

ORDINANCE NO. 25-037

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ATLAS AND REZONING TWO (2) PARCELS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 49.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED AT OR NEAR 2721 SOUTH JENKINS ROAD IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA FROM (C-3) GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD); ESTABLISHING THE PULTE CORNERSTONE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONE WITH A MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN; APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the subject proposal incorporates two (2) parcels generally located at or near 2721 South Jenkins Road, within the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, representing approximately 49.92 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, a map depicting the subject property is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is presently designated as (C-3) General Commercial Zone with a Future Land Use of (GC) General Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has applied for rezoning of the subject property from C-3, General Commercial Zone to PD, Planned Development Zone; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning atlas map amendment (rezoning) is consistent with the comprehensive plan, will not have an adverse effect on the ability of the city to satisfy land and water use needs; and meet transportation demands and provide community facilities and services, and will promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare as required by City Code 125-136; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce Planning Board, at their November 10, 2025, meeting, voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the proposed request for these parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida as follows:

SECTION 1. The preceding "whereas" clauses are ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. From and after the effective date hereof, the following described property is hereby rezoned as follows:

Parcel ID(s): 2324-413-0000-000-9 and 2324-431-0001-000-2.

From and after the effective date hereof, the following properties legally described as:

LANDS SITUATED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 2736, PAGE 1681)
THE SOUTH 574.36 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 1-95, LESS THE NORTH 296 FEET OF THE EAST 860.50 FEET THEREOF, AND LESS THE EAST 40 FEET THEREOF AND LESS THE SOUTH 52 FEET THEREOF. LESS LANDS DESCRIBED IN ORDER OF TAKING RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3632 PAGE 1691

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 1-95, LESS THE NORTH 296 FEET OF THE EAST 860.50 FEET THEREOF, AND LESS THE EAST 40 FEET THEREOF, AND LESS THE SOUTH 626.36 FEET THEREOF, LESS LANDS DESCRIBED IN ORDER OF TAKING RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3632 PAGE 1691

THE EAST 660.5 FEET OF THE NORTH 296 FEET OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE EAST 1 /2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 /4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 40 FEET THEREOF AS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR JENKINS ROAD, LESS LANDS DESCRIBED IN ORDER OF TAKING RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3632 PAGE 1691 ALL LYING AND BEING IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CONTAINING: 49.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

Said properties being generally located at or near 2721 South Jenkins Road in Fort Pierce, Florida shall be and the Zoning Designation is hereby changed from General Commercial Zone, C-3 to Planned Development, PD, as depicted at **Exhibit "A"** and Sketch & Legal Description at **Exhibit "B,"** and made subject to the Master Planned Development Site Plan at **Exhibit "C"**, Conditions of Development (PD Zoning) at **Exhibit "D"**, the PD Criteria Requirements at **Exhibit "E"**, and the Planned Development Zoning Agreement at **Exhibit "F"**, all attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. The Planned Development Zoning Agreement at **Exhibit "F"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is approved.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance does not create any right on the part of the applicant to obtain a permit from a state or federal agency and does not create any liability on the part of the City for issuance of the permit if the applicant fails to obtain requisite approvals or fulfill the obligations imposed by a state or federal agency or undertakes actions that result in a violation of state or federal law.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, which shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect whatsoever.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM & CORRECTNESS:

Sara Hedges
City Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No.25-037 was duly advertised, by title only, in the St. Lucie News Tribune on January 4, 2026; a copy of said Ordinance was made available at the office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said Ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on January 20, 2026; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading February 2, 2026, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, this 2nd day of January 2026.

