

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 48.3 ACRES OF LAND, BEING DESCRIBED AS TRACT 3A1, TRACT 3C1 AND TRACT 3G1 OUT OF THE CAROLINE M. ADAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 38, GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF SEETON ROAD AND EAST OF S. STATE HIGHWAY 360, IN THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM AN AGRICULTURE (A) DISTRICT TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED (SF) RESIDENTIAL USES; AND, SAID ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCE BEING NUMBERED AS ORDINANCE NUMBER 4779 AND PASSED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1990; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the property described herein below filed application with the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, petitioning an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and map of said city so as to amend the zoning designation from its classification of **Agriculture (A) District to Planned Development (PD) District for Single Family (SF) Detached Uses**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Grand Prairie, Texas, held a public hearing on said application on September 10, 2012, after written notice of such public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on the proposed Zoning Change had been sent to owners of real property lying within 300 feet of the property on which the rezoning from **Agriculture (A) District to Planned Development (PD) District for Single Family (SF) Detached Uses** is proposed, said Notice having been given not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing to all such owners who rendered their said property for City taxes as the ownership appears on the last approved City Tax Roll, and such Notice being served by depositing the same, properly addressed and postage paid, in the City Post Office; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of said application, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas voted 6 to 0 to recommend to the City Council of Grand Prairie, Texas, that said Zoning Ordinance and Map be amended to allow a rezoning from **Agriculture (A) District to Planned Development (PD) District for Single Family (SF) Detached Uses**; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice was given of a further public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, in the City Hall Plaza Building at 6:30 o'clock P.M. on September 18, 2012 to consider the advisability of amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and all citizens and parties at interest were notified that they would have an opportunity to be heard, such Notice of the time and place of such hearing having been given at least fifteen (15) days prior to such hearing by publication in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas, a newspaper of general circulation in such municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens and parties at interest have been given an opportunity to be heard on all the matter of the Zoning Change and the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, being informed as to the location and nature of the specific use proposed on said property, as well as the nature and usability of surrounding property, have found and determined that the property in question, as well as other property within the city limits of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, has changed in character since the enactment of the original Zoning Ordinance from its classification of **Agriculture (A) District** and, by reason of

changed conditions, does consider and find that this amendatory Ordinance should be enacted since its provisions are in the public interest and will promote the health, safety and welfare of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** THAT Ordinance Number 4779, being the Unified Development Code of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, showing the locations and boundaries of certain districts, and said Zoning Ordinance and Map having been made a part of an Ordinance entitled:

"THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AS PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1990, TOGETHER WITH ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ENACTING A REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS; CREATING USE DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN..."

being passed and approved on November 20, 1990, is hereby further amended so as to rezone the following described area from its classification of **Agriculture (A) District to a Planned Development District for Single Family (SF) Detached Uses with Special Provisions**, as depicted on the attached "Exhibit A," which is incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. Residential Subdivision Design Guidelines**

- A. Residential streets are to be curvilinear in design. Alternatives such as "Traditional Grid" street patterns may only be used in those instances where other traditional design and architectural elements are incorporated into the development.
- B. Developments should have at least two points of access for traffic distribution. Streets should be "stubbed" out to undeveloped tracts to allow connectivity as adjacent residential tracts develop.
- C. A residential development with a density of four (4) units or less per developable acre must have a minimum twenty-seven (27) foot wide street. A residential development with a density greater than four (4) units per developable acre must use: (1) a minimum twenty-seven (27) foot wide street with an alley; or (2) a minimum thirty-one (31) foot wide street without an alley. All other street classifications will be based on the city's Thoroughfare Plan. Developable acreage is based on the total platted property less the area used or dedicated for drainage or open space.
- D. Residential streets with a standard paved width of twenty-seven (27) feet shall not intersect arterial or collector thoroughfares unless the paving width is flared to thirty-seven (37) feet at the point of intersection with said thoroughfare. The thirty-seven (37) foot paved width shall taper back to a standard twenty-seven (27) foot paved width at a certain distance back from said thoroughfare in accordance with applicable provisions contained in Article 23, Master Transportation Plan of the Unified Development Code (UDC).

- E. Development must include landscaping and open spaces that are planned and coordinated throughout the development in a manner generally depicted on the proposed concept plan shown on Exhibit "C."
- F. All utilities shall be placed underground.

