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## **Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) - Application**

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION*			PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE**		
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Property Owner Name				Representative Name	
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REZONING REVIEW	CRITERIA (ACKNOWLEDGE EACH SECTION)
	Consistency with Adopted Plans: The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the City's adopted plans, or the proposed rezoning is necessary to provide land for a community need that was not anticipated at the time of adoption of the City's Plan.
	Please provide a review criteria narrative attachment describing <b>how</b> the requested zone district is consistent with the policies and recommendations found in <b>each</b> of the adopted plans below. Each plan should have its own subsection.
General Review Criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.7.A	1. Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040
Check box to affirm <b>and</b> include sections in the review criteria narrative	In this section of the attachment, describe <b>how</b> the proposed map amendment is consistent with <i>Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040</i> 's a) equity goals, b) climate goals, and c) any other applicable goals/strategies.
attachment	<b>2. Blueprint Denver</b> In this section of the attachment, describe <b>how</b> the proposed map amendment is consistent with: a) the neighborhood context, b) the future place type, c) the growth strategy, d) adjacent street types, e) plan policies and strategies, and f) equity concepts contained in <b>Blueprint Denver</b> .
	3. Neighborhood/ Small Area Plan and Other Plans (List all from pre-application meeting, if applicable):
General Review Criteria: DZC Sec. 12.4.10.7. B & C Check boxes to the right	Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions: The proposed official map amendment results in regulations and restrictions that are uniform for each kind of building throughout each district having the same classification and bearing the same symbol or designation on the official map, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts.
to affirm <b>and</b> include a section in the review criteria for Public Health, Safety and General Welfare narrative attach- ment.	Public Health, Safety and General Welfare: The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.  In the review criteria narrative attachment, please provide an additional section describing how the requested rezoning furthers the public health, safety and general welfare of the City.
	Justifying Circumstances - One of the following circumstances exists:
Review Criteria for Non- Legislative Rezonings: DZC Sec. 12.4.10.8	<ul> <li>□ The existing zoning of the land was the result of an error;</li> <li>□ The existing zoning of the land was based on a mistake of fact;</li> <li>□ The existing zoning of the land failed to take into account the constraints of development created by the natural characteristics of the land, including, but not limited to , steep slopes, floodplain, unstable soils, and inadequate drainage;</li> <li>□ Since the date of the approval of the existing Zone District, there has been a change to such a degree that the proposed rezoning is in the public interest. Such change may include:         <ul> <li>a. Changed or changing conditions in a particular area, or in the city generally; or,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
For Justifying Circum-	b. A City adopted plan; or
stances, check box and include a section in the	c. That the City adopted the Denver Zoning Code and the property retained Former Chapter 59 zoning.
review criteria narrative attachment.	☐ It is in the public interest to encourage a departure from the existing zoning through application of supplemental zoning regulations that are consistent with the intent and purpose of, and meet the specific criteria stated in, Article 9, Division 9.4 (overlay Zone Districts) of this Code.
For Neighborhood Context, Purpose and Intent, check box <b>and</b> include a section in the review criteria narrative	In the review criteria narrative attachment, please provide an additional section describing the selected justifying circumstance. If the changing conditions circumstance is selected, describe changes since the site was last zoned. Contact your pre-application case manager if you have questions.
attachment.	☐ The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the description of the applicable neighbor-hood context, and with the stated purpose and intent of the proposed Zone District.
	In the review criteria narrative attachment, please provide a separate section describing <b>how</b> the rezoning aligns with a) the proposed district neighborhood context description, b) the general purpose statement, and c) the specific intent statement found in the Denver Zoning Code.

