



# PLANNING & CODES

# **Applicant:**

Ink Civil, James Ingalls P.E. 2021 SH 46 W. Ste. 105 New Braunfels, TX 78132

#### **Property Owner:**

OOM Properties, LLC Dusty Owens 1950 Bretzke Ln New Braunfels, TX 78132

# **Property Address/Location:**

W. Court St.- PID 52986

## **Legal Description:**

ABS: 11 SUR: J D CLEMENTS

11.804

Property ID: 52986

#### Lot Size/Project Area:

11.80 Ac.

# **Future Land Use Plan:**

Commercial Corridor & Suburban Residential

#### **Notifications:**

Mailed: March 26, 2025 Newspaper: March 23, 2025

# **Comments Received:**

None at time of publication

#### **Staff Review:**

Melissa Zwicke Planner

#### **Attachments:**

- Location Map
- Existing Zoning Map
- Future Land Use Plan Map

#### **REQUEST:**

A Zoning Change request from Duplex High Density (DP-2) to Commercial (C).

#### **ZONING AND LAND USE:**

	Zoning	Land Use
Subject Property	DP-2	Ag use
N of Property	NC, C, AR	Single family residence, Ag use
S of Property	Unincorporated	Single family residences
	County	
	properties	
E of Property	R-1	Ag use
W of Property	Unincorporated	Single family residence, Ag use
	County	
	properties	

#### **SUMMARY OF STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The applicant is requesting a zoning change from Duplex High Density (DP-2) to Commercial (C) to allow for the establishment of a commercial office park.

#### **CRITERIA FOR ZONING CHANGE:**

Consistency with the future land use plan – Commercial zoning is appropriate in the Commercial Corridor. However, the majority of this property is in the Suburban Residential District of the FLUP. Suburban Residential supports Neighborhood Commercial if compatible in scale with adjacent homes but does not support large scale Regional Commercial uses.

Compatible with existing and permitted uses of surrounding property —This section of W. Court St. is mainly residential in use. The property is adjacent to unincorporated county properties that are currently single family in nature, and some are being used agriculturally. The property is diagonal from A.J. Briesemeister Middle School, right outside of the school zone. The vast majority of commercially zoned and used properties are on the corner of W. Court St. and Hwy 46 S. and further down HWY 46 S.

Adverse impact on surrounding properties or natural environment — A Large-scale commercial business(s) would increase traffic in an area that is mostly residential in use. Also, whether it be one business or multiple, they tend to generate loose trash. This could negatively affect the properties on both sides of this parcel, being that they are used agriculturally for hay production.

**Proposed zoning follows a logical and orderly pattern**- The proposed zoning follows the zoning pattern along the front portion of the property and is partially in the Commercial Corridor of the FLUP. However, the majority of Neighborhood Commercial and Commercial properties have a residential use.

Other factors that impact public health, safety, or welfare — A large scale commercial business(s) could potentially create an increase in traffic in this mainly residential area. Also, being near a school, this would have a negative impact on the safety and welfare of the school children, many of whom walk to and from school.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This parcel is 11.804 acres. It is unplatted. It does meet the lot standards for Commercial zoning. It has approximately 132' feet of usable frontage and is 1,904' in depth. It was zoned at annexation as Commercial and in 2015 was granted a zoned change to Duplex High Density.

# **CODE REQUIREMENTS:**

Duplex High-Density zoning does not permit retail use. A zoning change to Commercial (C) would allow for retail services and office space at this location.

# **COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USE & ZONING:**

The proposed zoning is compatible with less than half of the property. The FLUP only supports Commercial zoning and uses along the front of the property. The remainder of the property is compatible with residential zoning and uses. The FLUP is highly supportive of residential zoning, specifically, Single Family Residential. Properties in this general area with Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial zoning are either residential in use or not in use at all. This section of W. Court St. is mainly residential in use. Most commercially zoned and used properties are on the corner of W. Court St. and Hwy 46 S. and further down HWY 46 S.

<u>HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE:</u> (Protection & preservation of historical, cultural, and environmental areas.) Commercial business(s) could potentially create an increase in traffic in this mainly residential area. Also, being near a school, this would have a negative impact on the safety and welfare of the school children, many of whom walk to and from school.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (The Future Land Use Plan):**

