

## SECOND / THIRD READINGS SUMMARY SHEET

ZONING CASE NUMBER: C14-2007-0216 – South Manchaca Vertical Mixed Use Building Rezoning

REQUEST:

Conduct a public hearing and approve second/third readings of an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning selected tracts within the South Manchaca Neighborhood Planning Area with the vertical mixed use building “V” combining district. The planning area is bounded by West Ben White Boulevard on the north, South 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the east, Manchaca Road on the west, and Stassney Lane on the south (West Bouldin Creek and Williamson Creek watersheds).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

There are no core transit corridors within the South Manchaca Planning Area. The subject rezonings consist of 19 tracts on approximately 63.67 acres.

Representatives of the South Manchaca Neighborhood Plan Area (NPA), consisting of the Southwood Neighborhood Association and the Salem Walk Association of Neighbors submitted a Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Opt-In / Opt-Out Application to the City on June 4, 2007. In this case, the representatives of South Manchaca NPA only selected properties to be Opted-In. Nineteen tracts were recommended to be Opted-In by the Planning Commission. Of the 19 tracts, 17 are proposed to receive all VMU related standards, including dimensional standards, parking reduction, and additional ground floor uses in Office districts. Two tracts are proposed to receive VMU dimensional standards only. The recommended level of affordability for future VMU Rental Units is 60% of the median family income. The Associations provided a resolution that the City adopt Ben White Boulevard, South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Manchaca Road within the NPA area as Core Transit Corridors.

APPLICANT: City of Austin, Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department

AGENT: City of Austin, Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department (Wendy Rhoades)

DATE OF FIRST READING: November 29, 2007, The public hearing was closed and First reading of the ordinance was approved for the following motions, on Council Member McCracken’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Dunkerley’s second, on a 7-0 vote:

- Motion 1 was to apply all Vertical Mixed Use related standards to Tracts 1-5, 7-11 and 13-20;
- Motion 2 was to apply the dimensional standards to Tracts 10 and 12.
- Motion 3 was to apply an affordability level of 60% of the Median Family Income (MFI) requirement for VMU rental developments.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: December 13, 2007

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

ASSIGNED STAFF: Wendy Rhoades, e-mail: [wendy.rhoades@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:wendy.rhoades@ci.austin.tx.us)

## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE:** C14-2007-0216 – South Manchaca      **P.C. DATE:** November 13, 2007  
Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Rezoning

**AREA:** 20 tracts on 65.64 acres

**APPLICANT:** City of Austin, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD)

**AGENT:** City of Austin, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD),  
Wendy Rhoades

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Independent School District  
Austin Neighborhoods Council  
Barton Springs / Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Cherry Creek SW Homeowners Association  
Cooper Lane Neighborhood Association  
Dawson Neighborhood Association  
Dawson Neighborhood Planning Team  
Deer Park Neighborhood Watch  
Fairview Estates Neighborhood Association  
Far South Austin Community Association  
Homeless Neighborhood Association  
Home Builders Association of Greater Austin  
North Southwood Neighborhood Association  
Onion Creek Homeowners Association  
Save Our Springs Alliance  
South Central Coalition  
South Lamar Neighborhood Association  
South Lamar Combined NPA (Staff Liaison)  
Southwood Neighborhood Association  
Sweetbriar I  
Terrell Lane Interceptor Association  
Western Trails Neighborhood Association

**AREA OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES:** The future South Manchaca Neighborhood Plan area is bounded on the north by West Ben White Boulevard, on the east by South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on the south by Stassney Lane, and on the west by Manchaca Road. Please refer to Attachments 4 and 5.

**WATERSHEDS:** West Bouldin – Urban;      **DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes  
Williamson Creek – Suburban

**SCHOOLS:**

St. Elmo Elementary School

Bedichek Middle School

Crockett High School

**APPLICABLE CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS**

None within the South Manchaca Planning Area

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff supports the neighborhood recommendations regarding dimensional standards, parking reduction and additional uses in office zoning districts as detailed in Attachment 3.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment 1:** Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Opt-In / Opt-Out Application

**Attachment 2:** List of South Manchaca VMU Application Properties by Tract #, TCAD Property ID and City of Austin Address, and Proposed VMU Zoning

**Attachment 3:** South Manchaca VMU Neighborhood Recommendations – Opt-In Properties

**Attachment 4:** South Manchaca VMU Tract Map – Properties Eligible for VMU Opt-In

**Attachment 5:** Zoning Map

**Attachment 6:** Overview of Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) and the Opt-In/Opt-Out Process

**Attachment 7:** Affordability Impact Statement

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

November 13, 2007:

- *APPROVED MOTION 1 TO APPLY ALL VMU RELATED STANDARDS TO THE FOLLOWING TRACTS: 1-5, 7-11, 13-20 (THEREBY REMOVING TRACT 6);*
- *APPROVED MOTION 2 TO APPLY VMU DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TO TRACTS 10 AND 12;*
- *APPROVED A MODIFICATION OF MOTION 3 TO APPLY AN AFFORDABILITY LEVEL OF 60% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (MFI) REQUIREMENT FOR VMU RENTAL DEVELOPMENTS.*

*[M. DEALEY; J. REDDY – 2ND] (9-0)*

**ISSUES:** At the Planning Commission meeting, several adjacent property owners spoke in opposition to the inclusion of Tract 6 as an “opt-in” property.

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** November 29, 2007

**ACTION:** The public hearing was closed and First Reading of the ordinance was approved for the following motions, on Member McCracken’s motion, Mayor Pro Tem Dunkerley’s second, on a 7-0 vote:

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December 13, 2007

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 29, 2007 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Wendy Rhoades  
e-mail: wendy.rhoades@ci.austin.tx.us

**PHONE:** 974-7719

## NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION

Representatives of the South Manchaca Neighborhood Plan Area (NPA), consisting of the Southwood Neighborhood Association and the Salem Walk Association of Neighbors submitted a Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Opt-In / Opt-Out Application to the City on June 4, 2007. In this case, the representatives of South Manchaca NPA only selected properties to be Opted-In. Please refer to Attachment A

- Twenty tracts were selected to be Opted-In. Of the 20 tracts, 18 are proposed to receive all VMU related standards, including dimensional standards, parking reduction, and additional ground floor uses in Office districts. Two tracts are proposed to receive VMU dimensional standards only.
- The recommended level of affordability for future VMU Rental Units is 60% of the median family income.
- The Associations provided a resolution that the City adopt Ben White Boulevard, South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Manchaca Road within the NPA area as Core Transit Corridors.

## BACKGROUND

On August 31, 2006, the City Council adopted the "Design Standards & Mixed Use" ordinance as Subchapter E of Chapter 25-2 of the City Code. Most of the provisions of the ordinance went into effect on January 13, 2007. However, a separate process and schedule was established within the ordinance for Vertical Mixed Use.

