



PLANNING

**Z-16-02-003**

**Zoning Staff Report and Plan Amendment Evaluation**  
**City Council Hearing Date: April 19, 2016**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	Keystone Group, LLC
<b>HEARING TYPE</b>	Original Zoning Request
<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>County-RS-40</b> (Residential Single-Family) to <b>City-CD-RM-12</b> (Conditional District-Residential Multifamily)
<b>CONDITIONS</b>	1. Uses limited to residential uses only.
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>5742 Ruffin Road</b>
<b>PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)</b>	<b>7823962740</b>
<b>PUBLIC NOTIFICATION</b>	The notification area for this public hearing was 600 feet (Chapter 30-4-1.4 of the Land Development Ordinance requires notification of the owner of that parcel of land and the owners of all parcels of land adjoining and contiguous to that parcel of land as shown on the County tax listing). <b>13</b> notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
<b>TRACT SIZE</b>	~2.00 Acres
<b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>	Primarily flat
<b>VEGETATION</b>	Residential

**SITE DATA**

<b>Existing Use</b>	Single family dwelling
<b>Adjacent Zoning</b>	<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>
N	City-CD-RM-12 (Residential Multifamily) Undeveloped
E	City-CD-RM-12 (Residential Multifamily) Single family dwellings and undeveloped property

W	City-CD-RM-12 (Residential Multifamily) County-RS-40 (Residential Single-Family)	Undeveloped property Single family dwelling
S	PUD (Planned Unit Development)	Single family dwellings

### Zoning History

Case #	Date	Request Summary
N/A	N/A	The subject property is not currently located in the City's planning jurisdiction.

### ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

Zoning District Designation:	Existing (County-RS-40)	Requested (CD-RM-12)
Max. Density:	1.0 unit per acre or less	12.0 units per acre or less
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate single-family detached dwellings on large lots in areas without access to public water and wastewater services.	Proposal is conditioned to residential uses only.

### District Summary \*

*\*These regulations may not reflect all requirements for all situations; see the City of Greensboro Development Ordinance for all applicable regulations for site requirements for this zoning district.*

### SPECIAL INFORMATION

#### Overlay District Ordinance/Historic Preservation

The subject site is partially located within the SCOD-2 (Scenic Corridor Overlay District 2) of the Greensboro Urban Loop. Consult the Scenic Corridor Overlay Districts Design Manual, for detailed applicable requirements and design guidelines.

#### Environmental/Soils

Water Supply Watershed	Site is located in the Randleman Watersupply Watershed, Lower Randleman Bull Run sub-basin
Floodplains	N/A
Streams	N/A
Other:	For High Density Development in Lower Randleman water-supply watershed, Maximum BUA is 50% with sewer. Site must meet current

water-supply watershed requirements. Site is also located within the 5 mile statue radius of the PTI Airport, no BMP's that hold a normal pool elevation are allowed.

**Utilities**

Potable Water      Water and sewer will need to be extended to serve the development, funded by the developer.

Waste Water

**Airport Noise Cone**

n/a

**Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements**

Street Yard: Street planting yards must be installed abutting public street rights-of-way. The required street planting yard must have a minimum width of 10 feet (as measured from the outside edge of the right-of-way or the back of the sidewalk, whichever is further from the street centerline) and include at least 2 canopy trees and 17 shrubs per 100 linear feet of required street planting yard, not including allowed driveways.

Buffer Yard: Adjacent to single-family residential lots: Type C buffer yard with an average width of 15' that includes 2 canopy trees, 3 understory trees, & 17 shrubs per 100 linear feet.

Adjacent to multi-family or vacant lots: 5' wide vehicular use buffer yard (see below)

Parking lot: Trees for required parking spaces: 1 canopy tree per 12 spaces, in islands or medians within the parking lot.

When a parking lot or other vehicular use area abuts a vacant site or a site with the same land use classification as the subject site, a planting yard with a minimum area of 5' must be provided between the parking lot/vehicular use area and the abutting (interior) property line. This required planting area must be landscaped with at least 2 understory trees and 18 evergreen shrubs per 100 l.f.

**Tree Conservation**

Acreage	Requirements
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2.0 ac.	5% of lot size for a new development; 5% of disturbed area for an expansion
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**Transportation**

Street Classification:      Ruffin Road – Collector Street.

Site Access:                  All access(s) must be designed and constructed to the City of

	Greensboro standards.
Traffic Counts:	None Available.
Trip Generation:	N/A
Sidewalks:	Sidewalks are a requirement of the Development Ordinance. 5' sidewalk with a 5' grass strip is required along both sides of thoroughfares. 5' sidewalk with a 3' grass strip is required along one side (at a minimum, collectors may require sidewalk on both sides) of all other street types. Sidewalk does not exist along the frontage of this property.
Transit in Vicinity:	No.
Traffic Impact Study: (TIS)	No TIS required per TIS Ordinance.
Street Connectivity:	N/A.
Other:	N/A.

### Land Use Compatibility

The proposed **CD-RM-12 (Conditional District – Residential Multi-Family – 12 du/ac)** zoning, as conditioned, would allow land uses that are compatible with the general character of the area.

