

CITY OF TONTITOWN PLANNING OFFICE

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Meeting: June 22, 2021 Project: Venetto Subdivision Planner: Courtney McNair, Garver

AGENDA ITEM

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WAIVER REQUEST

415 N. Mantegani Road Parcel # 830-37688-000

SUMMARY: Venetto Subdivision is requesting Preliminary Subdivision Plat approval for 64 single-family residential lots, and two (2) detention lots on 19.85 acres of land. A wavier has been requested to allow the developer to not construct the extension of Sbanotto Ave./Bariola along the southern property line of this site.

CURRENT ZONING: <u>R-3</u> - Single-Family Residential - 9,600 square foot minimum lot size, maximum 3 units per acre.

PROPOSED ZONING: R-4 -Single-Family Residential – 8,000 square foot minimum lot size, maximum 4 units per acre.

If this rezoning has been approved by the Planning Commission, then it will need to also be approved by the City Council before the zoning is officially changed to R-4.

CITY WARD: 2-Arthur Penzo and Larry Ardemagni

FLOODPLAIN: No

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE AREAS (not a guarantee of service availability):

Water: Tontitown Water- There is an existing 8-inch water line that is along the west side of N. Mantegani Road that boarders the subject property and an 8-inch water line that extends to the east along the north side of Bariola/Sbanotto.

Electric: Ozarks Electric

Sewer/Septic: Tontitown Sewer- There is sewer approx. 615 feet to the south which is

planned to be extended to service this development.

Phone: AT&T

Natural Gas: Black Hills Energy Cable: Cox Communications

PROJECT SYNOPSIS:

The owner/applicant for this project is NORRHO, LLC. The property is located just north of the intersection of Mantegani Road and Sbanotto Ave. / Bariola Road, on the west side of Mantegani Road. There is an existing residence and barn structure on site. An existing driveway, providing access for a neighboring property, is located near the north property line. The remainder of the site is heavily wooded.

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning from R3 to R4, Preliminary Plat approval, and this waiver request.

The waiver request is related to the required extension of the Collector Road, Sbanotto Ave. / Bariola.

The Master Street Plan shows this road being extended along the southern boarder of the project site. The applicant will be responsible for constructing half (minimum 20 feet wide due to fire code) of the road section. Collectors Streets require a 70' of Right-of-Way (ROW), and a six-foot (6') sidewalk on one side and twelve-foot (12') trail on the other side, with seven (7') of green space separation on both the sidewalk and trail side of the street.

The applicant is asking to only dedicate their half of the ROW (35') along the south property line. They are requesting a waiver from the actual construction of the road improvements.

According to the applicant's letter, they are requesting this waiver based on the following:

- "A. A southern right of way will be required which we have no control over, the peculiar part of the land is that the topography will dictate that to build the road in accordance with the master street plan and the specifications of the Tontitown road design would involve the acquisition of the southern right of way from the adjoining landowner in order to accomplish this.
- B. Under the literal interpretation of the ordinance, it would deprive not the applicant but the southern landowner the enjoyment of their property and require that their property be acquisition for the construction of the road.
- C. We do not have control over the southern right of way, only the city can acquire this, which they have not at this time. Therefore, we are asking for a waiver for the construction of the road and only dedicate the right of way necessary for the road for future construction."

152.026 WAIVERS.

- (A) General.
 - (1) When, by the strict interpretation of these regulations, an applicant incurs undue restrictions on the physical property to be subdivided, a waiver for such requirements may be granted by the Planning Commission.
 - (2) Under no circumstance should a waiver be granted because of a personal hardship or for personal or emotional reasons. Waivers shall not be granted based strictly on financial hardship.
 - (3) A waiver is determined by the strict interpretation and enforcement of the rules and regulations upon a given piece of property to be subdivided.
- (B) Procedures.
 - (1) No waiver shall be granted except upon written petition by the applicant when the application is filed. The petition shall state fully the grounds for the waiver and all the facts upon which the petition is made.
 - (2) In granting the waiver, the Planning Commission shall prescribe any conditions that it deems necessary to or desirable in the public interest.
 - (3) In considering the petition for a waiver, the Planning Commission shall take into account the nature of the proposed use of land involved, existing uses of land in the area, proximity to public utilities, the number of persons who will reside or work in the proposed subdivision, and the probable effect of such waiver upon traffic conditions and upon the public health, safety and general welfare in the vicinity.

(4) The findings of the Planning Commission, together with the specific facts upon which findings are based, shall be incorporated into the official minutes of the Planning Commission meetings at which such waiver is granted. Waivers may be granted only when in harmony with the general purpose and intent of these regulations.

Section 152.026 Waivers (B)

- (5) No waiver shall be granted unless the Planning Commission finds all of the following:
 - (a) That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provision of these regulations would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of this land.

Staff's Response: Staff finds no special circumstances that would deprive this applicant of any reasonable use of land.

The requirement to provide the construction of the road extension is one that has been required for similar projects.

Rarely is the entire required ROW located on the subject property. In the future, if the property to the south is developed, the other portion of the road will be constructed. If this adjacent property does not develop, the city can pursue additional ROW to complete the remainder of the road construction.

The city will require curb & gutter, and sidewalk improvements only on the side of the road located on the subject property. Engineering plans will need to be reviewed to ensure that the road is designed in order not to cause drainage concerns for the neighboring property.

