



**Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners**

Growth Services ♦ Planning & Zoning

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Ocala, FL 34470  
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STAFF/OFFICE USE ONLY	
Case No.:	
AR No.:	
PA:	

- New or Modification \$1,000
- Expired \$1,000
- Renewal (no changes) \$300

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

The undersigned hereby requests a Special Use Permit in accordance with Marion County Land Development Code, Articles 2 and 4, for the purpose of: Asking for 3 goats, 4 geese, and 2 ducks. Please allow limited  
Animals on our residential property located in Rural Rainbow Acres, Marion County, Florida. These animals provide  
Consistent emotional and therapeutic support which contributes to their mental stability and wellness.

**Property/Site Address:** 6500 SW 202nd Ct Dunnellon, Fl 34431  
**Property Dimensions:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Acreage:** .95  
**Legal Description:** (Please attach a copy of the deed and location map.) **Parcel Zoning:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parcel Account Number(s):** 1753-035-020

Each property owner(s) MUST sign this application or provide written authorization naming the applicant or agent below to act on their behalf. **Please print all information, except for the Owner and Applicant/Agent signature. If multiple owners or applicants, please use additional pages.**

Russell William Loges

Karen Anne Loges

**Property Owner Name (please print)**

**Applicant or Agent Name (please print)**

1877 SW 188th St

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**Mailing Address**

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Newberry, Fl 32669

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**City, State, Zip Code**

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(813)392-9096

(813)392-8487

**Phone Number (include area code)**

**Phone Number (include area code)**

Russell.loges@gmail.com

Karenloges1@gmail.com

**E-Mail Address (include complete address)**

**E-Mail Address (include complete address)**

**Signatures\***

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\*By signing this application, applicant hereby authorizes Growth Services to enter onto, inspect, and traverse the property indicated above, to the extent Growth Services deems necessary, for the purposes of assessing this application and inspecting for compliance with County ordinance and any applicable permits.

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<b>Project No.:</b>	<b>Code Case No.:</b>	<b>Application No.:</b>		
<b>Rcvd by:</b>	<b>Rcvd Date:</b> / /	<b>FLUM:</b>	<b>AR No.:</b>	<b>Rev: 10/20/21</b>

Please note: The Special Use Permit will not become effective until after a final decision is made by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. The owner, applicant or agent must be present at the public hearing to represent this application. If no representative is present and the board requires additional information, the request may be postponed or denied. Notice of said hearing will be mailed to the above-listed address(es). All information given by the applicant or agent must be correct and legible to be processed. The filing fee is non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Zoning Division at 352-438-2675.

Prepared by and Return to:  
Tracy Gough  
Southern Sun Title Company  
7751 South Suncoast Boulevard  
Homosassa, FL 34446  
(352) 382-3339

File No. 24-08-3893

**WARRANTY DEED**

This indenture made on A.D. September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by

**Jessen Hendrix, a single person**

whose address is: 84 WALNUT DRIVE, OCALA, FL 34480  
hereinafter called the "grantor", to

**Russell William Loges and Karen Anne Loges, husband and wife**

whose address is: 1877 SW 188<sup>th</sup> ST. NEWBERRY, FL 32669  
hereinafter called the "grantee":

(Which terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include singular or plural, corporation or individual, and either sex, and shall include heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the same)

Witnesseth, that the grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells, aliens, remises, releases, conveys and confirms unto the grantee, all that certain land situate in Marion County, FL, to-wit:

Lot 20, Block 35, Rainbow Acres Unit No. 3, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 97, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

Subject to all reservations, covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements of record and to all applicable zoning ordinances and/or restrictions imposed by governmental authorities, if any.

Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining.

To Have and to Hold, the same in fee simple forever.

And the grantor hereby covenants with said grantee that the grantor is lawfully seized of said land in fee simple; that the grantor has good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land; that the grantor hereby fully warrants the title to said land and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever; and that said land is free of all encumbrances except taxes accruing subsequent to December 31st of 2023.

