



**REQUEST:** Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High Density (RML-25) District to Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District

<b>CASE NUMBER</b>	UDP-Z23013	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	City of Fort Lauderdale	
<b>GENERAL LOCATION</b>	South of SW 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, east of SW 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Waverly Road and west of SW 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	
<b>EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT</b>	Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High Density (RML-25) District	
<b>PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT</b>	Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District	
<b>LAND USE</b>	Medium High Residential	
<b>COMMISSION DISTRICT</b>	2 – Steven Glassman	
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b>	Sailboat Bend Civic Association	
<b>APPLICABLE ULDR SECTIONS</b>	Section 47-24.4 Rezoning Criteria	
<b>NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Section 47-27.5, Sign Notice prior to meeting Section 47-27.5, Mail Notice	
<b>SECTION 166.033, FLORIDA STATUTES</b>	<b>180-day Expiration Date</b>	<b>Extension Date (s)</b>
	March 30, 2023	Waived by Applicant
<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	Recommend Approval, Recommend Rezoning to a More Restrictive Zoning District, or Deny	
<b>PROJECT PLANNER</b>	Michael P. Ferrera, Urban Planner II	<i>MPF</i>

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is requesting to rezone 18,358 square feet (0.42 acres) of land located at SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street/ South of SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, east SW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North of Waverly Road and West of SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High Density (RML-25) District to Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District. The property is currently a passive park, *Major William Lauderdale Park*, with future improvements consisting of a crosswalk on the northwest portion of the park, signage, tables, benches, and pedestrian pathways. A Location map is attached as **Exhibit 1**. The application, narrative responses to criteria, and sketch and legal description of the property proposed to be rezoned are attached as **Exhibit 2**.

**REVIEW CRITERIA:**

Pursuant to the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.4.D, Rezoning Criteria, an application for a rezoning shall be reviewed in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The zoning district proposed is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The property is currently zoned RML-25 and has an underlying land use designation of Medium High Residential which is intended primarily for dwellings and other land uses in support of the residential environment. The proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space zoning district is consistent with this land use designation. Please refer to the Comprehensive Plan Consistency section within this report for additional information.

2. The changes anticipated by the proposed rezoning will not adversely impact the character of development in or near the area under consideration.

The property where the proposed rezoning is to take place is currently a passive park. Moving forward with the rezoning will ensure the land will be available as open space for surrounding residential neighborhoods. If approved, the rezoning will be consistent with the character of development in the area under consideration, which is residential.

3. The character of the area proposed is suitable for the uses permitted in the proposed zoning district and is compatible with surrounding districts and uses.

The property is currently passive park, the proposed rezoning will ensure the zoning district is compatible with the existing uses surrounding the area, which is primarily residential. Furthermore, the proposed rezoning will enhance the existing surrounding neighborhoods by providing open space for residents to enjoy. Therefore, the character of the surrounding area supports the proposed park use.

A general comparison of permitted uses in the current and proposed zoning district is provided in Table 1. For the complete detailed list of uses, refer to ULDR Section 47-5.18, List of Permitted and Conditional Uses; Residential Low Rise Multifamily/Medium High Density (RML-25) District and ULDR Section 47-8.14, List of Permitted and Conditional Uses; Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District. A comparison of current and proposed dimensional standards for each district is provided in Table 2.

**Table 1: Comparison of Zoning District Uses**

Existing Zoning District	Proposed Zoning District
Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High Density (RML-25) District	Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District
<u>Residential Uses</u> Single Family Dwelling Single Family Dwelling, attached cluster Single Family Dwelling, zero-lot-line Single Family Dwelling, attached: duplex/two (2) family dwelling Single Family Dwelling, townhouses Single Family Dwelling, coach home Community Residence, 3 residents maximum Community Residence, 4 to 10 residents	<u>Permitted Uses:</u> Parks, Recreation, and Open Space uses and Facilities Active and Passive Park Facilities Beach Civic Facilities, Cultural Facilities, Educational Facilities Conservation Areas Fishing Pier Indoor and Outdoor Public Recreational Facility
<u>Public Purpose</u> Active and Passive Park Social Service Residential Facility, Level I	N/A
<u>Child Day Care Facilities</u> Family Day Care Home	N/A
Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures	<u>Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures</u> Concessions, including refreshment stands, pro shops, souvenir shops Police, Fire substation Parks Maintenance and Administration Facility Public Restrooms
Urban Agriculture	Urban Agriculture
	Limitations on Uses  Conservation areas. Conservation areas are designated in accordance with the Broward County Land Use Plan Map Series as a means to protect natural resource areas (Broward County Land Use Plan). Uses are limited in conservation areas as follows:  i. Passive outdoor recreational uses such as wildlife sanctuaries and feeding stations,

