# 1100 S. Dexter

Middle Housing Rezoning Request



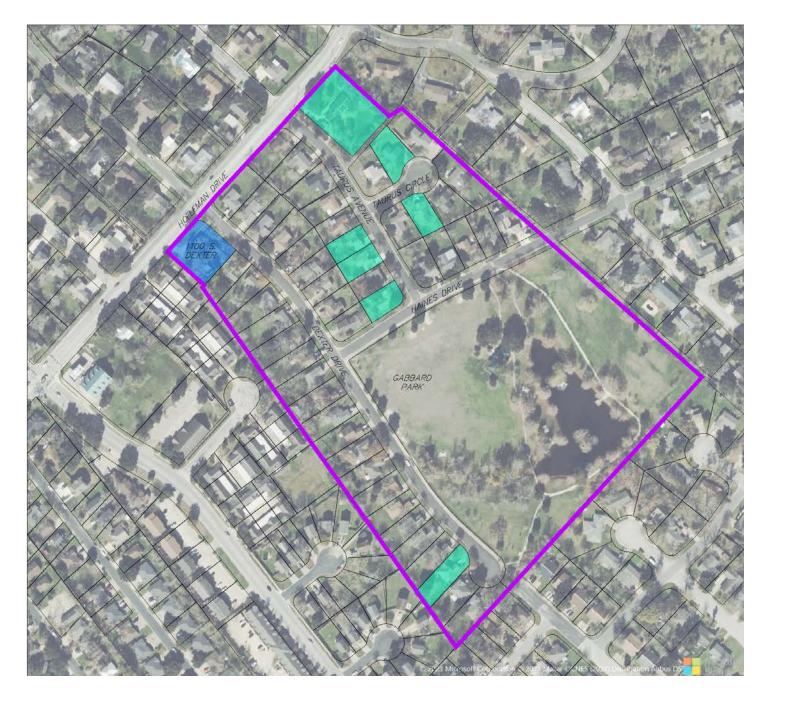
## **Property History**

The owners of 1100 S Dexter listed it for sale in late 2021, telling potential buyers that it is a double lot.

Prior to purchasing the property, the current owner verified with the city that the sellers were correct: the property could be replated into two lots via staff level approval.

College Station history: In this view, virtually everything now built occupies land that was once part of this parcel, owned by the Holik family!



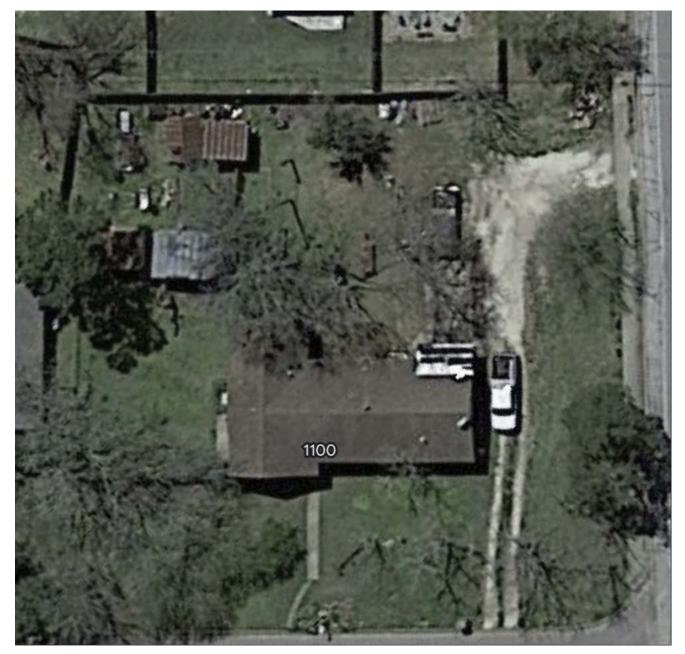


### **Present Day**

30 of 31 homes on Dexter Drive, south of Holleman are registered rentals.

