

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: REZONING

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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File Number: 12-A-16-RZ **Related File Number:**
Application Filed: 10/13/2016 **Date of Revision:**
Applicant: RUFUS H. SMITH & COMPANY

PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location: North side Strawberry Plains Pike, west of S. Molly Bright Rd.
Other Parcel Info.:
Tax ID Number: 73 172 **Jurisdiction:** County
Size of Tract: 10.93 acres
Accessibility: Access is via Strawberry Plains Pike, a minor arterial street with 27' of pavement width within 50' of right-of-way.

GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

Existing Land Use: Vacant land
Surrounding Land Use:
Proposed Use: Residential development **Density:** 5 du/ac
Sector Plan: East County **Sector Plan Designation:** LDR
Growth Policy Plan: Planned Growth Area
Neighborhood Context: The properties fronting along this section of Strawberry Plains Pike are developed with agricultural and rural to low density residential uses under A and RA zoning.

ADDRESS/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)

Street:
Location:
Proposed Street Name:
Department-Utility Report:
Reason:

ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Zoning: RA (Low Density Residential)
Former Zoning:
Requested Zoning: PR (Planned Residential)
Previous Requests: 6-G-07-RZ and 9-B-07-RZ
Extension of Zone: Not an extension of PR, but RA zoning abuts the site to the west
History of Zoning: The subject property was rezoned from A to RA in 2007 (6-G-07-RZ).

PLAN INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Plan Category:
Requested Plan Category:

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)

Subdivision Name:

No. of Lots Proposed: No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.:

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Michael Brusseau

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): RECOMMEND that County Commission APPROVE PR (Planned Residential) zoning at a density of up to 5 du/ac, as requested.

Staff Recomm. (Full): PR zoning at the requested density is consistent with the sector plan designation and will allow uses compatible with the surrounding land uses and zoning pattern. The site is relatively flat with few environmental constraints, so is appropriate for development at the maximum density allowed under the LDR sector plan designation. A large portion of the site is already zoned RA, which allows a density of 3 to 4 du/ac.

Comments: REZONING REQUIREMENTS FROM ZONING ORDINANCES (must meet all of these):

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED OR CHANGING CONDITIONS IN THE AREA AND DISTRICTS AFFECTED, OR IN THE CITY/COUNTY GENERALLY:

1. This site is accessed from Strawberry Plains Pike., a minor arterial street, and is in the vicinity of other residential developments that are zoned PR and RA. The new Carter Elementary School was recently built less than a mile east of this site.
2. The property is located in the Planned Growth Area on the Growth Policy Plan and is proposed for low density residential uses on the sector plan, consistent with the proposal.
3. The proposed low density residential zoning and development is compatible with the surrounding zoning pattern. Creek Stone subdivision is to the west is zoned RA and is developed at about 2 du/ac and there is a large area of PR zoning to the east around Carter Elementary that could be developed at up to 5 du/ac.
4. The site is appropriate to be developed under PR zoning at the maximum permissible density in the LDR category. The site does not have significant slope or other environmental constraints, and has access to a minor arterial street.
5. The PR zone requires use on review approval of a development plan by MPC prior to construction. This will provide the opportunity for staff to review the plan and address issues such as traffic circulation, lot layout, recreational amenities, drainage, types of units and other potential development concerns. It will also give the opportunity for public comment at the MPC meeting.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCE:

1. PR zoning is intended to provide optional methods of land development which encourage more imaginative solutions to environmental design problems. Residential areas thus established would be characterized by a unified building and site development program, open space for recreation and provision for commercial, religious, educational and cultural facilities which are integrated with the total project by unified architectural and open space treatment.
2. Additionally, the zoning states that each development shall be compatible with the surrounding or adjacent zones. Such compatibility shall be determined by the Planning Commission by review of development plans. Staff maintains that PR is the most appropriate zone for this development.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY, NOR SHALL ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT ADVERSE EFFECTS RESULT FROM SUCH AMENDMENT:

1. At the requested density of up to 5 du/ac on the 10.93 acres reported, up to 54 dwelling units could be proposed for the site. If developed with detached residential units, this would add approximately 588 trips to the street system and about 21 children to the school system.
2. PR zoning at the recommended density is compatible with surrounding development and should have a minimal impact on adjacent properties.
3. The approval of this request will allow the applicant to submit a development plan with up to 54 dwelling units for MPC's consideration.

4. Public water and sanitary sewer utilities are available in the area, but may have to be extended to serve the site.
5. Since vacant land is available on both sides of the subject property, staff may recommend that stub streets be provided on both the east and west sides of the proposed subdivision for access to future development.
6. The property is located within the Parental Responsibility Zone (PRZ) for Carter Elementary School. Sidewalks will be required within the development and possibly along Strawberry Plains Pike.
7. The PR zoning district has provisions for preservation of open space and providing recreational amenities as part of the development plan. The applicant will be expected to demonstrate how these provisions are met as part of the required development plan review.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH AND NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN OF KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY OF ITS ELEMENTS, MAJOR ROAD PLAN, LAND USE PLAN, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLAN, AND OTHERS:

1. The East County Sector Plan proposes low density residential uses for this property, consistent with the requested PR zoning at up to 5 du/ac.
2. The site is located within the Planned Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan map.
3. Approval of this request could lead to future requests for PR zoning, consistent with the sector plan's low density residential proposal for the area.

Upon final approval of the rezoning, the developer will be required to submit a development plan for MPC consideration of use on review approval prior to the property's development. The plan will show the property's proposed development, landscaping and street network and will also identify the types of residential units that may be constructed. Grading and drainage plans may also be required at this stage, if deemed necessary by Knox County Engineering and MPC staff.

Action: Approved **Meeting Date:** 12/8/2016

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: Recommend the Knox County Commission approve PR (Planned Residential) zoning at a density up to 5 dwelling units per acre as requested.

Date of Approval: 12/8/2016 **Date of Denial:** **Postponements:**

Date of Withdrawal: **Withdrawn prior to publication?:** **Action Appealed?:**

LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Legislative Body: Knox County Commission

Date of Legislative Action: 1/23/2017 **Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:** 2/27/2017

Ordinance Number: **Other Ordinance Number References:**

Disposition of Case: Postponed **Disposition of Case, Second Reading:** Approved

If "Other": **If "Other":**

Amendments: **Amendments:**

Date of Legislative Appeal: **Effective Date of Ordinance:**