

#REZ-2025-0054

BILL NO. Z-25-10-19

ZONING MAP ORDINANCE NO. Z-_____

AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Fort Wayne
Zoning Map No. M34 (Sec 23 of Washington Township)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That the area described as follows is hereby designated a C3/General Commercial zoning district under the terms of Chapter 157 Title XV of the Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

RECORDED DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:

Present Owner (s): R A Properties, L.P. Property Address: 322 E Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Recorder's Document #2021022118

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the South right-of-way line of Washington Center Road, as established by right-of-way dedication recorded as Document Number 91-40749 in the Office of the Allen County Recorder, said point being 60 feet South and 400 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana; thence Southerly and parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, a distance of 564.0 feet; thence Westerly with a deflection angle to the right of 90 degrees, 19 minutes, 40 seconds and parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East a distance of 301.97 feet; thence Northerly with a deflection angle to the right of 89 degrees, 52 minutes, 00 seconds a distance of 564.0 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of Washington Center Road, said point being 60 feet South of the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East; thence East with a deflection angle to the right of 90 degrees, 08 minutes, 00 seconds and parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East a distance of 300.05 feet to the point of beginning; said in previous deed to contain 3.897 acres (169,769 square feet).

EXCEPT THEREFROM: A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence south 89 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds West (assumed bearing and basis to follow) along the North line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 700.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 60.00 feet to the Northwest corner of a 3.897 acre tract

described in Document 203053004 and the point of beginning, said point marked by a 5/8 inch by 24 inch rebar with a Bertsch-Frank Identification Cap (Firm #0081); thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds East along the South right-of-way of Washington Center Road parallel and 60.00 feet normally distant to the North line of said Northeast quarter a distance of 150.00 feet to a 5/8 inch by 24 inch rebar with a Bertsch-Frank Identification Cap (Firm #0081); South 00 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East parallel with the West line of said 3.897 acre tract a distance of 564.00 feet to a point on the South line of said 3.897 acre tract, said point marked by a 5/8 inch by 24 inch rebar with a Bertsch-Frank Identification Cap (Firm #0081); thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds West along the South line of said 3.897 acre tract a distance of 150.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof, said corner marked by a 1/2 inch rebar with a Karst Identification Cap; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds West along the West line of said 3.897 acre tract 564.00 feet to the point of beginning, said in previous deed to contain 1.94 acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH: A non-exclusive easement for vehicular ingress and egress for the benefit of Parcel I described above granted by Amended and Restated Declaration of Easements and Restrictions recorded as Document Number 90-6542 as modified by Amendment thereto recorded as Document Number 91-40746, over and across the following described land:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Allen County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana; thence West (assumed) along the North line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 23, also being the centerline of Washington Center Road, a distance of 700.00 feet; thence South, a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South right-of-way of Washington Center Road; thence West, along the South right-of-way of Washington Center Road, a distance of 208.68 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 06 degrees, 32 minutes, 12 seconds West, a distance of 193.26 feet to a point; thence South, a distance of 63.71 feet to a point; thence East, a distance of 231.28 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees, 08 minutes, 00 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point; thence West, a distance of 231.42 feet to a point; thence: South, a distance of 255.71 feet to a point; thence West, a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence South, a distance of 7.58 feet to a point; thence West, a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence North, a distance of 263.29 feet to a point; thence West, a distance of 454.53 feet to a point; thence North, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point; thence East, a distance of 454.53 feet to a point; thence North, a distance of 255.71 feet to a point on the South right of way of Washington Center Road; thence East, a distance of 92.00 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO TOGETHER WITH: A non-exclusive ingress and egress easement for the benefit of Parcel I described above granted by Grant of Easement recorded as Document Number 91-40747, over and across the following described land: A part of the Northeast Quarter Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana; thence West (assumed) along the North line of said Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, also being the centerline of Washington Center Road a distance of 700.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds West, a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South right-of-way of Washington Center

1 Road; thence South 00 degrees, 08 minutes, 00 seconds East, a distance of 579.00 feet to a
2 point; thence South 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds East a distance of 271.97 feet to
3 the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds East, a distance
4 of 574.79 feet to a point; thence South 74 degrees, 07 minutes, 03 seconds East, a distance
5 of 347.09 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees, 19 minutes, 40 seconds East a
6 distance of 76.20 feet to a point; thence North 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds West a
7 distance of 79.32 feet to a point; thence North 74 degrees, 07 minutes, 03 seconds West
8 a distance of 302.50 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds
9 West a distance of 663.21 feet to a point; thence North 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00
10 seconds East, a distance of 36.00 feet to the point of beginning.

