

APPROVAL  
STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN W-3505  
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The proposed zoning map amendment from RM5 to PB-L is generally consistent with the recommendations of the *Legacy Comprehensive Plan* to facilitate land use patterns that can provide a variety of housing options and encourage redevelopment and reuse of existing buildings compatible with the surrounding area, and specifically in West Salem. Furthermore, the *South Central Area Plan Update (2014)* encourages the revitalization of underutilized commercial buildings, the retention of contributing commercial buildings within the West Salem National Register District, and the continued provision of housing of different types for varying income levels, household sizes, and personal preferences. Therefore, approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because:

1. This proposal would allow a vacant commercial building to be redeveloped as residential units;
2. The proposal would help preserve a contributing structure in the West Salem National Register District, allowing neighborhood character to be maintained; and
3. The request would allow a greater variety of housing types in the West Salem neighborhood.