STAFF REPORT

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**Gilbreath B-2 (RZ1601)**

**Type of Request:** Rezoning

**Meeting Dates**

Planning Board on February 16, 2016

City Council on March 1, 2016

**Contact Information**

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**Summary**

This is a request to rezone the subject property from R-7 to   
B-2. One of the two lots is currently occupied by a single family dwelling. The stated reason for this rezoning request is “to have the ability to lease the property to an accountant, financial planner, etc. and keep the current use as a single family dwelling compliant with rezoning of B-2.”

**Location**  
114 W. Gilbreath St

GPIN: 8884121125 and 8884120240

**Current Zoning**Residential (high density)

(R-7)

**Proposed Zoning**General Business (B -2)

**Overlay District**none

**Surrounding Zoning**R-7

**Surrounding Land Uses**Single Family Homes

**Size**1 acre

**Public Water & Sewer**Yes

**Floodplain**No

**Staff Recommendation**  
Denial



**Conformity to the *Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan* (GCP) and Other Adopted Plans**

**Applicable Policies;**

**Description of Development Type**Downtown Residential

**Development Toolkit Checklist**  
Located near a major thoroughfare

For single family residential   
and duplexes

Characteristics include   
porches, sidewalks, street trees, and garages setback from the front of the home

Density of 3-6 DU/acre

New homes should consider adjacent lot sizes and building orientations

* **2.2.3 Retail Centers** Because of market limitations on the amount of retail space the City can viably support, Graham promotes retail within focused centers of activity that will host a large variety of small retail spaces while generally discouraging sprawling isolated retail that does not promote a cohesive urban fabric. *Permitting a B-2 zoning on this lot would make retail centers use by right outside of an identified node.*

**Applicable Strategies;**

* **1.1.5 Discourage Strip Development** Discourage strip development along transportation arteries and proposed interstate interchanges by directing these commercial activities to proposed activity centers. *Permitting an extension of the business district down side streets while we have vacant commercial buildings along the main transportation corridors and in the vicinity of the Downtown will have adverse effects on both businesses and neighborhoods.*

**Staff Recommendation**

Based on the *Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan* and the *City of Graham Development Ordinance*, staffrecommends **denial** of the rezoning. The following supports this recommendation:

* Rezoning the property would be inconsistent with the Downtown Residential type. A B-2 zone permits auto body shops, used tire sales, farm equipment sales, a miniature golf course, hospitals, etc., which may not fit the existing neighborhood.