Rezoning Petition 2014-114 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis

December 15, 2014



REQUEST	Text amendment to Section 9.1105(1) of the Zoning Ordinance
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes to increase the floor area ratio (FAR) in the industrial zoning districts for a warehousing use that is fully enclosed within a building, when the building is multi-story.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition. This petition is consistent with the <i>Centers, Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework</i> goals to ensure a diverse, growing and adaptable economy, and to revitalize economically challenged business areas.
PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	Stor-All Storage Walter Fields, III, Walter Fields Group
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is not required.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Background

- The industrial districts currently permit warehousing within an enclosed building in the I-1 (light industrial) and I-2 (general industrial) zoning districts as a use by-right.
- The maximum floor area ratio (FAR) for all uses in the I-1 (light industrial) district is 0.8 and the maximum floor area ratio in the I-2 (general industrial) district is 1.0.
- Floor area ratio (FAR) is defined as the total floor area of the building(s) on a lot divided by the gross area of the lot.
- This text amendment provides greater flexibility by increasing the floor area ratio over the current limits allowed in the industrial districts for multi-story warehousing.

• Proposed Request Details

The text amendment contains the following provisions:

- Adds a footnote amending the maximum floor area ratio in the I-1 (light industrial) district from 0.8 to 2.0 and from 1.0 to 2.0 in the I-2 (general industrial) district, for a warehousing use conducted within an enclosed building when the building has multiple stories.
- Public Plans and Policies
 - This petition is consistent with the *Centers, Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework* goals to ensure a diverse, growing and adaptable economy, and to revitalize economically challenged business areas.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No comments received.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Transportation: No issues.
 - Vehicle Trip Generation: Not applicable.
 - **Connectivity:** Not applicable.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: Not applicable.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities: No issues.
- Engineering and Property Management: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: No issues.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN (see full department reports online)

• Site Design:

• There is no site plan associated with this text amendment.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

Attachments Online at <u>www.rezoning.org</u>

- Application
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Review
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