

STAFF REPORT

To: Hildale City Planning Commission

From: Hildale City Planning Staff

Date: September 22, 2025

Re: Zone Change Application -- Aaron Barlow (720 West Uzona Ave, Hildale, UT)

Background

Applicant Aaron Barlow has submitted a request to rezone a parcel located at 720 West Uzona Ave, Hildale, UT, (Tax ID: HD-SHCR-2-26-C). The current zoning is R1-8 (Single-family residential 8) and the request is to rezone to RM-1 (Multiple-family residential 1).

“My brother and I are wanting to build a duplex to share in building and land cost.”

All necessary documentation was submitted as required by Hildale City Municipal Code, including:

- A complete application form and fee
- Legal description and warranty deed
- Existing and proposed zoning maps
- List and map of abutting property zones
- Stamped envelopes for property owners within 250 ft.
- Notarized owner affidavit and agent authorization

Access and Frontage

The parcel has direct street frontage and access along West Uzona Ave. These public roadways provide existing legal access and utility connections suitable for a lot split under the RM-1 (Multiple-family residential 1) zoning requirements.

Steps Required for Zone Change Approval

As provided in Hildale City Municipal Code, the following steps are necessary:

1. Complete Application Submission -- Confirmed

2. Public Notification -- Confirmed
3. Planning Commission Public Hearing -- To be scheduled for September 29, 2025
4. City Council Review and Decision -- Following Commission recommendation
5. Ordinance Adoption & Zoning Map Update -- If approved
6. Final Approval & Recordation -- For legal effect

Surrounding Zoning & Land Use

- North: RA-1 Residential/agricultural lots
- East: RA-1 Residential/agricultural lots
- South: RE-1A (Across the street is Colorado City's Zone Residential Estate-1
- West: R1-8 Single-family residential

Compliance with General Plan & Zoning Ordinance

The 2021 Hildale General Plan supports the creation of diverse housing options and the efficient use of existing infrastructure in areas where moderate-density development can be integrated compatibly.

Key considerations:

1. General Plan Alignment -- The zone change from R1-8 (Single-family residential 8) to RM-1 (Multiple-family residential 1) can be made consistent with General Plan goals through proper conditions and mitigation measures.
2. Compatibility with Existing Development -- The proposed change represents an increase in density that requires careful consideration of compatibility with adjacent residential areas.
3. Infrastructure & Services -- Public utilities including water, sewer, and electricity are available through Hildale and Garkane Energy, with no known floodplain concerns. Confirmation of system capacity will be necessary for higher-density development.
4. Adverse Impact Assessment -- Potential impacts have been identified that can be addressed through appropriate conditions and mitigation measures.

Staff Recommendation

Conditional Approval Recommended, subject to the following conditions:

1. Utility Capacity Verification -- Applicant must confirm availability of water, sewer, and stormwater services through the Joint Utility Committee (§152-24-4).
2. Infrastructure Improvements -- Coordinate with Public Works to ensure that curb, gutter, sidewalk, and utility improvements meet city standards (§152-39-6).
3. Compatibility Buffering -- Consider transitional buffering (e.g., fencing or landscaping) for adjacent RA-1 properties if determined necessary (§152-33-2).
4. Access & Frontage Standards -- Verify adequate street frontage and access meets requirements for proposed use intensity (§152-35-1).
5. General Plan Consistency -- Development proposals under the new zoning must demonstrate consistency with the 2021 Hildale General Plan land use policies (§152-7-7).
6. Infrastructure -- Require infrastructure improvements prior to development approval (§152-7-7).

Conclusion

The requested zone change from R1-8 (Single-family residential 8) to RM-1 (Multiple-family residential 1) for the property at 720 West Uzona Ave, Hildale, UT can support the city's planning objectives with appropriate conditions to address identified concerns. With appropriate review and verification during subsequent development phases, the proposal represents sound planning practice.

Prepared by:

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