

Zoning Staff Report

Date: September 16, 2025 Case Number: ZC-25-093 Council District: 11

Zoning Map Amendment & Site Plan

Case Manager: Lynn Jordan

Owner / Applicant: SW Baptist Theological Seminary / Landon Geary

Site Location: 2000 W. Seminary Drive / North of W. Seminary Drive, South of W. Bolt Street

Acreage: 40.55

Request

Proposed Use: Detached Multifamily

Request: From: "PD885" Planned Development for "CF" Community Facilities with a maximum

height of 75 ft.; site plan waived

To: "C" Medium Density Multifamily

Recommendation

Land Use Compatibility: Requested change is compatible

Comprehensive Plan Map Consistency: Requested change is not consistent

Comprehensive Plan Policy Consistency: Requested change is consistent

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Zoning Commission Recommendation: Approval by a vote of 10-0

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Project Description and Background

This case was continued from the June 11, 2025, Zoning Commission meeting to allow more time for the applicant to meet with the neighborhood. According to the applicant a meeting with the Rosemont neighborhood is scheduled for August 1, 2025.

The subject property, encompasses 40.54 acres, is currently being used for student housing for the SW Baptist Theological Seminary. The applicant is requesting a zoning change to "C" Medium Density Multifamily to align the zoning with the current usage of the property. The vicinity to the north and east feature single-family, commercial and Rosemont Park.

The Student Village was first constructed in 1958 with 12 apartments. Trustees named the facility J. Howard Williams Student Village. In 2012, new apartments were constructed to replace the original 12 and today there are 35 buildings that provide 376 family apartment units.

Applicants' response below:

The purpose of the proposed zoning change from current for the 40.548 acre parcel of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary property, which is located North West of West Seminary Drive and 6th Avenue, will be for a few reasons:

To align the zoning with the current usage of the property. To uncouple the parcel from the current PD, as the master planning aspects in the existing PD never came to fruition, and would allow this parcel to be more accurately served under the medium density zoning classification (C).

Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses

North	"A-5" One-Family Residential, "E" Neighborhood Commercial / single-family, vacant structures
East	"A-5/HC" One-Family Residential/Historic & Cultural / Rosemont Park
South	"PD885" Planned Development, "C" Medium Density Multifamily and "CF" Community
	Facilities / Theological Seminary, single-family and vacant land
West	"A-5" One-Family, "B" Two-Family and "E" Neighborhood Commercial / Sante Fe Railroad,
	Single-Family, Vacant Land, Commercial Structures







Recent Zoning History

- ZC-23-041, "D" High Density Multifamily. (Approved May 2023)
- ZC-14-131 "CF" Community Facilities. (Approved November 2014)
- PD885 Planned Development for all uses in "CF" Community Facilities with maximum height 75 ft., site plan waived. (Approved September 2010)

Public Notification

Written Notice

Written notice of the Zoning Commission public hearing was mailed to the owners of real property lying within 300 feet were mailed on May 30, 2025.

Posted Notice

A sign was erected on the property not less than 10 days before the Zoning Commission public hearing date.

Published Notice

A notice of the public hearing before the City Council will be published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram at least 15 days before the hearing.

Courtesy Notice

The following organizations were emailed on May 30, 2025:

Organizations Notified			
Rosemont NA*	South Hills NA		
Streams and Valleys Inc	Trinity Habitat for Humanity		
Fort Worth ISD			

^{*} Closest registered Neighborhood Organization

Development Impact Analysis

Land Use Compatibility

The surrounding land uses consist of single-family and vacant structures to the north, Rosemont Park to the east, Theological seminary and single-family to the south and railroad tracks, single-family and commercial structures to the west.

The proposed zoning is **compatible** with surrounding land uses.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency- FLU Map and Policies

The adopted 2023 Comprehensive Plan currently designates the subject property as "Institutional" on the Future Land Use Map. The proposed property's designation does not align with this category.

However, the following land use policies below are supported by the rezoning request:

- Locate multifamily units within walking distance of public transportation, employment, recreation, and/or shopping to increase accessibility and decrease vehicular traffic
- Encourage new development adjacent and connected to previously developed or platted areas in order to utilize existing utility and road infrastructure and services, thereby optimizing public and private investments and discouraging sprawl development.

Furthermore, such a rezoning effort underscores the City's commitment to promoting stable, family-oriented neighborhoods, which can attract residents seeking a suburban lifestyle within the urban framework. This approach supports sustainable development by ensuring that land use decisions are made in harmony with the overarching planning strategy, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for residents and fostering a sense of community. As a result, the proposed rezoning to "C" is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