### Connections 2025 Comprehensive Plan Policies

The Generalized Future Land Use Map designates this location as **Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre)**. The requested **CD-RM-12 (Conditional District – Residential Multi-Family – 12 du/ac)** zoning district, as conditioned, is generally consistent with the **Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre)** GFLUM designation. The Growth Strategy Map designates the subject site as being within **Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013 – 2019)**.

### Connections 2025 Written Policies

**Land Use Goal 4.1 – Growth Strategy:** Promote sound investment in Greensboro's urban areas, including Center City, commercial and industrial areas, and neighborhoods.

**Policy 4A:** Remove present impediments to infill and investment in urban areas.

**Policy 4B:** Target capital investments to leverage private investment in urban areas.

**Policy 4C:** Promote new patterns and intensities of use to increase economic competitiveness and enhance quality of life in urban areas.

**Policy 4D:** Identify potential opportunities and selectively target, plan and promote development/reuse initiatives.

**Community Character, Goal 5.2 – Man-Made Environment:** Preserve and enhance the character and visual quality of Greensboro's built environment, including historic resources, private developments, and public landscapes.

**Policy 5E:** Improve the aesthetic quality of publicly owned and maintained landscapes.

**Policy 5F:** Implement and improve design standards governing the appearance of development from public roadways.

**Housing and Neighborhoods, Goal 6:** Meet the needs of present and future Greensboro citizens for a choice of decent, affordable housing in stable, livable neighborhoods that offer security, quality of life, and the necessary array of services and facilities.

**Policy 6 C:** Promote the diversification of new housing stock to meet the needs of all citizens for suitable, affordable housing.

**Economic Development, Goal 7:** Promote a healthy, diversified economy with a strong tax base and opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship and for-profit and non-profit economic development for all segments of the community, including under-served areas such as East Greensboro.

**Policy 7A:** Target city investment and regulatory policies for economic development.

**Policy 7C:** Ensure that city land use policies and regulations allow for an adequate supply of land to accommodate economic development.

**Transportation, Goal 8:** Develop and maintain a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system that provides convenient choices for accessing destinations throughout Greensboro and the Triad, including a range of well-integrated transit, pedestrian, and bicycle linkages.

**Policy 8A:** Maintain a roadway network that safely and efficiently accommodates vehicular traffic while supporting other community objectives defined in the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Connections 2025 Map Policies**

**Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre):** This category accommodates housing types ranging from small-lot, single-family detached and attached single-family dwellings such as townhomes to moderate density, low-rise apartment dwellings.

**Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013 – 2019):** Where infrastructure systems are in place, can be economically provided and/or will be proactively extended and where continued annexation and consolidation of the City's development pattern shall be encouraged over the next six years.

## **CONFORMITY WITH OTHER PLANS**

### **City Plans**

#### ***Sustainability Action Plan***

#### **Element 1) Transportation and Land Use:**

**Policy 1)** Encourage increased density, a mix of land uses and more integrated links between transportation and land use through changes to Greensboro's Comprehensive Plan, Development Ordinance and other related plans.

#### **Element 2) Green Jobs and Buildings:**

**Policy 3)** Develop a coordinated City program to provide technical support, energy audits and education and outreach to increase energy efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential buildings.

**Policy 4)** Use a combination of code changes, incentives, partnerships and education to promote green building in Greensboro.

**Policy 6)** Promote more efficient use of water through education, partnerships and pilot projects.

#### **Element 3) Waste Reduction and Recycling:**

**Policy 7)** Employ a combination of expanded recycling infrastructure, regulations and

incentives to increase Greensboro's solid waste diversion and recycling rates.

**Element 6) Education and Outreach:**

**Policy 11)** Provide technical support, awards and recognition to individuals and organizations furthering Greensboro's energy and sustainability efforts.

**Other Plans**

n/a

**STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Community Outreach**

Applicant is strongly encouraged to discuss this proposed rezoning and development with owners of surrounding properties.

**Staff Analysis**

This 2.00-acre subject site is currently developed with a single family dwelling. North and east of the request is a combination of single family dwellings and undeveloped property (City CD-RM-12). South of the request, across Ruffin Rd, are single family dwellings (City-PUD). West of the request is a combination of a single family dwelling (County RS-40) and undeveloped property (City CD-RM-12).

The Generalized Future Land Use Map designates this site as Moderate Residential. The Moderate Residential designation accommodates housing types ranging from small-lot, single-family detached and attached single family dwellings such as townhomes to moderate density, low-rise apartment dwellings.

The CD-RM-12, Conditional District-Residential Multifamily request, as conditioned, will limit potential uses to residential uses only that are compatible with the trend of development in this area. Approving this request will help meet the needs of present and future Greensboro citizens for a choice of decent, affordable housing in stable, livable neighborhoods that offer security, quality of life and the necessary array of services and facilities. It also provides a development framework for the fringe to guide sound, sustainable patterns of land use, limit sprawl and provide for efficient provision of public services and facilities as the City expands.

This request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the zoning code, the Comprehensive Plan (Connections 2025) and is generally compatible with the existing development and trend in the surrounding area.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends **approval** of the requested **CD-RM-12** (Conditional District-Residential Multifamily) zoning district.