**SECTION 3. Landscaping and Screening Guidelines**

- A. Screening fences are to be coordinated throughout the residential subdivision. Screening shall consist of masonry walls, berms, landscaping, wrought iron, or a combination of these elements. Screening walls shall be designed to turn into the neighborhood to avoid uncoordinated fences at all entry points.
  - 1. Six (6) foot high screening fence constructed of masonry with a mortar bond finish on each side shall be provided along all thoroughfares designated as an arterial or collector street on the City's Master Transportation Plan. Brick columns or pilasters shall be spaced at minimum 50-foot centers or placed on residential lot corners. Where a local street cul-de-sac adjoins a thoroughfare designated as an arterial or collector street on the City's Master Transportation Plan, such cul-de-sac shall be fenced with a 6-foot high wrought iron type fence with at least 3 brick columns spaced evenly across the cul-de-sac frontage.
  - 2. Screening fences required along designated arterial or collector streets shall extend (or wrap) into and along the side or rear lots lines, where such conditions exist, of residential lots that abut the local residential entry street(s) that extend into the subdivision from the arterial or collector street. The extended (or wrapping) portion of said screen fence shall not encroach into the required front yard setback for any residential lot.
  - 3. In those instances where two consecutive and adjoining side or rear yard residential fences are located across the street from a front yard condition, a Type 3 fence constructed of cement fiberboard, concrete thin-wall, or an alternate material shall be installed. A mandatory property-owners association or a public improvement district ("PID") shall maintain such fences.
  - 4. Private residential fences shall consist of cedar and steel posts. Pine is not allowed.
- B. Each residential subdivision shall have entry signage that is coordinated with the development screening wall. A plan for all entry signage and screening walls shall be submitted for approval in conjunction with the final plat submittal.
  - 1. One landscaped monument sign feature will be required at a minimum of one street entry along a designated collector or arterial thoroughfare.
- C. Single-family lot landscaping:
  - 1. Each house at the time of occupancy shall have the following minimum landscaping:
    - a. Two (2)-three-inch caliper trees shall be provided for each residential lot. One tree

shall be planted in front of each house with the second tree to be located per homeowner/builder preference.

- b. Tree and shrub species shall be in accordance with the City of Grand Prairie approved tree and plant list contained in Article 8 of the Unified Development Code.
  - c. Shrubs shall be provided for each house in any size increment totaling a minimum of 30-gallons per residential lot.
  - d. Residential lots shall be fully sodded in accordance with the requirements of the Unified Development Code with full irrigation for entire lot.
- D. Tree preservation shall be implemented through development incentives and landscaping requirements.
1. Staff shall administratively approve building setback variances for the purpose of preserving existing trees. Tree protection provisions will be applied as condition of approval.

#### **SECTION 4. Density and Dimensional Requirements**

- A. The zoning area will offer a variety of single family detached housing and lot types in a variety of sizes in conformance with density and dimensional standards prescribed in the attached Exhibit "B", Density and Dimensional Table, with said standards being more particularly described below.
1. The design and location of single family detached residential lots, drainage areas and open spaces shall substantially conform to the concept plan depicted on Exhibit "C".
  2. A 25-foot front yard building setback is required for residential lots developed with front entry (street facing) garages. A 20-foot minimum front yard setback will be permitted for residential lots that are built with non-front entry (J-swing /side swing type) garages. This building setback provision shall be noted on the final plat for all phases of the Planned Development zoning area.
  3. Covered front yard porches with a minimum depth of 5 feet, built in front of or attached to the front (street facing) side of the residential living unit, may be constructed with a 20-foot minimum front yard setback. This building setback provision shall be noted on the final plat for all phases of the Planned Development zoning area.
  4. Architectural building projections, such as exterior stairs, exterior chimneys, stoops, bay and/or boxed windows, awnings, and other similar features may project in to the respective building set back by no more than 24-inches.
  5. No main building or structure shall be constructed with less than a 20-foot minimum front yard building setback. This building setback provision shall be noted on the final plat for all phases of the Planned Development zoning area.

