

Meeting Body: Kearns Planning Commission

Meeting Date: July 7, 2025

File Number & Project Type:

REZ2025-001400

Current Zone: M-1 and M-2

Proposed Zone: M-2

Address: 5183 W Liberator Drive

Planner: Justin Smith

Applicant: Craig Wilde

Key Findings:

Finding 1: The proposal is in harmony with the applicable factors outlined in 19.16.080 of the Kearns code.

Finding 2: The current zone boundary between M-1 and M-2 on the property was based on an old right of way which has been vacated through an amended subdivision plat.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval

Exhibits:

Staff Report

DESCRIPTION

The applicant owns the property and is looking to change the zone to accommodate a future land use. The applicant is looking to use the lot as a storage yard or a contractor's yard. The reason that the applicant is applying for a rezone is that the property is currently split between two zones, and he proposes to consolidate into one zone.

SITE & VICINITY DESCRIPTION

Corner of Liberator Drive and Camp Kearns Road

Surrounding Zoning and Use		
North	M-2	
South	M-1	
East	M-1	
West	M-1	
Known Overlays/Site Constraints		
Groundwater Protection Zone 3		



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GENERAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The Kearns General Plan was adopted in 2020. This property is located within the Warehouse District (p. 36), which is the industrial area of Kearns. The General Plan states that the vision for the Warehouse District is as an industrial campus with limited amenities for workers.

APPLICABLE FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Table 19.16.080 includes the following guidelines a planning commission and Council may consider in deciding zoning map and text amendments:

TABLE 19.16.080: GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING ZONIT AMENDMENTS	NG MAP & TEXT
FACTORS	MAP AMENDMENTS
1. The proposed amendment is compatible with the Adopted General Plan.	X
2. The proposed amendment promotes the public health, safety and welfare.	X
3. The proposed amendment is a more suitable zoning classification for the property than the current classification.	X
4. The proposed amendment is compatible with the intent and general purposes of this Ordinance.	X
5. The proposed amendment corrects an error or omission, adds clarification to existing requirements, or reflects a change in policy.	X
6. The proposed amendment benefits the citizens of the Municipality as a whole.	X
7. The proposed amendment does not create a significant number of nonconformities.	X
8. The proposed amendment is compatible with the trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question.	X

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PUBLIC INPUT

As of the time of writing this staff report, staff have received no input from the public.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Summary of issues:

There are seven guidelines set in Chapter 19.16.080. The first guideline is whether the proposed zoning amendment is compatible with the Adopted General Plan. This zone change is to solidify the property as one zone instead of having split zoning. Both Industrial zones would be compatible with the Kearns General Plan.

The second guideline is whether it promotes the public health, safety and welfare of the community. There have not been any comments from reviewing agencies that are conceptually opposed to the rezone or have presented any concerns regarding the safety, health, or welfare. The Salt Lake County Health Department has provided comments stating that the uses may be restricted due to proximity to a groundwater source protection zone, but the applicant is not concerned about that comment due to the use that they are proposing. A permitted use application would be required after the rezone application to check for compliance.

The third guideline is whether the proposed zone is a more suitable zone than the current classification. Both of the zones are compatible with current property, but the M-2 zone would best suit the needs of the applicant.

The fourth guideline is whether the proposed amendment is compatible with the intent and general purposes of Kearns's land use ordinances. The Kearns General Plan lists five values, and the fourth one is "Quality of Life." Under that value, the general plan states that Kearns should promote a range of economic opportunities. Making the entire property one zone would make it simpler for determining what uses are permitted.

It is unclear if the fifth criteria would be applicable. The current boundary is based on a vacated right of way that has since been vacated, and property boundaries adjusted through plat amendment. This property boundary cleanup was not necessary based on an "error or omission," but on the history of boundary and right of way adjustments in Camp Kearns.

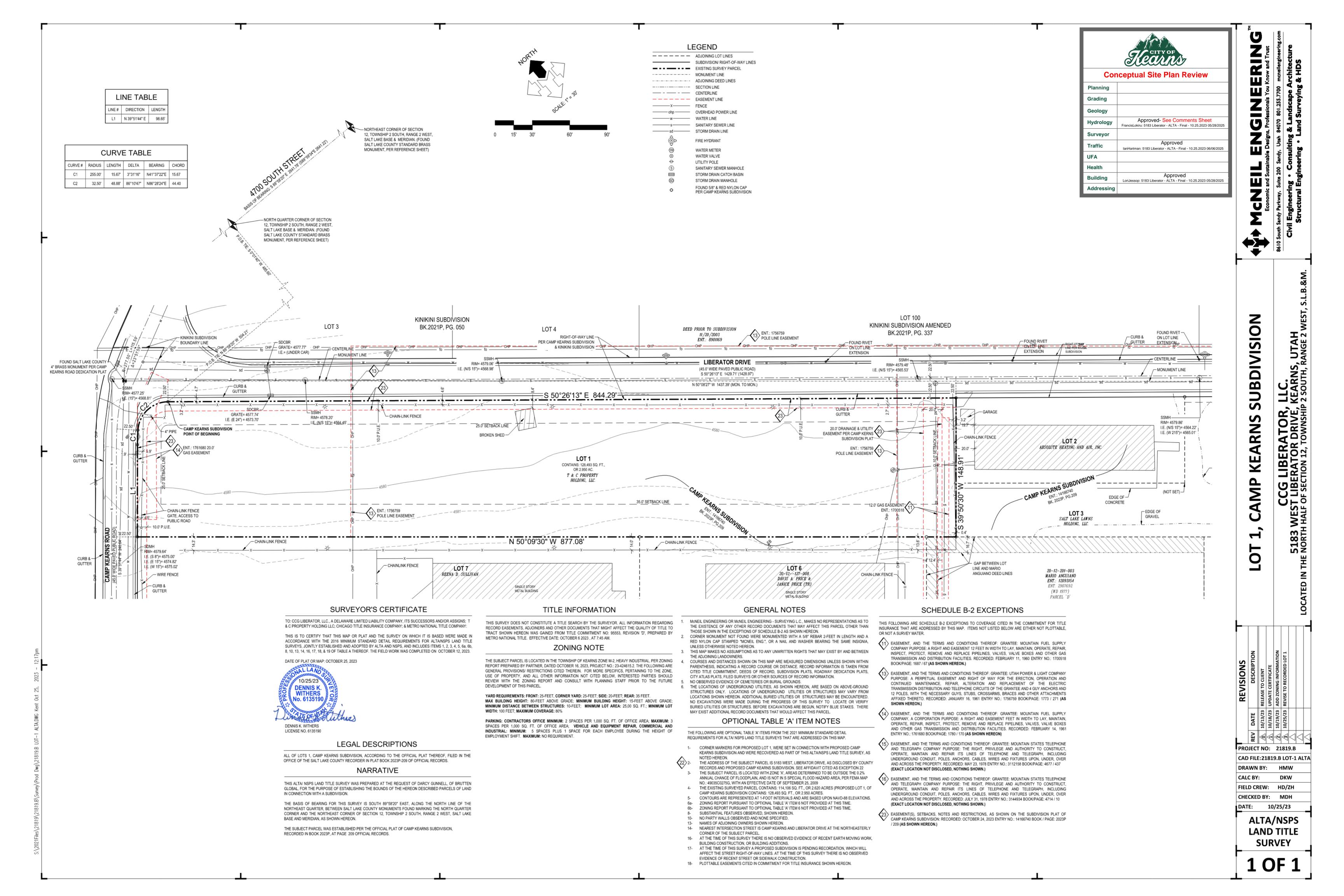
The sixth guideline is that the rezone benefit the citizens as a whole. Having the lot be one zone instead of a split zone is that it would make things simpler for applicants, planners and code enforcement regarding use of the lot.

The seventh guideline is whether the rezone creates a significant number of nonconformities. This rezone would not create any non-conformities and it would also unify the zoning of the property under one zone.

Recommendation:

With the facts and findings that are stated above, the staff recommend that the Kearns Planning Commission recommend approval of the zone change to the Kearns City Council.

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Applicant: CCG Liberator LLC

Property Address: 5183 W Liberator Dr

Parcel Number: 20-12-128-007

Current Zoning: Split Zoned M-1 and M-2

Proposed Zoning: M-2

Date: May 14, 2025

Introduction

We respectfully request the rezoning of the property located at 5183 W Liberator Dr, identified as 20-12-128-007, from its current split zoning of M-1 and M-2 to a unified zoning designation of M-2. This rezone is necessary to eliminate the inefficiencies and constraints imposed by the split zoning, enabling cohesive, economically viable, and community-oriented development that aligns with the city's planning objectives.

Property Description

The subject property is a 2.950 acre parcel situated at the SE corner of Camp Kearns Road and Liberator Drive. The parcel is currently divided by two zoning districts: M-1 (Manufacturing Zone – Flex) on the southern 20% and M-2 (Manufacturing Zone - Heavy) on the northern 80%. This split zoning creates a fragmented regulatory framework that complicates development and limits the property's potential to contribute to the community's economic and social vitality.

Purpose of Rezone

The split zoning of the property presents significant challenges to its productive use. The M-1 portion restricts development to uses that are inconsistent with the majority of the parcel. This division results in inefficient land use, as the parcel cannot be developed holistically without violating one of the zoning designations. For example, the best and intended use of storage yard is infeasible under the current zoning split.

By rezoning the entire parcel to M-2, the property can be developed as a unified whole. This cohesive approach will maximize the property's utility, enhance its aesthetic and functional integration with surrounding uses.

Conclusion

The split zoning of the subject property hinders its ability to contribute meaningfully to the community's growth and vitality. Rezoning the entire parcel to M-2 will resolve these constraints, enabling a cohesive, consistent development that aligns with the city's planning goals. We respectfully request approval of this rezone application.

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Legal Description

ALL OF LOTS 1, CAMP KEARNS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY RECORDER IN PLAT BOOK 2023P-209 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.