

JOSEPH T. POND 4112 PLANTATION DRIVE LOT NUMBER 1 BLOCK "F" MAR-LANTA UNIT TWO LAND LOT 472 **DISTRICT 16TH - SECTION 2ND** COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE: 10-10-06

ALL MATTERS OF TITLE EXCEPTED

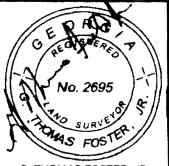
SURVEYING - LAND PLANNING

1007 WEATHERSTONE PKWY SUITE 130 WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA 30188 770-592-4145 FAX 770-592-2472

THIS PROPERTY IS NOT IN A FEDERAL FLOOD AREA AS INDICATED GRAPHICALLY BY OFFICIAL FLOOD HAZARD MAPS.

DATED: 08-18-1992

COMM. PANEL NO.: 10367C0035F



G. THOMAS FOSTER, JR. R.L.S. #2695

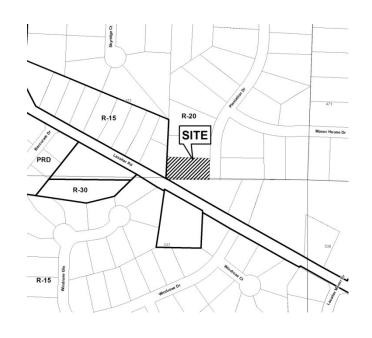
APPLICANT:	Joseph	Pond	PETITION No.:	V-57
PHONE:	678-30	00-8947	DATE OF HEARING:	05-08-13
REPRESENTA	TIVE:	Joseph Pond	PRESENT ZONING:	R-20
PHONE:		678-300-8947	LAND LOT(S):	472, 537
Joseph T. Pond and Elizabeth J. Pond		DISTRICT:	16	
PROPERTY LOCATION: On the west side of			SIZE OF TRACT:	0.47 acre
Plantation Drive, south of Manor House Drive; and on the			COMMISSION DISTRICT:	3
north side of Lass	siter Roa	ad (4112 Plantation Drive).		
TYPE OF VAR	IANCE	Request for appeal related to the	he minimum lot size of two acres	required to maintain
poultry as pets or	food so	ource.		
OPPOSITION:	No. OP	PPOSED PETITION No	SPOKESMAN	

BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION

APPROVED _____ MOTION BY _____ REJECTED ____ SECONDED _____

HELD ____ CARRIED ____

STIPULATIONS:



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COMMENTS

TRAFFIC: This request will not have an adverse impact on the transportation network.

DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONS: No comment.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: No comment.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: No comment.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: After examining Civil War trench maps, Cobb County historic property surveys, county maps, and various other resources, staff has no comments regarding the impact or treatment of historic and/or archaeological resources.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: No comment.

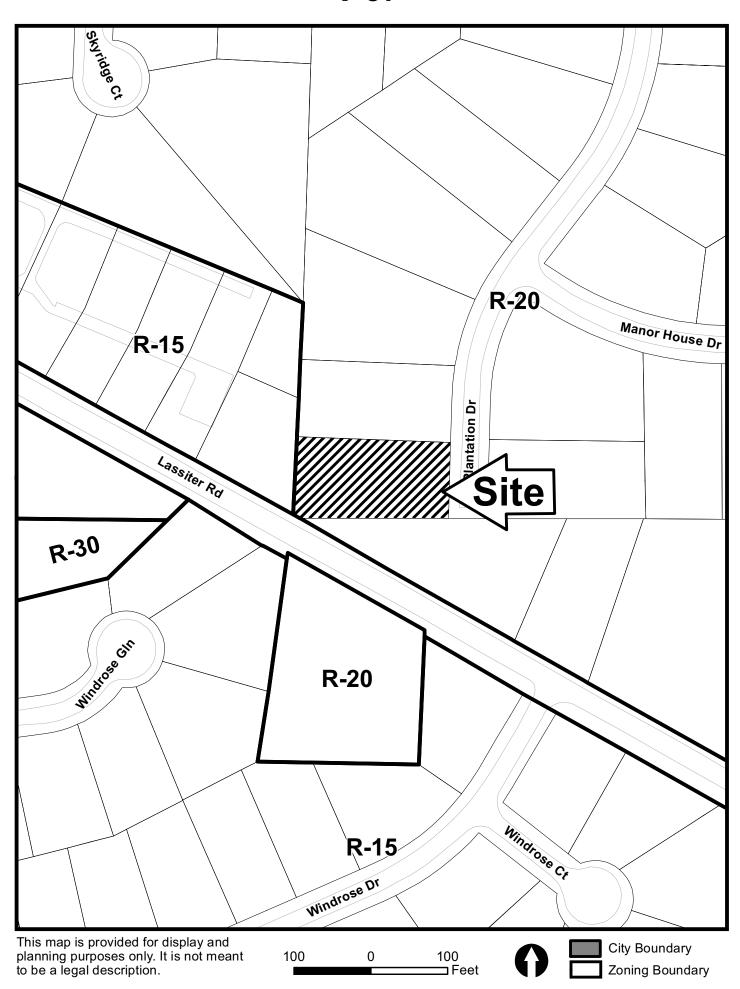
CEMETERY PRESERVATION: No comment.

