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## Condo, apartment plan near Ky. 53 gets OK

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The area east of Ky. 53 in La Grange near Oldham Woods subdivision is set to get 132 condominiums and 120 apartments under plans approved by the La Grange City Council.

The council last week voted 5-2 to approve a zoning change on the 43.5-acre site that will allow the higher residential density.

The Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission in April recommended the zoning change and approved the preliminary plan for the development, called the Villages of L'Esprit.

Bill Croley, the attorney for the developer, Canfield Development, said it plans to change the name because the homes would not be in L'Esprit, a community near there.

During the meeting, some residents voiced concerns, including the impact the apartments would have on property values.

Nearby resident Terry Heimann said in an interview that he feared the apartments would go "to shambles" after a few years. Later, when he saw images of the proposed buildings, he said he liked the look of the plans but wanted to make sure it was actually built that way.

Mike Jones, a partner in Canfield Development, said the apartments are modeled after The Paddock Apartments in Louisville.

He said he also plans to pay for several projects in the area, including \$800,000 for off-site sewer improvements. Canfield Development also plans to build both left- and right-turn lanes on Ky. 53 near the development.

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