# PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

& SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT Date: November 2, 2017

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**LOCATION** (North side of Rangeline Road Service Road 904'± East of

Halls Mill Road)

**CITY COUNCIL** 

**DISTRICT** District 4

**AREA OF PROPERTY** 2 Lots /  $2.1 \pm$  acres (Subdivision)

7 Lots / 78.3 + acres (PUD)

<u>CONTEMPLATED USE</u> Planned Unit Development Approval to amend a previously approved Planned Unit Development to allow shared access between multiple lots to accommodate a proposed paint warehouse and retail store.

**TIME SCHEDULE** 

**FOR DEVELOPMENT** None given.

# ENGINEERING COMMENTS

#### **Subdivision**

- A. Provide all of the required information on the SUBDIVISION PLAT (i.e. signature blocks, signatures, certification statements, written legal description, required notes, legend, scale, bearings and distances) that is required by the current Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- B. Provide a note that a 25' riparian buffer may be required, during development, along the edge of anything considered by ADEM to be a water of the state.
- C. Provide the recording information for Rangeline Crossing Subdivision III.
- D. Provide the Surveyor's, Owner's (notarized), Planning Commission, and Traffic Engineering signatures.
- E. Add a note to the plat stating that all easements shall remain in effect until vacated through the proper Vacation process.
- F. Provide a copy of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT to the Engineering Dept. for review. No signatures are required on this drawing.
- G. After addressing all of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT review comments by the Engineering Dept. provide the ORIGINAL (with all other signatures) and one (1) copy (signatures not required) of the revised Final Plat to the Engineering Department.

#### **Planned Unit Development**

1. Any existing or proposed detention facility shall be maintained as it was constructed and approved. The Land Disturbance Permit application for any proposed construction includes a requirement of a Maintenance and Inspection Plan (signed and notarized by the Owner) for the detention facility. This Plan shall run with the land and be recorded in the County Probate Office prior to the Engineering Department issuing their approval for a Final Certificate of Occupancy.

#### TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

COMMENTS

A traffic impact study was has been prepared for this site. The study includes off-site improvements along Halls Mill Road adjacent to the development and southward to the intersection of Rangeline Road. Any improvements within the Service Road right-of-way or the Rangeline Road right-of-way are subject to ALDOT approval and permitting. Development is contingent upon the completion of off-site improvements as required by the City of Mobile and ALDOT. Additional impact studies or updates to this study will be required as the development changes or more proposed uses are presented to the City. Driveway number, size, location and design are subject to the approved PUD for this site, and shall be approved by ALDOT (where applicable) and Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards. Required on-site parking, including ADA handicap spaces, shall meet the minimum standards as defined in Section 64-6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The submitted site plan for the PUD does not include the site plan for the previously approved VA property. The proposed Lot 5A has less than 30' of frontage on the (private) Rangeline Crossing Drive. A standard driveway requires 64' of frontage otherwise the driveway will extend over the property line. The proposed layout of the driveway onto Rangeline Crossing Drive is substandard and not recommended. The plan should include the previously approved VA site and its driveway so that the two designs can be clarified with the PUD approval. Based on comments from ALDOT regarding access on the Service Road, the driveway to Rangeline Crossing should be considered as a shared driveway with Lot 4A and may be better suited to split the property line. The shift of the aisle can provide some relief for the driveway on the north side as well. Confirmation of ALDOT driveway approval will be required prior to permitting for site work on each lot. Enlarged Lot B does not clearly indicate whether the westernmost driveway on Rangeline Service Road is included and may conflict with the overall site layout.

#### **URBAN FORESTRY**

**COMMENTS** Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties (State Act 2015-116 and City Code Chapters 57 and 64).

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

<u>COMMENTS</u> All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance. (2012 International Fire Code)

**REMARKS**The applicant is seeking Planned Unit Development Approval to amend a previously approved Planned Unit Development to allow shared access between multiple lots to accommodate a proposed paint warehouse and retail store, and Subdivision Approval to resubdivide 2 existing lots by relocating an interior lot line from Lots 4

and 5 of the previously approved Rangeline Crossing Subdivision III. The site is located in Council District 4, and according to the applicant is served by public water and sanitary sewer.

