

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
AUGUST 7, 2018 AGENDA**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>An ordinance establishing a Planned Zoning District titled Geyer Springs First Baptist Church Short-Form PD-O, located at 12400 Interstate 30. (Z-5365-F)</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p>	<p>The applicant is proposing the rezoning of a small area of the site from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-O, Planned Development - Office, to allow for the construction of a new building to be used by Arkansas Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the requested PD-O zoning. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the PD-O zoning by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 1 recusal (Commissioner Laha).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes &amp; Family Ministries is a non-profit agency of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Through residential child care, family care, foster care and counseling services, Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes &amp; Family Ministries seeks to be the foremost provider to children and families in crisis in Arkansas. Since its founding in 1894, Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes &amp; Family Ministries has been ministering to and meeting needs of some of the state’s most vulnerable residents.</p>	

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Today, Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries provides a safe, secure home for an average of 300 children and families each year, as well as about 2,300 counseling sessions a year.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries relies on the generosity of Arkansas Baptist churches, businesses and individuals for the majority of its funding. Churches give to our annual Thanksgiving Offering, Mother's Day Offering, The Cooperative Program, sponsorships and other special gifts.

The building is located along the northern portion of the site and is seventy-four (74) feet x fifty (50) feet.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed PD-O request at its June 28, 2018, meeting and there were no registered objectors present. Southwest Little Rock United for Progress and all property owners located within 200 feet of the site were notified of the public hearing. Please see the attached Planning Commission minute record and site plan for the applicant's specific development proposal and the staff analysis and recommendation.