

Planning Commission

Staff Report

April 10, 2025



Case No:	25-AMEND-0001
Project Name:	Orell Mini-Warehouse Binding Element Amendment
Location:	11905 Dixie Highway
Applicant:	11905 Dixie, LLC
Representative:	Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	14 – Crystal Bast
Case Manager:	Zach Schwager, Planner I

REQUEST

- Amendment to Binding Elements

CASE SUMMARY

The subject site was rezoned under case #17ZONE1022 from R-4 Residential Single Family and C-2 Commercial to C-M Commercial Manufacturing, and changed from the Neighborhood form district to the Suburban Marketplace Corridor form district. The site is located on the east side of Dixie Highway between E. Orell Road and Flowervale Lane. It is approximately 2.3 acres and has an existing one-story structure on the south side of the property. The original rezoning case was revised in case #22-DDP-0009 in order to combine two mini-warehouse structures into one and to modify the interior parking areas and drive lanes. The applicant is requesting to remove binding element #10 agreed to in case #17ZONE1022, which prevents any M-1 uses on the site. In addition, binding element #10 also requires that any change to the binding element be approved by both the Planning Commission and Metro Council.

STAFF FINDING

The request is adequately justified for approval based on the analysis contained in the standard of review.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has not received any interested party comments.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR AMENDMENT TO BINDING ELEMENT

- The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;

STAFF: There do not appear to be any environmental constraints or historic resources on the subject site. There are no changes to the existing landscape plan in place.

- b. The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;

STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community is provided and will be maintained.

- c. The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;

STAFF: There are no open space requirements pertinent to the current proposal.

- d. The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;

STAFF: The Metropolitan Sewer District approved the preliminary development plan under case #22-DDP-0009, which is not being altered under this request, and will ensure the provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community.

- e. The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;

STAFF: The overall site design and land uses are compatible with the existing and future development of the area.

- f. Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. Revised plan certain development plans shall be evaluated for conformance with the non-residential and mixed-use intent of the form districts and comprehensive plan.

STAFF: The development plan conforms to applicable guidelines and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and to requirements of the Land Development Code as M-1 uses are permitted in the C-M zoning district. Also, the property is located on Dixie Highway, which is a major arterial street classification and Economic Development Goal 1, Policy 5 requires industrial developments to locate with the appropriate transportation connectivity, near an arterial street or within existing industrial subdivisions.

REQUIRED ACTION:

- **RECOMMEND** that the Louisville Metro Council **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Amendment to Binding Element**