The site has been given a District Center land use designation, per the recently adopted Future Land Use Plan and Map. The Future Land Use Plan and Map complements and provides additional detail to the Development Framework Maps in the Map for Mobile, adopted by the Planning Commission at its November 5, 2015 meeting.

This designation applies across the city to larger areas of existing mixed-use character or where such character is encouraged. These areas will include moderate to high-density residential (minimum densities of 6 du/ac) in dynamic, horizontal or vertical mixed use environments, to provide a balance of housing and employment.

District Centers generally serve several surrounding neighborhoods and may even have a city-wide or region-wide reach. As such, they are often anchored by a major commercial or institutional employer such as a shopping mall or a medical center.

Depending on location and assigned zoning, residential areas in District Centers may incorporate a mix of housing types, ranging from mid-rise multifamily buildings containing apartments and lofts, to townhouses and detached single-family homes. Major civic cultural institutions and public spaces provide regional and neighborhood destinations.

District Centers should be designed to induce pedestrian activity, with high quality streetscapes connecting the different components of a center as well as the center to its surrounding area. DC districts may be served by transit and include development of an intensity and design that supports transit use.

It should be noted that the Future Land Use Plan and Map components of the Map for Mobile Plan are meant to serve as a general guide, not a detailed lot and district plan. In many cases the designation on the new Future Land Use Map may match the existing use of land, but in others the designated land use may differ from what is on the ground today. As such, the Future Land Use Plan and Map allows the Planning Commission and City Council to consider individual cases based on additional information such as the classification request, the surrounding development, the timing of the request, and the appropriateness and compatibility of the proposed use and, where applicable, the zoning classification.

The purpose of this application, according to the applicant, is as follows:

"The contemplated use of Rangeline Crossing PUD is for a proposed 4,000 sf commercial paint warehouse and retail store."

Planned Unit Development review examines the site with regard to its location to ensure that it is generally compatible with neighboring uses; that adequate access is provided without generating excess traffic along minor residential streets in residential districts outside the PUD; and that natural features of the site are taken into consideration. PUD review also examines the design of the development to provide for adequate circulation within the development; to ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles; and to consider and provide for protection from adverse effects of adjacent properties as well as provide protection of adjacent properties from adverse effects from

the PUD. PUD approval is site plan specific, thus any changes to the site plan / Subdivision plat will require approval by the Planning Commission.

Please note that a Planned Unit Development approval by the Planning Commission expires after one year if no permits are obtained.

Subdivision review examines the site with regard to promoting orderly development, protecting general health, safety and welfare, and ensuring that development is correlated with adjacent developments and public utilities and services, and to ensure that the subdivision meets the minimum standards set forth in the Subdivision Regulations for lot size, road frontage, lot configuration, etc.

The site (or parts thereof), have been before the Planning Commission numerous times, most recently at the Commission's July 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 16, 2017 meetings, where Subdivision and Planned Unit Development approvals were granted. The most recent approval was to allow shared access between multiple lots, and Subdivision of three lots. The applicant now wishes to resubdivide the original Lot 4 and Lot 5 from the Rangeline Crossing Subdivision, III by shifting an interior lot line to increase the acreage for the proposed Lot 4A and minimize acreage for the proposed Lot 5A. Lot 5A will still comply with the minimize lot size requirements.

The site is zoned B-3, Community District, which allows a wide range of commercial and residential uses. The PUD will contain a total of seven lots, two large common areas, and several smaller common areas. The two larger common areas will be used for storm water detention for the overall development. A large medical clinic and a fast-food restaurant are currently proposed, both of which will access a proposed private street. A public street is also proposed as part of the overall development, and will link Halls Mill Road to Demetropolis Road.