Linda Hudson
Mayor Commissioner

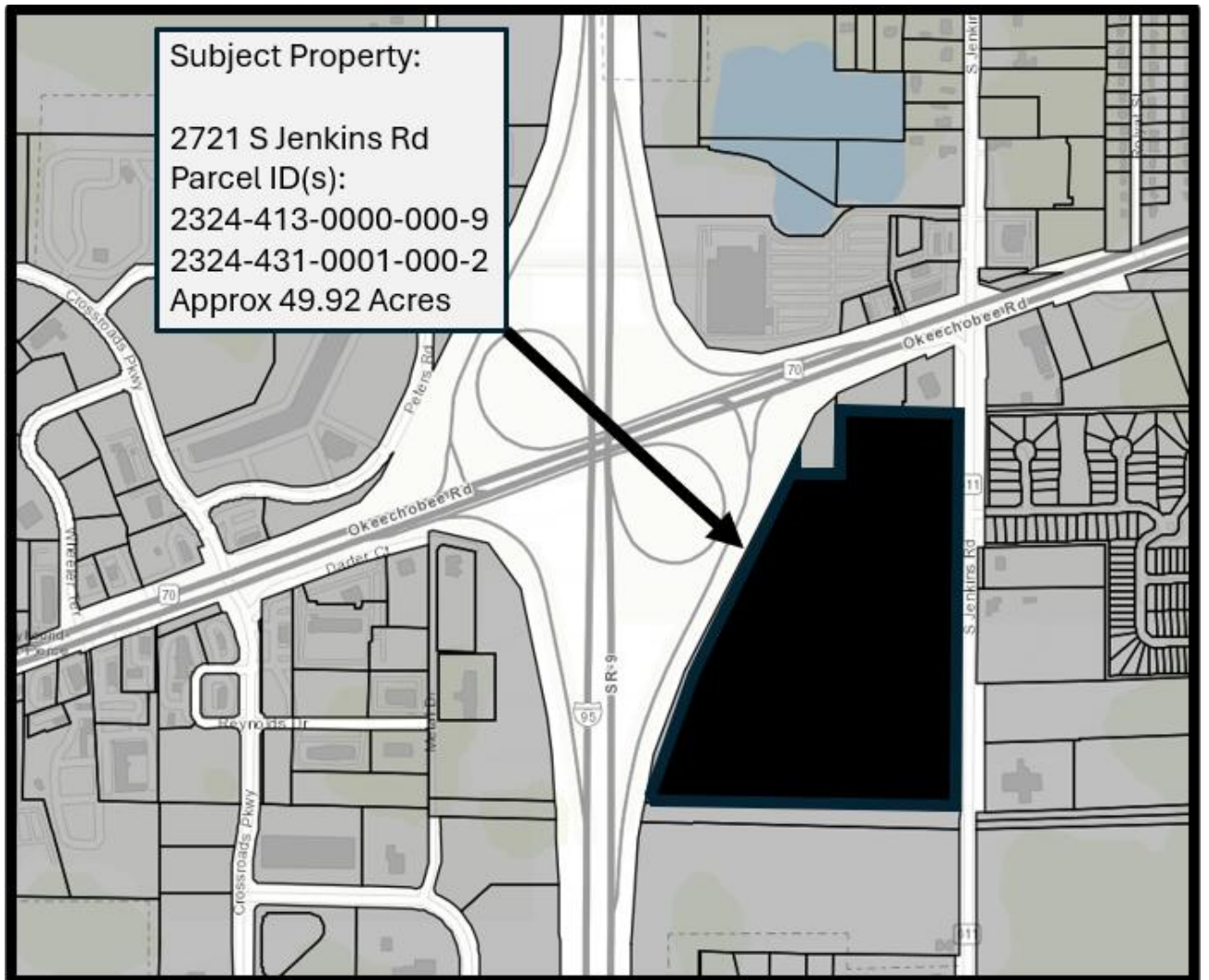
ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox
City Clerk

(City Seal)

EXHIBIT A

Parcel subject of Rezoning to Planned Development



Parcel ID(s): 2324-413-0000-000-9 and 2324-431-0001-000-2

Conditions of Development (PD Zoning)

1. A Final PD shall be required prior to any development activities with the Master Site Plan by HJA Design Studio, Job No. 2024-31, 12.4.2025, as revised.
2. The minimum Open Space shall be 20% of the Final PD site area.
3. The maximum Density shall be 5 dwelling units per acre of the Final PD site area.
4. The Final PD plan shall conform to the requirements of the City Code of Ordinances unless alternate standards are approved through the Planned Development Agreement.
5. A Gopher Tortoise Survey shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of land clearing.
6. After approval of the Final PD Site Plan, a detailed stormwater and drainage plan and statement shall be submitted at the time of Building Permit.
7. The Final PD site plan shall be in unified control and property ownership. All land intended to be included in the planned development shall be under the legal control of the applicant.
8. The Final PD site plan shall include a general description of the buildings and streetscapes including standards for height, building coverage, parking areas, and public improvements proposed for the development.
9. Prior to approval of the Final PD site plan, the applicant shall submit a proposed declaration of covenants governing the use, maintenance, and continued protection of the common open space or other shared areas within the planned development. The declaration shall bind successors in title to any commitments concerning completion of the project, its maintenance, and operation.
10. Phasing of this project will require the following at the time of Final PD:
 - The approximate date when construction of the project can be expected to begin.
 - The number of phases in which the project will be built and the approximate date when construction of each phase can be expected to begin and completed.
 - A general description of the buildings and streetscapes including standards for height, building coverage, parking areas, and public improvements proposed for each phase of the development.
11. The Final PD site plan shall contain the following information, at minimum:
 - a. A Landscape plan per section 123-4 of the City Ordinance.
 - b. Proposed lot lines and other divisions of land for management, use or allocation purposes.
 - c. The heights of proposed buildings and structures.
 - d. The location and size of all areas proposed to be conveyed, dedicated, or reserved for streets, parks, playgrounds, public and semi-public buildings, and similar uses.
 - e. The existing and proposed vehicular circulation system, including off-street parking, and loading areas.
 - f. The pedestrian circulation system, including its interrelationships with the vehicular circulation system, within the development to adjacent streets, showing all curb cuts and sidewalks.
 - g. The proposed buffering treatment of the perimeter of the planned development, refuse stations, storage areas, or loading areas, including materials and techniques used such as screens, fences, and walls.
12. The property may not be subdivided into single-family lots unless the applicant obtains a subdivision plat approval in accordance with all applicable City Code requirements.

