

Z22-000008

Special Exception for a Child Care Center

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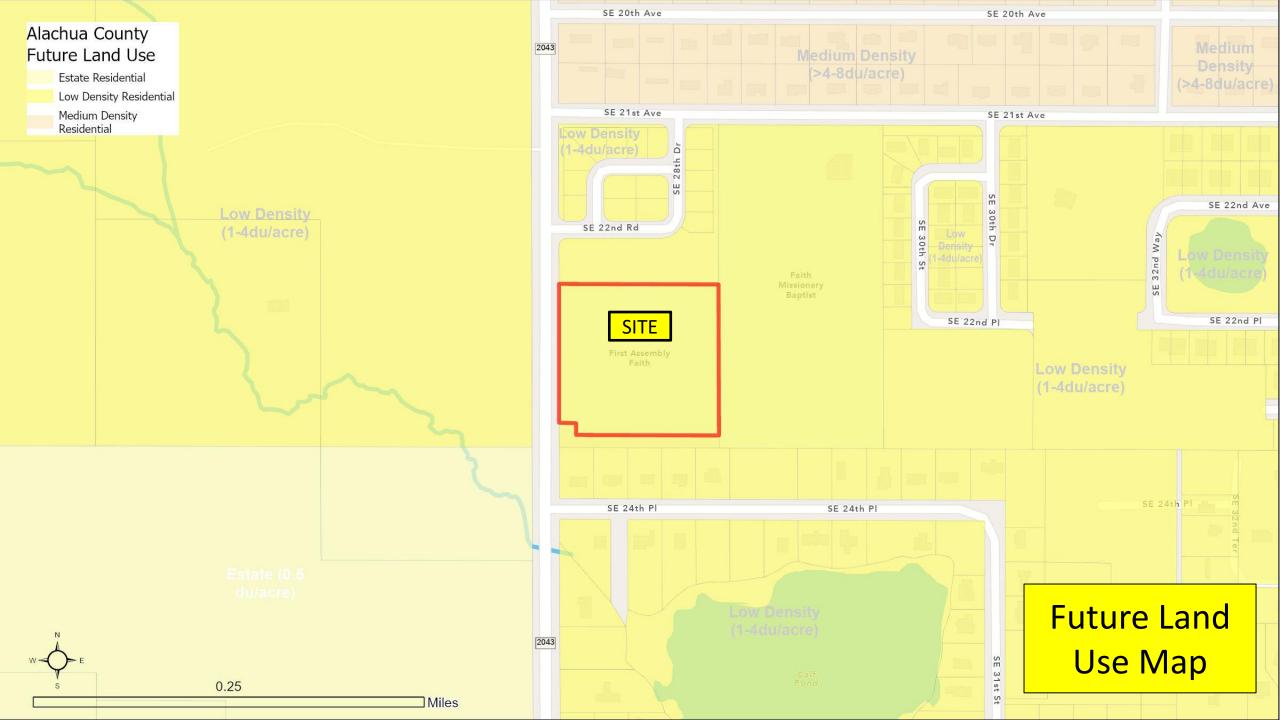
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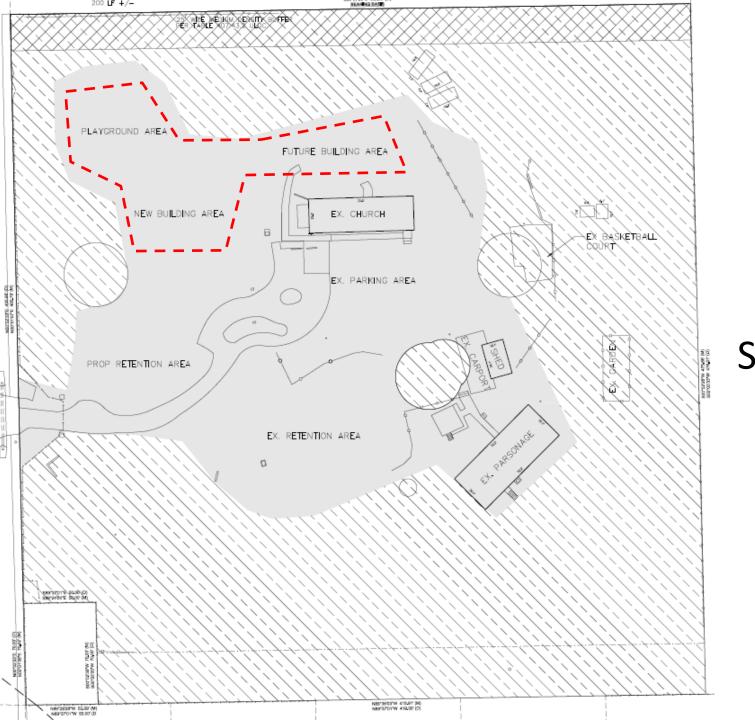
- The application is for a special exception to allow a child care center as an accessory use to an existing place of worship.
- If approved, a child care center with up to 4,800 sq. ft. of space would be allowed.
- Total number of children at center expected to be approx. 60 (sq. ft. requirements per child)
- Development plan approval will be required if the special exception is approved.











Special Exception Master Plan

Staff's recommended conditions

- Maximum building size for the child care center
- Hours of operation
- Setbacks and location of playground equipment and dumpsters
- Vehicle circulation/parking
- Landscaping
- Licensure

Staff Bases for Approval

- 1. Child care centers are allowed as an accessory use for places of worship when located within the R-1c zoning district, by means of a special exception.
- 2. Sec. 404.31 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) (standards for child care centers)
- 3. Sec. 402.113 of the ULDC (approval criteria for special exceptions)
- 4. Policy 7.1.2 of the Future Land Use Element (changes to the zoning map)

Staff Recommendation

• Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Z22-000008 with the conditions and bases as listed in the staff report.

Planning Commission Recommendation

• At its meeting on 1/17/24, the Planning Commission recommended (8-0) that the Board of County Commissioners approve Z22-000008 with the conditions and bases as listed in the staff report, with the exception of amending condition #3 and extending the hours of operation to 6AM-8PM.

 Subsequent to this meeting, staff revised its recommendation consistent with the PC recommendation.