



**Z-16-09-002**

**City of Greensboro Planning Department  
Zoning Staff Report and Plan Amendment Evaluation**

**City Council Hearing Date: October 18, 2016**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	Amer Baker
<b>HEARING TYPE</b>	Rezoning Request
<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>R-3</b> (Residential Single-Family) to <b>CD-RM-12</b> (Conditional District-Residential Multifamily)
<b>CONDITIONS</b>	1. Use is limited to residential uses only.
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>5100 Hilltop Road</b>
<b>PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)</b>	<b>7833544263</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>34</b> notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
<b>TRACT SIZE</b>	~0.51 Acres
<b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>	Primarily flat
<b>VEGETATION</b>	Undeveloped with vegetation

**SITE DATA**

<b>Existing Use</b>	Undeveloped	
	<b>Adjacent Zoning</b>	<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>
N	R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single family dwellings
E	CD-RM-12 (Conditional District-Residential Multifamily)	Multifamily dwellings
W	R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single family dwellings
S	R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single family dwellings

**Zoning History**

Case #	Date	Request Summary
N/A	N/A	The subject property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential Single Family). Prior to the adoption of the Land Development Ordinance in July 2010, the property was zoned RS-40 (Residential Single-Family).

**ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS**

Zoning District Designation:	Existing <b>(R-3)</b>	Requested <b>(CD-RM-12)</b>
Max. Density:	3.0 units per gross acre	12.0 units per gross acre
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate low-density single-family detached residential development.	Condition limits use 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 (excluding the southwest corner) is 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 drains to Lower Randleman watersupply watershed, Bull Run Watershed

Floodplains N/A

Streams N/A

Other: Maximum High Density commercial development with sewer is 50% BUA. One dwelling unit per acre or area minus street r/w divided by number of house lots equals 40,000sf or more is considered Low Density. Water quality and water quantity must be addressed. BUA must be treated by a State approved water quality BMP. Site is also located within the 5 statute mile radius of the PTI Airport. A BMP that holds a normal pool elevation is deterred.

**Utilities**

Potable Water Available

Waste Water      Available

**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: Type C buffer yard, with an average width of 15', a minimum width of 10', and a planting rate of 2 canopy trees, 3 understory trees, & 17 shrubs per 100 linear feet.

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

Tree Conservation: 1% of lot size in critical root zone area preserved

**Transportation**

Street Classification:      Hilltop Road – Major Thoroughfare.  
Lakeshore Drive – Local Street.

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

Traffic Counts:      Hilltop Road ADT = 16,018 (GDOT, 2015)

Trip Generation:      No.

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 exist along the Hilltop Road frontage of this property.

Transit in Vicinity:      No.

Traffic Impact Study:      No TIS required per TIS Ordinance.  
(TIS)

Street Connectivity: N/A.

Other: N/A.

## **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

### **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, as conditioned, is generally consistent with the **Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre)** Future Land Use designation.

### **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 6C:** 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.

## **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, and with representatives of the adjacent Sedgefield Lakes neighborhood, located directly to the south of the subject site.

### **Staff Analysis**

The 0.51-acre subject site is currently undeveloped. North, west and south of the request are single family dwellings (zoned R-3). East of the request are multifamily dwellings (zoned CD-RM-12).

The Comprehensive Plan's future land use map designates this area as Moderate Residential. The Moderate Residential 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, generally at a density of 5-12 dwelling units per acre.

This request is compatible with adjacent multifamily residential development to the east. It can also fit with nearby single family residential uses based on the limited scale of potential development due to the limited size of the site and the condition limiting uses to residential uses only. The request also supports the Comprehensive Plan's Housing and Neighborhoods goal to 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.

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.