Those homes are part of a subdivision called "Dexter Place," however: this property is <u>not</u> part of Dexter Place, or any subdivision.

As the last parcel from the old family farm, this property is free of any HOA restrictions or associations.





#### **Yearning to Leave**

For their livelihood, the prior owners owned and operated a tractor-trailer. The city banned parking their rig on the property or working on it at home overnight. They started storing the tractor-trailer on Birmingham Rd., behind the Kroger's on Longmire and had to shuttle back and forth between Birmingham Rd. and this home on Dexter.

They knew the value of their home was in the land, and with that knowledge, did not prioritize keeping everything in the home up to code. They worked with an agent to sell the property for \$299,900 in 2019, but failed to find any interested buyers.

They maintained the dream of moving to the country, and tried again to sell the home in late 2021, this time as a FSBO. They were successful! --- they found an over ask price buyer and netted more proceeds than their agent had anticipated when it was on the MLS. The buyer agreed to purchase their home and rent it back to them until they found their dream house in the country.

#### **Moving**

The sellers received funds in late 2022 and used part of the funds to secure their dream home: seven acres near Franklin, where they could keep their tractor-trailer at home, work on it whenever they wished and eliminate the need to shuttle back and forth to Birmingham Road to get their rig. The sale of their College Station home yielded enough funds to purchase the land, build a barn-dominium to live in, fence the land and even a get a couple cows!

Unfortunately, the husband passed away a few days before closing on the land, and all plans to build their dream home were halted. The wife still wished to move to the country and with her children's help eventually found another home in the country, not far from the dream home they planned to build.

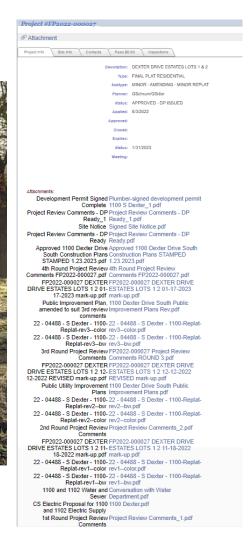


#### **Rezoning Compliance**

The current owner began the replat process for 1100 S Dexter in August 2022, once the prior owner moved to her new home. It took months to file for permits, clear the lot and follow city prescriptions for replating. The process included seeking permits, paying fees, getting multiple surveys and certificates from the title company, adding additional water & sewer taps, and forfeiting the driveway access direct to Holeman street that the prior owners enjoyed, via re-curbing part of Holleman drive for the city. The replat wasn't ready to file until early 2023.



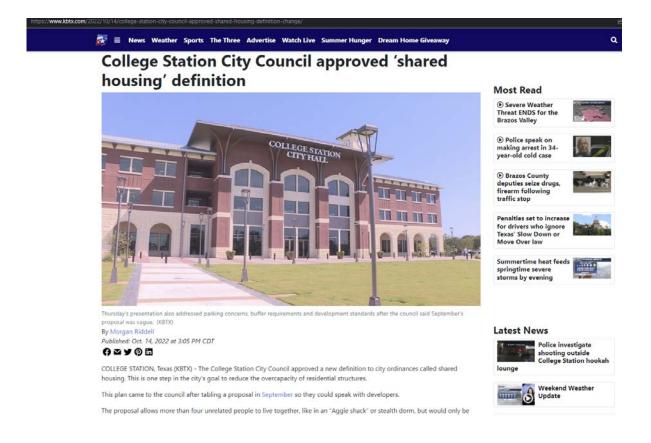




#### **Middle Housing Becomes an Option:**

While the current owner was following the city's prescriptions to replat the property, College Station changed the building code, effectively banning anything larger than a four bedroom home with off-street parking for more than four cars, which was acceptable when the property was purchased. Around the same time as those code changes, College Station adopted Middle Housing as a new zoning option with nine different plat use types.

