



**AGENDA**  
**WALKER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET**  
**LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728**

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on December 14, 2023.

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

- **Invocation & Pledges**

- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**

- **Establish a Quorum is present**

- **Approve Agenda**

- **Approve Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Public Hearing**

Ordinance O-06-23 to Amend Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of Walker County

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David Pace requests a rezone from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for property located at 71 Center Grove Road, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-329-2-044.

Yogesh Patel requests a rezone from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for property located at 807 Mission Ridge Road, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-124-063.

- **Public Comment**

- **New Business**

Resolution R-050-23 to Discontinue a Burn Ban in Walker County

Resolution R-051-23 to Amend the Holiday Closings of County Offices for 2023

Proclamation for 190 Years of Walker County

Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Intergovernmental Contract

Approval of Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Subgrant Award, Project Name: Lookout Mountain Mental Health Court, Subgrant Number: J24-8-073

Purchase Order 2024-00000418 for \$58,034.76 to Prater Ford for two 2023 Ford Escape AWD vehicles. (*Funding from 2020 SPLOST*)



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November 2023 Departmental Statistics

- **Unfinished Business**

John Stanley requests a rezone from R-1 (Residential) to R-2 (Residential) for property located at 0 Pine Valley Drive, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A. *(Item was tabled on March 23, 2023)*

SAI Krisna Inc: Requests a rezone from CN (Commercial Neighborhood) to C-1 (Commercial) for property located at 9180 W. Hwy 136, Chickamauga, GA 30707. Tax map & parcel number 0-256-029. *(Item was tabled on October 26, 2023 and November 9, 2023)*

- **Commissioner Comments**

- **Executive Session** (if necessary)

- **Adjourn**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, December 28, 2023**





**Walker County Governmental Authority  
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445  
LaFayette, GA 30728**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order:**  
Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on December 14, 2023.
- II. **Attendees:**  
The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stults, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Relations Director Joe Legge and Board Clerk Whitney Summey. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**  
Chairman Whitfield made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution R-051-23, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**  
Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.
- V. **Public Hearing:**
  - I. Chairman Whitfield read Ordinance O-06-23 to amend Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of Walker County and asked if anyone would like to speak. There were no further comments.
  - II. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the variance request from Terral and Shebbie Cannon for less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 2549 South Dick Creek Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-545-008. Mr. Cannon said they are wanting to move a mobile home on the property for his son. He said this is a hardship request due to his health and having to be out of work for over six months.
  - III. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the rezone request from David Pace from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 71 Center Grove Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-329-2-044. There were no further comments.
  - IV. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the rezone request from Yogesh Patel from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 807 Mission Ridge Road, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-124-063. There were no further comments.
- VI. **Public Comment:**
  - I. Vance Roden asked if the Board could help to get the speed limit lower on Goodson Circle. He said there is heavy traffic and speeding that is dangerous for pedestrians. He said there is a blind curve where he would like a sign put up. He said he has spoken with the Sheriff's Office and is waiting for a call back from GDOT. Chairman Whitfield said they can request for GDOT to do a study of the road. Mr. Roden thanked them for their help.
- VII. **New Business:**
  - I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-050-23 to rescind the burn ban in Walker County. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
  - II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-051-23 to amend the holiday calendar for county offices in 2023. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
  - III. Commissioner Whitfield read a Proclamation for 190 Years of Walker County. He invited everyone out to a celebration on December 18 at the Civic Center.



- IV. Chairman Whitfield presented the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Intergovernmental Contract and said it is updated every year. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield presented the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Subgrant Award, Project Name: Lookout Mountain Mental Health Court, Subgrant Number: J24-8-073. He said this contains state funds with no matching funds. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield said purchase order 2024-00000418 was for two vehicles for the assessors office. He said this is the third year they have purchased two new vehicles to update their fleet. He said these are the same vehicles and prices as last year. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VII. Chairman Whitfield presented Terral and Shebbie Cannon's request for a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 for property located at 2549 South Dick Creek Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-545-008. Planning and Zoning Director Jon Pursley explained the hardship situation and said there are other smaller plots in the area. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve with the same conditions as the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VIII. Chairman Whitfield presented David Pace's request for a rezone from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 71 Center Grove Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-329-2-044. Director Pursley said this has been a commercial garage for several years and it joins other C-1 zoning. He said the owners have plans for improvements and additional fencing if the request is approved. Commissioner Askew made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IX. Chairman Whitfield presented Yogesh Patel's request for a rezone from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 807 Mission Ridge Road, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-124-063. Director Pursley said it is surrounded by commercial property and fits the demographic of the area. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- X. Chairman Whitfield read the November 2023 Departmental Statistics and gave an update on paving progress.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

- I. Chairman Whitfield presented John Stanley's request for a rezone from R-1 to R-2 for property located at 0 Pine Valley Drive, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A. Commissioner Askew asked Director Pursley if there were any alternatives for the property. Pursley said he would recommend a low intensity agriculture variance. He said it would allow them to do everything they want without having to rezone the property. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb suggested going through the process for a conditional use variance. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Commissioner Whitfield presented SAI Krisna Inc.'s request for a rezone from CN to C-1 for property located at 9180 W. Hwy 136, Chickamauga, GA 30707, tax map and parcel number 0-256-029. Director Gottlieb recommended to table the request until after the ordinance revision. Commissioner Askew made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

**IX. Commissioner Comments:**

- I. Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and participating. He invited everyone to the Rossville Christmas Parade.
- II. Commissioner Askew thanked everyone for coming out participating in county government. He encouraged everyone to shop local this holiday season.
- III. Commissioner Hart said the new digital message boards are up at the community centers and they are waiting on electricity. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- IV. Commissioner Stultz thanked everyone for coming out and all of the county employees for their hard work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and invited them out to a Christmas Light Celebration at New Harvest Baptist Church.
- V. Chairman Whitfield thanked all first responders, road department employees and 911 center employees for their work and dedication during all the holiday to keep the county going.

**X. Executive Session:**

- I. Chairman Whitfield recommended going into executive session for personnel. Commissioner Askew made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried. Executive session began at 8:05 PM. Chairman Whitfield called the regular meeting back to order at 8:58 PM with no further action from the executive session.

XI. Adjournment:

- I. Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Blakemore seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

  
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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Chairman/CEO  
Walker County Georgia

  
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Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey



**Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**Walker County Annex III**

**December 14, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

| <b><u>Roll Call</u></b> | <b><u>Present/Absent</u></b> |
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| Commissioner Blakemore | Present |
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| Commissioner Askew | Present |
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| Chairman Whitfield | Present |
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| Commissioner Hart | Present |
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| Commissioner Stultz | Present |
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Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Name

Address

PAINE GILY

LANDFILL

Vance Radem

554 Goodson cr Rosk Spring GA

Tessa & Stacie Carnall

2549 S Dixie Creek Rd. #111, GA

Carol Sowers

Road

Ruby Gully

David Ray

66 Kepows Cove Lane

Gina Pittman

Randall Pittman

WCH PC

IRIVANK PATEL

9180 W HWY 136

Karen Miller

7365 N Marble Top

James Lewis

11348 W. Lewis

JAMES HULSEY

6265 S. Highway 341

Jon Rustey

Planning

Bobby W. Snider

Road Dept

Melissa Stanley

2422 Charleston Sq. Chatt TN 37421

Dan Stanley

2422 Charleston Sq. Chatt TN 37421



## ARREST REPORTS

Walker County arrests: Friday, Nov. 24, to Thursday, Nov. 30

This booking report was provided by the Walker County Sheriff's Office. Those arrested on charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The listings below include (in order) name of inmate (last first middle), race/sex, age, felony/misdemeanor, and charge(s). (FVA=Family Violence Act; FTA=Failure to appear; VGCSA=Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act)

♦ FLEMISTER RICHARD DUELL W/M 67 MISD FAILURE TO APPEAR x3, POSS. METH

♦ ASH BRAILEY DANIEL W/F 21 MISD PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ MANION JEFFERY L B/M 55 FELONY PAROLE VIOLATION

♦ SHEPHERD NICHOLAS EUGENE W/M 42 FELONY POSS. MARIJUANA LESS 10z., POSS. METH. POSS. SCH. II, DUI-ALCOHOL, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN

LANE  
♦ GRIMES JOHN CHRISTOPHER W/M 51 MISD SIMPLE ASSAULT-FVA, FALSE IMPRISONMENT

♦ TEEMS SANDRA BUFF W/F 65 MISD DUI-ALCOHOL, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE, STRIKING FIXED OBJECT

♦ STEWART DEASHA GABRIELLE B/F 22 MISD DUI-DRUGS, DRIVING ON SUSPENDED, IMPROPER PARKING, NOISE VIOLATION

♦ HOWARD JAMES ARTHUR W/M 19 MISD SUSPENDED LICENSE

♦ EDWARDS RAYMOND LAMAR B/M 22 FELONY GIVING FALSE NAME, FUGITIVE

♦ PINKERTON JEFFERY NMN B/M 22 MISD DUI-DRUGS, DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, NO INSURANCE, SPEEDING, FTML, HEADLIGHT

♦ GADD NICKLOUS THAD W/M 29 MISD FTA

♦ MIDDLETON GARY KEITH W/M 53 MISD

HEADLIGHT, DRUGS MUST BE KEPT IN CORRECT CONTAINER

♦ CAMPBELL KAREN RENEE W/F 33 FELONY FTS-MISD, FTA-FEL

♦ CAMP JESSICA DEBORA W/F 39 FELONY WARRANT-IMPROPER SEXUAL CONTACT BY EMPLOYEE

1ST AND 2ND DEGREE JUVENILE JUVENILE

♦ JUVENILE JUVENILE JUVENILE W/M 16 FELONY ENTERING AUTO X4

♦ GANT TABITHA NICHOLE W/F 38 FELONY PROBATION

♦ WALKER GABRIELA LAUREN-NICOLE W/F 22 MISD BATTERY-FVA

♦ GREATHOUSE JODY LEN W/M 30 MISD DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, HOLD FOR CATOOSA COUNTY

♦ CASTRO-GALEANO JENNIFER NMN H/F 24 FELONY THEFT BY BRINGING STOLEN PROPERTY INTO STATE, THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, FTML, DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF

ROADWAY

♦ ABBOTT AMANDA MCKAYLA W/F 24 MISD FTA-MISD, TAG LIGHT

♦ PARKER CHRISTOPHER EUGENE W/M 37 MISD FTA-MISD

♦ WINNIE JAZLYNN PAIGE W/F 21 FELONY POSS. OF SCHEDULE I

♦ MABALA MICHAEL KUUPPIO W/M 43 FELONY PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ ESTEVEZ ALWIN ORTEGA H/M 19 MISD PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ HILBURN MATTHEW SHANE W/M 48 FELONY POSS. METH. POSS. SCHEDULE I, PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ TEEMS-WALKER SHARON MELISSA W/F 55 FELONY POSS. METH. POSS. OF SCHEDULE I, PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ HOGUE HALEY DANIEL W/F 29 MISD THEFT MISLAID PROPERTY

♦ HORTON JR ALVIN MONROE W/M 53 FELONY PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ WALKER GABRIELA NICHOLE W/F 22 FELONY

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY 2ND DEGREE (PRIVATE PROPERTY)

♦ HORNE KEYARA MARCINE W/F 34 FELONY BURLARY 1ST DEGREE

♦ CONRAD ERIC BENJAMIN W/M 46 FELONY PROBATION VIOLATION, TAIL LIGHT

♦ SONGER JOSHUA EUGENE W/M 37 MISD FTA-NON-FINGERPRINTABLE CHARGE

♦ LOGAN MICHAEL BRANDON-LEE W/M 30 FELONY FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

♦ HOGUE RYAN CHASE W/M 26 — HOLD FOR COURT

♦ PIERCE STEPHENSON NEAL W/M 57 MISD PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ SIMS RICKY WAYNE W/M 46 FELONY POSS. METH, FTA x2

♦ GRANT JONATHAN DREW W/M 36 MISD WARRANT- FTA

♦ DEAN BRITTANY LYNNE W/F 38 MISD DUI- DRUGS, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE, SUSPENDED LICENSE

♦ MCALLISTER DANIEL STEVEN W/M 46 MISD POSS. METH. POSS. COCAINE, DUI-DRUGS, IMPROPER PARKER

♦ LEWIS THOMAS JASON B/M 42 FELONY PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ MORRIS EDWARD EUGENE W/M 40 MISD PROBATION VIOLATION

♦ ALEXANDER THOMAS WAYNE W/M 47 MISD FAILURE TO APPEAR

♦ EVETT STEVEN ANTHONY W/M 20 MISD FAILURE TO APPEAR x2

♦ MILLARD STEPHEN LEBRON W/M 31 MISD FAILURE TO APPEAR (MISD), EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY, BURGLARY

♦ IRVIN DEZON MONTAINE B/M 28 MISD FAILURE TO APPEAR (MISD), IMPROPER PASSING

♦ HARWOOD JOHNNY WAYNE W/M 54 FELONY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-FVA

♦ YOUNG MELISSA LENA W/F 43 MISD DUI-ALCOHOL, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE, IMPROPER LANE CHANGE

## HOLIDAYS

From A1

the historic 300-acre Happy Valley Farms. It will be the 38th Morning Pointe Senior Living community and the company's second campus in Georgia (with the other in Calhoun).

The Happy Valley farm and estate were established in 1935 by John L. Hutcheson Jr., and were the site of an award-winning Jersey cattle and dairy farm, and later a world-class American Saddlebred horse-breeding facility. Greg A. Vital, co-founder and president of Morning Pointe Senior Living, purchased the farm from the Happy Valley Estate in 2020 for preservation and development. Morning Pointe at Happy Valley is located across the road from the barn.

Clinical services include 24/7 nursing care and personal care services, medication assistance and reminders, periodic check-ins, personal grooming assistance, assistance with transferring to a bed or chair, escorting to meals and events, incontinence management and more. On-site physical, occupational and speech therapy services are also offered through The Weston Group in the therapy gym.



Morning Pointe  
Frank Hess, the first Morning Pointe at Happy Valley resident, pictured with his wife Diane, moved in on Nov. 24.

fered through The Weston Group in the therapy gym.

Amenities include an on-site beauty shop, a library with a fireplace, a billiards room, three courtyards and screened-in porches. Programming includes life enrichment such as arts and crafts, wellness offerings such as exercise classes, and intergenerational activities. Christmas activities are already in full swing.

The Lantern memory care wing provides an array of



Alzheimer's and dementia care services, including innovative therapies.

The campus also features Morning Pointe's Farm to Table program with local, farm-fresh and seasonal ingredients.

Founded in 1997 by healthcare entrepreneurs Greg A. Vital and J. Franklin Farrow, Morning Pointe Senior Living operates assisted living

and Alzheimer's memory care communities in five southeastern states. In the greater Chattanooga area, Morning Pointe operates assisted living and memory care communities in Chattanooga, Collegedale, East Hamilton, Hixson and Athens, Tennessee.

For more information, visit <https://shorturl.at/fr017>.



Above: New resident MaryAnn Vaughan poses by one of the Morning Pointe at Happy Valley Christmas trees. Left: Morning Pointe at Happy Valley associates welcome their first resident, Frank, as his wife Diane Hess and daughter Cindy Tahler help him move in.

## BALLINGER RECYCLING

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia proposes to update its code of ordinances.

O-06-23 proposes to amend Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages) to provide limited licensing procedures in a Crossroad Community.

Public hearings on the proposed ordinance change will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023 and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Board of Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke St, LaFayette) and online at [walkercountyga.gov](http://walkercountyga.gov).

## CANDY

From A1

state. In the case of foods, a freezing process must take place first, with the temperature creating a "specific structure of ice crystals," which will turn to a gaseous state in another phase of the process and thus extract the water from the product. The various temperatures and pressures this must happen at are the key to success and the process can take a long time, as in the 30 hours it takes to freeze dry an ice cream sandwich.