In Witness Whereof, the grantor has hereunto set their hand(s) and seal(s) the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence:

[Signature]  
Witness Signature

[Signature]  
Seller: Jessen Hendrix

Madeline Higgins  
Printed Name

7512 SW 82nd Way, Gainesville, FL 32608  
Address of Witness #1

[Signature]  
Witness Signature

TRACY L. GOUGH  
Printed Name

7751 S. Suncoast Blvd. Homosassa, FL 34446  
Address of Witness #2

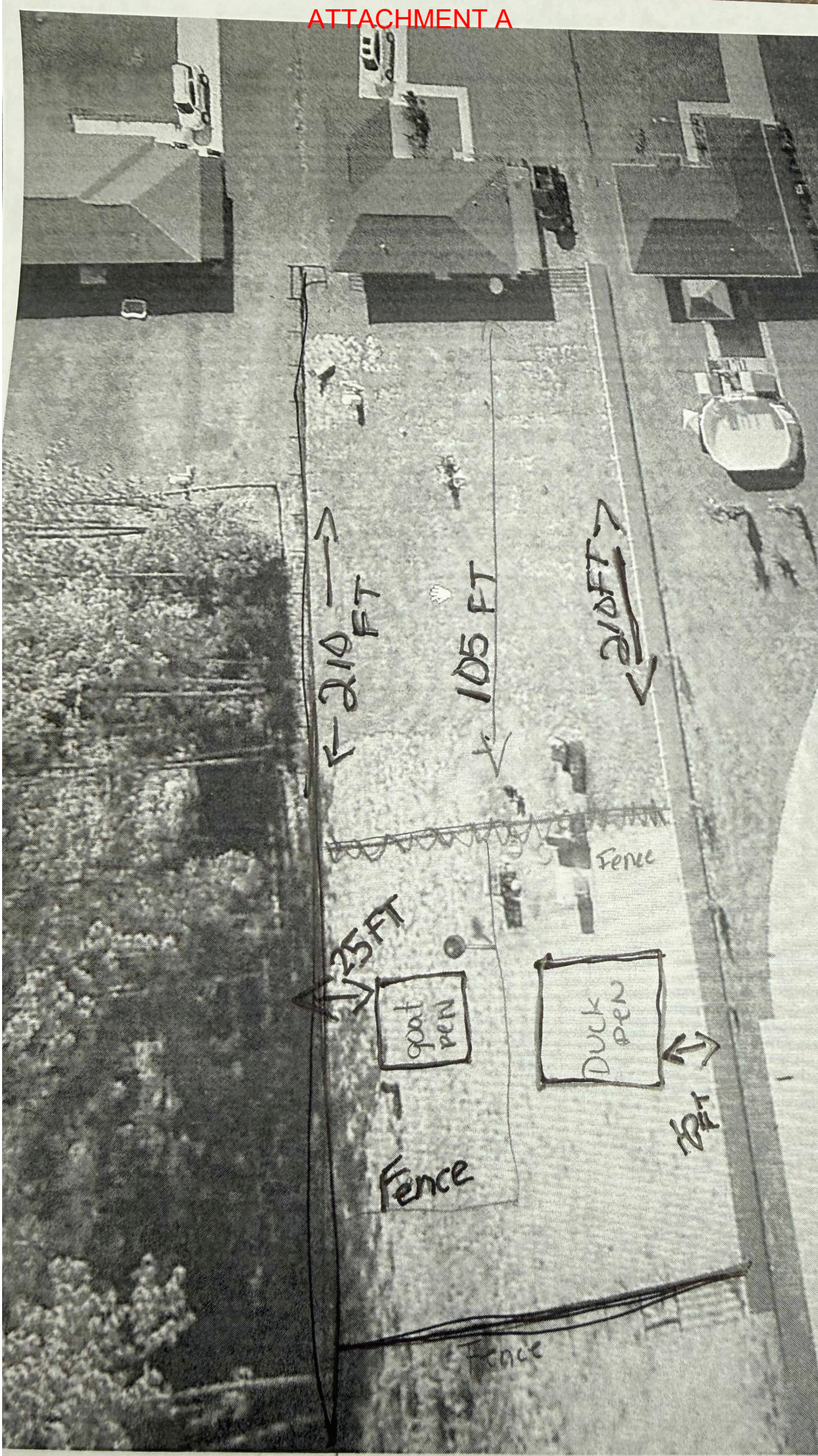
State of Florida  
County of Citrus

Sworn To, Subscribed and Acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, by Jessen Hendrix, a single person, who are personally known to me or who have produced FL. DRIVER'S LICENSE as identification.

