



## LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

115 W. MAIN ST., LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28092  
704-736-8440 OFFICE 704-736-8434 INSPECTION REQUEST LINE

To: Board of Commissioners  
Planning Board

From: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator

Date: February 5, 2021

Re: CZ #2020-8  
Chelsea Horton, applicant  
Parcel ID# 27353

*The following information is for use by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board at their joint meeting/public hearing on March 1, 2021.*

### Request

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of a 0.7-acre lot from B-G (General Business) to CZ I-G (Conditional Zoning General Industrial) to permit vehicle storage and offices. Vehicle storage is a permitted use in the I-G district, but not in the B-G district.

A site plan has been submitted as part of the rezoning application. Because this is a proposed rezoning to a conditional zoning district, if the request is approved, the property could only be used for the specified uses in accordance with the approved site plan.

A virtual community involvement meeting regarding the rezoning request was held on January 20, but no one logged in or called in to participate. In lieu of participating in the meeting, owners of property in the surrounding area were informed that they could provide comments by phone or email in advance of the meeting, but no comments were received.

Applicants Chelsea Horton and Robert Gibson of Top Notch Recovery, LLC, which repossesses and temporarily stores vehicles, were present for the community meeting. According to Mr. Gibson, they have operated the business on the subject property since August 2019. The rezoning application was submitted after a citizen questioned whether the business was in compliance with zoning and staff contacted Mr. Gibson.

### Site Area & Description

The subject property is located on the east side of N.C. 27 about 1,600 feet south of its intersection with N.C. 73 in Ironton Township. It is adjoined by property zoned B-G and I-G (opposite side of N.C. 27). Land uses in this area include business and residential). This property is part of an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as a Suburban Commercial Center, suitable for general commercial services.

## Additional Information

### **Permitted uses**

Under current B-G zoning, vehicle service, retail sales, offices, personal services, etc..  
Under proposed CZ I-G zoning: vehicle storage, offices.

### **Adjoining zoning and uses**

East: zoned B-G, commercial building and undeveloped property.  
South: zoned B-G, undeveloped property.  
West (opposite side of N.C. 27, zoned B-G, house and business.  
North: zoned B-G, undeveloped property.

## Staff's Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the rezoning request. See proposed statement on following page.



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### **Zoning Amendment Staff's Proposed Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness**

Case No. **CZ #2020-8**

Applicant **Chelsea Horton**

Parcel ID# **27353**

Location **N.C. 27**

Proposed amendment **Rezone from B-G to CZ I-G to permit vehicle storage vehicle and offices**

This proposed amendment **is consistent** with the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and other adopted plans in that:

**This property is part of an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Suburban Commercial, suitable for general commercial services.**

This proposed amendment **is reasonable and in the public interest** in that:

**This property is located in an existing business area. It is surrounded by properties zoned business and industrial. Because this is a conditional rezoning, the use of the property will be limited to vehicle storage and offices. The vehicle storage area will be screened and buffered from the road and from adjoining properties.**



## Conditional Zoning District Application

Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department  
Zoning Administrator  
115 W. Main St., Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: (704) 736-8440

### PART I

Applicant Name Chelsea Horton

*topnotchrecovery@adl.com*

Applicant Address 332 Willow St Stanley, NC 28164

Applicant Phone Number 980-329-4433 980-329-6588 -  
*Robert Gibson*

Property Owner Name Bill Blackett

Property Owner Address 2101 Lexington St, Belmont NC 28012

Property Owner Phone Number 704-853-9218

### PART II

Property Location 3743 NC 27, Iron Station NC 28080

Property ID (10 digits) 3653221953 Property size .694 acres

Parcel # (5 digits) 27353 Deed Book(s) 2240 Page(s) 595

### PART III

Existing Zoning District B-G Proposed Zoning District 1-G limited CZ

Briefly describe how the property is being used and any existing structures.

Vehicle storage only. 1 Building

List the proposed use or uses of the property.