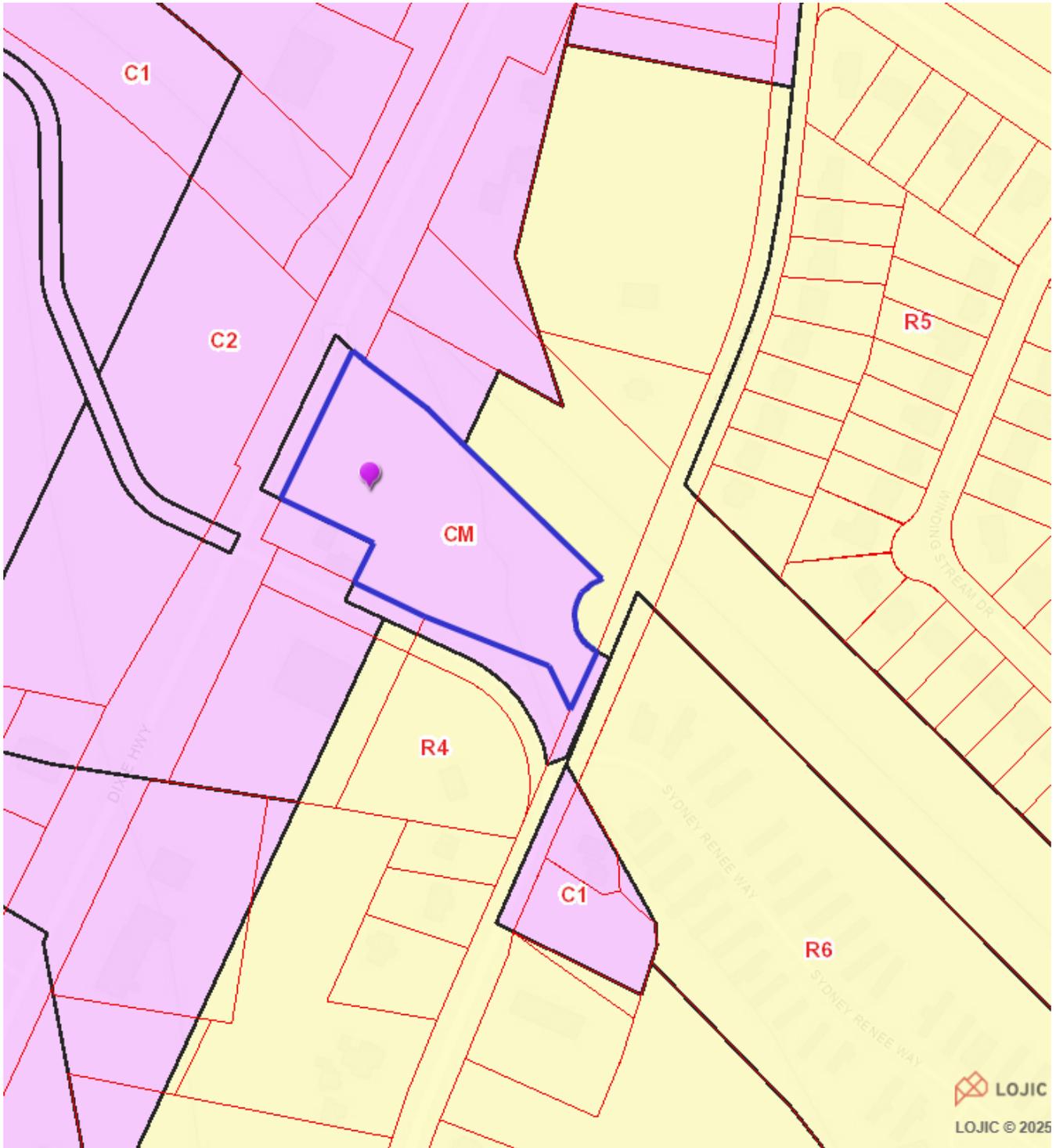
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
3/26/2025	Hearing before Planning	1 st tier adjoining property owners and current residents
3/19/2025	Commission	Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 14

