



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 2.

**Agenda Date:** 1/21/2020

**In Control:** Zoning Commission

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 8

**SUBJECT:**

Zoning Case Z-2019-10700269 S ERZD  
(Plan Amendment Case PA-2019-11600073)

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** "C-2 NA UC-1 MLOD-1 MLR-2 ERZD" Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales IH-10/FM 1604 Urban Corridor Overlay Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Edwards Recharge Zone District

**Requested Zoning:** "C-2 S UC-1 MLOD-1 MLR-2 ERZD" Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales IH-10/FM 1604 Urban Corridor Overlay Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Edwards Recharge Zone District with Specific Use Authorization for an Animal Clinic

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** January 21, 2020

**Case Manager:** Mirko Maravi, Senior Planner

**Property Owner:** Agility Setters and Associates, LLC

**Applicant:** Healing Hands Veterinary Services, PLLC

**Representative:** Patrick Christensen

**Location:** 7427 West Loop 1604

**Legal Description:** 0.1330 acres out of Lot 23, Block 4, NCB 14759

**Total Acreage:** 0.1330

## **Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 12

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Hill and Dales Neighborhood Association

**Applicable Agencies:** Camp Bullis, San Antonio Water System, Texas Department of Transportation

## **Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject property was annexed into the City of San Antonio by Ordinance 39169, dated February 25, 1971 and zoned "B-1" Business District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 62962, dated May 29, 1986 from "B-1" Business District to "B-2NA" Non-Alcoholic Sales Business District.

**Topography:** The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or incursion in a flood plain.

## **Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** "R-6"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residential

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** ROW

**Current Land Uses:** West Loop 1604 North

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** "C-2NA"

**Current Land Uses:** Vacant

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** "C-2NA"

**Current Land Uses:** Vacant

## **Overlay and Special District Information:**

"MLOD-1"

All surrounding properties carry the "MLOD-1" Military Lighting Overlay District, due to their proximity to Camp Bullis. The "MLOD-1" does not restrict permitted uses, but does regulate outdoor lighting in an effort to minimize night-time light pollution and its effects on operations at the military installation.

"ERZD"

All surrounding properties carry the "ERZD" Edwards Recharge Zone District. The "ERZD" does restrict permitted uses, due to the environmentally sensitive nature of the recharge zone. Per Chapter 34 of the City of San Antonio Code of Ordinances, the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and City of San Antonio departments share regulatory jurisdiction over development within the "ERZD".

"UC"

The Urban Corridor overlay was established because there are many roadway corridors which have been and/or will continue to be very significant to the city. The corridors are important because they have shaped the sense of what individual neighborhoods are in their role as historic entrances to the city. Other corridors are significant because they serve as gateways to the city or because of surrounding natural, historic, cultural, and aesthetic areas. The establishment of "UC" serves to preserve, enhance, and perpetuate the value of specific roadway corridors.

**Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** West Loop 1604 North

**Existing Character:** Interstate

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Public Transit:** VIA bus routes are within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 660

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is not required. The traffic generated by the proposed development does not exceed the threshold requirements.

**Parking Information:** The minimum parking requirement for an animal care clinic is 1 space per employee.

**ISSUE:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

**Current:** The present zoning district designation of "C-2" Commercial District permit general commercial activities designed to serve the community such as repair shops, wholesale businesses, warehousing and limited retail sales with some outdoor display of goods. These districts promote a broad range of commercial operations and services necessary for large regions of the city, providing community balance. "C-2" districts accommodate commercial and retail uses that are more intensive in character than "NC" and "C-1" uses, and which generate a greater volume of vehicular traffic and/or truck traffic. The district regulations within the "C-2NA" district are the same as in the "C-2" districts, except that no sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises or off-premises consumption shall be permitted.

**Proposed:** The proposed "C-2" Commercial District permit general commercial activities designed to serve the community such as repair shops, wholesale businesses, warehousing and limited retail sales with some outdoor display of goods. These districts promote a broad range of commercial operations and services necessary for large regions of the city, providing community balance. "C-2" districts accommodate commercial and retail uses that are more intensive in character than "NC" and "C-1" uses, and which generate a greater volume of vehicular traffic and/or truck traffic. The proposed Specific Use Authorization will add for an Animal Clinic while keeping the same base zoning district.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:**

The property is not located within a Regional Center or the Premium Transit Corridor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff recommends Approval, pending Plan Amendment.

**Criteria for Review:** According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on the approval criteria below.

**1. Consistency:**

The subject property is located within the North Sector Plan and is currently designated as "Rural Estate Tier" in the future land use component of the plan. The requested "C-2" base zoning district is not consistent with the future land use designation. The applicant is requesting a Plan Amendment to change the future land use to

“Suburban Tier”. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval.

## **2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:**

Staff does not find evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. The use “Animal Clinic” is allowed in the “C-2” Commercial District. The “S” Specific Use Authorization in this case is a requirement of the Code for properties within the Edwards Recharge Zone District, which allows San Antonio Water System (SAWS) to examine the proposed use of the property and its conformity with SAWS requirements.

## **3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:**

The current “C-2 NA” Commercial Nonalcoholic Sales District is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed rezoning maintains the “C-2” base zoning district. The addition of the “S” Specific Use Authorization allows consideration of any necessary specifications in relation to the proposed use.

## **4. Health, Safety and Welfare:**

Staff has not found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.

## **5. Public Policy:**

The proposed rezoning does not appear to conflict with the following goals, principles, and objectives of the North Sector Plan:

- Goal ED-2 Strong and stable medical and research industries that promote economic stability in the North Sector.
- ED-2.3 Support, stimulate, and foster increased activity of existing businesses within the North Sector including but not limited to finance, insurance, real estate, medical, cyber security, research and development.
- ED-2.4 Identify and attract biotechnology and medical industry jobs that achieve the City’s strategic economic objectives.

## **6. Size of Tract:**

The subject property is 0.1330 acres, which could reasonably accommodate commercial uses and animal clinic.

## **7. Other Factors:**

The subject property is located within the Camp Bullis Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, JBSA was notified of the proposed request.

The purpose of the Specific Use Authorization is to provide for certain uses which, because of their unique characteristics or potential impacts on adjacent land uses, are not generally permitted in certain zoning districts as a matter of right, but may, under the right set of circumstances and conditions be acceptable in certain specific locations.

Based on the information provided to SAWS staff, SAWS identifies the subject property as a Category 1 property. SAWS staff recommends approval of the zoning request, provided that the impervious cover shall not exceed 74% on the site. Reference SAWS report dated December 12, 2019.