Planning Commission

Staff Report

November 2, 2023



Case No: 23-ZONE-0113

Project Name: 6604 Bardstown Road Rezoning

Location:6604 Bardstown RoadOwner(s):TK Real Estate LLCApplicant:TK Real Estate LLCJurisdiction:Louisville MetroCouncil District:22 – Robin Engel

Case Manager: Dante St. Germain, AICP, Planner II

REQUESTS

- Change in zoning from OR-1 Office Residential to C-2 Commercial
- Revised Detailed District Development Plan with Binding Elements

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject site is located on Bardstown Road north of the intersection with Seatonville Road/Beulah Church Road, and consists of one parcel developed with an office structure. The applicant proposes to rezone the site in order to utilize the existing structure and vehicular use area for auto sales.

The site is generally surrounded by commercial and institutional development. Open space belonging to a condominium development is located to the rear. Bardstown Road is a major arterial at this location.

The site was rezoned in 1987 from R-4 to OR-1, under docket 9-4-87, in order to construct an office building. The site plan was revised in 1988 to expand the building and parking. A landscape plan was submitted in 1988 which does not appear to be implemented on the site today.

STAFF FINDING

Staff finds that the proposed zoning change meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan. The site plan meets the requirements of the Land Development Code and the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

Plan 2040

Land Development Code (Louisville Metro)

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

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Two interested party comments in opposition to the proposed use have been received by staff.

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. <u>The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; **OR**</u>
- 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.

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Goals, Objectives and Policies of Plan 2040.

The requested C-2 zoning would permit re-use of an existing structure for office and commercial uses, and permit automobile sales on the site. C-2 is a medium- to high-intensity commercial district. Bardstown Road at this location is an intensively-developed commercial corridor, with C-1 and C-2 zoning adjacent to the site. C-2 zoning would be appropriate for the location.

The proposed zoning district is generally in compliance with the plan elements and CHASE principles of Plan 2040. All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Goals, Objectives and Policies of Plan 2040.

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A checklist is attached to the end of this staff report with a more detailed analysis. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR DDDP

- (a) The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;
 - STAFF: The site is already developed and no natural resources exist on the site currently. Required street trees will be provided.
- (b) The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;
 - STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community has been provided, and Metro Public Works has approved the preliminary development plan.
- (c) The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;
 - STAFF: No open space requirements are pertinent to the request.
- (d) The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;
 - STAFF: The Metropolitan Sewer District has approved the preliminary development plan and will ensure the provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community.
- (e) The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;
 - STAFF: The overall site design is in compliance with existing and planned future development in the area. The proposal would provide commercial development in a commercial corridor.
- (f) Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. Revised plan certain development plans shall be evaluated for conformance with the non-residential and mixed-use intent of the form districts and comprehensive plan.
 - STAFF: The development plan conforms to applicable requirements of the Land Development Code and, and to the policies and guidelines of Plan 2040.

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REQUIRED ACTIONS

- **RECOMMEND** that Metro Council **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Change-in-Zoning** from OR-1 to C-2
- APPROVE or DENY the Revised Detailed District Development Plan with Binding Elements

NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
09/22/2023	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 22
10/19/2023	Hearing before PC	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 22
10/18/2023 Hearing before PC Sign Posting on property		Sign Posting on property
10/25/2023	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

ATTACHMENTS

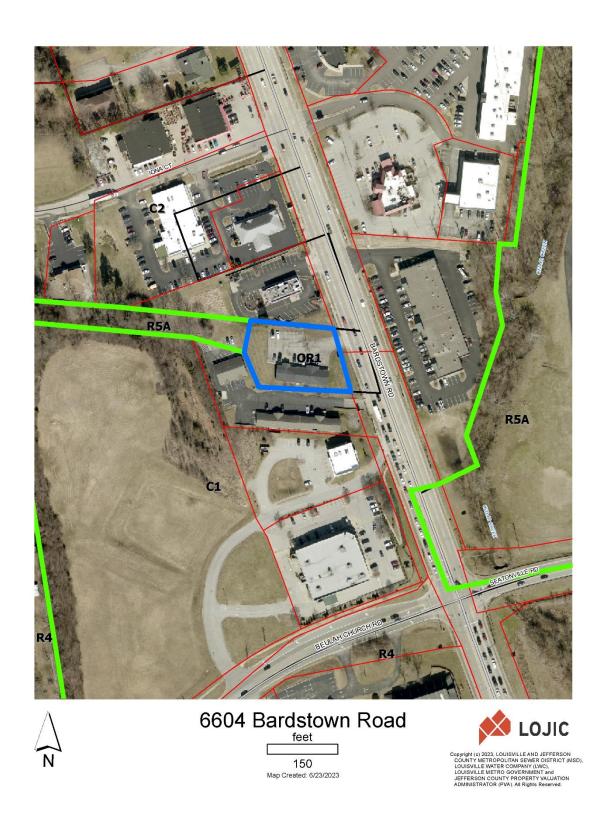
- 1. Zoning Map
- 2. Aerial Photograph
- 3. Staff Plan 2040 Checklist
- 4. Existing Binding Elements (to be replaced)
- 5. Proposed Binding Elements

