

## May 4, 2021 Zoning and Platting Commission Q & A Report

### B-5 C14-2021-0038 - Pond Springs Rezone

Question Commissioner King:

Would it be possible to include the following prohibited uses in the conditional overlay for this case? Given that the applicant proposes a day care facility use on this site and the site is located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and within a floodplain, these additional prohibited uses would appear to be appropriate and reasonable.

- Drop off recycling collection facility
- Extermination services
- Funeral services
- Service station
- Bail Bond services

Staff Response:

Yes, the applicant agrees to the prohibited uses you listed below. These can be read into the record to be added to the staff's proposed conditional overlay for this case.

Question Vice-Chair Kiolbassa

1. An office building currently occupies the site. Was LO or GO ever considered? Why do they need GR zoning? A daycare can be under LO or GO.
2. The property is largely under a floodplain. How does this affect what could be built under GR?

Staff Response:

In this application, the property owner requested GR, Community Commercial district, zoning. There is currently a design company that is utilizing the office structure. The applicant is proposing to add a commercial day care use on this site. The staff reviewed the request for GR zoning and determined that this request was consistent with the zoning pattern (GR-CO) to the west and with the commercial land uses fronting along Pond Springs Road, an arterial roadway. The Watershed Department will look at the floodplain issues on this property during the site plan review process.

### B-6 C14-2021-0043 - Plains Trail Multifamily Rezone

Question Commissioner King :

Regarding this case, it appears that an occupied single family residence is located immediately adjacent to this lot. The backup indicates that this site "could" be subject to compatibility development regulations.

If the site is subject to compatibility development regulations, approximately how many residential units could be developed on this site under MF-2 compared to MF-3?

Staff Response:

The property to the south of this lot is a single family residence that appears to be used as an office based on a site check. However, if it is determined during site plan review that this property is still utilized/has a certificate of occupancy for a single family home then yes, compatibility standards would apply.

I cannot answer as to how many units the applicant would be able to achieve on this property because the staff does not have a site plan layout with information showing required parking, open space, detention, etc. during the rezoning application review process. The MF-2 zoning district would allow for a maximum of 23 units per acre and the MF-3 district would allow for up to 36 units per acre. If you want a guess as to the highest possible unit count possible for this site you would just take the acreage amount (0.24 acres) divided by the max number of units permitted under the specific zoning district.

Applicant Response:

With MF-3 rezoning, the site can achieve up to 5 2+BR units although this does not factor in the placement of parking and detention ponds, etc. There has not been a conceptual site plan drawn up for this property and therefore I cannot tell you how many units will be realistically possible, but know that it will be no more than 5, 2+ bedroom units and as Ron stated, the development will have to abide by compatibility due to the SF-3 zoned parcels.

Question Vice-Chair Kiolbassa

B-7 C14-2021-0031 - Johnny Morris Road Rezone 2

1. Watershed Department reports localized flooding adjacent to this site. How will this flooding be taken into account?

2. It doesn't appear that this parcel was modelled for flooding. Is there a timeline for doing so?
3. This property is sandwiched between MF-3 and SF-4A, and adjacent to a creek and floodplain, with a small strip of land providing access to Johnny Morris Rd. Why is SF-6 not a more appropriate zoning category?

Staff Response:

There is no floodplain on the property in question. The Watershed Department will look into the floodplain issues in this area during the site plan review process when there is a proposed layout for the site, including required detention for this property.

The site under consideration is owned by the same property owner that owns the tract adjacent to the east fronting Johnny Morris Road. The property at 7008 Johnny Morris Road was recommended for GR-MU-CO zoning by the Zoning and Platting Commission on November 17, 2021 (please see attached). This recommendation is consistent with the staff's recommendation in zoning case C14-2021-00090. The rezoning of the property in this case will permit the applicant to redevelop these tracts with a mixed use project fronting on Johnny Morris Road, an arterial roadway.

The neighborhood has submitted a letter supporting the applicant's request for GR-MU-CO zoning at this location (please see attached).

B-12 C8-2018-0043.2A - Parkside Section 1 at Wildhorse Ranch

Question Commissioner King :

The backup for this case indicates that "Staff recommends approval of the plat, subject to the conditions listed in the comment report dated April 29, 2021, and attached as Exhibit C."

