

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING PROPERTY IN LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia (hereinafter "County") under the authority of its County Code and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia, is empowered to by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County, and to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County has enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of the County and thereby adopted the Official Zoning Map of the County; and

WHEREAS, Southern Rivers Energy initiated an application to change the zoning classification of the within described property from A-R (Agricultural Residential) to M-1 (Manufacturing-1); and

WHEREAS, notice of this application, public hearings, and action was properly advertised in the legal organ, a sign was placed on the subject property, and letters describing the application and hearing dates were sent to property owners within 300' of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 3, 2025, and the application was reviewed by the Joint Planning Commission, and a second public hearing on the application was conducted by the County on April 15, 2025 pursuant to O.C.G.A. §33-66-1, *et seq.* and local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considered the proposed amendment, and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Joint Planning Commission, and all data and evidence taken at both public hearings; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the County that rezoning the within described property and amending the Official Zoning Map of the County is in conformance with the sound comprehensive planning principles, of substantial benefit to the public, and in promotion of the best interest and general welfare of the people of the County. Now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAMAR COUNTY,  
GEORGIA**

**Section 1:** The Zoning Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, and the Official Zoning Map of Lamar County, Georgia, designating the boundaries of several types or classes of zoning districts within the County, shall be, and are hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

**See Attachment "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein**

From A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to M-1 (Manufacturing-1) subject to the following conditions:

- Approval is for the expansion of current Southern Rivers facility and uses only;
- No public access from Abbott Road; access is for operational needs only;
- Development plan to include a 50' treed buffer along Abbott Road and adjacent properties;
- Any new entrance shall be paved for the first 50'; and
- Any buildings or equipment shall maintain a 100' setback from Hwy 341 South and maintain landscaping in accordance with existing Southern Rivers property.

**Section 2.** The Official Zoning Map of the County is hereby amended to reflect such zoning classification for the within described property.

**Section 3.**

- A. It is hereby declared to the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Board of Commissioners to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.
- B. It is hereby declared to the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.
- C. In the event of any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decrees of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners that such invalidity, unconstitutionality, or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and full force and effect.

**Section 4.** Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

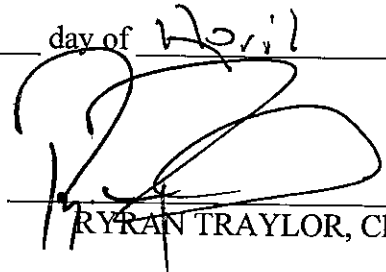
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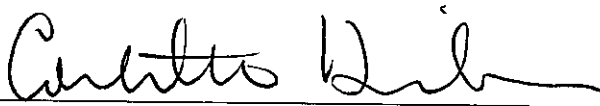
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**Section 5.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia.

SO ORDAINED, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025

  
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RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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CARLETTE DAVIDSON, County Clerk