

STAFF REPORT

REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM AG TO R-1 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7875 WEST FARM ROAD 76, WILLARD, MISSOURI.

DATE: MAY 5TH, 2026

FACTS:

File Number: Z-2026-010

Applicant: Martin Hanney

Property Owner: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Location: 7875 W Farm Road 76

Current Zoning: AG

Proposed Zoning: R-1

Community Plan Future Land Use Designation: R-1

Surrounding Zoning:

North: County

South: County

East: R-1

West: County

Request: The applicant requests to rezone approximately 7.85 acres from AG to R-1, with the intent to possibly build.

Existing Conditions: The subject property is currently an undeveloped parcel located near intersection of Farm Road 76 and Hwy 160. The property is bordered with **single family homes** to the West, **Agricultural** to the North, Agricultural to the south, Agricultural to the East. }

Community Plan - The Community Plan Future Land Use map designates this area as **MU** area. **Mixed-use areas** are intended to provide a built environment that facilitates the ability to live, work, and recreate in one area. They are zones where there is a vertical and horizontal mixture of residential use that operates as a commercial business (lodging); therefore it's categorized as mixed-use.

Mixed-use developments should contain convenient pedestrian circulation networks and access to the city's open space system. Buildings and developments should have a mix of uses, which are mutually supportive and integrated into the community. Vertically mixed-use buildings should accommodate active public uses such as commercial, retail and restaurants at the street level and residential or office spaces on the upper floors.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

Section 400.350 Amendments.

- A. *Amendments Authorized.* The Board of Aldermen may from time to time by ordinance amend, supplement, change, modify or repeal the boundaries of the zoning districts or the regulations herein or subsequently established. The Board of Aldermen must receive the recommendation and report of the Commission before it may take any such action.
- B. *Initiation Of Amendment.* Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Aldermen, the Planning and Zoning Commission or by any person owning or having an interest in property in the City of Willard. If the Board of Aldermen initiates an amendment, the Board's proposal shall be transmitted to the Commission for the Commission's report and recommendation.
- C. *Application For Amendment.* An application for an amendment, along with pertinent data and information as may be required by the Commission, shall be submitted to the Commission at least thirty (30) working days prior to the public hearing to be held by the Commission on the application. Applications for amendments initiated by the Commission or the Board of Aldermen shall be accompanied by a motion of such body pertaining to the proposed amendment. The application shall be submitted on forms provided by the City Clerk and shall contain the following information, dependent on the type of amendment requested:
1. For changes in the zoning district classification (rezoning).
 - a. Applicant's name, address, phone number and interest in the property.
 - b. Owner's name, address and phone number and, if different than the applicant, the owner's signed consent to the filing of the application and authorization for the applicant to act on the owner's behalf.
 - c. The street address of such property and if there is no street address, a sufficient description of the location of said property to enable the ordinary person to determine its location.
 - d. Legal description of the property proposed for rezoning.
 - e. The current zoning classification of the property and current use of the property.
 - f. The amendment or zoning classification requested.
 - g. The names and addresses of all property owners within one hundred eighty-five (185) feet of the subject property. The list of property owners shall be compiled from the property ownership records of the Greene County Assessor's office or by a title company authorized to issue title policies in the State of Missouri.
 - h. Such additional information that the Commission may, by rule, require.
 - i. Application fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 2. For text amendments.

- a. The name, address and phone number of the applicant.
 - b. The Section of the text of the ordinance proposed to be amended.
 - c. The wording of the proposed amendment.
 - d. An identification of any property owned, controlled or occupied by the applicant that would benefit by the proposed amendment.
 - e. An explanation of the extent to which other properties in the City that are subject to the regulations proposed to be amended would be affected by the proposed amendment.
 - f. Application fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- D. *Public Hearing Before Commission.* The Commission shall hold a public hearing on all proposed amendments in zoning district classifications or the text of this Chapter. Notice of public hearing shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 400.360. The applicant or his/her agent shall present evidence to the Commission in regard to the applicant's request for the amendment.
- E. *Commission Recommendations.* Within thirty (30) days after the public hearing, except when the applicant requests the amendment be tabled, the Commission shall make one (1) of the following recommendations in connection with the proposed amendment in zoning district classification or the text of this Chapter:
1. Recommend against the proposed change in zoning district classification or the text of the ordinance;
 2. Recommend a change in the zoning district classification or the text of this Chapter;
 3. Recommend a change in the zoning district classification or the text of this Chapter together with recommendations that, in the judgment of the Commission, will protect adjacent or other affected property and ensure that the proposed amendment is consistent with the intent of this Chapter and the Willard Comprehensive Plan.
- F. *Report Of Commission Action Taken.* The Commission shall make written findings of fact on the proposed amendment and shall submit same together with its recommendations to the Board of Aldermen. The Commission shall not, however, forward its recommendations to the Board of Aldermen when at the meeting before the Commission the applicant or his/her agent did not appear and present evidence in regard to the applicant's request for the amendment.
- G. *Public Hearing Before Board Of Aldermen.* A public hearing shall be held before the Board of Aldermen before adopting any proposed amendment, change, supplement or repeal to this Chapter. Notice of public hearing shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 400.360.
- H. *Evidentiary Matters Before Board Of Aldermen.*

1. No person shall present testimony to the Board of Aldermen which is substantially different from that presented to the Commission at its hearing on the matter and no exhibit will be accepted by the Board of Aldermen that has not been presented to the Commission at its hearing on the matter. However, this Subsection is not intended to prevent the introduction of new testimony, new exhibits or other new evidence when there is a clear showing, as determined by a majority of the Board of Aldermen, that the introduction of such evidence before the Commission was not in good faith, reasonably possible.
2. Should a person present testimony that is substantially or materially different from that presented to the Commission at its hearing on the matter or should an exhibit be offered that has not been presented to the Commission at its hearing on the matter, subject to the exception contained in Subsection (H)(1), any person on the opposing side of the matter before the Board of Aldermen may claim prejudice from such presentation or offering and the Board of Aldermen shall upon such a claim have sole discretion to determine whether the person claiming prejudice has in fact been prejudiced from such presentation or offering. Upon a determination that a prejudice exists, the Board of Aldermen shall refer the matter back to the Commission for a new notice and public hearing.

