

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF LINCOLN PLANNING COMMISSION**

**May 7th, 2026**

**6:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. New Business**
  - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from PC 2026-01
  - B. PC 2026-02, Consideration of a rezoning request for 300 Keokuk St. and additional properties
- 4. Adjournment**



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: City of Lincoln Planning Commission  
FROM: Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Official  
DATE: May 7th, 2026  
RE: PC 2026-02: Rezoning Request for 300 Keokuk and Various Linked Parcels

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## **PART A. BACKGROUND:**

1) **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Planning Commission of the City of Lincoln will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 7th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 Broadway Street, Lincoln, Illinois with regards to case No. PC 2026-02. The appropriate Public Hearing notice was submitted on April 13th, 2026 for publication on April 16th, 2026. In addition, 67 adjoining property owners within 150' of the subject property were notified by Registered Mail.

2) **REQUESTED ACTION:** Rezoning of parcels.

3) **APPLICANT:**  
Chase Huston  
16230 354<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Sultan, WA 98294

4) **APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS: R-2, C-2**

### **11-5-7: ALLOWABLE USES IN THE R-2, C-1 AND C-2 DISTRICTS:**

#### **11-4-2: USES PERMITTED, ALL RESIDENCE DISTRICTS:**

The following uses are permitted in all residential zones subject to the following conditions:

Boarding houses. The taking of boarders or leasing of rooms by a resident family, provided the total number of boarders and roomers does not exceed four (4) in any one-family or two-family dwelling, or two (2) per dwelling unit in any multiple-dwelling.

Cemeteries, provided the location thereof is approved by resolution of the city council after public hearing held and recommendation made by the planning commission.

Churches or similar places of worship, parish house, convents, where the principal building is located at least fifty feet (50') from any other lot in any RR or R-1 residential district or twenty five feet (25') from any lot in any R-2 residence district.

Daycare homes and foster family homes.

Existing railroad rights of way, providing that there is no switching, storage, freight yards or sidings.

Home occupations as defined in section [11-2-1](#) of this title.

Municipal, state or federal administrative or service buildings, and hospitals, where the principal building is located at least twenty five feet (25') from any other lot in any residence district.

Nurseries, truck gardening and the raising of farm crops, but not the raising of poultry, commercial pet or livestock raising, and provided further that no building shall be erected or maintained on the property which is used for the sole purpose of selling the products grown or raised.

Permanent type swimming pools with a water depth of three feet (3') or more; provided they meet the requirements of setbacks for accessory buildings and provided they are adequately protected by a fence and gate at least three feet (3') in height.

Public libraries, public museums and public art galleries, where the principal building is located at least twenty five feet (25') from any other lot in any residence district.

Public parks, playgrounds and community centers, provided that any buildings shall be located at least twenty five feet (25') from any other lot in any residence district.

Public, parochial and private schools, daycare centers and nurseries, where the principal building is located at least twenty five feet (25') from any other lot in any residence district.

#### Signs:

Unlighted real estate sign advertising the sale or rent of the land or buildings upon which it is located. Such sign shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in area, and shall be distant from the street line not less than one-half ( $1/2$ ) of the front yard depth.

One sign or bulletin board not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area in connection with churches or public buildings.

Nonconforming business use signs constructed after the passage of this title shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area.

Other customary accessory uses and buildings, provided such uses are incidental to the principal use and do not include any activity commonly conducted as a business. Accessory buildings shall not be constructed before the principal building. Accessory buildings may be located on the same lot with the principal building; provided, not nearer than three feet (3') to any wall thereof; and provided, not violating the location limitations of [chapter 7](#) of this title. No part of any accessory building may be used for residence purposes, except that domestic employees of the owner, lessee or occupants of the principal building, and the family of the employee may have quarters in such accessory building. No accessory building shall exceed eighteen feet (18') in height. No required front yard shall be used for the open air parking or storage of motor vehicles, trailers, boats or other personal property.

Any building used as a residence shall contain on the ground floor at least six hundred (600) square feet of livable floor space. (1960 Code § 12.08.041; amd. 1975 Code; Ord. 116, 2-2-1981; Ord. 164, 4-2-1984; Ord. 199, 3-18-1985; Ord. 709, 3-1-2010)

**11-5-2: C-1 DISTRICT, USES:**

The following uses shall be permitted in all C-1 districts:

Any use permitted in a residential district; individual mobile homes when located in an approved trailer park.

Accessory uses or buildings.

