OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled Evans (2) STR-2 PD-C, located at 4 Catalina Court (Z-9933).	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager
SYNOPSIS	The applicant requests to rezone the 0.20-acre property, located at 4 Catalina Court, from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for a Short-Term Rental (STR-2).	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends denial of the requested PD-C rezoning. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.	
BACKGROUND	The applicant proposes to rezone the 0.20-acre property, located at 4 Catalina Court, 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-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 STR-2 is currently in operation and has been operating for two (2) years; however, the property is not currently under enforcement by the City of Little Rock Planning and Development. As of this date, there have been no Police Reports associated with the STR-2 property.	

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BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The property is occupied by a 1,301 square-foot, brick and frame house, with three (3) bedrooms and two (2) baths. The request is located within the Rodney Parham Planning District and the Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association. The Future Land Use Plan shows Residential Low Density (RL) for the requested area, and the application site and all surrounding properties are zoned R-2. A concrete driveway and a concrete pad will allow parking for at least five (5) vehicles.

On June 20, 2023, the City Board of Directors passed an ordinance regulating Short-Term Rentals within the City of Little Rock. The ordinance established "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 eighty-three (83) 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 Short-Term Rental Ordinance allows a maximum of 500 Short-Term Rentals within the corporate boundary of the City of Little Rock. There are currently no short-term rentals within ¹/₄-mile of this property.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their March 14, 2024, meeting, and there were no objectors present. All owners of property located within 300 feet of the site, as well as all Neighborhood Associations registered with the City of Little Rock, were notified of the public hearing. Please see the attached Planning Commission minute record for the complete staff analysis.