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Plans have been submitted for a Raising Cane's in Fairfield

New location could be the county's second, region's fourth Raising Cane's.

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FAIRFIELD — The choice for restaurant options in Fairfield may be expanding as city officials announced they received plans last week for a new Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers location to open on Ohio 4.

During a presentation Monday night on the city's economic development efforts, Fairfield Economic Development Manager Greg Kathman told City Council about the prospects of the new eatery.

He called the prospects for the Raising Cane's "truly a market-driven project."

"They liked the site, they liked the traffic, they liked the location," said Kathman of the would-be owners of the new Raising Cane's. "So the plans are in for review and we're hopeful that old building will come down and we'll get something new and updated."

Kathman didn't give an indication of how long it could take for the review process.

Kathman recapped Monday night some of the economic development wins and highlights for 2015 to City Council Monday evening, and said that "redevelopment is increasingly important for us."

"We have some sites that are aging in town, some older buildings that aren't as marketable as they used to be," he said.

One of those buildings is the site Raising Cane's would replace, which is in the strip plaza at Ohio 4 and Stadium Drive that once housed the Armed Forces Career Center.

"It shows its age, it's dated," Kathman said of the building that sits in front of the entrance to the Fairfield High School football stadium. "There's no question about it, and it hasn't been full in a long time."

The Fairfield location would be the county's second Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, and fourth in the region. A Raising Cane's restaurant opened this past spring and was the first Cincinnati-area location. Since then, restaurants had opened in Springdale and Florence, Kentucky.

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