

## **Agenda Item # 3** SUB-002913-2024

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## **Applicant Materials for Consideration**

## DETAILS

Location: 2065 Forest Lane

Subdivision Name: Forest Lane Estates Subdivision

Applicant / Agent: Kari Givens, Byrd Surveying, Inc.

**Property Owner:** Pierce Re Holdings, LLC

**Current Zoning:** R-1, Single-Family Residential Urban District

Future Land Use: Low Density Residential

#### Applicable Codes, Policies, and Plans:

- Unified Development Code
- Subdivision Regulations
- Map for Mobile Comprehensive Plan

#### Proposal:

• Subdivision approval to create two (2) legal lots of record from two (2) metes-and-bounds parcels.

#### **Commission Considerations:**

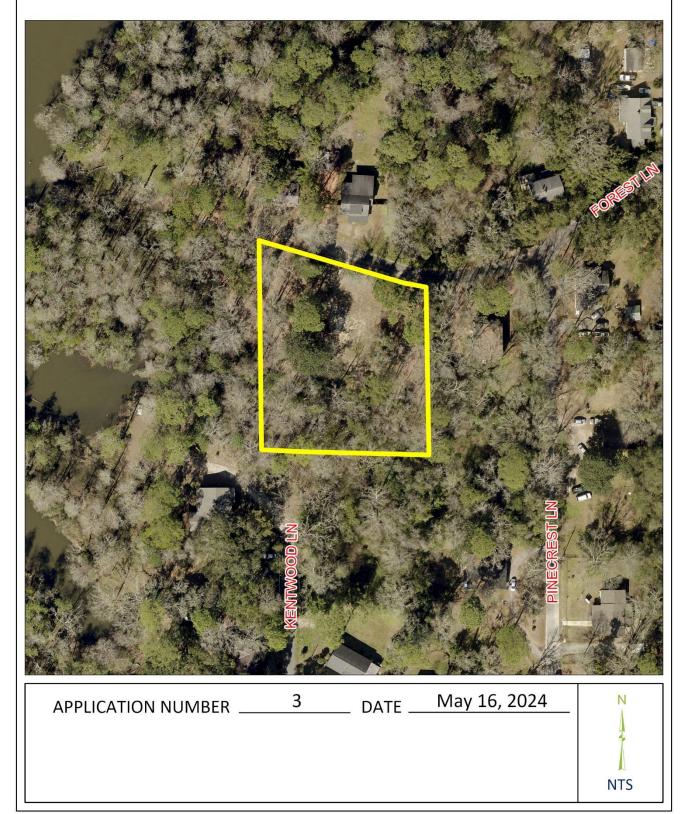
• Subdivision proposal with nine (9) conditions.

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## FOREST LANE ESTATES SUBDIVISION



## **SITE HISTORY**

The site was originally part of the 40-lot Addition to Forest Park Subdivision, the plat for which was recorded in 1936. Since that time, development of the area has resulted in the shifting of lot lines without approval from the Planning Commission, such that the designs of many of the lots are no longer compatible with the recorded subdivision plat. This includes the subject site, which now has a metes-and-bounds legal description.

At its March 2, 2023 meeting the Planning Commission approved a four (4)-lot subdivision of the site, but no signatures were obtained for the Final Plat and the approval has since expired.

There have been no other Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment applications associated with the site.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

#### **Engineering Comments:**

FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review):

