## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION	
MARCH 5, 2024 AGENDA	

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled Arbors Development STR-2 Revised PD-R located at 301 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street. (Z-8116-A).	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager
SYNOPSIS	The applicant is requesting that the 0.09-acre property, located at 301 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, be rezoned from PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to Revised PD-R, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental-2.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends denial of the Revised PD-R rezoning request. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval by a vote of 8 ayes, 3 nays and 0 absent.	
BACKGROUND	The applicant proposes to rezone the 0.09-acre property, located at 301 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, from PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to Revised PD-R, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental-2, 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 1,720 square-foot, two (2)-story wood frame house. The parking for this unit is accessed off of a shared alleyway access with ample on-street guest parking; there is enough parking for two (2) to three (3) cars.	

## BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The property is located within the Central City Planning District, the Pettaway Neighborhood Association, as well as the Central City Design Overlay District. The Future Land Use Plan shows Residential Medium Density (RM) for the requested area.

On June 20, 2023, the Board of Directors passed Ordinance No. 22,274, which regulates 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 as follows, in addition to all other requirements of the new ordinance.

All trash pick-up shall comply with requirements for residential one (1)–and two (2)-family residential zones.

Currently the City of Little Rock Department of Planning and Development has sixty-eight (68) 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 500 Short-Term Rentals within the corporate boundary of the City of Little Rock.

The applicant provided responses and additional information to all issues raised during staff's review of the application. The applicant is requesting no variances with the PD-R zoning request.

Staff does not support the requested Revised PD-R. The existing PD-R zoning was established to allow a three (3)-lot single-family residential development on small lots. Staff does not feel that the introduction of a commercial use into the existing PD-R development is appropriate.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their January 11, 2024, 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.