



**STAFF REPORT**  
**The City of Oklahoma City**  
**Planning Commission**  
**July 27, 2023**

**Item No. IV. 21.**

**(SPUD-1535) Application by David M. Box, Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard P.C., on behalf of Corsair Cattle Company, to rezone 415 NW 5th Street from DBD Downtown Business District to SPUD-1535 Simplified Planned Unit Development District. Ward 6.**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Contacts**

**1. Applicant/Developer Representative**

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**B. Case History**

This application was continued from the June 22, 2023 meeting.

**C. Reason for Request**

The purpose of this application is to allow an outdoor play area for a dog daycare facility.

**D. Existing Conditions**

**1. Comprehensive Plan Land Use Typology Area: Downtown (DT)**

DT applies to the city center, Oklahoma City's most intense development area, envisioned as a regional center for commerce and tourism. Urban experience, interaction, creativity and knowledge exchange, and economic dynamism are guiding objectives that necessitate high intensity and extremely close proximity among businesses, residents, destinations, and amenities.

**2. Size of Site: 0.1033 acres**

**3. Zoning and Land Use**

	Subject Site	North	East	South	West
<b>Zoning</b>	DBD	DBD	DBD	DBD	DBD
<b>Land Use</b>	Parking	Office	Dog Daycare	Office	Parking

## **II. SUMMARY OF SPUD APPLICATION**

1. This site will be developed in accordance with the regulation of the **Downtown Business District** (OKC Zoning Ordinance, 2020, as amended), except that the following restrictions will apply:

In addition to all uses permitted in the Downtown Business District, the following use shall be permitted.

8300.10 Animal Sales and Services: Kennel and Veterinary, General [dogs shall not be allowed outside between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.]

2. **Maximum Building Height:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

3. **Maximum Building Size:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

4. **Maximum Number of Buildings:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

5. **Building Setback Lines**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

6. **Sight-proof Screening:**

The existing screening shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

7. **Landscaping:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

**8. Signs:**

**8.1 Free Standing Accessory Signs**

Freestanding signs will be in accordance with the base zoning district regulations.

**8.2 Attached Signs**

Attached signs will be in accordance with the base zoning district regulations.

**8.3 Non-Accessory Signs**

Non-Accessory signs will be prohibited.

**8.4 Electronic Message Display Signs**

Electronic Message Display signs will be prohibited.

**9. Access:**

The existing access shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

**10. Sidewalks**

The existing sidewalks shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations.

**II. Other Development Regulations:**

**1. Architecture:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, exterior building wall finish on all main structures, exclusive of windows and doors, shall consist of a minimum 70% brick veneer, rock or stone masonry, stucco, and cementitious siding (including, but not limited to, the brand commonly known as James Hardie). No more than 30% EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finish System) shall be permitted. Exposed metal or exposed concrete block buildings shall not be permitted.

**2. Open Space:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the base zoning district regulations shall apply.

**3. Street Improvements:**

N/A.

**4. Site Lighting:**

The site lighting in this SPUD shall be in accordance with Chapter 59, Article XII, Section 59-12350 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as amended.

**5. Dumpsters:**

The existing yard shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, dumpsters shall be located within an area screened by a fence or masonry wall of sufficient height that screens the dumpster from public streets and residences and shall be placed no closer than 50 feet from all property lines adjacent to residential zoning district or use.

Trash collection facilities in this SPUD shall be in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as amended.

**6. Parking:**

The existing parking shall be permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. In the event of development, the design and number of all parking facilities in this SPUD shall be in accordance with Chapter 59, Article X of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as amended.

**7. Maintenance:**

Maintenance of the common areas in the development shall be the responsibility of the property owner or Property Owners Association. 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 common areas intended for the use of conveyance of storm water, 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 to meet the requirements specified above.

**8. Drainage:**

Development of this parcel will comply with Chapter 16 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as amended.

**9. Other:**

The existing Canin Turf, an artificial turf designed for dogs, shall be washed down with a disinfectant at least once per day.

Dogs will never be outside without at least one dog handler present. Said dog handler shall be trained in fundamental principles and techniques of managing dog behavior. The handler will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to positively interrupt undesirable behavior, such as barking. Should a dog continuously bark after four (4) positive behavior interruptions, the dog will be sent inside the building.

**III. Supporting Documents**

Exhibit A: Legal Description

Exhibit B: Conceptual Site Plan

**III. 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**

**2. Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority (OCURA)**

**3. Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OGE)**

**4. Oklahoma Natural Gas:** Please be advised ONG has an underground or aboveground facility in the area. If you need our facilities relocated to accommodate your excavation or construction, ONG will provide you a cost estimate. Prior to excavation, please contact OKIE-ONE 1-800-522-6543 a minimum of 48 hours prior for exact location of our facilities.

**5. Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)**

**6. School District(s) Oklahoma City**

**7. Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)**

**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**

**b. Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance**

**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 SPUD 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) Sidewalk 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.