- A. Provide all of the required information on the SUBDIVISION PLAT (i.e. signature blocks, signatures, certification statements, written legal description, required notes, legend, scale, bearings and distances) that is required by the current Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- B. Add a graphic scale.
- C. Provide a written legal description and matching bearing and distance labels for the proposed subdivision.
- D. Show and label all flood zones. New maps went into effect on June 5, 2020.
- E. Show and label the MFFE (Minimum Finished Floor Elevation) on each lot that contains an A, AE, or X (shaded) flood zone designation. BFE = 11.
- F. Add a signature block for the Owner, Notary Public, Planning Commission, Traffic Engineer, and City Engineer.
- G. Provide the Surveyor's Certificate.
- H. Add a note to the SUBDIVISION PLAT stating that as shown on the 1984 aerial photo LOTS 1 and 2 will receive historical credit of existing (1984) impervious area towards stormwater detention requirement per Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, <u>Storm Water Management and Flood Control</u>) as follows: LOT 1 – NONE AND LOT 2 – 1,900 sf.
- Add a note that a Land Disturbance permit will be required for any land disturbing activity in accordance with Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, <u>Storm Water Management and Flood Control</u>); the <u>City of Mobile, Alabama</u> <u>Flood Plain Management Plan</u> (1984); and, the <u>Rules For Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Storm Water</u> <u>Runoff Control</u>.
- J. Add a note that the approval of all applicable federal, state, and local agencies (including all storm water runoff, wetland and floodplain requirements) will be required prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance permit.
- K. Add a note that sidewalk is required to be constructed, and/or repaired, along the frontage of each lot, or parcel, at time of new development or construction, unless a sidewalk waiver is approved.
- L. Add a note that all existing and proposed detention facilities, common areas, and wetlands shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner(s), and not the responsibility of the City of Mobile.
- M. Add a note that all easements shall remain in effect until vacated through the proper Vacation process.
- N. Email a pdf copy of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT and LETTER OF DECISION to the Permitting Engineering Dept. for review at <u>land.disturbance@cityofmobile.org</u> prior to obtaining any signatures. No signatures are required on the drawing.

## **Traffic Engineering Comments:**

Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards.

## **Urban Forestry Comments:**

Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

## **Fire Department Comments:**

All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2021 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all non-sprinklered commercial buildings and within 300' of all sprinklered commercial buildings. Fire water supply for all commercial buildings will be required to meet the guidance of Appendices B and C of the 2021 International Fire Code. The minimum requirement for fire hydrants is to be within 400' of non-sprinkled commercial buildings, within 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings, and within 100' of fire department connections (FDC) for both standpipes and sprinkler systems.

## **Planning Comments:**

The purpose of this application is to create two (2) legal lots of record from two (2) metes-and-bounds parcels. The site is served by public water and sanitary sewer services.

The site has frontage on Forest Lane, a minor street without curb and gutter requiring a 60-foot right-of-way. The preliminary plat depicts an existing 30-foot right-of-way at this location, but dedication to provide 30 feet from the centerline of Forest Lane is illustrated and is sufficient. If approved, this information should be retained on the Final Plat.

Proposed Lot 1 also has frontage on Kentwood Lane, an unimproved minor street right-of-way to the South requiring a 60-foot right-of-way. A substandard 20-foot right-of-way is depicted. The Planning Commission required the previous subdivision of the site to illustrate dedication sufficient to provide 30 feet from the centerline of Kentwood Lane, thus it should also be required of the request at hand; however, a 45-foot setback is illustrated and may be acceptable in lieu of dedication. If approved, a waiver of Section 6.C.9. of the Subdivision Regulations will be required.

Double frontage lots are discouraged by Section 6.C.7. of the Subdivision Regulations, but a note on the plat states access to Kentwood Lane is denied. As such, a waiver of Section 6.C.7. may be appropriate, and the note should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

The lots as proposed exceed the minimum size requirements for lots served by public water and sanitary sewer in an R-1 Suburban district, and they are appropriately labeled in square feet and acres on the preliminary plat. This information should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved, adjusted for any required dedication; or provision of a table on the Final Plat with the same information will suffice.

A 25-foot front yard setback is illustrated along Forest Lane from the required dedication, in compliance with Section 64-2-5.E. of the Unified Development Code (UDC) for lots in the R-1 Suburban District. This information should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

As mentioned, a 45-foot setback is illustrated along Kentwood Lane and may be appropriate in lieu of right-of-way dedication; however, if dedication is required, the plat should be revised to illustrate a 25-foot setback along Kentwood Lane, from the required dedication.

