

R-3, High-Density Residential District.

As it is zoned currently it could potentially be developed with five 2-story office buildings and eight 2-story detached homes. The requested rezoning of R-3 could potentially allow development of 48

property. The owner is requesting a rezoning of the entire property to

2-story townhomes. Both of these scenarios are maximum build-out potential for this site based on current and proposed zoning. The site is less than 10-acres and per the subdivision regulations, is not required that they provide open space. Drainage/detention for the site will be considered upon platting and will be assessed based on the actual development that is proposed. Comparing potential traffic patterns is difficult because you will have comparably less trips from the current vs. proposed residential development (8 peak hour trips – current vs. 34 peak hour trips – proposed). Based on the current vs. proposed zoning uses, neither of the traffic numbers are excessive or potentially impactful on the overall traffic pattern for the area and more specifically Blanco Road.

Staff's evaluation of the rezoning is based on its conformance to the Comprehensive Master Plan (Land Use Plan) and the potential effect of the surrounding area. The Land Use Plan identifies this area for Transitional Residential.

The R-3 zoning also adheres to the recently approved Land Use Plan (Transitional Residential), and the community's expressed desire for walkable infill development in Boerne. This area is identified on the Future Land Use map as "Transitional Residential" which is described below:

## TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL

## Intent & Character

The Transitional Residential future land use category is intended for areas that will be primarily developed with a higher density and with different housing types than which is allowed in Neighborhood Residential. These areas are intended to be developed with an auto-oriented character, meaning that streets, driveways, parking lots, and garages are the dominant view. In general, these areas are intended to provide a transition between lower density Neighborhood Residential and more intensive nonresidential uses.

## Appropriate Land Use Types (permitted, limited, or restricted)

The appropriate primary uses allowed in areas designated as Transitional Residential include parks and recreation, personal care homes, safety services, single-family attached residential (including modular housing), multi-family, and schools. Appropriate secondary uses include such things as accessory dwelling units, assembly

uses, bed and breakfast lodging, community and group homes, government facilities, home professions, local utility services, and single-family detached residential (including garden homes).

## Compatible Zoning Districts

The following existing districts may be compatible with the Transitional Residential future land use category (zoning district modifications may be needed to achieve the envisioned character):

• R-2, R-3, R-D, and R-4

The R-3 zoning district allows for anything from 2,000 sf townhome lots (adjoining walls) to 5,400 sf detached dwellings. It does <u>not</u> allow apartments (R-4) or duplexes (R-D). This property is situated in an area that has already incorporated other infill; to the east are the Village Park townhomes and the Arbor apartments.

Infill housing is characterized as more dense development constructed on vacant, underused lots interspersed among older, existing properties and neighborhoods in established urban neighborhoods. Current urban growth lines still allow for conventional (larger lot) residential development on the periphery of the city, and in most cases this development will follow relatively conventional patterns. Infill development encourages more efficient investment of existing infrastructure because it encourages growth in designated areas where the infrastructure is in place. Infill creates walkable communities, reducing the reliance on the automobile as a means of transportation. This helps alleviate traffic congestion and improves the air quality because more compact development can minimize trip generation and reduce driving by promoting walkability. This site is a tenth of a mile from the community theatre and the start of the commercial district and less than a mile to the heart of downtown and is easily walkable. Infill fosters sustainability of great places to live, work and play.

Planning Dept. staff believes that the R-3 zoning district is appropriate for the location and potentially fills a need for the City at large. In February, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-1 in favor of the rezoning.

COST	
SOURCE OF FUNDS	
ADDITIONAL	
INFORMATION	

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.