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RE	REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS					
Plea	se check boxes below to affirm the following <b>required</b> attachments are submitted with this rezoning application:					
	Legal Description of subject property(s). <b>Submit as a separate Microsoft Word document.</b> View guidelines at: <a href="https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/right-of-way-survey/guidelines-for-land-descriptions.html">https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/right-of-way-survey/guidelines-for-land-descriptions.html</a>					
	Proof of ownership document for each property owner signing the application, such as (a) Assessor's Record, (b) Warranty deed, or (c) Title policy or commitment dated no earlier than 60 days prior to application date. If the owner is a corporate entity, proof of authorization for an individual to sign on behalf of the organization is required. This can include board resolutions authorizing the signer, bylaws, a Statement of Authority, or other legal documents as approved by the City Attorney's Office.					
	Review Criteria Narratives. See page 2 for details.					
AD	DITIONAL ATTACHMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)					
	litional information may be needed and/or required. Please check boxes below identifying additional attachments provided with this apation.					
	Written narrative explaining reason for the request (optional)					
	<b>Outreach documentation attachment(s)</b> . Please describe any community outreach to City Council district office(s), Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and surrounding neighbors. If outreach was via email- please include email chain. If the outreach was conducted by telephone or meeting, please include contact date(s), names and a description of feedback received. If you have not reached out to the City Council district office, please explain why not. (optional - encouraged)					
	<b>Letters of Support.</b> If surrounding neighbors or community members have provided letters in support of the rezoning request, please include them with the application as an attachment (optional).					
	Written Authorization to Represent Property Owner(s) (if applicable)					
	Individual Authorization to Sign on Behalf of a Corporate Entity (e.g. if the deed of the subject property lists a corporate entity such as an LLC as the owner, this is document is required.)					
	Other Attachments. Please describe below.					



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#### PROPERTY OWNER OR PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned represent that we are the owner(s) of the property described opposite our names, or have the authorization to sign on behalf of the owner as evidenced by a Power of Attorney or other authorization attached, and that we do hereby request initiation of this application. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate. I understand that without such owner consent, the requested official map amendment action cannot lawfully be accomplished.

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Property Owner Name(s) (please type or print legibly)	Property Address City, State, Zip Phone Email	Property Owner In- terest % of the Area of the Zone Lots to Be Rezoned	Please sign below as an indication of your consent to the above certification state- ment	Date	Indicate the type of owner- ship documen- tation provided: (A) Assessor's record, (B) war- ranty deed, (C) title policy or commitment, or (D) other as approved	Has the owner autho- rized a represen- tative in writing? (YES/NO)
EXAMPLE John Alan Smith and Josie Q. Smith	123 Sesame Street Denver, CO 80202 (303) 555-5555 sample@sample.gov	100%	John Alan Smith Jesie O. Smith	01/12/20	(A)	YES
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Steve Ferris, Principal sferris@realestategarage.net

As Resubmitted November 23, 2022

City and County of Denver Community Planning & Development Planning Services Division 201 W. Colfax Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Denver, CO 80202 As emailed to rezoning@denvergov.org

# RE: Application, Request to Rezone 1085 N Knox Ct. from E-SU-D1x to U-RH-2.5 Application # 2022I-00145

Dear Community Planning & Development:

This firm represents Anthony B Phillips Trust, the property owner, and the corresponding property, 1085 N Knox Ct., regarding the attached application for a zoning map amendment ("rezoning"). Based on the criteria for review in the Denver Zoning Code, we recommend that staff recommend approval to Planning Board and City Council for Application #2022I-00145. This resubmittal has been amended from the original submittal to change the requested zoning designation from E-RH-2.5 to U-RH-2.5, at the request of Planning staff. It also updates community outreach and support information found in Exhibit D.

#### Request for Rezoning

Address: 1085 Knox Ct, Denver, CO 80204.

Neighborhood/Council District: Villa Park / Council District 3.

RNOs: Community Coalition for Barnum and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC).

Area of Property: 6,250 square feet or 0.41 acres.

Current Zoning: E-SU-D1x. Proposed Zoning: U-RH-2.5.

Property Owner(s): Anthony B Phillips Trust.

#### **Summary of Rezoning Request**

• The subject property is currently vacant, and formerly contained a single-story, single-unit dwelling built in 1949. It is located within the Villa Park statistical neighborhood at the southwest corner of W 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and N Knox Ct.



- The property owner is proposing to rezone the property to allow for the future potential redevelopment of more housing on site.
- The proposed U-RH-2.5, Urban, Row House, 2.5 stories, is a multi-unit zone district that allows the suburban house, urban house, duplex, tandem house, and row house primary building forms as well as detached accessory dwelling units (only allowed as accessory to a primary single-unit residential use). The intent of the residential districts is to promote and protect residential neighborhoods within the character of the Urban Neighborhood Context. The standards of the two unit and row house districts promote existing and future patterns of lower scale multi-unit building forms that typically address the street in the same manner as an urban house building form. Further details of the requested zone district(s) can be found in the proposed zone district section of the Applicant's application (below) and in Article 4 of the Denver Zoning Code (DZC).