**SECTION 5. Supplemental Development Standards**

- A. Architectural guidelines are to be established for the Planned Development zoning area.
1. Minimum roof pitch to be 8:12 for all roof structures covering main (climate controlled) living areas. Variation in roofing material shall be required in accordance with Section V. A. 5. c. of this Ordinance.
  2. A minimum roof pitch of 6:12 shall be permitted for front yard porches and non-front entry garages that shall include, but not be limited to, side entry, front oriented (J swing) side entry, or detached rear yard garage configurations. Variation in roofing material shall be required in accordance with Section V. A. 5. c. of this Ordinance.
  3. Exterior construction to be predominately composed of masonry materials.
    - a. Minimum eighty percent (80%) of all exterior wall surfaces for 2-story structures or higher shall be structurally designed for and constructed of masonry and/or stone. Certain architectural features shall be excluded from the masonry calculation that would include, but not be limited to, doors, windows, boxed or bay windows, dormers, areas under covered porches one-story in height, and other similar architectural projections. Masonry shall be defined as standard-size full-width brick, stone, cultured stone or stone veneer units. Color variation for brick masonry exteriors shall be required in accordance with Section V. A. 5. a. and b. of this Ordinance.
    - b. Minimum one-hundred percent (100%) of all exterior wall surfaces for 1-story structures shall be structurally designed for and constructed of masonry and/or stone. Certain architectural features shall be excluded from the masonry calculation that would include, but not be limited to, doors, windows, boxed or bay windows, dormers, areas under covered porches one-story in height, and other similar architectural projections. Masonry shall be defined as standard-size full-width brick, stone, cultured stone or stone veneer units. Color variation for brick masonry exteriors shall be required in accordance with Section V. A. 5. a. and b. of this Ordinance.
    - c. Minimum one-hundred percent (100%) of all building elevations directly facing, siding, and/or backing up to a major arterial, collector street, or local residential street shall be structurally designed for and constructed of masonry and/or stone. Certain architectural features shall be excluded from the masonry calculation that would include, but not be limited to, doors, windows, boxed or bay windows, dormers, areas under covered porches one-story in height, and other similar architectural projections. Masonry shall be defined as standard-size full-width brick, stone, cultured stone or stone veneer units. Color variation for brick masonry exteriors shall be required in accordance with Section V. A. 5. a. and b. of this Ordinance.
    - d. All fireplace chimney flues shall be encased in 100% masonry for all chimney types and locations.

4. Residential garage alternatives to be provided to the home owner/purchaser.
  - a. Minimum thirty percent (30%) of all platted residential lots with a width of 60-feet to 69-feet shall have non-front entry garages that shall include, but not be limited to, side entry, front oriented (J-swing) side entry, or detached rear yard garage configurations.
  - b. Minimum fifty percent (50%) of all platted residential lots with a width of 70-feet or greater shall have non-front entry garages that shall include, but not be limited to, side entry, front oriented (J-swing) side entry, or detached rear yard garage configurations.
  - c. Front entry garages with two or more doors are to have a minimum 12-inch offset between garage doors.
  - d. Two-car wide single garage doors are not permitted for front entry garages, but shall be permitted for non-front entry garages that shall include, but not be limited to, side entry, front oriented (J swing) side entry, or detached rear yard garage configurations.
  - e. Front entry garages shall not be permitted on lots directly facing a "T" type street intersection, where said lots has frontage along the visual terminus (or "dead-end" position) facing towards the end of the projecting intersecting street. Where two lots have a common side lot line that generally aligns with the center of the projecting intersecting street, non-front entry garages shall be required for both lots.
5. Variation in architectural design, color scheme, and building profile required.
  - a. No use of the same brick masonry color, duplicate building elevation, and building profile shall be allowed on a house built on a lot that is within 4 lots of a structure constructed with similar building elements that is located on the same side of a street in-between intersecting street(s). No residential building may be built with similar aforementioned building elements and color pallet as one located directly across the street.
  - b. The use of stone, cultured stone, or stone veneer units of the same color and hue shall be permitted within the Planned Development zoning area but shall not consume more than thirty-five percent (35%) of an exterior wall surface, or a collective series of exterior wall surfaces composing a facade, that are directly facing, siding, and/or backing up to a major arterial thoroughfare, collector street, and/or local residential street.
  - c. Three-tab type roof shingles are to be disallowed. One roof shingle color may be used throughout the Planned Development zoning area. However, no use of the same shade or tone of roof shingle color shall be allowed on a house built on a lot within 3 lots of a structure constructed with a similar roof shingle shade or tone that is located on the same side of street in-between intersecting streets. No house

may be built with a similar roof shingle shade or tone as one located directly across the street. Home buyers to be provided with at least 5 different shade or tone options for roof shingles.

