



Raising Cane's Homewood  
17601 S. Halsted Street, Homewood, IL 60430

### **Project Narrative**

The proposed development at 17601 S. Halsted Street is for a Raising Cane's quick-serve restaurant. The site is currently host to an existing Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers restaurant with dual drive-thru lanes along the east face of the building that converge to a single lane along the north face of the building. There is also existing on-site parking and a patio on the west side of the building for outdoor dining that will be improved. The existing building will remain in place and be improved to accommodate Raising Cane's operations. The existing building is approximately 3,633 square feet. The building improvements will result in a gross 3,593 square foot building. A new vestibule will be constructed to better support Raising Cane's operational needs. Exterior elevations will be updated with new colors while maintaining the existing materials and new signage will be installed. Site lighting will be replaced to provide appropriate illumination throughout the property and landscaping will be enhanced to meet Raising Cane's brand standards and complement the revised site layout.

The existing site layout will largely stay the same, but general site improvements will be made to improve vehicle circulation, pedestrian safety, and the aesthetics of the property. The drive-thru has been lengthened and designed to maximize stacking onsite and minimize site congestion. A new landscape median is being proposed along the southern face of the property to divide the site from the property to the south and to protect the drive-thru facility. There are two existing driveways being maintained - one located at the southwest corner of the site to maintain the drive aisle to the southern property (Dave's Hot Chicken restaurant) and one at the southeast corner of the site along an existing internal access road. The southeast driveway has been shifted south to align with the south thoroughfare through the site. The south thoroughfare through the site is a one-way drive aisle connecting the two driveways and providing access to customer parking and the drive-thru entrance. The north thoroughfare is a two-way drive aisle providing access to customer parking, mobile-order pickup spots, and terminating at the drive-thru exit.

Raising Cane's is a quick-serve restaurant that was founded in 1996 in Baton Rouge, LA by its founder, Todd Graves. The restaurant has ONE LOVE, which is chicken, as evident by the focused menu that includes: chicken fingers, fries, coleslaw, and Texas toast. The food is always cooked to order to ensure the best quality and flavor possible.

Raising Cane's is not a chain restaurant but is part of the community. The restaurant not only employs people from the area but gives back to the community in several ways by promoting education, feeding the hungry, pet welfare, local community involvement and more.

The building itself promotes visual aesthetics with the variations not only in the architecture, but the building materials themselves. All of this with the variations in the heights of the building, along with the ample landscaping around the building provides an aesthetically pleasing structure that accents the development unlike the fast food 'box' style of many businesses.

Raising Cane's will have approximately 65 employees at this location, with an average of 10-12 employees per shift. The restaurant will be open Sun - Thu: 9:30am - 2:00am; Fri - Sat: 9:30am – 3:30am. The drive thru will have the same hours of operation.

There is an anticipated construction start date of June 2026 and an anticipated opening date of December 2026.