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1. Zoning Map



2. Aerial Photograph



3. Staff Plan 2040 Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

Town Center: Non-Residential

#	Plan 2040 Plan Element	Land Use & Development Policy	Staff Finding	Staff Analysis
1	Community Form: Goal 1	6. Discourage non-residential expansion into existing residential areas unless applicant can demonstrate that any adverse impact on residential uses will be mitigated. Evaluation of impacts may include, but not be limited to, displacement of residents, loss of affordable housing units, traffic, parking, signs, lighting, noise, odor, and stormwater. Appropriate transitions from non-residential to residential uses should depend on the pattern of development of the Form District and may include natural vegetative buffers, landscaping or the use of higher density residential and/or non-residential.	✓	The proposal would not constitute a non-residential expansion into a residential area. The site is already in non-residential use and is located along a commercial corridor.
2	Community Form: Goal 1	7. Locate higher density and intensity uses near major transportation facilities and transit corridors, employment centers, in or near activity centers and other areas where demand and adequate infrastructure exists or is planned.	√	The site is located on a major arterial road and is within an activity corridor. Bardstown Road is a transit corridor at this location.
3	Community Form: Goal 1	8. Encourage industries to locate in workplace Form Districts or in areas readily served by infrastructure and transportation facilities, including transit, rather than isolated industrial sites.	NA	The proposal is not for industrial zoning.
4	Community Form: Goal 1	15. When reviewing proposals for siting hazardous uses and uses with air, noise and light emissions, ensure disadvantaged populations are not disproportionally impacted.	√	The proposed zoning district would not permit hazardous uses. Uses with air, noise and light emissions must comply with LMCO and LDC restrictions.

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5	Community Form: Goal 1	16. Consider impacts on human health, quality of life and the environment including prevailing meteorological conditions and the potential to transport noxious odors, particulates and emissions when reviewing new developments and redevelopments. Special attention should be paid to air and water quality when residences, schools, parks or vulnerable populations will be impacted. Mitigate impacts to areas that are disproportionally affected.	✓	The proposed zoning district would not permit noxious odors, particulates or emissions.
6	Community Form: Goal 1	17. Mitigate adverse impacts of traffic from proposed development on nearby existing communities.	✓	Access to the site is via Bardstown Road, a major arterial at this location.
7	Community Form: Goal 1	18. Mitigate adverse impacts of noise from proposed development on existing communities.	✓	The site is generally surrounded by commercial and institutional development. The nearest residential structures are buffered by a significant distance from the site.
8	Community Form: Goal 1	21. Require that industries which handle hazardous or flammable materials or are potentially offensive such as junkyards, landfills and quarries are sited to protect public health, safety and welfare and are located away from residential areas and population centers.	NA	The proposed zoning district would not permit junkyards, landfills or quarries, or similar types of uses.
9	Community Form: Goal 2	1. Locate activity centers in appropriate areas in all Form Districts. Design and density should be compatible with desired form, adjacent uses, and existing and planned infrastructure.	√	The site is located in an existing activity corridor. No new construction is proposed.
10	Community Form: Goal 2	5. Locate retail commercial development in activity centers where it can be demonstrated that sufficient population exists or is anticipated to support it.	✓	The site is located within an activity corridor.
11	Community Form: Goal 2	6. Encourage a more compact development pattern in activity centers that result in efficient land use and cost-effective infrastructure investment.	✓	The proposed zoning district would permit a more compact pattern of development.
12	Community Form: Goal 2	7. Encourage activity centers to include a mixture of compatible land uses in order to reduce traffic congestion by requiring fewer trips, support and enhance alternative modes of travel, and encourage vitality and a sense of place.	√	The proposed zoning district would permit a mixture of compatible land uses in an existing activity corridor.

