



STAFF REPORT
The City of Oklahoma City
Planning Commission
June 12, 2025

Item No. IV. 15.

(PC-10971) Application by Copper Prairie Holding, LLC to rezone 1238 NW 2nd Street from R-3 Medium Density Residential and I-1 Light Industrial Districts to R-3 Medium Density Residential District. Ward 6.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Contacts

Applicant's Representative

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B. Case History

This is a new application.

C. Reason for Request

The purpose of this request is to allow single-family through four-family residential development.

D. Existing Conditions

1. Size of Site: 0.642 Acres

2. Zoning and Land Use

	Subject Site	North	East	South	West
Zoning	R-3/I-1	R-3/I-1/I-2/SPUD-256	R-3	R-3/I-1/I-2	R-3
Land Use	Undeveloped	Warehouse/Residential	Residential	Warehouse/Residential	Undeveloped

3. Comprehensive Plan Land Use Typology Area: Urban – Medium (UM)

UM applies to fully urbanized areas of the city, most of which were built prior to the 1960s. Developments are expected to be larger in scale and have greater intensity and mixture of uses than developments found in UL. Development within UM areas should support efficient transit usage and provide pedestrian and bicycle access to retail, services, parks, and other destinations. Priorities for the UM areas include

“infill” developments on vacant lots, rehabilitation of underutilized property, and development that supports revitalization of distressed neighborhoods.

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

This application was submitted to the following agencies, departments, and/or divisions for review and comment. An asterisk * indicates that the agency, department, and/or division responded with no adverse comments.

A. Outside Agencies

- 1. Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD)**
- 2. Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority (OCURA)**
- 3. Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OGE)**
- 4. Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)**
- 5. School District (Oklahoma City)**
- 6. Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)**
- 7. Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG)**
- 8. Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC)**

B. City Departments

- 1. Airports**
- 2. Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA)**
- 3. Fire (OCFD) ***
- 4. Information Technology/Geographic Support (IT/GIS)**
- 5. Parks and Recreation**
- 6. Police (OCPD)**
- 7. Public Works**

a. Engineering

Storm Sewer Availability

- 1) The Public Works Engineering staff has reviewed the subject application. All development, new construction, and/or substantial improvements planned within the proposed area shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, as amended.
- 2) Storm sewers, in accordance with the City of Oklahoma City's Drainage Ordinance, will be required. For developments abutting section line roads where rainfall-runoff exceeds the capacity of the City of Oklahoma City's standard ditch detail, the installation of enclosed storm sewers and/or concrete channels will be necessary. These improvements must be positioned to provide a minimum clearance of 35 feet from the centerline of the section line road. Concrete channels must be located entirely outside the public right-of-way.
- 3) A flood/drainage study will be required to establish finished floor elevations, common lot areas, and private drainage easements. This study must be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department.
- 4) Plans for drainage improvements within private drainage easements and/or common areas must be submitted for review. Building permits will not be issued until construction is complete. For subdivisions abutting a stream, private drainage easements and/or common areas along the stream must, at a minimum, encompass the entire FEMA-mapped Zone AE and floodway within the limits of the development.
- 5) Place the following note on the plat and construction plans: Maintenance of the common areas, private drainage easements, and islands/medians shall be the responsibility of the Property Owners Association and/or the adjacent property owners. No structures, storage of material, grading, fill, or other obstructions, including fences, either temporary or permanent, that shall cause a blockage of flow or an adverse effect on the functioning of the storm water facility, shall be placed within the drainage related common areas and/or drainage easements shown. Certain amenities such as, but not limited to, walks, benches, piers, and docks, shall be permitted if installed in a manner that meets the requirements specified above.
- 6) Drainage easements shall be clearly designated as either public or private in the owner's dedication, on the plat, and/or in the plat notes.

- 7) Sediment and erosion control measures shall be provided for any construction in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes Title 27A, OAC 606 - OPDES Standards, and the City of Oklahoma City Municipal Code, as amended.

A City of Oklahoma City Land Disturbance Permit and an ODEQ Construction Permit are required for land disturbance activities exceeding one (1) acre, as specified by the above-referenced regulations. Additionally, a City of Oklahoma City Land Disturbance Permit is required for any construction activity, regardless of the amount of land disturbed, unless exempt under the ordinance.

- 8) Sidewalks shall be installed for all new construction in accordance with the Municipal Code. Any new sidewalks or repair/replacement of existing sidewalks shall be provided in accordance with the City of Oklahoma City Municipal Code and ADA requirements at the time of construction.
- 9) All private roads and streets shall have a private storm sewer system.