Because of the size of the overall PUD site and the proximity of the site to Rangeline Road, an ALDOT maintained facility, access management is a concern. The PUD site plan shows that the proposed fast-food lot will have one curb-cut to the Rangeline Service Road North, and two curb-cuts to the proposed private roads (Rangeline Crossing Drive) within the development. The proposed clinic is depicted as having two curb-cuts to Demetropolis Road and one curb-cut to the proposed private road. The clinic additionally abuts the proposed public street (Yogger Pass), and access to this street can be granted via one curb-cut once that street is built and accepted for maintenance by the City of Mobile; however, once access is obtained to Yogger Pass, the clinic's most northern access point to Demetropolis Road should be closed due to possible traffic conflicts. With the exception of future access by the clinic site to Yogger Pass, all other lots within the PUD should be limited in terms of the number of curb-cuts as depicted on an approved PUD site plan. Furthermore, the proposed curb-cuts for Lot 5A depict one curb-cut to Rangeline Road and one curb-cut to Rangeline Crossing Drive. The curb-cut depicted along Rangeline Crossing Drive is located in an undesired location and as it is extremely close to the clinic driveway and appears that it may cause traffic flow issues. It is staff's opinion that a shared curb-cut between Lot 4A and Lot 5A will be more functional and a more appropriate location.

The PUD site plan depicts Lot 5A as having a commercial paint warehouse and retail store developed on the site with what appears to be compliant parking; a dumpster in compliance with

Section 64-4.D.9. is depicted on the site plan and the note should be retained on any future site plans. The note stating "full tree planting and landscape requirements will be meet and in compliance with Section 64-4.E of the Zoning Ordinance" should be retained on future site plans.

The 25' minimum building setback lines are depicted on the site plan and the plat; however, it appears that the setback line does not continue across the entire length of the proposed Lot 5A. the plat and site plan should be revised to depict the 25' minimum building lines for the entirety of both properties.

Please note all proposed signage will require separate permits, reviews, and approvals.

As for the Subdivision, both lots will meet the minimum size and area requirements for lots with access to public water and sewer.

Several drainage, access and utility easements are depicted on the preliminary plat and the PUD site plan. The note stating "structures that are not associated with the purpose of the easement shall not be placed within any easement" should be retained on both the plat and site plan.

Sidewalks are depicted on the site plan and should be retained on any future plans.

It should be pointed out that the site has been before the Commission several times with multiple changes to the overall layout of the development. Based on the fact that PUD's are site plan specific, it does require new applications upon development; however multiple subdivisions reconfiguring the lot sizes as well as a number of changes to the overall site have occurred in very short periods of time. Therefore staff has determined that a Master Plan for the entire site should be submitted to allow a general guide for the overall development of the site. Therefore the current applications are recommended for holdover to allow the submission of an overall Master Plan for the entirety of the PUD and a revised site plan specific for this application to reflect a shared curb-cut and drive lane for Lot 4A and Lot 5A.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Subdivision:** Based upon the preceding, this application is recommended for Holdover until the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, with revisions due by Tuesday November 14, 2017 to be heard in conjunction with the associated Planned Unit Development.