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13	Community Form: Goal 2	8. Encourage residential land uses in designated centers. Encourage residential and office uses above retail and other mixed-use multi-story retail buildings.	✓	The proposed zoning district would permit residential and office uses above retail and other mixed-use multi-story buildings.
14	Community Form: Goal 2	9. Encourage new developments and rehabilitation of buildings that provide commercial, office and/or residential uses.	✓	The proposal would permit re-use of an existing commercial structure.
15	Community Form: Goal 2	10. Encourage outlot development in underutilized parking lots of existing development to promote utilization of existing infrastructure provided specific criteria for elements such as location, scale, signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping are met. Outlot development shall encourage street-level retail with residential units above.	✓	No underutilized parking lots are proposed.
16	Community Form: Goal 3	9. Encourage development that respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography, and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	NA	No natural features are evident on the site.
17	Community Form: Goal 3	10. Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes where the potential for severe erosion problems exists in order to prevent property damage and public costs associated with soil slippage and foundation failure and to minimize environmental degradation.	NA	No wet or highly permeable soils, or severe, steep or unstable slopes are evident on the site.

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18	Community Form: Goal 3	11. Encourage land uses within the Ohio River Corridor that are appropriate for and related to river corridor activities and that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Ohio River Corridor Master Plan. Reserve appropriate riverfront sites such as the Upper River Road industrial area for river-related development. Allow development of commercial leisure businesses related to the river, such as boating services and restaurants in appropriate locations. Encourage new development in the Ohio River corridor and along key greenway and street connections to provide for public access in new riverfront development and to maintain views of the river from public rights-of-way.	NA	The site is not located in the Ohio River Corridor.
19	Community Form: Goal 3	12. When reviewing proposed developments consider changes to flood-prone areas and other features vulnerable to natural disasters such as sinkholes and landslides. Ensure appropriate measures to protect health, safety and welfare of future users of the development.	NA	No flood-prone areas are evident on the site.
20	Community Form: Goal 4	1. Preserve buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historic or architectural value and ensure that new land uses are compatible in height, massing, scale, architecture style and placement when located within the impact area of such resources.	NA	No historic assets are evident on the site.
21	Community Form: Goal 4	2. Encourage preservation of distinctive cultural features including landscapes, natural elements and built features.	NA	No distinctive cultural features are evident on the site.
22	Mobility: Goal 1	4. Encourage higher densities and intensities within or near existing marketplace corridors, existing and future activity centers, and employment centers to support transit-oriented development and an efficient public transportation system.	✓	The site is located within an existing commercial corridor.
23	Mobility: Goal 2	4. Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density development if such access would create significant nuisances.	✓	Access to the site is via Bardstown Road, a major arterial at this location.

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24	Mobility: Goal 3	1. Encourage a mix of complementary neighborhood serving businesses and services in neighborhood and village centers to encourage short trips easily made by walking or bicycling.	√	The proposal would permit a mix of complementary businesses that would encourage short trips easily made by walking or bicycling.
25	Mobility: Goal 3	2. To improve mobility, and reduce vehicle miles traveled and congestion, encourage a mixture of compatible land uses that are easily accessible by bicycle, car, transit, pedestrians and people with disabilities. Housing should be encouraged near employment centers.	√	The site is easily accessible by bicycle, car, transit, pedestrians and people with disabilities.
26	Mobility: Goal 3	3. Evaluate developments for their ability to promote public transit and pedestrian use. Encourage higher density mixeduse developments that reduce the need for multiple automobile trips as a means of achieving air quality standards and providing transportation and housing choices.	✓	The site is located on Bardstown Road, a transit corridor at this location.
27	Mobility: Goal 3	4. Encourage development of walkable centers to connect different modes of travel. Siting of these multi-modal centers shall consider the effects of the following: 4.1. nodal connections identified by Move Louisville; 4.2. impact on freight routes;	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the
	,	 4.3. time of operation of facilities; 4.4. safety; 4.5. appropriate linkages between neighborhoods and employment; and 4.6. the potential for reducing travel times and vehicle miles traveled. 		proposal.
28	Mobility: Goal 3	5. Evaluate developments for their impact on the transportation network (including the street, pedestrian, transit, freight movement and bike facilities and services) and air quality.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
29	Mobility: Goal 3	6. Ensure that those who propose new developments bear or share in rough proportionality the costs of transportation facilities and services made necessary by development.	√	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.

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30	Mobility: Goal 3	9. When existing transportation facilities and services are inadequate and public funds are not available to rectify the situation, the developer may be asked to make improvements, roughly proportional to the projected impact of the proposed development, to eliminate present inadequacies if such improvements would be the only means by which the development would be considered appropriate at the proposed location.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
31	Mobility: Goal 3	10. Ensure that necessary improvements occur in accordance with long-range transportation plans and level of mobility criteria for all modes of travel.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
32	Community Facilities: Goal 2	Locate development in areas served by existing utilities or capable of being served by public or private utility extensions.	✓	The relevant utilities have approved the proposal.
33	Community Facilities: Goal 2	2. Ensure that all development has an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes. Locate only very low-density land uses on sites that use on-lot sewage disposal systems or on a private supply of potable water.	✓	Louisville Water Company has approved the proposal.
34	Community Facilities: Goal 2	3. Ensure that all development has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams as determined by the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD).	√	MSD has approved the proposal.
35	Economic Development: Goal 1	2. Encourage industries, to the extent possible, to locate in industrial subdivisions or adjacent to an existing industry to take advantage of special infrastructure needs.	NA	The proposal is not for industrial zoning.
36	Economic Development: Goal 1	3. Locate commercial uses generating high volumes of traffic on a major arterial street, at the intersection of two minor arterials, or at a location with adequate access to a major arterial and at locations where nuisances and activities of the proposed use will not adversely affect adjacent areas.	✓	The site is located on a major arterial.