The experimentation on different candies and des-

serts make the process fun, says Alfred. Even little things can make a difference, like how many items are on a tray. With the experimentation comes new products in the store over time.

North Georgia Candy Company's candies are great to give for special occasions, holidays and to treat oneself. They make good favors for parties, showers and weddings. Custom orders and special Christmas packaging are available. Both printed and e-gift cards are available.

Tamara Wolk is a reporter for The Catoosa County News in Ringgold, Ga., and Walker County Messenger in LaFayette, Ga.



North Georgia Candy Company and Freeze Dried Treats  
Snowman and Gingerbread Man packaging make the freeze dried candies at North Georgia Candy Company and Freeze Dried Treats all the more appealing.

## REDISTRICTING

From A1

GOP incumbents.

"This map works harder at protecting Republicans than fixing the problem," she said.

Democrats also warned the new

legislative maps will end up in court because — like the 2021 maps — they still violate the Voting Rights Act.

"Passing the (Senate) Republican map will only lead to more litigation and waste taxpayer money," said Senate Minority Leader Gloria Butler, D-Stone Mountain.

The two legislative maps now move across the Capitol for the Senate to

consider the House map and vice versa. The General Assembly's special redistricting session will continue with lawmakers facing a Dec. 8 deadline set by the court to finish their work.

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## Apartments Available

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## ORDINANCE O-06-23

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is the governing authority for Walker County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County desires to amend its Alcoholic Beverages Code to provide for licensing of retail package sales of distilled spirits in a Crossroad Community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County that Chapter 4 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia is amended as follows:

1.

ARTICLE IV. RETAIL PACKAGE SALES OF DISTILLED SPIRITS; Section 4-201 is amended by adding subsection (e) as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 4-201(c), distilled spirits by the package shall be allowed on a limited basis in a Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zone, in accordance with the following:

1. A retail establishment is located in a Crossroad Community, as defined and identified in the 2022-2032 Walker County Joint Comprehensive Plan;
2. The granting of a license shall be as a conditional use variance on a case by case basis;
3. The front door of the retail establishment shall be located within a 500 foot radius as measured from the centerline of the intersection of the two roads which comprise the crossroads of the Crossroad Community;
4. Each retail establishment in a Crossroad Community must comply with all other provisions of the Walker County Code of Ordinances and applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

2.

This ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption.

3.

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**[CONTINUED]**



**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

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SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

The foregoing Ordinance received a motion for \_\_\_\_\_ from Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the question the vote is \_\_\_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_\_\_ nays to adopt the Ordinance.







# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Zoning Variance

|                                                                                                                                                 |                             |                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                                                                            |                             | FEE \$ 150.00                             | Date 9-28-2023   |
| Owner's Name Lenzel & Shellee Cannon                                                                                                            |                             | Mailing Address 2549 South Birch Creek rd | Case No.         |
| City/Zip Lafayette 30728                                                                                                                        | Phone                       |                                           |                  |
| Tax Parcel # 6545-008                                                                                                                           | Street Name and Number Same |                                           |                  |
| Current Zoning A1                                                                                                                               | Requested Variance          | Owner Occupied?                           | Rental Property? |
| Reason for Variance (Be Specific):<br>To move a mobile home on property so I can have my son to help me after another surgery less than 5 acres |                             |                                           |                  |
| Lessee's Name IF APPLICABLE                                                                                                                     | Lessee's Address            |                                           |                  |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 150' OF ANY PROPERTY LINE                                                                        |                             |                                           |                  |
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| IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET                                                                                        |                             |                                           |                  |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT                                                                    |                             |                                           |                  |
| Owner's Signature Shellee H. Cannon                                                                                                             |                             | Date: 9-28-23                             |                  |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 9-28-2023                                                                                                 |                             |                                           |                  |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date<br>Not 10:45 @ 6:00 p.m.                                                                                      |                             |                                           |                  |
| THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED.                                                                                                              |                             |                                           |                  |

The Owner/Applicant must notify each property owner within 150' by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office.

This application must be fully complete prior to filing.



WALKER COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: Shebbie & Terral Cannon

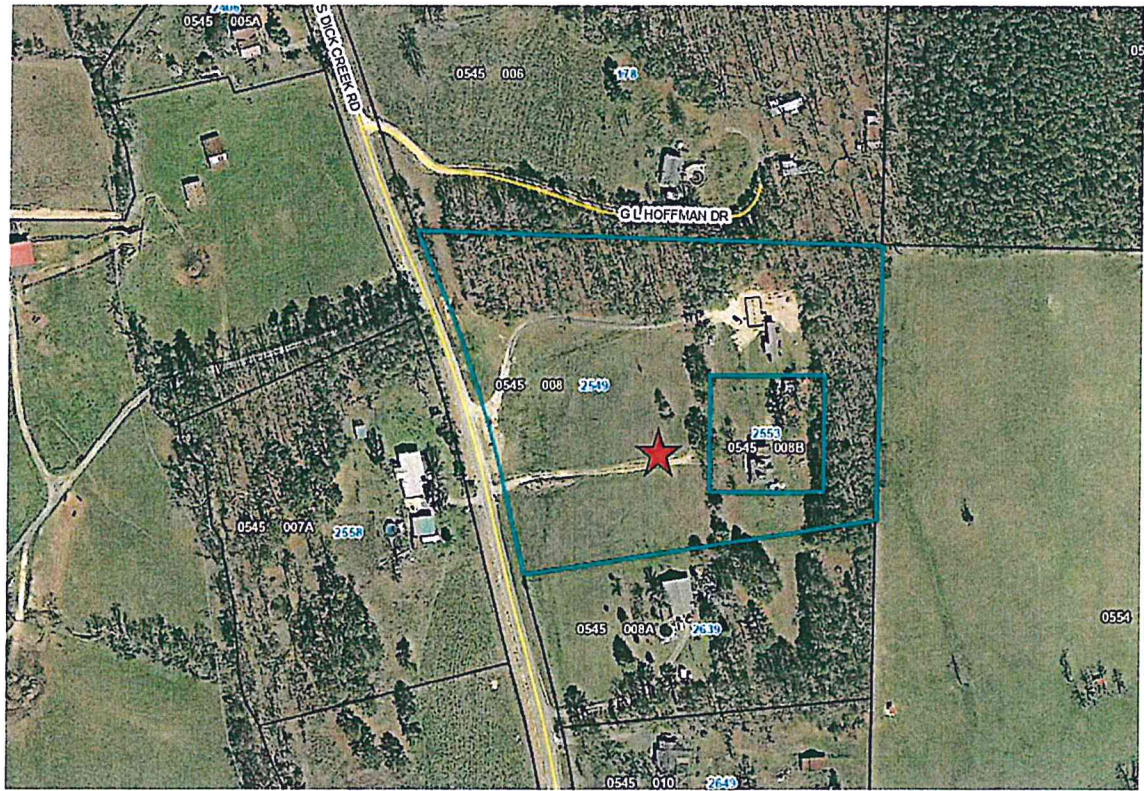
Petitioner: same

Location of Property: 2549 South Dick Creek Road  
LaFayette, GA. 30728

Tax map & parcel number 0-545-008

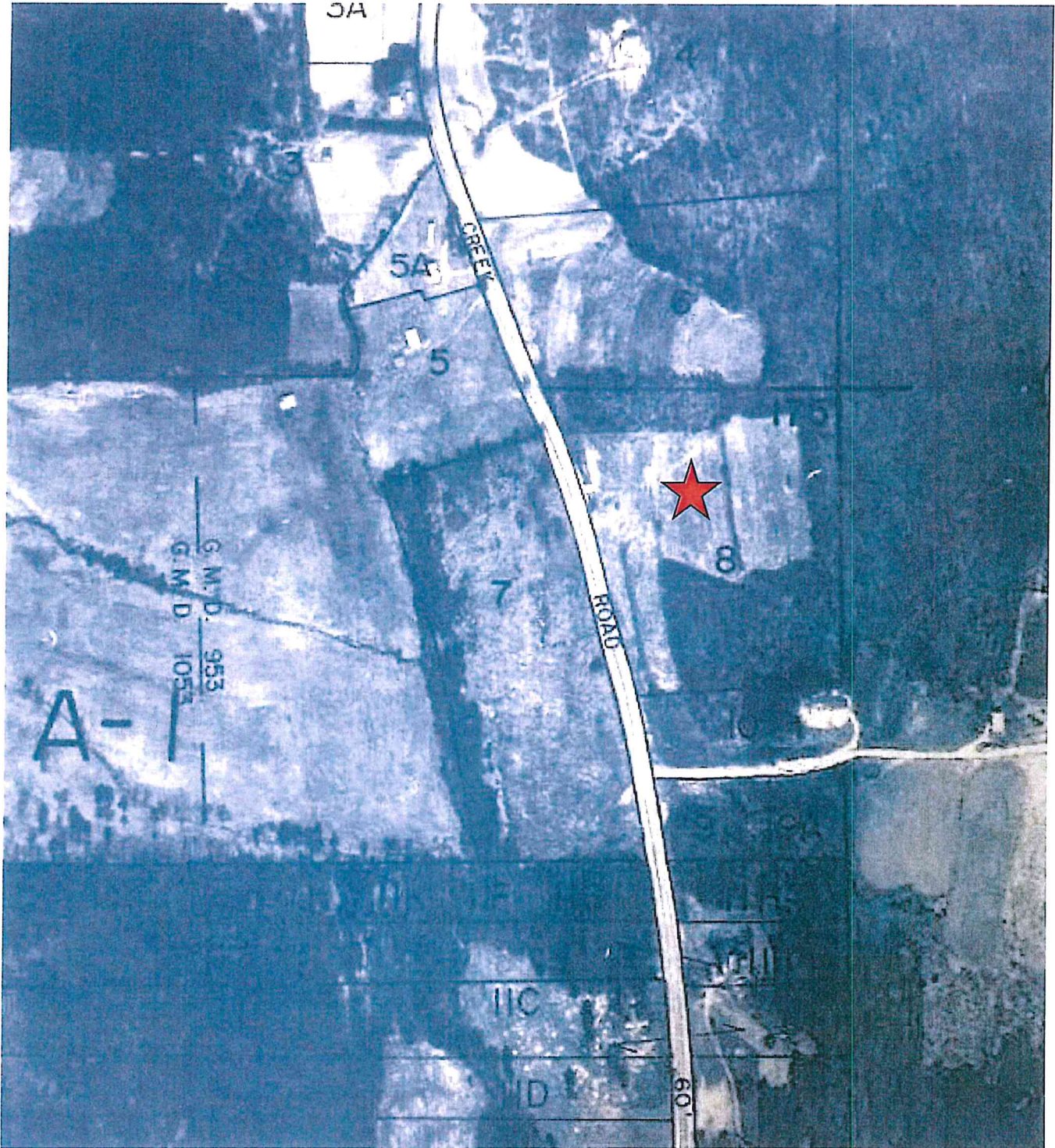
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|                     | Date Applied:                                                                                                                              | 9/28/2023          |
|                     | PC Meeting Date:                                                                                                                           | 11/16/2023         |
|                     |                                                                                                                                            |                    |
|                     | Present Zoning:                                                                                                                            | A-1 (Agricultural) |
|                     |                                                                                                                                            |                    |
| APPLICANT’S INTENT: | Would like to request a variance of less than five acres in an A-1 zone.                                                                   |                    |
| DETAILS OF REQUEST: | The Cannon’s own 8.28+/- acres in an A-1 zone and would like to put a second home on the property for their son to help take care of them. |                    |

Projected Area:





Zoning Map:





# Future Land Use Map:



- Roads
- Highways
- Railroads
- Rivers & Streams
- Lakes & Ponds
- City Limits
- Crossroad Community

## Character Areas

- |                               |                                |                                  |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Activity Center               | Downtown Mixed Use             | Historic Mill Redevelopment Area | Residential Redevelopment Area |
| Activity Destination District | Estate Residential             | Industrial                       | Rural Residential              |
| Agriculture / Forestry        | Fairland Proper                | Lookout Mountain Neighborhood    | School                         |
| Airport                       | Gateway Corridor               | Mill Village                     | Town Center                    |
| County Suburban               | Greenspace / Conservation Area | Missionary Ridge Residential     | Traditional Neighborhood       |
| Downtown Business District    | Historic Downtown              | Mixed Use                        |                                |



## Agricultural/Forestry: Walker County

**Description:** *Sparsely settled open areas containing farms, woods, and cultivation.*



Figure 48. Hwy 193 near Nickajack Rd.

### ***Suggested Development Strategy:***

1. Limit new development
2. Protect farmland and open space
3. Promote use of conservation easements by landowners
4. Limit the number of residential subdivisions, requiring cluster or conservation subdivision design
5. Restrict commercial and residential development
6. Promote these areas for passive-use tourism/recreation
7. Widen roadways only when absolutely necessary
8. Carefully design roadway alterations to minimize visual impacts
9. Preserve agricultural lands for the next generation of farmers
10. Resurface and repair roads when and where necessary.

### ***Land uses:***

- Agriculture/Forestry
- Residential
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation

**Key Word Objectives:** *Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry, Low-density development, Conservation subdivision, Trails, Open space preservation, Environmental protections, Sense of place*

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                                 |  |                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                            |  | FEE \$ 300.00                             | Date 10-18-23 |
| Owner's Name Daniel PACE                                                                        |  | Mailing Address 66 Herons Cove            | Case No.      |
| City/Zip Lafayette 30728                                                                        |  | Phone 423-569-5520 Jonathan               |               |
| Tax Parcel # 03292 044                                                                          |  | Street Name and Number 71 Center Grove Rd |               |
| Current Zoning R2                                                                               |  | Requested Zoning Commercial Business      |               |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br>Thinking to run a business from this location               |  |                                           |               |
| Lessee's <sup>IF APPLICABLE</sup> Name Jonathan Jones                                           |  |                                           |               |
| Lessee's Address 1915 Pine Grove Rd. Ringgold, GA 30736                                         |  |                                           |               |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                         |  |                                           |               |
| 1. Matt For 19 Center Grove Rd Lafayette Ga 30728 - 1083 Old Blvd Center Rd<br>Dundee, GA 30739 |  |                                           |               |
| 2.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 3.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 4.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 5.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 6.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 7.                                                                                              |  |                                           |               |
| 8. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET                                     |  |                                           |               |
| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS                                                                      |  | FUTURE                                    |               |
| CURRENT                                                                                         |  |                                           |               |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.         |  |                                           |               |
| Owner's Signature [Signature]                                                                   |  | Date: 10/18/23                            |               |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 10-18-2023                                                |  |                                           |               |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date 11-16-2023 + Rev 12-14-2023                                   |  |                                           |               |

FOR OFFICE USE

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WALKER COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: David Pace