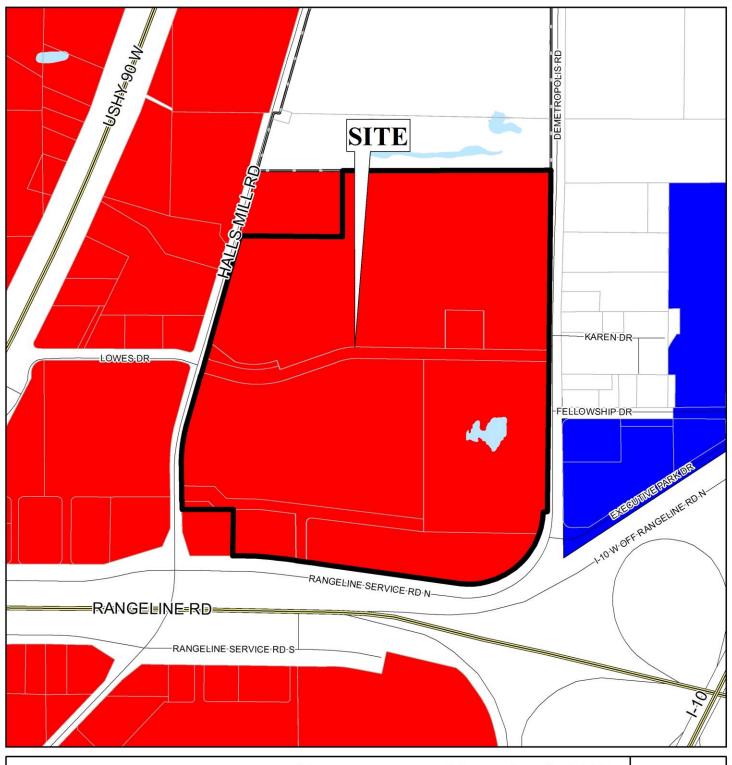
**Planned Unit Development:** Based upon the preceding, this application is recommended for Holdover until the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, with revisions due by Tuesday November 14, 2017 to address the following:

- 1. submission of a Master Plan for the entire PUD development;
- 2. submission of a revised site plan depicting a shared curb-cut between Lot 4A and Lot 5A to the private Rangeline Crossing and the public Rangeline Road Service Road;
- 3. revision of the site plan and subdivision plat to depict the 25' minimum building setback lines across the entire property line of Lot 5A; and
- 4. revision to depict compliance with Traffic Engineering comments: "A traffic impact study was has been prepared for this site. The study includes off-site improvements along

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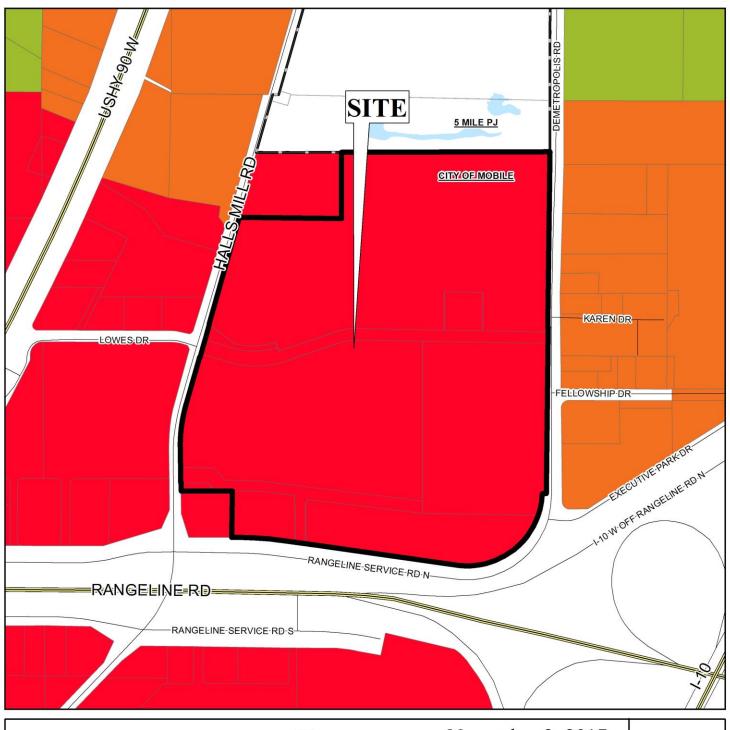