Automotive and related uses: new and used car sales, service and repair (providing such repairs are of a minor nature and totally contained within buildings), gasoline filling stations, motorcycle and bicycle shops, cab and bus stands and depots.

Business and advertising signs pertaining to the business on the property on which the sign is located; providing that:

- (A) Illumination of all signs shall be diffused or indirect and shall be arranged so as not to reflect direct rays of light into adjacent residential districts or into the public ways, and
- (B) That any sign located in the direct line of vision of any traffic control signal shall not have flashing intermittent red, green or amber illumination.

Business and professional offices: medical and dental offices and clinics, law offices, insurance and real estate offices, banks, finance and utility companies.

Community residential alternatives and community living facilities providing the following requirements are met:

- (A) The minimum lot area shall be seven hundred fifty (750) square feet per resident.
- (B) The required off street parking shall be provided only in the rear and side yards.
- (C) The facility shall be licensed or approved by the state agency.

Food, drug and beverage: grocery stores, supermarkets, meat markets, drugstores and liquor stores, bakery in conjunction with retail sales, restaurants, tea rooms and taverns.

Major retail outlets: furniture, department, clothing, shoe and variety stores; hardware, appliance, paint and wallpaper stores.

Nursing homes.

Service and recreation: motels and hotels; laundromats; dry cleaning and laundry pick up stations; barber and beauty shops; shoe repair and tailor shops; mortuaries, newspaper publishing, printing shops, with not more than ten (10) full time regular employees; storage and transfer establishments; places of amusement and assembly; commercial recreation.

Specialty shops: gift shops, magazine, book and stationery outlets, florist shops, camera and photography shops, sporting goods. (1960 Code § 12.08.051; amd. Ord. 199, 3-18-1985; Ord. 317, 10-15-1990)

**11-5-3: C-2 DISTRICT, USES:**

The following uses shall apply in all C-2 districts:

Any use permitted in the residential districts including mobile homes and trailer parks as permitted in the C-1 district.

Any other use permitted in the C-1 district.

Accessory uses or buildings.

Building trades or equipment: building, concrete, electrical, masonry, sheet metal, plumbing and heating shops, building material establishments (providing no assembly, construction, millwork or concrete block manufacture is done on premises).

Business and advertising signs pertaining to the business on the property on which the sign is located providing that:

- (A) Illumination of all signs shall be diffused or indirect and shall be arranged so as not to reflect direct rays of light into adjacent residential districts or into the direct line of vision of any traffic control signal, and
- (B) Signs shall not have flashing intermittent red, green or amber illumination.

Heavy service and processing facilities: laundry and dry cleaning plants; linens, towel, diaper and similar supply services; animal pounds, kennels, and veterinary establishments; frozen food lockers; seed and food processing plants; dairies.

Medical cannabis dispensing organization.

Vehicle drive-in and heavy vehicle service: drive-in theaters, drive-in restaurants and refreshment stands; express, cartage and trucking facilities; large item machinery or bulk sales and storage not including outdoor unfenced storage. (1960 Code § 12.08.052; amd. Ord. 2014-820, 9-2-2014)

**PART B. ISSUE:**

A potential buyer of the former Lincoln College property has requested a zoning change to the involved parcels, to allow for the intended use, if purchased.

The parcels lie within an R-2 zoning district and thereby limits what uses may be available if a sale were to be realized.

**PART C. ANALYSIS:**

The attached site plans show the parcels in question. While pursuing the sale of this property the current owners (Lincoln College) have found that due to the size of the grounds as well as the quantity of structures, the sale has been deemed “too large” by potential buyers. While some buildings are sought after for use, the totality of the property is not always deemed necessary.

The applicant intends on acquiring the entire property. An initial income investment will come in the form of renovating the existing dormitories into apartments, for public rental.

As noted, there is considerable interest in the use of many of the remaining buildings. In the event of property purchase, the owner would then begin leasing out individual properties to businesses for use. Purchase would be the entirety of the property under one owner and would lend towards a more complete and cohesive management and maintenance concept.

**PART D. STAFF OPINION:**

With the ongoing vacancy of these expansive grounds the City of Lincoln will unfortunately soon see the overall dilapidation of these properties. Approval of a rezone of this property will provide an opportunity to not only utilize the property but revitalize the area and allow for new opportunities for community growth. Staff opinion is to allow for the rezoning of said parcels to the requested C-2 designation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Special Use Application, Public Notice, Site Plan and Applicable Resident List

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Plan Commission of the City of Lincoln will conduct a public hearing on Thursday May 7th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 Broadway Street, Lincoln, Illinois regarding the following petition:

Representatives of the potential purchase of 300 Keokuk St. have filed a petition with the City of Lincoln requesting the rezoning of several parcels encompassing the entirety of former Lincoln College Campus.

