REF: Z25-0032

DATE: November 6, 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

Subject

Request - Zone Change from CR Regional Commercial to CN

Neighborhood Commercial

Location - 1321 & 1327 W. Sylvania Avenue

Applicant - Jacob Spellis

KB Glass City Properties LLC

4600 Redhawk Lane Toledo, OH 43560

Site Description

Current Zoning - CR (Regional Commercial)
Proposed Zoning - CN (Neighborhood Commercial)

Area - $\pm 6,500$ Square Feet

Frontage - ± 74 ' along Sylvania Avenue

Existing Use - Duplex Home & Dwelling used as Office

Proposed Use - Two (2) Duplex Homes

Area Description

North - POS, CR / Sylvania Avenue, Library Village, West

Toledo Branch Library, Church, Commercial

South - CR, RD6 / Community Garden, Duplexes, and

Single-Dwelling Homes

East - CR / Office, Gas Station, Willys Parkway

West - CR / Single Dwelling Home, Homewood Avenue

Parcel History

None on record.

Applicable Plans & Regulations

- Toledo Municipal Code (TMC), Part Eleven: Planning and Zoning Code
- Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan

STAFF ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting a Zone Change from CR Regional Commercial to CN Neighborhood Commercial for 1321 & 1327 W. Sylvania Avenue. The ±6,500 square foot area consists of two (2) parcels. One (1) parcel is currently occupied by a duplex home. The second parcel is occupied by a former duplex with a portion converted to an office. A singular shared driveway occupies the space between these structures. The applicant and owner of the parcels is attempting to renovate the structures into two (2) duplex homes. Duplexes are not permitted in CR Regional Commercial zoning districts. The existing duplex structures were built in 1917 & 1930 before zoning prohibited the use and are therefore legally nonconforming with the code. The applicant is unable to secure financing for the planned renovation without a resolution to this nonconformity. The applicant would also not be able to reoccupy the converted office portion of one (1) duplex under its current zoning designation. The applicant has therefore requested a zone change to CN Neighborhood Commercial, which permits duplexes by right while simultaneously permitting future office or other commercial conversions, if desired. To the north of the site is Sylvania Avenue, Library Village, and the West Toledo Branch Library. To the east is an office and a gas station. To the south and west are a community garden, duplexes and single-dwelling homes.

Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan targets this site for Neighborhood Mixed-Use land uses. The Neighborhood Mixed-Use land use designation preserves and promotes pedestrian-oriented commercial and mixed-use areas. These are a core component of neighborhoods and provide the highest density of commercial and housing opportunities. Mixed-use residential and commercial should be encouraged. Stand-alone residential uses should be middle- and high-density such as quadplexes and apartment buildings. The proposed zone change is compatible with the Forward Toledo Plan as it preserves existing residential structures consistent with the Plan's goals of Building Preservation and Addressing Housing Affordability. The proposed zone change is also compatible with the Forward Toledo Plan as it would permit future conversion of these structures to mixed-use residential & commercial in line with the future land use category targeted for this site.

Staff recommends approval of the Zone Change from CR Regional Commercial to CN Neighborhood Commercial at 1321 & 1327 W. Sylvania Avenue because it is consistent with the Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan and it is compatible with existing land uses within the general vicinity of the subject property.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Toledo City Plan Commission recommend approval of Z25-0032, a Zone Change from CR Regional Commercial to CN Neighborhood Commercial at 1321 & 1327 W. Sylvania Avenue, to Toledo City Council for the following **two (2) reasons**:

- 1. The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the stated purpose of the Zoning Code (TMC§1111.0606(A)); and
- 2. The proposed Zone Change is compatible with existing land uses within the general vicinity of the subject property (TMC§111.0606(B)).

ZONE CHANGE TOLEDO PLAN COMMISSION

REF: Z25-0026

DATE: November 6, 2025

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: December 10, 2025

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

AS Two (2) sketches follow

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