The VMU Opt-In/Opt-Out process provides an opportunity for neighborhoods to offer recommendations regarding the location and development standards for Vertical Mixed Use Buildings. The primary focus of this process is on property fronting certain major arterials defined as Core Transit Corridors; however, other properties may also be eligible for VMU. With some exceptions, properties fronting on a Core Transit Corridor are eligible for VMU unless "opted-out". Properties not fronting on the Core Transit Corridors are not eligible for VMU unless "opted-in".

As part of the Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Opt-In/Opt-Out process the city of Austin was divided into approximately 80 neighborhood planning and/or VMU application areas. Over the next several months each of the application areas affected by the VMU process will be the subject of a zoning case. The Planning Commission will review these cases and provide recommendations to the City Council who will make the final determination as to the applicability of VMU. Zoning case C14-2007-0216 is the final step in the Vertical Mixed Use Opt-In/Opt-Out process for the South Manchaca application area. A more detailed overview of Vertical Mixed Use and the Opt-In/Opt-Out process is provided in Attachment 6.

### Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover limits for the proposed zoning districts are as follows:

LI, Limited Industrial Services

80 %

CS, Commercial Services	95 %
CS-1, Commercial – Liquor Sales	95 %
W/LO, Warehouse Limited Office	70%
GR, Community Commercial	90 %
LR, Neighborhood Commercial	80 %
LO, Limited Office	70 %
MH, Mobile Home	N / A
MF-4, Multifamily Residence Moderate – High Density	70%
MF-3, Multi-family Residence (Medium Density)	65 %
MF-2, Multi-family Residence (Low Density)	60 %
SF-6, Townhouse & Condominium Residence	55%
SF-5, Urban Family Residence	55%
SF-3, Family Residence	45 %
SF-2, Single Family Residence – Standard Lot	45 %
P, Public	varies (refer to the <u>Land Development Code</u> )

The maximum amount of impervious cover is determined as the more restrictive figure of the zoning district and watershed class.

### **Transportation**

Additional right-of-way (ROW) necessary for future roadway improvements within the proposed zoning may be required during the subdivision review process or the site plan review process.

Since the rezoning of this area is being initiated by the City of Austin through the neighborhood planning process and does not reflect a specific development proposal, no trip generation calculations are provided on a tract-by-tract basis for any proposed land uses as would typically be provided.

A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) will be required during the site plan review stage for any proposed land use that would generate over 2,000 vehicle trips per day. Additional ROW, participation in roadway improvements, and/or limitation on development intensity may also be recommended based on review of the TIA.

### **Water and Wastewater**

The area is served with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. If water or wastewater utility improvements, or offsite main extension, or system upgrades, or utility relocation, or adjustment are required, the landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing. Also, the water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with the City design criteria. The utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay the associated City fees.

**Compatibility Standards**

Any development which occurs in an SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district which is located 540-feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district/use will be subject to compatibility development regulations.



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## VERTICAL MIXED USE (VMU) OPT-IN/OPT-OUT APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to provide recommendations on the location and standards for Vertical Mixed Use within the below named area.

**Detailed instructions for completing this application can be found by clicking on this link: [ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/planning/CommercialDesign/vmu\\_instructions.pdf](ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/planning/CommercialDesign/vmu_instructions.pdf). Please read these instructions prior to completing this application.** A "Submittal Checklist" is provided at the end of this document to help ensure that all application materials are included in the neighborhood submittal.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact the VMU Help Line at:

[vmu@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:vmu@ci.austin.tx.us)

or (512) 974-2150

**1. IDENTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING OR APPLICATION AREA AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**A. NAME OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA OR VMU APPLICATION AREA\*:**

\_\_\_\_\_ SOUTH MANCHACA - combining Southwood NA & \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Salem Walk Assoc. of Neighbors \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: A map of the Neighborhood Planning and VMU application areas can be found by clicking on this link: <ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/planning/maps/CommercialDesign/VerticalMixedUseColorMap.pdf>. This map also shows properties within the VMU Overlay District and properties with the MU Combining District that are included in the opt-in/opt-out process.

**B. NAME OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM CHAIR OR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CHAIR AND SECONDARY CONTACT.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM OR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

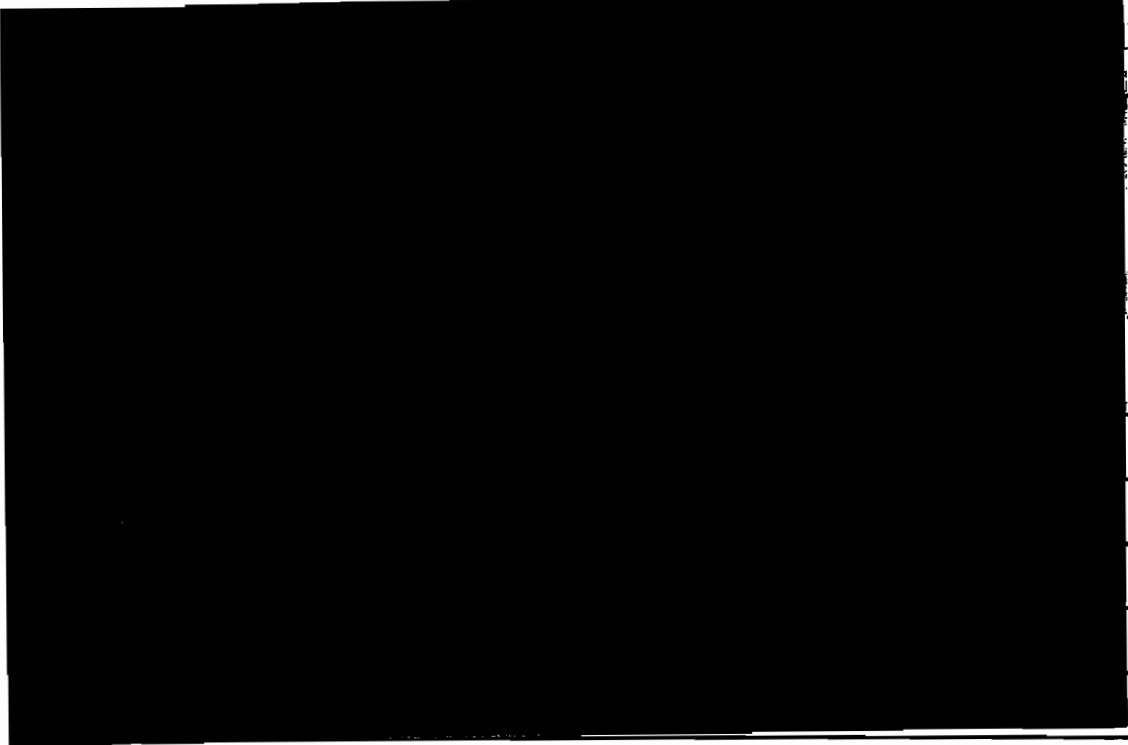
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**2. PRINT AND REVIEW THE DETAILED MAPS FOR YOUR AREA**

Detailed maps for each application area can be found by going to the map located at the bottom of [www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/verticalmixeduse.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/verticalmixeduse.htm).