The petition shall be on file in the Building Safety Office located at 313 Limit Street and at City Hall, 700 Broadway St. Lincoln, Illinois for public inspection. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and provide oral or written testimony.

PC 2026-02

Peggy Bateman  
City Clerk



**CITY OF LINCOLN**  
***Building and Safety Department - Code Enforcement***

Lincoln Municipal Building  
313 Limit St. Lincoln, IL 62656  
(217)732-6318

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April 16, 2026

**RE: PC 2026-02, Notice of Property Rezoning Request**

Attention Property Owner,

You are being provided a courtesy notice of a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission of the City of Lincoln regarding several parcels including and surrounding 300 Keokuk St. This notice was sent to all property owners within 150 feet of this property, per statutory requirements. More detailed information on the request is provided in the published Public Hearing Notice and the complete packet will be available for public view at City Hall in Lincoln.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Building and Safety Department at (217) 732-6318.

Sincerely,

Wes Woodhall  
Building & Safety Official  
City of Lincoln

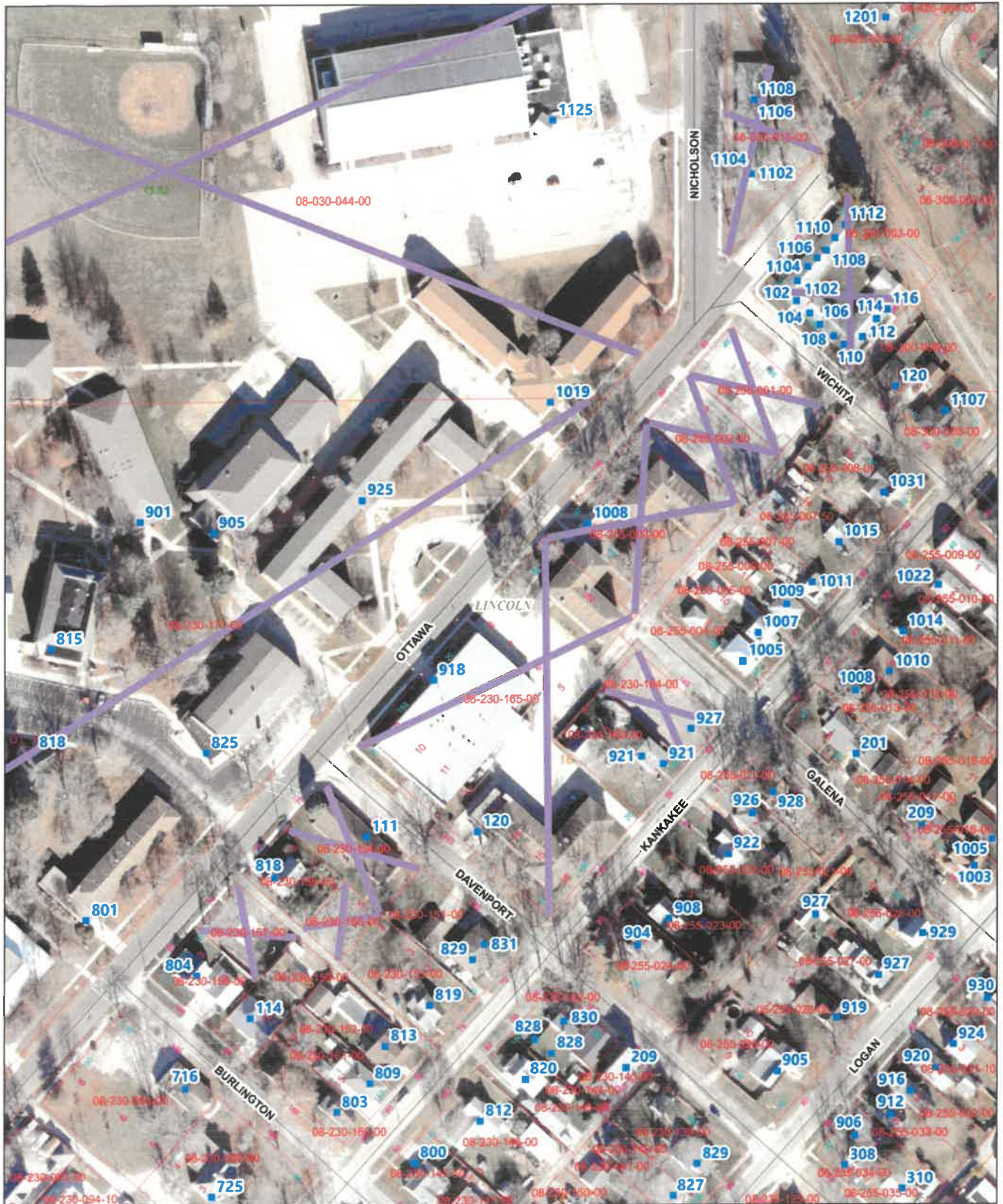
**PC-2026-01**  
**Special Use Permit - Drive Thru**  
**311 S. Logan St.**