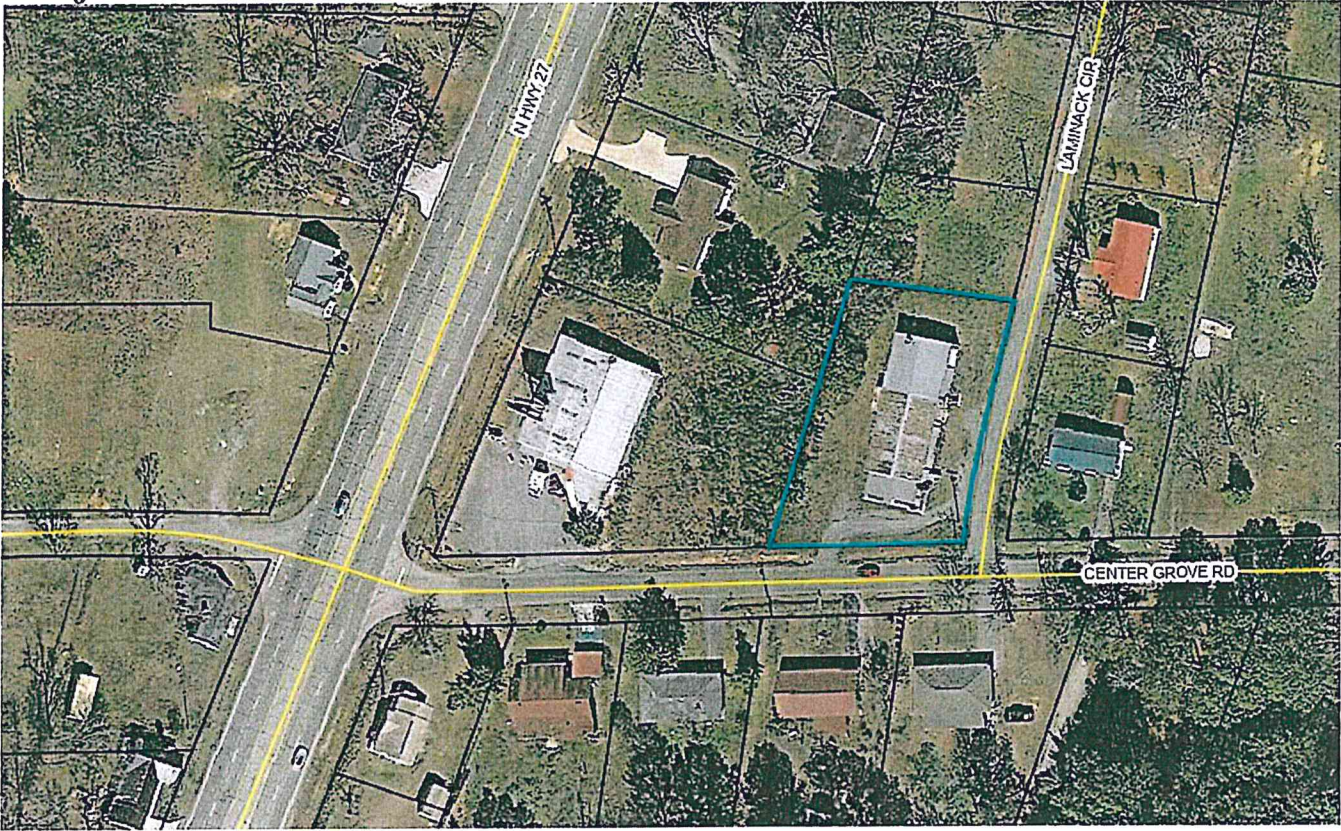
Petitioner: same

Location of Property: 71 Center Grove Road  
LaFayette, GA. 30728

Tax map & parcel number 0-329-2-044

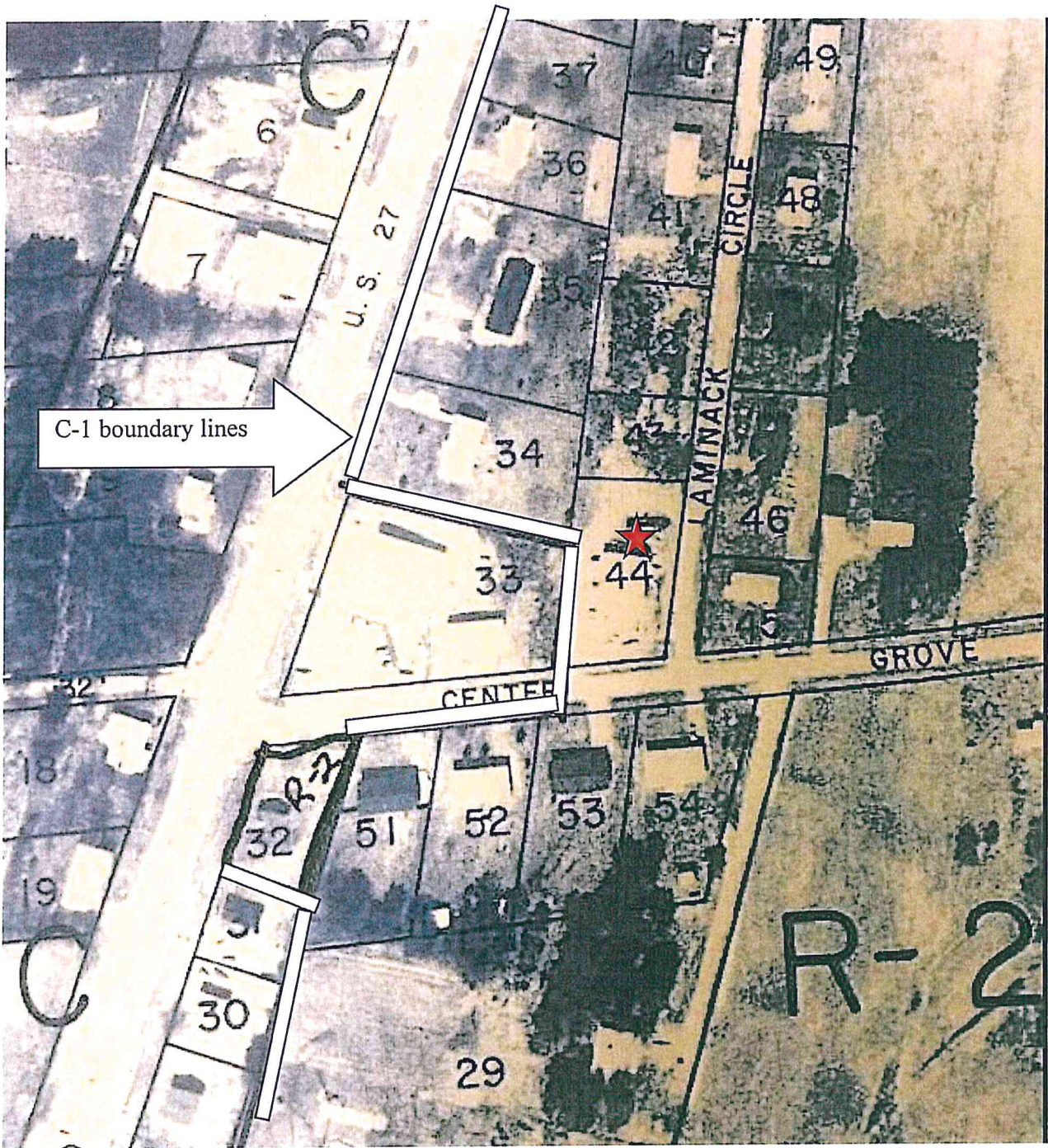
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|                     | Date Applied:                                    | 10/18/2023        |
|                     | PC Meeting Date:                                 | 11/16/2023        |
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|                     | Present Zoning:                                  | R-2 (Residential) |
| APPLICANT’S INTENT: | To rezone the property to C-1 (Commercial)       |                   |
| DETAILS OF REQUEST: | To run a commercial business from this location. |                   |

Projected Area:



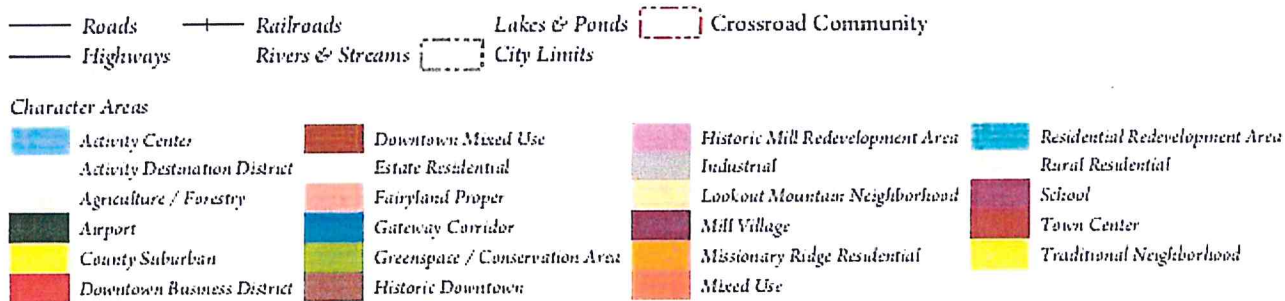
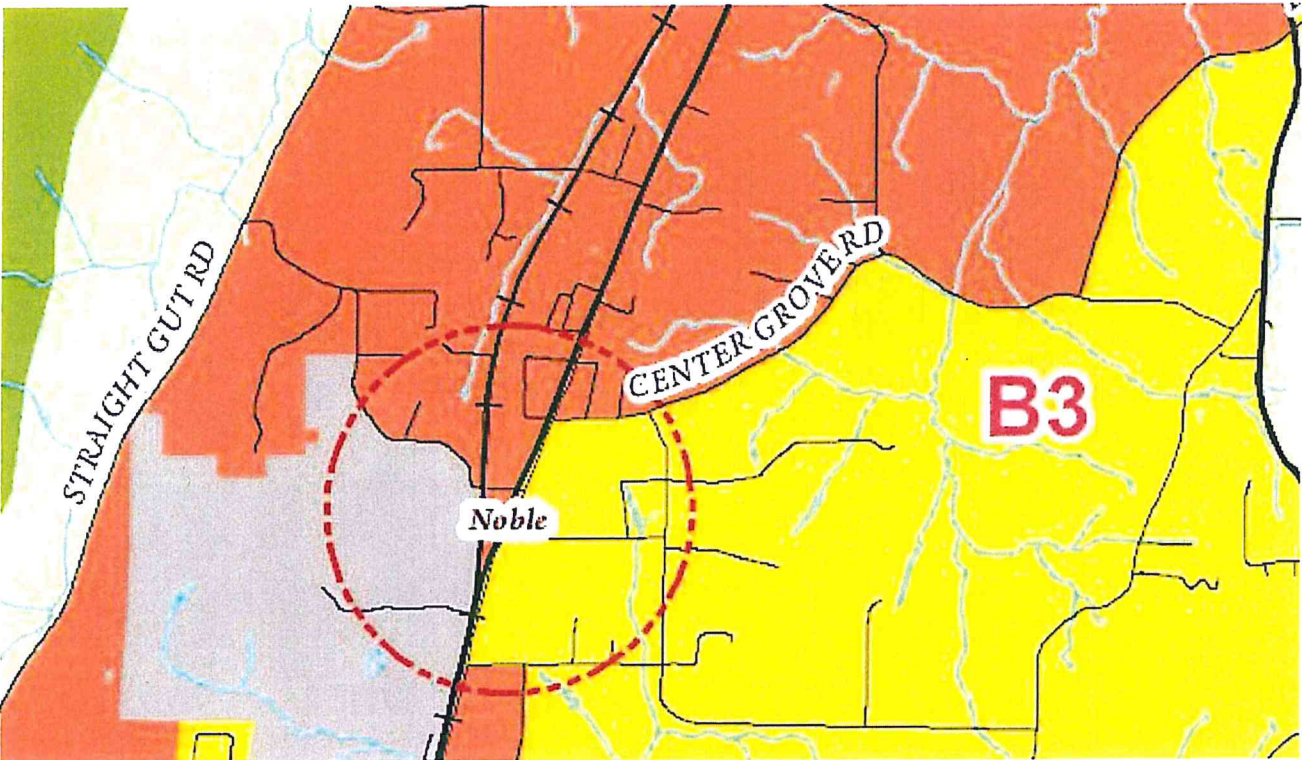


Zoning Map:





Future Land Use Map:



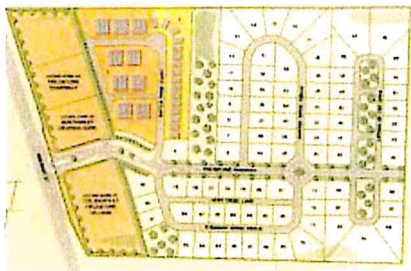


Figure 63. Fieldstone Farms Mixed Use Planned Unit Development – Phase I

**Mixed use: LaFayette and Walker County**

*Description: A location containing mix of offices, housing, and commercial uses. This mix of uses may consist of single and/or multi story buildings. Often multi story buildings contains retail or office space on the first story. Additional floors of any building often contain a separate use to that of the first floor.*

**Suggested Development Strategy:**

1. Provide design guidelines for stores and offices. These guidelines may be for building design, landscaping, regulatory setbacks, parking, stormwater, and etc.
2. Create a plan for the vision, upkeep, growth, and development of the mixed-use area. Creating a plan will help provide an identity to the area and attract appropriate businesses.
3. Improve water and sewer services to attract new growth and to meet future needs.
4. Improve broadband availability, including upload and download speed.
5. Infill vacant lots or underutilized property, improving overall aesthetics of the area.
6. Provide environmental protections to nearby streams and other waterbodies.
7. Provide protections to historic and cultural resources of the area so they will not be lost
8. Provide public investments into storm water management, community recreational spaces and facilities, public transit, bike and pedestrian facilities.
9. Make available pocket parks with seating.
10. Wherever possible, connect to regional network of greenspace and trails that are available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular means of transportation.
11. Cluster new buildings so to improve pedestrian access and walkability to different surrounding uses.
12. Invest in infrastructure improvements to roads and sidewalks, increasing pedestrian mobility and safety.

**Land uses:**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Park/Recreation/Conservation
- Office
- Public/institutional

*Key Word Objectives: Office space, Commercial retail, Local retail, Residential, Parks, Infill development, Design guidelines, Infrastructure investments, Sewer and Water infrastructure, Road and Sidewalk improvements, walkability, Broadband availability*



#### **CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA**

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1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-2 (Residential) & C-1 (Commercial)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **The extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions:** Unknown.
4. **The extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:**  
Add commercial business to the area.
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** The tax records show the property has been owned by Mr. Pace since 1998.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Unknown.
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows mixed use.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** Unknown.
12. **Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:**  
This property has always been used as a warehouse/storage office space and does touch other commercial properties.

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                         |  |                                                          |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                    |  | FEE \$ 300.00                                            | Date 10-19-2023                     |
| Owner's Name Amrita Y. Patel / Yogesh Patel                                             |  | Mailing Address Rossvine.                                | Case No.                            |
| City/Zip 805 Mission Ridge Road.                                                        |  | Phone 423-468-0687                                       | INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED |
| Tax Parcel # 0-124-063                                                                  |  | Street Name and Number 807 Mission Ridge Rd.             |                                     |
| Current Zoning R-2                                                                      |  | Requested Zoning C-1                                     |                                     |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br>to extend the existing commercial business          |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name                                                             |  | Lessee's Address                                         |                                     |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                 |  |                                                          |                                     |
| 1.                                                                                      |  |                                                          |                                     |
| 2.                                                                                      |  |                                                          |                                     |
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| 6.                                                                                      |  |                                                          |                                     |
| 7.                                                                                      |  |                                                          |                                     |
| 8.                                                                                      |  | IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET |                                     |
| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS                                                              |  |                                                          |                                     |
| CURRENT                                                                                 |  | FUTURE                                                   |                                     |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Owner's Signature Yogesh Patel                                                          |  | Date: 10/19/2023                                         |                                     |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 10-19-2023                                        |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date 11-16-2023 / BPC 12-14-2023                           |  |                                                          |                                     |

FOR OFFICE USE

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WALKER COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: Yogesh Patel

