




TO: Members of the City of Fort Pierce Planning Board

THROUGH: Rebecca Grohall, AICP, Planning Director 

FROM: Brandon Creagan, LEED Green Associate, Planner *BCL*

RE: **Application for a Zoning Atlas Amendment (Rezoning)**
IH, Industrial Heavy (County) to I-3, Heavy Industrial (City) *rc*
BHT Properties - 3800 Selvitz Road

DATE: June 29, 2018

STAFF REPORT

Property Owner/Applicant: BHT of Florida 4008 LLC
 5081 SW 48th Street, Suite 103
 Davie, FL 33314

Representative: Patrick J. Ferland, PE
 2980 S. 25th Street
 Fort Pierce, FL 34981

Requested Action: Approval to rezone the subject property from IH, Industrial Heavy (St. Lucie County Zoning) to I-3, Heavy Industrial (City of Fort Pierce Zoning)

Site Location: 3800 Selvitz Road

Parcel IDs: 2432-122-0001-000-5

Existing Use: Vacant

Parcel Size: 24.13 Acres

Current Zoning: Industrial Heavy (IH) – St. Lucie County Zoning

Future Land-Use Heavy Industrial (HI)

Proposed Zoning: Heavy Industrial (I-3)

Surrounding Zoning:

North	East	South	West
I-3	PD	IH	IH

Staff Analysis:***Request***

In accordance with Sections 22-128 & 22-143 of the City Code, the applicant is requesting the review and approval of a Zoning Atlas Amendment (Rezoning) from IH, Industrial Heavy (SLC Classification) to I-3, Heavy Industrial. The subject property is currently zoned IH, Industrial Heavy, which is a St. Lucie County zoning designation held since the time of annexation. The applicant would like to rezone that property so that it is compatible with the City of Fort Pierce Comprehensive plan. The applicant would like to develop the property for an industrial purpose in the future. As it currently stands the property cannot be developed because the property holds a St. Lucie County zoning designation and from a planning and zoning standpoint the City is not able to regulate County zoning. Therefore a rezoning must occur so that the City can properly regulate development on the property under City zoning regulations. Most of the area around the subject has either a St. Lucie County IH, Industrial Heavy zoning designation or a City of Fort Pierce I-3, Heavy Industrial zoning designation.

Background & Project Summary

The subject site was annexed into City limits in 2004 via Ordinance K-310 for the purpose of annexing property generally located between Selvitz Road and 25th Street. The subject property, in a group of seven parcels, was annexed because it was identified as being contiguous to the municipal boundary and there were corresponding FPUA annexation agreements on file with the City.

Three of the seven parcels annexed were designated with an IH, Heavy Industrial, zoning classification by St. Lucie County at the time of annexation; however, the City Code did not include a heavy industrial zoning classification until several years after annexation, in December, 2008 via Ordinance L-63. In the absence of an equivalent City of Fort Pierce zoning designation to assign, the property has retained the St. Lucie County IH, Industrial Heavy designation.

Future Land Use Designation & Comprehensive Plan

The subject site has a future land use designation of Heavy Industrial (HI). This designation is intended for parcels suitable for industrial development, to promote the City's position as a major employment center. The uses allowed under this designation include intensive manufacturing and processing facilities; storage and distribution facilities; warehousing; general and intensive commercial uses; large business parks; office, retail, and service uses that provide support to employees; and compatible public, quasi-public, and special uses. This land use designation allows a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.0.

The requested zoning designation is consistent with the Future Land Use element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Standards for Review

The following standards must be satisfied per Section 22-131 of the City Code prior to the approval of the requested amendment:

- (1) The amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan;
- (2) The amendment will not have an adverse effect on the ability of the city to:

- a. Satisfy land and water use needs; and
 - b. Meet transportation demands and provide community facilities and services; and
- (3) The amendment will promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

The proposed amendment is consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan, holding a future land use designation of Heavy Industrial (HI). Furthermore, the amendment should not have adverse an effect on the ability of the city to satisfy land and water use needs, meet transportation demands, and provide community facilities and services. The presented amendment promotes and protects the public health, safety and general welfare through the designation of lands; when location and characteristics are appropriate, to provide manufacturing and processing facilities, distribution facilities, warehousing, and intensive commercial uses to promote the City's position as a major employment center. Specific uses and developments shall comply with established land development regulations, and seek to ensure minimal impacts to neighboring uses or districts.

Technical Review Committee:

All affected City Departments have reviewed the proposed Application for Zoning Atlas Map Amendment and have provided conditional approval based on compliance with requirements of the City Code. The comments generated from the technical review, and any responses by the applicant are provided for review.

Staff Recommendation:

The requested Application for Zoning Atlas Amendment meets the criteria specified in Section 22-131 of the City Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and does not adversely affect the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare; Staff recommends that the Planning Board forward a recommendation of approval to the City Commission.