



**TO:** Nicholas Mimms, PE, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Rebecca Grohall, AICP, Planning Director

**FROM:** Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst

**RE:** **Application for Annexation**  
**Robert Cleveland**  
**2607 Kerr Street**

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

**STAFF REPORT**

**Owner/Applicant:** Robert Cleveland  
 P.O. Box 1073  
 Fort Pierce, FL 34954

**Representative:** Kathleen Nalley, Coldwell Banker Paradise  
 411 N. US Highway 1  
 Fort Pierce, FL 34950

**Applicant's Request:** Approval of a Voluntary Application for Annexation for one (1) parcel of land.

**Location:** 2607 Kerr Street

**Parcel ID:** 2419-601-0015-000-5

**Parcel Size:** 0.24 acres

**Current Zoning:** CG, Commercial General (St. Lucie County)

**Current Future Land Use:** COM, Commercial

**Proposed Zoning:** C-3, General Commercial Zone

**Proposed Future Land Use:** GC, General Commercial

**Surrounding Zoning:**

North	East	South	West
CG (SLC)	C-3 (FP)	C-3 (FP)	CG (SLC)
COM (SLC)	GC (FP)	GC (FP)	COM (SLC)

**Surrounding Future Land Use:**

**Staff Analysis:**

**Request**

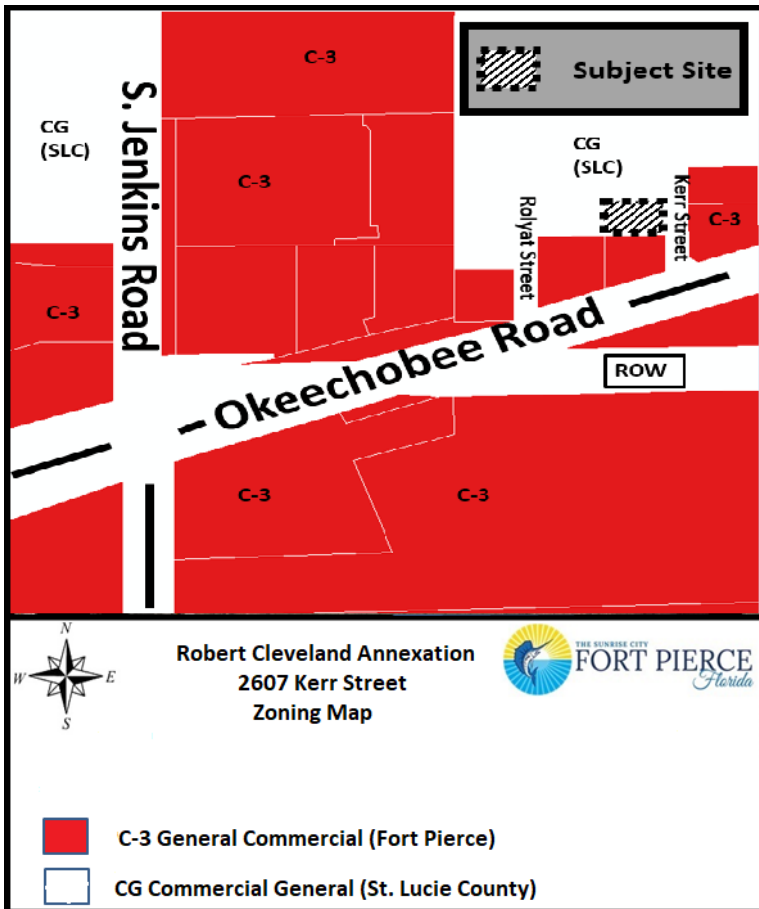
The applicant is requesting a voluntary annexation of property (Parcel ID 2419-601-0015-000-5) located at 2607 Kerr Street.