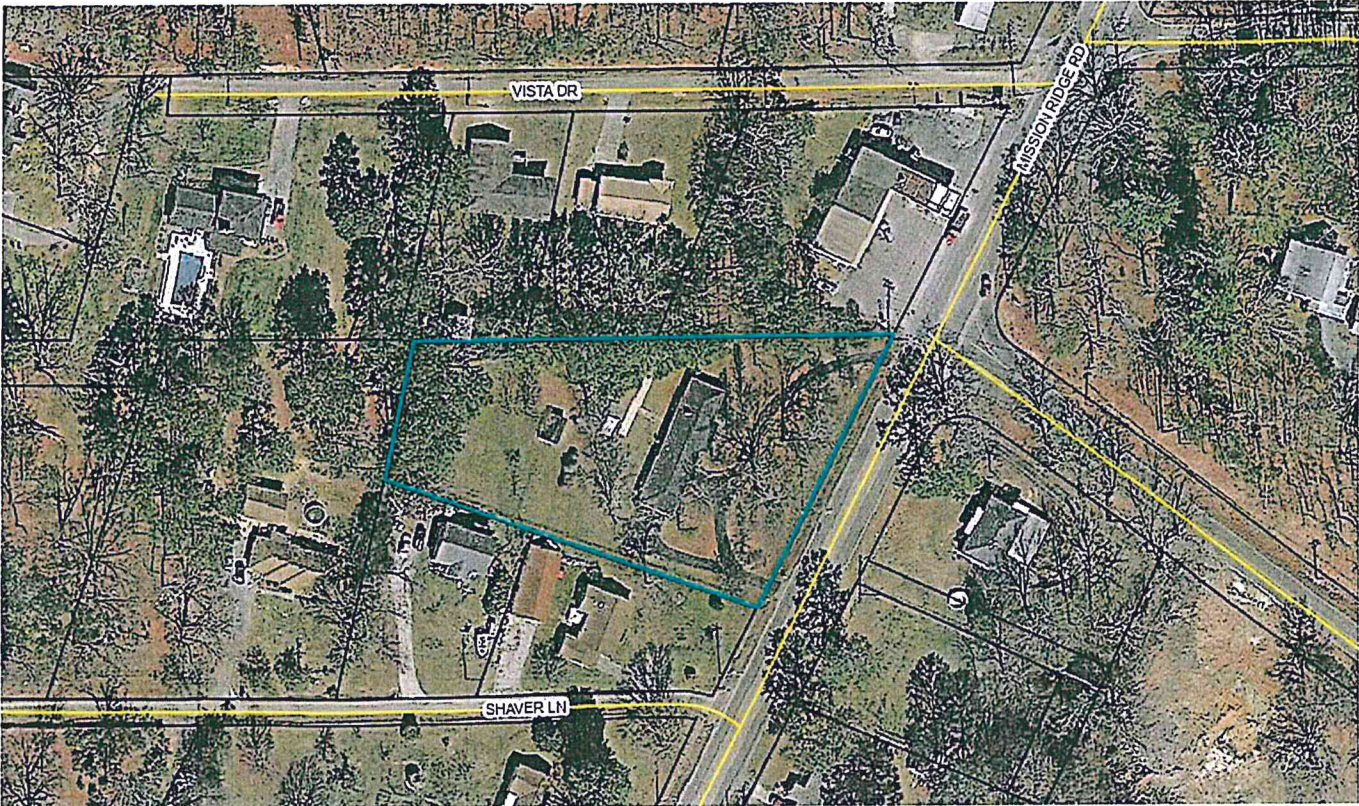
Petitioner: same

Location of Property: 807 Mission Ridge Road  
Rossville, GA. 30741

Tax map & parcel number 0-124-063

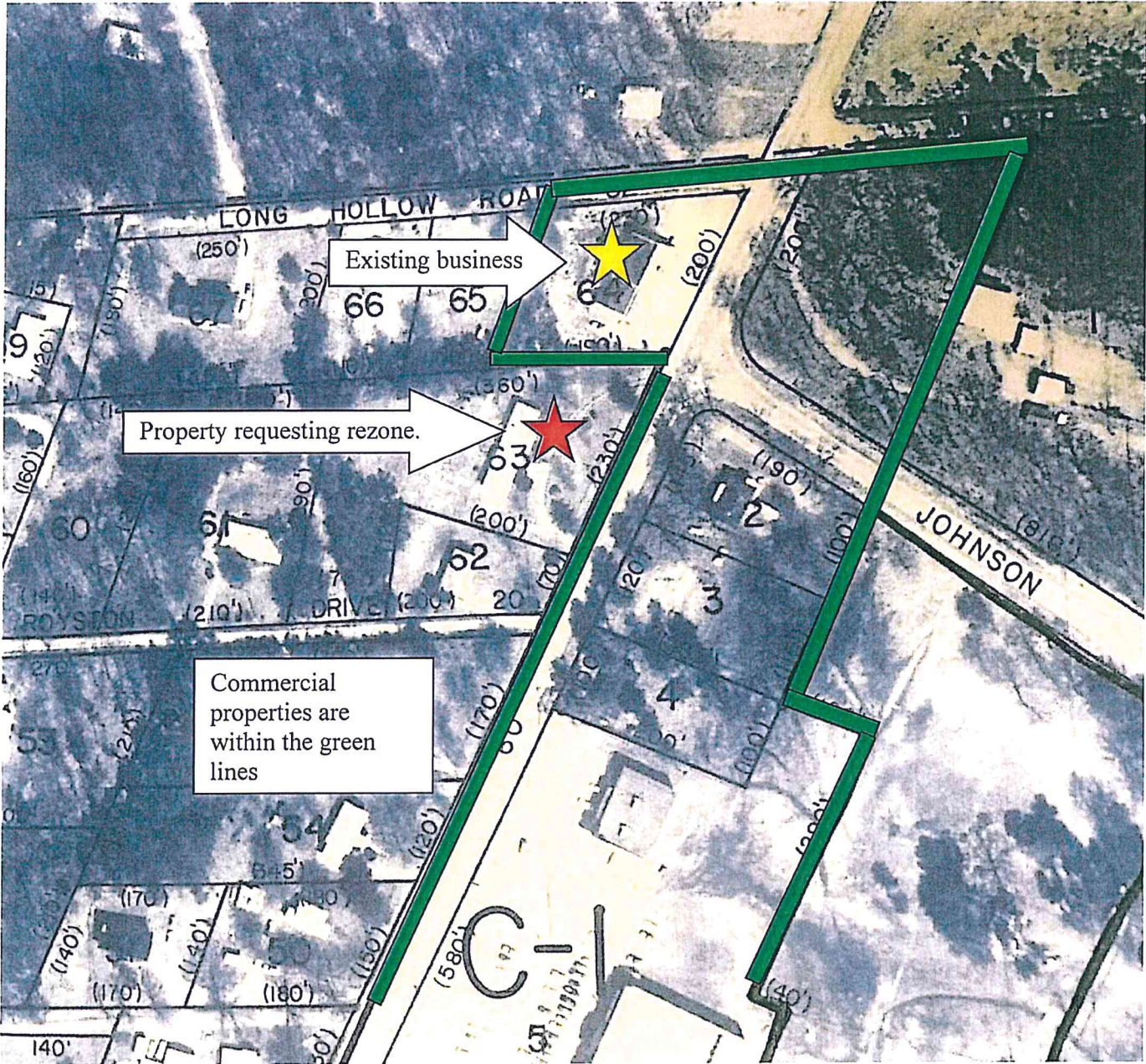
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|                     | Date Applied:                               | 10/18/2023        |
|                     | PC Meeting Date:                            | 11/16/2023        |
|                     |                                             |                   |
|                     | Present Zoning:                             | R-2 (Residential) |
| APPLICANT’S INTENT: | To rezone the property to C-1 (Commercial)  |                   |
| DETAILS OF REQUEST: | To expand his existing commercial business. |                   |

Projected Area:





Zoning Map:





Future Land Use Map:

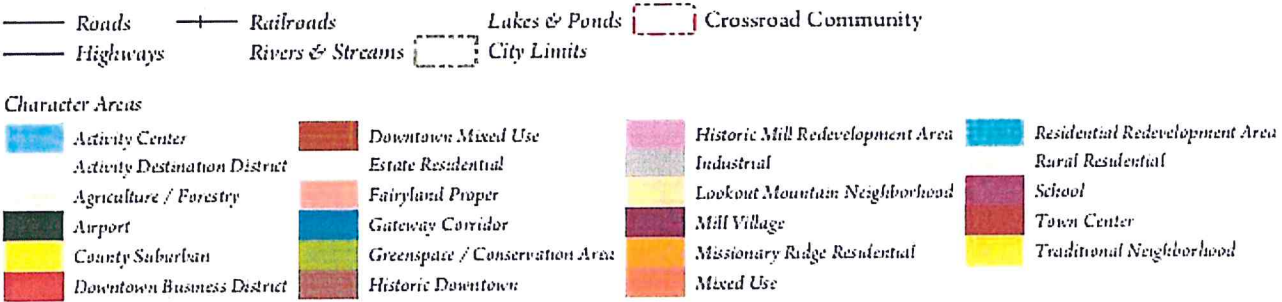
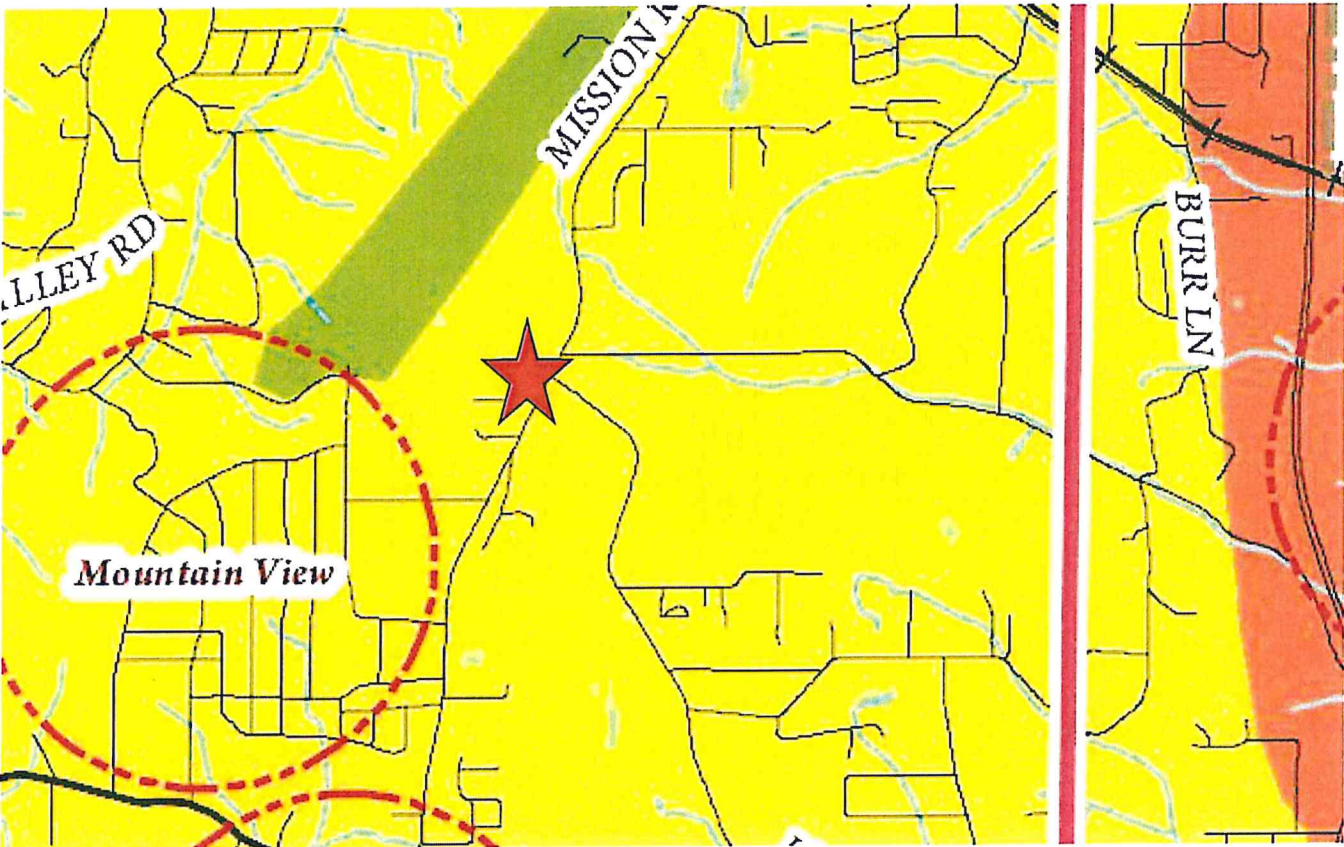




Figure S2. Residential development in the Mountain View area

### County Suburban: Walker County

*Description: Location of predominately Post-WWII residential single family housing within subdivided parcels of large amounts of open space. County suburban housing is often found in proximity of public water. These locations are characterized by low pedestrian mobility, little or no transit, a high amount of open space, and a high to moderate degree of residential building separation. Smaller retail establishments may be found in these locations also. Public institutional uses may be found at these locations in the form of fire departments, public school, recreational facilities, and ect.*

#### **Suggested Development Strategy:**

1. Provide only limited planned expansion of water and sewer infrastructure so to control the rate of growth.
2. Wherever possible, connect to regional network of greenspace and trails made available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular means of transportation.
3. Encourage compatible architecture styles that maintain the desired, local character, and do not include "franchise" or "corporate" architecture.
4. Discourage tourist-based industries
5. Permit conservation subdivisions, accessory housing units, and well-designed multifamily residences to increase neighborhood density versus traditional suburban development
6. Add traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, street trees, and increased street interconnection to improve walkability and slow traffic within existing neighborhood.

#### **Land uses:**

- Single family residential
- Commercial
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- Public/Institutional

*Key Word Objectives: Post- WWII housing, Subdivision, Building separation, Limited commercial, Public Water, Open space, Recreation, Conservation, Traditional neighborhood, Sense of place, Alternative multimodal transportation, regional identity, Heritage Preservation, Infill development, Open space preservation, Environmental protection*



#### **CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA**

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-2 (Residential) & C-1 (Commercial)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **The extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions:** Unknown.
4. **The extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** Will allow Mr. Patel to expand his current business.
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** Mr. Patel has just purchased the property.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Not that we know of
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows country suburban.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** Unknown.
12. **Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** The property currently touches other commercial properties and is along the strip of road that Food City and other businesses are located.

**RESOLUTION R-050-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO RESCIND A BURN BAN IN WALKER COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman enacted Executive Order 2023-01 on November 4, 2023 due to the threat of fire danger by establishing a 45-day ban on all outdoor burning, including, but not limited to, small piles of natural vegetation, yard debris and campfires in Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board ratified Executive Order 2023-01 by approving Resolution R-049-23 on November 9, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, recent precipitation improved the County's drought status from D4 Exceptional on November 21, 2023 to D3 Extreme on November 28, 2023, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor; and

**WHEREAS**, with additional rainfall, the Board finds the conditions that led to the issuance of Executive Order 2023-01 and Resolution R-049-23 have lessened and that both actions should be rescinded;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walker County Board of Commissioners rescinds Executive Order 2023-01 and Resolution R-049-23.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

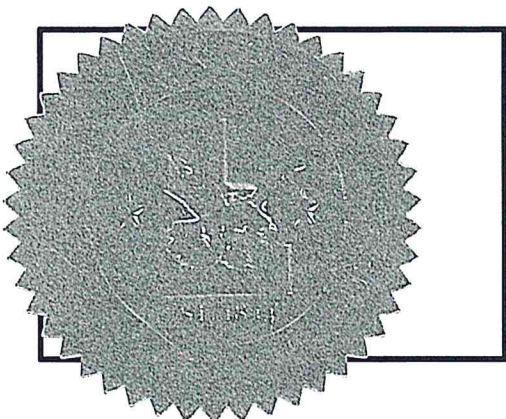
**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**



Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk



SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Stutz, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