8. Stormwater Quality Management

9. Traffic Services *

10. Utilities

a. Wastewater Comments

1. An existing 12-inch wastewater main(s) is located adjacent to the subject site(s).
2. Line capacity is not guaranteed and must be checked by the Engineer of Record and reviewed by the City.
3. The developer will be required to extend the City wastewater collection system to and across each lot or site within the subdivision in accordance with the City Standard Specifications and Private Development Design Manual.
4. Minimum ten (10) feet horizontal separation is required from water mains and five (5) feet for other utilities. Minimum two (2) feet vertical separation required for all crossings. All wastewater mains must have a minimum cover of four (4) feet and depth no greater than eighteen (18) feet. Developer is responsible for remediating any failure to maintain the minimum four (4) feet of cover.

5. Wastewater main(s) must be centrally located in a twenty (20) feet wide easement or larger if necessary. No trees, signs, dumpster, fence, and/or structures shall be permitted over any proposed or existing utility main. An approved revocable permit must be obtained to have any private improvement located within any utility easement and/or right-of-way.
6. All existing unused private wastewater service connections must be abandoned and capped at the main in accordance with City Standard Specifications and Private Development Design Manual.
7. Plat may be revised after review and approval of utility plans.

b. Water Comments

1. An existing 24-inch water main(s) is located adjacent to the subject site(s).
2. Minimum ten (10) feet horizontal separation required from wastewater mains and five (5) feet for other utilities. Minimum two (2) foot vertical separation required for all utility crossings. All water mains must have a minimum cover of five (5) feet along section line roads and four (4) feet elsewhere.
3. Proposed and/or existing water mains must be located centrally within a twenty (20) feet wide or larger utility easement or right-of-way. No trees, signs, dumpster, fence, and/or structures shall be permitted over any proposed or existing utility main. An approved revocable permit must be obtained to have any private improvement located within any utility easement and/or right-of-way.
4. Dead-end water mains must be avoided when possible. All existing unused water services must be capped and abandoned at the water main in accordance with the City Standard Specifications.
5. In accordance with ODEQ regulations, the City provides water at a minimum pressure of 25 psi. The developer is responsible for designing and construction of all fixtures to provide adequate domestic and fire protection under minimum pressure conditions. The developer will be responsible for any failure of domestic or fire protection systems which require water pressure in excess of 25 psi. The developer is responsible for installing pressure reducers if necessary for protection of developer's service lines, plumbing, and fixtures.

6. All existing and/or proposed water meters must be located in the right-of-way and/or utility easement within grassy areas outside of sidewalks, driveways, streets, and paving.
7. All domestic and fire suppression services must have a separate water service connection. Fire hydrant spacing shall not exceed 500 feet and must be located within ten (10) of a hard surface (i.e. sidewalk, street, paving).
8. Supply capacity for development is not guaranteed and will be reviewed at time of review of construction documents.
9. Plat may be revised after review and approval of utility plans.

c. Solid Waste Management

No Solid Waste Management services requested.

11. Planning

a. Comprehensive Plan Considerations

1) LUTA Development Policies:

Site Design:

- Maintain historical lot and block sizes where possible and appropriate.
- Utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater.

Location:

- Mixture of density, lot size and building scale is appropriate as long as land use compatibility is achieved.

Density: The Urban Medium Intensity LUTA outlines a density range of 10 to 40 dwelling units per acre.

National, state, and local permitting require basic best management practices for stormwater management. The R-3 District allows residential products up to a 4-plex. The proposed R-3 District allows for density within the Urban Medium Intensity LUTA range.

Automobile Connectivity:

- Maintain and enhance the connectivity of the street network.
- Protect existing traditional street grid and reconnect it where possible.
- Keep alleys open and functional.

The sites do not currently have improved access from NW 2nd Street or North Douglas Avenue. The subject sites abut a platted alley that has paved curb cuts along North Douglas Avenue and North Klein Avenue but is unimproved. Plan conformance would be strengthened if driveways could be shared or

consolidated, but access cannot be specified in a base zoning request and is per Code and Subdivision Regulations.

Pedestrian Connectivity:

- Provide sidewalk connections to nearby uses.

Sidewalks are partially available on the subject site but are in need of repair. Sidewalk requirements would be per Code and cannot be stipulated in a base zoning request.

- 2) **Compatibility:** The comprehensive plan includes a land use compatibility matrix used to identify potential conflicts between major land use categories. When locating the proposed uses adjacent to existing residential or industrial uses or zoning, “Building Scale and Site Design” and “Operational Impact” are potential compatibility issues identified by the comprehensive plan. Projects in higher intensity LUTAs (UM) may be more appropriate for significant transitions of density, scale and mass.

