

White County Planning Commission  
Public Hearing: White County Land Use Regulation  
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:00 pm

Teleconference: Call in directions  
posted on [www.whitecounty.net](http://www.whitecounty.net)

Those present were Larry Freeman, R.K. Ackerman, Dona K. Burke, Charlie Thomas, and John Yarbrough.  
Staff: Harry Barton, John Sell, and Mercedes Dodd

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order.
- II. Invocation: Mr. Yarbrough gave the invocation.
- III. Review of Agenda: Chairman Thomas asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Chairman Thomas said there were no changes to the agenda. Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing.
- IV. Land Use
  - i. **Application of Samuel and Louise Hersey** to request a conditional use permit at 433 Laurel Ridge Road, Cleveland, Georgia, 30528. Tax map and parcel 059D-109. Total acreage 1.00. Proposed use is to place in "Short Term Rental" program. Present use is R-1 Residential Single-Family District.

Mr. Yarbrough abstained from this hearing.

The landowners, Samuel and Louise Hersey of 433 Laurel Ridge Road, were present.

Mr. Barton gave a summary of the application.

Chairman Thomas asked Mr. Hersey to explain what he has in mind for the property.

Mr. Hersey stated that the primary use will be for family but they wanted the option to be able to have short term rental when they are not using it. He explained that there are three levels with three bedrooms and three bathrooms.

Chairman Thomas asked if they are going through agency; Mrs. Hersey said yes.

Chairman Thomas asked if they have done short term rental before; Mrs. Hersey stated that they own rental properties, but not short term rentals.

Mrs. Burke asked if this house ever been on rental program and how long they have owned house; Mrs. Hersey said they have owned it for about six weeks and were told that it was a short term rental a couple of years ago, but she is not sure for how long.

Mrs. Burke asked if it was rented through a company or if the previous owners rented it out themselves; Mrs. Hersey stated that they do not know, the neighbors told them it was a short term rental.

Chairman Thomas asked if they were familiar with issues that arose from neighbors; Mrs. Hersey said no and that the neighbors told them that were a number of short term rentals on the road.

Chairman Thomas asked if there were any other questions from the board; no response.

Chairman Thomas asked the Herseys if they had anything to add; Mr. Hersey said no, just that it will be mostly family.

Chairman Thomas asked if there was any for or against; no response.

Chairman Thomas closed the hearing.

V. Citizens Comments

None

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Burke; seconded by Mr. Ackerman. Motion was unanimous.