



County of Los Alamos

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Council Meeting Staff Report

August 31, 2021

Agenda No.: C.
Indexes (Council Goals):
Presenters: Paul Andrus; Bryce Ternet
Legislative File: OR0909-21

Title

Incorporated County Of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-319; Revision No. 2021-03 In Textual Form To The Official Zoning Map Of Los Alamos County By Zoning Tract F-2, Western Area 1, Consisting Of Approximately 0.39 Acres Of Land To Public-Land (P-L).

Recommended Action

I introduce, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance 02-319; Revision No. 2021-03 In Textual Form to the Official Zoning Map of Los Alamos County by Zoning Tract F-2, Western Area 1, Consisting of Approximately 0.39 Acres of Land to Public-Land (P-L) and ask staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter...

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council introduce Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-319.

Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the Los Alamos County Council approve the amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Los Alamos County to designate Tract F-2, Western Area 1, as Public-Land. Recommendation was based on the Findings of Fact established at the hearing and conclusion that the Applicant has met each applicable review criteria contained within Section 16-155 of the Los Alamos County Development Code and acted under the authority granted to them by Section 16-452 (b)(1)(a) of the Development Code.

Body

Historically the subject property has been designated as public right-of-way (R-O-W) and has been utilized by the community for the sale of used vehicles. Recently Los Alamos County, property owner, surveyed the area and separated it from R-O-W to create Tract F-2, which is addressed as 695 Diamond Dr. The "Lemon Lot" will continue to be owned by Los Alamos County and its use will not change. The creation of Tract F-2, containing an area of 17,293.89 ft², or 0.39± acres, was administered through a Summary Plat Application and recorded on July 8, 2021; this effort is solely to properly identify and make official the use of this county-owned land.

Separating the area from public right-of-way warrants the need for the lot to be designated with a zone. Once a zone is assigned, zoning regulations and development requirements within Chapter 16 can be appropriately applied. The triangular-like lot sits southwest of the Diamond Drive - Canyon Road intersection where the following adjacent zoning districts exist: Residential Multi-Family (R-M), Public Land (P-L) and Light Commercial and Professional Office (C-1). As the lot will continue to be used as-is and by the community, staff is recommending it be zoned as Public-Land (P-L), which is described within Chapter 16, Development Code, Sec. 16-533 (20) as:

"The Public Land district is intended to accommodate local government and school district uses and structures, designed to support community needs and the public health, safety and welfare."

Attachments

A - Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-319

B - Planning and Zoning Commission Staff Report, July 28, 2021

C - Final Order