

PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS

Rezoning Petition No. 2007-100

Petitioner: Seddon (Rusty) Goode, University Research Park

Request: Text amendment to allow private and charter schools as permitted uses in the Research zoning district.

Background

The Zoning Ordinance currently allows private and public elementary and secondary schools in residential, multi-family, mixed-use zoning districts with prescribed conditions. They are also allowed by-right in MUDD, UMUD, TOD, institutional, office, and business (B-1 and B-2) zoning districts.

Summary

This proposed text amendment would add private and charter schools as a use by right in the Research zoning district.

The Zoning Ordinance currently does not differentiate whether an elementary or secondary school is a public, private or charter. This text amendment would change that policy to give private and charter schools the right to located in a Research zoning district, but essentially prohibit public schools in a Research district.

Consistency and Conclusion

This text amendment is not consistent with adopted policies, which do not differentiate between public and private schools. Staff can not support this text amendment in its current form. The amendment should be modified to also allow public elementary and secondary schools in the research districts without exceptions.