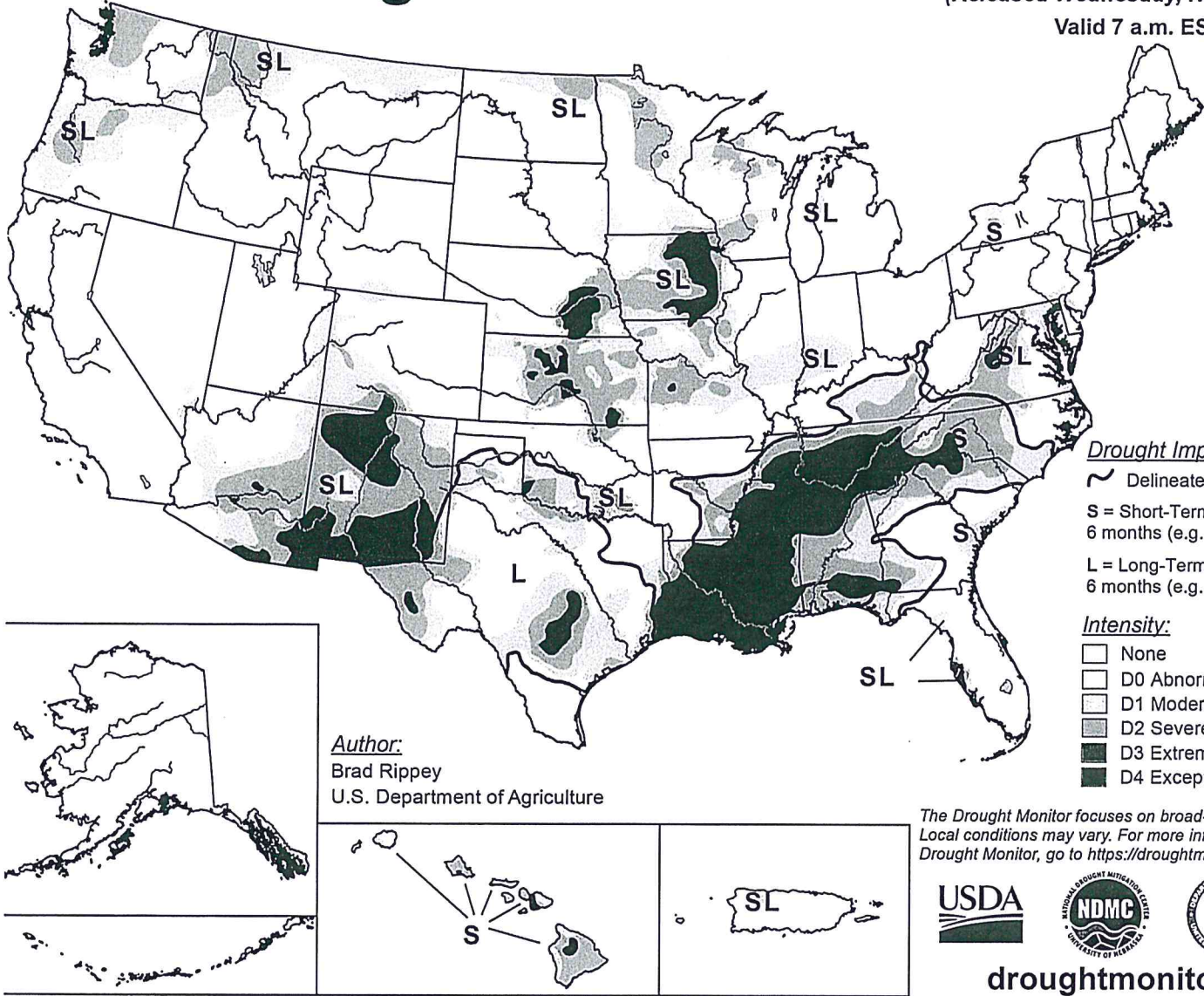


# U.S. Drought Monitor

November 21, 2023

(Released Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

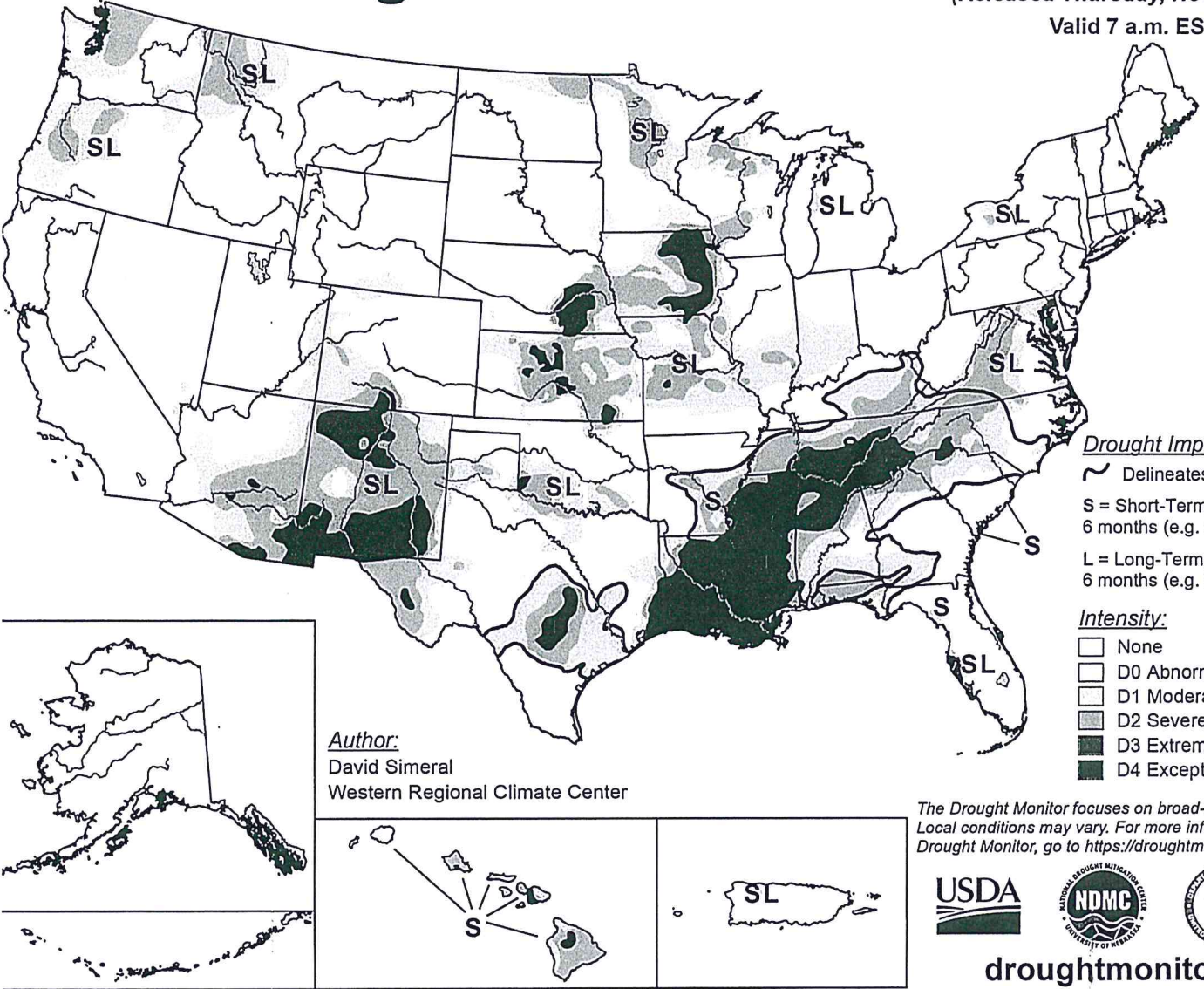


# U.S. Drought Monitor

November 28, 2023

(Released Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023)

Valid 7 a.m. EST





**RESOLUTION R-051-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO AMEND THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR COUNTY OFFICES IN 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Walker County is a duly created and validly existing political subdivision of the State of Georgia under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County recognizes various state and federal holidays within each calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, for the general welfare of County employees, the Board desires to observe an additional local holiday in calendar year 2023 to mark the 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has anticipated and planned for the closure of certain business and administrative offices of the government in order to observe said holiday;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia does hereby amend the calendar of County holidays for the remainder of calendar year 2023:

- Friday, December 22 (Christmas Eve)
- Monday, December 25 (Christmas)
- Tuesday, December 26 (Heritage Day)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to modify or change holidays scheduled; to substitute other holidays for scheduled ones; to award additional holidays or to reduce the number of holidays, depending on the needs of the County.

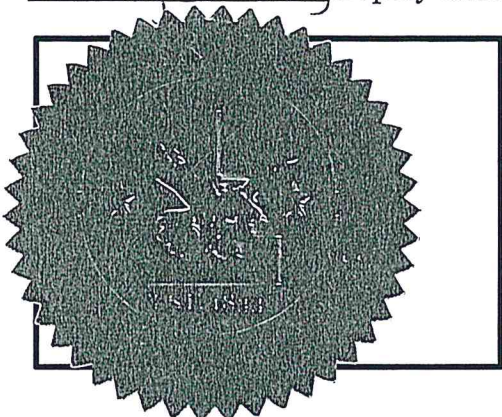
**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Whitney Summey  
Whitney Summey Deputy Clerk

Shannon K. Whitfield  
SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for ~~Passage~~ from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Blakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to Adopt the Resolution.





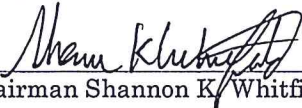
## Proclamation

### BY THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *190 YEARS of WALKER COUNTY*

- WHEREAS: On December 18, 1833, Georgia Governor Wilson Lumpken signed a bill dividing Murray County into two counties, officially creating Walker County; and
- WHEREAS: This new county was named in honor of Major Freeman Walker, a U.S. Senator from Augusta, who was considered a Statesman, distinguished member of the bar and noted orator; and
- WHEREAS: Over the next 25 years, portions of Walker County would be used to create the counties of Dade, Catoosa, Chattooga and Whitfield to address the issue of how the size of the county made it difficult for farmers to travel to attend court sessions, sue to collect debts and register deeds to record land transactions; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the first settlers of Walker County were soldiers of the Revolutionary or Indian Wars, or their widows and orphans, who won lots in a land lottery and came to make their home in fertile valley land; and
- WHEREAS: Walker County has grown from 6,572 residents in 1840, according to census data, to 68,915 men, women and children in 2022; and
- WHEREAS: The community marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the county with parades, a “fun day” of activities, the unveiling of a courthouse painting and a commemorative Coke bottle; and
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, on behalf of the Walker County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim December 18, 2023 as HERITAGE DAY in Walker County, Georgia in honor of our past, present and future residents.

The pioneers of our county paved the way for our present-day citizens to build upon their advancements, so that future generations will be afforded an opportunity to enhance the fabric of what makes Walker County an outstanding place to call home.

Signed and sealed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 2023.

  
Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Joe Legge  
Public Relations Director  
Walker County Government  
(423) 802-0273 (mobile)  
(706) 638-1437 (office)

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**WALKER COUNTY TURNS 190, LAUNCHES TIME CAPSULE CAMPAIGN**

*Residents are encouraged to participate to be part of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration*

LaFayette, GA (December 18, 2023) – 190 years ago today, Georgia Governor Wilson Lumpken signed a bill dividing Murray County into two counties, officially creating Walker County.

During a ceremony to mark this anniversary, Walker County announced the “2033 Note to Self Time Capsule” campaign to encourage residents to write a letter to their future self. “These letters could include observations of life today in Walker County, reflections on the joys and challenges of growing up, or the hopes and dreams the writer aspires to achieve over the next decade,” said Joe Legge, Public Relations Director, Walker County Government.

Letters, as well as poems and pictures, will be accepted for inclusion through the end of January. These items will then be preserved in a time capsule at the Walker County Civic Center that will not be opened until December 18, 2033, on the county’s 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These items can be submitted in person or mailed to the Board of Commissioners office in LaFayette or sent online at [walkercountyga.gov/timecapsule](http://walkercountyga.gov/timecapsule).

Named in honor of U.S. Senator Major Freeman Walker of Augusta, Walker County has grown from 6,572 residents in 1840, according to census data, to 68,915 men, women and children in 2022.

Many of the first settlers of Walker County were soldiers of the Revolutionary or Indian Wars, or their widows and orphans, who won lots in a land lottery and came to make their home in fertile valley land.

Portions of Walker County were used to create the counties of Dade, Catoosa, Chattooga and Whitfield. The state reduced the size of many counties in the 1800’s to address travel issues for those attending court sessions and registering deeds to record land transactions.

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## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

### A COMMENDATION

- WHEREAS:** Walker County, Georgia, was formed on December 18, 1833, carved from neighboring Murray County and land once belonging to the Cherokee Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** Named in honor of U.S. Senator Major Freeman Walker of Augusta, the county's first settlers were comprised of veterans of the Revolutionary and American Indian wars and members of their families who came to make their home in fertile valley land; and
- WHEREAS:** Portions of Walker County were used to create Dade County in 1837; Chattooga County in 1838; Whitfield County in 1851, 1853, and 1859; and Catoosa County in 1853. Chattooga (now LaFayette) was incorporated as the county seat in 1835; and
- WHEREAS:** Walker County is home to two of Georgia's top tourist destinations, the Chickamauga Battlefield National Military Park and Rock City Gardens, and 17 sites in the county are named on the National Registry of Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS:** On December 18, 2023, Walker County celebrates its 190<sup>th</sup> birthday, and it is an honor to join the community in celebrating this historic achievement; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

### THE 190<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY of WALKER COUNTY GEORGIA

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
*Martin Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF

# Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force Intergovernmental Contract

Pursuant to the Georgia Constitution Art. IX, Sec. III, Para. I and O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the following counties, municipalities, and constitutional officers (hereinafter referred to as “Entities”) enter into this intergovernmental contract (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) to operate the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force (hereinafter referred to as “DTF”). This Agreement establishes a mutual aid law enforcement capability among the participating Entities herein in order to prevent and detect drug related crimes. The DTF operates by and through the consent of the participating agencies Entities set forth below, to-wit:

Chattooga County Sheriff  
Chattooga County  
City of Trion  
Dade County Sheriff  
Dade County  
Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney  
Walker County Sheriff  
Walker County

The Entities identified above enter into this Agreement pursuant to the following particulars.

WHEREAS, the DTF Entities seek to rid their respective communities and the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit of illicit drug and other criminal activity by actively enforcing the laws of the State of Georgia through the arrest and prosecution of criminal actors; and,

WHEREAS, the Entities agree that a collaborative effort is key to reducing drug use, sales, trafficking, and other criminal activity in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit through the parameters of this Agreement as authorized under O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, the Entities seek funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as “Byrne-JAG”) in order to further this collaborative effort; and,



NOW BE IT KNOWN, the Entities of this Agreement are dedicated to this collaborative crime control initiative and are committed to the particulars of the Agreement. The Agreement shall become valid upon the effective date of Byron-JAG funding in 2024 and shall be active through the end of the grant period. The Entities shall re-examine the extent and need of this Agreement and the roles of the Entities participants at the expiration of the grant period. This Agreement can be amended, revised, or otherwise renewed upon Agreement of the Entities.

**A. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL**

1. The Entities assign personnel to the DTF as follows:
  - a. Chattooga County Sherriff assigns \_\_2\_\_ deputies.
  - b. Dade County Sherriff assigns \_\_1\_\_ deputy and \_\_1\_\_ support staff.
  - c. Town of Trion assigns \_\_1\_\_ police officer.
  - d. Walker County Sherriff assigns \_\_2\_\_ deputies.
2. Nothing herein is intended or should be constructed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the Entities hereto or as constituting one of the Entities as the agent, representative or employee of another Entity for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever, whether deputized or not, except as specifically stated otherwise in the Agreement Personnel assigned to the DTF by one of the Entities shall not be considered temporary or permanent employees, volunteers, or agents of the DTF or of any other Entities for any purpose whatsoever, including liability, or be entitled to or any rights or benefits of another Entity, whether deputized or not by such other Entity.
3. The Entities acknowledge it is their individual and sole responsibility to provide all applicable salary compensation and fringe benefits to their respective employees assigned to the DTF.
4. When authorized by the chief law enforcement officer of the Entity in which the DTF is acting, the employees and agents of responding Entities shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the jurisdiction where they are officially employed whenever performing authorized tasks pursuant to this Agreement.