11 **ALSO TOGETHER WITH:** A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress easement over
12 the real estate described in Exhibit C-1 of that certain Access Easement Agreement
13 recorded February 27, 2014, as Instrument No. 2014009406, re-recorded March 4, 2014 as
14 Instrument No. 2014010357.

15 and the symbols of the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. M34 (Sec. 23 of Washington Township),
16 as established by Section 157.082 of Title XV of the Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana is
17 hereby changed accordingly.

18 SECTION 2. If a written commitment is a condition of the Plan Commission's
19 recommendation for the adoption of the rezoning, or if a written commitment is modified and
20 approved by the Common Council as part of the zone map amendment, that written commitment is
21 hereby approved and is hereby incorporated by reference.

22 SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
23 and approval by the Mayor.

24 _____
25 Council Member

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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28 Malak Heiny, City Attorney
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City of Fort Wayne Common Council

DIGEST SHEET

Department of Planning Services

Title of Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment
Case Number: REZ-2025-0054
Bill Number: Z-25-10-19
Council District: 3 – Nathan Hartman

Introduction Date: October 28, 2025

Plan Commission
Public Hearing Date: November 10, 2025 (not heard by Council)

Next Council Action: Ordinance will return to Council after recommendation by the Plan Commission

Synopsis of Ordinance: To rezone approximately 2.0 acres from C2/Limited Commercial to C3/General Commercial

Location: 322 E Washington Center Rd (Section 23 of Washington Township)

