OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION FERUARY 6, 2024 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled Blanton STR-2 PD-C, located at 12 Terrace Drive (Z-9873).	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager
SYNOPSIS	The applicant is requesting that the 0.67-acre property, located	

The applicant is requesting that the 0.67-acre property, located at 12 Terrace Drive, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2).

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the PD-C rezoning request. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 1 recusal (Russell).

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to rezone 0.67-acre property, located at 12 Terrace Drive, from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental with a maximum stay of twenty-nine (29) days. The owner will not reside in the residence, and the entire structure will be rented as one (1)-unit.

The property is a 1,493 square-foot one (1)-story brick structure. The request is located within the Heights/Hillcrest Planning District. The Future Land Use Plan shows Residential Low Density (RL) for the requested area. The property has a single car garage and a driveway that could easily accommodate three (3) to four (4) cars.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

On June 20, 2023, the City Board of Directors passed an ordinance regulating Short-Term Rentals within the City of Little Rock. The new ordinance establishes "development standards" for Short-Term Rentals. If approved, the applicant must comply with the newly established development standards, in addition to all other requirements of the new ordinance.

Currently the City of Little Rock Department of Planning and Development has forty-nine (49) Short-Term Rentals (STR-1 and STR-2) listed within the database for approved Short-Term Rentals in the City of Little Rock. The City's new short-term rental ordinance allows a maximum of 500 Short-Term Rentals within the corporate boundary of the City of Little Rock.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their December 14, 2023, meeting and there were no objectors present. All owners of property located within 300 feet of the site, as well all Neighborhood Associations registered within the City of Little Rock, were notified. Please see the attached Planning Commission minutes for Staff's Analysis and the Commission's action.