WATER: No conflict.

SEWER: No conflict.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: After analyzing the information presented for a Preliminary Review, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is confident that all other items can be addressed during the Plan Review Stage.



D. Applic	ation for Vari	ance
	Cobb County	
	(type or print clearly)	Application No. Hearing Date: $\sqrt{-57}$
COBB CO. COMM. DEV. AGENCY ZONING BIVISION Applicant - OSCO	Phone # 678-300-894	ZE-mail jtpond@Hotmail.com
Tosc Pond (representative's name, printed)	Address Holl 2 Plant	ation DR MARIETTA GA 30062 city, state and zip code)
prepresentative's signature)	199 200 1 F	E-mail jt pond @ Hotmail Com
My commission expires: 801 2015	Signed Signed	sealed and delivered in presence of: Notary Public
Titleholder Joseph Pond, Elizabeth Pond		E-mail j+pond@ Hotmanl. Com
Signature (attach additional signature) if needed	(street, c	ntation Prive, MARIETTA GA 30062 ity, state and zip code)
My commission expires: 86.1601\$	ATAD. 21	scaled and delivered in presence of: Notary Public
Present Zoning of Property R-26	COUST 21 PO	
Location 4112 Plantation De	(100 MNIVAR STAN, GA	30062
Land Lot(s) 472	ddress, if applicable, hearest intersection District 16th - Section 25	Size of TractAcre(s)
Please select the extraordinary and exce condition(s) must be peculiar to the piece of		piece of property in question. The
Size of Property Shape of Pro	opertyTopography o	of PropertyOther
The <u>Cobb County Zoning Ordinance</u> Section determine that applying the terms of the <u>Zoning Ordinance</u> hardship. Please state what hardship would applying for Backyard Chickens pursuant to	oning Ordinance without the ld be created by following the	variance would create an unnecessary he normal terms of the ordinance (If
List type of variance requested: Request	ng BACKYARD CH	ICKENS

Revised: March 5, 2013

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Application

V-57 (2013)

Application No.

Hearing Date:

ZONING DIVISION Applicant's information for requesting backyard chickens

- 1. Is there a Homeowners Association (HOA) that oversees the property or subdivision? YES ___;NO____.
- 2. Does the HOA support your request? YES___;NO___; N/A- No HOA_____.
- 3. Are there valid covenants or restrictions on the property that prohibit backyard chickens? YES___NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO____NO__NO__NO__NO___NO___NO
- 4. How many hens do you propose (no male birds allowed)?
- 5. Can you comply with the County Code Sec-134-94(4)(a-j) below? YES_____NO_____.

Signature

Print Name

County Code adopted by the Board of Commissioners February 26, 2013:

Sec. 134-94 (4) Authorize upon appeal in specific cases related to the minimum lot size of two acres required to maintain poultry as pets or food source.