## SUBDIVISION CONSIDERATIONS

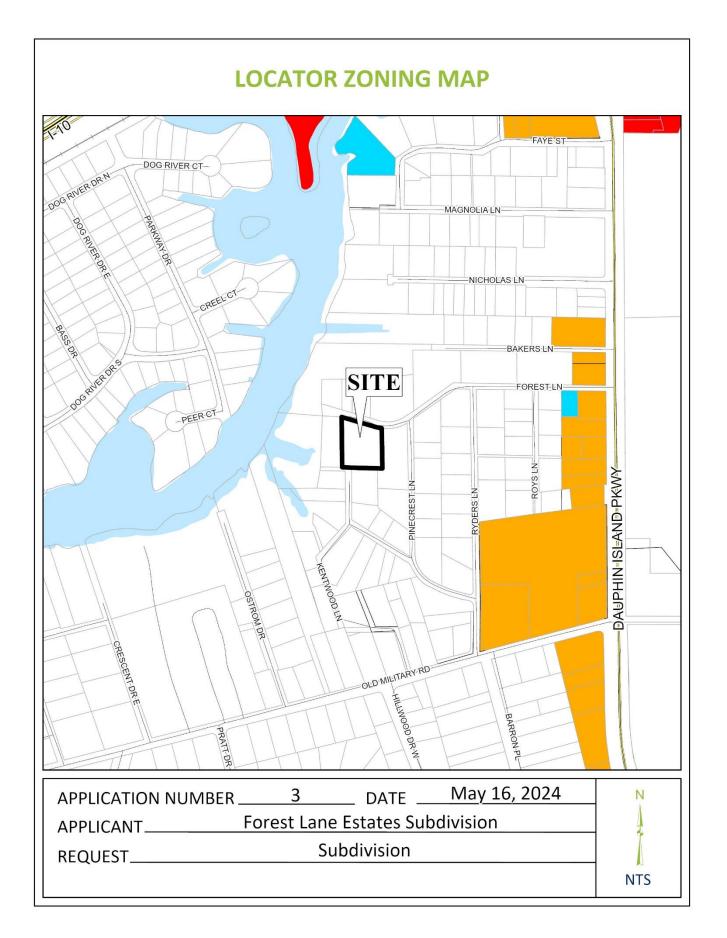
#### **Standards of Review:**

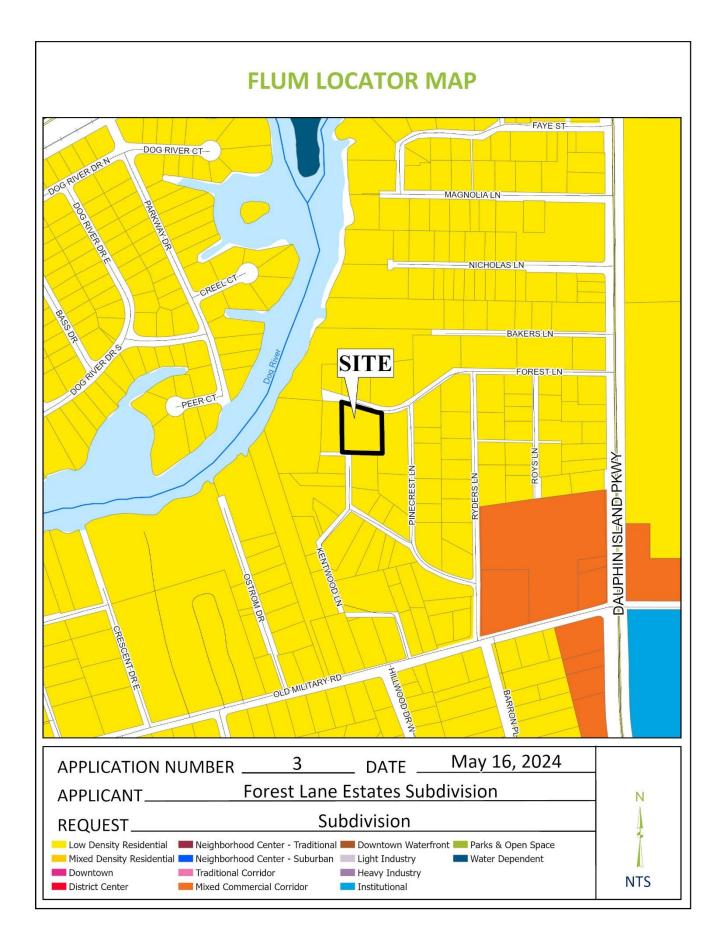
Subdivision review examines the site with regard to promoting orderly development, protecting general health, safety and welfare, and ensuring that development is correlated with adjacent developments and public utilities and services, and to ensure that the subdivision meets the minimum standards set forth in the Subdivision Regulations for lot size, road frontage, lot configuration, etc.