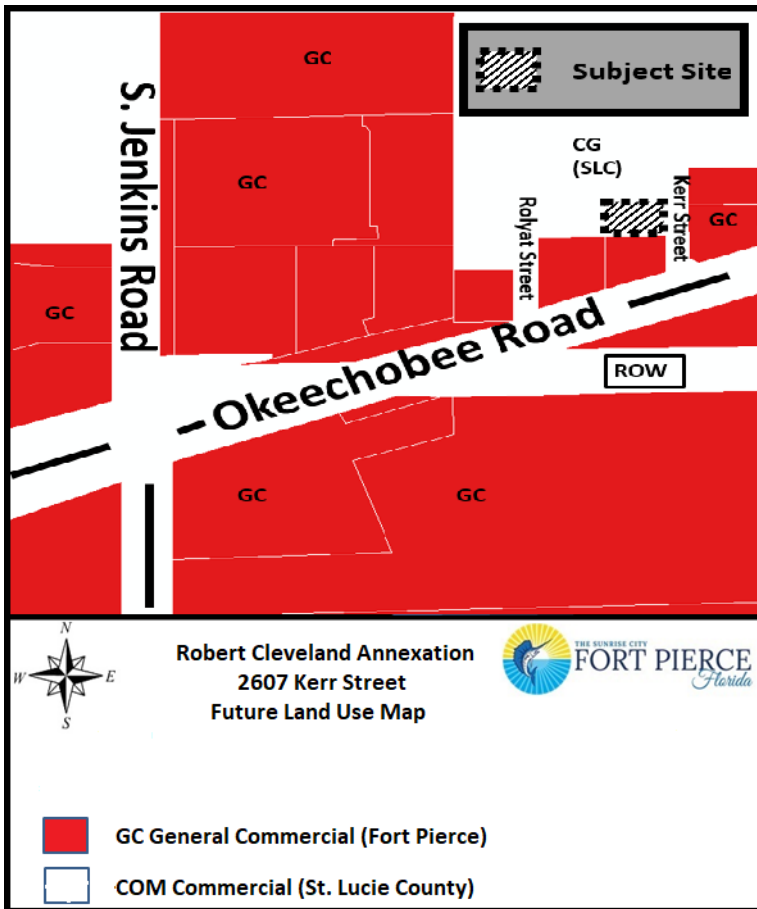


### Background & Project Summary

The current St. Lucie County Zoning for 2607 Kerr Street is CG, Commercial General, with a St. Lucie County Future Land Use of COMM, Commercial. To ensure consistency with Policy 1.11.5 of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the proposed Zoning designation will be C-3, General Commercial Zone, and the proposed Future Land Use designation will be GC, General Commercial.

Staff has confirmed that the property is located within unincorporated St. Lucie County and is contiguous to the Fort Pierce City municipal boundary. The property is also contiguous to C-3, General Commercial Zoning and GC, General Commercial Future Land Use designations to the south of the subject parcel and just east of Kerr Street. The property is also within the FPUA service area. Currently, the 0.24 acre subject parcel is one of only a few parcels within an enclave northeast of S. South Jenkins Road and Okeechobee Road; not under the jurisdiction of the City of Fort Pierce. Staff foresees major commercial development along South Jenkins Road and along the Okeechobee Road corridor in the vicinity of the subject property. The subject property is surrounded by single-family homes to the north and west, and vacant property to the south, and east. Currently, the subject property consists of a two (2) bedroom, two (2) full bathroom, 1,012 sq. ft. single-family residence. The applicant plans to merge with the vacant property just to the south through unity of title; for future commercial development. This proposed voluntary annexation is also consistent with F.S. 171.044, whereas the property is contiguous to a municipality and reasonably compact; and the annexation will not result in the creation of an enclave.





### ***Zoning & Future Land Use Designation***

The subject site will have a zoning district classification of C-3, General Commercial Zone. The C-3, General Commercial Zone is intended to provide for a broad variety of business activities including shoppers' goods stores, convenience goods and service establishments, offices and tourist/entertainment facilities. Many public and semi-public uses are also appropriate. Compared to the C-4 zone, this district is more suitable for uses requiring a high degree of accessibility to vehicular traffic, low intensity uses on large tracts of land, most repair services and small warehousing and wholesaling operations. Although this zone should be located along or near arterial or collector streets, it is not the intent of this district to encourage the extension of strip commercial areas. Instead it should promote concentrations of commercial activities.

The subject site will have a future land use designation of GC, General Commercial. The General Commercial designation provides for higher intensity commercial developments or horizontal and vertical mixed-use developments. Uses allowed within this designation include multifamily residential, intensive and general commercial, retail, service, offices, tourist/entertainment facilities, hotels/motels, parks and recreation, along with compatible public, quasi-public, and special uses. This land use designation allows for a maximum density of 15 dwelling units per acre and a maximum FAR of 1.0. Development shall include either commercial or mixed uses fronting major roadway corridors with higher intensity near major intersections. Residential uses may comprise up to 20% of the total floor area of the General Commercial future land use designation.

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## ***Comprehensive Plan***

Staff has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and finds the proposed annexation is consistent with the following Objective and Policies:

Objective 1.11 of the Comprehensive Plan: “Annex properties within the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Boundary in an orderly manner that promotes efficiency of public service provision and economic vitality of the City.”

The property is within the FPUA service boundary. Policy, 1.11.1 of the Comprehensive Plan: The City shall evaluate proposed annexations within the urban service boundary based upon the following criteria:

1. The ability of the City to provide public services at a level equal to or better than that available from the current service providers;
2. The ability of the City to provide public services at the City’s adopted levels of service;
3. Whether the annexation would eliminate an unincorporated island or could be expanded to eliminate an unincorporated island; and
4. Whether the annexation would eliminate an irregularity or irregularities in the City’s boundaries, thereby improving service delivery.

The area where this annexation is taking place has mostly all been annexed into the City of Fort Pierce and the annexation of this property would help to continue eliminating irregularities along the City’s boundary in this area. The adoption of this property into the City also helps to provide efficient public services.

The applicant is requesting that the City of Fort Pierce Zoning designation and Future Land Use designation receive City of Fort Pierce commercial designations. The Zoning Designation of C-3, General Commercial Zone, and Future Land Use of GC, General Commercial would be consistent with Policy 1.11.5.

Pursuant to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan, annexations are reviewed for fiscal impacts, the effect upon adopted level of service standards for public facilities, and the elimination of the municipal boundary irregularities to improve service delivery.

### **Technical Review Committee:**

All affected Departments have reviewed the submittal and provided comments regarding the proposed voluntary annexation application based on compliance with the requirements of the City Code and Comprehensive Plan. All comments received are attached for your review.

### **Planning Board Recommendation:**

The Planning Board, at their January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting, voted unanimously to recommend **approval** of the request.

**Staff Recommendation:**

As proposed, the annexation meets the above standards of the City's Comprehensive Plan, specifically Policy Section 1.11 regarding annexation. Planning Staff recommends that the City Commission **approve** the proposed annexation.