13. Prior to plat approval, developer shall obtain a sound study to determine if the noise within the property from the I-95 off-ramp exceeds FDOT Noise Abatement Criteria for residential properties (which is 66 db(A), as set forth in Figure 18-1 of Part 2, Chapter 18, Highway Traffic Noise, from the FDOT PD&E Manual) and shall deliver a copy of the study to the City. If the foregoing FDOT Noise Abatement Criteria is exceeded at the location of any proposed homes within the development, then the developer shall commit to implement noise reduction measures for such homes calculated to meet the HUD interior noise goal set forth in 24 CFR Subpart B, 51.101(a)(9) (i.e. not to exceed a day-night average sound level of 45 db(A)). Such noise reduction measures may include the measures set forth in the FDOT PD&E Manual, Part 2, Chapter 18, Figure 18-3 Building Noise Reduction Factors, and the City will accept FDOT's calculations of noise reduction as set forth in Figure 18-3. Prior to plat approval, the City shall review the sound study and developer's proposed noise reduction measures (if such measures are required), to confirm this condition has been satisfied.

Attached is FDOT PD&E Manual Chapter 18, Part 2, Highway Traffic Noise. From Figure 18-1 Noise Abatement Criteria:

NOISE ABATEMENT CRITERIA (NAC) [Hourly A-Weighted Sound Level-decibels (dB(A))]				
Activity Category	Activity Leq(h) ¹		Evaluation location	Description of activity category
	FHWA	FDOT		
A	57	56	Exterior	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B ²	67	66	Exterior	Residential

From Figure 18-3 Building Noise Reduction Factors:

Building Type	Window Condition*	Noise Reduction Due to Exterior of the Structure
All	Open	10 dB
Light Frame	Ordinary Sash (closed)	20 dB
	Storm Windows	25 dB
Masonry	Single Glazed	25 dB
	Double Glazed	35 dB

*For interior noise analysis, the FDOT considers all windows closed.
Source: FHWA Highway Traffic Noise: Analysis and Abatement Guidance, Table 6.

Attached is HUD 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart B, Noise Abatement and Control.

From 24 CFR Subpart B, 51.101(a)(9), Interior Noise Goals:

(9) *Interior noise goals.* It is a HUD goal that the interior auditory environment shall not exceed a day-night average sound level of 45 decibels. Attenuation measures to meet these interior goals shall be employed where feasible. Emphasis shall be given to noise sensitive interior spaces such as bedrooms. Minimum attenuation requirements are prescribed in § 51.104(a).

14. The project site is party to an access easement (recorded at ORB 3093, PG 2587) in favor of the owner of the 1.51-acre parcel located 2627 S. Jenkins Road (Parcel ID 2324-800-0001-000-4), immediately adjacent to the north. At the time of Final Plat application submittal for any phase contemplated under the Final Development Plan, the applicant will provide staff with a copy of a recorded easement negotiated between the applicant and the adjacent property owner for their mutual benefit, preserving the adjacent owner's right of access through the project site.

EXHIBIT E

PD Development Standards

	Lot Type A	Lot Type B
Lot Area	4400 min.	3300 min.
Depth	110'	110'
Width	40' min.	30' min.
Lot Coverage	60%	55%
Setbacks		
Front	20'	20'
Side	3'	3'
Side Corner	N/A'	N/A'
Rear	10'	10'
Building Separation	6'	6' □
Rights of Way		
Main Entry		
Boulevard	70'	
Interior Streets	40'	
Pavement Lane Width		
Entry Boulevard	12'	
Interior Streets	10'	
Block Length (Max.)	1,400'	
Curb Type	Valley Gutter	
Sidewalks	5'	
Entry Boulevard	Both sides of street	
Interior Streets	One side of street	

Accessory uses allowed in rear/side setback

AC equipment

Fences

Patios

Pool equipment

Screen enclosure

Roof overhangs

Exterior Gas Water Heaters

Irrigation pumps & equipment

Encroachments allowed in drainage easements

Roof overhangs

Open Space

All dry detention that is amenitized through bioswale or raingarden design shall be counted toward Open Space acreage.