#### **Proposed Zoning**

The Requested U-RH-2.5 zone district is found in the Urban neighborhood context. It is a multi-unit zone district that allows for residential uses in a variety of building forms including: Suburban house, urban house, duplex, tandem House, and row house primary building forms. All Primary building forms allow up to 35 feet or 2.5 stories. The intent of the district is to promote and protect residential neighborhoods within the character of the Urban Neighborhood Context. The U-RH-2.5 district also permits the accessory dwelling unit use and Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU) building form, to be in the rear 35 percent of the lot, only allowed as accessory to a primary single-unit residential use. The ADU building form has a maximum height of 1.5 stories or 24 feet. A bulk plane that rises 10 feet vertically from the side interior or side street zone lot line, then slopes 45 degrees, also applies to the DADU building form. This form allows an exemption from the 37.5 percent building coverage standard, allowing the lesser of 50 percent or 500 square feet. For zone lots greater than 7,000 square feet, the ADU building footprint may be a maximum of 1,000 square feet. The district does not require any off-street vehicular parking for single-unit dwellings, but if provided, parking for the DADU must be accessed from the alley; street access is allowed when no alley is present. The minimum parking requirement for a dwelling, multi-unit residential use is one space per unit.

The primary building forms allowed in the existing zone district and the proposed zone district are summarized below.



Design Standards	E-SU-D1x (Existing)	U-RH-2.5 (Proposed)
Primary Building Forms Allowed	Suburban House; Urban House	Urban House, Duplex, Tandem
		House, Row House
Height in Stories / Feet, Front 65%	2.5 stories / 35 feet*	2.5 stories / 30 feet*
of Zone Lot, Urban House, (max.)		
Height in Stories / Feet, Rear 35% of	Urban house: 1 story / 19 feet	2.5 stories / 19 feet*
Zone Lot, Urban House, (max.)	Suburban House: 2.5 stories/35 feet	
Height in Stories / Feet, Detached	1.5 stories / 24 feet	1.5 stories / 24 feet
Accessory Dwelling Unit, (max.)		
Zone Lot Size (min.)	6,000 sf	3,000 sf
Zone Lot Width (min.)	50 feet	25'
Primary Street Block Sensitive	Yes / 20 feet	Yes / Calculated per Sec. 13.1.5.9
Setback Required / If not		
Side Street Setback (min.) *	5 feet	7.5 feet
Side Interior Setback (min.) *	5 feet	10 feet
Rear Setback, Alley / No Alley	12 feet / 20 feet	12 feet / 20 feet
Building Coverage per Zone Lot	37.5%	37.5%
including all accessory structures		
(max.), not including exceptions		
Detached Accessory Building	Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit,	Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit,
Forms Allowed	Detached Garage, Other Detached	Detached Garage, Other Detached
	Accessory Structures	Accessory Structures

<sup>\*</sup>Based on subject property width of 75 feet

The exhibits referred to herein shall constitute a part of this application and are incorporated into this application for all purposes.

- Exhibit A: Property Legal Description
- Exhibit B: Description of Consistency with Adopted City Plans/General Review Criteria (DZC 12.4.10.7., amended 2/12/21).
- Exhibit C: Additional Criteria/Description of Justifying Circumstances and Neighborhood Context (DZC 12.4.10.8.)).
- Exhibit D: Community Support and Outreach.
- Exhibit E: Letter of Authorization for Steve Ferris and the Real Estate Garage, LLC to act as Representative.
- Exhibit F: Proof of Ownership and Agency, Assessors Record, and LLC documentation.



# **Exhibit A**Legal Description

#### 1085 N Knox Ct.

LOTS 45 AND 46, BLOCK 15, VILLA PARK, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO.

also known by street and number as: 1085 NORTH KNOX COURT, DENVER, CO 80204



#### Exhibit B

# Description of Consistency with Adopted City Plans/General Review Criteria (DZC 12.4.10.7.)

The criteria for review of this rezoning application are found in DZC Section 12.4.10.7 and 12.4.10.8:

#### **DZC Section 12.4.10.7**

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions
- 3. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

#### DZC Section 12.4.10.8 4

- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose and Intent Statements.

#### 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

The following adopted plans currently apply to this property:

- Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040 (2019)
- Blueprint Denver (2019)
- Villa Park Neighborhood Plan (1991)

#### Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040

The proposed rezoning is consistent with many of the adopted Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040 strategies, which are organized by vision element.

The proposed rezoning would allow for an additional housing unit within an established neighborhood, consistent with the following strategies in the Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive vision element:

- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 2, Strategy A Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families (p. 28).
- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 3, Strategy B Use land use regulations to enable and encourage the private development of affordable, missing middle and mixed-income housing, especially where close to transit (p. 28).

The proposed rezoning would allow infill development appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood that broadens the range of housing types available, consistent with the following strategy in the Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods vision element:

• Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 1, Strategy B - Ensure neighborhoods offer a mix of housing types and services for a diverse population (p. 34).



The proposed rezoning is also consistent with the following strategies in the Environmentally Resilient vision element:

• Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A - Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (p. 54).

The requested map amendment will allow an additional residential unit at an infill location where infrastructure is already in place. The requested zone district enables a building form and use which can provide residents with a mixture of housing types. Therefore, the rezoning is consistent with Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040 recommendations.

#### Blueprint Denver (2019)

Blueprint Denver was adopted in 2019 as a supplement to Comprehensive Plan 2040 and establishes an integrated framework for the city's land use and transportation decisions. Blueprint Denver identifies the subject property as part of a High Medium Residential future place type within the Urban Neighborhood Context and provides guidance from the future growth strategy for the city.

#### Blueprint Denver Future Neighborhood Context

In Blueprint Denver, future neighborhood contexts are used to help understand differences between land use, built form, and mobility at a high scale, between neighborhoods. The subject property is shown on the context map as an Urban Neighborhood Context, the description of which is used to guide appropriate zone districts (p. 66). Blueprint Denver describes the Urban neighborhood context as follows: "[t]he urban neighborhood context is widely distributed throughout the city. Homes vary from multi-unit developments to compact single-unit homes. Development in this context should be sensitive to the existing neighborhood character and offer residents a mix of uses, with good street activation and connectivity. Residents living in this context have access to varied transit options and amenities.

The urban context is walkable due to a predictable street grid in residential areas and the availability of transit and dedicated bike lanes. These areas offer access to neighboring areas and commercial nodes, with some small mixed-use nodes within the neighborhood. Parking is predominately off-street complemented by managed on-street options" (pg. 221).

U-RH-2.5 is consistent with Blueprint Denver's future neighborhood context of Urban because it will promote the residential character of the neighborhood by allowing a



low-scale multi-unit residential building that will be compatible with the existing residential area.

#### Blueprint Denver Future Places

Within the Urban Neighborhood Context, the subject property is categorized as High Medium Residential Future Place with a land use and built form defined by Blueprint Denver as "A mix of mid-scale multi-unit residential options. Some neighborhoods-serving mixed-use may be appropriate, especially along arterial streets or at non-local street intersections. Buildings are generally up to 5 stories in height. Building heights and scaling help provide transitions to adjacent places" (p. 233). The proposed U-RH-2.5 zone district, allowing multiple building forms up to 2.5 stories in height on a medium lot, is compatible with this Future Place type.

#### Blueprint Street Types

In Blueprint Denver, Future Street Types work in concert with the Future Places to evaluate the appropriate intensity of adjacent development (p. 67). Blueprint Denver classifies North Knox Court as a Residential Collector, which "…are in between a local street and an arterial street; they collect movement from local streets and convey it to arterial streets" (p. 154). W 12<sup>th</sup> St. is classified as Local or Undesignated which "can vary in their land uses and are found in all neighborhood contexts. They are most often characterized by residential uses" (p. 161).

#### Blueprint Growth Strategy

Blueprint Denver's growth strategy map is a version of the future places map, showing the aspiration for distributing future growth in Denver (p. 51). The subject property is part of the "All other areas of the city" growth area. These areas anticipate experiencing around 20 percent of new housing growth and 10 percent of new employment growth by 2040 (p. 51). This growth area contains "mostly residential areas with embedded local centers and corridors (that) take a smaller amount of growth intended to strengthen the existing character of our neighborhoods" (p. 49). The proposed U-RH-2.5 zone district is appropriate in this growth area as it will minimally contribute to development intensity in the neighborhood while maintaining the area's single-unit residential character. Therefore, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the Blueprint Denver growth strategy.

#### Additional Applicable Strategies

The proposed rezoning is also consistent with the following strategies from Blueprint Denver:



- Land Use & Built Form Housing Goal 2: Diversify housing options by exploring opportunities to integrate missing middle housing into low and low-medium residential areas (p. 82).
- Land Use & Built Form Housing Goal 2: Integrate missing middle housing into low and low medium residential areas, especially those that score low in housing diversity. This allowance should advance goals for affordability, such as including a requirement to provide affordability in exchange for increased density (p. 82).

This rezoning to a row house zone district will have minimal impacts on the character of the surrounding neighborhood and is consistent with Blueprint Denver recommendations. Additionally, the rezoning of the subject property will provide affordable missing middle housing options for residents in the neighborhood. The proposed map amendment is therefore consistent with the above strategies.

#### Villa Park Neighborhood Plan

The Villa Park Neighborhood Plan was adopted by City Council in 1991 and applies to the subject property. The proposed rezoning to allow for an extra unit on this site would help implement some of the plan's goals to stabilize, or upgrade where necessary, the present housing stock; to maintain the neighborhood's low density residential character and to maintain or upgrade the quality of low-density residential property while encouraging the construction of new low-density housing.

#### 2. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions

The proposed rezoning to U-RH-2.5 will result in the uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations.

#### 3. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare through implementation of the city's adopted land use plans. The proposed rezoning would also facilitate increased housing density near services and amenities and promote a walkable, urban neighborhood within walking distance to public transit.

#### Blueprint Equity Concepts, Applying Equity Concepts for Small Rezonings:

In Blueprint Denver Section 3.1; Plan In Action: Applying Blueprint Denver to Rezoning, Blueprint states:

"Equity Concepts: Because the data available to measure the equity concepts is not available at the parcel-level scale, and they are intended to show patterns across large areas, they cannot be effectively applied to small-scale rezonings. Given the above,



they are not intended to be part of the evaluation for smaller rezonings. However, they should be used to evaluate large area rezonings".

While Blueprint Denver acknowledges that Equity Concepts are difficult to apply to small single parcel rezonings such as this one, we believe these are important criteria to address in our city. This rezoning may help this small property contribute to a more equitable Denver in the following ways:

**Equity Concept 1: Expanding Housing and Jobs Diversity -** providing a better and more inclusive range of housing and employment options in all neighborhoods.

The current zone districts a single unit district. By rezoning to the proposed U-RH-2.5, the City and County of Denver will allow for a greater range of housing options and employment related to redevelopment of this site (e.g., consulting, construction, city permits, etc....).

#### The Importance of Housing and Jobs Diversity

It is the desire of many residents and stakeholders for all neighborhoods to accommodate some level of growth and to incorporate a greater variety of housing and employment options. If done right, this can enable more inclusive and diverse communities." (40)

The U-RH-2.5 zone district will allow for, and provide, flexibility for multiple building forms and uses. This zoning district would allow for an equitable distribution of housing types that will ensure new development contributes positively to established residential neighborhoods, and character. As such, there is little doubt that rezoning would overcome the constraints of the existing zoning, as it will allow the introduction of housing and employment opportunities that do not exist today.

**Equity Concept 2: Improving Access to Opportunity** - creating more equitable access to quality-of-life amenities, health, and quality education.

The proximity of an amenity (including quality jobs, schools, parks, health care services and healthy food), the affordability of that amenity, and the safety and ease of access to that amenity are important elements of access to opportunity. Equitable access to opportunity strengthens our collective prosperity and improves outcomes for all. In areas with high access to opportunity, it is important to increase the range of affordable housing options so that residents of all income levels can live in these neighborhoods." (pp. 32-35)

The proposed map amendment will promote public access to open spaces integrated with nature (e.g., Paco Sánchez Park), encourage better connection to transit (e.g., RTD Decatur - Federal light rail stop) and adjacent transportation networks, and provide





more housing supply with both market-rate housing. According to a <u>zoning map on the city's website</u>, much of the land in Denver is zoned for single-unit residencies, which typically means detached houses with individual backyards. These self-imposed zoning restrictions have reduced the supply of housing units, which has had a drastic impact on housing costs in Denver<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Werley, J. (March 3, 2022). Even with monthly uptick in inventory, Denver housing supply hits another record low. Denver Business Journal.

https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2022/03/03/dmar-market-report-march-2022-denver-housing.html



#### **Exhibit C:**

# Additional Criteria/Description of Justifying Circumstances and Neighborhood Context (DZC 12.4.10.8.)

#### 4. Justifying Circumstances

Changed or changing conditions in the area and city adopted plans serve as the Justifying Circumstances under DZC Section 12.4.10.8.A.4, "Since the date of the approval of the existing Zone District, there has been a change to such a degree that the proposed rezoning is in the public interest. Such a change may include: "Changed or changing conditions in a particular area, or in the city generally; or a city adopted plan...." Since the approval of the existing E-SU-D1x zone district, the City has adopted the Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver. Additionally, adjoining properties to the east and west were rezoned to a similar zone district, U-RH-2.5. As stated throughout this application, the proposed rezoning meets the intent of these plans and is in the public interest; therefore, this is an appropriate justifying circumstance for the proposed rezoning.

# 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose, and Intent Statements

The proposed U-RH-2.5 zone district is within the Urban Neighborhood Context, which "is primarily single-unit and two-unit residential uses" and "single-unit residential structures are typically the Urban House and Suburban House building forms. Multi-unit building forms are typically the Row House, Garden Court, Town House, or Apartment building forms embedded with other residential uses" (DZC, Division 4.1). This context "consists of a regular pattern of block shapes" and "a mixed presence of alleys" (DZC, Division 4.1). The Villa Park neighborhood consists mostly of single and two-unit residential uses in rectangular blocks with alley access. The proposed rezoning to U-RH-2.5 will enable development that is consistent with the neighborhood context description. According to DZC 4.2.2.1, the general purpose of the Residential zone districts is to promote and protect residential neighborhoods within the character of the Urban Neighborhood Context. The building form standards, design standards, and uses work together to promote desirable residential areas. While lot sizes vary, lot coverage is typically low creating generous setbacks and yard space. The standards of the two unit and row house districts promote existing and future patterns of lower scale multi-unit building forms that typically address the street in the same manner as an urban house building form. The regulations provide certainty to property owners,





developers, and neighborhoods about the limits of what is allowed in a residentially zoned area. These regulations are also intended to reinforce desired development patterns in existing neighborhoods while accommodating reinvestment. The rezoning to U-RH-2.5 is consistent with the zone district general purpose and recognizes the existing residential context. Specifically, U-RH-2.5 is a multi-unit district that allows up to a two and a half story rowhouse building form. It also allows the suburban house, urban house, detached accessory dwelling unit, duplex, and tandem house building forms. The proposed zone district recognizes both the subject site's existing condition and surrounding context, fulfilling this Specific Intent statement.



# Exhibit D Community Support and Outreach

Prior to submitting this application, we discussed the intent of the rezoning with Council District 3. We have also reached out to At-Large councilpersons without formal responses. In addition, we have reached out and/or communicated with United Northwest Denver, the Sloan's Lake Citizen Group, Villa Park Neighborhood Association (VPNA), INC, and West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN). The only response that showed interest in meeting was received from the Villa Park Neighborhood Association.

We have met with and/or attended Villa Park Neighborhood Association on May 23, June 15, June 22, October 26, and November 16, 2022, both virtually and in-person. We held good discussions on the scope and intent of the rezone. General feedback has been congenial, in large part because the owner and applicant are Villa Park residents, and the plan involves construction of a triplex. Following the last meeting and presentation on November 16, 2022, the VPNA held a vote to decide on whether to support this rezoning. We understand that vote resulted in a tie, so as of this writing, no formal notice of support or opposition from the VPNA is expected. The applicant are residents of the Villa Park neighborhood and will be obtaining numerous letters of support from their neighbors prior to the Planning Board hearing.



### **Exhibit E**

Letter of Authorization for Steve Ferris and the Real Estate Garage, LLC to act as Representative

#### PHILLIPS, ANTHONY B TRUST 971 TENNYSON ST DENVER, CO 80204-2919

August 1, 2022

As Submitted Within Rezoning Application

RE: Authorization to Represent Rezoning Application for 1085 Knox Court

Interested Parties with the City of Denver:

We hereby authorize Steve Ferris and his firm, the Real Estate Garage, to represent the Philips Anthony B Trust within the rezoning application for our property addressed at 1085 Knox Court in the City of Denver.

Thank you for your consideration,

Representing Phillips, Anthony B Trust



## Exhibit F

Proof of Ownership and Agency

## Certification of Trust for The Anthony B. Phillips Trust dated July 23, 2020

Pursuant to C.R.S. 11-105-111, this Certification of Trust is signed by the currently acting Trustee of The Anthony B. Phillips Trust dated July 23, 2020, who declares:

- 1. The Settlor of the trust is Anthony B. Phillips. The trust is revocable by the Settlor.
- 2. The Trustee of the trust is Anthony B. Phillips.
- 3. The Trustee Succession provisions are set forth in Article Three of the trust.
- 4. The tax identification number of the trust is the Social Security number of Anthony B. Phillips.
- 5. Title to assets held in the trust will be titled as:
  - Anthony B. Phillips, Trustee of The Anthony B. Phillips Trust dated July 23, 2020, and any amendments thereto.
- 6. An alternative description will be effective to title assets in the name of the trust or to designate the trust as a beneficiary if the description includes the name of at least one initial or successor Trustee, any reference indicating that property is being held in a fiduciary capacity, and the date of the trust.
- 7. Excerpts from the trust document that establish the trust, designate the Trustee, and set forth the powers of the Trustee will be provided upon request. The powers of the Trustee include the power to acquire, sell, assign, convey, pledge, encumber, lease, borrow, manage, and deal with real and personal property interests.
- 8. The terms of the trust provide that a third party may rely upon this Certification of Trust as evidence of the existence of the trust and is specifically relieved of any obligation to inquire into the terms of this trust or the authority of my Trustee, or to see to the application that my Trustee makes of funds or other property received by my Trustee.
- 9. The trust has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any way that would cause the representations in this Certification of Trust to be incorrect.

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Anthony B. Ph	Ilips, Trustee	

STATE OF COLORADO ) ss. COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE )

This instrument was acknowledged before me on July 23, 2020, by Anthony B. Phillips, as Trustee.

Witness my hand and official stamp.

KYLE C. BOSCHEN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 19994016455 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 9, 2023

Kyle C. Boschen, Notary Public

My commission expires: 06/09/2023

### **1085 N KNOX CT**

Owner PHILLIPS, ANTHONY B TRUST

971 TENNYSON ST DENVER, CO 80204-2919

**Schedule Number** 05053-10-022-000

Legal Description L 45 & 46 BLK 15 VILLA PARK

Property Type SFR Grade C

Tax District DENVER

#### **Print Summary**

Property Description			
Style:	13: 1 STORY	Building Sqr. Foot:	839
Bedrooms:	2	Baths Full/Half:	1/0
Effective Year Built:	1949	Basement/Finish:	0/0
Lot Size:	6,250	Zoned As:	E-SU-D1X

Note: Valuation zoning may be different from City's new zoning code.

Current Year			
Actual Assessed Exempt			
Land	\$140,400	\$9,760	\$0
Improvements	\$181,200	\$12,590	
Total	\$321,600	\$22,350	

Prior Year			
Actual Assessed Exempt			
Land	\$140,400	\$10,040	\$0
Improvements	\$181,200	\$12,960	
Total	\$321,600	\$23,000	

#### Real Estates Property Taxes for current tax year

System Upgrade Underway:
Due to a system upgrade, payment information is taking longer to update and may not reflect the current status of your account.

Mill Levy \* **74..618** \* Please click on additional information below to check for any delinquencies on this property/schedule number and for tax sale information.

	Installment 1 (Feb 28 Feb 29 in Leap Years)	Installment 2 (Jun 15)	Full Payment (Due Apr 30)
Date Paid	7/12/2022	7/12/2022	7/12/2022
Original Tax Levy	\$858.11	\$858.11	\$1,716.22
Liens/Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$25.75	\$25.75	\$51.50
Paid	\$883.86	\$883.86	\$1,767.72
Due	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### **Additional Information**

Note: If "Y" is shown below, there is a special situation pertaining to this parcel. For additional information about this, click on the name to take you to an explanation.