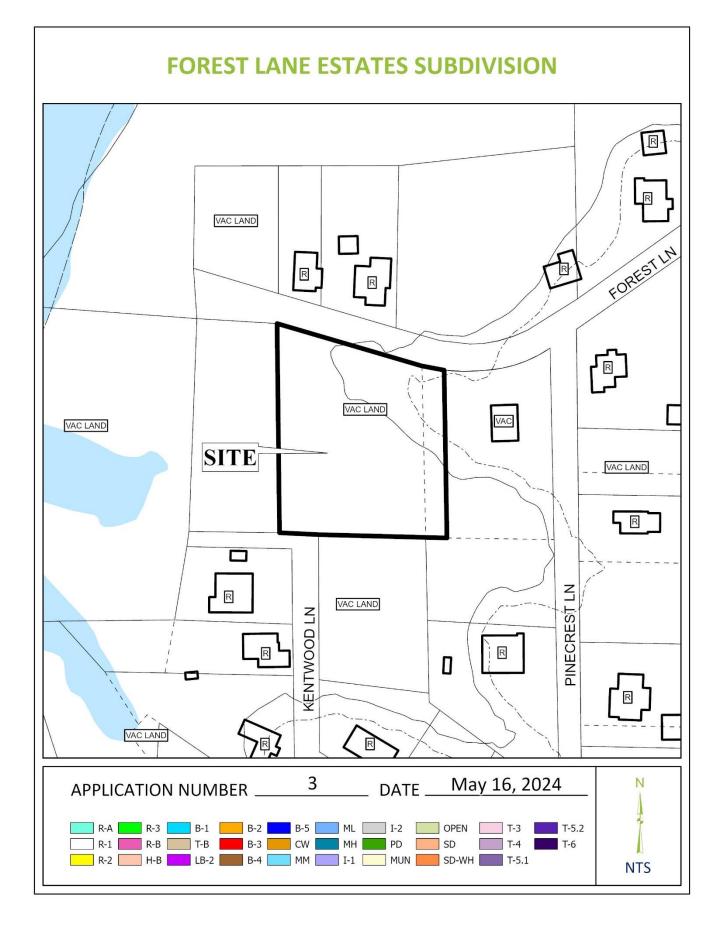
#### **Considerations:**

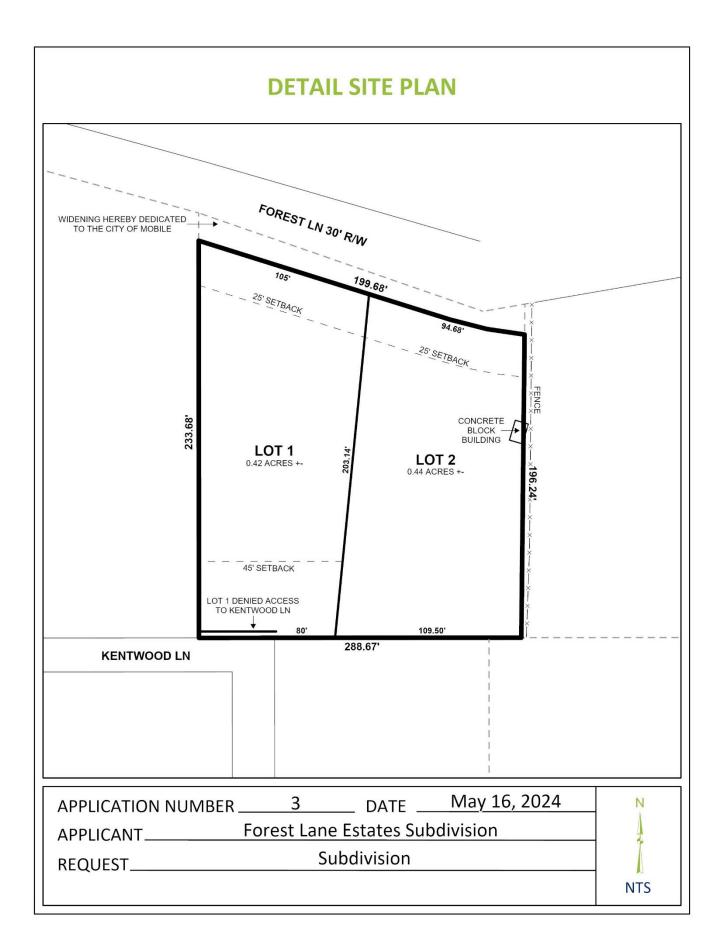
Based on the preceding, with waivers of Sections 6.C.7. and 6.C.9. of the Subdivision Regulations, if the Subdivision request is considered for approval, the following conditions should apply:

- 1. Retention of the right-of-way dedication along Forest Lane;
- 2. Retention of the lot sizes in both square feet and acres, or provision of a table on the Final Plat with the same information, adjusted for any required dedication;
- 3. Retention of the 25-foot minimum front yard setback along Forest Lane from the required dedication on the Final Plat;
- 4. Retention of the 45-foot setback along Kentwood Lane (with approval of a waiver of Section 6.C.9. of the Subdivision Regulations), or revision of the plat to illustrate a 25-foot setback line along Kentwood Lane if right-of-way dedication is required;
- 5. Retention of note on the Final Plat stating access to Kentwood Lane is denied;
- 6. Compliance with all Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
- 7. Placement of a note on the Final Plat stating the Traffic Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
- 8. Compliance with all Urban Forestry comments noted in this staff report; and
- 9. Compliance with all Fire Department comments noted in this staff report.









ZONING DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE MATRIX															
		-OW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)	MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MXDR)	DOWNTOWN (DT)	DISTRICT CENTER (DC)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - TRADITIONAL (NC-T)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - SUBURBAN (NC-S)	TRADITIONAL CORRIDOR (TC)	MIXED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (MCC)	-IGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)	HEAVY INDUSTRY (HI)	NSTITUTIONAL LAND USE (INS)	PARKS & OPEN SPACE (POS)	DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT (DW)	WATER DEPENDENT USES (WDWRU)
RESIDENTIAL - AG	R-A		~			~	~		~		-	_			~
ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-1														
TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-2													0	
MULTIPLE-FAMILY	R-3	0												0	
RESIDENTIAL-BUSINESS	R-B		0											0	
TRANSITIONAL-BUSINESS	T-B		0												
HISTORIC BUSINESS	H-B														
VILLAGE CENTER	TCD														
NEIGH. CENTER	TCD														
NEIGH. GENERAL	TCD														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-6														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.1														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.2														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-4														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-3														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	SD-WH									0	0				
DOWNTOWN DEV. DD	SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0				
BUFFER BUSINESS	B-1													0	
NEIGH. BUSINESS	B-2		0											0	
LIMITED BUSINESS	LB-2		0											0	
COMMUNITY BUSINESS	B-3											0		0	
GEN. BUSINESS	B-4											0		0	
OFFICE-DISTRIBUTION	B-5														
LIGHT INDUSTRY	I-1														
HEAVY INDUSTRY	I-2														

#### Zoning District Correspondence Matrix

- Directly Related
- Elements of the zoning category are related to the future LU category, but with qualifications (such as a development plan with conditions)
- □ Land use category is appropriate, but the district does not directly implement the category (e.g., open space in an industrial district)

## **Residential Land Use**

# LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)

This designation applies to existing residential neighborhoods found mostly west of the Beltline or immediately adjacent to the east side of the Beltline.

The primary land use in the LDR districts is residential and the predominant housing type is the single-family housing unit, detached or semi-detached, typically placed within a street grid or a network of meandering suburban streets. The density in these districts ranges between 0 and 6 dwelling units per acre (du/ac). These neighborhoods may also contain small-scale, low-rise multi-unit structures at appropriate locations, as well as complementary retail, parks and civic institutions such as schools, community centers, neighborhood playgrounds, and churches or other religious uses if those uses are designed and sited in a manner compatible with and connected to the surrounding context. The presence of individual ancillary uses should contribute to the fabric of a complete neighborhood, developed at a walkable, bikeable human scale.