

Swoszowski

Bob & Wanda Swoszowski
5295 Lawson Road Gainesville, GA 30506

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Dear Sirs,

My wife and I have lived on Lawson Road for the past 38 years. This is a quiet, 8/10-mile road, open at both ends, with approximately 12 homes located along either side.

One of our neighbors, Cecilia Kirrane, who owns the horse farm at 5253 Lawson Road, Gainesville, GA 30506, may be planning to request a rezoning of her property from a private horse farm to an equestrian wedding venue. During a recent conversation with her, she mentioned that she has already met with both the planning commissioner and the fire marshal on-site. I have expressed to her directly that I am opposed to this proposed commercial change.

The residents of Lawson Road, myself included, chose to live here for the peaceful, rural environment — a key reason for moving this far from the city of Gainesville.

If this rezoning request comes before you, I strongly request that you reject it.

With Kindest Regards,



Wanda S. Swoszowski

Bob and Wanda Swoszowski

cc: County Commissioner, Planning Commission & Neighbors of Lawson Rd.

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Planning Commission Comments - June 2, 2025 - Submission #119191

Date Submitted: 5/27/2025

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the June 2, 2025 meeting of the Hall County Planning Commission.

First Name*

Robert

Last Name*

Swoszowski

Address1*

5295 Lawson Road

Address2

City*

Gainesville

State*

GA

Zip*

30506

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 5253 Lawson Road | Special Use

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Your Comments*

To the Planning Commission,

I am writing to respectfully request the opportunity to make a public comment at the upcoming meeting regarding the proposed change in use of a nearby property to an equine wedding venue.

I am firmly opposed to this application for the following reasons:

Lawson Road is a rural, open-ended, two-lane road that stretches just 8/10 of a mile and serves approximately twelve residential homes. It is winding, hilly, and commonly used by neighbors for walking and exercise. The road is quiet and peaceful, without commercial activity or through traffic—just local residents who value the tranquility of this area. My family and I moved here thirty-eight years ago specifically to escape densely packed housing developments, and we continue to live here because of the serenity and sense of community.

The property owner showed my wife and me a layout of the proposed venue. Despite the vast acreage available, the venue is planned to be located just 60 feet from our property line and approximately 300 feet from our home. Given the nature of weddings, which often include alcohol and loud celebrations, I am deeply concerned about the level of noise that would affect our daily life and disrupt the quiet environment we have cherished for decades.

This proposed change would dramatically alter the character of our neighborhood and negatively impact the quality of life for current residents. I did not move to the countryside to live next door to a commercial event space.

I respectfully urge the Commission to deny this application for a zoning change.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Swoszowski

Please write your comments in the box above.

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Would you like follow-up communication?

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Please leave an email address and/or phone number if you would like a Hall County staff member to follow-up with you.

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Bob & Wanda Swoszowski

5295 Lawson Road Gainesville, GA 30506

Thursday, May 15, 2025

To the Planning Commission,

I am writing to respectfully request the opportunity to make a public comment at the upcoming meeting regarding the proposed change in use of a nearby property to an equine wedding venue.

I am firmly opposed to this application for the following reasons:

Lawson Road is a rural, open-ended, two-lane road that stretches just 8/10 of a mile and serves approximately twelve residential homes. It is winding, hilly, and commonly used by neighbors for walking and exercise. The road is quiet and peaceful, without commercial activity or through traffic—just local residents who value the tranquility of this area. My family and I moved here thirty-eight years ago specifically to escape densely packed housing developments, and we continue to live here because of the serenity and sense of community.

The property owner showed my wife and me a layout of the proposed venue. Despite the vast acreage available, the venue is planned to be located just 60 feet from our property line and approximately 300 feet from our home. Given the nature of weddings, which often include alcohol and loud celebrations, I am deeply concerned about the level of noise that would affect our daily life and disrupt the quiet environment we have cherished for decades.

This proposed change would dramatically alter the character of our neighborhood and negatively impact the quality of life for current residents. I did not move to the countryside to live next door to a commercial event space.

I respectfully urge the Commission to deny this application for a zoning change.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Swoszowski

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Planning Commission Comments - June 2, 2025 - Submission #119240

Date Submitted: 5/29/2025

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the June 2, 2025 meeting of the Hall County Planning Commission.

