

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW OVERNIGHT CLIENT STAYS IN A C3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3601 RICHARDS ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, application was duly made by Robbie Cline of Arisa Health, seeking a Special Use to allow overnight client stays for a medical office in a C3 zone located at 3601 Richards Road (see letter from Dr. Cline attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the application was duly considered and approved (8 affirmative votes; 1 absent) by the North Little Rock Planning Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof held on April 9, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That a Special Use is approved to allow overnight clients stays for a medical office in C3 zone located at 3601 Richards Road in the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

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SECTION 2: That this Special Use shall be subject to the following:

1. The Fire Marshal must approve the use of the facility as a residential care facility. The applicant must provide written approval from the Fire Marshal's office along with an inspection report prior to the issuance of a zoning certificate for a business license.
2. All structures on the site shall meet all applicable Federal, State, County and City requirements and codes.
3. A business license is to be issued after Planning Staff confirmation of requirements.
4. Business license holder understands the failure to comply with these conditions may result in loss of the Special Use approval and/or loss of Business license and/or removal of electric power meter.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.


SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that the special use as described herein is compatible with other businesses in the area and is immediately necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth and development of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:


Council Member Nathan Hamilton

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED	10:50	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	A. Fields			
DATE	5-21-24			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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Dear North Little Rock Planning Department:

I am writing to provide information about Arisa Health's request for special use for the property located at 3601 Richards Road in North Little Rock. The facility will be renovated to provide long-term care for individuals with a serious mental illness who have been released from the state hospital and need supervision.

In North Little Rock there are individuals meeting this criteria who are not supervised due to the lack of a program in the community. Arisa Health currently has programs called Therapeutic Communities, located in Corning, Jonesboro, and Forrest City, which offer a solution by integrating individuals with mental health challenges into a comprehensive program. Individuals receive medical, behavioral, and daily living skills development through trained professionals. This approach has proven effective in enhancing public safety and giving hope to a vulnerable group in our community. The program is designed to transition residents from a highly structured program that is secured and supervised 24/7 to a less structured model that supervises their reintegration into the community through social engagement activities that promote independence.

This program is crucial for Arkansas Act 911 of 1989 clients transitioning from the Arkansas State Hospital to community living as part of their conditional release. These individuals, acquitted of crimes due to mental disease or defect, receive court-ordered medical and psychological care, emphasizing the program's specialized and compassionate approach.

Arisa Health has a history of providing this service in other communities with very minimal impact on surrounding properties. The programs are valued in the community due to the benefit they offer the residents for rehabilitation and the safety they create for the community by serving the Act 911 population in a stable setting instead of being unsupervised in the community. Often these individuals are experiencing food insecurity and unstable housing situations living unsupervised in the community. We have found that creating a structured, stable living environment, that addresses these issues, increases their motivation to develop positive skills resulting in acceptable community behavior.

We are requesting that the City of North Little Rock approve Arisa Health's special use request of our property at this address. This support will enable Arisa Health to continue and expand our work to help the citizens of Arkansas.

For any further details or discussion, please feel free to contact me, Robbie Cline, at 870-974-3260, or you can email me at robbie.cline@arisahealth.org