Building Scale and Site Design: The comprehensive plan calls for mitigation measures for new projects if the setbacks are significantly deeper or more shallow than the predominant character of adjacent development; the building’s orientation to the street differs from the predominant character of adjacent development; building size or street frontage dramatically differs from that of adjacent uses, the lot coverage (including buildings and paved areas) dramatically exceeds that of adjacent uses, or if buildings within 40 ft. of a single-family residential structure exceed a 3:1 ratio in height. *The application proposes rezoning the subject site to the R-3 District. The site abuts R-3 zoned, single-family residences. No issues requiring mitigation measures related to building scale and site design were identified on the sites.*

Operational Impact: The comprehensive plan calls for mitigation measures if new projects propose uses that generate noise levels above those found in typical residential settings, have detectable odors, spill light above that found in typical residential settings, or operate after 10 p.m. within proximity to residential uses. When located near residential uses, the comprehensive plan calls for containing operating effects (including noise and odor) within building walls, using vertical screening to block any mechanical equipment and service areas, and directing light away from adjacent residential areas. *The R-3 District is proposed near I-1 and I-2 zoning along NW 2nd Street and to the south Avenue. The block currently contains a mixture of I-1, I-2, and R-3 zoning. The comprehensive plan states that in some cases, a proposed project may need to take measures to reduce the impact of an existing use and specifically identifies placing residential uses next to an industrial use as an example. Mitigation beyond Code requirements cannot be specified in a base zoning request.*

3) Service Efficiency:

- Water: *Served*
- Sewer: *Fully Served*
- Fire Service: *Urban Response*

4) Environmentally Sensitive Areas: The following apply to the proposed development site:

- Riparian Areas: N/A
- Upland Forests: N/A
- Vulnerable Aquifers: The aquifer in this area is considered highly vulnerable to depletion. The comprehensive plan recommends preserving natural open spaces and utilizing low impact development techniques whenever possible in new developments in order to maintain water quality and allow for the infiltration of stormwater onsite. Low impact development techniques include, but are not limited to, using pervious surface materials wherever possible for the construction of driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, patios, etc., to promote increased water percolation and infiltration.

5) Transportation System: The subject site is located along NW 2nd Street, a Neighborhood Streets in the Urban Low LUTA. The nearest transit (bus) service is located south of the site along West Main Street.

6) Other Development Related Policies

- Support diversity and integration of housing unit types and sizes in all land use typology areas in order to meet the diverse needs of households of different sizes, generational needs, incomes, and preferences. (SU-4)
- Encourage redevelopment and infill development on vacant, underutilized, and brownfield sites in urbanized areas. (SU-19)
- Require sidewalks on both sides of all streets in urban LUTAs. (C-7)
- Improve the functionality and efficiency of the street network by:
 - Providing direct connections from residential developments to nearby places and to each other.
 - Providing street and sidewalk stubs to adjacent vacant land in anticipation of future development.
 - Connecting new development to existing street and sidewalk stubs, and to existing trail, open space, and bicycle networks.
 - Reducing block sizes and use of dead-end streets.
 - Maintaining the existing street grid to preserve connectivity and mobility options. (C-11)
- Support and incentivize the adaptive use of existing buildings, infill development, and brownfield development. (G-10)
- Preserve mature, healthy trees and incorporate them into the design of new development or redevelopment projects to the greatest extent possible. (G-26)

- Incorporate natural features (such as ponds, lakes, streams, rock outcroppings, stands of mature trees, and/or sizeable individual trees) into the design of all residential, commercial, and industrial projects rather than eliminating, hiding, or limiting access to those features. (E-31)

b. Plan Conformance Considerations

The subject site is located on the south side of NW 2nd Street between North Douglas Avenue and North Klein Avenue. The site is currently undeveloped. A sliver of the western portion of the site is zoned R-3, and remainder is zoned I-1. The application site is located on a block that consists of I-1, I-2, and R-3 zoning and is a mixture of single-family residential, warehouse development, and undeveloped land. The general area is comprised of similar developments, with new construction primarily consisting of single-family residences.

The application seeks to rezone the subject site from I-1 and R-3 to the R-3 District. Approval of the application would consolidate property under common ownership into one zoning district and create a contiguous stretch of R-3 along the south side of NW 2nd Street. The proposal to increase density in the Urban Medium LUTA is in conformance with UM density ranges and comprehensive plan goals to provide a mixture of residential housing types and infill development on vacant lots.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommendations are advisory only and do not constitute Planning Commission decisions. Staff recommendations are based on a technical evaluation of information submitted at the time of review. Determination of conformance with policies contained in the comprehensive plan is the purview of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission decisions require a vote of five members to approve or deny an item. The Planning Commission may consider in its decision-making process any additional relevant information presented at the public hearing by the public, applicant, and/or City departments.

Approval of the application.

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