Additional Assessment •	N Prior Year Delinquency •	N
Additional Owner(s)	N	
Adjustments •	N Sewer/Storm Drainage Liens •	N
Local Improvement Assessment •	N Tax Lien Sale 🚯	N
Maintenance District •	N Treasurer's Deed •	N
Pending Local Improvement 6	N	

Real estate property taxes paid for prior tax year: \$1,578.87

#### Assessed Value for the current tax year

Assessed Land	\$10,040.00	Assessed Improvements	\$12,960.00
Exemption	\$0.00	Total Assessed Value	\$23,000.00

# CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION POSITION STATEMENT

Following a vote of the Registered Neighborhood Organization, please complete this form and email to <a href="mailto:rezoning@denvergov.org">rezoning@denvergov.org</a>. You may save the form in \*.pdf format if needed for future reference. Questions may be directed to planning staff at <a href="mailto:rezoning@denvergov.org">rezoning@denvergov.org</a> or by telephone at 720-865-2974.

Application Number					20221-001-45					
Location					1085 Knox Ct					
Registered Neighborhood Organization Name					Villa Park Neighborhood Association					
Registered Contact Name					Jaime Aguillar					
Contact Address					958 Julian St					
Contact E-Mail Address					villaparkdenver@gmail.com/vpna_2000@yahoo.com					
Date Submitted					1/12/2023					
As required by DRMC § 12-96, a meeting of the above-referenced Registered Neighborhood Organization										
was held	on	11/16/20	22			, with	7		members in attendance.	
With a total of 7 member						rs voting,				
	yoted to support (				or to not oppose) the application;					
	4		voted to oppose th			ne application; and				
	0	voted to abstain or			n the issue.					
It is there	It is therefore resolved, with a total of 4 members voting in aggregate:									
The position of the above-referenced Registered Neighborhood Organization is that Denver City Council										
oppose	oppose				Ap	plication	#	20221-00145	5	
Comments: The voting on 11/16/2022 was a split vote with one vote more to oppose. Concerns about the project that were discussed was the lot had previously been rezoned in 2022 with an administrative rezoning from E-SU-D to E-SU-D1X which allowed for accessory dwelling units. With this zoning the intent was to reduce involuntary displacement of residents and allow the possibility of an ADU for economic stability. In the proposed West Denver Neighborhoods Initiative, involuntary displacement of residents is noted in the plan and development that will increase the housing unit by one is counter to this area of concern as noted in the plan and in Blueprint Denver focus of reducing vulnerability to displacement by stabilizing residents and business who are vulnerable to involuntary displacement due to increasing property values and rents. The owner has stated in his informational meetings about the project that the market cost of these units will be \$750K, which is well above the area's median.										

Text from Comment letter from Villa Park Neighborhood Association:

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In addition, the staff equity analysis noted the involuntary displacement of residents as high and notes the proposal has limited housing diversity from the current zoning. The analysis goes on to state there is some access to opportunity but doesn't address any increase opportunity to education, healthcare and grocery stores. This analysis doesn't support a strong public benefit to warrant a change in zoning. The proposal is inconsistent with the neighborhood context and is a step back from the current zoning.

11/19/2022

Hello Steven,

The VPNA members who were present and via Zoom were split on their opinions, so I doubt any action, either positive or negative, will be taken by VPNA regarding your rezoning request.

Sincerely,

Steven Stone

**VPNA Board Member** 

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 8:19 AM Steven Ferris <sferris@realestategarage.net> wrote:

Hi Steven and Jaime,

As you might expect, we wanted to check back on how things went after we departed on Wednesday evening. Technically, you folks do not have to tell us anything. But, I am prepping a final resubmi al of our application narrative to the city, in anticipation of that 1/18/23 Planning Board meeting, and I would like to share with them anything that the VPNA Board may have decided on Wednesday night.

Thanks again for your time, and Happy Thanksgiving, Steve

Steven Ferris The Real Estate Garage

ph: 303-435-5393

email: steve@realestategarage.net

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 8:11 AM, Steven Ferris <sferris@realestategarage.net> wrote:

Thank you Steven and Jaime. A ached please find what we would like to present this evening. See you on the screen,

Steve

Steven Ferris
The Real Estate Garage
ph: 303-435-5393

email: steve@realestategarage.net

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM, Villa Park Neighborhood <villaparkdenver@gmail.com> wrote: Zoom would preferred for any presentation,

On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 9:28 AM Steven Ferris <sferris@realestategarage.net> wrote: Thank you Steven. Would you prefer we a end virtually or in person?

Steve

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