**Adjoining Property Owner List**


Address	Property Owner	Additional Mailing Address
203 Keokuk St.	Nathan Beard	
213 Keokuk St.	Kristin Splain	466 8th St., Lincoln
216 Keokuk St.	Dale Milstead	30154 Oakford Rd., Oakford, IL 62673
218 Keokuk St.	Paul Short	537 Union St., Lincoln
301 Keokuk St.	Infiniti Real Estate LLC	10 Windsong Way, Bloomington, IL 61704
405 Keokuk St.	Lincoln Holding Group LLC	1 Burwell Dr., PO Box 430, Lincoln
406 Keokuk St.	Andrew Skaar	
414 Keokuk St.	MBR Central ILL Properties, LLC	201 N. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301
107 Hennepin St.	Patricia Morgan	
111 Hennepin St.	Jarod Mears	406 S. Church St., Gibson City, IL 60936
115 Hennepin St.	Daniel Benedict	1575 N 100th Rd., Cisco, IL 61830
129 Hennepin St.	Nate and Emily Flint	
205 Hennepin St.	Walter Sablotry	
225 Hennepin St.	Mathew May	
100 Hudson St.	Jack and Nancy Leich	108 Hudson St., Lincoln
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112 Hudson St.	NRL Properties	
114 Hudson St.	Andrew and Jennifer Cunningham	1804 Copperfield Dr., Morton, IL 61550
212 Hudson St.	Norman Fry	
112 Inlet St.	Michael and Cassie Leesman	
116 Inlet St.	Kelly Brooks	
221 Latham St.	Glodonna Trimby	
226 Latham St.	Wesley and Cristine Wibben	220 Latham St., Lincoln
317 Latham St.	Thomas and Shelly Beutow	1850 Innsbrook Ave., Lincoln
3 Meadow Ln.	Daniel Row	
4 Meadow Ln.	Joan Graue	
7 Meadow Ln.	Carol Miller	
8 Meadow Ln.	William and Julie Bates	
9 Meadow Ln.	Denise Moore	
08-030-030-41	Bates Family Farms LLC.	306 Clinton St., Lincoln
08-030-030-34	Bates Family Farms LLC.	306 Clinton St., Lincoln
615 College Ave.	WM and Janice Dickerson	
620 College Ave.	Justin and Carolyn Dammerman	
621 College Ave.	Stephen and Jan Montgomery	
625 College Ave.	Aydenir and Jenna Ridvan	
626 College Ave.	Infiniti Real Estate LLC	10 Windsong Way, Bloomington, IL 61704
716 N. Ottawa St.	Infiniti Real Estate LLC	10 Windsong Way, Bloomington, IL 61704
804 N. Ottawa St.	Larry and Rhea Martincic	
818 N. Ottawa St.	Sharon Cahill	
1199 N. Ottawa St.	John and Regina Beard	
1201 N. Ottawa St.	Melissa Thomas	1224 Rutledge Dr., Lincoln
114 Burlington St.	Richard and Debra Skelton	

