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May 18, 2023

The Honorable Terrance Freeman, President
The Honorable Kevin Carrico, LUZ Chair
And Members of the City Council
City Hall
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

**RE: Planning Commission Advisory Report
Ordinance No.: 2023-262**

Dear Honorable Council President Freeman, Honorable Council Member and LUZ Chairperson Carrico and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.204 and Section 656.129, *Ordinance Code*, the Planning Commission respectfully offers this report for consideration by the Land Use and Zoning Committee.

Planning and Development Department Recommendation: **Approve**

Planning Commission Recommendation: **Approve**

Planning Commission Commentary: There were no speakers in opposition and little discussion among the Commissioners.

Planning Commission Vote:	7-0
Alex Moldovan, Chair	Aye
Ian Brown, Vice Chair	Aye
Jason Porter, Secretary	Aye
Marshall Adkison	Absent
Daniel Blanchard	Aye
Jordan Elsbury	Aye
David Hacker	Aye
Morgan Roberts	Aye

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce E. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

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REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR
APPLICATION FOR REZONING ORDINANCE 2023-0262

May 18, 2023

The Planning and Development Department hereby forwards to the Planning Commission, Land Use and Zoning Committee, and City Council its comments and recommendation regarding Application for Rezoning Ordinance **2023-0262**.

Location: 812 Alderman Road

Real Estate Number: 142501-0020

Current Zoning District: Commercial Office (CO)

Proposed Zoning District: Commercial Neighborhood (CN)

Current Land Use Category: Community/General Commercial (CGC)

Planning District: District 2—Greater Arlington/Beaches

Applicant/Agent: Evin Herzberg,
12483 Aladdin Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Owner: Sweeney of NE Florida, Inc.
812 Alderman Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32211

Staff Recommendation: **APPROVE**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application for Rezoning Ordinance **2023-0262** seeks to rezone 0.53± acres of a subject property from Commercial Office (CO) to Commercial Neighborhood (CN). The request is being sought to allow for a plumbing office. The property is currently developed and is being used as a medical office.

STANDARDS, CRITERIA AND FINDINGS

Pursuant to Section 656.125 of the Zoning Code, an applicant for a proposed rezoning bears the burden of proving, by substantial competent evidence, that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan for future development of the subject parcel. In determining

whether a proposed rezoning is consistent with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, the Planning and Development Department considers several factors, including (a) whether it is consistent with the functional land use category identified in the Future Land Use Map series of the Future Land Use Element; (b) whether it furthers the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; and (c) whether it conflicts with any portion of the City's land use regulations. Thus, the fact that a proposed rezoning is permissible within a given land use category does not automatically render it consistent with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, as a determination of consistency entails an examination of several different factors.

1. ***Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan?***

Yes. In accordance with Section 656.129 *Advisory recommendation on amendment of Zoning Code or rezoning of land* of the Zoning Code, the Planning and Development Department finds the subject property to be located in the Community/General Commercial (CGC) functional land use category according to the Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs) adopted as part of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

2. ***Does the proposed rezoning further the goals, objectives and policies of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan?***

Yes. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the listed objectives, policies and goals of the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. According to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE),), the Community/General Commercial (CGC) land use category is a category intended to provide for a wide variety of retail goods and services which serve large areas of the City and a diverse set of neighborhoods. Uses should generally be developed in nodal and corridor development patterns. Nodes are generally located at major roadway intersections and corridor development should provide continuity between the nodes and serve adjacent neighborhoods in order to reduce the number of Vehicle Miles Travelled.

To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan, zoning staff should analyze the proposed zoning application in relation to the following goals, objectives, policies and/or text of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. This analysis should be included within the staff report for the zoning application.

Future Land Use Element:

Objective 1.1

Ensure that the type, rate and distribution of growth in the City results in compact and compatible land use patterns, an increasingly efficient urban service delivery system and discourages proliferation of urban sprawl through implementation of regulatory programs, intergovernmental coordination mechanisms, and public/private coordination.

The pattern of development in the area consists of commercial properties being located along the Arlington Expressway Service Road and the residential properties being located

behind the commercial properties. This is efficient for residents who live in this area and for residents outside this area accessing the commercial properties.

Goal 3

To achieve a well-balanced and organized combination of residential, non-residential, recreational and public uses served by a convenient and efficient transportation network, while protecting and preserving the fabric and character of the City's neighborhoods and enhancing the viability of non-residential areas.

The proposed rezoning at the subject site would promote the balance of non-residential uses and residential uses within the immediate area to better service the community.

3. Does the proposed rezoning conflict with any portion of the City's land use regulations?

No. The proposed rezoning is not in conflict with any portion of the City's land use regulations. If approved as recommended by the Staff of the Planning and Development Department, the subject property will be rezoned from CO to CN in order to permit for an established plumbing company to have their corporate offices with plumbing vans coming and going from the property.

SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING

The subject property is located on Alderman Road at the corner of Arlington Expressway Service Road and Alderman Road. The uses to the east and west are also commercial zoned, while north and south are residentially zoned. The residential property to the south is separated by the Arlington Expressway. The proposed rezoning to CN would allow the applicant to use the property as their corporate plumbing offices with company vans coming and going from the property. The adjacent land uses, and zoning districts are as follows:

Adjacent Property	Land Use Category	Zoning District	Current Use(s)
North	RPI	CRO	Multi-Family Dwellings
East	CGC	CN	Restaurant/Not in Service
South	MDR	RMD-C	Condominium (across Arlington Expy)
West	CGC	CO	Vacant Commercial

It is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department that the requested rezoning to CN will be consistent and compatible with the surrounding uses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Upon visual inspection of the subject property on **May 2, 2023**, by the Planning and Development Department, the required Notice of Public Hearing signs **were** posted.



RECOMMENDATION

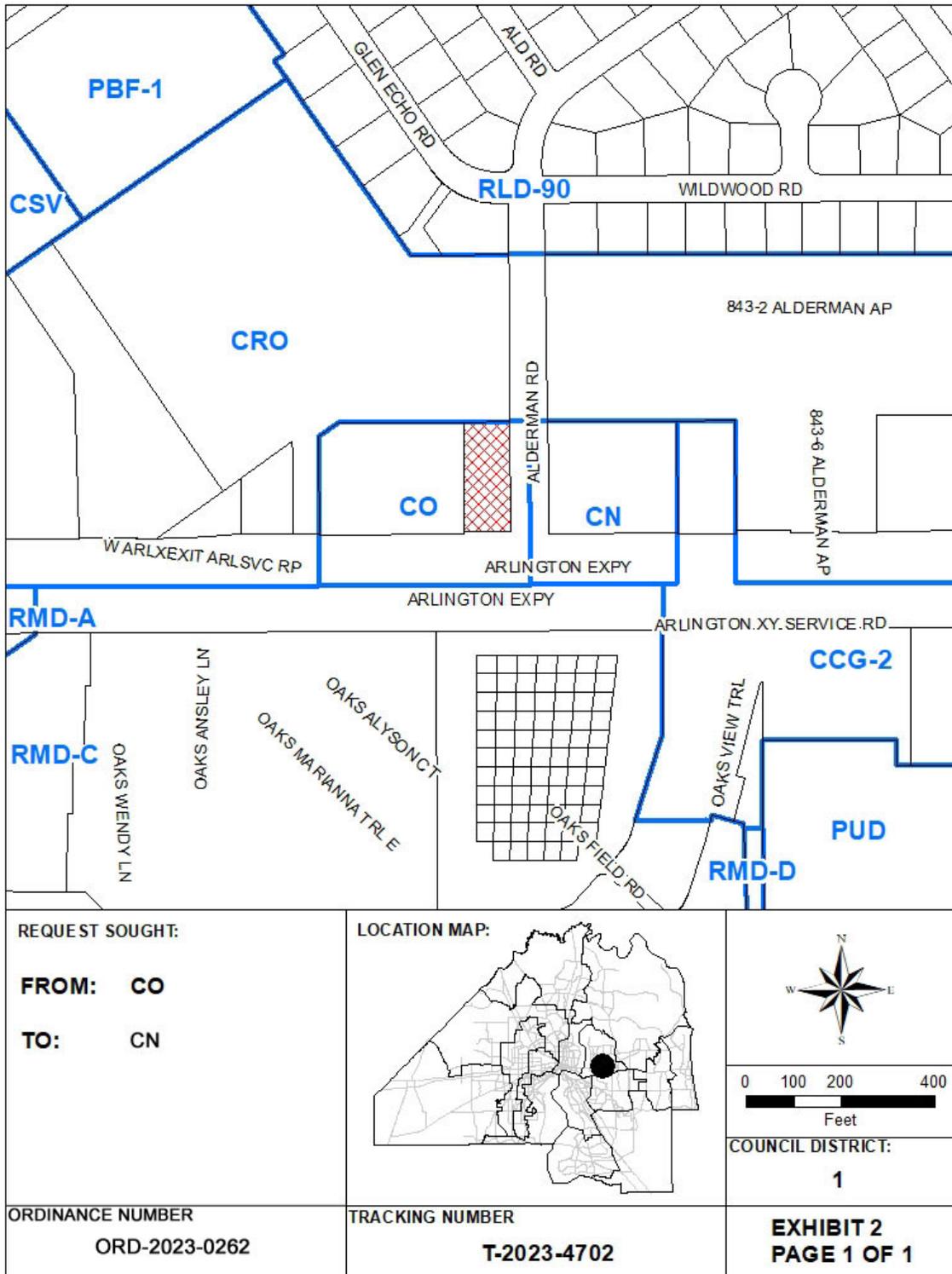
Based on the foregoing, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that Application for Rezoning Ordinance 2023-0262 be **APPROVED**.



Aerial view



Subject Property



Legal Map