What are the conditions upon which staff recommends approval of this plat? I read the backup including Exhibit C (Master Comment Report) and didn't see a specific list of conditions. Are "uncleared" staff comments considered conditions?

Staff Response:

Yes, unclear staff comments are considered conditions. They are of an administrative nature and do not require discretionary review. They include: adding a plat note and all

appropriate signatures; finalizing a sidewalk and trail easement, which will be recorded with the plat; and, posting fiscal for subdivision construction improvements.

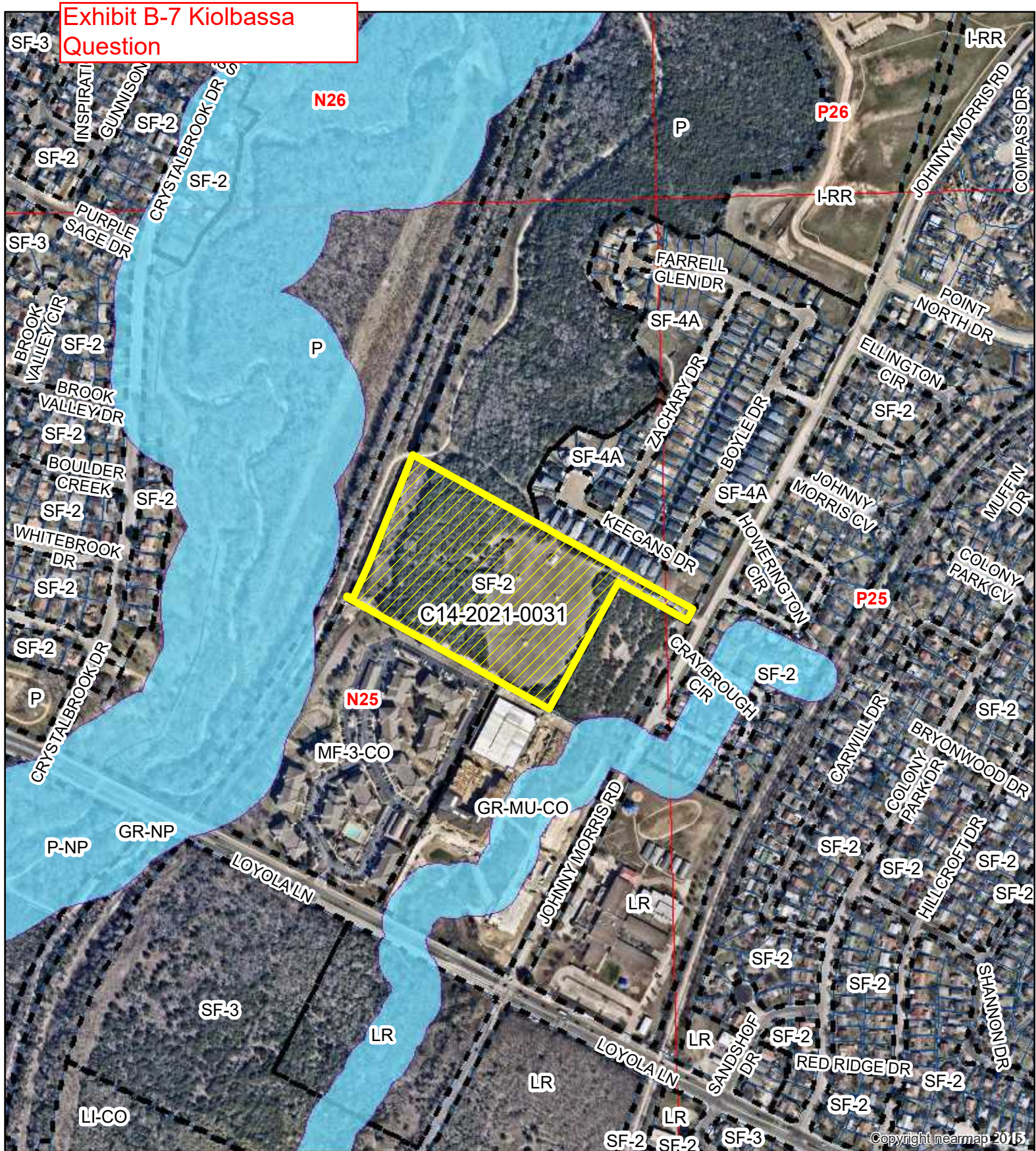
As a reminder, per State HB 3167 that was passed in 2019, Cities are compelled to take action on a plat within 30 days during initial review or 15 days after each update by either:

- 1) Approval
- 2) Approval with conditions, or
- 3) Disapproval for reasons

This case came before ZAP on April 6 and was disapproved for reasons due to substantial comments that still needed to be addressed. The update that is on the agenda for tomorrow, May 4<sup>th</sup>, is recommended for approval with conditions.



**Exhibit B-7 Kiolbassa  
Question**



**Johnny Morris Rezone**

ZONING CASE#: C14-2021-0031  
LOCATION: 7010 Johnny Morris Rd.  
SUBJECT AREA: 13.45 Acres  
GRID: N25  
MANAGER: Sherri Sirwaitis



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P.O. Box 12891 Austin, Texas 78711-2891 USA

April 30, 2021

Sherri Sirwaitis  
Senior Planner  
One Texas Center  
505 Barton Springs Rd.  
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Ms Sirwaitis

I am contacting you on behalf of the Colony Park/Lakeside Neighborhood Association concerning the re-zoning of 7010 Johnny Morris Rd. The Colony Park Neighborhood/Lakeside Neighborhood Association is the recognized representative of the Colony Park, and Lakeside communities.

We have been in contact with Victoria Hasse with Thrower Design, as well as the Scenic Point HOA the representative of the homeowners located near this property. The community has been working with the design team re-zone the property so it can bring value and be of benefit to the community.

The designer is asking for the property to be re-zoned GR which can be supported by the community. We have worked with the designer to add a conditional overlay to prohibit the following uses.

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- Automotive Repair Services
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- Automotive Washing (of any type)
- Exterminating Services
- Pawn Shop Services
- Drive-thru fast-food

We are also referring this re-zoning case to Council Member Harper-Madison' office to express the community's support for a re-zoning of GR for this property.

If you require additional information, you may contact me by email at [barbara\\_scott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbara_scott@sbcglobal.net) or by Phone at 512 922-1202.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Scott, President – Colony Park Neighborhood Association Inc.



## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

CASE: C14-2020-0090 (Johnny Morris Road Rezoning)    DISTRICT: 1

ZONING FROM: SF-2

TO: GR-MU\*

\*Please see applicant's request to amend the rezoning application to GR-MU-CO in the *Issues section below* and in Exhibit C.

ADDRESS: 7008 Johnny Morris Road

SITE AREA: 4.059 acres

PROPERTY OWNER: Arabon Real Estate, LLC

AGENT: Thrower Design LLC (A. Ron Thrower)

CASE MANAGER: Sherri Sirwaitis (512-974-3057, [sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov](mailto:sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov))

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

**Staff recommends LO-MU, Limited Office-Mixed Use Combining District, zoning.**

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

**November 17, 2020: Approved GR-MU-CO zoning as requested by the applicant, adding Funeral Services as a prohibited use (6-5, A. Aguirre, A. Denkler, J. Duncan, D. King and J. Kiolbassa-No); B. Evans-1st, H. Smith-2nd.**

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

**December 10, 2020: The public hearing was conducted and a motion to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 20201210-074 for community commercial-mixed use conditional overlay (GR-MU-CO) combining district zoning was approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on an 11-0 vote.**

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 20201210-074



ISSUES:

On November 11, 2020, the applicant sent an e-mail to the staff stating that they wanted to amend their rezoning request to GR-MU-CO (see Exhibit C). The applicant is proposing a conditional overlay to prohibit the following uses:

- Automotive Rentals
- Automotive Repair Services
- Automotive Sales
- Automotive Washing (of any type)
- Exterminating Services
- Pawn Shop Services
- Drive-thru fast-food

CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

The property in question is 4+ acre tract of land that is currently zoned SF-2 and developed with a single family residence fronting onto Johnny Morris Road. To the north, there is the Walnut Creek Greenbelt that is zoned P and lots that are developed with single-family residences zoned SF-4A. The lots to the east, across Johnny Morris Road, are also developed with single-family residential uses zoned SF-2. To the south, there is a developing multifamily use with amenities that was recently zoned GR-MU-CO through case C14-2018-0117 – *please see Area Case Histories below* (Loyola Loft Apartments). The tract of land to the west contains a single-family home and undeveloped area. The applicant stated in their rezoning application that they are requesting GR-MU zoning to develop an office use at this location.