The applicant has stated a concern that the topography will require that grading occur on the neighboring property. This has not been demonstrated with engineering drawings to show there is no possible solution. In order for the applicant to further pursue this reasoning, additional information will need to be submitted for review by the City's Engineer.

(b) That the waiver is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant.

Staff's Response: The waiver is not necessary for the preservation of a substantial property right of the applicant.

No ROW outside of the required 35' on the applicant's side of the road is being required. The applicant will be allowed to utilize this road for access to this development. Although it is not preferred, direct driveway access from individual residential lots is allowed from collector streets within Tontitown.

(c) That the granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare or injurious to other property in the area.

Staff's Response: The requested waiver would not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or injurious to other property in the area.

(d) That the granting of the waiver will not have the effect of preventing the orderly subdivision of other land in the area in accord with the provision of these regulations.

Staff's Response: This waiver would affect future development and prevent the orderly subdivision of other land in the area.

The Master Street plan was put in place to ensure future connectivity in the City of Tontitown. As development occurs, the planned streets are intended to be included as part of the development to provide for this connectivity. Other developments are also required to construct their portion of streets that are shown on the Master Street Plan.

It should be noted that alternative solutions, with an offset location, have been discussed with staff, and the applicant does not wish to pursue that alternative at the present time.

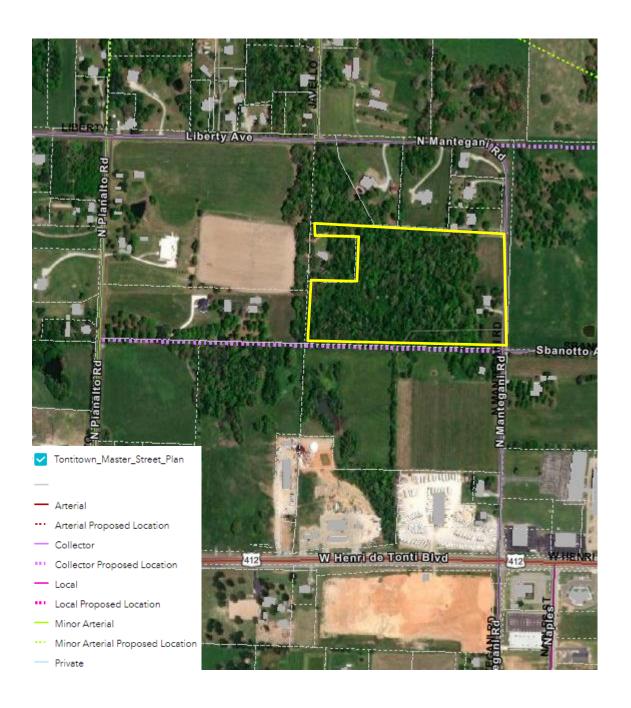
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff finds that allowing this waiver could set a precedent and will impact the future connectivity in the City of Tontitown if granted.

Provisions can be made to reduce greenspace, and/or the trail section as the developer will be required to provide 20 feet of this street (instead of the 18.5 feet that comprises half of the typical Collector Street section) due to fire code, and in order to accommodate drainage and grading that will be necessary as part of the construction.

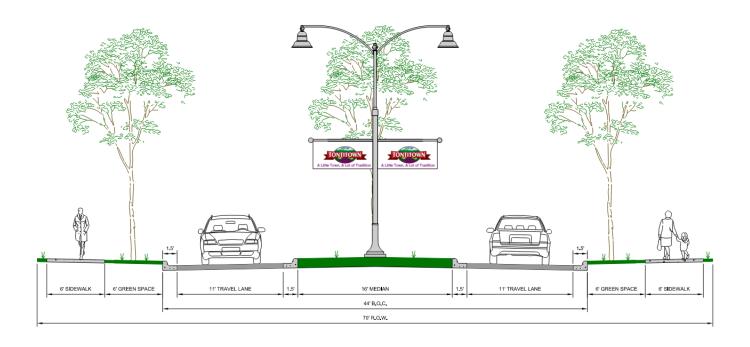
Staff recommends **DENIAL** of this requested waiver.

If the applicant would like to provide more information regarding the drainage concern, they may request this waiver be tabled, and submit that information to the city for review. Provisions will need to be considered to ensure that the future connectivity of this area will not be impacted if the applicant submits a revision.



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COLLECTOR BOULEVARD





June 15, 2021

Ms. Renee Biby Planning Official City of Tontitown 201 East Henri De Tonti Tontitown, AR 72770

Re: Venetto Subdivision – Kinax Construction

Waiver Application Tontitown, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Biby:

On behalf of our client, we are submitting application materials for a waiver in accordance with the master street plan for Vientto Subdivision regarding proposed collector street along the southern border of the property. This letter is intended to serve as the narrative letter required by the checklist included in the waiver application.

- A. A southern right of way will be required which we have no control over, the peculiar part of the land is that the topography will dictate that to build the road in accordance with the master street plan and the specifications of the Tontitown road design would involve the acquisition of the southern right of way from the adjoining landowner in order to accomplish this.
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Thank you for your consideration of this application, please contact our office with any comments or questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Justin Mitchell, E.I.

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