



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting: July 28, 2025

Application:	RZ25-0006: Rezoning from CP-2 (Planned General Commercial) District to R-4 (Residential Medium-Density Multifamily) District for the Salvation Army Family Lodge Expansion
Location:	Northeast of E. Santa Fe Street and N. Woodland Road
Owner:	Lt. Nate Woodard, Salvation Army
Applicant/Engineer:	Matt Schlicht, Engineering Solutions
Staff Contact:	Nathan Jurey, AICP, Senior Planner

Site Area:	<u>0.21 acres</u>	Proposed Use:	<u>See Case SU25-0002 in this agenda</u>
Existing Zoning:	<u>CP-2 District</u>	Proposed Zoning:	<u>R-4 District</u>
Dwelling Units:	<u>4 Units</u>	Plat:	<u>Cornwall & Barton's Addition to Olathe</u>

	Plan Olathe Land Use Category	Existing Use	Existing Zoning
Site	Urban Center / Downtown	Undeveloped	CP-2
North	Urban Center / Downtown	Homeless Shelter	RP-4
South	Urban Center / Downtown	Religious Institution & Social Services	CP-2
East	Urban Center / Downtown	Religious Institution & Social Services	CP-2
West	Urban Center / Downtown	Single-Family Residence, Event Space, & Social Services	C-2

1. Introduction

The Salvation Army is requesting to rezone property from the CP-2 (Planned General Commercial) District to the R-4 (Residential Medium-Density Multifamily) District with a preliminary site development plan for a future development. The subject 0.20-acre property is located northeast of Woodland Road and Santa Fe Street. The Salvation Army is pursuing this rezoning to expand their existing family lodge, which is classified as a homeless shelter, and this land use is not permitted in the CP-2 District, but allowed with special use approval in the R-4 District. A separate agenda item requesting special use approval (SU25-0002) is included in the agenda packet. Rezoning applications are reviewed by the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation and are subject to City Council approval.

2. History

The subject property was originally platted as part of the *Cornwall & Barton's Addition to Olathe* in 1883 and residential buildings were constructed on the property around the 1950s. The property was zoned to the C-3 and R-5 Districts in 1970 (Ord. 346-C) and rezoned to the CP-2 District in 2010 (Ord. 10-20, RZ-09-012) for the Salvation Army Chapel Addition project. The existing homes were demolished around 2010 as part of the project for the chapel addition to the main Salvation Army building located east of the subject property. The property has remained undeveloped since that time.

3. Existing Conditions

The subject 0.20-acre property is located generally north of Santa Fe Street between Woodland Road to the west and the Salvation Army parking lot to the east. The site is part of the overall Salvation Army property and takes access via the existing drives off Woodland Road and Santa Fe Street. Existing water and gas lines run along Woodland Road and sanitary sewer and overhead power lines run through the site from east to west. The site is undeveloped and relatively flat with a few trees and shrubs.



View of subject property looking northeast from Woodland Road at the driveway entrance.



Subject property outlined in red and overall Salvation Army campus in yellow.

4. Zoning Standards

The applicant's request to rezone this site to the R-4 District aligns with the property's designation as an Urban Center / Downtown on the PlanOlathe Future Land Use Map. The R-4 District generally allows for well-designed multifamily developments and for civic and institutional land uses as expected in the Urban Center / Downtown future land use category. The R-4 District is consistent with the existing RP-4 District to the north and compatible with the surrounding commercially zoned areas. Additionally, this request will achieve several policies of PlanOlathe, as further detailed in Section 8 of this report. The remainder of the Salvation Army development will retain the existing RP-4 and CP-2 zoning districts.

The request to rezone from the CP-2 District to the R-4 District changes the allowed land uses from commercial to residential uses and changes the dimensional standards to be more residential in nature, which requires more open space than commercial developments. Any development of this site must comply with the land use and dimensional standards of the

UDO. An summary of how the proposed development complies with the dimensional standards of the requested R-4 District is detailed in the staff report for SU25-0002.

5. Original Town Overlay

The subject property is within the Original Town Overlay District, which is generally located between Harold Street and Dennis Street to the north and south and between Ridgeview Street and Parker Street to the east and west. The purpose of the Original Town Overlay District is to provide a measure of flexibility to promote development or redevelopment that is in conformity with existing conditions. Any future development must be consistent with the existing conditions and comply with the regulations of the Original Town Overlay District.

6. Development, Site and Building Design Standards

Included with this request is a preliminary site development plan showing a potential building, driveway access, and parking areas. Any development of this site will be subject to all site design, access, parking and other development standards of the UDO. Additionally, future buildings will be subject to the building design standards.

