

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT STAFF REPORT

April 27, 2026

**ZBA-17-26**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Petitioner**

Victoria Howard

**Requested Action and Purpose**

Petition for a special exception for a home-based business to allow the operation of a hair salon.

**Location and Existing Zoning**

1990 Woodridge Road. Zoned SFR-1. (Council District 3).

**Size and Existing Land Use**

Approximately 0.70 acres, single-family residence.

**Surrounding Land Use and Zoning**

North: Single-family residence, SFR-1

East: Single-family residence, SFR-1

South: Single-family residence, SFR-1

West: Commercial, GC

**Applicable Regulations**

**Sec. 25-39. – Special Exception Use Permit**

**d. Decision-Making Standards for Special Exception Use Permit**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment may approve a special exception use permit application only upon finding the proposed special exception use:

1. Complies with all applicable district-specific standards in Article IV :Zoning Districts;
2. Complies with all applicable standards in Article V : Use Regulations;
3. Complies with all relevant subdivision standards in the Subdivision Regulations;
4. Will not have a substantial adverse impact on vehicular and pedestrian safety;
5. Will not have a substantial adverse impact on vehicular traffic;
6. Is compatible with the character of surrounding development and the neighborhood;
7. Will not have a substantial adverse impact on adjoining properties in terms of noise, lights, glare, vibrations, fumes, odors, litter, or obstruction of air or light;
8. Will not have a substantial adverse impact on the aesthetic character of the area where it is proposed to be located; and
9. Will not have a substantial adverse impact on public safety or create nuisance conditions detrimental to the public.

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**Sec. 25-107. – Standards specific to accessory uses and structures**

**n. Home Occupation.** A home occupation shall comply with the following standards:

1. No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in the home occupation.
2. The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes.
3. There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one sign, not exceeding three (3) square feet in area, nonilluminated, and mounted flat against the wall of the principal building.
4. No unusual or expensive features shall be installed in an accessory structure which would have the effect of rendering it permanently ill-adapted for activities customarily accessory to a residence.
5. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in the residential area where the home occupation is located, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street and other than in front setback.
6. No home occupation shall use equipment or a process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, or odors detectable to the normal senses off the lot, if the occupation is conducted in a single-family detached dwelling, or outside the dwelling unit if conducted in other than a single-family detached dwelling.
7. No home occupation shall use equipment or a process which creates electrical interference affecting radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises

**SUMMARY**

The petitioner is requesting a special exception for a home-based business to allow the operation of a hair salon. The salon will be located solely within the basement of the residence, and take up 300 sq ft of the 3200 sq ft home. The petitioner stated that, if approved, they will go through the proper processes to renovate the basement to meet the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and city requirements. The salon will be by appointment only and up to two customers at a time. Customers will park on a driveway, located on the property. The front setback for this lot is 25'. The customer parking will not be located within the front setback. Customers will enter the salon through a separate exterior entrance, without accessing the main residential. The proposed hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., three days a week.

Office of Urban Development, Planning Division: No comment

Office of Urban Development, Code Enforcement: No violations found or complaints received

Office of Urban Development, Building and Inspections Division: No comment.

Infrastructure and Public Services, Engineering Division: No comment

Fire and Rescue Department, Fire Administration: No comment

# Special Exception Use Application

## Property Information:

**Site Address:**

1990 Woodridge Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406

**Total Acres:**

1/3

**Number of Existing Structures:**

1

**Current Zoning:**

Single Family Residential Estate  
(SFR-E)

**Current Land Use:**

Residential

**Proposed Land Use:**

Commercial

## Applicant Information:

**Applicant Name:**

Victoria Howard

**Detailed Description of the Proposed Request:**

Attached to home hair salon suite. Meets all Alabama board of Cosmetology requirements. Separate entrance, restroom, and parking. I have been licensed with a salon in Tuscaloosa and Northport for almost 12 years. Approximately 300 sq ft. Business would be 9-6 3 days a week.