I. *Actions Of Board Of Aldermen.*

1. When the Commission has recommended a change in zoning district classification or the text of this Chapter together with recommendations for additional requirements pursuant to Subsection (E)(3), the Board of Aldermen shall have the discretion to accept, reject or make other or additional requirements. Any such requirements shall become a part of the ordinance changing the zoning classification of such property or the text of this Chapter. Such requirements regarding a change in zoning district classification shall be considered as an amendment to this Chapter insofar as it is applicable to such property. Such requirements shall be considered as conditions precedent to the granting of a certificate of occupancy and there shall be compliance with such requirements before a certificate of occupancy will be issued by the City Clerk for the use or occupancy of the building, land or structure on such property.
2. The Board of Aldermen shall not consider any zoning classification for a property in cases which involve a change from an existing zoning classification to another other than the zoning classification requested in the amendment application or the zoning classification expressly stated as considered by the motion of the Commission in its written report to the Board of Aldermen. If the applicant files a written request with the City Clerk prior to the final action of the Board of Aldermen stating that the applicant will pay the fees set forth for a zoning amendment application, then the Board of Aldermen may consider such different zoning classification only after referring the written request to the Commission for new public hearing and after receipt of the Commission's written report and decision and after new notice and public hearing before the Board of Aldermen.

- J. *Limitations On Rezoning Applications.* No application for rezoning of any tract, lot or parcel of land shall be allowed prior to the expiration of six (6) months from the time the Board of Aldermen shall have finally acted on any application for rezoning of all or any part of the same lot, tract or parcel, unless the application previously acted upon was initiated by the Commission or the Board of Aldermen or unless the applicant can demonstrate substantial change in condition that should warrant consideration of a new application.
- K. *Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority Necessary When Protest.* In case of a protest against a rezoning amendment duly signed and acknowledged by the owners of thirty percent (30%) or more, either of the areas of the land (exclusive of streets and alleys) included in such proposed change or within an area determined by lines drawn parallel to and one hundred eighty-five (185) feet from the boundaries of the district proposed to be changed, then the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Board of Aldermen shall be required for the amendment to be enacted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed rezone request from AG to R-1 will allow for the use uses in the R-1 zone is compatible with the existing parcel to the **West**. The surrounding area has a mixture of zoning districts including, AG, and R-1. This development will be a church which is compatible with the proposed zoning

Staff recommends approval of the rezone request.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Staff Report Exhibit 1- Zoning Application

Staff Report Exhibit 2- Published Notice 15 days prior to hearing, Posting Notice in 3 places on property 10 days prior to hearing, 1st class mailing of owners within 185 feet.

Staff Report Exhibit 3- Community Plan Preferred Land Use

Staff Report Exhibit 4- Vicinity Maps

Staff Report Exhibit 5- Rezone Exhibit

EXHIBIT A

City of Willard, MO

Printed: 04/27/2026

7875 West Farm Road 76

Permit/License#

04/23/2026 - 04/22/2027

z 2026-010

Land Use

Reference Number

General

b2956bc0-39a5-11f1-80a1-81528b4a4504

Application Status

Status

Under Review

Active

Application Review Status

Pre-Review	Approved	Date Submitted
Planning Commission	Not Reviewed	04/16/2026
Board of Alderman	Not Reviewed	
Final-Review	Not Reviewed	

Fees

Rezone Application Fee	\$300.00
Subtotal	\$300.00
Amount Paid	\$300.00
Total Due	\$0.00

Payments

04/23/2026	Check #cc9850	\$300.00
Total Paid		\$300.00

Application Form Data

(Empty fields are not included)

First Name

Martin

Last Name

Hanne

Contact Email

martin@haarchitects.com

Phone Number

(316) 683-8965

Property Owner Name

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

EXHIBIT 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Willard Planning and Zoning Commission shall meet on Tuesday May 5, 2026, and the City of Willard Alders will meet on Monday May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the rezoning request of a City of Willard parcel of property from Agricultural District (A-1) to Residential (R-1). This parcel is located at 7875 W Farm Road 76, further identified by Greene County Assessor as Parcel #0722400036. The Commissions will take public comments at these meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings, you are welcome to send any comments in support of, in opposition to, or general inquiries regarding this request for the proposed zone change to Michael Ruesch, Director of Planning and Development at:

City of Willard
P.O. Box 187
Willard, MO 65781
(417) 742-5310
planning@cityofwillard.org

If you have special needs, which require accommodation, please notify City personnel at City Hall. Accommodations will be made for your needs. Representatives of the news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting the City Clerk at the information above.

EXHIBIT 3

Legend

200 ft

Future Use Map

ZONING

- (blank)
- AG
- C
- G
- GI
- M
- MF-R
- MU-1
- MU-2
- PDD
- R-1
- R1

Parcels



EXHIBIT 4



EXHIBIT 5 SEE APLICATION PRESENTATION