7. Public Notification and Neighborhood Meeting

The applicant sent the required public notification letters to surrounding properties within 200 feet by certified mail and posted signs on the subject property as required by UDO. Neighborhood notice was also sent to property owners within 500 feet of the property and a neighborhood meeting was held on July 7, 2025 with three (3) attendees. The applicant answered all questions about the general operations of the existing Salvation Army Family Lodge. Staff have not received any public correspondence regarding this application.

8. UDO Rezoning Criteria

Rezoning applications are reviewed against the Golden Criteria listed in UDO Section 18.40.090.G to ensure compatibility with the surrounding area. This application was reviewed against this criteria and staff's findings are detailed below.

A. *The conformance of the proposed use to the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted planning policies.*

The requested R-4 District generally aligns with the Future Land Use Map of the PlanOlathe Comprehensive Plan, which identifies the subject property as Urban Center / Downtown and also within the City Center District. The Urban Center / Downtown future land use category is envisioned as a primary business, government, and commercial hub for Olathe that is surrounded by the necessary households to make the Urban Center successful. The City Center District is a mixed-use urban area with civic, commercial, and residential uses and the R-4 District aligns with this designation as it allows residential and civic uses.

The R-4 District will help support the adjacent commercial areas by allowing additional residential development near the downtown commercial area, achieving the vision of the Urban Center / Downtown future land use category. Approval of this request will achieve numerous policies of PlanOlathe, including the following:

LUCC-3.1: Encourage Housing Near Services. Encourage higher density housing development near transit services and commercial centers to create activity areas that add to the community's quality of life.

OT-1.2: Original Town Neighborhoods. Encourage a balanced mix of complementary and support land uses in each Original Town neighborhood, with a

predominantly residential land use character. Support a mix of housing types for all income levels, family types, and age groups, with a variety of prices and rent levels.

HN-4.1: Affordable Housing. Pursue strategies to meet the community's affordable housing needs, including housing options within the financial means of service workers, new professionals, seniors, students, and low-income residents.

Additionally, the proposed R-4 District also achieves the goals of the Olathe 2040: Future Ready Strategic Plan. The R-4 District achieves the goal to provide *diverse housing opportunities* and will help achieve the vision that *Olathe is an inclusive community where everyone can live a productive life, where there are good jobs, attainable housing, quality amenities, access to quality education, child care, and health services.*

- B. ***The character of the neighborhood including but not limited to: land use, zoning, density (residential), architectural style, building materials, height, structural mass, siting, open space and floor-to-area ratio (commercial and industrial).***

The existing Salvation Army Family Lodge and the residential homes to the north are generally one- and two-story residential buildings with sloped roof construction. To the west, there are residential homes of similar architecture that were converted to commercial uses. The main Salvation Army building and the commercial buildings to the west are larger in size with flat or low-sloped roofs that are more commercial in design and are surrounded by large paved areas.

- C. ***The zoning and uses of nearby properties, and the extent to which the proposed use would be in harmony with such zoning districts and uses.***

The R-4 District is in harmony with other residential zoning and uses to the north and east and will help support the surrounding commercial areas by allowing additional residential development that will increase the customer and employment base for nearby businesses.

- D. ***The suitability of the property for the uses to which it has been restricted under the applicable zoning district regulations.***

The subject 0.20-acre property is too small to be viable as a separate commercial property, but remains suitable as part of the overall Salvation Army property.

- E. ***The length of time the property has remained vacant as zoned.***

The subject property was rezoned to the CP-2 District in 2010 (Ord. 10-20) and the existing single-family homes were demolished for the Salvation Army Chapel Addition project. Since then, the subject property has been used as an open yard area for the Salvation Army.

- F. ***The extent to which approval of the application would detrimentally affect nearby properties.***

Staff has not received information indicating the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby properties. The proposed R-4 District will generally restrict development to residential uses that are less intense than the commercial uses allowed in the existing CP-2 District.

- G. ***The extent to which development under the proposed district would substantially harm the value of nearby properties.***

Staff has not received any information indicating that rezoning to the R-4 District will substantially harm the value of nearby properties. Additionally, a portion of the Salvation

Army property directly north of the subject 0.20-acre site was already zoned to the RP-4 District in 2012.

- H. ***The extent to which the proposed use would adversely affect the capacity or safety of that portion of the road network influenced by the use, or present parking problems in the vicinity of the property.***

Development permitted in the R-4 District will not adversely affect the capacity or safety of the road network and any development of this site will provide adequate on-site parking as required by UDO.