**B. FINANCIAL ARRANGMENTS AND USE OF BYRNE-JAG GRANT FUNDS**

Each Entity agrees to the following with regard to expenses associated with personnel assigned to the DTF:

1. Chattooga County (hereinafter "Fiscal Agent") will serve as the application, recipient, and Fiscal Agent of Byrne-JAG funding on behalf of the participating Entities.
2. As the recipient of Byrne-JAG funding, the Fiscal Agent will establish and maintain an adequate accounting system and financial records, and accurately account for grant funds. An adequate accounting system must be able to accommodate a fund and account structure to separately track funds for each grant reward.
3. Each participating Entity will fund the initial costs of the detached personnel listed in Section A of this Agreement.
4. The Fiscal Agent, on behalf of the DTF, will accept quarterly reimbursement payments from the Byrne-JAG for personnel costs paid by participating.
5. DTF operations will be supported through the use of Byrne-JAG funding, appropriations from Entities, funding acquired through the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, funding acquired through Georgia Uniform Civil Procedure Act, and from other funds as authorized by the Control Board.
6. When quarterly Byrne-JAG reimbursement is distributed to the Fiscal Agent, each Entity shall be provided with a salary reimbursement for detached personnel to the DTF as follows:
  - City of Trion – 1/7
  - Dade County – 2/7
  - Walker County – 2/7
  - Chattooga County – 2/7
7. Each participating Entities shall be provided with a quarterly budget, quarterly operating expenses, and quarterly reimbursement request for DTF operating expenses. Each participating Entities shall provide a reimbursement for DTF quarterly operating expenses as agreed upon by the DTF Control Board.
8. Each Entity shall to ONLY seek reimbursement for uses permitted under the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.



9. As the DTF is not a separate legal Entity, no property or vehicles shall be titled in the name of the DTF. All vehicles purchased by the DTF using Federal Equitable Sharing Program, Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act, or any other funds approved by the Control Board shall be voted on by the DTF Control Board for approval and shall be titled in the name of the local Entities as deemed by the Commander of the DTF based on issuance to Agents and their respective agencies.
10. The records, accounts, documents, etc., of the Fiscal Agent relating to the DTF shall be open for inspection or audit by the Control Board of this Agreement with reasonable notice during regular business hours. The Fiscal Agent shall provide reports to the DTF Control Board as requested.

#### **C. DTF OPERATING CONTROL BOARD**

1. The DTF shall be administered by the DTF Control Board. Each participating Sheriff, Chief of Police, and District Attorney of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit or their designee, shall serve as members of the Control Board. The Control Board will select from its participating law enforcement agencies a chair to conduct meetings. The members of the Control Board may also select other officers as deemed appropriate.
2. The Control Board shall meet quarterly. A quorum shall be established by the Control Board and official votes of the Control Board may be taken whenever the established quorum is present at the time of the vote. A vote shall be settled whenever a simple majority is reached. Written minutes of all official actions of the Control Board must be taken and retained.
3. The DTF shall adopt policies and procedures to ensure that the work of the DTF and all agents comply with applicable law and generally accepted law enforcement operational and management practices. Any policy and procedures not covered in the DTF's policy and procedure, agents will revert to their respective home agencies policy and procedure.
4. The Control Board should approve or amend the DTF's quarterly operating budget as necessary. Within the fiscal limits of DTF funds, the Control Board may authorize expenditures for acquisition of equipment, vehicles, supplies, goods, services, or other commodities necessary for DTF operation. Any such purchases acquired by funding with Federal Equitable Sharing Program, Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act, and

any other funds approved by the Control Board that requires a title, shall be titled in the name of Entities as deemed necessary by the Commander of the DTF.

5. If any property, vehicles, equipment, etc. purchased by DTF with Control Board approval using funding from Federal Equitable Sharing Program, the Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act or any other funds approved by the Control Board that is titled to Entity and is deemed unusable or surplus by the Control Board or DTF Commander, the Entities will return titles to the DTF Commander. The DTF Commander will dispose the unusable or surplus items in accordance with Federal and State Law. Any unusable or surplus items deemed of value by the DTF Commander may be auctioned to the highest bidder pursuant to Federal and State Law with proceeds from said auction to be deposited in the DTF forfeited account as agreed upon by the Control Board. Any items deemed by the DTF Commander as not of value for auction shall be destroyed and documented pursuant to Federal and State Law. Vehicles, equipment, etc. may be reassigned to participating Entities upon approval of the Control Board in accordance with Federal and State Law.

#### **D. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY**

1. Each Entity shall maintain a policy of liability and/or law enforcement insurance covering the activities of its respective personnel participating on the DTF.
2. Unless otherwise expressly agreed, each Entity shall not be required to provide or maintain a policy of liability and/or law enforcement insurance covering the employees, agents, and volunteers of the other participating Entities operating under DTF policies even where assigned officers are deputized by one or more sheriffs.
3. Each Entity to this Agreement expressly declines responsibility for the acts or omissions of another party and/or its elected officials, officers, agents, volunteers and employees, whether deputized or otherwise. The Entities to this Agreement are not liable for the acts or omissions of another Entity to this Agreement except to the extent they have agreed in writing to be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other parties and/or its elected officials, officers, agents, volunteers and employees.
4. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any immunities or defenses, and the limits of liability under any property and casualty insurance policy for some or all of the Entities may not be added together to determine the maximum amount of liability for any Entity.



5. Nothing herein shall be construed to provide insurance coverage or indemnification to an officer, employee, or volunteer of any Entity for any act or omission for which the officer, employee, or volunteer of said Entity is guilty of malfeasance in office, willful neglect of duty, or bad faith. Insurance coverage shall be determined by the terms of any applicable coverage policy.
6. Each Entity shall be responsible for providing insurance coverage for injuries or death to its respective individual personnel. Each Entity will maintain workers' compensation insurance or self-insurance coverage, covering personnel assigned by its law enforcement department while they are assigned to the DTF or are otherwise participating in or assisting DTF operations or activities, as required by law.

#### **E. COOPERATION OF JURISDICTIONS**

The Entities shall cooperate and use their best efforts to ensure that the various provisions of the Agreement are fulfilled. All Entities of this Agreement will act in good faith to undertake resolution of any disputes in an equitable and timely manner and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable law.

#### **F. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Should a court of competent jurisdiction rule any portion, section or subsection of this Agreement to be invalid or nullified, that fact shall not affect or invalidate any other portion, section, or subsection; and all remaining portions, sections, or subsections shall remain in full force and effect.
2. All Entities of this Agreement agree that the undersigned official is authorized by the jurisdiction to sign this Agreement for and on behalf of the Entity and by affixing his or her signature to the Agreement on behalf of a jurisdiction, the signing official indicates to the other jurisdictions, that the signing individual has already secured, if required, the ordinance or resolution manifesting prior approval from the Entity.
3. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. One originally signed copy of each counterpart shall be forwarded to and permanently maintained on file at the DTF office in accordance with the Byrne-JAG Grant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed and its effective and operative as to each of the Entities as herein provided as of the day and year written below by the attached signatories:

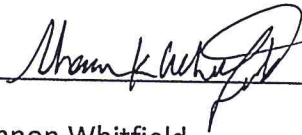
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- Chattooga County – Attachment B
- Dade County – Attachment C
- Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney - Attachment D
- Walker County – Attachment E



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Local Government Participants Intergovernmental Contract

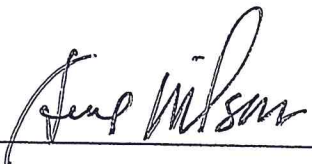
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Walker County, Georgia

BY:   
Shannon Whitfield

12/14/23  
Date

Board of Commissioners

Approved:   
Steve Wilson

11/2/23  
Date

Sheriff, Walker County

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
ENHANCEMENT & INNOVATION SUBGRANT AWARD  
ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT

SUBGRANTEE: Walker County BOC      SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDS: \$28,200

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Lookout Mountain MHC

PROJECT NAME: ACCOUNTABILITY COURT

SUBGRANT NUMBER: J24-8-073

GRANT PERIOD: 01/01/24-6/30/24

This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia Grant program. The purpose of the Accountability Court Grants program is to make grants to local courts and judicial circuits to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. This grant program is subject to the administrative rules established by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This Subgrant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period, provided that a properly executed original of this "Subgrant Award" is returned to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by December 29, 2023.

AGENCY APPROVAL

Steven Hatfield

Steven Hatfield, Deputy Director  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

SUBGRANTEE APPROVAL

Shannon K. Whitfield

Signature of Authorized Official

Date Executed: 01/01/24

Shannon K. Whitfield, Chairman, Walker Co. BOC  
Typed Name & Title of Authorized Official

586000901

Employer Tax Identification Number (EIN)



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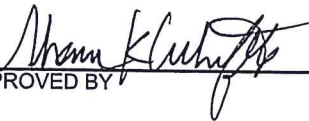
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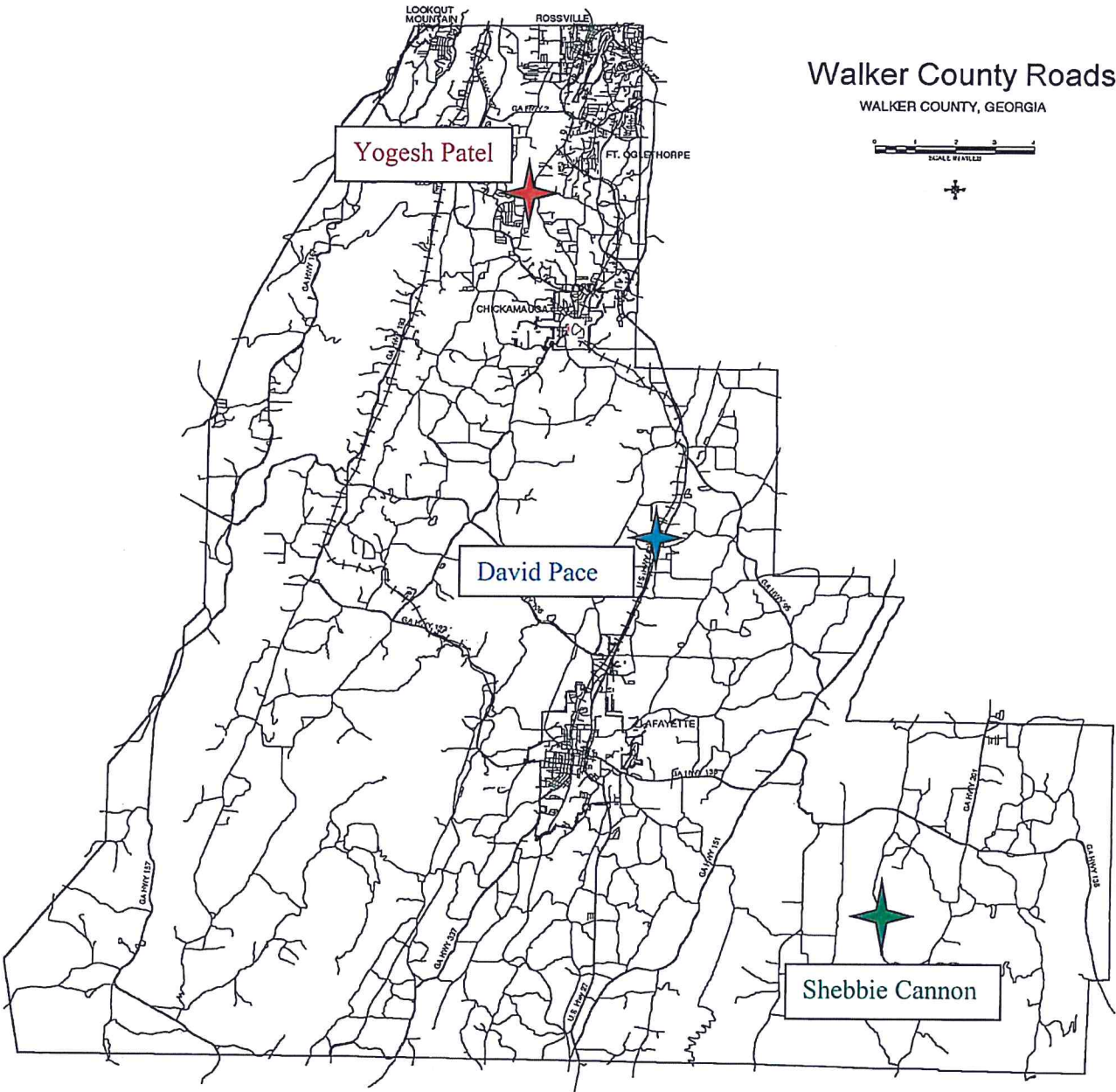
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**Walker County  
Planning Commission Meeting**

**November 16, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
Walker County Civic Center**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 19, 2023 MINUTES**

**IV. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. VARIANCE:**

1. **Shebbie Cannon:** Requests a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 2549 South Dick Creek Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-545-008.

**B. REZONE:**

1. **David Pace:** Requests a rezone from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for property located at 71 Center Grove Road LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-329-2-044.
2. **Yogesh Patel:** Requests a rezone from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for property located at 807 Mission Ridge Road Rossville, GA. 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-124-063.

**V. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:**

**VI. MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Shebbie Cannon
- B. David Pace
- C. Yogesh Patel

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**





Walker County Planning Commission  
Minutes

November 16, 2023  
Walker County Civic Center  
6:00 PM

**ATTENDEES:**

**Planning Commission Members**

Rob Walthour  
Michael Haney  
Todd Holt  
Jon Hentz  
John Morehouse  
Stan Porter  
Zack Chapman  
Randy Pittman  
Cindy Askew

**Walker County Planning Staff**

Jon Pursley, Planning Director  
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Haney called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. READING & APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the minutes. Stan Porter made a motion to approve. John Morehouse seconded the motion to approve. All eligible voting members approved. Motion to approve minutes carried.

**IV. MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairman Haney asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Rob Walthour made a motion to open the public hearing. Todd Holt seconded the motion. All eligible voting members approved. Motion to open the public hearing carried.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **Variance:**

**1. Shebbie & Terral Cannon:** Chairman Haney asked if anyone was present for the Cannons. Terral Cannon came forward and stated that they would like for their child to be allowed to place a mobile home on the property to help take care of them. He said that he has gone through several surgeries over that past few years and needing more. He said they have lived there for over thirty years. Todd Holt asked if they had any animals and Mr. Cannon said no just pets. Mr. Holt asked how much property they were planning on giving to their child and he said three and a quarter acres. John Morehouse asked about the adjoining property and what year mobile home they were looking at putting on the property and Mr. Cannon said a 2000 year model.

### **Rezone:**

**1. David Pace:** Chairman Haney asked if there was anyone present for Mr. Pace. Mr. Pace, Jeff Chambers and John ? came forward and stated that they thought the property was already commercial but after starting their car business found out it was not. Jon Pursley stated that he had been out to the property and the existing building has always been used as a commercial business. Stan Porter asked if it was a mechanical shop and Mr. Chambers said they do auto mechanics and do work on their personal cars also. Zack Chapman asked about the drive coming off a residential road. Jon Pursley said that the property fronts on two roads and parking would not be an issue. John Morehouse asked what their business hours would be and Mr. Chambers said that they would have normal business hours but would go by the hours of the noise ordinance also. Kim Galloway came forward who lives next door and was concerned about the property upkeep and safety. Mr. Chambers stated that they would have a privacy fence around where the cars would be. Stan Porter stated that he lives just down the road and that he sees no issue with this.

**2. Yogesh Patel:** Chairman Haney asked if there was anyone present on behalf of Mr. Patel. Mr. Patel and Eddie Upshaw came forward and Mr. Upshaw read a letter of what Mr. Patel was wanting to do. It said that Mr. Patel wanted to rezone the property beside his store in order to expand his business and provide more parking for his existing business and the new liquor store. Stan Porter asked what type of business was there and Mr. Patel said a convenient store. Todd Holt asked Mr. Patel if he had considered just moving over the property line and keeping the existing house. Ron Walker came forward with his wife and daughter who also lives next door and stated that they are not in favor of the rezone. They stated that they are not in favor of a liquor store being put there. Mr. Patel stated that the liquor store has already been approved and can be added to the property now without the rezone. Paula Wilks who lives nearby stated that she is in favor of the rezone because it will provide a more safe way to pull in and out of the property.

## **VI. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Todd Holt made a motion to close the public hearing. Stan Porter seconded the motion. All eligible voting members approved Motion to close the public hearing carried.