**3. IF YOUR AREA HAS PROPERTIES IN THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT COMPLETE THE ATTACHED VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT FORM.**

See Instructions for VMU Opt-In/Opt-Out Process for more detail.

A blank copy of the VMU Overlay District form is provided below. Please print additional copies as needed.

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4. **IF YOUR AREA HAS PROPERTIES OUTSIDE OF THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT ON WHICH THE NEIGHBORHOOD WISHES TO PERMIT VMU COMPLETE THE ATTACHED VMU OPT-IN FORM.**

See Instructions for VMU Opt-In/Opt-Out Process for more detail. Note: If your area does not wish to recommend VMU for properties outside of the VMU Overlay District no application is required.

A blank copy of the VMU Opt-In form is provided below. Please print additional copies as needed.

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\* If the detailed map does not include an address for a property of interest please assign a number or address to the property and note the number or address on both the detailed map and the opt-out form.

**5. IDENTIFY A RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF AFFORDABILITY FOR FUTURE VMU RENTAL UNITS.**

Indicate a level of affordability for residential rental units. The affordability requirements are triggered only when a VMU Building takes advantage of the dimensional standards and parking reductions approved for a site.

Note: A single affordability level applies to all VMU-eligible properties within the application area. See Instructions for VMU Opt-In/Opt-Out Process for more detail.

Recommended Affordability Level for VMU-eligible properties (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ 80% of median family income

\_\_\_\_\_ 70% of median family income

\_\_\_ X \_\_\_ 60% of median family income

\_\_\_\_\_ Other level between 60-80% of median family income

**6. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**A. The following questions refer to the official vote taken by the Neighborhood Planning Team or Neighborhood Association on the Opt-In/Opt-Out application.**

A. Was the vote taken in accordance with the Neighborhood Plan Team or Neighborhood Association by-laws?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ X \_\_\_

*If No, please explain why and how the vote was taken. For example: multiple neighborhood associations were involved with the vote and each association has different by-laws.*

The South Manchaca area required cooperative participation and voting by two neighborhood associations. Please see attached meeting minutes for a description of how voting was conducted.

**B. Please provide the results of the vote: \*Please see attached meeting minutes.**

For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. Number of people in attendance at the meeting: 37

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D. Please explain how notice of the meeting at which the vote was taken was provided:

— > posted meeting date & time on [www.main.org/southwood](http://www.main.org/southwood) \_\_\_\_\_  
the week before the meeting

— > posted on southwood yahoo group and in yahoo group \_\_\_\_\_  
calendar

— > placed signs throughout the neighborhood at prominent \_\_\_\_\_  
street corners the week before the meeting.

— \*See attached pages on Southwood and Salem Walk \_\_\_\_\_  
communications throughout VMU process.

E. Please attach a copy of the notice of the meeting at which the vote was taken.

F. Please provide a copy of the meeting minutes at which the vote was taken.

G. Please read and sign the following:

THE ABOVE STATED INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH :

Neighborhood Plan Team By-Laws: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Association By-Laws: \_\_\_\_\_

Other, as described in question A., above: —X—

Reberah S Bean  
SIGNATURE OF CHAIR (OR DESIGNEE)

June 4, 2007  
DATE

7. MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND DETAILED MAPS TO:

Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department  
Attn: George Adams  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

or, drop-off at the NPZD office at:

One Texas Center  
505 Barton Springs Road, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

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**VERTICAL MIXED USE APPLICATION  
SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

- ✓ 1. Completed application with signature of chairperson.
- ✓ 2. Detailed maps showing locations of properties opted-in or opted-out.
- NA 3. Completed VMU Opt-Out Form, if applicable
- ✓ 4. Completed VMU Opt-In Form, if applicable.
- ✓ 5. Copy of the notice of the meeting at which the vote was taken.
- ✓ 6. Copy of the meeting minutes at which vote was taken.



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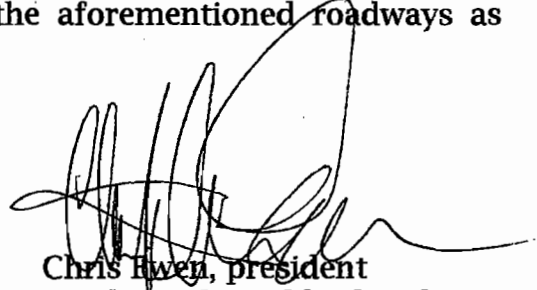
**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS**  
June 4, 2007

**WHEREAS**, Southwood Neighborhood Association and Salem Walk Association of Neighbors met for a formal meeting on May 10, 2007, with 37 neighbors attending; and

**WHEREAS**, Following discussion and a vote to opt-in designated commercial properties for the Vertical Mixed Use zoning overlay, a recommendation was made to designate certain roadways within the South Manchaca area as Core Transit Corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, The roadways and votes were adopted as follows: South First Street from Ben White to Stassney, 30 yeas, 5 nays; Manchaca from Ben White to Stassney, 25 yeas, 5 nays; and Ben White from Manchaca to South First, 31 yeas, 0 nays; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Southwood and Salem Walk neighborhoods request the City of Austin designate the aforementioned roadways as Core Transit Corridors.



Chris Ewen, president  
Southwood Neighborhood  
Association

Michael Cospers, president  
Salem Walk Association of  
Neighbors

\*Michael Cospers was unavailable to sign due to an emergency. He verbally endorses the resolution per Deborah Bean, 1st vice president, Southwood NA.