- I. ***The extent to which the proposed use would create air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution or other environmental harm.***

Future development of this site will follow all regulations and codes pertaining to stormwater, air quality, noise, and other impacts on the environment.

- J. ***The economic impact of the proposed use on the community.***

The R-4 District will allow residential development to occur on a small underutilized portion of land.

- K. ***The gain, if any, to the public health, safety and welfare due to denial of the application as compared to the hardship imposed upon the landowner, if any, as a result of denial of the application.***

There is no gain to the public health, safety, or welfare if the application to rezone to the R-4 District were denied. If the application were denied, the property would be restricted to the commercial uses permitted in the CP-2 District and the Salvation Army's request to approve a special use for a homeless shelter (SU25-0002) would not be allowed.

10. Staff Recommendation

- A. Staff recommends approval of RZ25-0006, Salvation Army Family Lodge Expansion, for the following reasons:
1. The proposal conforms to the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan
 2. The proposal complies with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) criteria for considering rezoning requests.
- B. Staff recommends approval of the rezoning request with no stipulations.



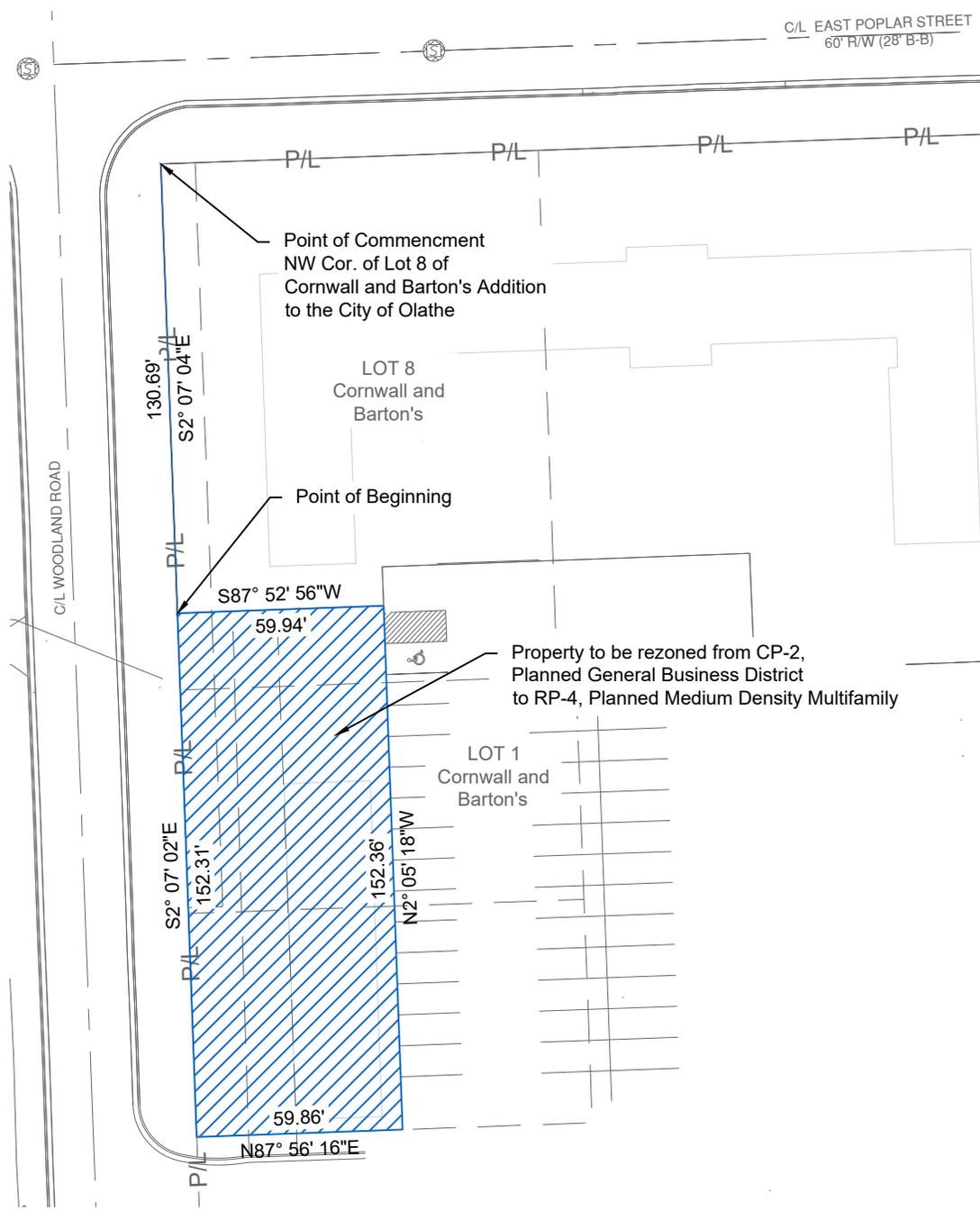
Professional Services Agreements
July 16, 2025
Salvation Army Family Shelter
Olathe, KS

This application is for a new family shelter at 420 E Santa Fe. This expansion will provide an additional 4 rooms of the transitional housing. This expansion will allow the Salvation Army to serve more families in the Johnson County area.