**VII: MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to go into new business. John Morehouse made a motion to open the new business. Stan Porter seconded the motion. All eligible voting members approved. Motion to open new business carried.

**VIII: NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Shebbie Cannon** Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny and if deny a reason why. Todd Holt made a motion to approve with them giving the mobile home three and a quarter acres. Stan Porter made a motion to second. John Morehouse, Todd Holt, Stan Porter and Rob Walthour voted in favor of the variance with the conditions. Jon Hentz and Cindy Askew voted to deny. Motion to deny carried.

**2. David Pace:** Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny and if deny a reason why. Stan Porter made a motion to approve. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve All eligible voting members approved. Motion to approve carried.

**3. Yogesh Patel:** Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny and if deny a reason why. Jon Hentz made a motion to approve. Todd Holt seconded the motion to approve. All eligible voting members approved. Motion to approve carried.

**IX: ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Haney adjourned the meeting

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| Date Submitted: | _____ | Planning Commission Director |
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WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Zoning Variance

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| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                                                                            |                    | FEE \$ 150.00                            | Date 9-28-2023 |
|                                                                                                                                                 |                    | Case No.                                 |                |
| Owner's Name Lenzel & Shebbie Cannon                                                                                                            |                    | Mailing Address 2549 South Dick Creek rd |                |
| City/Zip Lafayette 30728                                                                                                                        |                    | Phone 706-280-6365                       |                |
| Tax Parcel # C545-008                                                                                                                           |                    | Street Name and Number Same              |                |
| Current Zoning A1                                                                                                                               | Requested Variance | Owner Occupied?                          |                |
|                                                                                                                                                 |                    | Rental Property?                         |                |
| Reason for Variance (Be Specific):<br>To move a mobile home on property so I can have my son to help me after another surgery less than 5 acres |                    |                                          |                |
| Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name                                                                                                                     |                    | Lessee's Address                         |                |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 150' OF ANY PROPERTY LINE                                                                        |                    |                                          |                |
| 1.                                                                                                                                              |                    |                                          |                |
| 2.                                                                                                                                              |                    |                                          |                |
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| IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET                                                                                        |                    |                                          |                |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT                                                                    |                    |                                          |                |
| Owner's Signature Shebbie H. Cannon                                                                                                             |                    | Date: 9-28-23                            |                |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 9-28-2023                                                                                                 |                    |                                          |                |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date Nov. 16th @ 6:00 pm.                                                                                          |                    |                                          |                |
| THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED.                                                                                                              |                    |                                          |                |

The Owner/Applicant must notify each property owner within 150' by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office.

This application must be fully complete prior to filing.



Applicant: Terna Cannon  
Map & Parcel: 0545 008 Variance request mobile home for less than 5 acres

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

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APPROVED AS SUBMITTED  
11-16-2023 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
DENIAL

Approved with the condition that if the property is divided that the mobile home has three and a quarter acre lot.

**COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED  
Mark W. Wright APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 12/14/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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DENIAL

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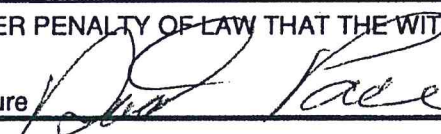
Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Shelbie 9-28-23  
OWNER DATE

Shelbie 9-28-23  
PETITIONER DATE

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                      |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                                  |  | FEE \$ 300.00                                                                        | Date 10-18-23 |
|                                                                                                       |  | Case No.                                                                             |               |
| Owner's Name David Pace                                                                               |  | Mailing Address 66 Herons Cove<br><small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small> |               |
| City/Zip Lafayette 30728                                                                              |  | Phone 423-509-5526 Jonathan                                                          |               |
| Tax Parcel # 03292 044                                                                                |  | Street Name and Number 71 Center Grove Rd                                            |               |
| Current Zoning R2                                                                                     |  | Requested Zoning Commercial Business                                                 |               |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br>Trying to run a business from this location.                      |  |                                                                                      |               |
|                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                      |               |
| Lessee's <small>IF APPLICABLE</small><br>Name JONATHAN JONES                                          |  | Lessee's<br>Address 1515 Pine Grove Rd. Ringgold GA 30736                            |               |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                               |  |                                                                                      |               |
| 1. MATT FOX 19 Center Grove Rd Lafayette GA 30728 - 1083 Old Grand Center Rd<br>Chickamauga GA 30707  |  |                                                                                      |               |
|                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                      |               |
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| 8. <small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>                            |  |                                                                                      |               |
| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS<br>CURRENT                                                                 |  | FUTURE                                                                               |               |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.               |  |                                                                                      |               |
| Owner's Signature  |  | Date: 10/18/23                                                                       |               |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 10-18-2023                                                      |  |                                                                                      |               |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date 11-16-2023 + BDC 12-14-2023                                         |  |                                                                                      |               |

FOR OFFICE USE

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Applicant: Jonathan Jones

Map & Parcel: 03292 044 Rezone from: R2 to: C1

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

11-16-2023

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

**COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:**

Mark K. Hufsch

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

12/14/2023

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Don Lee 10/18/23  
OWNER DATE

Jonathan Jones 10/18/2023  
PETITIONER DATE

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                         |  |                                                          |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                    |  | FEE \$ 300.00                                            | Date 10-19-2023                     |
| Owner's Name Amita Y. Patel / Yogesh Patel                                              |  | Mailing Address Rossvine                                 | Case No.                            |
| City/Zip 805 Mission Ridge Road.                                                        |  | Phone 423-468-0687                                       | INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED |
| Tax Parcel # 0-124-063                                                                  |  | Street Name and Number 807 Mission Ridge Rd.             |                                     |
| Current Zoning R-2                                                                      |  | Requested Zoning C-1                                     |                                     |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br>to extend the existing commercial business          |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name                                                             |  | Lessee's Address                                         |                                     |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                 |  |                                                          |                                     |
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| 2.                                                                                      |  |                                                          |                                     |
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| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS                                                              |  | IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET |                                     |
| CURRENT                                                                                 |  | FUTURE                                                   |                                     |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Owner's Signature Yogesh Patel                                                          |  | Date: 10/19/2023                                         |                                     |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: 10-19-2023                                        |  |                                                          |                                     |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date 11-16-2023 / BRC 12-14-2023                           |  |                                                          |                                     |

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Applicant: Yogesh Patel

Map & Parcel: 0-124-063 Rezone from: R-2 to: C-1

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

11-16-2023

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

**COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:**

Miriam Kluck

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

12/14/2023

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Yogesh Patel 10/19/2023  
OWNER DATE

PETITIONER

DATE

Walker County Departmental Statistics - November 2023



| Department                          |                   | Monthly Totals |        |          |    |         |     | YTD Totals |     | YTD Totals |     | Yearly Totals |     | Yearly Totals |     | Yearly Totals |    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|----------|----|---------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|----|
|                                     |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Animal Shelter                      |                   |                |        |          |    |         |     |            |     |            |     |               |     |               |     |               |    |
| Intake                              | Dogs              | 63             | 25     | 50       | 10 | 1,059   | 462 | 1,138      | 452 | 1,322      | 648 | 1,093         | 516 | 1,094         | 295 | 1,176         | 25 |
|                                     | Cats              | 49             | 15     | 101      | 10 | 1,008   | 331 | 1,172      | 433 | 1,281      | 624 | 1,091         | 474 | 1,099         | 279 | 1,012         | 47 |
|                                     | Adopted           | 23             | 5      | 27       | 3  | 222     | 73  | 191        | 150 | 31         | 91  | 33            | 65  | 208           | 152 | 138           | 34 |
|                                     | Rescued           | 17             | 10     | 64       | 0  | 607     | 234 | 720        | 245 | 999        | 494 | 919           | 397 | 766           | 119 | 749           | 13 |
|                                     | Returned to Owner | 9              | 0      | 8        | 0  | 169     | 18  | 249        | 17  | 238        | 18  | 119           | 6   | 112           | 3   | 125           | 0  |
| Euthanized                          | 9                 | 0              | 2      | 7        |    | 45      | 16  | 35         | 27  | 17         | 23  | 20            | 6   | 31            | 7   | 56            | 2  |
| Codes Enforcement & Litter          |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Inspections                         | 491               |                | 688    |          |    | 2,036   |     | 3,553      |     | 19,409     |     | 6,672         |     | 9,309         |     | 5,124         |    |
| Closed Cases                        | 8                 |                | 3      |          |    | 129     |     | 73         |     | 154        |     | 161           |     | 58            |     | 339           |    |
| Roadside Trash Pounds               | 0                 |                | 0      |          |    | 22,360  |     | 74,000     |     | 143,723    |     | 143,800       |     | 143,330       |     | 122,912       |    |
| Elections                           |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Registered Voters                   | n/a               |                | n/a    |          |    | 47,621  |     | 43,200     |     | 43,025     |     | 43,719        |     | 40,281        |     | 38,202        |    |
| Fire Department                     |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Calls for Service                   | 564               |                | 679    |          |    | 6,002   |     | 6,148      |     | 4,173      |     | 3,478         |     | 6,091         |     | 5,670         |    |
| Units Handling Calls for Service    | 814               |                | 1,138  |          |    | 8,630   |     | 9,433      |     | 7,024      |     | 5,705         |     | 8,815         |     | 6,359         |    |
| Smoke Alarms Installed              | 12                |                | 13     |          |    | 131     |     | 190        |     | 368        |     | 322           |     | 781           |     | 228           |    |
| Mountain Cove Farms                 |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Total Nights Booked                 | n/a               |                | n/a    |          |    | 522     |     | 1,016      |     | 892        |     | 840           |     | 1,102         |     | 908           |    |
| Planning                            |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Single Family New Home Construction | 20                |                | 13     |          |    | 337     |     | 142        |     | 157        |     | 150           |     | 128           |     | 124           |    |
| Building Inspections                | 424               |                | 357    |          |    | 4,165   |     | 2,291      |     | 1,755      |     | 1,595         |     | 1,424         |     | 1,326         |    |
| Public Relations                    |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Media Impressions (stories)         | 21                |                | 32     |          |    | 280     |     | 327        |     | 460        |     | 460           |     | 451           |     | 509           |    |
| Facebook Followers Added            | 220               |                | 465    |          |    | 1,985   |     | 2,722      |     | 1,227      |     | 2,768         |     | 1,880         |     | 2,182         |    |
| Facebook Posts (main page)          | 41                |                | 44     |          |    | 348     |     | 342        |     | 519        |     | 888           |     | 602           |     | 487           |    |
| WalkerCountyGA.gov views            | 42,751            |                | 51,362 |          |    | 489,924 |     | 504,354    |     | 568,384    |     | 668,051       |     | 357,989       |     | 316,285       |    |
| Newsletter Subscribers Added        | 22                |                | 2      |          |    | 224     |     | 345        |     | 1,376      |     | 1,104         |     | 971           |     | 925           |    |
| Public Works                        |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Patching/Potholes                   | 703               |                | 408    |          |    | 4,383   |     | 3,124      |     | 4,157      |     | 5,785         |     | 6,148         |     | 4,798         |    |
| Walker Transit                      |                   | October        |        | November |    | 2023    |     | 2022       |     | 2021       |     | 2020          |     | 2019          |     | 2018          |    |
| Total Trips                         | 2,349             |                | 2,118  |          |    | 28,599  |     | 27,869     |     | 18,420     |     | 17,436        |     | 26,535        |     | 21,551        |    |



# Best Friends: Data Matrix

Criteria:

Enter from date: 11/01/2023

Enter to date: 11/30/2023

|                                                  | Species |                |             |        |                |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------|
|                                                  | Canine  |                |             | Feline |                |             |
|                                                  | Adult   | Up to 5 months | Unknown Age | Adult  | Up to 5 months | Unknown Age |
| Beginning Animal Count 2023-11-01                | 152     | 50             | 0           | 95     | 15             | 0           |
| Intakes: Stray/At Large                          | 13      | 11             | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Intakes: Transferred in from Municipal Shelter   | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Intakes: Transferred in from Other Rescue Group  | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Intakes: Owner Requested Euthanasia              | 0       | 0              | 0           | 6      | 0              | 0           |
| Intakes: Relinquished by Owner                   | 1       | 6              | 0           | 0      | 4              | 0           |
| Intakes: Returns                                 | 6       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Intakes: Other Intakes                           | 9       | 10             | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Adoption                          | 25      | 2              | 0           | 3      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner                 | 8       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Returned To Field                 | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Transferred to Municipal Shelter  | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Transferred to Other Rescue Group | 43      | 21             | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Live Outcomes: Other                             | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Other Outcomes: Died in Care                     | 2       | 1              | 0           | 0      | 2              | 0           |
| Other Outcomes: Lost in Care                     | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Other Outcomes: Euthanasia                       | 2       | 0              | 0           | 1      | 0              | 0           |
| Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia       | 0       | 0              | 0           | 6      | 0              | 0           |
| Ending Animal Counts 2023-11-30                  | 110     | 44             | 0           | 94     | 14             | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: Pre-Adoption                      | 48      | 5              | 0           | 9      | 6              | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: Free for Low-Income Families      | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for Low-Income Families  | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for General Public       | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: TNR                               | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |
| Spays/Neuters: Other                             | 0       | 0              | 0           | 0      | 0              | 0           |

# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                                                                                                        |  | FEE \$ <u>75.00</u>                                                                                 | Date <u>2-14-2023</u> |
| Case No.                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| Owner's Name <u>John Stanley</u>                                                                                                                                            |  | Mailing Address <u>2422 Charleston Square</u><br><small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small> |                       |
| City/Zip <u>Chattanooga, TN 37421</u>                                                                                                                                       |  | Phone <u>423-605-7532</u>                                                                           |                       |
| Tax Parcel # <u>0137-027A</u>                                                                                                                                               |  | Street Name and Number <u>Pine Valley Road</u>                                                      |                       |
| Current Zoning <u>R1</u>                                                                                                                                                    |  | Requested Zoning <u>R2</u>                                                                          |                       |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br><u>R2 would allow for limited agricultural use for hobby and educational experiences such as backyard chickens, 4# cows, pigs, etc.</u> |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| Lessee's IF APPLICABLE<br>Name                                                                                                                                              |  | Lessee's<br>Address                                                                                 |                       |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
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| <small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| CURRENT                                                                                                                                                                     |  | FUTURE                                                                                              |                       |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| Owner's Signature <u>[Signature]</u>                                                                                                                                        |  | Date: <u>2/14/23</u>                                                                                |                       |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: <u>2-14-2023</u>                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                     |                       |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date <u>3-16-2023</u> + <u>3-23-2023</u>                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                     |                       |

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Applicant: John Stanley

Map & Parcel: 0137-027A Rezone from: R1 to: R2

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

3-16-2023

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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DENIAL

**COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:**

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Shannon Kluthufel 3/23/23 TABLED until Mr. Stanley comes back with more information

DENIAL

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

John Stanley 2/14/23  
OWNER DATE

PETITIONER

DATE

WALKER COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: John Stanley  
  
Petitioner: same  
  
Location of Property: 0 Pine Valley Drive  
Rossville, GA. 30741

Tax map & parcel number 0-137-027A

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                     | Date Applied:                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2/14/2023         |
|                     | PC Meeting Date:                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/16/2023         |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
|                     | Present Zoning:                                                                                                                                                                                  | R-1 (Residential) |
| APPLICANT'S INTENT: | Would like to rezone the property from R-1 (Residential) to R-2 (Residential)                                                                                                                    |                   |
| DETAILS OF REQUEST: | The Stanley's would like to rezone the property from R-1 to R-2 so they can have limited agricultural use for hobby and educational experiences such as backyard chickens, cows and pigs for 4H. |                   |

Sec. 22-148. Allowable and prohibited uses.

