

I am opposed to the rezoning request that has been made for this property. The request to rezone from RN-1 to RN-4 and LDR to MDR will negatively affect the surrounding area. The current neighborhoods are single family homes in which the character of Fountain City has been preserved and the promotion of homeownership is valued. I am a home owner of 22 years that resides one house over from these lots. I believe that the impact of multi-family units on such small lots will have a negative affect on surrounding property values. The stability of homeownership promotes a continued sense of community whereas the transient nature of rental property does not.

A concentration of living units on this corner will only increase additional traffic at an already extremely busy four-way stop. There are many times through out the day that the intersection of Essary Road and Jacksboro Pike is backed up for several blocks just to navigate through the intersection. The City of Knoxville fire hall at the corner of Essary and Jacksboro requires an open pathway in which their trucks can exit the building. By building multi-family units in these two lots directly behind and beside of the fire hall, I believe would jeopardize the fire department in responding to calls in our area by placing driveways in the path of the firemen's exit from the building. Not to mention the additional stress upon city services in our area.

I do not believe the use of 1.34 acres as multi-family units (RN-4 & MDR) in an area that is currently comprised of single-family homes would in anyway benefit our neighborhood or the City of Knoxville in alleviating housing issues. I request that the current designation of RN-1 and LDR remain in place.