803 N. Kankakee St.	Charles Augello and Loida Buarquina	13528 Frances Ave., Hudson, FL 34667
809 N. Kankakee St.	My Hanh Nguyen	
813 N. Kankakee St.	Dallas and Debra Jones	
819 N. Kankakee St.	Beverly Kunkel	
820 N. Kankakee St.	Thomas Leesman	
828 N. Kankakee St.	Randall and Christina Dirks	830 N. Kankakee St.
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831 N. Kankakee St.	Benjamin Johnson	36414 CR 1600 N. San Jose, IL 62682
904 N. Kankakee St.	Board Enterprises Inc. C/O Victor Board	1440 State Rt. 121, Lincoln
908 N. Kankakee St.	Spring Hyde	
922 N. Kankakee St.	Thomas Ramlow C/O Dennis and Roberta Murphy	
921 N. Kankakee St.	John and Rebecca Trago	207 N. Vine St, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548
926 N. Kankakee St.	Diane Meador	1229 Rutledge Ave., Lincoln
928 N. Kankakee St.	Robert and Sandra Sanders	
1005 N. Kankakee St.	John Roach	
1007 N. Kankakee St.	Dale Swinford	
1008 N. Kankakee St.	Robert Wood	
1009 N. Kankakee St.	Steve Hankins	34 Redbud LN., Lincoln
1011 N. Kankakee St.	Carma Henderson	617 Omaha Ave., Lincoln
1015 N. Kankakee St.	Erin Griffin	
1031 N. Kankakee St.	Nathan and Freda Adams	
1107 N. Kankakee St.	Susan Howe	
120 Wichita St.	Renee Dawson Jones	
201 Galena St.	Keisi Hadsall and Joshua Bentz	
1225 Nicholson Rd.	Faith Assembly of God	

# ArcGIS Web Map



4/14/2026, 11:25:46 AM

-  Road Centerlines
-  City Village
-  Address Points
-  Parcels
-  Red: Band\_1
-  Green: Band\_2
-  Blue: Band\_3
-  Light\_Gray\_Canvas\_Base

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Logan County, Missouri Dept. of Conservation, Esri, HERE, Garmin, GeoTechnologies, Inc., USGS, EPA



CITY OF  
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE  
City Hall 700 Broadway St.  
217/732-6318 Lincoln, IL 62656

**REZONING PETITION**

Date: 4/10/2020

Applicant Name: Chase Hirston

Address: 300 Keokuk St. → Lincoln University

State: IL Zip Code: 62656 Telephone No.: 425-791-8482

Legal Description of Property to be Rezoned: → see Attached list for address + parcel info.

Property Tax ID (PIN) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Zoning Classification: RZ Proposed Zoning Classification: C1/C2

Current Use of Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Use of Property: mixed use

Common Address: 300 Keokuk St

State: IL Zip Code: 62656

**Names and Addresses of Property Owners to be Notified:** (Whenever owners of fifty percent (50%) or more of the street frontage in any block shall present to the City Council a petition, duly signed and acknowledged, requesting such amendment or reclassification, it shall be the duty of the City Council to refer the petition to the Planning Commission to hold a hearing thereon, as provided by statute.)

Brief Summary of Request: Specify existing and proposed classification and purpose for rezoning. Currently R2, requesting C1 or C2 to allow the non-multi-family buildings to be utilized

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Relationship of Petitioner to Property: (Sole owner; owner of 50% of street frontage in the block; contract purchaser; etc.)

### Tentative Answer

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Clearly Explain the Nature and Purpose of this Rezoning Request: (Provide quantitative details, when applicable. Discuss adjacent uses, trend of development in the area, lot dimensions, parking resources, impact upon public facilities, and other appropriate information. Sketches, photos, and visual evidence may be attached. Attach additional pages of data as necessary.)

this request will allow us to purchase the college, - assuming a favorable outcome.

we plan to provide apartments (200+) AND revitalize the area by bring family oriented businesses to the area by using the VACANT buildings

Explain how the Proposed Classification and Use Relates to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Rezoning will support our vision to use the college's facilities for community use.

By allowing adequate zoning, we CAN help bring new, local AND regional businesses to town. AND provide goods AND services Lincoln needs.

Current zoning does not permit us to use the facilities to its maximum potential!

I (We) certify that all the above statements and the statements contained in any papers or plans submitted herewith are true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: Ch. J. W. Date: 9/10/2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel	Address / Name	PIN
1	Solar Field, Lincoln IL	08-030-030-35
2	Soccer Field, Lincoln IL	08-030-031-80
3	Softball Field, Lincoln IL	08-030-044-00
4	111 Davenport St., Lincoln IL	08-230-154-00
5	818 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-230-155-00
6	810 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-230-157-00
7	927 N. Kankakee St., Lincoln IL	08-230-164-00
8	1000 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-230-165-00
9	300 Keokuk St., Lincoln IL	08-230-171-00
10	1028 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-255-001-00
11	1026 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-255-002-00
12	920 N. Ottawa St., Lincoln IL	08-255-003-00
13	1102 Nicholson Rd., Lincoln IL	08-030-013-00
14	102 Wichita Ave., Lincoln IL	08-300-004-00
15	<del>Campbell Creekside Environmental Center</del>	<del>12-001-001-41</del> <i>CH</i>