The site is currently CP-2 and is requesting a zoning of R-4 for the residential housing.

C/L EAST POPLAR STREET
60' R/W (28' B-B)

KS
Prepared By:
Matthew J. Schlicht
LS-1586



Property Description

A tract of land being located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 13S, Range 23E, in Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas, being more particularly described as follows:



Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 8, Cornwall and Barton's Addition to the City of Olathe, a subdivision in said Olathe; thence South 2°07'04" East, a distance of 130.69 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 2°07'02" East, a distance of 152.31 feet; thence North 87°56'16" East, a distance of 59.86 feet; thence North 2°05'18" West, a distance of 152.36 feet; thence South 87°52'56" West, a distance of 59.94 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Containing 9,125.14 Square Feet (0.21 Acres)

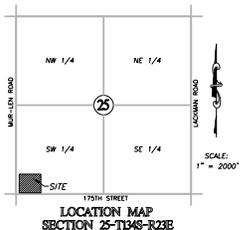
Exhibit
Rezoning Exhibit
SHEET 1 OF 1

DATE: 6-23-2025
PROJECT NUMBER: Salvation Army
REV. TO DWG.: N/A
SCALE: 1"=50'

Rezoning Exhibit
Salvation Army
Phase 2
Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS
ENGINEERING & SURVEYING
50 SE 30TH STREET
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64082
P:(816) 623-9888 F:(816)623-9849

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:



Salvation Army Phase 4

Preliminary Site Development Plans

420 EAST SANTA FE ST CITY OF OLATHE, KANSAS

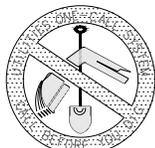
LEGEND:

Property Line	— PL —
Utility Easement	— U/E — U/E — U/E
Existing Underground Power	— UGP — UGP — UGP
Existing Conc. Curb & Gutter	— CG — CG — CG
Existing Wood Fence	— X — X — X
Existing Gas Main	— GAS — GAS — GAS
Existing Water Main	— W/M — W/M — W/M
Existing Storm Sewer	— STM — STM — STM
Existing Sanitary Sewer	— SAN — SAN — SAN
Existing Underground Telephone	— UGT — UGT — UGT
Existing Overhead Power	— OHP — OHP — OHP
Proposed Storm Sewer	— STM — STM — STM
Proposed Sanitary Sewer	— SAN — SAN — SAN
Proposed Underground Power	— UGP — UGP — UGP
Proposed Gas Service	— GAS — GAS — GAS
Proposed 8" D.I.P. Water	— W/M — W/M — W/M
Proposed Electrical Service	— UGP — UGP — UGP

PRIVATE CONCRETE DRIVE

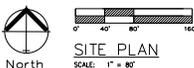
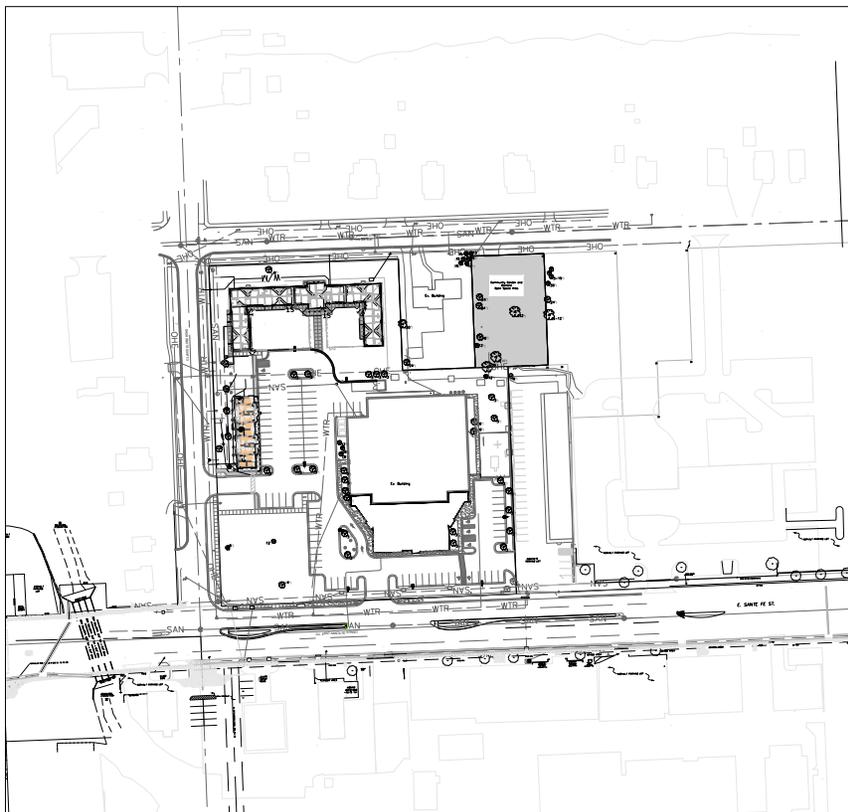
PROJECT NOTES:

1. ALL APPROPRIATE PUBLIC UTILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH BUILDING WITHIN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
2. THE TOPOGRAPHY WAS SUPPLIED BY A.I.M.S. (AUTOMATED INFORMATION MAPPING SYSTEM) BASED ON USGS DATA.
3. UTILITY EASEMENTS & BOXES SHALL BE COORDINATED W/ UTILITY COMPANIES, BE AS INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE & BE SCREENED BY EVERGREEN SHRUBS.
4. STREET LIGHTING SHALL BE CITY OF OLATHE STANDARD RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC STREET LIGHT.
5. FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE LOCATED PER CITY OF OLATHE FIRE MARSHALL DIRECTION.
6. THE FEMA 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN DOES NOT AFFECT THIS SITE ACCORDING TO MAP # 20014218F DATED JUNE 17, 2002.
7. TRAIL LOCATIONS ARE CONCEPTUAL ONLY. FINAL LOCATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.



UTILITY NOTES:

VISUAL INDICATIONS OF UTILITIES ARE AS SHOWN. UNDERGROUND LOCATIONS SHOWN, AS FURNISHED BY THEIR LESSORS, ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHOULD BE VERIFIED IN THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION. FOR ACTUAL FIELD LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, CALL 1-800-344-7233, KANSAS OR 1-800-344-7483, MISSOURI.



INDEX OF SHEETS:

- C.001 COVER SHEET
- C.050 -- PRE-CLEARING PLAN
- C.051 -- INACTIVE AREA STABILIZATION PLAN
- C.052 -- FINAL RESTORATION PLAN
- C.053 -- EROSION CONTROL DETAILS
- C.100 -- SITE PLAN
- C.200 -- GRADING PLAN

DEVELOPER/OWNER:

Owner: SALVATION ARMY
Address: 19 W ALGONDORF RD
DES PLAINES, IL 60016-6000

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Authorization to begin construction expires one year from the signature date.

APPROVED BY:

CITY ENGINEER _____ DATE _____

APPROVED BY:

MATTHEW J. SCHLICHT, KANSAS P.E. NO. 19071 _____ DATE _____

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Olathe, KS
Engineering CS 24
Olathe, KS
Engineering CS 27

Salvation Army Phase 4
420 East Santa Fe St
Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas

Project: Salvation Army
Phase 4
420 East Santa Fe St
Olathe, KS
Issue Date: February 21, 2010

Cover Sheet
Civil Construction Plans for:
Salvation Army Phase 4
Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas

Matthew J. Schlicht
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KS PE #19071
KS PE #25226
NE PE #14330

REVISIONS
REV. 6-30-25
REV. 7-14-25
REV. 7-17-25



Application No RZ25-0006 & SU25-0002

Meeting date: July 7, 2025

Notices were sent for the neighborhood meeting on June 26, 2025 via USPS mail. Notice in included with this submittal

Sign in sheet

- Makenzi Smith, 430 E Santa Fe
- Ryan Evans, 430 E Santa Fe
- Robin Essex, City Council

Presenters

Matt Schlicht, Engineering Solutions
Craig Brannin, WNB Architects
Nate Woodard, Salvation Army

Comments / Discussion from neighbors

- Transitional Housing tenant and how selected
- Are background checks performed
- Security measures
- Overhead electrical onsite is within the trees and needs to be corrected
- No Visitors to the residents
- Onsite Managers

Meeting concluded at 6:45 pm

Notes taken and provided by Matt Schlicht, Engineering Solutions