



Brenda Hinton
County Registrar

Memorandum

To: St. Charles County Council

From: Brenda Hinton, County Registrar

Date: August 18, 2021

Re: Calhoun Ferry Company – Golden Eagle Ferry

The Calhoun Ferry Company has applied for the renewal of the ferry license from St. Charles County. The application and required fee have been received by the County Registrar's Office. Robert Myers, Division Director of Planning & Zoning has reviewed the application. There were no complaints filed about the Calhoun Ferry Company – Golden Eagle Ferry.

The County Council will need to determine whether the renewal application will be approved to allow the Calhoun Ferry – Golden Eagle Ferry to continue business in St. Charles County.

MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Charles County Council

FROM: Robert Myers, AICP, Planning & Zoning Division Director **RAM**

RE: A petition by Calhoun Ferry Company, Inc. to renew a license to operate the Golden Eagle Ferry

DATE: August 16, 2021

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the St. Charles County Council on a petition by Calhoun Ferry Company, Inc. of Batchtown, Illinois to renew its license to operate the Golden Eagle Ferry. The Golden Eagle Ferry operates from the south bank of the Mississippi River at the terminus of Golden Eagle Ferry Road. The property owner of the ferry site is the United States of America. Calhoun Ferry Company holds an easement from the Department of the Army which allows for a road extending across Federal property to the ferry landing.

In accordance with Section 650.030 of the St. Charles County Code, the following Planning & Zoning Division report is provided for consideration by the County Council.

Whether the proposed ferry landing is permissible under applicable zoning regulations.

The Golden Eagle Ferry landing property (Parcel ID No. 5-0057-S004-00-0003.0000000) is currently zoned A, Agricultural District, with Floodway Overlay District zoning. The County's Unified Development Ordinance (Section 405.080.B) allows "ferry landings, boat docks and marinas" by right in Agricultural zoning districts, and the site conforms to County floodplain regulations.

Whether the site of the proposed ferry landing is served by public roads.

The Golden Eagle Ferry landing is accessed from Highway B, a public road maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Golden Eagle Ferry Road, a County road. To reach the landing site, a non-exclusive roadway easement from the U.S. is utilized. This easement is publically recorded in the County Recorder of Deeds in Book 1921 Pages 1339-1342; Book 1921, Pages 1343-1356; and Book 1921 Pages 1357-1364.

Whether the site of the proposed ferry landing and/or the public roads serving that site is/are capable of accommodating vehicles waiting to use the ferry without hardship or inconvenience to surrounding property owners.

Although no parking lot is located at the ferry site, vehicles can queue on Golden Eagle Ferry Road which includes 1,300 feet of roadway on the subject parcel.

cc: Benda Hinton, County Registrar
Michael Hurlbert, AICP, Community Development Director