

Staff Report
**Zoning & Land
Regulation
Committee**
Public Hearing: **May 5, 2026**
Zoning Amendment Requested:
SFR-08 Single Family Residential District TO RR-2 Rural Residential District
Size: **2.02 Acres**
Survey Required: **No**
Reason for the request:
ZONING TO ALLOW LIVESTOCK USE (UP TO ONE ANIMAL UNIT PER ACRE)
Petition 12259
Town, Section:
MIDDLETON, Section 18
Applicant:
WENDY TURNER AND YATHIN SHIVANAPPA KRISHNAPPA
Address:
7800 W. OLD SAUK RD


DESCRIPTION: Wendy Turner and Yathin Krishnappa request a zoning change from SFR-08 to RR-2 to allow for limited livestock. They have a farm in Mount Horeb, and occasionally an orphaned lamb or calf needs short-term but continuous care and they would like the opportunity to care for the orphaned animals on this property where they live. SFR-08 zoning does not allow for livestock, but RR zoning allows for one animal unit per acre. No new construction is proposed.

OBSERVATIONS: There may be concerns related to the compatibility of animals and neighbors. The number of animals requested is small and would be limited by the property's acreage.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: This petition is in the town's Residential/Agricultural planning area and is subject to the land use policies related to that designation. The Town's policy is to rezone plats and CSM lots under 5 acres in size to SFR-08 Single Family Residential, which doesn't allow for livestock. There are 3 CSM properties in the area that are zoned RR and maybe a dozen throughout the Town. It is unclear if this proposal is consistent with the goals, objectives or policies related to residential properties and livestock in this planning area. No land use change or new development proposed.

For questions about the town plan, contact Senior Planner Curt Kodl at (608) 266-4183 or Kodl.Curt@danecounty.gov.

RESOURCE PROTECTION: No sensitive environmental resources within 300 feet of the subject property.

TOWN ACTION: The Town Board recommends approval of the rezone, with no conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The AT-5 zoning district is unique in how it is intended for a mix of agricultural, open space, and residential uses. It is only used in the Town of Middleton, due to that township's unique pattern of land development, with larger lots and many areas transitioning from rural to more urban character as the City of Madison grows. In addition, Dane County Zoning Code Section 10.235(2)(d) states that "Town boards with AT-5 zoning and Dane County will periodically review the status of lands that have been platted and developed to consider other appropriate zoning classifications based on the resulting land use and size of the property."

The township has considered the zoning for this particular platted property in light of the owners' request and the intended use, and determined it to be suitable for rezoning. Staff recommends approval with no conditions.

Please contact Rachel Holloway at (608) 266-9084 or holloway.rachel@danecounty.gov if you have questions about this petition or staff report.