Landscape Standards

Fort Pierce Land Development Ordinances: Chapter 123, Article II

Sec. 123-36. - Landscaping design standards for single- & two-family residential structures.

The tree and shrub requirements of this section shall not be applicable.

Sec. 123-37. (1). - Requirements for plant materials.

The Pulte Cornerstone PD shall comply with all requirements of the above referenced section.

Sec. 123-37. (11). - Installation of landscaping.

The Pulte Cornerstone PD shall comply with the above referenced section.

Sec. 123-37. (12). - Maintenance of landscaping.

The Pulte Cornerstone PD shall comply with the above referenced section.

Perimeter Landscape Strip adjacent to an off-site Right-of-Way:

A fifteen foot (15') minimum landscape strip shall be provided along the entire perimeter of the site's property boundary adjacent to an off-site right-of-way, except where access drives or sidewalk connections are located. A minimum of one (1) tree per thirty (30) linear feet based on the entire length of the landscape strip and a continuous shrub hedge shall be required. Trees may be grouped together (as seen fit) rather than evenly spaced thirty (30) feet on center. Required shrub hedges shall be spaced a maximum of 36-inches on center and shall maintained to form a 36-inches or higher continuous visual screen within a maximum of one (1) year from the time of installation. The remainder of the landscape strip shall be completely covered with sod, ground cover or other landscape treatment. Landscape berms and six (6) foot fences or walls shall be allowed within landscape strips.

Perimeter Landscape Strip adjacent to an abutting Property:

A fifteen foot (15') minimum landscape strip shall be provided along the entire perimeter of the site's property boundary adjacent to an abutting property. A minimum of one (1) tree per thirty (30) linear feet based on the entire length of the landscape strip and a continuous shrub hedge shall be required. Trees may be grouped together (as seen fit) rather than evenly spaced thirty (30) feet on center. Required shrub hedges shall be spaced a maximum of 36-inches on center and shall maintained to form a 36-inches or higher continuous visual screen within a maximum of one (1) year from the time of installation. The remainder of the landscape strip shall be completely covered with sod, ground cover or other landscape treatment. Landscape berms and six (6) foot fences or walls shall be allowed within landscape strips.

Street Trees along Internal Roadways:

Street trees shall be provided along both sides of internal roadways at a minimum of one (1) tree per fifty (50) linear feet. Trees may be grouped closer together (as seen fit) rather than evenly spaced fifty (50) feet on center. Trees may be placed along the sides of roadways within the right-of-way or placed directly adjacent.

Mitigation/Replacement Standards

Fort Pierce Land Development Ordinances: Chapter 123, Article III – Tree Protection

All sections under Chapter 123, Article III – Tree Protection shall be applicable.

As part of the Pulte Cornerstone PD, the following is an addition to **Section 123-66. - Tree Protection and Mitigation** to provide a few alternative methods for obtaining inch credit towards tree replacement. These additions or alternative methods will help promote and encourage the following:

- the planting of larger trees
- the creation of native habitat
- enhanced stormwater treatment systems
- minimizing sod areas which reduces watering needs, fertilizer and maintenance
- reduction in long term irrigation needs

The following may be implemented in all common areas of the Pulte Cornerstone PD:

Increased Size of Code Required Trees:

Inch credit shall be obtained towards tree replacement through increasing the installation size of the code required tree or trees. This shall be based on the increased difference of the installed caliper size. For example, a code tree is required to have a 2.5-inch caliper. If that tree was specified to be installed with a 3.5-inch caliper, then 1 inch of credit shall be obtained towards tree replacement.

Additional Native Understory Plantings for Inch Credit:

Inch credit shall be obtained towards tree replacement through the planting of native understory plants which that are provided in addition to the landscape code requirements. Native understory plants may consist of shrubs, ornamental grasses, ground covers and aquatic plants. Credit shall be in accordance with the following standards in chart below:

Size of Native Plant Material	Inch Credit
1 gallon or Bare Root	1 inch per 24 plants
3 gallon	1 inch per 12 plants
7 gallon	1 inch per 2 plants

Planning Development Zoning Agreement

[to be attached]