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**VERTICAL MIXED USE OPT-IN FORM**

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ADDRESS OF PROPERTY*	APPLICATION AREA:			Neighborhood PAGE 2 OF 2
	Opt-In for Dimensional Standards (These standards are a "package" and must be accepted or rejected as such)	Opt-In for Parking Reductions (commercial uses only)	Opt-In for Ground Floor Uses in office zoning districts (NO, LO, GO)	The neighborhood recommends opt-in for all VMU related standards.
627 RADAM				X
621 RADAM				X
617 RADAM				X
603 RADAM				X
4222 SOUTH FIRST				X
1912 W. STASSNEY				X
1806 W. STASSNEY				X
1604 W. STASSNEY (lots 1 & 2)				X
1600 W. STASSNEY (lots 3 & 4)				X
1500 W. STASSNEY (lots 5, 6, 7)				X
1408 W. STASSNEY				X
1402 W. STASSNEY (2 parcels)				X
730 W. STASSNEY				X
5520 SOUTH FIRST (708 W. STASSNEY)				X
4403 MANCHACA				X
4407 MANCHACA				X
4409 MANCHACA				X
4415 MANCHACA				X
4501 MANCHACA (lots 5 & 6 )				X
4515 MANCHACA				X
4607 MANCHACA				X
4611 MANCHACA				X
5401 MANCHACA				X
5517 MANCHACA				X
<b>**SOUTHWOOD MALL AREA**</b>				
1701 W. BEN WHITE (2 parcels)	Conditional	; see meeting minutes.		X
4403 RUSSELL	X			
4405 RUSSELL	X			
4407 RUSSELL	X			
4411 RUSSELL	X			
4313 GILLIS	X			
4317 GILLIS	X			

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**STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL OPT-IN TO VERTICAL MIXED USE ON CERTAIN  
PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND SOUTHWOOD MALL (1701 WEST BEN WHITE BLVD)**

June 4, 2007

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The following parcels were voted to be opted into Vertical Mixed Use on the condition that development on these properties must include the Southwood Neighborhood Association in the design and development process and would adhere to a design achieved with broad neighborhood participation and consent. Without this condition, there was not consensus that the properties should be opted in to Vertical Mixed Use.

1701 West Ben White Blvd  
1421 West Ben White Blvd  
4403 Russell Dr  
4405 Russell Dr  
4407 Russell Dr  
4411 Russell Dr



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Christopher W. Ewen, President, Southwood Neighborhood Association and authorized to sign  
for Michael Cosper, Salem Walk Association of Neighbors

### South Manchaca VMU Application Properties

Tract # (1)	TCAD Property ID (2)	COA Address (3)	FROM	TO
1	320815	704 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
		708 W STASSNEY LN		
	320816	734 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
		732 W STASSNEY LN		
		726 W STASSNEY LN		
		730 W STASSNEY LN		
2	320816	746 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
2	319735	1600 W STASSNEY LN	CS	CS-V
	319736	1606 W STASSNEY LN	CS	CS-V
	511148	1402 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
	511149	0 W STASSNEY LN LOT 2 MOTSENBOCKER SUBD SEC 2	GR	GR-V
	511150	1408 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
	511151	1510 W STASSNEY LN 1500 W STASSNEY LN	CS	CS-V
3	319680	1806 W STASSNEY LN	LO	LO-V
4	319681	1912 W STASSNEY LN	GR	GR-V
	319685	5517 MANCHACA RD		
5	319684 (Portion only)	5401 MANCHACA RD (need further description- attach exhibit)	GR	GR-V
7	509247	4503 MANCHACA RD	LO	LO-V
	509248	4501 MANCHACA RD	LO	LO-V
8	509258	4415 MANCHACA RD	LR	LR-V
		4413 MANCHACA RD		
		4411 MANCHACA RD		
	509259	4409 MANCHACA RD	LO	LO-V
	509260	4407 MANCHACA RD	LR	LR-V
	509261	4403 MANCHACA RD	LR	LR-V
	509262	1913 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
	509263	1911 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
	509264	1901 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
9	509300	4405 MERLE DR	GR	GR-V
		1815 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
	509301	1811 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
	509302	4406 1/2 RUSSELL DR	GR	GR-V
10	509325	4411 RUSSELL DR	LR-MU-CO	LR-MU-V-CO
		4409 RUSSELL DR		
	509326	4407 RUSSELL DR	LR-MU-CO	LR-MU-V-CO
	509327	4405 RUSSELL DR	LR-MU-CO	LR-MU-V-CO
	509328	4403 RUSSELL DR	LO	LO-V

ATTACHMENT 2

### South Manchaca VMU Application Properties

Tract # (1)	TCAD Property ID (2)	COA Address (3)	FROM	TO
11	312800	0 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB ABS 8 SUR 20 DECKER I ACR 2.45	GR	GR-V
	312801	1421 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
		1411 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
	312802	0 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB LOT 1 HALLE-VON VOIGTLANDER SUBD NO 1	GR	GR-V
	312803	4312 GILLIS ST	GR	GR-V
		1401 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
		4314 GILLIS ST		
	365442	1701 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR, CS	GR-V, CS-V
		1705 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
	509329	4401 RUSSELL DR	LR	LR-V
12	312811	4317 GILLIS ST	LO-MU-CO	LO-MU-V-CO
13	312804	1315 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR, CS	GR-V, CS-V
	312817	1333 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
	312818	4311 GILLIS ST	GR	GR-V
		1323 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
14	312670	4310 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
15	312662	4320 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
16	312711	4319 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
		4319 1/2 JAMES CASEY ST		
	312736	4303 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
	312737	4309 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
		4305 JAMES CASEY ST		
		4301 JAMES CASEY ST		
	312740	4307 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
	312742	4315 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
	312743	0 JAMES CASEY ST LOT 2A * RESUB OF LOT 2 LESS NW 10FT RADER ALICE MARY SUBD	LO	LO-V
	312745	627 RADAM LN	LO	LO-V
	312746	4203 JAMES CASEY ST	LR	LR-V
	312763	4215 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
		4209 JAMES CASEY ST		
		4207 JAMES CASEY ST		
	312767	621 RADAM LN	LO	LO-V
	312769	4313 JAMES CASEY ST	LO	LO-V
		4311 JAMES CASEY ST		

### South Manchaca VMU Application Properties

Tract # (1)	TCAD Property ID (2)	COA Address (3)	FROM	TO
17	312677	601 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR	GR-V
	312678	616 RADAM LN	LO	LO-V
		620 RADAM LN		
		626 RADAM LN		
		628 RADAM LN		
		4101 JAMES CASEY ST		
	359420	611 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB	GR, CS-1, CS	GR-V, CS-1-V, CS-V
		603 W BEN WHITE BLVD EB		
	553461	4007 JAMES CASEY ST	GR	GR-V
18	312713	615 RADAM LN	LR-CO	LR-V-CO
		617 RADAM LN		
19	312720	603 RADAM LN	CS	CS-V
20	312744	0 S 1ST ST	GR	GR-V
		.39 ACR OF BLK 8D&9D BOULDIN J E ESTATE		

(1) The tract number refers to the numbered tracts on the Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Tract Map

(2) Each TCAD Property ID number represents a separate property, as recorded by the Travis Central Appraisal District.

