



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 20-19 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 24.48 Acres, Located at the 6300 Block of South Farm Road 89, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H)

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### Issue Statement

Steven McElhaney has applied to change the Zoning Classification of **(24.48) acres** of property located at the 6300 Block of South Farm Road 89 from **Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H)**.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

The property subject to this Rezoning Application is comprised of approximately **(24.48) acres** of land located at the 6300 Block of South Farm Road 89. The property is currently vacant, containing no agricultural or residential structures, and is being utilized for agricultural purposes.

The following paragraphs contain brief analyses of present site conditions as well as the proposal's relationship to **adopted plans of the City**.

### Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

The City's Comprehensive Plan generally encourages the expansion of residential development through proactive rezoning of land at appropriate locations. Appropriate locations are described generally throughout the Plan with regard to the **relationship of land at particular locations to infrastructure capable of supporting various intensities and densities of uses**.

The Plan also more particularly describes appropriate future land uses through the depiction of a **"Future Land Use Map" (FLUM)**. In this case, the FLUM depicts the subject property as having a **Low Density Residential FLUM** designation. The City's Adopted 2005 Land Use Plan has identified the **"Low Density Residential"** Future Land Use Map designation as **"Single-Family Residential Development at 1-6 units per acre,"** which includes the Low Density Single-Family Residential (R1-L) at 4 dwelling units/acre, Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) at 5 dwelling units/acre, and **High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H) at 6 dwelling units/acre.**



The 2005 Land Use Plan identifies Land Use Goals and Objectives relating to residential development, as follows:

- **Goal:** Cost-effective Private Development Density. Encourage higher density development that will reduce the amount of infrastructure and cost to the developer and reduce the maintenance costs by the City.
  - **Objective:** Use the Land Use Plan to promote and guide the development of land at higher densities to reduce the amount of infrastructure constructed within the City.
  - **Policies:**
    - Plan for higher density development that will reduce the cost of maintenance of new infrastructure improvements, such as water, sanitary sewer, stormwater and roads.
- **Goal:** Diversify the Republic Housing Market.
  - **Objective:** Promote all types of residential development.
- **Goal:** Improve the quality of all types of housing in the City.
  - **Objective:** Encourage the development of high-quality housing regardless of the size, type, and density of housing being constructed.

The general trend of development in the vicinity of the subject property in recent years has been the development of **residential subdivisions**.

#### **Compatibility with Surrounding Land Uses**

The subject property is surrounded by The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Planned Development to the east, Valley Trail Planned Development to the west and Greene County Agricultural zoned properties to the north and south.

The land uses permitted in the High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H) Zoning District include single-family dwellings, residential accessory structures, golf courses, country clubs, and schools.

#### **Capacity To Serve Potential Development and Land Use**

**Municipal Water and Sewer Service:** This site is not currently connected to municipal utilities. The site currently has an eight (8) inch water main adjacent to the east property line on East New Madrid Drive in the Shuyler Ridge Subdivision; an extension of the ten (10) inch water main located in the Valley Trail Subdivision on the west side of South Farm Road 89 will be required to make a looped connection through the subdivision. An eighteen (18) inch sewer main is located at the east property line on East New Madrid Drive; flowing to the Shuyler Creek Lift Station before travelling through a force main to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The water and sewer mains in place have the capacity to serve the potential development.



**Transportation:** The subject parcel is currently accessible, for agricultural and residential purposes, from an access point on South Farm Road 89, directly adjacent to the western property line; subsequent development of the subject parcel will require review of new entrances(s) through the Preliminary Platting process. The Republic City Code will require the development of the subject property to include the extension of internal public streets to boundary lines, sidewalks, and the construction of public streets of sufficient width to accommodate the development. South Farm Road 89 is identified as a Secondary Arterial on the Major Thoroughfare Plan, if the property is developed, a dedication of Right-of-Way will be required during the Final Platting Process. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) has been completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the City; the report indicates no major improvements are needed to the City's existing transportation system to accommodate the increase in traffic generated by the proposed development.

**Floodplain:** The subject parcel **does not** contain a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA/Floodplain).

**Sinkholes:** The subject parcel **does not** contain any **identified sinkholes**.

**Extent to which Proposed Amendment Creates Nonconformities**

Any existing agricultural uses presently conducted on the subject property would be permitted to continue as is at the time of rezone until such time as the use is altered in a way that would remove that lawfully existing nonconforming status. Types of alterations that would cause the removal of that status include redevelopment, expansion of the nonconforming use, substantial destruction of the nonconformity, etc.

**Recommended Action**

Staff considers the **proposed Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)** to be generally consistent with the **goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan**, consistent with the **trend of development in the vicinity of the site**, generally **compatible with surrounding land uses**, and **able to be adequately served by municipal facilities**. Based upon this analysis (performed without the benefit of evidence and testimony of a public hearing), **Staff recommends the approval of this application.**