

Community Development Department

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Planning and Zoning Public Hearing Notice

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Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you that an application has been filed in the Monroe County Community Development Department. Property owners within 200' of the subject property shall be notified per our Monroe County Unified Development Ordinance. You are receiving this letter because you are within 200' of the subject property with the zoning request. You are welcome to attend both public hearings. You can also email or write our office with your support or opposition.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the application or the process, please contact us at (478) 994-7040. The public is welcome to all public hearings and our meeting room is handicap accessible. However, please give our office 24-hour notice should you need additional accommodations.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Fortner
Community Development Director

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**Special Use in A-R
Monroe County Planning and Zoning**

Application: 2026-19

Property Owners: Heather Leigh

Applicant: Heather Leigh

Location: 3901 High Falls, Jackson, GA 30233

Map/parcels: 024 005B **Acres:** .45

Request: Property owner is requesting a special use in Agriculture. This building being utilized was previously a Monroe County Fire Station. Property owner purchased it at auction. Property owner is requesting to operate her small business that provides working canines and professional training services to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Arete Canine is a Georgia based service-disabled veteran-owned small business. The canines will not stay overnight; will not be a kennel; will not hold public nor private kennels. This will be a training facility with classroom operations.

Planning and Zoning Public Hearing:

Monday, August 24, 2026

5:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Public Hearing:

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

6:00 pm

Public Hearings Location:

38 West Main Street

Forsyth, Ga 31029
