

**Land Development and Transportation
Committee
Staff Report
November 10, 2022**



Case No:	22-ZONE-0065
Project Name:	Fultz Meridian Avenue
Location:	205 & 207 Meridian Avenue & Unnamed Alley
Owner(s):	Dan & Cheryl Fultz
Applicant:	Dan & Cheryl Fultz
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	9 – Bill Hollander
Case Manager:	Dante St. Germain, AICP, Planner II

REQUESTS

- **Change in zoning** from R-5 Single Family Residential to R-6 Multi-Family Residential
- **Closure of Public Right of Way** for unnamed, unimproved alley (22-STRCLOSURE-0022)
- **Variance** from 5.1.12 to exceed the maximum infill setback by a principal structure (required: 11', requested: 142', variance of 131') (22-VARIANCE-0093)
- **Waiver** from 10.2.4 to allow an easement to overlap a required Landscape Buffer Area by more than 50% (22-WAIVER-0107)
- **Detailed District Development Plan** with Binding Elements

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject site is located on Meridian Avenue near the intersection with Dayton Avenue, and consists of two contiguous parcels. The applicant proposes to consolidate the parcels and rezone them in order to construct 7 new multi-family units. The site is already developed with two single-family residences, one of which is to be preserved. The total number of resulting units on the site would be 8.

The site is generally surrounded by a mix of commercial, single-family and institutional uses. The City of St. Matthews is adjacent to the site.

STAFF FINDING

The proposal is ready for a public hearing date to be set.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

MSD and Transportation Planning have provided preliminary approval of the proposal.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has received three interested party comments requesting additional information regarding the request.

STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: KRS Chapter 100.213

1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Plan 2040; OR
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Plan 2040 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

The site is located in the Town Center Form District

The Town Center is a traditional and preferred form, larger in scale than the neighborhood center, which forms a focal point of activity. The Town Center has an identifiable core and is often located at a historic crossroads or the intersection of a major thoroughfare(s) and a collector roadway with connections to surrounding neighborhoods through walkways, local streets and residential collector streets. The amount of floor space in town centers is usually between 100,000 and 400,000 square feet reflecting a market area designed to serve a population of between 25,000 to 75,000.

The Town Center form typically has a compact mixture of moderately intense uses including shopping, restaurants, offices and residences. In its most traditional form, the Town Center ordinarily includes civic uses, such as libraries, government offices, police or fire stations and religious facilities. The presence of small-scale civic open space is a common but not essential feature. Buildings are generally close to and oriented toward the street. These characteristics strengthen the role of the Town Center as a community focal point.

The Town Center should have a high level of pedestrian, roadway, transit and bicycle access, a connected street pattern, shared parking and pedestrian amenities. More intense uses in the Town Center are located in close proximity to the major thoroughfare, and the intensity of use gradually declines toward the adjacent neighborhoods.

Town Centers are easily disrupted by new forms of development. Therefore, the harmony and compatibility of infill and redevelopment in Town Centers should receive special attention. The establishment of new Town Centers requires a high level of planning and design. The Comprehensive Plan envisions the preservation and enhancement of those town centers that already exist and encourages creation of new Town Centers that are in keeping with the goals, objectives and Policies.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Set the public hearing date.

NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
10/28/2022	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 9
	Hearing before PC	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 9
	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

ATTACHMENTS

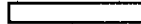
1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Proposed Binding Elements

1. Zoning Map



205 & 207 Meridian Avenue

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2. Aerial Photograph



205 & 207 Meridian Avenue

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3. Proposed Binding Elements

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.
2. No outdoor advertising signs, small freestanding signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
3. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
4. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
 - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Construction Review, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a certificate of occupancy. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter.
 - c. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
 - d. The materials and design of proposed structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the rendering as presented at the December 15, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. A copy of the approved rendering is available in the case file on record in the offices of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission.
 - e. A road closure approval for the unnamed alley shall be approved prior to requesting any permit.
5. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement department prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements requiring action and approval must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate of occupancy, unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission.
6. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.