### **LOCATOR ZONING MAP**



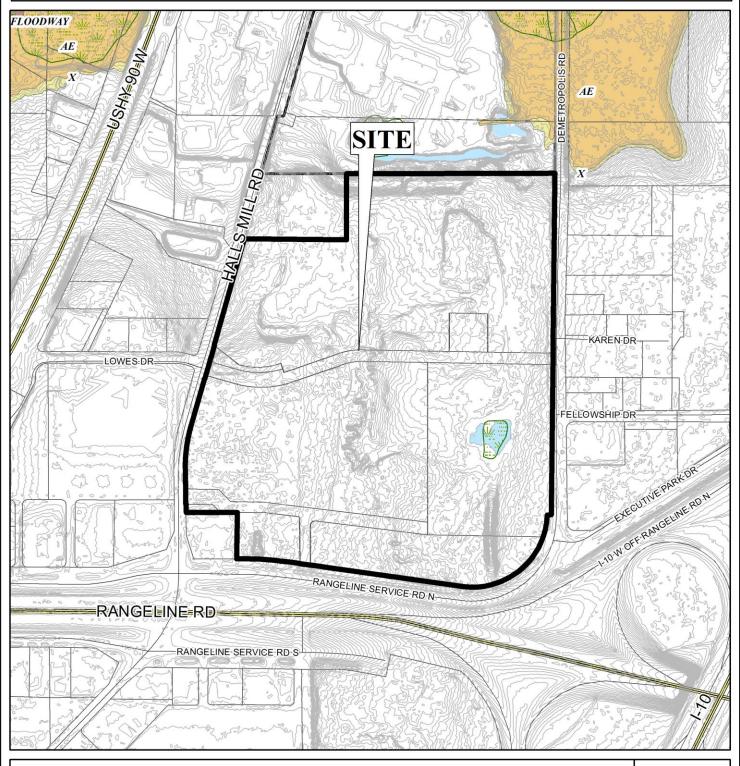


### **FLUM LOCATOR MAP**



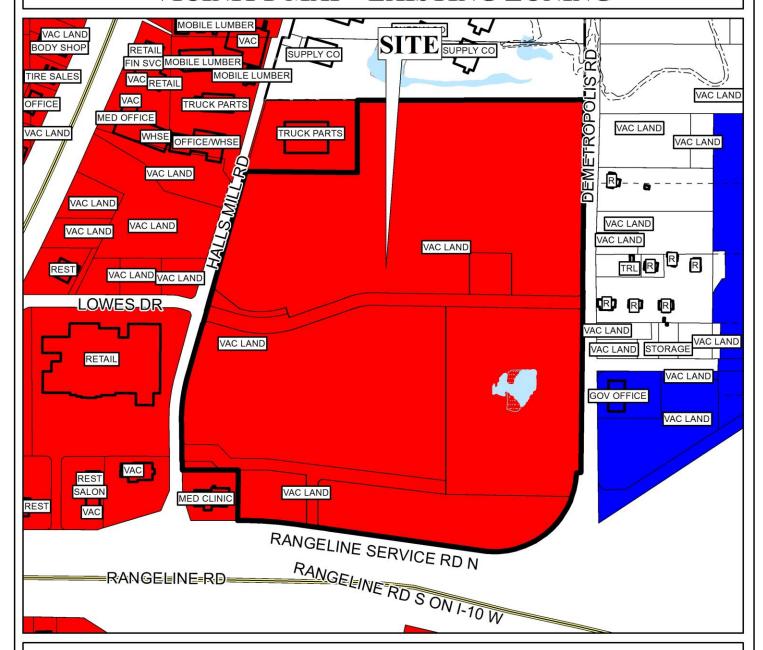


### **ENVIRONMENTAL LOCATOR MAP**

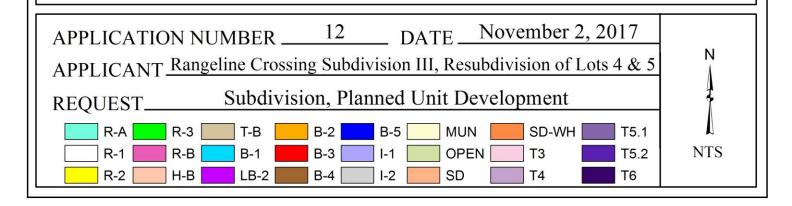




## PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING ZONING



The site is surrounded by commercial units. Residential units are located to the northeast.



