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ZONING ATLAS AMENDMENT APPLICATION



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL Planning Department

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Section A:	Project Informa	ation						
Project Name: Property Address: Use Groups (A, B, and/or C): Project Description:		137 E Franklin St Innovation Hub 136 E. Rosemary & 137 E. Franklin St B Existing Zoning District: Proposed rezoning from TC-1, TC-2 to TC-3 to increase F		Zip Code: 27514 TC-1, TC-2 A allowed				
Section B:	Applicant, Own	er, and/or Contract	Purchase	er Information				
Applic	Ballentine Associ	(to whom corresponde ates, attn: George Retscl		e mailed)				
Address:	221 Providence F	łd			2000		12070-200	
City:	Chapel Hill		State:	NC		p Code:	27514	
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T	wner		Coi	ntract Purchaser				
Name:	Franklin Office Chapel Hill LLC c/o Grubb Properties, LLC							
Address:	113 Edinburgh Sc	outh Drive Suite 120				1	6	
City:	Cary	74 100	State:	NC	Zi	p Code:	27511	
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ZONING ATLAS AMENDMENT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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The following must accompany your application. Failure to do so will result in your application being considered incomplete. For assistance with this application, please contact the Chapel Hill Planning Department (Planning) at (919) 969-5066 or at please contact the Chapel Hill Planning Department (Planning) at (919) 969-5066 or at please refer to the Description of Detailed Information handout.

Х	Application fee (refer to fee schedule)	Amount Paid \$	1,302.90				
Х	Pre-Application Meeting – with appropriate staff						
Х	Digital Files – provide digital files of all plans and documents						
Х	Mailing list of owners of property within 1,000 foot perimeter of subject property (see GIS notification tool)						
Х	Mailing fee for above mailing list	Amount Paid \$	\$363.00				
Х	Written Narrative describing the proposal						
Х	Statement of Justification						
Х	Digital photos of site and surrounding properties						
Х	Legal description of property to be rezoned						
Х	Phasing Plan (if applicable) indicating phasing boundaries and phasing notes	S					
Χ	Reduced Site Plan Set (reduced to 8.5" x 11")						

Plan Sets (10 copies to be submitted no larger than 24" x 36")

Plans should be legible and clearly drawn. All plan set sheets should include the following:

- Project Name
- Legend
- Labels
- North Arrow (North oriented toward top of page)
- Property Boundaries with bearing and distances
- Scale (Engineering), denoted graphically and numerically
- Setbacks
- Streams, RCD Boundary, Jordan Riparian Buffer Boundary, Floodplain, and Wetlands Boundary, where applicable

Area Map

- a) Project name, applicant, contact information, location, PIN, & legend
- b) Dedicated open space, parks, greenways
- c) Overlay Districts, if applicable
- d) Property lines, zoning district boundaries, land uses, project names of site and surrounding properties, significant buildings, corporate limit lines
- e) 1,000 foot notification boundary

137 E Franklin Street Innovation Hub

Project Narrative

The 137 E Franklin Street is a comprehensive renovation of two commercial office buildings, the three-story 137 E Franklin Street and the seven-story 136 E Rosemary Street. The two buildings are connected with a shared elevator and stair core forming a single commercial office property on a .66 acre parcel spanning between Franklin and Rosemary Streets. The existing buildings were built over 40 years ago and currently are Class C office space and do not meet modern standards needed to attract and retain office tenants to downtown.

The proposed development is a ground-up renovation of the property that will be transformative in its scope and design. The renovated project will include creative office, research and collaboration space offering a dynamic environment to attract researchers, businesses and entrepreneurs, bringing the potential of hundreds of new jobs to downtown. The project will not only fill a need for additional commercial office space in downtown but will also create an opportunity to engage UNC research programs and bring those into contact with the public.

Significant features of the renovation include:

- Replacing the solid brick elevator and stair core with a transparent, active atrium space.
- Recladding the Rosemary Street building with new curtain wall and metal panels.
- New storefront on the Rosemary Street ground floor.
- Widened sidewalks on the Rosemary Street frontage.
- Re-cladding the Franklin Street elevation with curtain wall and metal panels.
- New handicapped accessible toilets.
- New HVAC and fire suppression systems.
- New roofing.

These renovations will result in a marginal increase of the floor area from 125,600 SF to approximately 126,600 SF, but the FAR will remain in compliance with the requested TC-3 rezoning.

Statement of Justification – Zoning Atlas Amendment

This is a statement of justification to support the request to rezone the .66 acre parcel where the 137 E Franklin Street – 136 E Rosemary Street property. Currently 137 E Franklin Street is zoned TC-1 and 136 E Rosemary Street is zoned TC-2 and this request is to re-zone the entire property to TC-3. The development proposal is for both buildings to be renovated and transformed from class C commercial office space into an innovation hub with office, research and collaboration space to support commercial and university tenancy. A new zoning designation of TC-3 is being requested to bring the existing buildings into conformance with the zoning ordinance.

