

## PLANS EYED FOR ADDITIONAL APARTMENTS

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## Developer estimates approximately 250 apartment units, 30 townhomes

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Construction work got underway just last month on an 80-unit apartment complex northeast of the intersection of N.E. 7th Street and Lynn Avenue.

Information was revealed this week that an apartment complex more than three times that size is being planned near the northwestern edge of Lamesa.

Sean Overeynder, executive director of Lamesa Economic Development Corporation and Lamesa Economic Alliance Project, said on Monday evening that a zoning change has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

That change will be considered for approval on its first reading by the Lamesa City Council next Tuesday.

The LEDC/LEAP joint boards have been discussing the project for several months in closed sessions, Overeynder said, but it only was mentioned in the open meeting this month.

ATH Properties, LLC, is developing the project, Overeynder said, which will be a three-story apartment complex with approximately 250 apartment units and 30 townhomes. The P&Z Commission approved a request by Ronald Smith of Austin to change the zoning from R-1 to R-3 for all of blocks 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Forrest Hills Addition, according to a public notice published in the March 10 edition of the Press-Reporter. That includes North 9th Street to North 12th Street between North Avenue R and North Avenue S and North 11th Street to North 12th Street between North Avenue Q and North Avenue R.

No other information was made available about the project at Monday's meeting. That new proposed apartment complex will be located near the same site being developed as a manufactured housing community by Chase Gardaphe of Midland, who is the owner/operator of Stonegate Manufactured Housing Community in Midland.