Vehicle storage only

**APPLICATION FEE (less than 2 acres \$400, 2-5 acres \$800, 5+ acre \$1,200)**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE PROCESSING.**

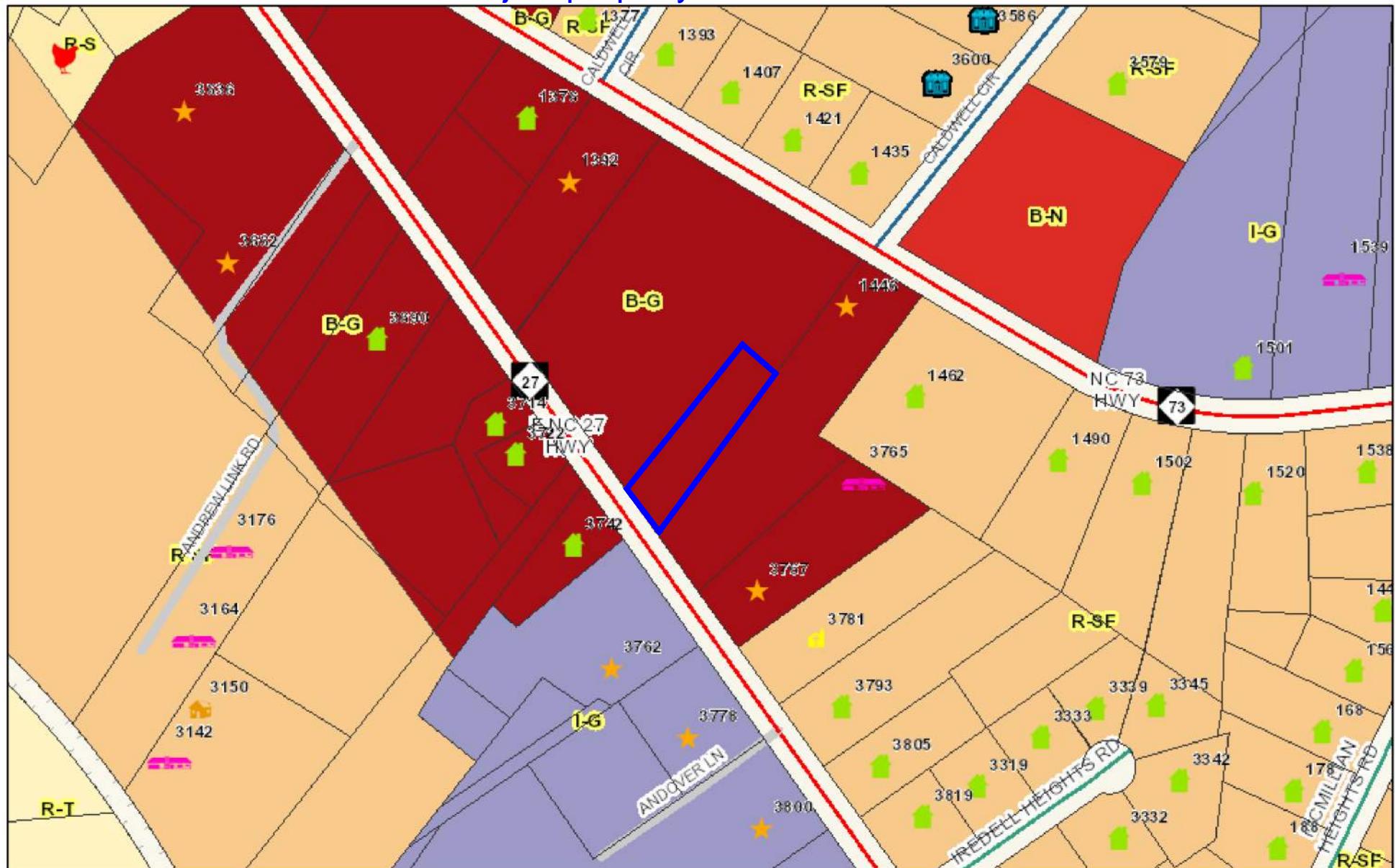
*I hereby certify that all knowledge of the information provided for this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant's Signature JK