SEAL

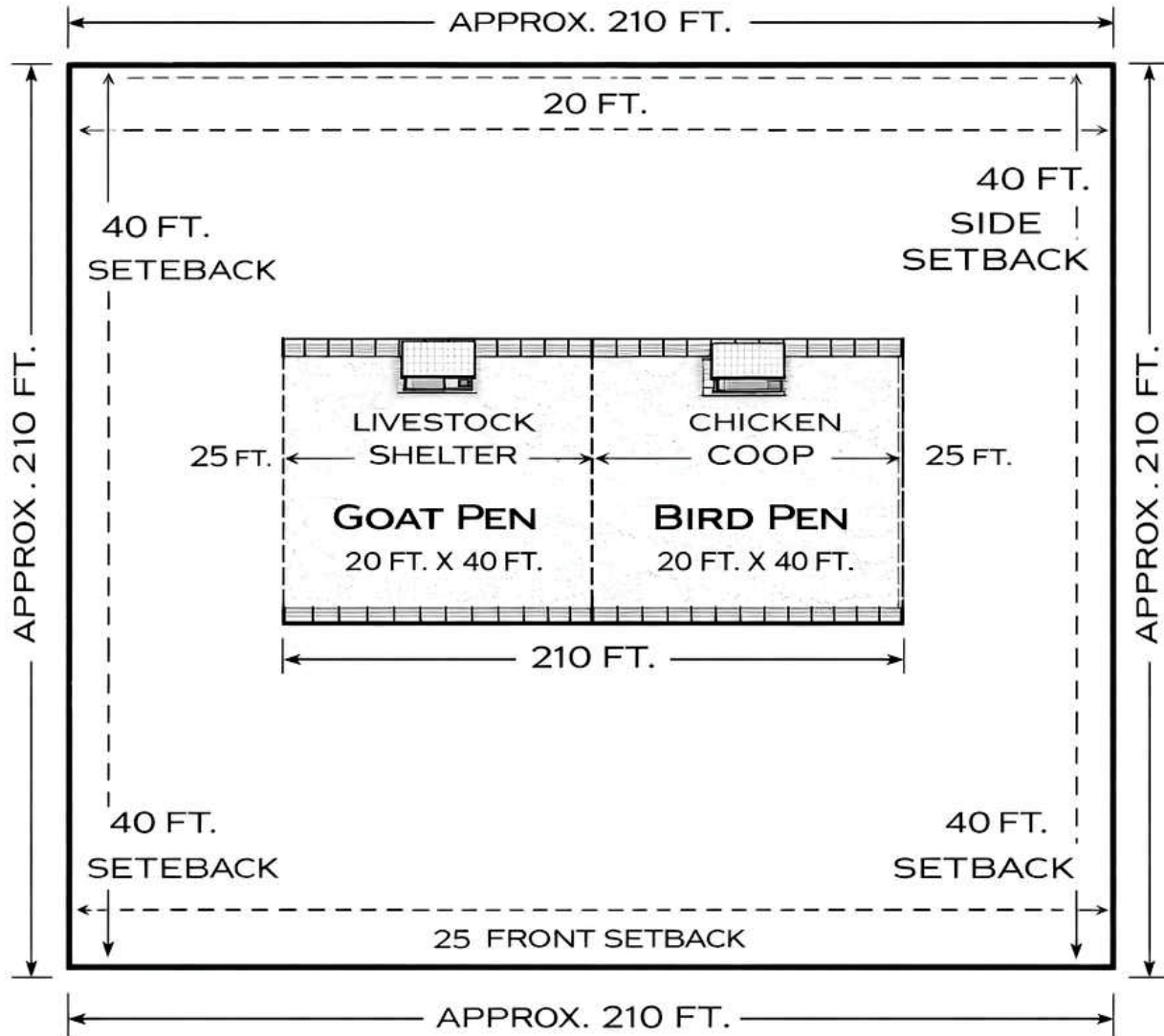


[Signature]  
Notary Public  
Notary Print Name TRACY L. GOUGH  
My Commission Expires: 9/9/2026



# SITE PLAN

6500 SW 202nd Court  
Dunnellon, FL 34431



## Marion County Setbacks:

Front Setback: 25 FT. | Side Setback: 40 FT.  
Rear Setback: 20 FT.

210 ft.

