

The reopening will:

- **Preserve a piece of Valdosta's industrial heritage**
- **Provide valuable services to local agricultural and commercial sectors**
- **Create skilled labor opportunities for the community**
- **Reinforce a family tradition of hard, honest work**

The shop will remain consistent in purpose and scale with the historical operations and will conform to modern safety and environmental standards.

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## **Community Impact**

The re-establishment of Fletcher Machine and Welding is not only a continuation of a family tradition—it is also a response to community needs. Machine and welding shops have become increasingly scarce in our region, despite continued demand. This shop will provide:

- On-demand custom metalwork and repairs for farms and small businesses
  - Apprenticeship opportunities for young tradespeople
  - A small, locally-owned operation aligned with Valdosta's values
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## **Conclusion**

Granting this Conditional Use Permit would allow for the revival of a time-honored local business and restore an important trade to the community. With deep respect for our city's past and a strong vision for its future, I am committed to operating Fletcher Machine and Welding with professionalism, respect for zoning requirements, and dedication to community service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

**Walter Fletcher**

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