OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION APRIL 16, 2024 AGENDA

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Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled King (2) STR-2 PD-C, located at 1715-A North Tyler Street (Z-9938-A).	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager
SYNOPSIS	The applicant requests to rezone the 0.15-acre property, located at 1715-A North Tyler Street, 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 approval of the requested PD-C rezoning.	

Staff recommends approval 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 0.15-acre property, located at 1715-A North Tyler Street, from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development — Commercial, to allow for the use of the existing accessory dwelling 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 since November 2021; however, the property is not currently under enforcement by the City of Little Rock Planning and Development. Since November 2021, there has been one (1) Police Report associated with the STR-2 property.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The property is occupied by an approved accessory dwelling behind the residence, located at 1715 North Tyler Street. The property is located within the Heights/Hillcrest Planning District, the Forrest Park Neighborhood Association and the Heights Landscape Design Overlay District. The Future Land Use Plan shows Residential Low Density (RL) for the requested area. There is a parking spot in the rear of the dwelling with enough room for two (2) cars.

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 two (2) approved Short-Term Rentals (STR-1 and STR-2) within a ¼-mile radius 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.