- B. A unifying urban design theme is to be provided for amenities and streetscape elements with provision for centralized property management to be in place.
  - 1. Unified street signage, mail boxes and street lighting to be coordinated throughout the development.
  - 2. A mandatory property-owners association and/or a public improvement district ("PID") shall be created to enforce the restrictions contained in this ordinance at the expense of the property owners association and/or PID, and said association and/or PID shall also maintain required masonry screening walls, street landscaping, monument signage, common irrigation, and other common areas within the development. Documentation establishing such district and/or association shall be required at time of final plat review.

**SECTION 6. Façade Plans to be Submitted for Staff Review**

- A. For the purpose of verifying compliance with the architectural requirements prescribed in Section V. A. of this Ordinance, the developer/builder shall submit proposed building elevations at time of final plat review with associated information describing masonry content, masonry color, garage orientation, and roof shingle specifications. This information will be required for data entry into City's "PD Tracking System" prior to the issuance of building permits for the Planned Development zoning area.

**SECTION 7.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically repealed.

**SECTION 8.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, THIS THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.**


**APPROVED:**

  
 Charles England, Mayor

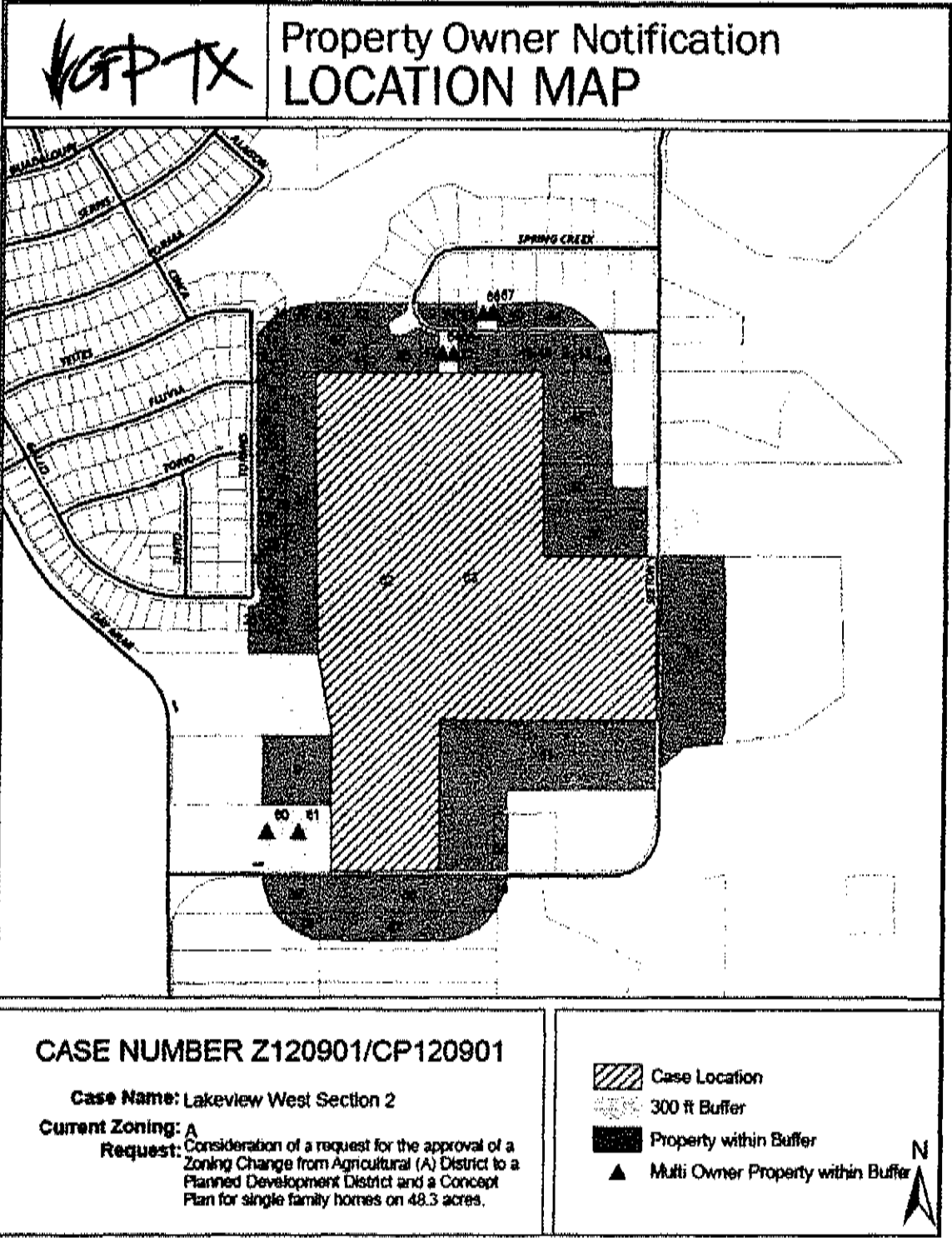
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 City Attorney