## Supporting Documents:

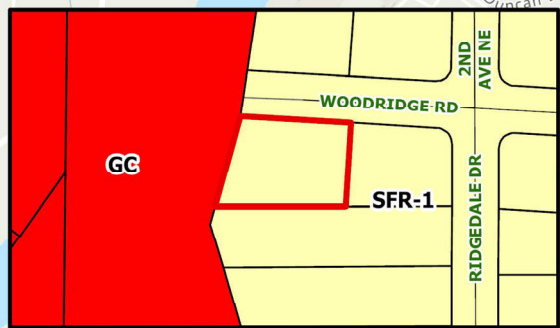
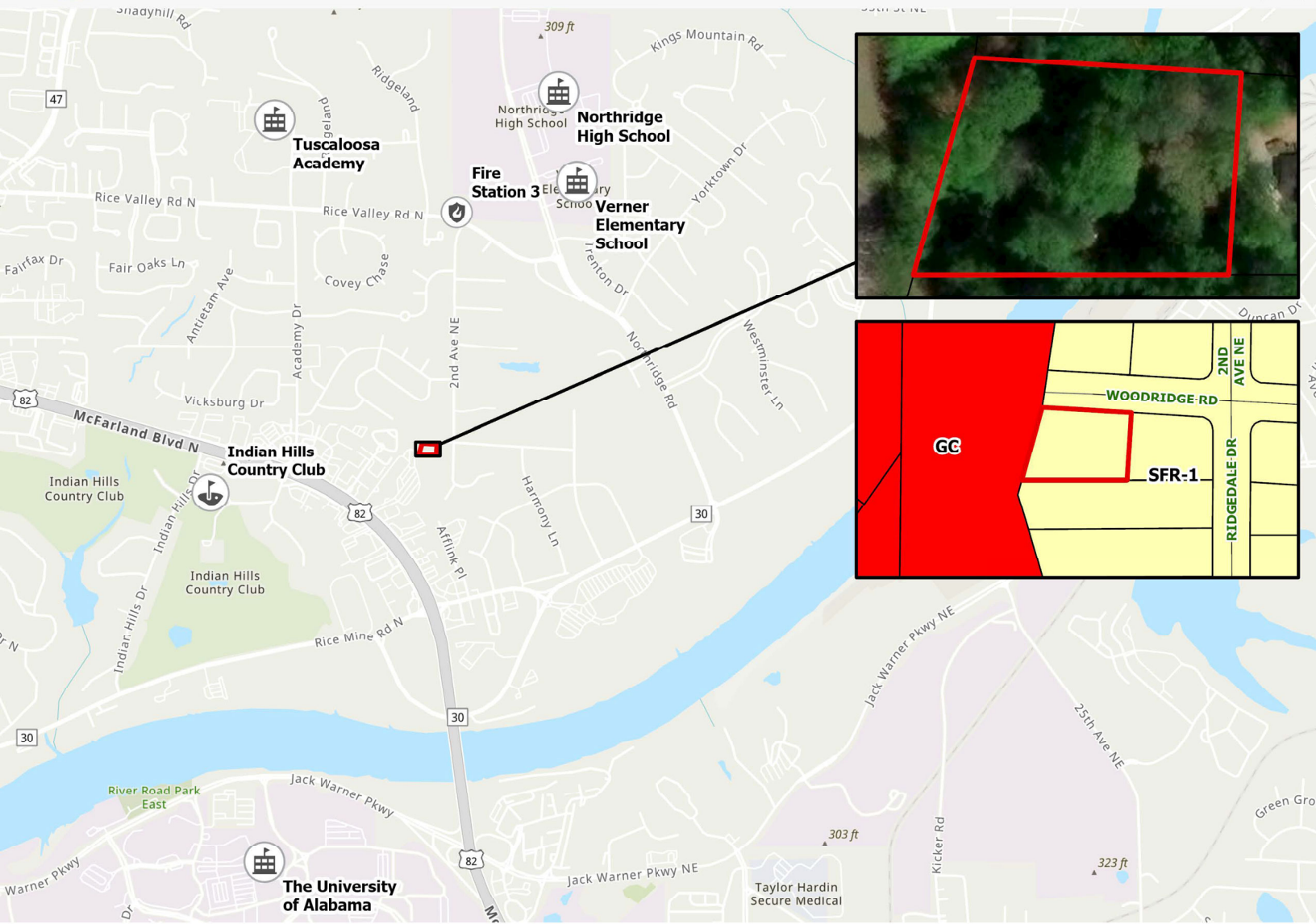
**Documents:**

Once submitted, a staff member will contact the applicant using the email provided on this form. If more documents are required, the staff member will clarify what is required in that email. By submitting this application, you recognize the city will send public notification and place a sign on the property with information for the public.



# 1990 Woodridge Rd

0 750 1,500 2,250 3,000 Feet





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1 inch = 75 feet  
0 40 80 120 160 Feet