Date 10-7-20



CZ #2020-8  
subject property is outlined in blue



December 29, 2020

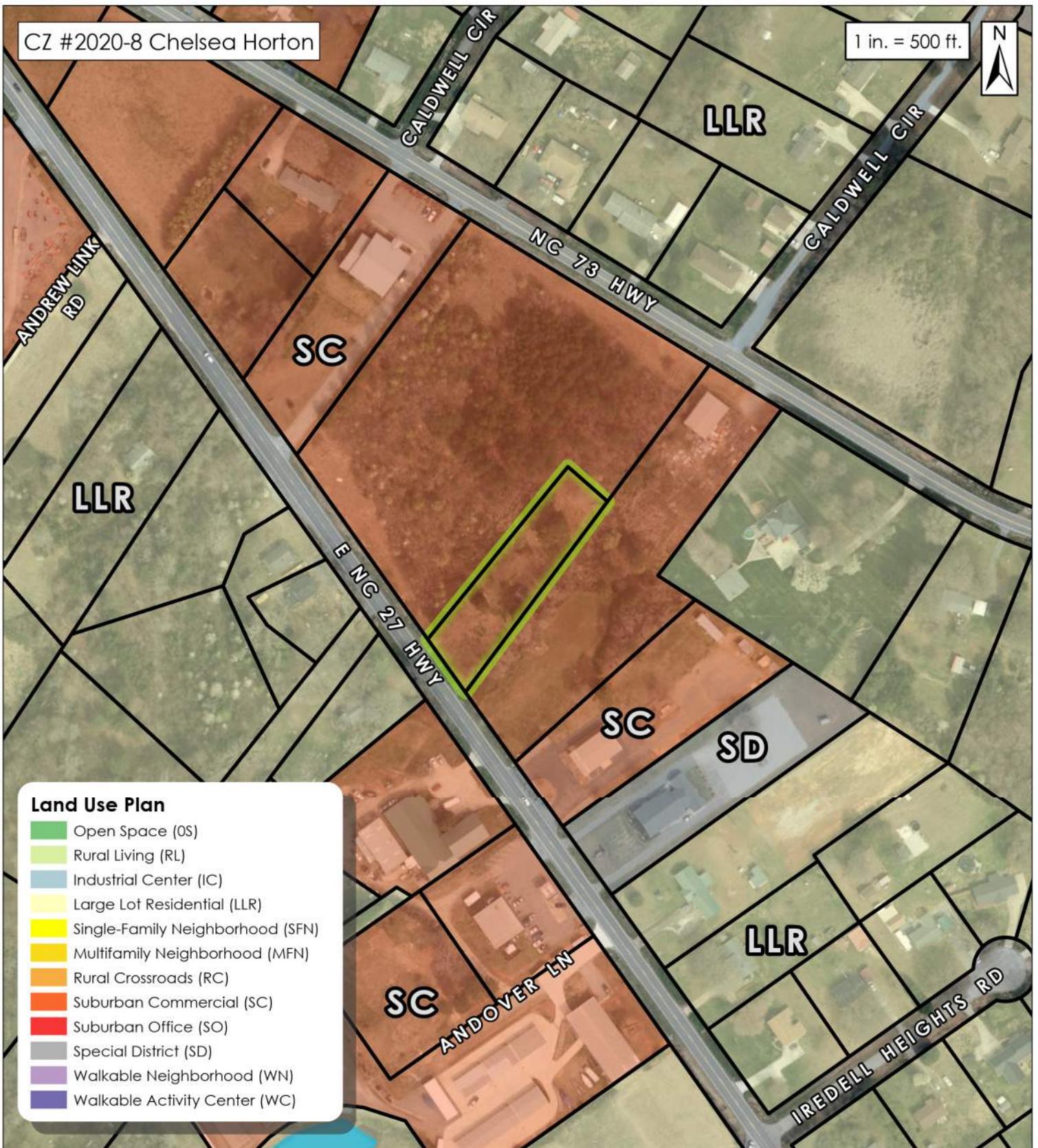
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Esri, Inc., Lincoln County, NC

CZ #2020-8 Chelsea Horton

1 in. = 500 ft.



#### Land Use Plan

- Open Space (OS)
- Rural Living (RL)
- Industrial Center (IC)
- Large Lot Residential (LLR)
- Single-Family Neighborhood (SFN)
- Multifamily Neighborhood (MFN)
- Rural Crossroads (RC)
- Suburban Commercial (SC)
- Suburban Office (SO)
- Special District (SD)
- Walkable Neighborhood (WN)
- Walkable Activity Center (WC)

Parcel ID# 27353

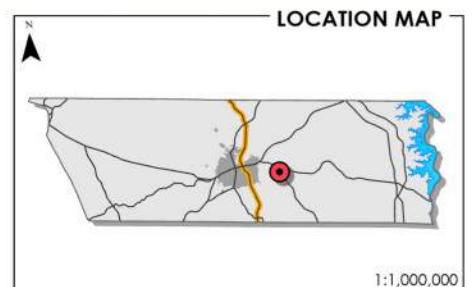
- Property Location(s)

See Attached Application for Parcel Information

Property Location(s) Outlined in Green.



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3rd Floor  
Lincolnton, NC 28092



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Property Location(s)

**CZ #2020-8**  
**Site Plan**  
**PID#: 27353**  
**Chelsea Horton**

- • • Fence
- Fence Gate
- Setback Boundary
- Property Lines
-  Proposed Building
-  Existing Building
-  Driveway

 50 ft.  
1" = 50'