(3) The COA Addresses listed for each property are those addresses on file with the city pertaining to that property. If a COA address was not available for a property the TCAD address and/or legal description was used.

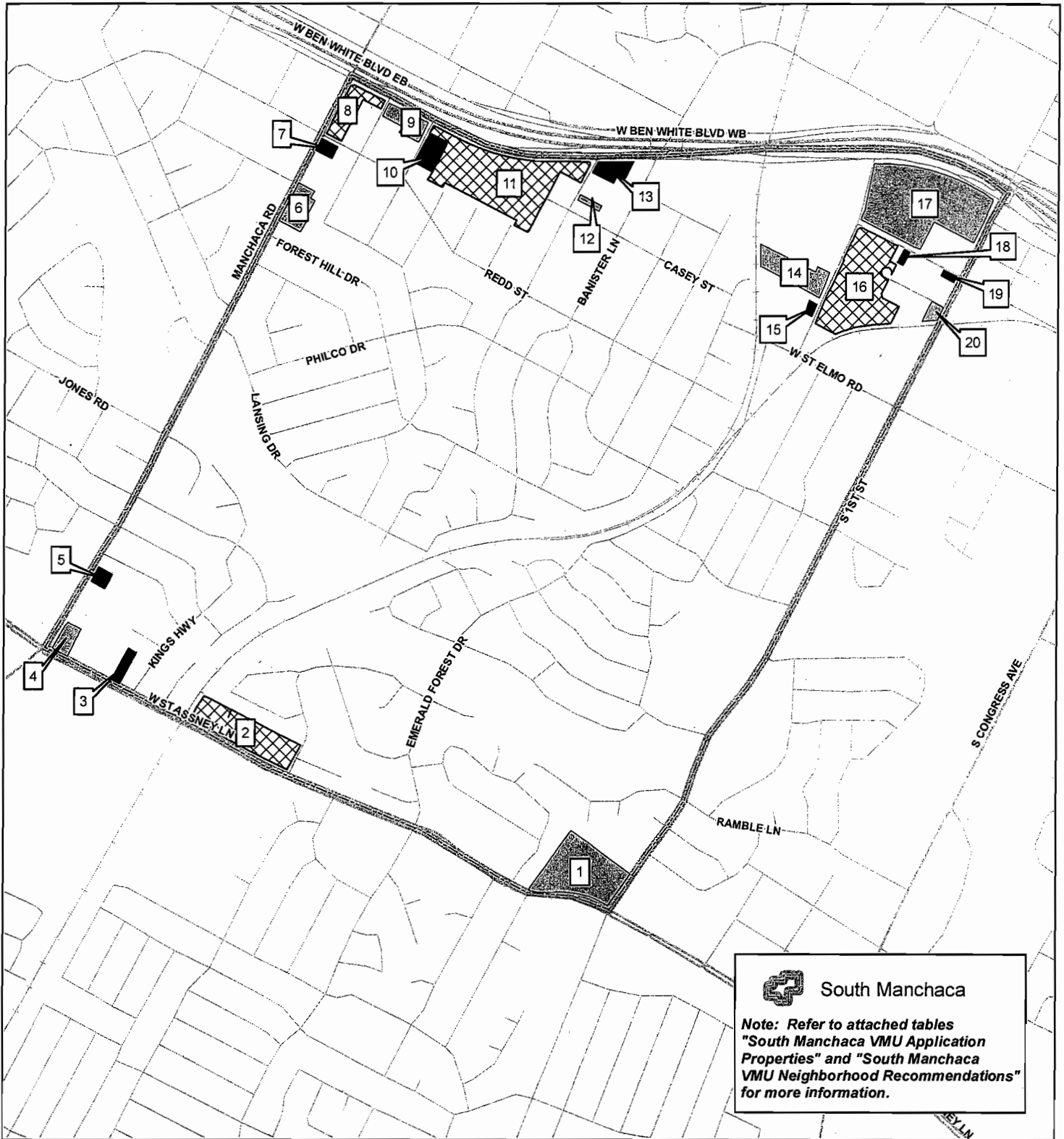
**South Manchaca VMU Neighborhood Recommendations**  
**Opt In Properties**


Tract #	OPT IN			All VMU-Related Standards Apply
	Dimensional Standards	Parking Reduction	Additional Ground Floor Uses in Office Districts	
1-9, 11, 13-20				X
10, 12	X			

**RECOMMENDED AFFORDABILITY LEVEL: 60%**



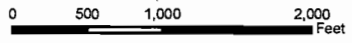




 **South Manchaca**

*Note: Refer to attached tables "South Manchaca VMU Application Properties" and "South Manchaca VMU Neighborhood Recommendations" for more information.*

