

Presented by: Planning Comm.
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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2021-26(am)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map by Rezoning Channel View, Lot 1, Located near 4650 North Douglas Highway from D-15 to Light Commercial.

WHEREAS, the area of the proposed rezone, Channel View Lot 1, consists of 15.41 acres, is located near 4650 North Douglas Highway, and is currently zoned D-15; and

WHEREAS, adjacent parcels are zoned D-3, D-15, and General Commercial (GC); and

WHEREAS, the land use maps of the Comprehensive Plan identify the subject lot as Medium Density Residential (MDR); and

WHEREAS, the MDR designation is characterized by urban residential lands for multifamily dwelling units at densities ranging from 5 to 20 units per acre and where any commercial development should be of a scale consistent with a residential neighborhood, as regulated in the Table of Permissible Uses; and

WHEREAS, the LC, Light Commercial district, is intended to accommodate commercial development that is less intensive than that permitted in the General Commercial district. Light commercial districts are primarily located adjacent to existing residential areas. Although many of the uses allowed in this district are also allowed in the GC, General Commercial district, they are listed as conditional uses in this district and therefore require commission review to determine compatibility with surrounding land uses. A lower level of intensity of development is also achieved by stringent height and setback restrictions. Residential development is allowed in mixed- and single-use developments in the Light Commercial district; and

WHEREAS, the Light Commercial district allows for up to 30 units per acre, which exceeds the density limit of the Comprehensive Plan MDR designation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommended rezoning the subject property from D-15 Transition to Light Commercial upon two conditions (1) that additional public transportation infrastructure first be constructed to ensure any allowed higher density development would not aggravate existing issues with traffic flow and pedestrian safety, and (2)

the Assembly adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Map amendment from MDR to High Density Residential (HDR) to allow the higher densities allowed in the Light Commercial zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the Community Development Department's recommendation and concluded the Light Commercial zoning district—without any conditions—substantially conformed to the maps of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Manager recommended following the Community Development Department's recommendation to rezone the subject property from D-15 Transition to Light Commercial once additional public transportation infrastructure is constructed to ensure any allowed higher density development would not aggravate existing issues with traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment to the Official Zoning Map. The Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough, adopted pursuant to CBJ 49.25.110, is amended to change the zoning of Channel View Lot 1 (Parcel # 6D0601150011) from D-15 transition to Light Commercial when the following condition is satisfied: there are infrastructure improvements to allow higher density development and to allow for protecting public safety along North Douglas Highway.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk