



PLZ-19-14

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

City Council Hearing Date: May 21, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Joe Gonzales, on behalf of Jose Carmen Arredondo
HEARING TYPE	Original Zoning Request
REQUEST	County RS-40 (Residential Single Family) to City R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3).
CONDITIONS	N/A
LOCATION	5705 Ruffin Road
PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)	7833163222
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION	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). 27 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
TRACT SIZE	1.00 Acres
TOPOGRAPHY	Flat
VEGETATION	Wooded

SITE DATA

Existing Use	Undeveloped
Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Uses
N	County RS-40 (Residential Single Family) Single family dwellings
E	City R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3) Single family dwelling
W	County RS-40 (Residential Single Family) Single family dwelling
S	County RS-40 (Residential Single Family) Single family dwelling

Zoning History

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

ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

District Summary *

Zoning District Designation:	Existing (County RS-40)	Requested (City R-3)
Max. Density:	1 unit per acre	3 units per acre
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate single family residential dwellings with a maximum density of 1 dwelling unit per acre	Primarily intended to accommodate single family residential dwellings with a maximum density of 3 dwelling unit per acres

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

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Overlay District Ordinance/Historic Preservation

Site is in the Scenic Corridor Overlay District 2. As the site is not adjacent to the highway right-of-way, landscaping requirements will not apply. Architectural requirements may apply if the property is redeveloped.

Environmental/Soils

Water Supply Watershed Site drains to Lower Randleman Lake, Bull Run sub-basin Watershed

Floodplains >2000LF

Streams N/A

Other: Max. BUA for High Density development is 50% with sewer. Site must meet current watershed requirements, water quality and water quantity control must be addressed.

Utilities (Availability)

Request a water/sewer feasibility from Kenny Treadway 336-373-2055

Airport Overlay District & Noise Cone

n/a

Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements

There are no landscaping or tree conservation requirements for single-family development.

Transportation

Street Classification:	Ruffin Road – Collector Street. Wedgewood Drive – Local Street.
Site Access:	All access(s) must be designed and constructed to the City of Greensboro standards.
Traffic Counts:	No.
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.

IMPACT/POLICY ANALYSIS

Land Use Compatibility

The proposed **City R-3 (Residential – Single Family – 3 du/ac)** zoning 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 **City R-3 (Residential – Single Family – 3 du/ac)** zoning district is generally inconsistent with the **Moderate Residential (5 – 12 d.u./acre)** GFLUM designation, however, per City Council adopted policy, a GFLUM amendment is not required for re-zoning requests that are less than one acre, or that do not involve a significant physical change resulting in new or expanded structures. 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 4.3 – Growth at the Fringe: Provide a development framework for the fringe that guides sound, sustainable patterns of land use, limits sprawl, protects rural character, evidences sound stewardship of the environment, and provides for efficient provision of public services and facilities as the City expands. Development will increase density and

mix land uses at a pedestrian scale with sidewalks, bikeways, and where possible, public transit.

Policy 4F: Initiate a fringe area growth management framework comprising the following elements:

- Create a Fringe Area Land Use Plan;
- Establish a “tiered” approach that designates growth areas for staged development, annexation, and extension of public facilities within the water and sewer service boundary;
- Define specific criteria for water and sewer extensions and annexations;
- Initiate designation of the fringe as Greensboro's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and
- Establish a proactive plan to provide infrastructure in advance of development, consistent with the growth “tiers” and Fringe Area Land Use Concept Plan.

Policy 4G: Improve the quality and patterns of development through incentives and regulatory guidelines.

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.

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

The 1 acre subject property is currently vacant. North, east, south and west of the request are single family dwellings zoned County RS-40 and City R-3.

The subject site is currently located in the County. The Growth Strategy Map designates the subject site as Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013 – 2019), where infrastructure systems are in place, can be economically provided and/or will be proactively extended. The Planning Board recommended approval of the associated annexation request for this property on March 20, 2019, after concluding this property can be served by required City services.

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map designates this area as Moderate Residential. 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, generally at a density range of 5-12 dwelling units per acre. Per City Council adopted policy, rezoning requests of 1 acre or less do not trigger the requirement to amend the Comprehensive Plan.

The request for original zoning of R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3) will allow for development of a similar size and scale to nearby development and is the closest equivalent to the subject site's current County RS-40 zoning. The request is consistent with the Growth at the Fringe

goal to promote sound and sustainable patterns of land use at the City's fringe and the 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 **City R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3)** zoning district.