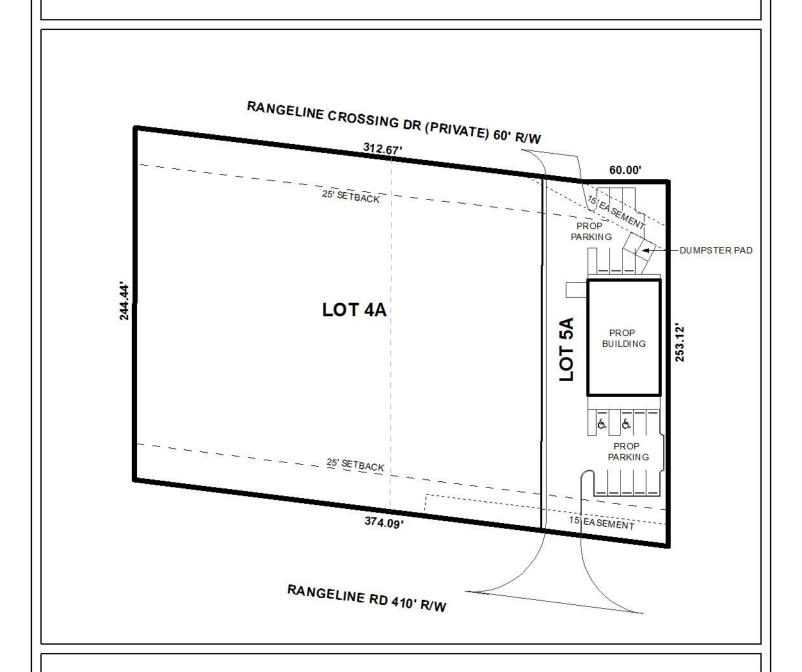
# PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING AERIAL



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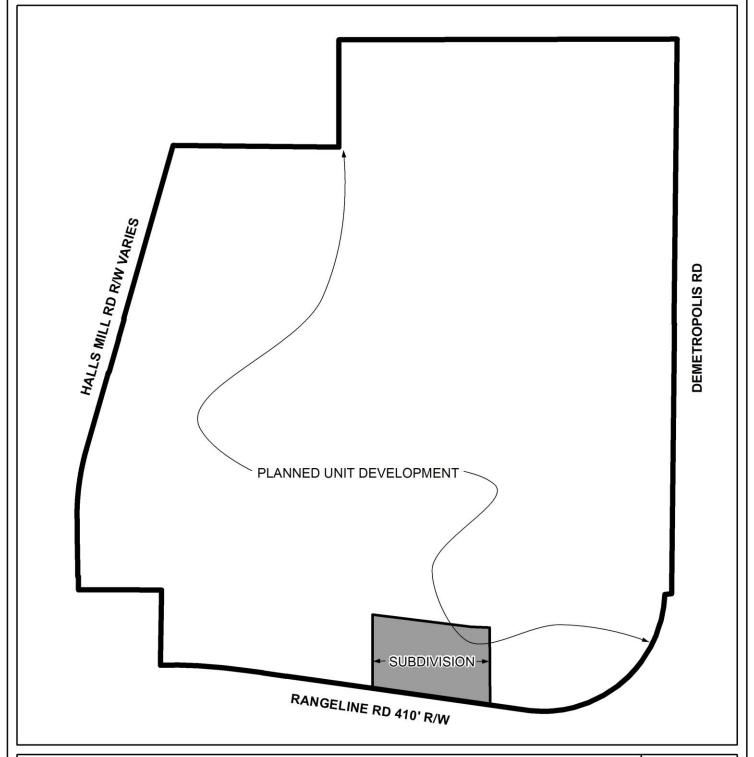
### **SITE PLAN**

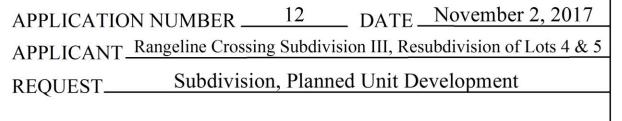


The site plan illustrates the proposed lots, proposed building, proposed parking, easements, and setbacks.



### **DETAIL SITE PLAN**





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