First Name*

Kari

Last Name*

Kelley

Address1*

5211 Lawson Road

Address2

City*

GAINESVILLE

State*

GA

Zip*

30506

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 5253 Lawson Road | Special Use

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Your Comments*

To the Planning Commission,

We are writing to respectfully urge the Commission to deny the application for the zoning change on Lawson Road. We are firmly opposed to this application for several reasons. My father grew up here and has now passed this land on to me. For as long as I can remember, it has always been a rural, quiet and peaceful area. I was quite happy to inherit such a beautiful piece of property in such a quiet area with no commercial activity and a ton of traffic. We definitely do not want to see a public venue go in right next door to us. The road is only two lanes and most times we walk it with our dogs and see our other neighbors and their furbabies. Most weddings have a tendency to get loud and guests sometimes have tendencies to overdrink which leads to wandering past property lines and leaving trash where it doesn't belong. We just feel that we are fortunate enough to live in an area of the county that is left untouched by large crowds, public access, lots of traffic, and that "close to town" feel.....we fear a venue right next door to us would ruin the out in the country home we have come to love and work so hard to have.

Please consider denying this application for a zoning change.

Sincerely,

Chris & Kari Leigh Kelley

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Would you like follow-up communication?

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Planning Commission Comments - June 2, 2025 - Submission #119299

Date Submitted: 6/1/2025

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the June 2, 2025 meeting of the Hall County Planning Commission.

First Name*

Bucky

Last Name*

Kennedy

Address1*

5411 Lawson Road

Address2

City*

Gainesville

State*

Ga

Zip*

30506

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 5253 Lawson Road | Special Use

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Your Comments*

I am writing on behalf of my family members that live in 4 houses on Lawson Road. My objection is in regard to location and increased traffic in a quiet neighborhood that is contrasting an increase between Odum Smallwood and Britt Whitmire especially during the school year. Most of the people On Lawson road have lived here their entire life. The venue in question is extremely close to 2 residences which will create a noise issue. I appreciate your consideration of this matter but strongly encourage you to deny this request for a venue that increases traffic on a small rural road and affects the tranquility of our peaceful road. Thank you. Bucky Kennedy written on behalf of Raymond Dover of 5393 Lawson Road

Please write your comments in the box above.

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Would you like follow-up communication?

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From: Bucky Kennedy [REDACTED]
Subject: Requested zoning objection
Date: June 1, 2025 at 9:09 PM
To: shunt@hallcounty.org

Greetings Mr. Hunt,

I'm writing this email on behalf of my father-in-law Raymond Dover of 5393 Lawson Rd and myself (5411 Lawson Rd.)

I'm writing to you in objection to the proposed zoning request of Mary Kirrane of 5253 Lawson Road. The request is for a Agri-entertainment venue.

My objection is in regard to location and increased traffic on a quiet neighborhood that is constantly seeing an increase of traffic between Odom Smallwood and Brit Whitmire especially during the school year and large school events. This road and neighborhood is largely agricultural and most of the residence on this road have lived here for the entire life.

The venue in question is extremely close to 2 residences which would create somewhat of a noise issue as we can hear the the band playing at events at North Hall High School. Surely we will hear music from an event next door.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter but strongly encourage you to deny this request for a venue that increases traffic on a small rural road and affects the tranquility of our peaceful road.

Thank you,

Bucky Kennedy and on behalf of Raymond Dover

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Planning Commission Comments - June 2, 2025 - Submission #119294

Date Submitted: 6/1/2025

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the June 2, 2025 meeting of the Hall County Planning Commission.

First Name*

Kathy

Last Name*

Parsons

Address1*

5322 Lawson road

Address2

City*

Gainesville

State*

GA

Zip*

30506

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 5253 Lawson Road | Special Use

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Your Comments*

I have uploaded a document concerning the meeting to be held June 2, 2025 by the Hall County Planning & Zoning Department for the application of 5253 Lawson Road request by Mary Kirrane (applicant)

Kathy Parsons

Please write your comments in the box above.

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Would you like follow-up communication?

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To the Planning Commission,

June 1, 2025,

I would like to express my comments on this proposal to change the use of a nearby property to an equine wedding venue. I am opposed to this proposal as there are several of my neighbors that live on this road who are opposed as well. We already have a lot of traffic through this road as many people & students as well use this as a shortcut. Many times, the vehicles are going too fast for this road and this venue would add to the problems we experience already with the traffic flow. We have several small children on this road and are trying to raise them in this rural area & want them to be able to get out and play in our yards without concern of an accident due to the flow of more traffic. North Hall students also use this road as a place for the cross county & track students to run. Many of us go out and walk daily on our road and we already must be very careful due to the traffic we already have coming through our road. We all love our rural area, it is a peaceful group of neighbors, and we would love it to remain this way.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kathy Parsons
Resident of Lawson Road