STAFF REPORT

Case No.: 0115-06 **HTE No.** 15-10000002

Planning Commission Hearing Date: February 11, 2015

Applicant/Owner: South Staples, LLC **Representative:** Naismith Engineering

Applicant Legal Description

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<u>Tract 1</u>: Being an 8.57 acre tract out of a 78.76 acre parcel which is out of the East One-Half of the Northwest One-Quarter, Section Thirty, Laureles Farm Tracts.

<u>Tract 2:</u> Being a 5.22 acre tract out of a 78.76 acre parcel which is out of the East One-Half of the Northwest One-Quarter, Section Thirty, Laureles Farm Tracts.

Location: The property is located on the northwest corner of South Staples Street (FM 2444) and County Road 41A.

Zoning Request

Tract 1:

From: "FR" Farm Rural District

To: "RS-15" Single-Family 15 District

Fxisting Zoning

Area: 8.57 acres

Purpose of Request: To allow the construction of a single-family subdivision.

Tract 2:

From: "FR" Farm Rural District

To: "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District

Area: 5.22 acres

Purpose of Request: To allow neighborhood commercial type businesses.

Existing Zoning and Land Uses

	District	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use	
Site	Tract 1: "FR" Farm Rural Tract 2: "FR" Farm Rural	Tract 1: Vacant Tract 2: Vacant	Tract 1: Low Density Residential Tract 2: Low Density Residential	
North	"FR" Farm Rural	Vacant	Low Density Residential	
South	"FR" Farm Rural	Vacant	Low Density Residential Low Density Residential	
East	"FR" Farm Rural	Vacant		
West	"FR" Farm Rural	Vacant	Low Density Residential	

ADP, Map & Violations

Area Development Plan: The subject property is located within the boundaries of the London Area Development Plan (ADP) and is planned for low density residential uses. The rezoning on Tract 1 is consistent with the adopted Future Land Use Plan. While the rezoning on Tract 2 is inconsistent with the Future LAND Use Plan.

Map No.: 048030

Zoning Violations: None

Transportation

Transportation and Circulation: The area to be rezoned has access to South Staples Street (FM 2444), which the Urban Transportation Plan shows as an A3 Primary Arterial Street, and County Road 41A, which the Urban Transportation Plan shows as a C3 Primary Collector Street.

.O.W.	Street	Urban Transportation Plan Type	Proposed Section	Existing Section	Traffic Volume
Street R.C	FM 2444 South Staples Street	A3 Primary Arterial	Existing	130' ROW 79' Paved	3,063 ADT
St	CR 41A	C3 Primary Collector	Proposed	75' ROW 50' Paved	Not Available

Staff Summary:

Requested Zoning: The applicant is requesting a change of zoning from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-15" Single-Family 15 District on Tract 1 to allow construction of single-family dwellings on lots with a minimum size of 15,000 square feet and to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District on Tract 2 to allow neighborhood commercial type businesses. The applicant plans to develop half-acre (21,780 square feet) single-family lots because public wastewater lines are not available in the area and half-acre lots are required for septic systems. The applicant is requesting the "RS-15" District because he cannot meet the minimum lot size of 22,000 square feet required by the "RS-22" District.

Development Plan: The subject property located within the newly annexed portion of South Staples Street (FM 2444). The applicant/developer's rezoning area is part of a larger proposed development consisting of 78.76 acres. The developer is proposing to build 93 single-family lots on half-acre lots on a total of 70.33 acres, and neighborhood commercial uses on the remaining 8.43 acres. The majority of the development is outside City limits. The newly annexed area only extends 500 feet north of South Staples Street (FM 2444). For **Tract 1**, there is a total of 8.57 acres and the developer is proposing eight half-acre lots. For **Tract 2**, there is a total of 5.22 acres and the developer is proposing neighborhood commercial uses.

Existing Land Uses & Zoning: To the north, south, east and west of the subject property is zoned as "FR" Farm Rural and is currently vacant. To the east is a proposed single-family subdivision with half-acre lots called Sun George Village.

AICUZ: The subject property is <u>not</u> located in a Navy Air Installation Compatibility Use Zones (AICUZ).

Comprehensive Plan & Area Development Plan (ADP) Consistency: The subject properties are within the boundaries of the London ADP and the proposed rezoning is partially consistent with the adopted Future Land Use Plan, which slates the properties for low density residential use. Tract 1 is consistent with the Future Land Use Plan. Currently, there is low density residential development underway within 2,600 feet from the subject properties. Tract 2 is not consistent with the Future Land Use Plan. However, the Urban Transportation Plan map calls for a collector street (County Road 41A) to extend along the east side of the entire development. Therefore, the proposed commercial tract of land (Tract 2) will be located at the corner of a collector and arterial roadway, making the location suitable for neighborhood commercial uses. Additionally, the Future Land Use Plan calls for commercial nodes of development farther east of Tract 1 at the intersection of South Staples Street (FM 2444) and CR 41.

Department Comments:

- The rezoning to the "RS-15" District on Tract 1 is not consistent with the London ADP in that the property is not suited for the lots sizes allowed by the "RS-15" District because public wastewater is not available and the use of septic systems requires a minimum lot size of 21,780 square feet. However, a rezoning to the "RS-22/SP" Single-Family 22 District with a Special permit for lot sizes of 21,780 square feet (just under the "RS-22" District's required lot size of 22,000 square feet) would be consistent with Comprehensive Plan and London ADP.
- The rezoning to the "CN-1" District on Tract 2 is not consistent with the Future Land Use Plan. However, the Future Land Use Plan indicates nodes of commercial development at major intersections. Therefore, the rezoning to "CN-1" at this location is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and London ADP.
- The nearest existing commercial use is 2.5 miles from the subject property near the corner of Yorktown Boulevard and South Staples Street (FM 2444).
- The rezonings are compatible with the present zoning and conforming uses of nearby property and to the character of the surrounding area.
- The property to be rezoned is suitable for uses permitted by the zoning district that would be applied by the rezonings (with the exception of the "RS-15" District).
- The proposed rezonings would not have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Staff Recommendation:

<u>Tract 1</u>: Denial of the rezoning from the "FR" Farm Rural District to "RS-15" Single-Family 15 District and, in lieu thereof, approval of the "RS-22/SP" Single-Family 22 District with a Special Permit subject to a site plan and the following conditions:

- 1. **Permitted Uses:** The only use authorized by this Special Permit are those authorized by the "RS-22" Single-Family District and single-family detached dwellings on lots with a minimum size of 21,780 square feet.
- 2. **Lot Width**: The Property described as Tract 1 shall be developed in accordance with the setback/height/open space requirements of the "RS-22" District with the exception that Lots 2, 3, 58 and 59 are permitted to have a minimum lot width of 60 feet measured at the front yard setback and Lots 1 and 60 are permitted to have a minimum lot width of 90 feet measured at the front yard setback.
- 3. **Time Limit:** This Special Permit shall be deemed to have expired within 24 months of this ordinance unless a complete public improvement construction permit application has been submitted.

<u>Tract 2</u>: Approval of the rezoning from the "FR" Farm Rural District to "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District.

Public Jotification Number of Notices Mailed – 4 within 200-foot notification area; 3 outside notification area

As of February 4, 2015:

In Favor – 0 inside notification area; 0 outside notification area In Opposition – 0 inside notification area; 0 outside notification area

For 0.00% in opposition.

Attachments: 1. Location Map (Existing Zoning & Notice Area)

2. Site Plan (Preliminary Plat)