Reason for Request: To permit a professional auto sales and service facility

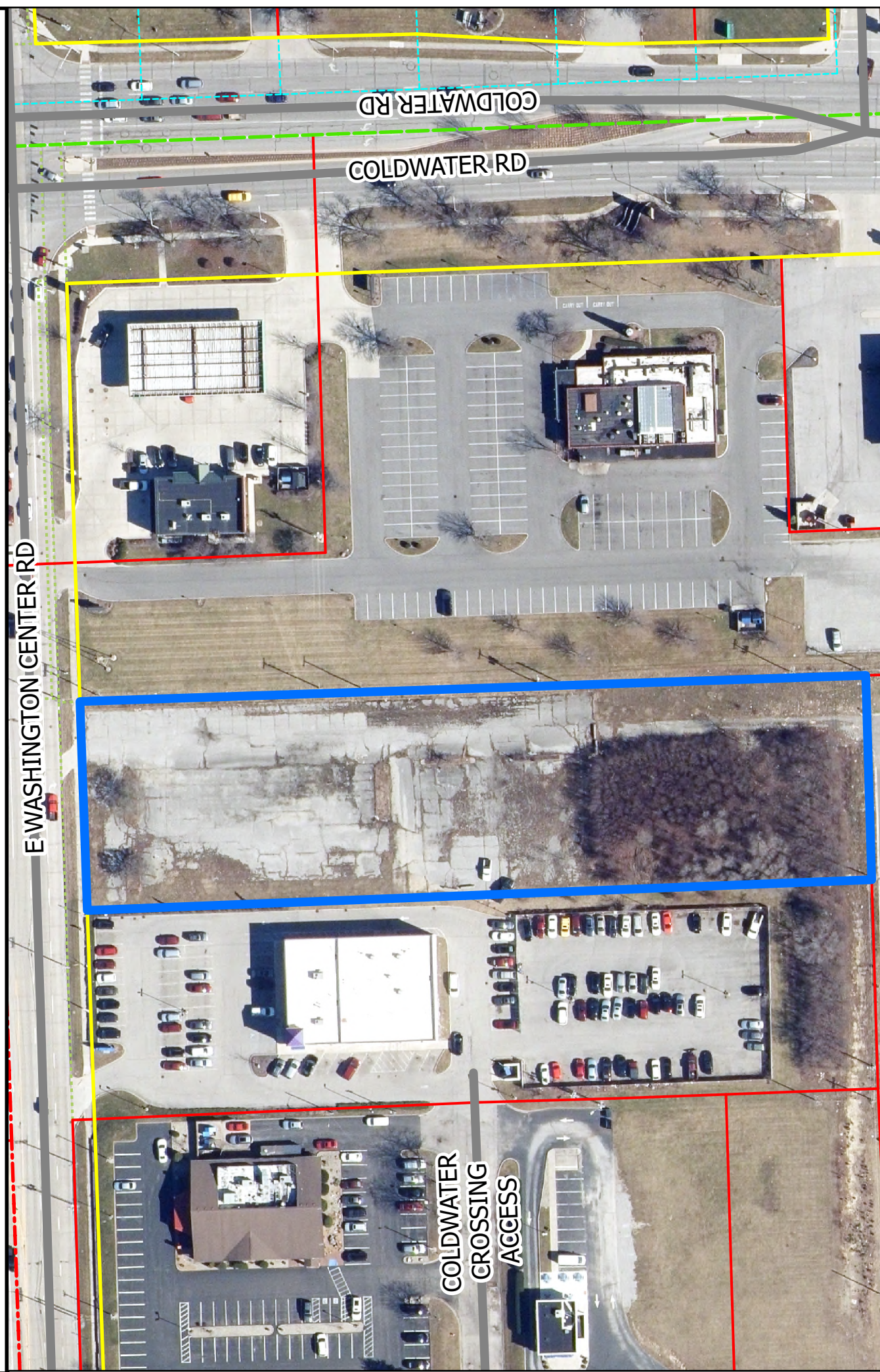
Applicant: R A Properties LP

Property Owner: R A Properties LP

Related Petitions: Primary Development Plan - Professional Auto

Effect of Passage: Property will be rezoned to the C3/General Commercial zoning district, which would permit a professional auto sales and service facility.

Effect of Non-Passage: Property will remain zoned C2/Limited Commercial, which does not permit a professional auto sales and service facility. The site may continue with existing or non-conforming uses, and may be redeveloped with limited commercial uses.



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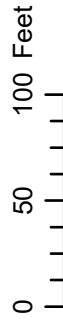
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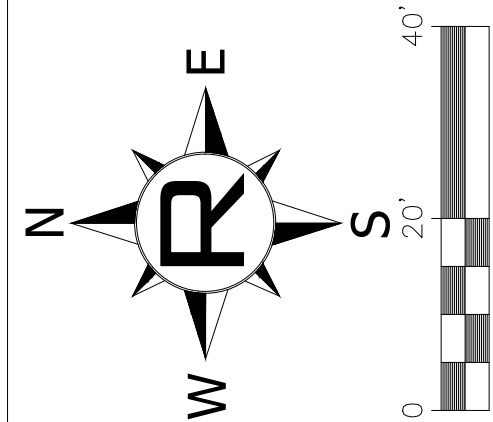
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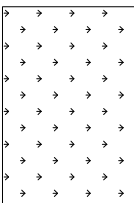
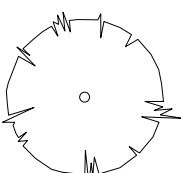
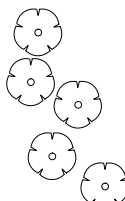


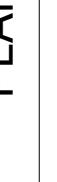


PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE

(P1) PLANTING STANDARDS (PER THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE)

1. 1 SHADE TREE EVERY 60'
2. 75% SMALL SHRUBS BUFFER & UP TO 30% MEDIUM SHRUBS

SEEDING LEGEND	<u>PERMANENT SEEDING</u> AMERITURF FRONTRUNNER BLEND TALL FESCUE; APPLY AT A RATE OF 350 LBS/ACRE (8LBS/1000 SQFT)	
	SHADE TREE 40' / 60' (2" CALIPER)	
	SMALL SHRUB BUFFER IN GROUPS OF AT LEAST FIVE	

PLANT SCHEDULE						
TREES	CODE	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MIN. PLANTING HEIGHT	CAL./ SIZE
	P-1	19	ACER RUBRUM 'ARMSTRONG'	Betula nigra 'Heritage'	2" CALIPER	2.5" CAL MIN
SHRUB	CODE	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MIN. PLANTING HEIGHT	CAL./ SIZE
	P1	219	CORNUS MAS	Dogwood (Cornelian Cherry)	3'	5' O.C.

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"UNDERGROUND FACILITY SAFETY AND

DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT²⁰)

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PRO AUTO

PROJECT:

PROJECT NO. 25.1078

HEET NAME

LANDSCAPE LAYOUT

SHEET No.

L2.0

Department of Planning Services
Rezoning Petition Application

Applicant
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All staff correspondence will be sent only to the designated contact person.

