following requests **are hereby approved**:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from **"A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the **"R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from **"A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and,**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the **"R-1" Single-Family Residence District.**


CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE
SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There was a motion by Zoning Board Member, **George Petrilli**, which was duly seconded by **Anthony Mares**, to concur with the findings of fact and recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission and recommend to the County Board that the following requests are hereby approved:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,

For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

YES: **Charlie Chimento, Anthony Mares, Richard Thompson, George Petrilli**

NO:

PRESENT:

ABSENT: **Don Wulf**


RECORDING SECRETARY

**SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - FINDINGS OF FACT**

Case #: **2025-014**

Address: **6000-6200 Block of Rentshler Road/Cardinal Hill Road and 6300 Block of Johnson Road**

- (i) Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.

North, East, South, & West – Residence and cropland.

- (ii) The zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.

North & East – Agricultural. South – R-1. West – R-1, B-2, & Agricultural.

- (iii) The suitability of the property in question to the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.

The LESA score of 152 indicates the property is marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-agricultural development. In this case, there is a trend toward rural residences in the area including rural residential subdivisions located directly west, south, and further east of the subject property.

- (iv) The trend of development, within the vicinity since the property was originally classified.

The area has a rural residential trend with subdivisions located directly west, south, and further east of the subject property. In 2023, R-1 and an accessory structure height variance were granted directly west of the subject property. In 2021, R-1 was granted directly south of the subject property. In 2012, a variance was granted to allow 2 parcels less than 40 acres directly west of the subject property. In 2011, a variance was granted for the lot-width-depth directly west of the subject property. In 2005, R-1 and a variance for the lot-width-depth was granted for parcels directly west of the subject property. In 2001, R-1 and RM-4 were granted for parcels west of the subject property. In 1972, B-2 was granted for a parcel directly west of the subject property.

**SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - STANDARDS FOR VARIATIONS**

Case #: **2025-014**

Address: **6000-6200 Block of Rentshler Road/Cardinal Hill Road and 6300 Block of Johnson Road**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the regulations of this ordinance be varied as authorized in F. (1) hereof, unless it shall make findings of fact based upon the evidence presented to it in each specified case:

- (i) that the property in question cannot be economically used or yield a reasonable return, if permitted to be used only for the conditions allowed by the regulations.

Allowing an accessory structure to be 24 feet instead of 18 feet in the R-1 District would be consistent with the height of accessory structures located on properties in this area that are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restriction.

- (ii) that the plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not generally applicable to other property in the area.

Other parcels in the area are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions.

- (iii) that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality, impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, increase the congestion of traffic, or diminish or impair property values in the locality.

Negative impacts are not anticipated.

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT**Part 1: Site Assessment**

Part 1: Site Assessment	Available Points	Points
<u>AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND WITHIN .5 MILE</u>		
90% or more	20	10
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>CONTIGUOUS AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND</u>		
90% or more	20	10
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>PERCENTAGE OF SITE AGRICULTURAL/RURAL</u>		
75-100%	10	10
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>COUNTY SECTOR</u>		
Rural	20	20
0.5 mile from incorporated area	10	
Incorporated area	0	
<u>SOIL WITH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS FOR ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL</u>		
75% or more	20	5
50-74%	10	
25-49%	5	
Less than 25% or sewer available	0	
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED USE</u>		
Negative impact	15	0
Little or none with protective measures	5	
Little or none	0	
<u>IMPACT ON UNIQUE HISTORICAL/CULTURAL FEATURES</u>		
Negative impact	10	0
No impact	0	

<u>CONDITION OF ROAD</u>		
unpaved, <40' ROW, or < 16' pavement	20	20
16'-18' pavement, 40' ROW	15	
18'-20' pavement, 40' ROW	10	
> 20' pavement, 40' ROW or County or State Highway	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SEWER</u>		
Not available	15	15
Sewer over 600'-1200' away	8	
Private central sewage system	5	
Sewer 600' or less away and available	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC WATER</u>		
Not available	20	0
1,000-1,500' away	15	
Less than 1,000' away	5	
Public water available at site	0	

<u>DISTANCE FROM RESPONDING FIREHOUSE</u>		
Not in fire protection district	20	5
More than 5 miles or fire protection by assignment	10	
2.6-5 miles	5	
0-2.5 miles	0	

<u>DRIVING TIME TO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Over 30 minutes	10	0
15-30 minutes	5	
Less than 15 minutes	0	

SITE ASSESSMENT TOTAL	95
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Part 2: Agricultural Land Evaluation (Based on Sangamon County Soil Survey)

<u>Soil</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Relative Value</u>	<u>Points</u>
198A	Elburn	P		100	
199A	Plano	P		100	
43A	Ipava	P		100	
7148A	Proctor	P		100	
46A	Herrick	P		100	
7037A	Worthen	P		100	
705A	Buckhart	P		98	
199B	Plano	P		98	
36B	Tama	P		98	
244A	Hartsburg	P2		98	
257A	Clarksdale	P2		98	
68A	Sable	P2	0	87	
679B	Blackberry	P		87	
705B	Buckhart	P		87	
86B	Oscos	P		87	
684B	Broadwell	P		87	
50A	Viriden	P2		87	
712A	Spaulding	P2		87	
127B	Harrison	P		87	
3077A	Huntsville	P3		87	
138A	Shiloh	P2		87	
249A	Edinburg	P2		87	
242A	Kendall	P2		87	
7242A	Kendall	P2		87	
134A	Camden	P		87	
17A	Keomah	P2	35	87	30
3451A	Lawson	P3		75	
3107A	Sawmill	P5		75	
7075B	Drury	P		75	
8396A	Vesser	P2		75	
3074A	Radford	P3		75	
3073A	Ross	P3		75	
3284A	Tice	P3		75	
279B	Rozetta	P	30	75	23
45A	Denny	P2		75	
134B	Camden	P		75	
112A	Cowden	P2		75	
685B	Middletown	P		75	
3405A	Zook	P5		75	
131C2	Alvin	P		75	
86C2	Oscos	I		74	
36C2	Tama	I		74	
684C2	Broadwell	I		74	
119C2	Elco	I		74	
119D	Elco	I		74	
127C2	Harrison	I		74	
119D2	Elco	I	6	74	4
567C2	Elkhart	I		74	
134C2	Camden	I		74	
259C2	Assumption	I		74	

685C2	Middletown	I	74
280D2	Fayette	I	74
119D3	Elco	N	74
259D2	Assumption	I	74
212C2	Thebes	I	74
630C2	Navlys	I	74
630D2	Navlys	I	74
630D3	Navlys	I	57
131D2	Alvin	I	57
8D	Hickory	I	50
8D2	Hickory	I	50
280D3	Fayette	I	44
8D3	Hickory	I	44
8F	Hickory	N	44
549G	Marseilles	N	0
533	Urban Land	N	
536	Dumps	N	
830	Orthents, Land	N	
862	Pits, Sand	N	
864	Pits, Quarries	N	
801C	Orthents, Silty	N	
W	Water		0

Prime/Important Farmlands Designations:

P: Prime farmland

P2: Prime where drained

P3: Prime where protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

P5: Prime where drained and either protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

I: Important farmland

N: Not Prime/Important Farmland

AGRICULTURAL LAND EVALUATION TOTAL

57

GRAND TOTAL

152

Fewer than 150 points shall be deemed acceptable for non-agricultural development.

From 150 - 175 points is considered marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-ag development.

Greater than 175 points shall be considered suitable for agricultural use only.