Sincerely,

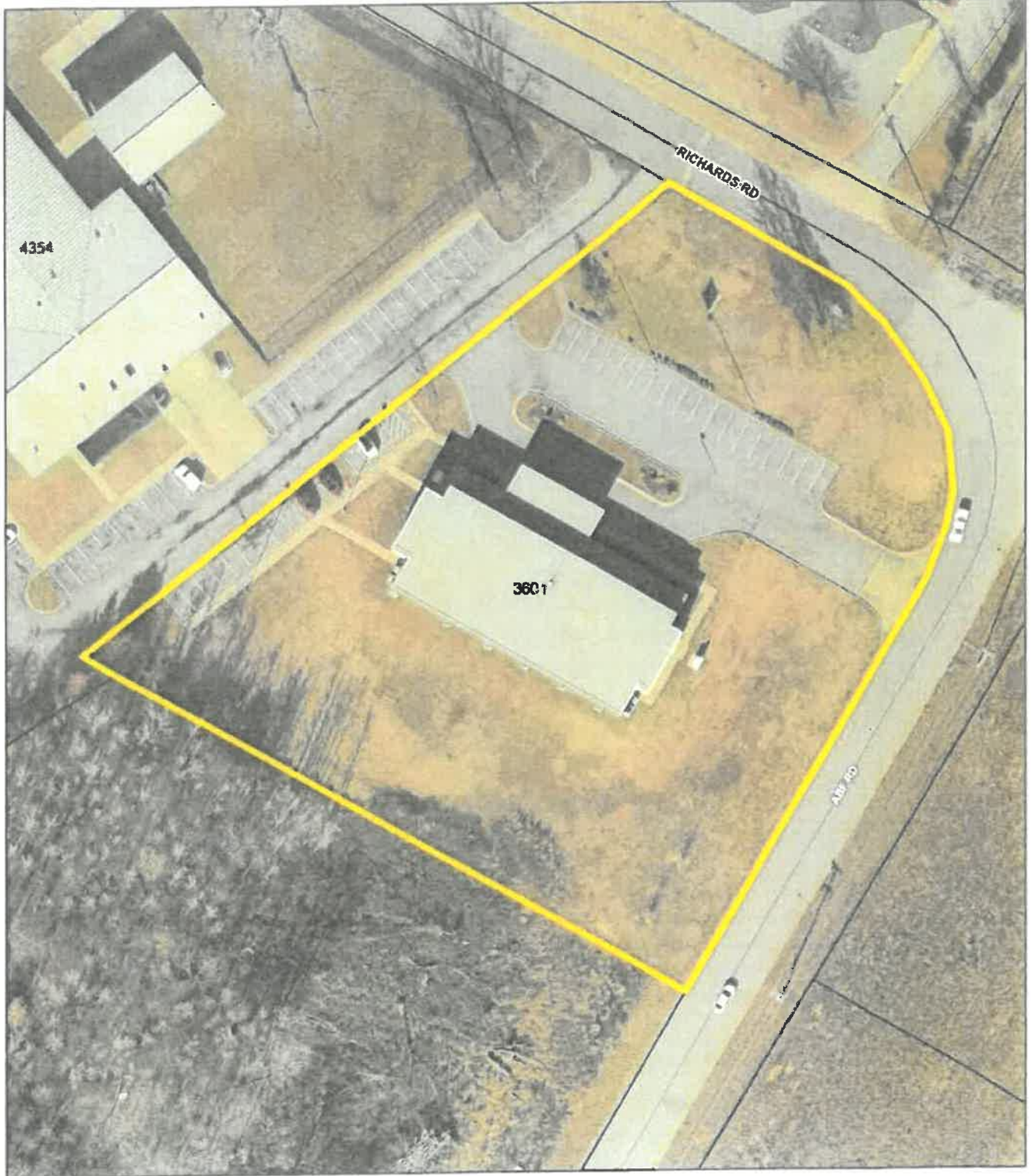
Robbie Cline, Ph.D.
Vice President of Facilities and Transportation
Arisa Health

