

# CASE SUMMARY

## APPLICATION TYPE: REZONING

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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**File Number:** 2-G-14-RZ                      **Related File Number:**  
**Application Filed:** 1/6/2014              **Date of Revision:**  
**Applicant:** GORDON TREECE

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

**General Location:** North and west sides Griffith Rd., west of Hill Rd.  
**Other Parcel Info.:**  
**Tax ID Number:** 28 157                      **Jurisdiction:** County  
**Size of Tract:** 3.37 acres  
**Accessibility:** Access is via Griffith Rd., a local street with 14' of pavement width within 40' of right-of-way.

### GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

**Existing Land Use:** Vacant land  
**Surrounding Land Use:**  
**Proposed Use:** Residential development                      **Density:**  
**Sector Plan:** North County                      **Sector Plan Designation:** LDR with HP  
**Growth Policy Plan:** Planned Growth Area  
**Neighborhood Context:** This area is developed with agricultural and low to rural density residential uses under A, RA and PR zoning.

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

**Street:** 7905 Griffith Rd  
**Location:**  
**Proposed Street Name:**  
**Department-Utility Report:**  
**Reason:**

### ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

**Current Zoning:** A (Agricultural)  
**Former Zoning:**  
**Requested Zoning:** RA (Low Density Residential)  
**Previous Requests:** None noted  
**Extension of Zone:** Yes, extension of RA from the east  
**History of Zoning:** None noted

### 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 RA (Low Density Residential) zoning.

**Staff Recomm. (Full):** RA zoning is consistent with the sector plan and growth plan designations for the area. The site is adjacent to a large RA zoned tract to the east.

**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. The proposed RA zoning is consistent with the North County Sector Plan proposal for the site.
2. The site is located within the Planned Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan.
3. RA zoning is compatible with the scale and intensity of the surrounding development and zoning pattern.
4. The site is adjacent to a large RA zoned tract to the east.

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

1. RA zoning provides for residential areas with low population densities. These areas are intended to be defined and protected from encroachment of uses not performing a function necessary to the residential environment.
2. Based on the above description, this site is appropriate for RA zoning.
3. If connected to sewer, the RA zone allows detached residential development with a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq. ft. Without sewer, the minimum lot size is 20,000 sq. ft., subject to approval by Knox County Health Department.

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. The applicant intends to establish additional residential lots on the subject property. The site is not large enough to be subdivided into any more than three lots under the current A zoning, which requires a minimum lot size of one acre. RA zoning will allow this 3.37 acre site to be resubdivided into more than three lots for detached residential uses.
2. The impact to the street system will be minimal. If a plat is submitted to subdivide the property, a right-of-way dedication may be required. Along this section of Griffith Rd., this dedication will be 25 feet from the right-of-way centerline.
3. The proposed zoning is consistent with adopted plan designations and is compatible with surrounding development and zoning. There should be minimal impact to the surrounding area and no adverse effect to any other part of the County.
4. Public water and sewer utilities are available in the area, but may need to be extended to serve the site.
5. No other area of the County will be impacted by this rezoning request.

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 North County Sector Plan proposes low density residential use for the site, consistent with the requested RA zoning.
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 may lead to future requests for RA zoning on surrounding properties zoned

Agricultural, which is consistent with the sector plan proposal for low density residential uses in the area.  
4. The proposal does not present any apparent conflicts with any other adopted plans.

**Action:** Approved **Meeting Date:** 2/13/2014

**Details of Action:**

**Summary of Action:** RECOMMEND the Knox County Commission APPROVE RA (Low Density Residential)

**Date of Approval:** 2/13/2014 **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:** 3/24/2014

**Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:**

**Ordinance Number:**

**Other Ordinance Number References:**

**Disposition of Case:** Approved

**Disposition of Case, Second Reading:**

**If "Other":**

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**Amendments:**

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**Date of Legislative Appeal:**

**Effective Date of Ordinance:**