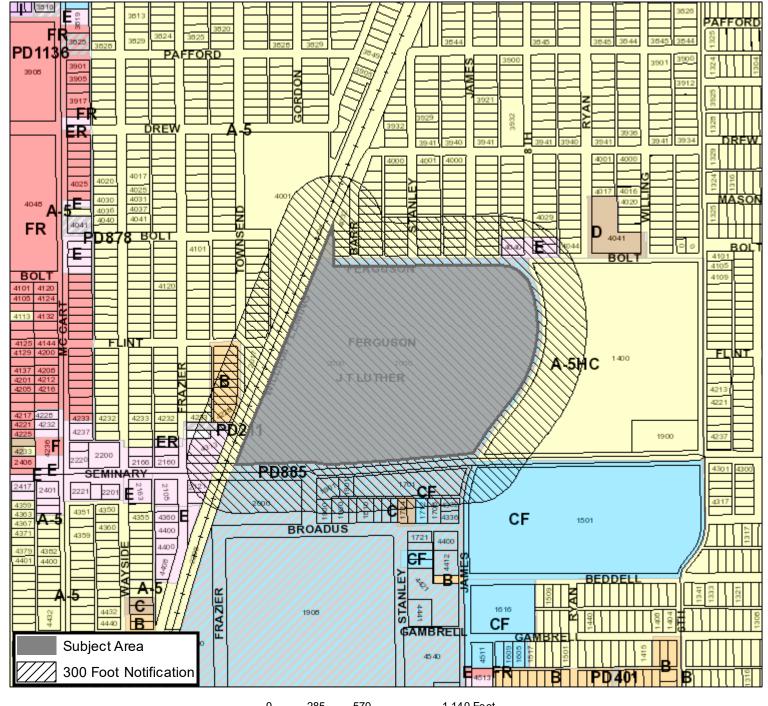


Area Zoning Map
SW Baptist Theological Seminary/L. Geary/C.Adams Applicant: Address: 2000 W.Seminary Dr., N.-W. Seminary, S.-Bolt Zoning From: A-5, PD 885 for CF uses with height waiver

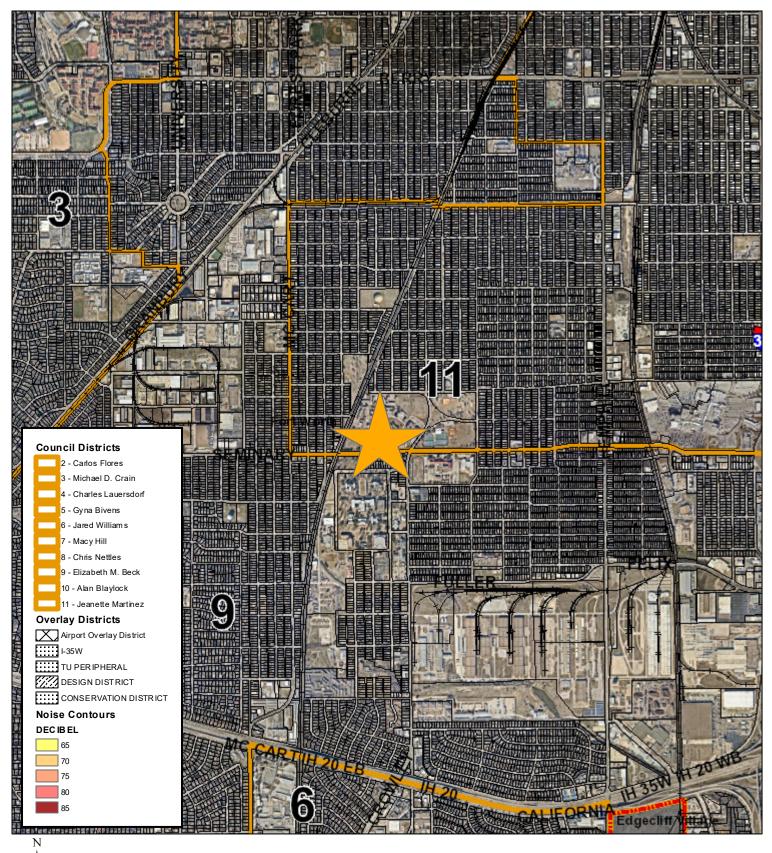
Zoning To:

40.548 Acres: Mapsco: Text Southside Sector/District: Commission Date: 6/11/2025 Contact: 817-392-7869



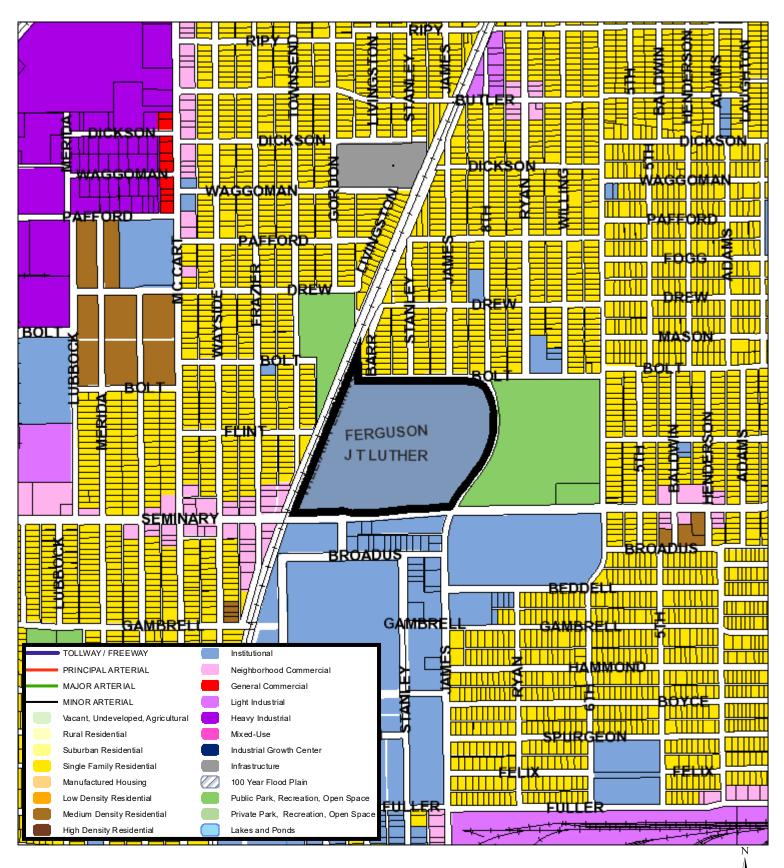








Future Land Use





Aerial Photo Map