The Zoning Atlas Amendment is requested to bring the existing structure into conformance with the Chapel Hill Code of Ordinances, as the existing floor area exceeds the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR) allowed in TC-1 and TC-2 zoning. This results from the fact that the existing buildings were constructed before the TC-1 and TC-2 zonings were applied to the site. Rezoning the property to TC-3 will bring the property into conformance and will allow the renovation of the property to move forward.

Downtown Chapel Hill Small Area Plan Conformance

The Downtown Chapel Hill Small Area Plan is a component of the Comprehensive Plan and is directly applicable to the project. The following passages from The Downtown Small Area Plan illustrate how this project fulfills the goals and objectives of that report for the future of downtown:

1. Vision Statement

"The Downtown Plan will seek to reverse this tide of decentralization by encouraging the 'incubation' of vital, well-integrated, mixed-use development ..."

This project will once again place downtown at the center of business activity in Chapel Hill and will be catalytic in attracting and retaining businesses, helping to reverse the trend of businesses leaving downtown and moving to downtown Durham, Raleigh and the Research Triangle Park.

2. Downtown Small Area Plan Goals & Objectives

Economic Vitality: To insure that Downtown Chapel Hill remains the center of the community's government, commercial, spiritual and cultural activities with appropriate public office, commercial and residential development, thereby continuing its economic vitality.

Development and Redevelopment: Encourage development and redevelopment of properties in the downtown area, designed in accordance with this Downtown Plan.

This project will create a hub of research, innovation and business in downtown, expanding the employment base and significantly increasing the daytime population of pedestrian and business activity in downtown.

Town Character/Land Use:

Maintain existing, and encourage new 'magnets' to attract people to downtown.

The project will create a magnet for new business, providing a place for them to grow.

Maintain and develop public open space.

The project includes a new public open space facing Rosemary Street, including the extension of Varsity Alley to Rosemary Street.

Infrastructure/Public Services:

Pedestrian Pathways: Provide continuity of entire pedestrian system in downtown and connectivity with adjacent neighborhoods.

The project will extend Varsity Alley to Rosemary Street along the edge of a new public open space.

Streetscape: Complete the improvements proposed in the Downtown Streetscape.

Streetscape improvements are included in the project for the Rosemary Street frontage of 136 E Rosemary Street including up to the extension of Varsity Alley and the new public open space.

Bikeways: Encourage bicycling by providing for a coordinated and continuous bicycle path system connecting Downtown to the University and to surrounding neighborhoods.

Bicycle parking facilities are included in the new public open space on Rosemary Street.

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The project will locate hundreds of new jobs within walking distance of public transit, and equally important within walking distance of other businesses, services and residences, significantly reducing auto-dependency for potential employees working here.

Proposed Zoning Atlas Amendment Finding of Fact

In order to establish and maintain sound, stable, and desirable development within the planning jurisdiction of the Town, it is intended that the Land Use Management Ordinance (as stated in Section 4.4) shall not be amended except:

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- 3) To achieve the purposes of the Comprehensive Plan.

Below is the applicant's evaluation of this application based on these three findings.

1) Finding #1: The proposed zoning amendment is necessary to correct a manifest error.

Response: We do not believe there is error in the Town's Zoning Atlas Amendment related to the project site.

2) Finding #2: The proposed zoning amendment is necessary because of changed or changing conditions in a particular area or in the jurisdiction generally.

Response: We believe that the conditions have changed in the following respect: The existing buildings were built before the current zoning designation of TC-1 and TC-2 were applied to the site. This created a condition where the existing buildings are non-conforming with the Town's Code of Ordinances.

3) Finding #3: The proposed zoning amendment is necessary to achieve the purposes of the comprehensive plan.

Response: The proposed rezoning would contribute to the following elements of the Comprehensive Plan:

Theme 1: A Place for Everyone

A creative place to live, work and play because of Chapel Hill's arts and culture (PFE.2).

Theme 2: Community Prosperity and Engagement

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Theme 3: Getting Around

 A connected community that links neighborhoods, businesses and schools through the provision of greenways, sidewalks, bike facilities and public transportation (GA.2).

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Theme 6: Town and Gown Collaboration

• Take full advantage of ideas and resources to create a thriving economy and incorporate the utilize the intellectual capital that the University and Town create (TGC.1).