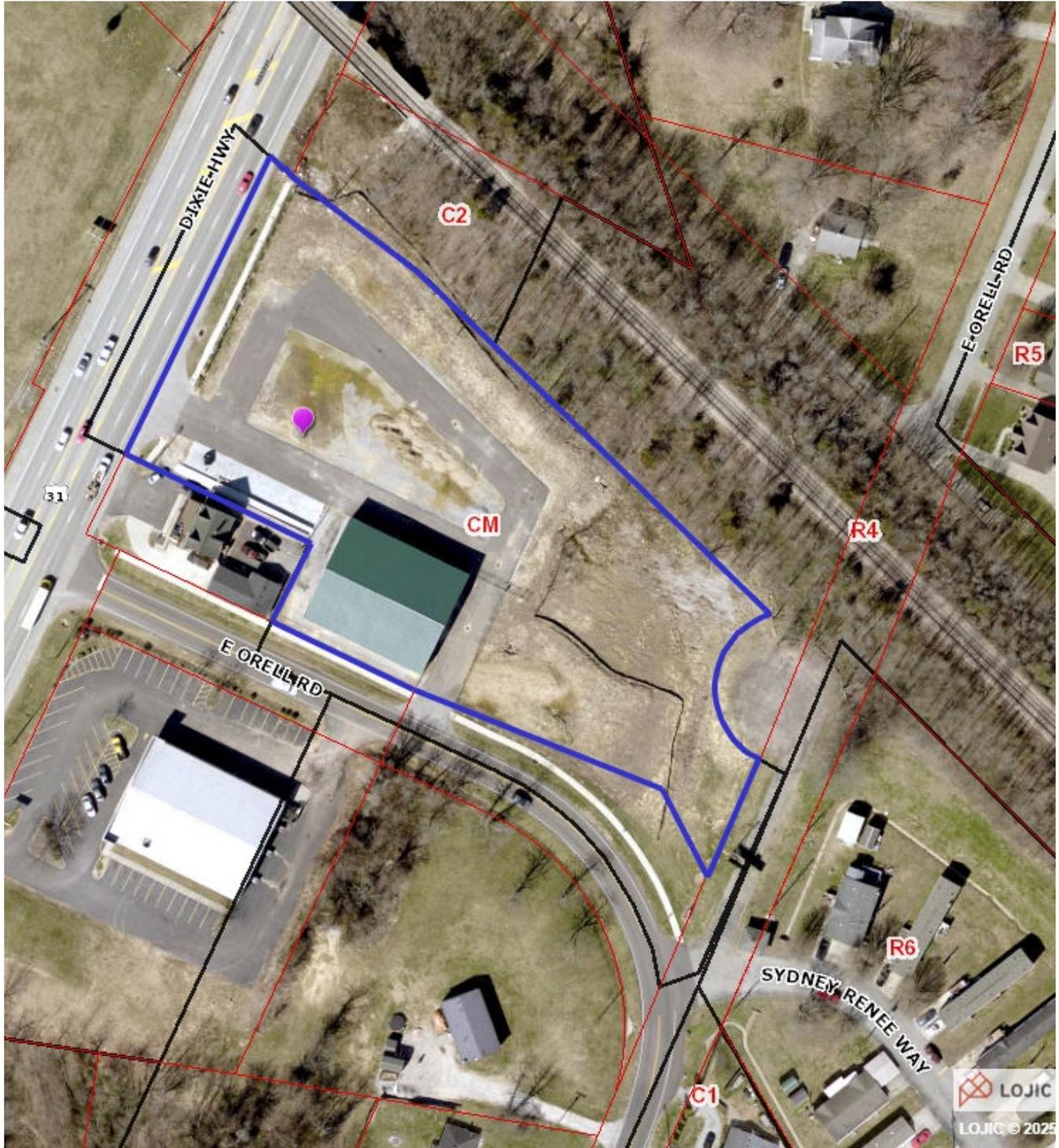
ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Existing Binding Elements with Proposed Revisions
4. Proposed Binding Elements

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2. Aerial Photograph



3. Existing Binding Elements with Proposed Revisions

All binding elements from the approved General Development Plan are applicable to this site, in addition to the following:

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.
2. No outdoor advertising signs, small freestanding signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
3. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
4. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
 - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. Encroachment permits must be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highways.
 - c. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a building permit. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter.
 - d. A minor plat or legal instrument shall be recorded consolidating the property into one lot. A copy of the recorded instrument shall be submitted to the Division of Planning and Design Services; transmittal of the approved plans to the office responsible for permit issuance will occur only after receipt of said instrument.
 - e. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
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7. There shall be no outdoor music (live, piped, radio or amplified) or outdoor entertainment or outdoor PA system audible beyond the property line.

8. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.
9. The materials and design of proposed structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the rendering as presented at the November 2, 2017 and May 12, 2022 Planning Commission hearings.
- ~~10. The subject property shall only be used for those uses allowed in the C-M zoning district that are otherwise allowed in the C-2 zoning district and for "Warehouse, storage" but for no other use permitted in the M-1 zoning district. Any amendment to this binding element shall require approval from the Louisville Metro Planning Commission and from the Louisville Metro Council.~~
11. There shall be no storage of coal ash/fly ash on the premises.
12. The sidewalks along E. Orell Rd. shall be extended to the Orell Rd. intersection.
13. Any change of use or change to the approved development plan shall require Metro Council review and approval.

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