The staff recommends LO-MU zoning for the site under consideration. The property meets the intent of the purpose statement for the Limited Office-Mixed Use Combining District as the LO district is intended for office and civic uses that serve neighborhood or community needs. The proposed MU combining district will permit any combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

The proposed Limited Office-Mixed Use zoning will provide for a transition in the intensity of permitted uses/site development standards along Johnny Morris Road from the GR-MU-CO zoning at the arterial intersection of Loyola Lane and Johnny Morris Road to the SF-2 and SF-4A zoning/residential uses to the north. In addition, there is a significant amount of commercial zoning to the south of this tract at the major intersection of Johnny Morris Road and Loyola Lane (LR, GR-MU-CO zoning). The proposed LO-MU zoning will allow for the development of both residential, office and civic uses that are appropriate adjacent to the residential neighborhoods to the north and east and the nearby elementary school (Jordan Elementary) to the southeast.

The applicant does not agree with the staff's recommendation.

**BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

*1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

Limited Office district is intended for offices predominately serving neighborhood or community needs, which may be located within or adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

Mixed Use combining district is intended for combination with selected base districts, in order to permit any combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

LO-MU zoning will allow for a mix of residential and/or office uses, as proposed on the site.

*2. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.*

The recommended LO-MU zoning will provide a transition in the intensity of permitted uses/site development standards along Johnny Morris Road from the GR-MU-CO zoning at the arterial intersection of Loyola Lane and Johnny Morris Road to the SF-2 and SF-4A zoning/residential uses to the north.

*3. Zoning should promote the policy of locating retail and more intensive zoning near the intersections of arterial roadways or at the intersections of arterials and major collectors.*

The property is in question is surrounded by single family zoning/uses to the north, east and west and is not located at a major intersection. There is substantial commercial zoning (LR, GR-MU-CO) to the south of this tract at the arterial intersection of Johnny Morris Road and Loyola Lane.

*4. Zoning should allow for reasonable use of the property.*

In the rezoning request, the applicant states that they are proposing an office use at this location. The proposed LO-MU zoning will allow for the development of both residential, office and civic uses that are appropriate adjacent to residential neighborhoods and the nearby elementary school.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	SF-2	Single Family Residence, Detention Pond
<i>North</i>	SF-2, P, SF-4A	Open Space (Walnut Creek Greenbelt), Single-Family Residential Neighborhood
<i>East</i>	SF-2	Single-Family Residential Neighborhood
<i>South</i>	GR-MU-CO	Developing Multifamily Use
<i>West</i>	SF-2	Single Family Residence, Undeveloped

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA:TIA: Deferred to the time of Site PlanWATERSHED: Walnut CreekSCHOOLS: Austin I.S.D.

Jordan Elementary School  
 Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy  
 Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy  
 LBJ High School

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District  
 Austin Lost and Found Pets  
 Austin Neighborhoods Council  
 Bike Austin  
 Colony Park/Lakeside Community Development Corp.  
 Colony Park Neighborhood Association  
 Del Valle Community Coalition  
 Friends of Austin Neighborhoods  
 Homeless Neighborhood Association  
 L.B.J. Neighborhood Association  
 Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation  
 Neighbors United for Progress  
 SELTEXAS  
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

AREA CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-2018-0117 (Loyola Lofts: 6400 Loyola Lane)	LR, SF-3 to CS-MU* *Applicant amended to GR-MU-CO	12/18/18: To grant staff's rec. of GR-MU-CO on consent, with a CO to prohibit Alternative financial services, Automotive rentals, Automotive repair services, Automotive washing (of any type), Bail bond services, Drop-off recycling collection facility, Exterminating	1/31/18: Approved ZAP Commission rec. of GR-MU- CO zoning by consent on all 3 readings.

