



STAFF REPORT
The City of Oklahoma City
Planning Commission
October 13, 2022

Item No. IV. 18.

(PC-10844) Application by Ricardo Sanchez, to rezone 4617 East Avenue from the R-1 Single-Family Residential District to the R-2 Medium-Low Density Residential District. Ward 4.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Contacts

Applicant

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B. Case History

This is a new application.

C. Reason for Request

The purpose of this request is to change the existing residential based zoning to permit two-family residential (duplex) use and development.

D. Existing Conditions

1. Size of Site (0.26 Acre)

2. Zoning and Land Use

	Subject Site	North	East	South	West
Zoning	R-1	R-1	R-1	R-1	R-2
Land Use	Undeveloped	Residential	Residential	Residential	Residential

3. Comprehensive Plan Land Use Typology Area: Urban – Low Intensity (UL)

UL applies to the least intensively developed areas of the city that still receive urban water, sewer, police, park and fire services. Development in this area should provide horizontal integration of land uses, connectivity within and between individual developments, and design that facilitates pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

4. Development Context: The subject site is a located along the west side of East Avenue, south of SE 44th Street, in an area generally located between S Eastern Avenue and S Bryant Avenue. The subject site is a vacant lot in the developed Lumberman's No. 3 subdivision. The site and all land north, south and east are zoned R-1. Adjacent on the west is a subdivision zoned R-2. The requested R-2 District would allow single- or two-family attached residential.

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 ***
- 4. Information Technology/Geographic Support**
- 5. Parks and Recreation**
- 6. Police**
- 7. Public Works**
 - a. Engineering**

Storm Sewer Availability

- 1) The Public Works Drainage Division staff has reviewed the subject application. All development, new construction, and/or substantial improvements planned within the proposed area shall be subject to chapter 16 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code.
- 2) Storm sewers in accordance with the City's Drainage Ordinance will be required. Development abutting section line roads with drainage flows that exceed the capacity of OKC standard ditch detail (D-100) will necessitate the installation of enclosed storm sewer and/or concrete channel. These improvements shall be placed to provide a minimum of 35' clearance distance from the centerline of the section. Concrete channels must be entirely outside public right-of-way.
- 3) A flood and/or drainage study will be required to establish finished floor elevations, common lot areas or private drainage easements. A final plat should not be submitted until the study has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department.
- 4) Plans for drainage improvements within the private drainage reserves and/or common areas must be submitted for review, and payment of inspection fees shall be made prior to construction. Building permits will not be issued until construction is complete. If a subdivision abuts a stream, the private drainage easements and/or common area along stream shall extend to flow line of stream at a minimum.
- 5) Place the following note on the plat and construction plans: Maintenance of the Common Areas and/or Private Drainage Easements shall be the responsibility of the property owner. No structures, storage of material, grading, fill or other obstructions, including fences, either temporary or permanent shall be placed within the common areas and/or drainage easements shown.
- 6) Drainage easements shall be clearly denoted as public or private in owner's dedication, on the plat, and/or in the plat notes.
- 7) Construction within the limits of this PC will require an erosion control plan in accordance with EPA Storm Water Discharge permitting: CFR Vol. 57, No. 175, September 9, 1992. A copy of the EPA Notice of Intent (NOI) will be required prior to the issuance of work orders or permits for construction activities disturbing an area of 1/2 acre or greater.

- 8) Sidewalks shall be installed for all new construction and/or at the time of a residential use to a more intense use on all lots having frontage on public streets classified as a major or minor arterial.
- 9) All private roads /streets will have private storm sewer systems.
- 10) Engineer/developers will be contacting PW for detention determination before they submit their final plat and plans.

8. Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance

9. Stormwater Quality Management

10. Traffic Management

11. Utilities

a. Wastewater Comments

- 1) An existing 8" wastewater main(s) is adjacent to the subject site(s) and a service connection will be permitted in accordance with City Standard Specifications. A separate service line connection is required for each building/structure.
- 2) All wastewater mains must flow within the existing drainage basin. Proposed wastewater mains that will flow to another drainage basin across a ridgeline will not be allowed.
- 3) Minimum ten (10) foot horizontal separation required for water mains and five (5) foot for other crossings. Minimum two (2) foot vertical separation required for all crossings. All wastewater mains must have a minimum cover of six (6) feet and a depth no greater than eighteen (18) feet.
- 4) The developer will be required to extend the wastewater collection system to each lot or site within the subdivision or land improvements in accordance with City Standard Specifications and the current Subdivision Regulations.
- 5) Proposed wastewater main(s) must be located in a twenty (20) foot wide easement. No trees, signs, dumpster, fences, and/or structures shall be permitted within any proposed or existing utility easement. All existing unused wastewater services must be abandoned at the wastewater main.

b. Water Comments

- 1) An existing 8” water main(s) is adjacent to the subject site(s) and a service connection will be permitted in accordance with City Standard Specifications. A separate service connection and meter is required for each building / structure.
- 2) Minimum ten (10) foot horizontal separation required for water mains and five (5) foot for other crossings. Minimum two (2) foot vertical separation required for all crossings. All water mains must have a minimum cover of five (5) feet along section line roads and four (4) feet elsewhere.
- 3) Dead-end water mains must be avoided where applicable. All existing unnecessary water services must be abandoned at the water main(s).
- 4) 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 and fire protection systems which require water pressure in excess of 25 psi.
- 5) Proposed water main(s) must be located within a utility easement and/or right-of-way. No trees, signs, dumpsters, fences, and/or structures shall be permitted within any proposed or existing utility easement.
- 6) All existing and proposed meters must meet current specifications and standard details and be located in the right of-way or utility easement within grassy areas outside of sidewalks, driveways, streets and/or paving.
- 7) All domestic and fire suppression services must have separate water service connections. Fire hydrants maximum spacing is 500 foot and must be located within 10 foot of a hard surface (i.e. sidewalk, street, and/or paving).

c. Solid Waste Management

No Solid Waste Management services needed.

12. Planning

a. Comprehensive Plan Considerations

1) LUTA Development Policies:

Site Design:

- Utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater whenever possible.
- Developments should be served by urban water and sewer utility systems.

The site is within an existing subdivision served by water and sewer. National, state, and local permitting require basic best management practices for stormwater management.

Density: The Urban Low Intensity LUTA outlines a density range of 4 to 8 dwelling units per acre for single family, and 15 to 30 dwelling units per acre for multifamily. *Two dwelling units on 0.2-acre would be 10 du/acre.*

Automobile Connectivity:

- Discourage widening of neighborhood streets and increasing curb radii.

The subject site has a driveway approach on East Avenue. Access would be per code and the subdivision regulations.

Pedestrian Connectivity:

- Provide sidewalk connections to adjacent development.

Sidewalks are not available in the neighborhood.

- #### 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 residential development adjacent to existing low intensity residential uses or zoning, “Building Scale and Site Design” is a potential compatibility issue identified by the comprehensive plan.

Building Scale and Site Design: The comprehensive plan calls for mitigation measures for new projects if residential lot sizes in UL are less than 60% of directly adjacent residential lots, 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. *No triggers requiring mitigation were identified.*

- 3) **Service Efficiency:**
 - Water: *Served*
 - Sewer: *Fully Served*
 - Fire Service: *Urban Service Level*
- 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 moderately 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.
- 5) **Transportation System:** This site is located off East Avenue, a Neighborhood Street in the Urban Low LUTA. The nearest transit (bus) service is located just north of the site, along SE 44th 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)

b. Plan Conformance Considerations

The requested R-2 District would allow a duplex to be built on a vacant lot in the developed Lumberman's No. 3 subdivision, which is generally located south of SE 44th Street and west of S Bryant Avenue. The site is adjacent to homes zoned R-1 on the north and south, and backs up to an R-2 zoned subdivision on the west. The site is within the Urban Low Intensity LUTA. No new compatibility issues were identified with the request.

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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