**South Manchaca  
Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Tract Map  
Properties Eligible for VMU Opt-In**

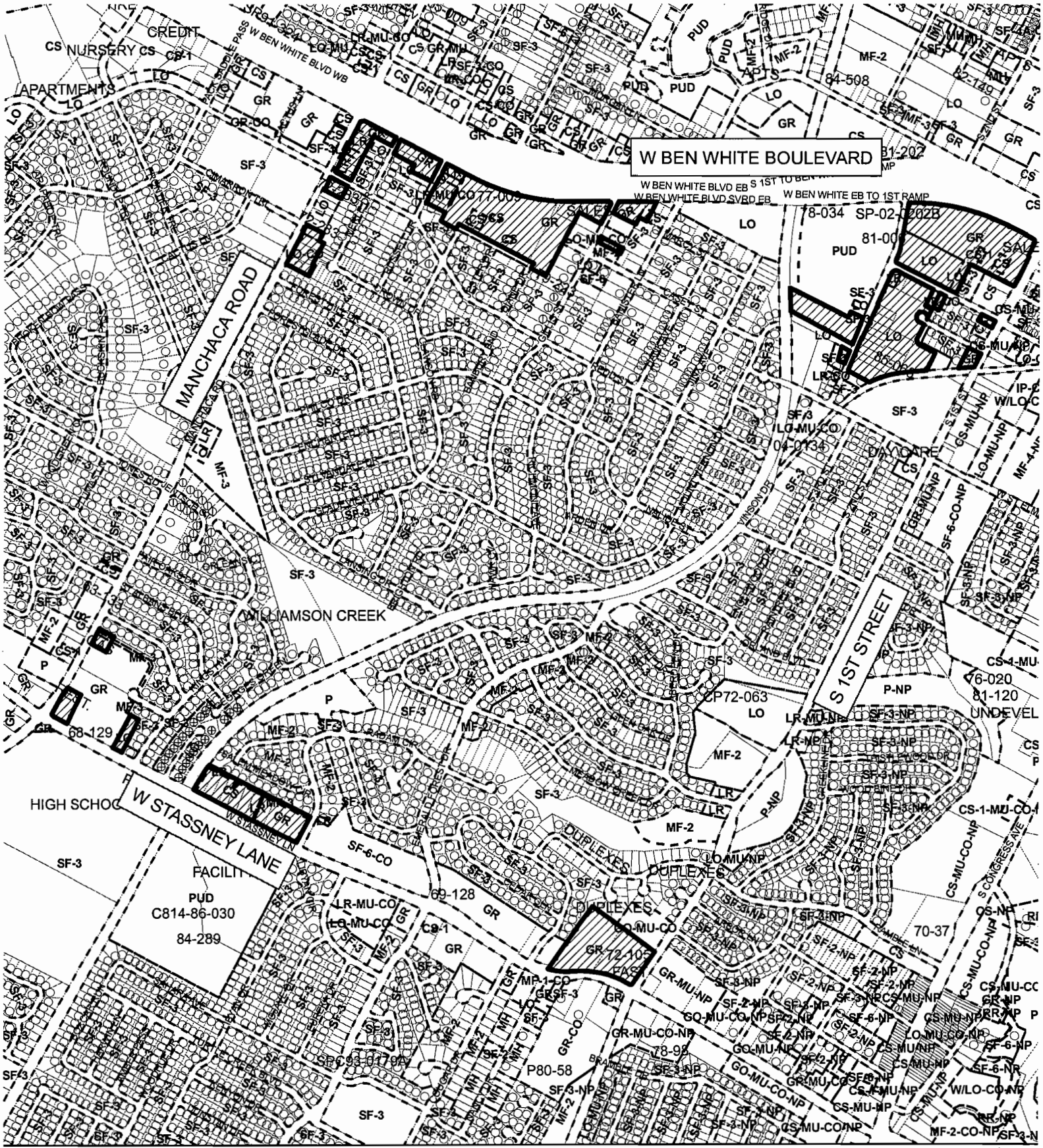


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

**ATTACHMENT 4  
PC BACK-UP**



# ZONING

**ZONING CASE#:** C14-2007-0216  
**ADDRESS:** W BEN WHITE BLVD  
**SUBJECT AREA:** 889 ACRES  
**GRID:** F17-18 G17-19 H18  
**MANAGER:** W. RHOADES



 Subject Tract  
 Zoning Boundary  
 Pending Cases



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ATTACHMENTS

## OVERVIEW OF VERTICAL MIXED USE (VMU) AND THE VMU OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, the Austin City Council approved a major amendment to the city's development code—the Design Standards and Mixed Use Subchapter, also referred to as the Commercial Design Standards. The majority of the Design Standards provisions went into effect in January 2007. However, a separate process and schedule was established within the ordinance for Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Buildings. The Design Standards ordinance:

- Defined a new Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) building type and specific development standards for VMU buildings
- Established a process whereby neighborhoods can provide recommendations on the standards and location for VMU buildings (the Opt-In/Opt-Out Process)
- Established locations where VMU buildings may be built
- Defined development standards that may be relaxed to encourage construction of VMU buildings.

### WHAT IS A VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING?

A Vertical Mixed Use building contains a mix of uses; is designed with pedestrian-oriented spaces on the ground floor; is allowed exemptions from certain site development standards that would otherwise apply; and must contain residential dwelling units—some of which must be offered at certain affordability levels.

### NEIGHBORHOOD OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS

The Opt-In/Opt-Out process provides neighborhood groups the opportunity to make recommendations about potential VMU buildings in their neighborhoods to the Planning Commission and City Council. These recommendations include the location of VMU buildings, the availability of relaxed development standards, and affordable housing levels for VMU buildings. The final decision whether to accept, modify, or reject neighborhood requests rests with the City Council. *See the reverse side of this page for development standards and housing affordability level information.*

**“Opt-Out”**—Most properties within the VMU Overlay District are eligible for the relaxed development standards/ affordable housing package unless they are “opted-out.” A property is “opted-out” of the VMU Overlay District if a neighborhood recommends and the City Council votes to remove some or all of the relaxed development standards or changes the housing affordability level. The opt-out process also allows neighborhoods to recommend certain properties be entirely removed from the VMU Overlay District. *More information on the VMU Overlay District is provided below.*

**“Opt-In”**—Properties outside the VMU Overlay District neighborhoods may “opt in” properties with the MU Combining District (e.g. GR-MU) to encourage VMU buildings. Opt-In means a neighborhood recommends whether a property should be eligible for VMU and whether the relaxed development standards/affordable housing should apply. An opt-in recommendation is subject to City Council approval.

### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS OF VMU BUILDINGS

The Design Standards ordinance defines two principal locations where VMU Buildings may be permitted:

- The VMU Overlay District
- On properties with the Mixed Use (MU) Combining District—an example would be a property with the zoning of GR-MU (for more zoning information go to [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/downloads/np\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/downloads/np_guide.pdf)).

The VMU Overlay District, created as part of the Design Standards ordinance, applies to most commercially zoned properties with frontage on a Core Transit Corridor or Future Core Transit Corridor. These Corridors are roadways that have or could have the population density and mix of uses to encourage and support transit use. Core Transit Corridors include many of the major arterial roadways in Austin's urban core such



as South Congress Avenue, Lamar Boulevard, and Riverside Drive. For a complete list of these corridors see *Article 5, Definitions* of the Design Standards ordinance at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/designstandards.htm>.

### **RELAXED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR VMU BUILDINGS**

The opt-in/opt-out process allows neighborhoods to recommend relaxation of certain development standards for VMU buildings: dimensional standards, off-street parking requirements for commercial uses, and additional ground floor commercial uses in office zoning districts.

#### **Dimensional Standards**

The Design Standards ordinance uses the term “Dimensional Standards” to refer to the relaxation of specific site development standards for VMU buildings. Relaxing these standards is a way to encourage the construction of VMU buildings while still meeting building height limits and compatibility standards. If approved through the opt-in/opt-out process the following relaxed standards will apply to VMU Buildings.

*Note: These Dimensional Standards are a “package” and must be accepted or rejected as such in the opt-in/opt-out process.*

**Setbacks**—No minimum front, street side or interior side yard setbacks;

**Floor to Area Ratio**—No floor to area ratio (FAR) limit;

**Building Coverage**—No building coverage limit;

**Minimum Site Area**—No “minimum site area” requirement (site area requirements limit the number of dwelling units on a site)

#### **Off-Street Parking Requirements for Commercial Uses**

Minimum off-street parking for the commercial uses within a VMU building can be reduced to 60% of the normal Land Development Code requirement. Residential uses within a VMU building receive the parking reduction by right and cannot be changed through this process. The parking reduction cannot be used in addition to any other parking reduction allowances such as the one for properties within the Urban Core.