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37	Economic Development: Goal 1	4. Utilize industrial sites near the airport and the Ohio River to support the growth and development of uses whose infrastructure and production needs require such a location or for land uses that support airport-oriented or river-oriented industrial uses.	NA	The proposal is not for industrial zoning. The site is not located near the airport or the Ohio River.
38	Economic Development: Goal 1	5. Require industrial developments to locate with the appropriate transportation connectivity, near an arterial street or within existing industrial subdivisions.	NA	The proposal is not for industrial zoning.
39	Livability: Goal 1	17. Determine site susceptibility to erosion; identify the presence of on-site carbonate conditions and features that are vulnerable to site disturbance; identify the extent of existing groundwater use and the impacts of the project on groundwater resources, flow patterns, and existing and proposed surface drainage. Then mitigate potential hazards to such systems resulting from the project.	✓	No karst features are evident on the site.
40	Livability: Goal 1	21. Mitigate negative development impacts to the integrity of the regulatory floodplain by encouraging development patterns that minimize disturbance and consider the increased risk of more frequent flooding events.	NA	No flood-prone areas are evident on the site.
41	Livability: Goal 1	24. Ensure, to the extent feasible, that critical facilities and those that store or use hazardous wastes are located outside the regulatory floodplain. Where essential community facilities must be located within a floodplain (e.g., pumping stations), ensure that these facilities are designed, located and operated in a manner that minimizes loss of services during flood events as well as limits, to the extent possible, floodplain disturbance.	NA	The site is not located in the regulatory floodplain.
42	Housing: Goal 1	2. Promote housing options and environments that support aging in place. Encourage housing for older adults and people with disabilities to be located close to shopping and transit routes and, when possible, medical and other supportive facilities.	√	The proposal would support aging in place by permitting a mix of commercial uses along an existing commercial corridor.

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43	Housing: Goal 2	1. Encourage inter-generational, mixed-income and mixed-use development that is connected to the neighborhood and surrounding area.	✓	The proposal would support inter-generational mixed-income and mixed-use development by permitting a mix of commercial uses along an existing commercial corridor.
44	Housing: Goal 2	2. Locate housing within proximity to multi-modal transportation corridors providing safe and convenient access to employment opportunities, as well as within proximity to amenities providing neighborhood goods and services. Higher density, accessible residential uses should be located along transit corridors and in or near activity centers.	√	The proposal would permit employment opportunities, as well as amenities providing neighborhood goods and services, in proximity to a multi-modal transportation corridor and to housing.
45	Housing: Goal 3	2. As neighborhoods evolve, discourage displacement of existing residents from their community.	✓	No existing residents will be displaced by the proposal.
46	Housing: Goal 3	3. Encourage the use of innovative methods such as clustering, mixed-use developments, co-housing, and accessory apartments to increase the production of fair and affordable housing.	✓	The proposal would permit innovative methods of housing.

4. Existing Binding Elements (to be replaced)

- 1. The development will be in accordance with the approved district development plan. No further development will occur.
- 2. The development shall not exceed 3,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- 3. Before a building permit is requested:
 - a. The development plan must be reapproved by the Jefferson County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. The property owner must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Article 12. Such plan shall be implemented prior to requesting a certificate of occupancy and maintained thereafter.
- 4. The only permitted signs shall be located as shown on the approved district development plan. The signs shall not exceed 30 square feet in area and 10 feet in height.
- 5. If a building permit is not issued within one year of the date of approval of the plan or rezoning, whichever is later, the property shall not be used in any manner unless a revised district development plan is approved or an extension is granted by the Planning Commission.
- 6. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement office prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate.
- 7. The above binding elements may be amended as provided for in the Zoning District Regulations.

5. Proposed Binding Elements

- 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. Encroachment permits must be obtained from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for any work in the Bardstown Road right-of-way.
 - c. 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.
 - d. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
- 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. There shall be no outdoor music (live, piped, radio or amplified) or outdoor entertainment or outdoor PA system audible beyond the property line.
- 7. 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.
- 8. No inoperable vehicles shall be located on the site.