**ATTEST:**

  
 Catherine E. DiMaggio  
 City Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 9404-2012  
 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NO. 336  
 CASE NO. Z120901/CP120901**





**Exhibit 'A'**  
**Legal Description**  
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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**BEING** a tract of land in the City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County, Texas and being out of the C. M. Adams Survey, Abstract No. 38, and being a part of that 50.000 acre tract of land conveyed to Daniel Gonzales and wife Sue Chen Gonzales as recorded in Volume 11530, Page 220, Deed Records Tarrant County, Texas, and being further described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the northwest corner of said 50.000 acre tract of land;

**THENCE** North 89 degrees 57 minutes 52 seconds East, 996.17 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** South 00 degrees 09 minutes 18 seconds East, 794.53 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** South 89 degrees 19 minutes 46 seconds East, 500.37 feet to a point for corner in the center of Seeton Road;

**THENCE** South 00 degrees 19 minutes 20 seconds East, 716.24 feet along the center of Seeton Road to a point for corner;

**THENCE** South 89 degrees 45 minutes 04 seconds West, 938.17 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** South 00 degrees 14 minutes 43 seconds East, 670.55 feet to a point for corner in the center of Seeton Road;

**THENCE** South 89 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds West, 173.00 feet along the center of Seeton Road to a point for corner;

**THENCE** North 00 degrees 14 minutes 43 seconds West, 317.26 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** North 89 degrees 58 minutes 04 seconds West, 228.50 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** South 00 degrees 27 minutes 03 seconds East, 317.45 feet to a point for corner in the center of Seeton Road;

**THENCE** South 89 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds West, 90.00 feet along the center of Seeton Road;

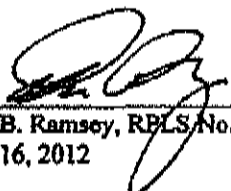
**THENCE** North 00 degrees 27 minutes 03 seconds West, 969.84 feet to a point for corner;

**THENCE** North 89 degrees 37 minutes 59 seconds West, 55.28 feet to a point for corner;

Exhibit 'A'  
Legal Description  
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THENCE North 00 degrees 39 minutes 45 seconds West, 1220.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 2,105,942 square feet or 48.346 acres of land.

"This document was prepared under 22 TAC 663.23, does not reflect the results of an on the ground survey, and is not to be used to convey or establish interests in real property except those rights and interests implied or established by the creation or reconfiguration of the boundary of the political subdivision for which it was prepared."

  
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Dan B. Ramsey, RPLS, No. 4172  
July 16, 2012



**Exhibit "B"**  
**Density and Dimensional Table**  
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Maximum Density per Gross Acre	Minimum Living Area per Unit (SF)	Minimum Lot Sizes & Dimensions			Min Yard Setbacks in Feet						Max. Height (Feet)	Max. Lot Coverage
		Area (SF)	Width (Feet)	Depth (Feet)	Front w/ front facing garage	Front w/ non front facing garage, and/or front facing porches min. 5' deep	Rear	Internal Side Yard	Side on Street	Rear on Street Greater than 50-foot Right-of-Way		
4.0	1,800 SF 20% lots	7,800	65	120	25	20	10	6	13	15	35	50%
	2,000 SF 80% lots											

Exhibit "C"  
 Concept Plan  
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