#### **Additional Ground Floor Uses in Office Base District Zoning**

If approved through the opt-in/opt-out process consumer convenience services, food sales, general retail sales (convenience or general) and restaurant (limited or general) without drive-in service will be permitted in a VMU Building located in an office zoning district (**NO, LO, GO**). Zoning use information begins on page 45 of the following document: [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/downloads/np\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/downloads/np_guide.pdf).

### **AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VMU BUILDINGS**

If VMU Buildings are approved through the opt-in/opt-out process, and if they take advantage of the dimensional and parking exemptions, they are subject to certain affordability requirements.

**Owner-Occupied Units**—Five percent of residential units shall be affordable for households earning no more than 80 percent of the Median Family Income (MFI). Five percent of the residential units shall be affordable for households earning no more than 100 percent of the MFI. The affordability period is 99 years.

**Rental Units**—Ten percent of the residential units shall be affordable for households earning no more than 80 percent of the current MFI. As part of the opt-in/opt-out process, a neighborhood association or neighborhood planning team may request that the affordable rental units be available for renters earning a lower percentage of the median family income, to as low as 60 percent of the median family income. The affordability period is 40 years.

### **For more information on VMU:**

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/verticalmixeduse.htm>



AFFORDABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT  
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: NOV. 29 CASE NUMBER: C14-2007-0216, C14-2007-0220;  
C14-2007-0222

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT:	VERTICAL MIXED USE OPT-IN / OPT-OUT RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPACT ON REGULATORY BARRIERS TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IMPACT
LAND USE / ZONING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NO IMPACT
IMPACT ON COST OF DEVELOPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IMPACT
PROPOSED CHANGES IMPACTING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:	NHCD SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF NEIGHBORHOODS REQUESTING THAT A 60% MFI REQUIREMENT APPLY TO VERTICAL MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:	NHCD RECOMMENDS A SIX-MONTH AND TWELVE-MONTH EVALUATION PERIOD FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF OPT-IN / OPT-OUT RECOMMENDATIONS TO DETERMINE LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION.  THE MFI STANDARDS SHOULD ALSO BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THE PENDING HOUSING MARKET STUDY CONDUCTED AS PART OF NHCD'S 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.
DATE PREPARED:	NOVEMBER 15, 2007
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ PAUL HILGERS	

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DATE: November 13, 2007

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File # C14-2007-0216

Planning Commission Hearing Date: November 13, 2007

Name (please print) David S. Boniuk for

Address Boniuk Interests Ltd.  
4407 Russell Dr.

- ☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☐ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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**Name (please print)** DALOUS, LLC / Joe Chen, Owner

☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)

**Address** 5404 Rose Hill Cir, Austin, TX 78745

☐ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Name (please print) Manoochehr Kavoussi

☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address P.O. Box 29343 Austin, TX 78755-6343

☐ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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November 29, 2007

To the Honorable City of Austin Council Members:

I have lived in Austin since 1973. Much has changed about Austin in the past 34 years – Ben White is no longer a street nor the south perimeter of the city. In 1985 I purchased my home in the Forest Oaks neighborhood in South Austin. Again, much has changed in 22 years. A quiet, working class neighborhood where most residents were senior citizens, many of whom had purchased the 700-900 square foot homes when they were built and reared their families in them, has become another “central” neighborhood whose face is changing daily. Still considered fairly affordable by Austin standards until recently, many homeowners trying to get into the market have purchased homes in this area in the past 5-10 years and made this neighborhood their home.

The area whose boundaries are Ben White Blvd., Manchaca Rd, Stassney Ln. and South 1<sup>st</sup> St. is surrounded by commercially zoned property on all sides – most of it developed during a time when small box grocery stores and strip malls ruled. When our neighborhood was given a deadline to opt-in or opt-out commercial properties for vertical mixed use, we saw this as an opportunity to have an impact on development in our rapidly changing neighborhood by supporting higher density on the perimeter commercial corridors so that the single family portions of the neighborhood could be preserved.

Despite the disadvantage of not having had an opportunity to go through the neighborhood planning process, the Southwood Neighborhood Association rallied to reach out to our large geographical area to include as many as possible in the process. Through meeting signs, flyers and the development of a list-serve, the Association “grew” its membership at the same time as it worked to meet the short timeline imposed by the VMU process.

VMU was defined and discussed at several general neighborhood meetings between November 2006 and May 2007. A committee was formed to specifically identify the commercial properties, discuss the various components of the application, seek expertise in areas where with which we were unfamiliar and complete the application. The information was presented at the May meeting for vote by the general membership and all items passed by at least 75% of the vote.

One of the things that make our neighborhood unique is the diversity that is found in residents – young and old, lower-income and higher-income, renters and owners. However, in the past few years the cost of property has become increasingly more expensive, pricing many folks out of the area. During the VMU process, one of the most important points of discussion was the hope that our neighborhood remains affordable. Thus our application reflects the desire that 10% of rental units be available and affordable to families that make 60% of our median family income. In addition, since this new development can only occur on commercial lots, where residential is not currently allowed, our application allows more housing supply in Austin, hopefully reducing pricing pressure renters and new owners.

Our application is also intended to provide incentives to commercial property owners to create development that is more pedestrian friendly and more aesthetically pleasing than what currently exists. Our neighborhood is already feeling the pressure of increased traffic. Again, our application hopes to promote better design and less parking and traffic generation than is currently possible with current zoning, and allow development that is more walkable, better designed, and preserves the central neighborhood.

I respectfully request that the council approve our application for VMU as submitted. I also request that the City speed up the timeline for neighborhood planning, give neighborhoods the support and time needed to create effective neighborhood plans and listen to and respect the neighborhood plans that they have put so much time and energy into creating.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Leach  
4614 Hank Ave.  
512-442-7010  
[dleach4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dleach4@sbcglobal.net)

**Rhoades, Wendy**

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**From:** Brenda K. Cross [BKC20-20ent@austin.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Cc:** Christopher Ewen  
**Subject:** VMU for Southwood Neighborhood  
**Attachments:** Brenda K. Cross.vcf

**Dear Ms Rhoades,**

**My name is Brenda K Cross and I am a member of the Southwood Neighborhood Association in south Austin.**

**With respect to the City Council Meeting of 11/29/07 and VMU for our neighborhood...the concept of VMU (vertical mixed use) was explained at several meeting beginning about a year ago.**

**I support higher density on the perimeter commercial corridors AND preservation of the single family portion of our neighborhood. At minimum, 10% (ten percent) of any rental units built should be available and affordable to families that make 60% or less of Austin's median family income.**

