

STAFF REPORT  
May 24, 2007

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**No. 07RZ025 - Rezoning from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District**      **ITEM 25**

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PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	<b>No. 07RZ025 - Rezoning from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 2 of Block 24 of Red Rock Estates, Section 29, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 8.4 acres
LOCATION	North of Portrush Road, east of Kennemer Drive, and west of Dunsmore Way.
EXISTING ZONING	Low Density Residential District
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Low Density Residential District
South:	Low Density Residential District - Planned Unit Development (Pennington County)
East:	Low Density Residential District
West:	Low Density Residential District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Water and Sewer
DATE OF APPLICATION	3/7/2007
REVIEWED BY	Jonathan Smith / Emily Fisher

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Rezoning from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District be approved.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The City of Rapid City has submitted a request to rezone 8.4 acres from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District. The subject property is located north of Portrush Road, east of Kennemer Drive and west of Dunsmore Way. Land located north, east and west of the subject property is zoned Low Density Residential District. Land located south of the subject property is zoned Low Density Residential District and Planned Unit Development District by Pennington County. The subject property is currently void of any structural development. Current land use of the subject property is recreational use; more specifically the subject property is currently a portion of Red Rock Estates Golf Course. The subject property was annexed by the City of Rapid City on August 21, 2000 (#00AN008).

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STAFF REVIEW: Staff has reviewed this proposed rezoning for conformance with the four criteria for review of zoning map amendments established in Section 17.54.040(D)(1). A summary of Staff findings are outlined below:

1. *The proposed amendments shall be necessary because of substantially changed or changing conditions of the area and districts affected or in the City in general.*

The subject property is located north of Sheridan Lake Road. The subject property is integrated among a single family residential development known as Red Rock Estates. The subject property was annexed into the City on August 21, 2000 (#00AN008). The annexation of the property constitutes the changing conditions within this area.

2. *The proposed zoning is consistent with the intent and purposes of this ordinance.*

The subject property is zoned Low Density Residential District. A golf course with on-sale liquor sales is not an allowed use in a Low Density Residential District. Section 17.34.020 F 1 states that a golf course is an allowed use within a General Agriculture District. The rezoning of the subject property will allow the current land use to be in conformance with the zoning ordinance, and appears to be appropriate.

3. *The proposed amendment will not adversely affect any other part of the City, nor shall any direct or indirect adverse effects result from such an amendment.*

The current land use of the subject property is a golf course with on-sale liquor sales. At this time there is no change in land use planned as a result of this rezoning. Staff has not identified any significant adverse effects that would result from rezoning the subject property from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District.

4. *The proposed amendments shall be consistent with and not conflict with the Development Plan of Rapid City including any of its elements, Major Street Plan, Land Use Plan, and Community Facilities Plan.*

The Long Range Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as appropriate for Park Forest land uses. As noted above the intent of the proposed rezoning is to obtain consistency between the current land use and the zoning ordinance. The proposed rezoning to General Agriculture will also serve as a holding zone. Staff has not identified any conflict with any developmental plan adopted by the City of Rapid City in regards to this rezoning request. The rezoning of the subject property from Low Density Residential District to General Agriculture District to serve as a holding zone and to allow a golf course with on-sale liquor appears to be appropriate.

Notification:

The proper sign has been posted on the subject property. On April 26, 2007 the Rapid City Planning Commission authorized staff to send standard first class mailings. All required mailings have been sent.



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