Request
☐ Allen County Planning Jurisdiction ☒ City of Fort Wayne Planning Jurisdiction
Address of the property 322 EAST WASHINGTON CENTER RD Township and Section WASHINGTON
Present Zoning C2 Proposed Zoning C3 Acreage to be rezoned 2.06
Purpose of rezoning (attach additional page if necessary) TO PERMIT PROFESSIONAL AUTO SALES & SERVICE USE OF THE SITE FOR AUTO SALES, INCLUDING EXTERIOR, ALONG WITH AUTOMOBILE SERVICE
Sewer provider CITY Water provider CITY

Filing Checklist
Applications will not be accepted unless the following filing requirements are submitted with this application.

- ☐ Filing fee \$1000.00
- ☐ Surveys showing area to be rezoned
- ☐ Legal Description of parcel to be rezoned
- ☐ Rezoning Criteria (please complete attached document)

I/We understand and agree, upon execution and submission of this application, that I am/we are the owner(s) of more than 50 percent of the property described in this application; that I/we agree to abide by all provisions of the Allen County Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinance as well as all procedures and policies of the Fort Wayne and Allen County Plan Commissions as those provisions, procedures and policies related to the handling and disposition of this application; that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge; and that

R A PROPERTIES, L.P. by:

(printed name of applicant)

[Signature]

(signature of applicant)

10/7/25

(date)

R A PROPERTIES, L.P. by:

(printed name of property owner)

[Signature]

(signature of property owner)

10/7/25

(date)



Received	Receipt No.	Hearing Date	Petition No.

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Department of Planning Services Rezoning Questionnaire

When making recommendations on rezoning requests, the Plan Commission shall pay reasonable regard to the following items. Please describe how this petition satisfies the following:

(1) The Comprehensive Plan;

The Comprehensive Plan reflects that the Property is within an "Urban Infill Area," and also specifically identifies the Property as one that is targeted for infill development under the "Preferred Growth Approach" (see Comprehensive Plan, Pages 53 and 55). Notably, the Comprehensive Plan repeatedly emphasizes the benefits associated with Urban Infill development of this kind (see Comprehensive Plan, Pages 54, 55, and 60).

(2) Current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in the district;

The Property, which is currently vacant, is zoned C2 and is surrounded by various properties zoned C2 (including with variance to permit the same use as that which the Applicant intends for this parcel) and SC. These surrounding properties include a Byrider car dealership (to the west), a Get Go gas station (to the east), a Don Hall's restaurant (to the southeast), a Koto restaurant (to the north), an Arby's restaurant (to the northeast), a Cork 'n Cleaver restaurant (to the northwest), and a Hobby Lobby store (to the south).

(3) The most desirable use for which the land in the district is adapted;

The Comprehensive Plan reflects that the most desirable future use for the land would be one that falls within the "Regional Commercial" category (see Comprehensive Plan, Page 68). This category is said to encompass "the full spectrum of commercial businesses," which would include, among other things, "automobile-related uses" (see Comprehensive Plan, Page 84). Moreover, the Comprehensive Plan reflects that the proposed zoning (C3) is generally considered "compatible" in or adjacent to property that falls within the "Regional Commercial" category (see Comprehensive Plan, Page 213).

(4) The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction;

The proposed rezoning from C2 to C3 is not anticipated to have any negative impact on property values. On the contrary, it may be anticipated to have a positive impact on property values, as it will allow for development of vacant land that is already served by utilities and roadways, and may effectively expand commerce and encourage further growth and development in the area (see Comprehensive Plan, Page 60).

(5) Responsible development and growth.

The Comprehensive Plan encourages Urban Infill development of the kind that is intended by the proposed development/use (see Comprehensive Plan, Pages 54, 55, and 60). Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan reflects that the proposed zoning for the Property (C3) and the applicable land-use category (Regional Commercial) are generally considered "compatible" (see Comprehensive Plan, Page 213). Because the proposed rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, is compatible with the surrounding properties, and is anticipated to provide benefits in terms of increased commerce and meaningful use of vacant property, the proposed rezoning constitutes responsible development and growth.

COMPLETE FILING TO INCLUDE:

- ☐ Filing Fee
- ☐ Complete application signed by property owner*
- ☐ Legal description (in Word document format)*
- ☐ Boundary/Utility Survey*
- ☐ Rezoning Criteria *
- ☐ Written Commitment (if applicable)*

**All documents may be digital*