# Survey View

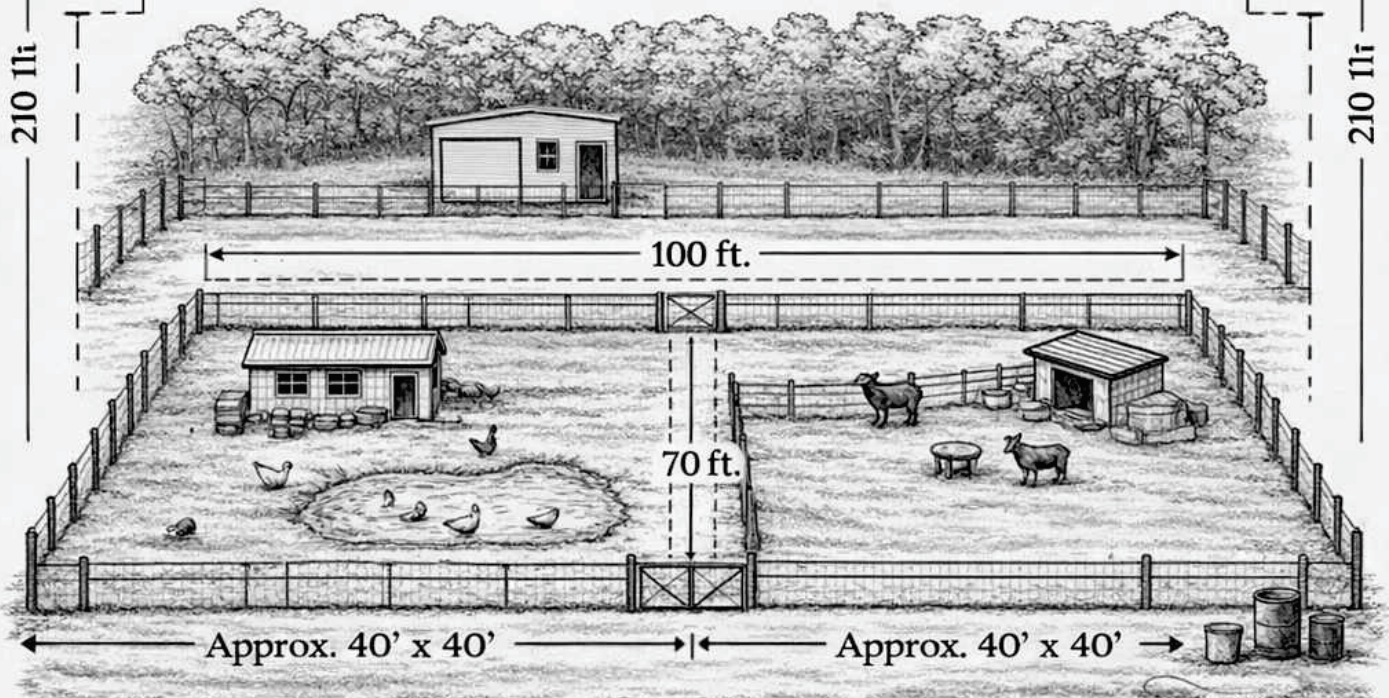
6500 SW 202nd Court  
Dunnellon, FL 34431

Property Size: 1 Acre  
House Size: 1,400 sq. ft.

Backyard Length = 190 ft.

210 ft.

210 ft.



Neighboring Property

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700 ft.

100 ft.

Approx. 40'  
Chicken Coop

Approx. 40'  
Livestock Shelter

100 ft.

Property Line = 210 ft.

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210 ft.



UF Health Family Medicine - Ocala Heath Brook  
352-355-1282

**Ryan Jones**  
6500 Sw 202nd Court  
Dunnellon FL 34431

February 9, 2026

To whom it May Concern,

Ryan Jones is my patient and is currently under my professional care for multiple medical conditions that meet the definition of a disability under the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

I have evaluated the patient's functional limitations and, in my professional opinion, a reasonable number of support animals is a necessary and therapeutic component of his treatment plan. These animals assist in alleviating symptoms of his conditions and enhance his ability to live independently.

Per HIPAA privacy regulations, I am not disclosing a specific diagnosis. Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact my office directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ursula Patrice Crews, APRN".

Ursula Patrice Crews, APRN

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*Please note before visiting that our campuses are tobacco-free. Please do not use cigarettes, e-cigarettes and tobacco products in our parking areas, sidewalks and buildings. Thank you.*

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is submitted for fact-finding purposes and in support of a request for reasonable accommodation regarding the presence of limited animals on a residential property located in **Rural Rainbow Acres, Marion County, Florida**. This request is submitted **by the property owner/landlord on behalf of the tenant household** residing at the property.

### **Tenant Household Information**

The tenant household consists of two adults and two children:

- **Ryan Jones**
- **Jennifer Jones**
- **Ryleigh Jones (age 12)**
- **Selina Jones (age 10)**

The family resides on an approximate **one-acre residential lot** with a **fully fenced backyard**. The animals are kept in a **separate, enclosed pen located toward the rear of the fenced yard**, distinct from the primary lawn and residential living areas.