EXHIBIT

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Special Use #2024-06



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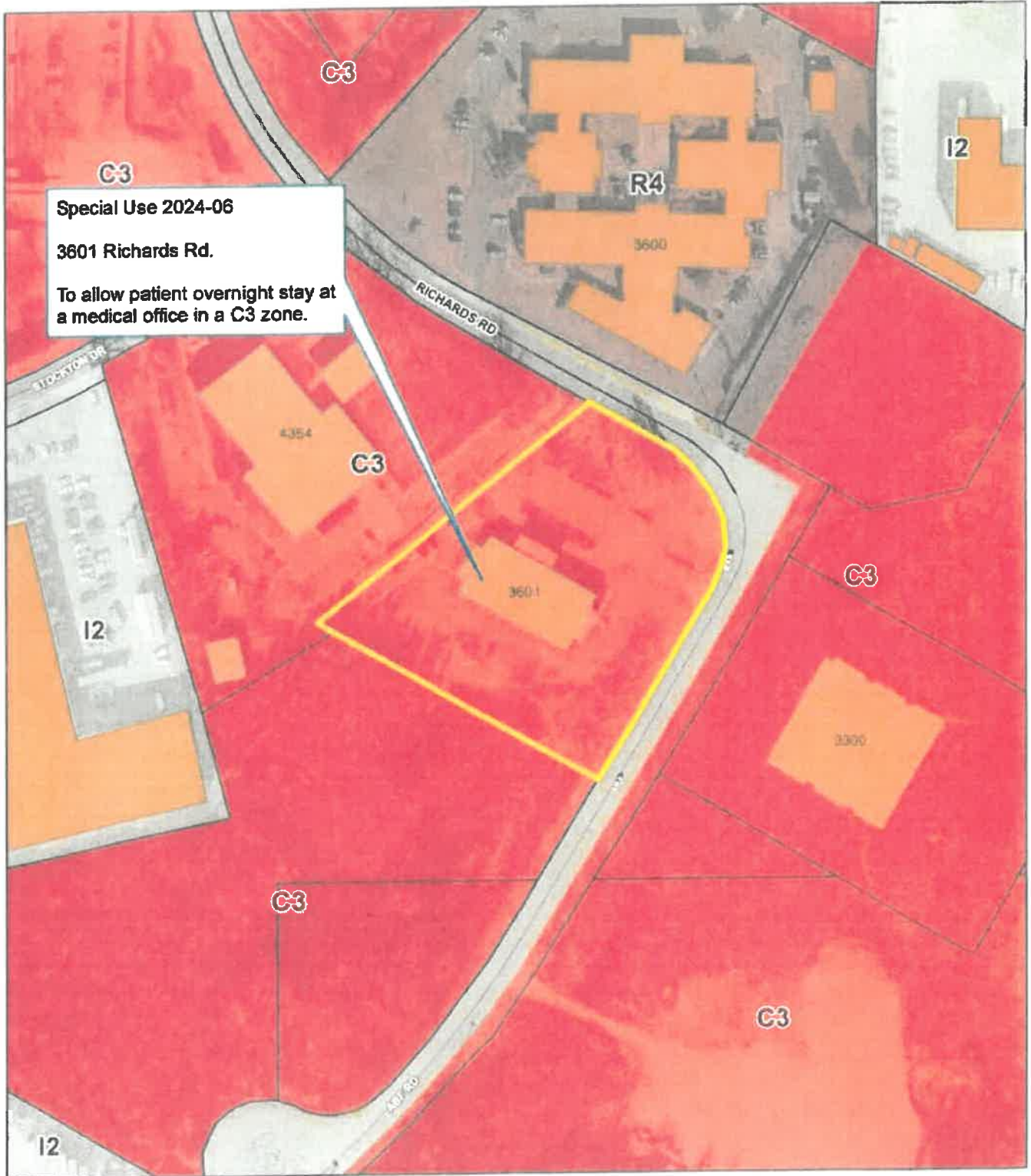
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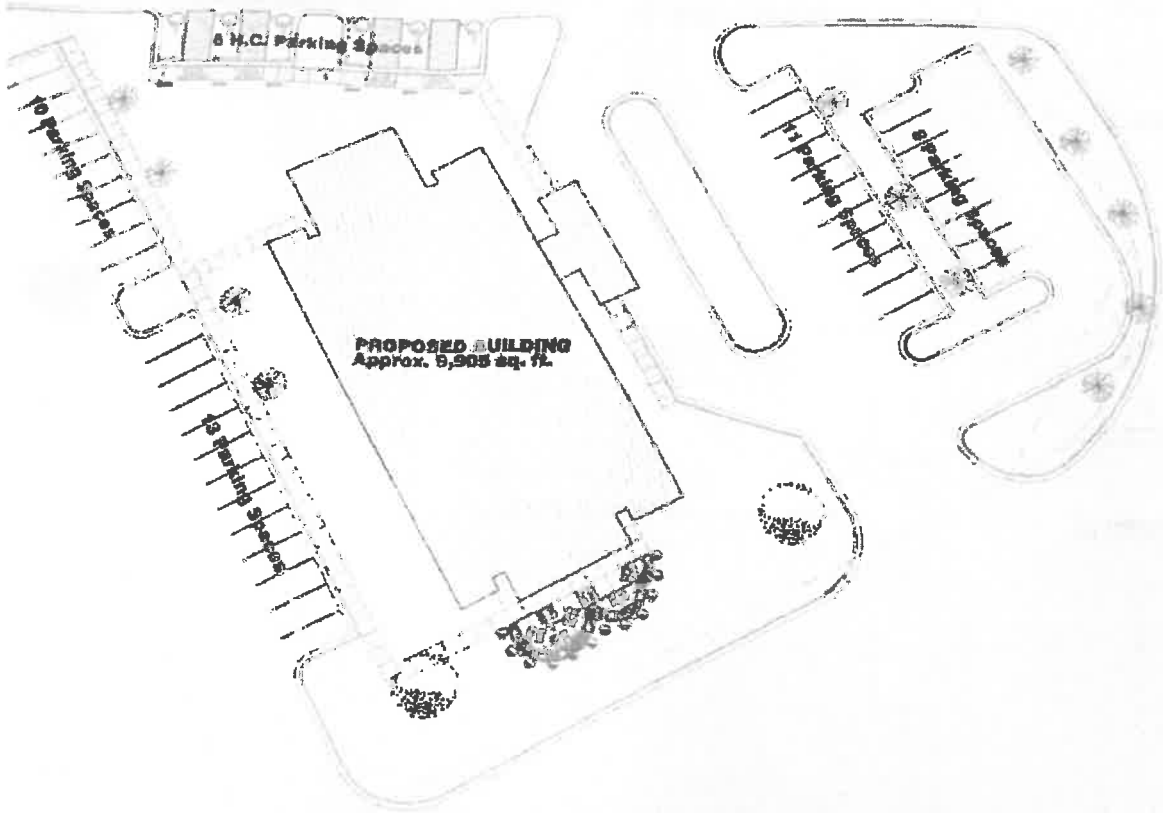
Zoning Map

Date: 3/14/2024

1 inch = 150 feet



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1 **SITE PLAN**
C1.1 SCALE = 1" = 20'-0"