

I am requesting to rezone my property from residential to agriculture for the purpose of starting a dog training business. My goal in this business is to provide quality dog training services for residents of Lowndes County. My primary focus will be on training hunting dogs, therapy dogs and dogs with behavioral issues. Since I was a teenager I have always had an interest in the hunting dog world and while around that environment I witnessed borderline abusive training techniques where dogs were cast aside often dumped at shelters or even killed for failing to do their job. My goal is to show owners that there is a better way to train their dogs and still get the desired results as well as educate people that a hunting breed has more value than just hunting and can thrive as a family pet. My hope in this is that through training and education we can keep these wonderful dogs out of already overcrowded shelters. My company will also offer snake aversion training that teaches dogs to avoid dangerous snakes. I believe this will be a valuable service for our community and save the lives of pets and owners. I appreciate your consideration and time you have given to my request.

Thank You,  
Jeffery Atkison  
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