		services, Funeral services, Pawn shop services, Pedicab storage and dispatch, Service station, and Custom Manufacturing and limiting the site to 2,000 vehicle trips per day (6-0-1) [B. King- 1st, A. Aguirre- 2nd; Y. Flores-Abstain; B. Greenberg, S. Lavani, and D. Breithaupt-Absent]	
C14-2011-0107 (Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail: 7112 ½ Zachary Drive)	SF-4A to P	10/18/11: Approved staff rec. of P (9-0); S. Baldrige-1 <sup>st</sup> , G. Rojas-2 <sup>nd</sup> .	11/03/11: Approved P zoning on all 3 readings (7-0); Spellman-1 <sup>st</sup> , L. Morrison-2 <sup>nd</sup> .
C14-06-0156.SH (6200 Loyola Lane)	MF-3-CO, GR-MU-CO to MF-3-CO	09/19/2006: MF-3-CO w/ max 2,000 v.p.d., max 254 d.u.	10/19/2006: Approved MF-3-CO as rec by ZAP, Ord # 20061019-062

RELATED CASES: N/A

EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

Name	Existing ROW	ASMP Required ROW	Pavement	ASMP Classification	Existing Sidewalks	Bicycle Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Johnny Morris Road	~87'	120'	29'	Arterial	No	Yes	Yes

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS:

Comprehensive Planning

No comments received.

Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Walnut Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed

by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. The site is in the Desired Development Zone.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location. There is a Critical Water Quality Zone on the southeast corner.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment requires water quality control with increased capture volume and control of the 2 year storm on site.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any ls that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### Fire

No comment.

### Parks

Parkland dedication will be required for any new residential units proposed by this development, GR-MU zoning, at the time of subdivision or site plan, per City Code § 25-1-601. Whether the requirement shall be met with fees in-lieu or dedicated land will be determined using the criteria in City Code Title 25, Article 14, as amended. Should fees in-lieu be required, those fees shall be used toward park investments in the form of land acquisition and/or park amenities within the surrounding area, per the Parkland Dedication Operating Procedures § 14.3.11 and City Code § 25-1-607 (B)(1) & (2).

If the applicant wishes to discuss parkland dedication requirements in advance of site plan or subdivision applications, please contact this reviewer: [thomas.rowlinson@austintexas.gov](mailto:thomas.rowlinson@austintexas.gov).

At the applicant's request, PARD can provide an early determination of whether fees in-lieu of land will be allowed.



### Site Plan

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the east, west, and north property lines, the following standards apply:

- a. No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- b. No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- c. No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- d. No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- e. A landscape area at least 25 feet wide is required along the property line. In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

### Transportation

The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP), adopted 04/11/2019, identifies 120' of right-of-way needed for Johnny Morris Road. Right-of-way dedication should be deferred to the time of subdivision or site plan. The traffic impact analysis should also be deferred to the time of site plan application when land uses and intensities will be known.

Name	Existing ROW	ASMP Required ROW	Pavement	ASMP Classification	Existing Sidewalks	Bicycle Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Johnny Morris Road	~87'	120'	29'	3	No	Yes	Yes

### Water Utility

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by Austin Water for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance.

