

This is a formal request to have the property located at 4862 Springs Road, Conover, NC 28613, rezoned from R20 (Residential) to RC (Rural Commercial). This request has been submitted by Jeff Barger, a resident of Catawba County for 52 years and the owner of Barger Equipment for 34 years. Catawba County has a steadfast history of agriculture, which is depicted on the county seal designed in 1925. The cow embossed on the seal represents farming along with the dairy production that thrived throughout the county. The wheel represents manufacturing and industry that stabilizes the community. The cross symbolizes our religious beliefs, and the torch symbolizes the educational opportunities shared by everyone.

The inception of Barger Equipment took place in the spring of 1984 when my father placed two pieces of used farm machinery next to Springs Road. Due to the demand for this machinery, it was sold and subsequently replaced with additional pieces. This marked the beginning of Barger Equipment. For 41 years, Barger Equipment has supported the agricultural community of Catawba County and its surrounding areas. We have proudly served our customers and have outgrown our original location. I inherited the 2.86-acre lot in question from my grandfather 30 years ago. I am requesting Catawba County to grant me the opportunity to continue the vision of Barger Equipment by rezoning this property to Rural Commercial.

As you are reviewing this application and supporting documents, I point out that I'm not a developer seeking to lease or purchase this property. I am simply the owner, trying to continue the legacy that my family started many years ago. Therefore, I am asking for consideration to move forward with this request while maintaining the integrity of the property as well as displaying a meticulous appearance.

Included with this application, please find the general information required, along with a detailed site plan. I already have spoken with representatives from the NCDOT in reference to highway access from Springs Road, the City of Hickory in reference to a water tap and meter, and Duke Energy in reference to temporary and permanent request for power.

Respectfully submitted,



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