### **Animals on the Property**

The animals that are kept on the property include:

- **Three (3) goats**
- **Four (4) geese**
- **Two (2) ducks**

These animals are kept **solely for personal, non-commercial purposes** and are not used for breeding, sale, or agricultural business activity.

### **Purpose and Mental Health Support Role**

The animals serve an important **therapeutic and emotional support function** for members of the tenant household, including both adults and minor children, who experience symptoms associated with **trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and depression**.

Animal-assisted support is widely recognized for its benefits to individuals with mental health challenges. Regular interaction with animals has been shown to:

- Reduce stress and anxiety symptoms
- Support emotional regulation and grounding
- Improve mood stability and coping capacity
- Provide routine, predictability, and emotional connection
- Assist individuals with trauma histories in managing daily functioning

For this household, the animals provide consistent emotional support that contributes meaningfully to mental wellness and stability.

### **Benefits for Minor Children**

The minor children in the household, **Ryleigh (12)** and **Selina (10)**, derive substantial emotional, developmental, and mental health benefits from daily interaction with and care of the animals. These benefits include:

- Reduced anxiety and emotional distress
- Improved emotional regulation and sense of security
- Development of empathy, responsibility, and confidence
- Healthy coping mechanisms during periods of stress or trauma-related symptoms

The presence of the animals contributes to a stable and supportive home environment that is beneficial to the children's emotional health and development.

**Property Management and Compatibility with Residential Use**

The animals are responsibly maintained and managed in a manner intended to remain compatible with residential use of the property:

- Animals are confined to a **designated fenced pen** separate from recreational areas
- The pen is located toward the **rear of the fenced backyard**
- Appropriate shelter, food, water, and veterinary care are provided
- The area is maintained in a clean and orderly condition
- The number of animals is intentionally limited to avoid noise, odor, or nuisance impacts

This arrangement is designed to minimize any effect on neighboring properties while supporting the health-related needs of the tenant household.

**Reasonable Accommodation Consideration**

This request is made as a **reasonable accommodation** to allow the tenant household equal use and enjoyment of their residence due to documented mental and emotional health needs. The accommodation requested is:

- Limited in scope
- Non-commercial in nature
- Compatible with residential property use
- Managed in a controlled and responsible manner

Granting this accommodation allows the tenants to maintain necessary mental health supports while preserving public health, safety, and neighborhood standards.

**Summary**

The animals present on this property serve a clear therapeutic and emotional support purpose for the Jones family. Their presence is carefully managed, limited, and essential to the mental health and well-being of both adults and children in the household.

This letter is submitted to assist **zoning officials, code enforcement personnel, and any hearing officer** in understanding the purpose, necessity, and residential compatibility of the animals as part of a reasonable accommodation request submitted by the property owner on behalf of the tenants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Anne Loges  
6500 SW 202<sup>nd</sup> Ct Dunnellon, FL 34431  
Marion County, Florida  
February 11, 2026  
(813)392-8487

**Special Use (Written Findings & Facts)**

1. Access to the property is from the existing driveway at **6500 SW 202nd Ct**, which leads directly into the residential lot. The animals are located in the fenced backyard and are not visible from the front of the property.
2. The property is a **1-acre rural residential lot**, consistent with surrounding parcels in the area. The animals are kept in the rear portion of the property within a designated, enclosed area separate from the grassy yard.
3. The goats are housed in a **covered pen** with additional space to roam. The ducks and geese also remain within this enclosed area. All animals are secured inside a **4-foot fence** and contained at all times for safety.
4. Bedding material in the animal area is **cleaned and replaced weekly**. Manure and used bedding are collected and disposed of through standard household trash service, ensuring sanitary conditions and compliance with waste-handling expectations.
5. A **dedicated water source** is available within the fenced animal area. Water is supplied via hose and clean containers, which are **refilled and refreshed daily** to maintain animal health and sanitation.
6. The animals are located in sanded portions of the property, which improves drainage and reduces odor. They do not produce noise during nighttime hours, remaining quiet **after sundown and before sunrise**, minimizing disturbance to neighboring properties.
7. The property uses **Duke Energy** for electric service and has a **well** that is maintained regularly. No signage is present on the property, and no commercial use is associated with the animals.
8. The surrounding area is a **rural community** where other neighbors also keep livestock. One adjoining property has a privacy fence, and another has an open boundary. The presence of livestock is consistent with the character and use of the neighborhood.
9. These animals are kept as **emotional support livestock** for the renter's mental wellness. The renter is willing to comply with all applicable local rules, ordinances, and any special conditions required for approval of the special use request.