***As a personal aside, I'd prefer 25% of rental OR "for sale" units be affordable to families that make 60% or less of our median income - or we are likely to find ourselves in the same predicament as many larger cities (no affordable housing for our teachers, hotel service personnel, police, service employees, fire and EMT's, etc.)***

**As new VMU's are constructed, we would like development that is pedestrian and bike friendly...along with trees, shrubs, plants - that make this area even more beautiful.**

**Parking and traffic are always issues. Since common sense often conflicts with developer profits...let common sense rule. Use traffic calming designs - provide abundant parking so we who live here don't find our drives, streets and yards choked with added vehicles that have no space to park.**

**The goal is Vertical Mixed Use communities that cohabitate beneficially with our neighborhood. This means beauty, quiet, pedestrian, safety, affordable and preservation of the central neighborhood as a great place to live.**

**Thanks for your consideration,**

**Brenda K Cross  
4905 Hawk Cove  
Austin 78745**

11/29/2007

**Rhoades, Wendy**

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**From:** Marcus Sanford [marcus@ignitecs.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2007 1:30 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Subject:** In support of Southwood VMU measure

I live in the Southwood neighborhood and am writing in support of the neighborhood's VMU application.

I participated with the neighborhood association in their education effort and saw their extensive measures to include as much information as possible for as many neighbors as possible. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and I would very much like to see this much-needed enhancement to our existing zoning go through, in hopes that we will someday get better redevelopment on the edges of our neighborhood.

I urge the Council to accept the application.

Thank you,

**Marcus Sanford**  
**Ignite Consulting**  
512-784-6080  
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11/29/2007

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** roadrunner8467 [roadrunner8467@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2007 1:53 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Subject:** Fw: Case Number SP-2007-0563C  
**Attachments:** VMU Zoning Change Notice.jpg; notice to build building on Russell dr.jpg

-----Original Message-----

**From:** roadrunner8467  
**Date:** 11/9/2007 1:45:37 PM  
**To:** Annette; Hoskins, James; Laura Stephenson; northsouthwoodneighborhoodassociation; nikki.hoelter@ci.austin.tx.us  
**Cc:** Alvarado, Anthony; Kroger Richard  
**Subject:** Case Number SP-2007-0563C

Ms. N. Hoelter  
City Of Austin  
P O Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

As the president of the North Southwood Neighborhood Association and a property owner within 300 feet of the property located at 4406 Russell Dr we have strong objections to this as well as the other properties on Russell Drive and in the entire neighborhood being rezoned or developed to allow for VMU without any plan or funding for traffic calming for the neighborhood. Russell Drive is currently at 200% above maximum capacity thus the 300 trips per day restriction on the recent rezoning on the properties across the street from 4406.

If at any time the Southwood Neighborhood Association and the owners of the properties listed in the VMU application come forth with a plan and funding for traffic calming for the neighborhood then we would be open for reconsideration of our decision.

Ronald Spruill  
1700 Redd St  
Austin, Texas 78745

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**File #** C14-2007-0216

**Planning Commission Hearing Date:** November 13, 2007

Name (please print)

Sam Douglas



I am in favor

(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address

1911 Forest Hill Dr. Austin, TX 78745

☒ I object

(No estoy de acuerdo)

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## **Comments On Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Zoning For Properties Within The South Manchaca Neighborhood Planning Area**

**Re: File #C14-2007-0216**

**To:**

**Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department  
P.O. Box 1088  
c/o Wendy Rhodes  
Austin, TX 78767-8835**

**From:**

**Sam Douglas  
1911 Forest Hill Dr.  
Austin, TX 78745**

It has come to my attention that my neighborhood group, the Southwood Neighborhood Group, has put forth a plan to rezone certain existing commercial properties for Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) development. I do not object to the rezoning of all the proposed sites, but I do object to the rezoning of one plot of land in particular. The tract labeled #6 on the map of South Manchaca VMU Application Properties, which encompasses 4607, 4611 and 4517 Manchaca Rd. and is located on the east side of the street just slightly north of Forest Hill Dr. concerns me for several reasons:

- By removing the minimum site area requirement and allowing buildings to be constructed, which include commercial spaces and multiple dwelling units, you are increasing the number of people who will use the site, thereby increasing the automobile traffic that will be accessing the site. This property sits directly across the street from an elementary school and children walk to and from school along the east side of Manchaca Rd. daily. This site is also adjacent to a bus stop on the #3 Capital Metro line. As a result, the risks of children and other individuals being hit by cars that are accessing the VMU property are greatly increased. Manchaca Rd. already has very heavy traffic flow, and motorists drive very fast and at times quite recklessly. I do not want to have development in my area that is going to further endanger pedestrians using the sidewalks along Manchaca Rd.
- The reduction by 40% in off-street parking for commercial uses within a VMU building will lead to Forest Hill Dr. becoming even more congested with parked cars. I live directly on the corner of Manchaca Rd. and Forest Hill Dr., and my neighbors and I already have enough problems with street parking as it is. My neighbors who live directly behind me and face Manchaca have a very large family, and they cannot park on Manchaca, so they end up parking in front of my house and other houses along

Forest Hill Dr. It's fine with me that they park there because they're my neighbors, but with more people needing places to park in order to access a VMU property on Tract #6, our street will be filled beyond capacity. Where will my neighbors and our guests be able to park?

- ❑ When cars are parked along both sides of Forest Hill, only one car can make it down the street at a time—cars cannot pass each other safely. With added cars constantly parking on our street, the risks of automobile accidents and people getting hit by cars will only increase. I have lived at 1911 Forest Hill Dr. for a little over a year, and in that time there have been 3 accidents directly in front of my home because cars turn too fast off of Manchaca and hit parked cars in front of my house or other cars trying to get around parked cars.
- ❑ With more cars parking and people passing in front of my house, my quality of life will be diminished because of loud car stereos, noisy conversations, litter and people trampling my yard. Since I live on the corner, I already have enough trouble with some pedestrians who litter my yard and strangers who cut across my property at all times of the day and night.
- ❑ And, speaking for some of my neighbors who live on the north side of Forest Hill Dr. adjacent to Tract #6, I know they are concerned about 3 story or 4 story residential units being built that allow people to peer down into their yards and spy on them.

According to the neighborhood meeting I attended on November 8<sup>th</sup>, this process has been going on for over a year and people in the neighborhood were notified of it. Apparently flyers were sent out to folks in the neighborhood, but I do not recall ever receiving one. And, I find it strange that the people who live closest to this proposed VMU site in question received notice from the city about the Planning Commission meeting with only 11 days to get up to speed on the issue and mail in comments.

Thank you, and I hope you will strongly consider my objections to the proposed rezoning of Tract #6 in this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Douglas', with a stylized, looping flourish extending from the end.

Sam Douglas  
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