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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Plan Commission
From: Dave Kittel, Director of Planning and Community Development
Date: September 30, 2024
Re: Special Exception Request – 152 Plank Road

Zurieth Ahmed of Harmony Homes operates an adult assisted living service. She has submitted an application for a Special Exception for parcel 322073200 – address 152 Plank Rd. The parcel is zoned Residential Multifamily (RMF), and the current use of the property is duplex style residential units.

The City of Kaukauna Code of Ordinances, [Section 17.19 \(3\)](#) “allows community living arrangements/group homes, subject to Wis. Stats. § 62.23(7)(i)” as a special exception.

According to [Section 17.47 \(4\)](#), Plan Commission shall use the following criteria:

Before any special exception shall be recommended for approval, the city plan commission shall make findings that the granting of a special exception will not adversely affect the public interest and certify that the specific requirements governing the individual special exception, if any, have been met by the applicant. No special exception shall be recommended for approval unless the plan commission shall find:

- a. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the special exception use or structure will not be detrimental or injurious to the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties or properties in the immediate vicinity.
- b. That the special exception is compatible with the adjacent existing uses and structures or uses and structures likely to develop which are permitted in the district.
- c. That adequate public facilities and services are available to the development.
- d. That adequate measures are taken to provide for drainage.
- e. That ingress and egress to the property is provided in such a manner as to minimize traffic hazards and congestion.
- f. That adequate parking and loading areas are provided.

Public hearing. Upon the filing of an application for a special exception, the city plan commission shall notify the city council of such application and shall fix a reasonable time, not more than 60 days from the filing date, for a public hearing. A class 2 notice pursuant to Wis. Stats. ch. 985 shall be published in the official newspaper of the city specifying the date, time, and place of hearing and the matters to come before the city plan commission. Notice shall also be mailed to the parties of interest, as determined by the city plan commission.

A special exception currently exists for this group at 150 and 154 Plank Road. Some concerns have been raised on the recent number of calls for Police assistance at these units. A report from the Police and Fire Department will be available for further discussion for the hearing.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends to direct staff to schedule a public hearing for November 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the City Council Chambers and send notice to the newspaper and parties of interest to collect feedback from residents before making a recommendation to Common Council.