Poultry meaning a female pullet or hen of the Gallus gallus domesticus; also referred to as backyard chickens which are or may be raised for the purpose of providing food or companionship as a pet considering the following minimum conditions:

- (a) Written consent or opposition of adjacent property owners, including the homeowners association, if applicable;
- (b) The poultry shall be kept/ maintained within a fenced area;
- (c) Coops, or other buildings used for the poultry shall be located at least ten feet off any property line and/or in compliance with the accessory structure requirements in each zoning district;
- (d) The owner of the poultry shall keep the property maintained in a fashion that eliminates odors, pollution or other negative effects resulting from the poultry;
- (e) The poultry shall not cause a nuisance, as defined by State Law;
- (f) There shall be a maximum ratio of one bird per 5,000 square foot of lot area on any lot less than two acres:
- (g) The slaughter of any hen on site is strictly prohibited;
- (h) The fee for the variance application shall be \$150.00;
- (i) The duration of any Variance approved for Poultry as Pets or Food Source shall not exceed 2 years; renewable for subsequent 2 year terms thereafter;
- (j) Any Variance approved for Poultry as Pets or Food Source shall be considered by the Board of Commissioners' in accordance with Section 134-271(8).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The following announcement concerns variance applications requesting backyard chickens relating to the Official Code of Cobb County, Chapter 134-94(4), adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 26, 2013. Applicants are advised that variance applications requesting backyard chickens which are approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals take the form of a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners (BOC), who makes a final determination whether to grant a special exception for the backyard chickens. The BOC determination will take place the following month at the scheduled Zoning Hearing.

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I would appreciate your positive consideration of my application for a variance to common four lines on my half acre property. I have included a copy of my proposed a common form of the proposed and the property of the property of the property of the property. I have included a copy of my proposed and plant them so I cannot see into his yard."

I do not believe that the manure produced by the four hens will have any impact on the water table. As a responsible pet owner, I will keep the coop clean. I own three dogs and they produce far more waste than four hens ever could. Stormwater Management has never expressed a concern about the dog waste, or the waste produced by birds indigenous to the area, so I am certain that they would agree that the hen manure will only be an asset to the keeping of a nice lawn.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me with any questions.

Myth 1. Chickens carry diseases communicable to humans.

Fact: The truth is that small flocks have literally no risk of avian flu transmission to humans. The 2006 Grain Report states: "When it comes to bird flu, diverse small-scale poultry is the solution, not the problem." Avian flu has been in the press as a concern to commercial poultry production where birds are raised in monster-size flocks confined in over-crowded environments. This causes high stress and compromised immune systems in the birds. Any sign of disease, including a sneeze, could result in a huge number of birds getting sick; and this puts at risk a large amount of profit. As many experts have stated publicly, the solution to avian flu is in small-scale poultry.

Myth 2. Chickens are too noisy.

Fact: Laying hens—at their loudest—have about the same decibel level as human conversation (60 to 70 decibels). Hens are so quiet that there have been cases of family flocks being kept for years without the next door neighbors knowing it.

To some, noise is a concern with roosters and their pre-dawn heralding of sunrises. Many urban codes ban roosters, or only allow them to be kept with special permits. The noise level of a rooster's crow is about the same as a barking dog; 90 decibels. But there are ways to keep roosters quiet throughout the night. Many folks regard crowing as a pleasant sound.

Myth 3. Chickens cause waste and odor.

Fact: A 40-pound dog generates more solid waste than 10 chickens. To be more specific, one 40-pound dog generates about .75 pounds of poop every day. Ten chickens generate about .66 pounds daily poop. The advantage to chicken poop is that it can be used as valuable, high-nitrogen fertilizer. Unlike dog or cat poop, chicken poop can be combined with yard and leaf waste to create compost. Just as valuable, about 40% of the chicken manure is organic matter necessary for building fertile, healthy topsoil.

Myth 4. Chickens attract predators, pests and rodents.

Fact: Predators and rodents are already living in urban areas. Wild bird feeders, pet food, gardens, fish ponds, bird baths and trash waiting to be collected all attract raccoons, foxes, rodents and flies. Modern micro-flock coops, such as chicken tractors, arks, and other pens are ways of keeping, and managing, family flocks that eliminate concerns about predators, rodents and other pests.

Indeed, chickens are part of the solution to pesky problems. Chickens are voracious carnivores and will seek out and eat just about anything that moves including ticks (think Lyme disease), fleas, mosquitoes, grasshoppers, stink bugs, slugs, and even mice, baby rats and small snakes.

Myth 5. Property values will decrease.

