



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** March 21, 2024

**In Control:** City Council

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 2

**SUBJECT:**  
ZONING CASE Z-2024-10700006

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** "R-4 MLOD-3 MLR-2" Residential Single-Family Martindale Army Air Field Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District

**Requested Zoning:** "MF-33 MLOD-3 MLR-2" Multi-Family Martindale Army Air Field Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** February 20, 2024

**Case Manager:** Alexa Retana, Zoning Planner

**Property Owner:** ARCOM REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC

**Applicant:** Law Office of Elizabeth Anne Russell, PLLC

**Representative:** Elizabeth Russell

**Location:** 840 H Street

**Legal Description:** 4.129 acres (save and except 0.116 acres) out of NCB 10309

**Total Acreage:** 4.129 Acres

**Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 46

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Southeast Side Neighborhood Association

**Applicable Agencies:** Martindale Army Air Field Base, Planning Department

**Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject property was annexed into the City of San Antonio by Ordinance 15765, dated October 18, 1951, and zoned "B" Residence District. Under the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 03, 2001, the property zoned "B" Residence District converted to the current "R-4" Residential Single-Family District.

**Code & Permitting Details:**

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

**Topography:** A small portion of the lower southeastern part of the subject property is within the 100 Year Flood Plain.

**Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** "R-4"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** "R-4"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** "R-4"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** "R-4"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family

**Overlay District Information:**

The "MLOD-3" Martindale Army Airfield 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.

**Special District Information:**

No special District information.

**Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** Pecan Valley Drive

**Existing Character:** Minor

**Proposed Changes:** None known

**Thoroughfare:** H Street

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None known

**Public Transit:** There are VIA bus stops are within walking distance of the subject property.

**Routes Served:** 28, 230

**Traffic Impact:** A TIA study may be required based on the information provided at time of platting and/or permitting. The traffic generated by the proposed development does not exceed the threshold requirements. Development generates less than seventy-six (76) PHT Sec. 35-502. A TIA Report is Not Required.

**Parking Information:** The minimum parking requirement for Multi-Family is 1.5 per unit, and the maximum parking requirement is 2 per unit.

**ISSUE:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Current Zoning: "R-4" Residential Single-Family District allows single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 35 feet, foster family home, public and private schools. Overlay district that establishes regulations for outdoor lighting impacting military operations within five (5) miles of the perimeter of Camp Bullis/Camp Stanley, Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base and Martindale Army Air Field.

Proposed Zoning: "MF-33" Multi-Family District permits any uses permitted in MF-25 but with a maximum density of 33 units per acre for MF-33, 40 units per acre for MF-40, 50 units per acre for MF-50 and 65 units per acre for MF-65. Overlay district that establishes regulations for outdoor lighting impacting military operations within five (5) miles of the perimeter of Camp Bullis/Camp Stanley, Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base and Martindale Army Air Field.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:**

The subject property is not within a Regional Center or within ½ a mile of a Premium Transit Corridor.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff and Zoning Commission recommend 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 Eastern Triangle Community Plan, adopted in May 2009, and is currently designated as “High Density Residential” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “MF-33” 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, which is predominately residential.
3. **Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The current “R-4” Residential Single-Family District is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “MF-33” Multi-Family District is also appropriate. The requested zoning is more appropriate for the size of the property and is in proximity to transportation options. Existing natural space to the south of the subject property acts as a buffer between the lower density single-family dwellings and the proposed higher density multi-family dwellings. Additionally, the proposal aligns with the goals of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan by providing 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 not appear to conflict with any public policy objective of the Eastern Triangle Community Plan. Relevant Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan may include:
  - GCF Goal 5: Growth and city form support improved livability in existing and future neighborhoods.
  - GCF P9: Allow higher-density and mixed uses in portions of, or adjacent to, single-family residential areas to encourage shopping, services, and entertainment amenities in close proximity to housing and where appropriate.
  - 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.

Relevant Goals and Objectives of the Eastern Triangle Community Plan may include:

- **OVERALL GOAL:** A well maintained community with a diverse housing stock that meets the needs of current and future residents through all stages of life.

- Goal 12: Develop more good, very good, and excellent quality or better constructed housing for all residents, from young adults to the elderly, within the planning area.
- Objective 12.1: Encourage the development of diverse housing options near schools for families with school age children.
- Objective 12.3: Increase the diversity of housing for young adults to live, work, and interact within the community

**6. Size of Tract:** The subject property is 4.129 acres, which can reasonably accommodate the proposed development.

**7. Other Factors:** The subject property is located within the Martindale Army Airfield Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, Texas Army National Guard and JBSA were notified of the proposed request. The Military has indicated that there are no objections to this request.

The property is proposed for development of multifamily uses that shall not exceed 33 units per acre. At 4.129 acres, there could potentially be development of 136 units.

For properties zoned “RM” or “MF” that abut lots zoned residential or are developed with a single-family use, the height is restricted to the maximum height of the single family district within 50 feet of the property line.