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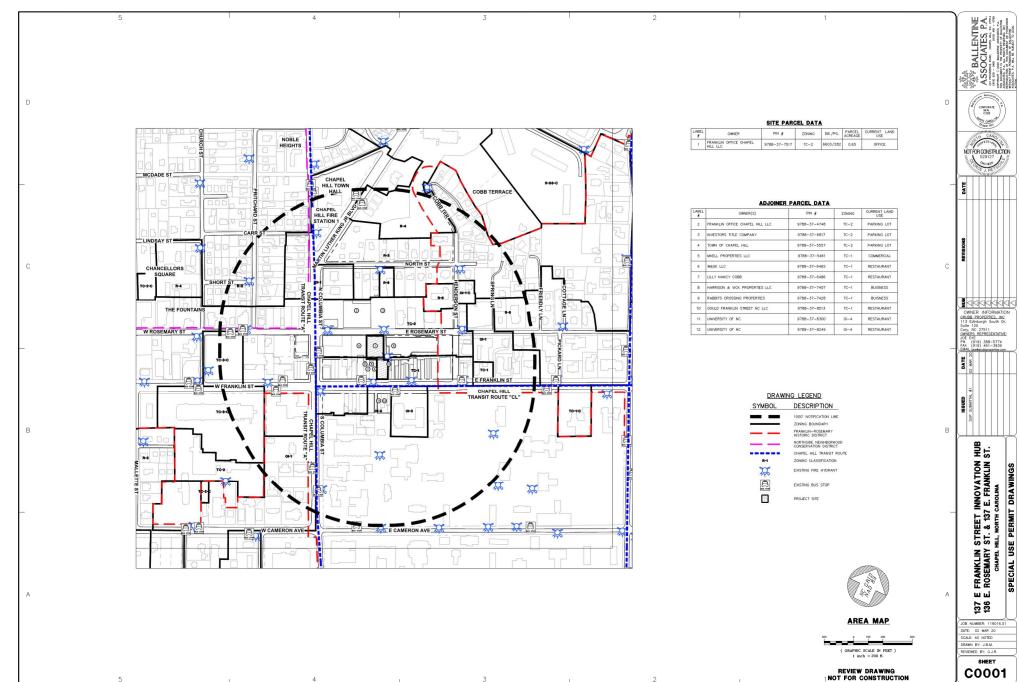
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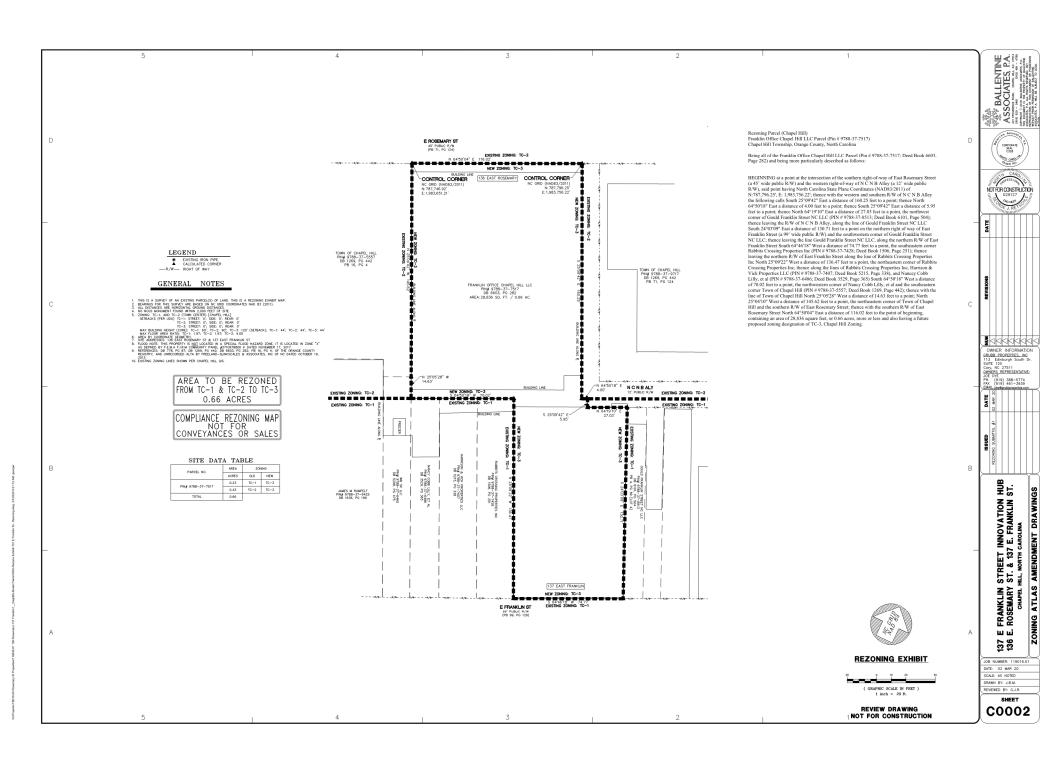
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