



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT Department of Planning, Preservation & Development

Division of Planning

Jim Gray Mayor

Derek J. Paulsen, Ph.D. Commissioner

July 21, 2015

MENTELLE NGHD ASSOC LEWIS GARDNER 317 HANOVER COURT LEXINGTON KY 40502

Re: Requested Zone Change in Your Neighborhood

Dear Neighborhood Representative:

This letter is to inform you of a request for a zone change in your neighborhood area. This request was submitted by **National Station**, **LLC**, for property located at **334 Richmond Avenue**, **Lexington**, **Kentucky**. A conditional use permit and dimensional variances were also requested.

Enclosed are copies of the application and notification area map. A copy of the staff report will be available two weeks prior to the Planning Commission public hearing on this item, which has been scheduled for <u>August 27</u>, <u>2015</u>, at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2nd floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

If you desire any additional information regarding this zone change request, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Commission's "Zoning Section" staff at 101 East Vine Street, 7th Floor, or call **258-3160**.

If you are no longer president of your neighborhood association, please forward this notice to the appropriate officer. Then, contact Stephanie Cunningham at 258-3160 so that our records can be updated to keep the leaders of your neighborhood association informed in the future. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely.

Bill Sallee

Planning Services Manager

Enc.

MARCV 2015-16 Application

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CC:

Councilmember Farmer

GENERAL INFORMATION: MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST (MAR) APPLICATION

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OWNER: National Sta			Station, LLC									
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	ATTORNEY:	Charles C 333 West		e 1700, Lexin	gton, Kentuc	ck	y (859) 25	2-2	202			
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C.	Are these units cu		by household	s earning unde	r 40 % of the	m	edian income	e?			-0 U NO	
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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION	B. CONTACT PERSON or REPRESENTATIVE INFO
NATIONAL STATION, LLC	Name: Tom Jones
Address: 420 United Court	Address
City, State, Zip Code:	City, State, Zip Code:
City, State, Zip Code: Lexington, Ky, 40509 Phone #	Lexing ton, Ky, 40509
(w/ area code): (859) 227 - 7000	Phone # (w/ area code): (859) 227 - 7000
C. PROPERTY INFORMATION	
Address: 334 Richmond Avenue	Current Zoning: R-2
Conditional Use Requested: Parking Lot	Current Use: VACANT
	VACANI
Storm Sewers Existing OR To be constructed	hy: Developer Cotherns
Sanitary Sewers	ystem OR To be constructed by: Developer Others
Refuse Collection LFUCG OR Other (please list):	Others
E. POSSIBLE DISPLACEMENT OF TENANTS	
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F. PROJECT DETAILS (If additional space is required, p	please use a separate page)
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PARKING LOT, 1	A PERMITTED
USE IN AN R-3	ZONE,
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G. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION	
I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate. I further certify that if I am not the current suggest of	
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current property owner, and that it has been submitted as part	
and the first submitted as part	this property, that I have obtained written permission from the of this application.
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER (if not the applicant)	this property, that I have obtained written permission from the of this application. DATE DATE DATE
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DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Name: National Station, LLC	Name: Tom Jones
Address: 20 United Court	Address: 420 United Court
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Phone # (w/ area code): (859) 227 - 7000	City, State, Zip Code: Lexington, Ky. 40509 Phone # (w/ area code): (859) 227-7000
C. PROPERTY INFORMATION	
Address: 949 National Ave. 340,3. Richmond Avenue, Lex., Ky. Proposed Use: 25 OFFICE - Warehouses	42 \$ 346 Current Zoning: B-4
Proposed Use: 25 OFFICE - WAYRHOUSES	and a Current Use: Soccer School &
D. URBAN SERVICES STATUS (Indicate whether existing	, or how to be provided)
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Are these units currently occupied by households earning le	ess than 40% of the median income in Lexington-Favette
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National Station, LLC Zone Change and Conditional Use Request for 334 Richmond Avenue, And

Dimensional Variance Requests for 949 National Avenue, 340, 342, & 346 Richmond Avenue Lexington, Kentucky 40502

July 15, 2015

Purpose:

- To rezone .0.1908 gross acres (0.1653 net acres) at property located at 334 Richmond Avenue from Two Family Residential (R-2) Zone to Planned Neighborhood Residential (R-3) zone,
- To seek a conditional use in the R-3 zone to allow for a parking lot at 334 Richmond Avenue
- To reduce the rear yard abutting a residential zone from a minimum of 28 ft. to 5 feet along the residentially zoned properties to the east and south,.
- To reduce the side yard abutting a residential zone from a minimum of 32 feet to 5 feet along the residentially zoned properties to the east and south,
- To reduce the distance an overhead door must be setback from 100 feet to 53 feet along residentially zoned properties to the east and south.

Overview:

The applicant is proposing to redevelop a longstanding single use open air storage and automotive parts operation along the railroad on a group of "infill" B-4 and R-2 parcels by removing all but two structures and constructing 27 state-of-the-art office-warehouses. The intent is to cluster all commercial activity on the B-4 parcels, mitigate the impact of the adjacent railroad to the neighborhood and use the residentially zoned properties for "step down" activities only. Specifically, the Owsley Avenue parcel will be limited to emergency access and retention and the Richmond Avenue parcel will be earmarked for parking. The applicant feels that this National Avenue revitalization will cater to small scale users and compliment the nearby adaptive reuse activity that is already in progress (and seemingly fully embraced).

Findings of Support - Zone Change:

 This zone change is in compliance with the 2013 Comprehensive Plan in that the request supports creating jobs and prosperity (Theme C; Goal 2; Objectives a. & b.) while continuing the parcel's historic medium density residential land use which is consistent with the abutting neighborhood's designated land use which was last articulated in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. The applicant also feels that the existing R-2 zoning is inappropriate and that the proposed R-3 zoning is appropriate because "Parking" is not specifically listed as a conditional use in the R-2 zone but is listed as such in the R-3 zone.

Findings of Support - Conditional Use:

• The Conditional Use Request is justified in that "Parking" is specifically named as a Conditional Use in the R-3 zone and is appropriate in this case because it facilitates the redevelopment of the adjacent B-4 infill properties that are owned by the applicant and will be consolidated into one lot and one cohesive development. It should be noted that the parcel was used for parking "unofficially" by the previous owner... and the granting of this conditional use will incentivize the current owner to make improvements that will produce a visually appealing lot that complies with all regulations.

Findings of Support - Dimensional Variances:

Each of the three Dimensional Variance Requests should be approved for the following reasons:

- Granting the requested variances should not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, nor will it alter the character of the general vicinity in that structures have been operated within these distances in the past, that fencing is erected to shield the neighborhood, and that all new construction will be between the railroad and the neighborhood and occur away from Richmond Avenue, National Avenue, and Owsley Avenue,
- Strict application of the Zoning Ordinance requirements would ignore the historical context of the setbacks of this development and those of other developments nearby and deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land and create an unnecessary hardship,
- That this is not a result of a willful violation of the Zoning Ordinance or other attempt to circumvent the regulations; but, rather, a reasonable request considering the configuration of the lot, the location of the railroad and the two structures that are being retained, and
- That the requested variance is not the direct result of the actions of the applicant, as the existing structures, railroad and the fencing predates the applicant's ownership of the lot.

