



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Date: April 15, 2025

In Control: Zoning Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 4

SUBJECT:
ZONING CASE Z-2025-10700050

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "C-3NA MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" General Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District

Requested Zoning: "MF-18 MLOD-2 MLR-1 AHOD" Limited Density Multi-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 1 Airport Hazard Overlay District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: April 15, 2025

Case Manager: Alexa Retana, Zoning Planner

Property Owner: Medina Base Car Wash Services, LLC

Applicant: Generation Housing Partners

Representative: Brown & McDonald, PLLC

Location: 6730 Medina Base Road

Legal Description: 5.218 acres out of NCB 15172

Total Acreage: 5.218 acres

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 41

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: NA

City-Wide Community Organizations: Women in Film & Television San Antonio and San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum

Applicable Agencies: Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Department of Transportation

Property Details

Property History: The subject property was annexed into the City of San Antonio by Ordinance 41420, dated December 25, 1972, and zoned Temporary "R-1" Single-Family Residence District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 90129, dated July 22, 1999, to "B-3NA" Business District, Non-Alcoholic Sales. Under the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 3, 2001, the property zoned "B-3NA" Business District, Non-Alcoholic Sales converted to the current "C-3NA" General Commercial, Nonalcoholic Sales District.

Code & Permitting History:

There is no code enforcement or permitting history for the subject property.

Topography: The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or inclusion in a floodplain.

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: R-6, C-3R, C-2NA S for Carwash

Current Land Uses: Library, Park, Residential Single-Family, Gas Station, Car Wash

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: C-3NA, R-6

Current Land Uses: Vacant Land

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: UZROW

Current Land Uses: SW Loop 410

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: R-6

Current Land Uses: Residential Single-Family

Overlay District Information:

The "MLOD-2" Lackland Military Lighting Overlay District does not restrict permitted uses, but does regulate outdoor lighting in an effort to minimize night-time light pollution and its effects on operations at the military installation.

The "AHOD" Airport Hazard Overlay District, due to the location of the property and its proximity to an airport or approach path, does not restrict permitted uses, but can require additional review

of construction plans by both the Development Services Department and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Special District Information:

None

Transportation

Thoroughfare: I – 410 Access Road

Existing Character: Access Road

Proposed Changes: None Known

Thoroughfare: Medina Base Road

Existing Character: Minor

Proposed Changes: None Known

Thoroughfare: Sun Valley Drive

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

Public Transit: There is public transit within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 611, 616

Traffic Impact: A Traffic Impact Analysis Worksheet was submitted. Any further traffic requirements will be evaluated at the Building Permit phase.

Parking Information: The minimum parking requirement for a multi-family dwelling is 1.5 per unit, the maximum is 2 per unit.

ISSUE:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Current Zoning: “C-3NA” General Commercial Non-Alcoholic Sales Districts are identical to C-3 districts except that the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Proposed Zoning: “MF-18” Limited Density Multi-Family District permits single-family dwelling (detached, attached or townhouse), two-family dwelling, three-family dwelling, four-family dwelling, row-house or zero-lot line dwelling, with a maximum density of 18 units per acre, assisted living home, skilled nursing facility, foster family home, public and private schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

PROXIMITY TO CURRENT AND/OR PLANNED REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SA TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The subject property is located within the Port San Antonio Regional Center but is not within ½ a mile of a Premium Transit Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: Staff recommends Approval.

Criteria for Review: According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on approval criteria below.

1. **Consistency:** The subject property is located within the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan, adopted in 2021, and is currently designated as “Urban Mixed Use” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “MF-18” base zoning district is consistent with the future land use designation.
2. **Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:** Staff does not find evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. The proposed use is consistent with the established development pattern of the surrounding area.
3. **Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The existing “C-3NA” General Commercial Non-Alcoholic Sales Districts is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “MF-18” Limited Density Multi-Family District is also appropriate. The proposed multi-family development is for the purpose of an affordable senior independent living facility which would accommodate the growing need for affordable housing options for seniors. The proposal aligns with the goals of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP), which encourages the development of additional housing stock to accommodate the City’s growing population.
4. **Health, Safety and Welfare:** Staff has not found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.
5. **Public Policy:** The request does appear to conflict with public policy. Relevant Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Master Plan may include:
 - H Goal 1: Housing for lower-income residents is available throughout the community with the greatest proportion in priority growth areas with high levels of connectivity and amenities.
 - H Goal 2: A variety of housing types (single-family detached, single-family attached, multifamily, as well as ownership and rental opportunities) is available at a variety of price and rent levels.
 - H Goal 5: High-density housing choices are available within the city’s 13 regional centers and along its arterial and transit corridors.
 - H P6: Work with affordable housing partners and developers to provide affordable housing options for seniors.

Relevant Goals and Policies of the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan may include:

- Goal 4: Increase housing options while preserving or increasing home ownership.

- Direct higher density housing options to targeted focus areas and along major corridors and encourage appropriate transitions of density and intensity to existing lower density neighborhoods.
6. **Size of Tract:** The subject property is 5.218 acres, which can reasonably accommodate the proposed residential development.
 7. **Other Factors:** The property is proposed for development of multifamily uses that shall not exceed 18 units per acre. At 5.218 acres, there could potentially be development of 94 units. The applicant's request is to build 86 units.

The proposed rezoning is seeking additional density for use as residential dwelling units. A rezoning application does not allow Short Term Rentals (STRs) as a use by right. Any applicant seeking to operate an STR must follow the appropriate City and Unified Development Code (UDC) processes and is required to apply and qualify for STR permit(s) through those processes. Short Term Rentals are governed by the UDC Section 16.1100. Also see Section 35-374.01 for STR density limitations, Section 35-399 for establishment regulations, and Section 35-482 for procedures regarding consideration of special exceptions.