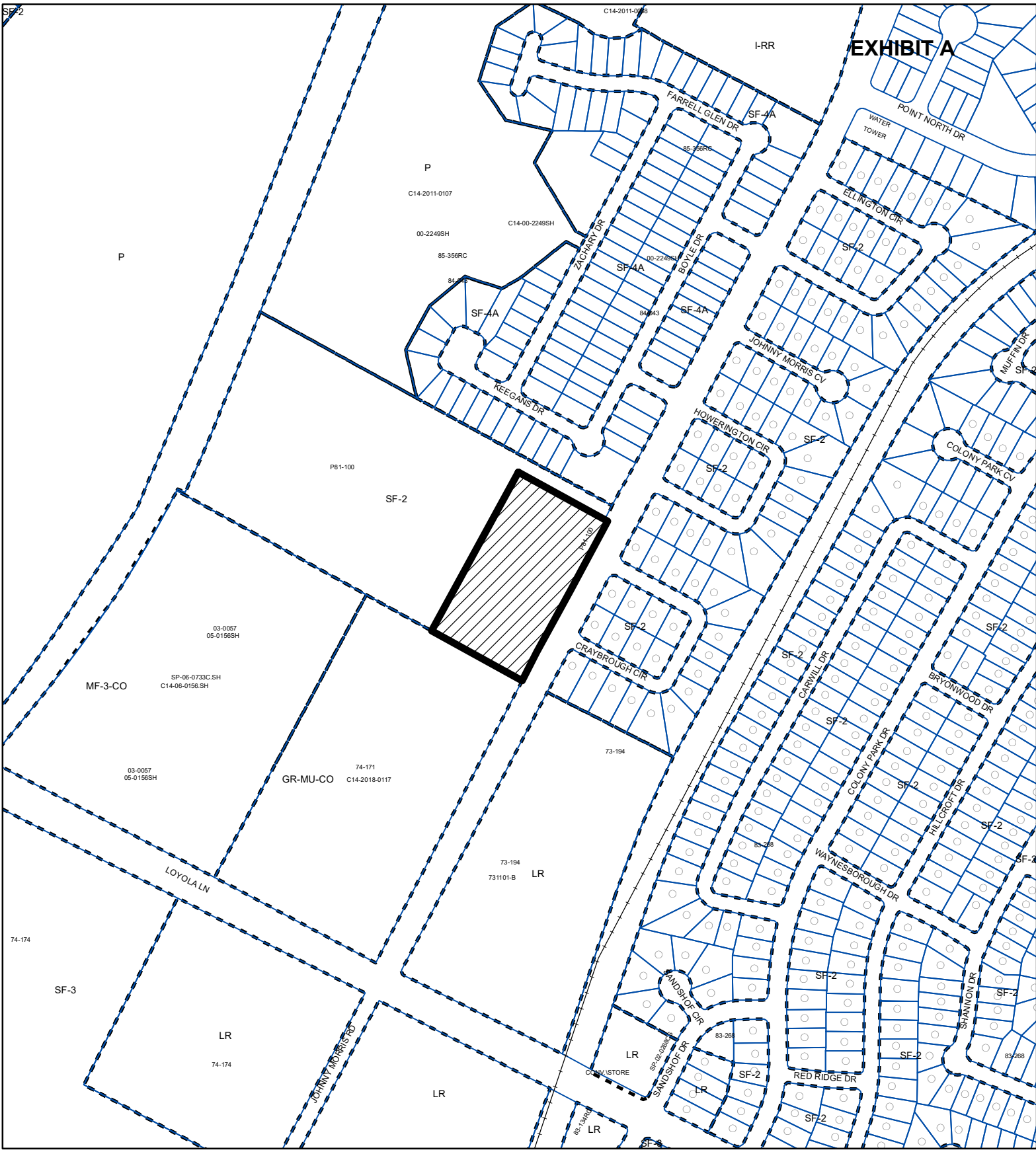
Based on current public infrastructure configurations, it appears that service extension requests (SER) will be required to provide service to this lot. For more information pertaining to the Service Extension Request process and submittal requirements contact

Alberto Ramirez with Austin Water, Utility Development Services at 625 E. 10th St., 7th floor. Ph: 512-972-0211.

The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

#### INDEX OF EXHIBITS TO FOLLOW

- A: Zoning Map
- B. Aerial Map
- C. Applicant's Rezoning Amendment Request
- D. Correspondence from Interested Parties






**EXHIBIT A**

**ZONING**

**ZONING CASE#: C14-2020-0090**



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

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- SUBJECT TRACT
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- PENDING CASE
- CREEK BUFFER

## Johnny Morris Road Rezoning

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 SUBJECT AREA: 4.06 ACRES  
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**To:** [Sirwaitis, Sherri](#)  
**Cc:** [barbara.scott](#); [Mitzi Wright](#); [Ron Thrower](#); [Hartnett, Lauren](#); [Rivera, Andrew](#)  
**Subject:** 7008 Johnny Morris Road Rezoning - C14-2020-0090  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:21:11 PM

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\*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

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The conditional overlay is an agreement with the Colony Park Neighborhood Association Corporation. I have cc'd representatives of the Colony Park NA in this email.

Please consider this an official request for an amendment to our application from GR-MU to GR-MU-CO.

Thank you,

**Victoria Haase**

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