**c. Stormwater Quality Management**

**d. Traffic Management\***

**8. Utilities**

**a. Engineering**

**Paving**

**Wastewater Availability**

- 1) No service required, No Objections.

**b. Solid Waste Management**

- 1) The City can provide solid waste collection services to commercial customers providing refuse is not excess of 270 gallons per customer per pick up § 49-30 (a). Otherwise the customer will have to utilize a private hauler for dumpster service.

**a. Water/Wastewater Quality**

### Water Availability

- 1) No service required, No Objections.

## 9. Planning

### a. Comprehensive Plan Considerations

#### 1) LUTA Development Policies:

##### Site Design, Building Form, and Location

- Utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater.
- Provide parking in structured garages or decks.
- Incorporate commercial uses at street level to maintain an active, pedestrian friendly streetscape.
- Align walls of new construction with prevailing facades of adjacent buildings, unless doing so results in substandard sidewalks.
- Design buildings to include facades, storefront windows, and attractive signage and lighting to create pedestrian-scale visual interest.
- Avoid unbroken stretches of blank walls.

*The SPUD would allow an existing outdoor dog play area to remain at a dog day care. The subject site is within the Downtown Design Review District. The SPUD maintains the DBD as the base zone of the SPUD, which has regulations, guidelines and a design process that address site design and building form.*

##### Automobile Connectivity

- Keep alleys open and functional.

*No changes to the alley are proposed.*

**Compatibility:** The comprehensive plan includes a land use compatibility matrix used to identify potential conflicts between major land use categories. Projects in higher intensity LUTAs (DT) may be more appropriate for significant transitions of density, scale and mass. *The existing DBD zoning allows a mix of uses and requires a design review process for renovation, demolition, and new construction. The Zoning Code specifies that a SPUD may be appropriate within a special design district in cases where a use or a mix of uses within the design district is prohibited but may be appropriate to a specific site. In this case, the SPUD is requested for an outdoor dog play area, a use not permitted within the DBD. The proposed outdoor use triggers potential operational impacts.*

**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 request to add the use 8300.10 Animal Sales and Services: Kennel and Veterinary General, would allow the existing exterior animal enclosures and dog runs. The use may generate noise levels or odor adjacent to surrounding uses. Mitigation offered in the SPUD includes: a requirement that dogs cannot be outside between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; a requirement that the proposed artificial turf be washed down with disinfectant at least once per day; and requirements for the dog handlers and when dogs must be taken inside for barking.*

**2) Service Efficiency:**

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

**3) 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.

**4) Transportation System:** This site is located along NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, a General Urban Street based on the Downtown Development Framework (DDF). Transit (bus and streetcar) service is available Downtown.

**5) Other Development Related Policies**

- Require sidewalks on both sides of all streets in urban LUTAs. (C-7)
- Share parking between contiguous developments. (C-31)
- Commercial buildings should be built at the street rather than behind a parking lot in order to promote pedestrian circulation, multipurpose shopping trips, and walkable and attractive streetscapes. (SU-28)

**b. Plan Conformance Considerations**

The subject site is located Downtown, north of NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Walker and Hudson Avenues. The site is currently developed with an outdoor play yard for a dog daycare and indoor grooming and boarding facility located to the east, facing NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A public alley runs along the north boundary of the site, and the

surrounding area is developed with office buildings, the EMBARK bus facility, restaurants, apartments, and parking.

The subject site is zoned Downtown Business District (DBD). The SPUD is requested to allow the use unit *Animal Sales and Services: Kennel and Veterinary General (8300.10)* for the continued operation of the outdoor play area. The use is not currently permitted in the DBD District. The *Animal Sales and Services: Kennel and Veterinary, Restricted* use (8300.11) is allowed, but requires all operations to be within an enclosed building.

The proposed outdoor use triggers potential operational impacts, specifically noise and odor. Mitigation offered in the SPUD includes: a requirement that dogs cannot be outside between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; a requirement that the proposed artificial turf be washed down with disinfectant at least once per day; and requirements for the dog handlers and when dogs must be taken inside for barking. Additional measures may be necessary to mitigate noise during daytime hours.

This application is subject to review by the Downtown Design Review Committee (DDRC). On July 20, 2023, the DDRC recommended denial of SPUD-1535 (5-0), with the comments that there are existing non-conforming features at the site, specifically the fence and artificial turf installation. The DDRC also recommended that the Planning Commission watch the DDRC meeting to hear the discussion that has taken place.

#### **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 subject to the following Technical Evaluation:**

1. A maximum of four dogs shall be outside at one time.
2. For all sections of the Master Design Statement, remove any language stating the current condition is permitted to remain and deemed to conform to applicable regulations. All sections shall be replaced with wording that says the development shall conform to the applicable regulations and guidelines of the Downtown Design District.

3. Specify in Section 1 of the Master Design Statement that the site will be developed in accordance with the regulations of the **Downtown Business District**, *including the design review process*.

All Engineering Division and Water/Wastewater Utilities Division requirements must be met. Additional changes to the SPUD may be required during either Divisions review of construction plans and prior to City Council approval.

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