The current owner asked city planners for more information on Middle Housing and learned that College Station's Comprehensive Plan supports Middle Housing for this particular parcel. Because the replat into two General Suburban Single Family lots was not yet complete when Middle Housing options became available, the current owner decided to seek the city's advice: 'What do you want to see with this parcel?' and filed for a rezone to Middle Housing.





## **Rezone Request**

The applicant worked with Planning & Development Services and Public works to evaluate the requirements and potential demands on infrastructure. That work verified that existing city infrastructure <u>supports</u> all nine possible MH Zoning options, and various combinations thereof.

After a new process of surveys, certificates from the title company, fees paid, questions answered, etc.: PDS staff evaluated and decided to support the application for rezone to Middle Housing.

Because PDS supported the application, the applicant wasn't expecting problems in the presentation to P&Z. The rezone request at P&Z turned into public speeches as if a binary choice existed between having "Ag Shacks" or banning them on this parcel, which was not the intention of the MH application and was not the endorsement being requested from P&Z. For this reason, we're presenting the proposal in more detail to Council today, and better explaining the options available

and process for Middle Housing.



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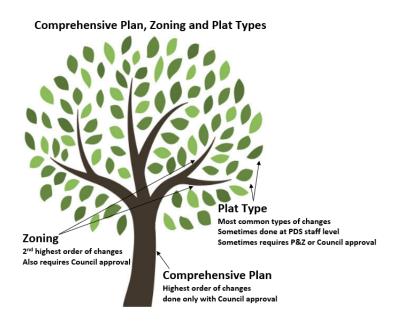
## **Middle Housing - Summarized**

General Suburban Zoning has only one plat type: Single Family. Middle Housing Zoning has nine plat types, including Single Family!

By following the process for rezone: there is no pathway for an applicant to simultaneously rezone to MH and replat the property with a single presentation to Council; a rezone may only be denied or approved today.

If Council denies the rezone to MH, the applicant will complete the replat process for creation of two GS Single Family Lots. If Council approves, the applicant must go back to work with Planning and Development to select appropriate MH plat

type(s). There are numerous middle housing options available for this parcel.

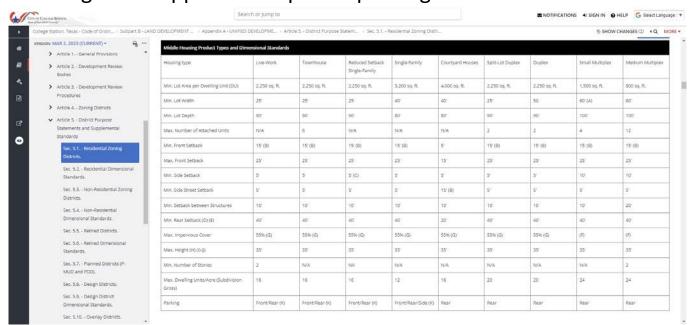




## **Addressing FAQs:**

Drainage, greenspace and ground-absorption for all available MH options must adhere to the same 55% maximum impervious cover requirement as all GS-zoned SF homes on the street today; as a result: there's no way that designating a property as Middle Housing vs General Suburban can negatively impact flooding, greenspace or many other common characteristics of the surrounding area.

If Council & PDS wish to see more affordable Single Family homes and less large "Ag Shacks," then MH impervious cover limits and height limits on MH structures, in the table below, prevent large structures from being built on this parcel; we can explain in detail if needed. Because of the limits in the below table: the more lots that are created, the smaller and more affordable the homes on those lots must be. Inversely, with a high cost basis for this parcel plus replat compliance and fees: creating fewer lots encourages creation of larger, more expensive properties, further from current notions for providing ample "workforce housing." The applicant is open to platting what Council and PDS desire for this parcel.



## **Blank Slate:**

Today, the applicant is simply following the steps to rezone this parcel to Middle Housing by asking Council: "would any of the nine MH options, including creation of more single family homes, be attractive to Council?"

The applicant will proceed per the recommendations of Council today.



Questions?