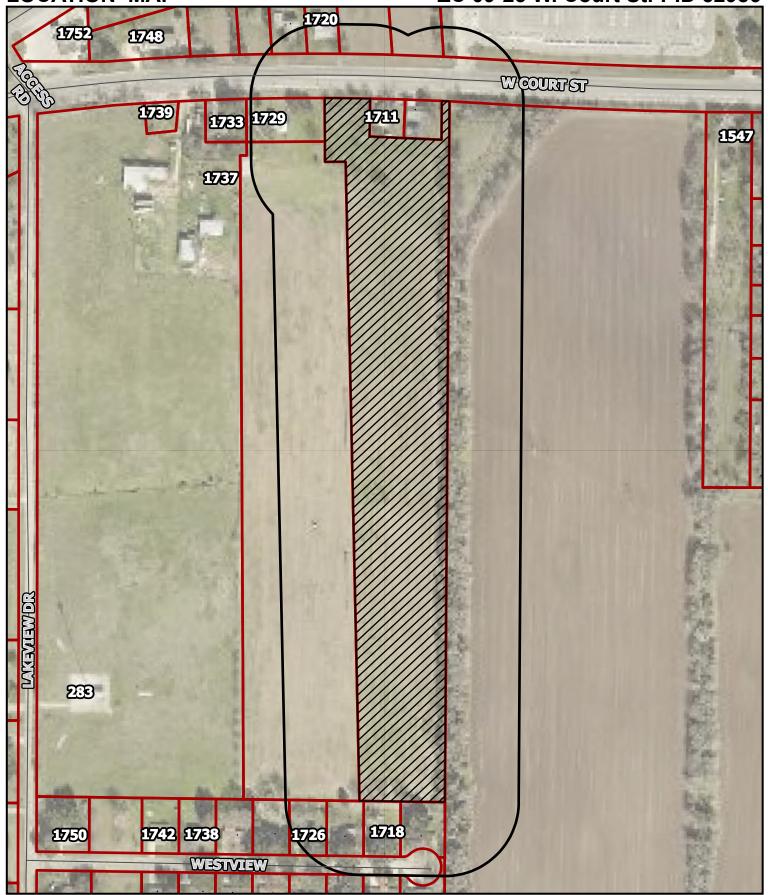
Commercial zoning is appropriate in the Commercial Corridor. However, a substantial portion of this property is in the Suburban Residential District of the FLUP. Suburban Residential does support Neighborhood Commercial if compatible in scale with adjacent homes but does not support large scale Regional Commercial uses.

#### TRAFFIC (STREET FRONTAGE & ACCESS):

This property has frontages along W. Cout St, which is a major arterial with a ROW of 120'.

# **LOCATION MAP**

ZC 09-25 W. Court St.-PID 52986

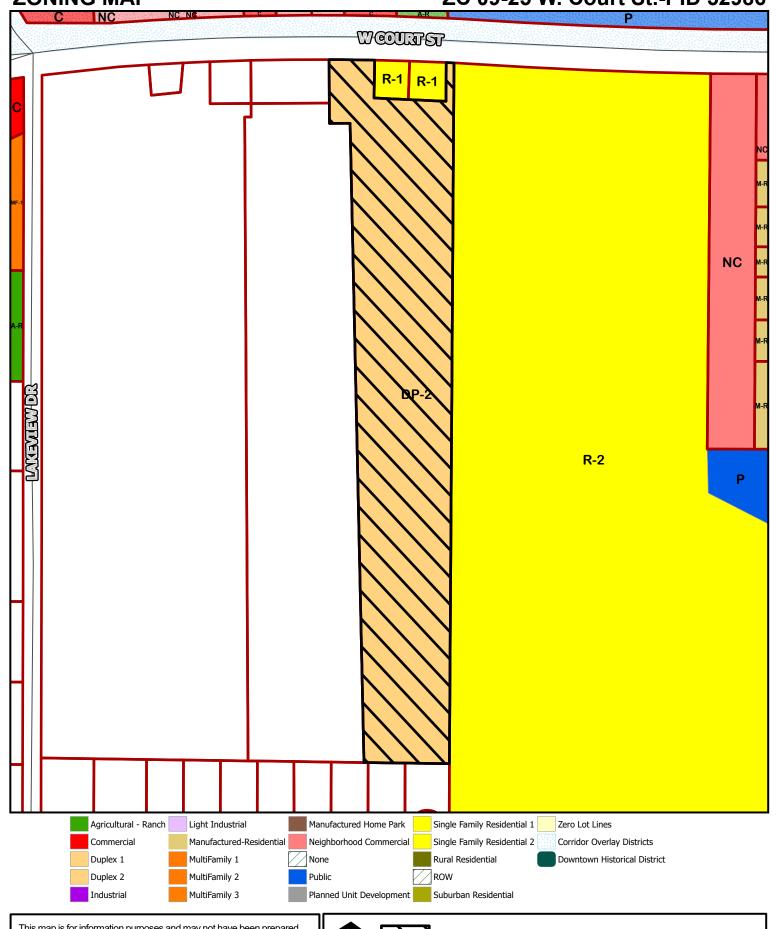


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