	<p>nature centers and trails, outdoor research stations and walkways.</p> <p>Uses which do not impair the natural environment or disturb the natural ecosystem of the area and which are not in conflict with any applicable contractual agreement or management policies of the federal, state, regional, county, municipal or nonprofit agency which manages the area.</p>
<p><u>Conditional Uses:</u>  Community Residence, less than 1,000' distance separation  Community Residence, more than 10 residents/Community Residence, no license or certification available  Bed and Breakfast Dwelling  Hotel  Mixed-Use Development  School  Social Service Residential Facility, Level II</p>	<p><u>Conditional Uses:</u>  Golf Course  Public Marina  Public Unity  Communication Towers, Structures, and Stations  Yacht Club</p>

**Table 2: Comparison of Dimensional Standards**

	Existing Zoning District	Proposed Zoning District
	Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium High Density (RML-25) District	Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District
<b>Density</b>	25 units per acre	N/A
<b>Building Height</b>	35 Feet	60 Feet*
<b>Building Length</b>	200 (Townhouses and Multifamily Dwelling) Others, none	N/A
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Front Setback</b>	25 Feet	25 Feet*
<b>Rear Setback</b>	15 feet, 20 feet when abutting a waterway  20 feet (Townhouse, Multifamily, Bed and Breakfast, Hotel)	25 Feet*
<b>Side Setback</b>	5 feet. - up to 22 feet in height  Where a building exceeds 22 feet in height that portion of the building above 22 feet shall be set back an additional 1 foot per foot of additional height.  20 feet when abutting a waterway	25 Feet*
<b>Lot Size (Sq. ft.)</b>	2,500-10,000	N/A
<b>Landscape Area</b>	Vehicle Use Area Requirements (Varies on lot size)	N/A

\*An increase in the maximum dimensional requirements is subject to the requirements of a site plan level III permit.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY:**

The proposed rezoning is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies, including the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element, Goal 1, Objective 1.1 – Providing for Park Space, ensuring that the provision of parks, facilities, and programs adequately meets or exceeds the needs and desires of the City's residents.

The City's Future Land Use Map indicates this property has a future land use designation of Medium High Residential. More specifically, the Medium High Residential land use designation is intended primarily for dwellings and other land uses in support of the residential environment. Uses permitted in areas designated residential include parks, playgrounds, golf courses, open space, other outdoor recreational facilities, and recreational, civic or cultural buildings ancillary to the primary outdoor recreational use of the site and City approved outdoor events. The proposed rezoning meets the intent of the land use designation.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The proposed rezoning request is subject to the public participation requirements established in the ULDR, Section 47-27.4. This section states that public outreach should include any city-recognized civic associations within 300 feet of the property. A summary of the meeting with the Sailboat Bend Civic Association on October 13, 2023, is attached as **Exhibit 3**. A mail notification requirement to property owners within 300 feet of the property was completed and mailed on November 2, 2023.

In addition, this request is subject to public sign notification requirements established in ULDR, Section 47-27.4. Three signs were posted on the property fronting three street frontages. The public sign notice affidavit and photographs of the signs are attached as **Exhibit 4**.

**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD REVIEW OPTIONS:**

The Planning and Zoning Board shall consider the application and make a determination based on the criteria in ULDR Section 47-24.4, Rezoning Criteria.

If the Planning and Zoning Board determines the application meets criteria as provided in this section, the Planning and Zoning Board shall recommend that the rezoning be approved or recommend a rezoning to a more restrictive zoning district than that requested in the application if necessary to ensure compliance with criteria for the rezoning and if consented to by applicant.

If the Planning and Zoning Board determines that the application does not meet the criteria provided for rezoning or if the applicant does not consent to a more restrictive zoning district, the Planning and Zoning Board shall deny the application and an appeal to the City Commission may be filed by the applicant in accordance with ULDR Section 47-26.B, Appeals.

Project narratives outlining how the rezoning complies with the applicable sections of the ULDR are attached as Exhibit 2, to assist the Board in determining if the proposal meets the criteria.

**EXHIBITS:**

1. Location Map
2. Application, Narrative Responses to Criteria, and Sketch and Legal Description of the Property
3. Public Meeting Summary
4. Public Sign Notice Affidavit and Photographs of the Signs