



**Applicant:** City of Ocala

**Property Owner:** City of Ocala

**Project Planner:** David Boston

**Zoning Change Request:** from: GU, Governmental Use  
to: PD, Planned Development

### Parcel Information

Acres: ~216

Parcel(s)#: 21382-001-00, 21385-000-00, 21385-001-00, 21418-000-00, 21387-000-00, & 21387-001-00

Location: South of NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street, east of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, and west of railroad

Existing use: Vacant; previously a golf course and clubhouse

Future Land Use: Medium Intensity/Special District

### Adjacent Land

<u>Direction</u>	<u>Future Land Use</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Current Use</u>
North	Public	GU	Water retention
	Employment Center	M-1	Trucking company & water retention
East	Commerce District (County)	M-1 & B-5 (County)	Demolition company, single-family residential, undeveloped, & railroad
	Public	GU	Wetland groundwater recharge park
South	Neighborhood	R-2 & R-1	Single-family residential
West	Neighborhood	R-1, R-3, & INST	Undeveloped
	MI/SD	M-1	Undeveloped
	Employment Center (County)	R-1 & R-4 (County)	Church & single-family residential
	Employment Center	Pending	Undeveloped

### Background

- The West Oak PD plan facilitates redevelopment of the property that formerly included the Pine Oaks Golf Course into a mixed-income residential community with a variety of recreational amenities and some neighborhood-serving commercial uses along NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street.
- There is a need for more housing development in the city, especially affordable housing and especially considering the recent increase in employment opportunities that resulted from the development of major distribution centers on NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road and NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The City Redevelopment Agreement for Pine Oaks requires that 20 percent of the units constructed are affordable housing units, as defined in the agreement.
- Residential units on this property will be ideally located near that employment center and excellent existing and future recreational amenities, such as the wetland groundwater recharge park, the proposed community center at Reed Place, and Lillian Bryant Park.

- The West Oak PD plan includes 386 single-family residential lots, 832 multifamily residential units, 150 townhomes, and approximately 70,000 square feet of commercial space.
- The future land use classification of Medium Intensity/Special District requires a minimum density of five dwelling units per acre and a maximum density of 30 dwelling units per acre. This PD plan proposes close to six dwelling units per acre, thereby meeting the density requirements of the comprehensive plan and furthering progress towards the goals of the Pine Oak Square Main Street district envisioned in the West Ocala Vision & Community Plan.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Approval of PD zoning district &  
associated PD plan**

### **Basis for Approval**

The requested zoning designation of PD, Planned Development, is consistent with the Medium Intensity/Special District future land use designation and the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Factual Support**

1. The proposed PD zoning is consistent with the following Policies of the City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan:

**Future Land Use Element, Policy 6.2: Medium Intensity/Special District:** The intent of this category is to identify neighborhood and community-serving activity centers, generally represented as “Medium Low” or “Medium High” on the Ocala 2035 Vision. The Medium Intensity/Special District category facilitates developments with two (2) or more uses. Permitted uses include residential, office, commercial, public, recreation, educational facilities and institutional. Light industrial shall only be allowable in designated locations as specified in the Land Development Code and must meet the intent of the Medium Intensity/Special District category, including form and design guidelines as applicable. This mix is intended to promote a walkable urban form. The minimum density and intensity before any incentives in this future land use category is 5 dwelling units per gross acre or 0.15 FAR. The maximum density and intensity before any incentives is 30 dwelling units per acre or 4.0 FAR. The location and application of incentives shall be set forth in the Land Development Code.<sup>1</sup>

**Housing Element, Policy 1.8 (pending adoption):** The City shall continue to facilitate the provision of an adequate supply of affordable housing to meet the needs of the City’s population.

2. The proposed PD zoning is consistent with the Pine Oak Square Main Street Mixed Use District in the West Ocala Vision & Community Plan. As stated in the plan, “the intent of this district is to promote a compact and walkable urban form...this district is characterized by buildings that are one (1) to four (4) stories in height and may contain more than one use.”
3. Approval of this request will not adversely affect the health, safety, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare of the community.

### **Level of Service Impact Analysis**

**Transportation:** A traffic impact analysis (TIA19-0002) has been submitted and is under City review. According to the latest version of the traffic impact analysis, this development will result in 13,946 gross trips and 9,365 net new trips at final buildout. Costs for necessary transportation improvements to accommodate these new trips are being shared between the City and the developer in accordance with the City Redevelopment Agreement for Pine Oaks.

**Electric:** The property is served by the Ocala Electric Utility.

**Potable Water:** The property is currently served by City of Ocala water.

**Sanitary Sewer:** The property is currently served by City of Ocala sewer.

**Stormwater:** For any future development, runoff must be retained on-site to match pre-development conditions. Facilities must be designed to provide flood protection for a 100 year, 24-hour storm event.<sup>2</sup>

**Solid Waste:** During the development review process, fees will be determined and shall be due and payable within 30 days of initiation of permanent electric service.<sup>3</sup>

**Fire Service:** To maintain adequate fire protection services in the City, an impact fee will be required during the development review process.

**Schools:** Schools serving this area are Evergreen Elementary, Howard Middle, and Vanguard High. District wide utilization is E = 94%, M = 89% and H = 90%. Capacity is available districtwide for all three levels of schools. The schools at each level that will serve the project all have sufficient capacity to accommodate this development according to an analysis run by the School Board in March 2019 projecting 184 new elementary school students, 87 new middle school students, and 113 new high school students for a total of 385 new students generated by this development. The number of students generated by this development is expected to drop from 385 to 348. Staff are awaiting an updated analysis from the School Board and expect similar findings.

### **Zoning**

#### **Existing:**

**GU, Governmental Use:** The governmental use (GU) district is intended to apply to those areas where the uses conducted are those primarily of national, state, county or city governments. Areas classified GU are shown on the official zoning map, but no column for GU use restrictions is shown in division 2 of this article, since any lawful government use or related use, including commercial and industrial development at the Ocala International Airport, can be carried on in a GU district. However, any governmental use or related use shall be compatible with surrounding uses.<sup>4</sup>

**Requested:**

**PD, Planned Development:** A planned development (PD) zoning district is intended to provide a process for the evaluation of unique, individually planned developments, which may not be otherwise permitted in zoning districts established by this chapter. Standards and procedures of this district are intended to promote flexibility of design and permit planned diversification and integration of uses and structures, while at the same time retaining the absolute authority of city council to establish such conditions, stipulations, limitations and restrictions as it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Element, Policy 6.2.

<sup>2</sup> City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan, Stormwater Sub-Element, Policy 3.1.

<sup>3</sup> City of Ocala Land Development Code, Section 114-10, Fees & Section 54-124, Billing and collection.

<sup>4</sup> City of Ocala Land Development Code, Section 122-481, GU intent and purpose.

<sup>5</sup> City of Ocala Land Development Code, Section 122-940(a), PD intent and purpose.