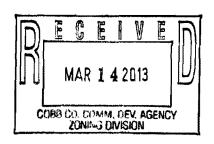
Fact: There is not one single documented case that we know of about a next door family flock that has decreased the value of real estate. On the contrary, local foods and living green is so fashionable, that some Realtors and home sellers are offering a free chicken coop with every sale.

Myth 6. Coops are ugly.

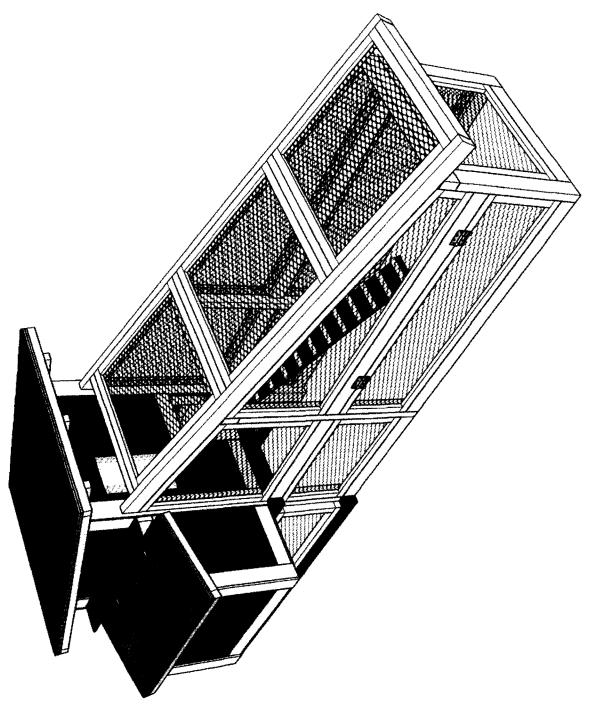
Fact: Micro-flock coop designs can be totally charming, upscale and even whimsical. Some of them are architect designed and cost thousands of dollars. Common design features include blending in with the local architectural style, matching the slope of the roof and complementing color schemes.

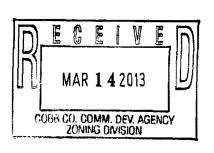
Myth 7. What will neighbors think?

Fact: You can't control what anyone thinks, much less your neighbor. Once folks gain more experience with the advantages and charms of chickens, most prejudice and fear evaporates; especially when you share some of those fresh, heart-healthy, good-for-you eggs from your family flock.

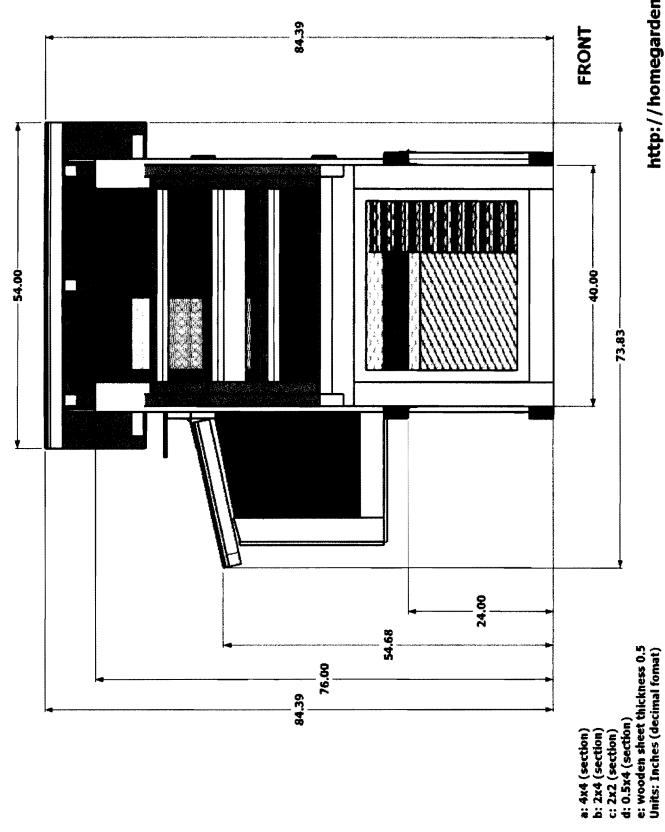


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