

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 16, 2024 AGENDA**

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| <p>Subject:</p> <p>An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled Evans (3) STR-2 PD-C, located at 8 Serenity Drive (Z-9936).</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p> | <p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p> | <p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: right;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BACKGROUND</p> | <p>The applicant requests to rezone the 0.20-acre property, located at 8 Serenity Drive, from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for a Short-Term Rental (STR-2).</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Staff recommends denial of the requested PD-C rezoning. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.</p> <p>The applicant proposes to rezone the 0.20-acre property, located at 8 Serenity Drive, from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the 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.</p> <p>The STR-2 is currently in operation and has been operating for the past six (6) months; however, the property is not currently under enforcement by the City of Little Rock Planning and Development. As of this date, there have been no Police Reports associated with the STR-2 property.</p> |
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The property is occupied by a 1,372 square-foot, brick and frame house, with three (3) bedrooms and two (2) baths. The property is located within the West Little Rock Planning District. The Future Land Use Plan shows Residential Low Density (RL) for the requested area, and the application site and all surrounding properties are zoned R-2. A one (1)-car garage and a long driveway allow parking for at least four (4) vehicles.

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 no Short-Term Rentals within ¼-mile of this property.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their March 14, 2024, meeting, and there was one (1)-objector present. The objector present expressed concerns with the neighborhood becoming commercial. 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.