Allowable uses within each land use district are as follows:

| Land Use                        | Land Use District |     |     |     |     |      |     |    |   |     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|---|-----|
|                                 | A-1               | R-A | R-1 | R-2 | R-3 | CBOD | C-1 | CN | I | PUD |
| Residential                     | A                 | A   | A   | A   | A   | A    | P   | A  | P | A   |
| Institutional                   | A                 | A   | P   | A   | A   | A    | A   | A  | A | A   |
| Outdoor recreational            | A                 | A   | P   | A   | A   | A    | A   | A  | P | A   |
| Professional service and office | P                 | A   | P   | A   | A   | A    | A   | A  | P | A   |
| Neighborhood commercial         | A                 | P   | P   | P   | P   | A    | A   | A  | P | A   |
| General commercial              | P                 | P   | P   | P   | P   | A    | A   | P  | P | A   |
| Public service                  | A                 | A   | P   | P   | P   | A    | A   | A  | A | A   |
| Utilities                       | A                 | A   | A   | A   | A   | A    | A   | A  | A | A   |
| Low intensity agriculture       | A                 | A   | P   | A   | A   | A    | P   | P  | P | P   |
| General agriculture             | A                 | A   | P   | P   | P   | A    | P   | P  | P | P   |
| Silvicultural                   | A                 | A   | P   | P   | A   | A    | P   | P  | P | A   |
| Industrial                      | P                 | P   | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P  | A | P   |
| Mining                          | A                 | P   | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P  | A | P   |

Notes:

A—Allowed use, must meet all applicable development and compatibility standards.  
P—Prohibited use

(Code 2005, § 34-235; Ord. of 7-20-1994, § 3.04; Ord. of 1-29-2009(2), § 34-235)



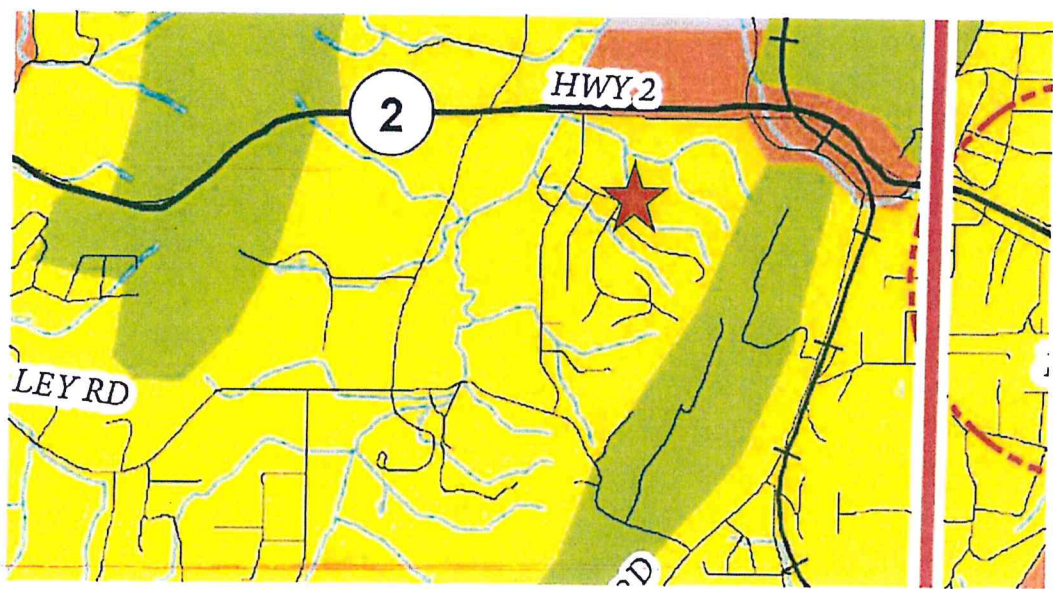
Sec. 22-147. - Specific uses allowed.

- (10) *Low intensity agricultural.* Low intensity agricultural uses include croplands, pastures, aquaculture, plant nurseries and buildings which are accessory to these agricultural uses. This category of uses does not include feedlots, poultry, hog and dairy operations, and processing or distribution plants for agricultural products and supplies. Low density residential use is allowed.

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:





### **CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA**

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-1 & R-2 (Residential) & C-1 (Commercial)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions:** None
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** It would provide more housing to the area.
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** The tax records show the property has been owned by John Stanley since August 2022.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** Not that we know of
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows country suburban.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** Unknown.
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** The property does adjoin residential R-2 property.





**Walker County Governmental Authority**  
**101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445**  
**LaFayette, GA 30728**  
**706-638-1437**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**March 23, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on March 23, 2023.

**II. Attendees:**

The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Relations Director Joe Legge and Board Clerk Whitney Summey. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Askew made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the ceremonial section to item number five on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve agenda.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

**V. Ceremonial:**

- I. Chairman Whitfield read the Proclamation for Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and presented it to Nathan Gibson with Bridge Health. Gibson thanked the Board for their support with this proclamation.

**VI. Public Hearing:**

- I. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Alexandria Howard for a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 1758 County Line Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-360-010C. There was no further discussion.
- II. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Wesley and Maruim Smith for a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 2030 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-523-044D. Stevie Harris said his aunt owns this property and his property is adjacent. He said they are requesting the variance for his son to build a home on the property. Chairman Whitfield asked the exact acreage if the variance is allowed. Harris said there are eight acres total and they would split it five and three.
- III. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Jon Stanley for a variance for more than six on a private drive for property located at 0 Pine Valley Road, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A. John and Melissa Stanley said they are not developers and they would like to have more time to meet with an engineer and bring back a better plan and supporting information. Chairman Whitfield said they would consider tabling the request for a later date during the business section of the meeting. Mr. Stanley said they have lived in the area for 20-years and they would like to create a place for their family to raise their children in an outside environment. He said eight drives would be his ideal number for the property. He said they would have minimal agriculture like backyard chickens, a pond, and a pavilion for a community space. He showed the Board photos of the types of homes they would like to build.

- Withdrawn** →
- IV. Chairman Whitfield said the request from John Stanley for a rezone from R-1 to R-2 for property located at 0 Pine Valley Road, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A was



in conjunction with the previous variance request and asked if anyone else would like to speak. There was no further discussion.

- V. Chairman Whitfield said the request from Daniel J. Waters for a rezone from A-1 to R-1 for property located at the corner of East Broomtown Road at Blue Mountain Lane, Trion, GA 30753, tax map and parcel number 0-460-019A, was withdrawn at the request of Mr. Waters.

VII. Public Comment:

- I. Jim Pope asked Commissioner Askew about the benefits to taxpayers on the \$8,700.00 spent on secondary council. Commissioner Askew said the money was very well spent by advising the Board on some questions the Board had with the transition from a Sole Commissioner. He said they have helped the Board save money on mistakes that could have been made had they not had them to rely on. Commissioner Stultz said a specific example of how they have helped the Board and the county was with the apartment complex on the north end. He said David Gottlieb did a great job advising them on this topic but it was good to have a second opinion. Pope thanked the Board for their comments.
- II. Carter Brown said he was in favor of the records center resolution. He said it will be good for monitoring traffic access and for future staff to reference.

VIII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was any further discussion on the request from Alexandria Howard for a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 1758 County Line Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-360-010C. Commissioner Hart made a motion to deny, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was any further discussion on the request form Wesley and Maruim Smith for a variance to divide off less than five acres in an A-1 zone for property located at 2030 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, GA 30728, tax map and parcel number 0-523-044D. Commissioner Blakemore asked the sizes if approved. Mr. Harris said his aunt would keep the house and one acre, and his son would build a house and run cattle on the other seven. Commissioner Askew asked when the last time the land was used for agriculture and how many acres were adjoining. Commissioner Stultz asked how long the property had been in the family. Mr. Harris said he runs cows on his property currently and their property has been in their family for more than 100 years. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was any further discussion on the request from John Stanley for a variance for more than six on a private drive for property located at 0 Pine Valley Road, Rossville, 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A. Commissioner Askew asked if it were to stay at six what could they do with the property. Mr. Stanley said with the number of children they have and other extended family, eight would be more useful. Commissioner Hart asked if they would build the road to county specifications. Mr. Stanley said they would make it wide enough for emergency vehicles but not to county specifications. Commissioner Hart said the property has a 14% grade and he believes they will have issues when developing. Mr. Stanley said they are wanting to table until later so they can meet with an engineer to get advice on what they could do with the property. Commissioner Askew made a motion to table until Mr. Stanley asks to be reheard, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

Withdrawn

- IV. Chairman Whitfield asked if there was any further discussion on the request from John Stanley for a rezone from R-1 to R-2 for property located at 0 Pine Valley Road, Rossville, GA 30741, tax map and parcel number 0-137-027A. Commissioner Blakemore said he would like to wait to see plans after the owner meets with an engineer. County Attorney David Gottlieb said as long as both sides agree to tabling the request they could see it at a later date on the same application. Mr. Stanley said he agreed to table until later. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to table until Mr. Stanley asks to be reheard, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

- V. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-015-23 to declare property as unserviceable surplus. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-016-23 to adopt a records center access policy. Commissioner Askew said he and Commissioner Stultz had spoken with agency heads and they all felt this would be a great upgrade to the security at the records center. Commissioner Stultz said this is a good resolution to keep track of the county's records. Commissioner Hart asked if everything could be done within the 45 day time table in the resolution. Chairman Whitfield said they could look at each section individually. He said the County Clerk has a large amount of records they are responsible for and they may need to be added to have access also. Commissioner Askew said the County Clerk can reach out to records staff and have records pulled, he would like to keep the resolution as is with some of the 45 day exceptions. Chairman



Whitfield read through sections A through H and the Board agreed to extend the 45 day period as reasonably necessary regarding sections C, E, and F. Commissioner Askew asked for a 45 day update on the three with extensions. Commissioner Askew made a motion to approve with modifications to section 7 with the extension of the 45 day period as reasonably necessary regarding sections C, E, and F. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

- VII. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-017-23 to adopt an employee electronic property and communications system policy. Commissioner Askew wanted to clarify that he had spoken with Chairman Whitfield and County Attorney David Gottlieb eight days prior to the published agenda and requested this item be on the agenda. He said the draft was sent out only hours before it was published to the public. He said he assumed it was taken care of, but there was a mix up in communications. Chairman Whitfield said the resolution conflicts with modern technology and is not up to today's time and management systems. He said he has spoken with the IT Director and he said this is a good start, but some items need to be addressed. Commissioner Askew said IT Director Curtis Creekmur said this is a great start and this can be changed at any time. He said council, secondary council, and the IT Director had vetted the policy as is. County Attorney David Gottlieb said he looked at the document from a legal perspective and he is not up to date on IT. Commissioner Stultz said this policy would provide a layer of protection and a starting point because there will be many technological advances in the future. Commissioner Askew said HR has looked at the policy and is comfortable with it as well. Chairman Whitfield asked if HR had gotten the IT departments input. Human Resources Manager Angie Teems said she provided the Board with the first draft back in November and Curtis Creekmur looked over the draft in December. She said he was good with it and then tweaking it later since there is no policy in place. Chairman Whitfield said the secondary council has issues with the policy and it is in conflict with the enabling act. Commissioner Askew asked how the policy was in conflict with day to day operations. Chairman Whitfield gave a conflicting example from the policy and said elected officials have not had a chance to review the policy. He said there are risks in adopting. Commissioner Hart asked if they could have something completely accurate in 21 days for the next meeting. Chairman Whitfield said yes. Commissioner Askew said they have been trying to get a policy in place for some time. He read the recommendation email from the secondary council. Chairman Whitfield said the comments have not been implemented in the policy. Chairman Whitfield and Commissioner Askew discussed some of the specifications within the policy. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to table until the next meeting to provide a new draft. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. 1 aye from Commissioner Hart, 3 nays from Commissioner Blakemore, Commissioner Askew, and Commissioner Stultz, motion failed due to lack of support. Commissioner Askew made a motion to accept resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 3 ayes by Commissioner Blakemore, Commissioner Askew, and Commissioner Stultz, 1 nays from Commissioner Hart, motion carried. Chairman Whitfield said he wanted to make the Board aware the policy being adopted was in conflict with the enabling act.
- VIII. Chairman Whitfield asked Deputy Chief Nathan Farrow to speak about purchase order 2023-00000937 for 13 sets of turnout gear for Walker County Fire Rescue. Deputy Chief Farrow said this is part of the yearly replacement plan to keep everything updated. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IX. Chairman Whitfield read the email from Brandon Whitley, regarding purchase order 2023-00001335, giving an update on the current county fire hydrant inventory and the future uses of some of the new hydrants. He said the Board was provided with three proposals and Walter A Woods Supply provided the lowest price. He said they averaged \$4,272.70 per hydrant. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and told them to feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Askew thanked everyone for coming out and being involved in county government. He said Tuesday was national agriculture day and it is great to see the industry growing in Walker County. He said the number of farms in Walker County has grown from 528 to 624 with poultry being the largest industry. He gave information on a clean up day in Chickamauga and the vendor meeting for the Farmers Market.

Commissioner Hart thanked Public Works Director Carlen Bowers, Senator Colton Moore, and GA State Patrol Jason Bucknew for their work on the problems at the intersection of Highway 136 and Hwy 201. Carlen Bowers said GDOT is doing a traffic study at this intersection and a few others in the county. Commissioner Hart gave information about career day coming up at LaFayette High School.

Commissioner Stultz thanked all of the county employees for their hard work. He gave information about an Easter Service at the Cedar Grove Community Center. He said he has attended some of the recent Historic Preservation Commission Meetings and has learned so much about the history of the county. He encouraged everyone to come out to their future meetings.

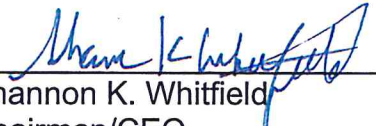
Chairman Whitfield gave an update of the progress of the policy that was adopted to establish training requirements for the Planning Commission. He said everyone but two members were able to attend a recent meeting in Cartersville. He said Walker County had the largest group of attendants. He said it was a great meeting and there are plans to have more training in the north end of the state in the future.

X. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitfield asked if there was a need for an executive session. There was none.

IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Stultz seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

  
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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Chairman/CEO  
Walker County Georgia

04-13-2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey



# WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

|                                                                                         |                                                                                              |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE                                                                    |                                                                                              | Date <u>8-30-2023</u> |
| FEE \$ <u>300.00</u>                                                                    |                                                                                              | Case No.              |
| Owner's Name <u>SAI KRISNA INC</u>                                                      | Mailing Address <u>9180 W. HWY 136</u><br><small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small> |                       |
| City/Zip <u>CHICKAMAUGA GA 30707</u>                                                    | Phone <u>865-300-2018</u>                                                                    |                       |
| Tax Parcel # <u>0-256-029</u>                                                           | Street Name and Number <u>9180 W. HWY 136</u>                                                |                       |
| Current Zoning <u>CN</u>                                                                | Requested Zoning <u>C-1</u>                                                                  |                       |
| Reason for Change (Be Specific):<br><u>MALT BEV. / SPIRITS / WINE LOCATION</u>          |                                                                                              |                       |
|                                                                                         |                                                                                              |                       |
| Lessee's Name <small>IF APPLICABLE</small>                                              | Lessee's Address                                                                             |                       |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES                 |                                                                                              |                       |
| 1.                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                       |
| 2.                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                       |
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| 5.                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                       |
| 6.                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                       |
| 7.                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                       |
| 8. <small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>              |                                                                                              |                       |
| LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS<br>CURRENT                                                   |                                                                                              | FUTURE                |
| I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. |                                                                                              |                       |
| Owner's Signature <u>[Signature]</u>                                                    |                                                                                              | Date: <u>8/29/23</u>  |
| Date Received by the Planning Office: <u>8-30-2023</u>                                  |                                                                                              |                       |
| Planning Commission Decision/Date <u>Oct. 19. 2023</u>                                  |                                                                                              |                       |

FOR OFFICE USE

The Owner/Applicant must notify each adjoining property owner by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office. Additionally, a sign, furnished by the Planning Commission will be posted on the subject front property line at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. Written notification must be mailed at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. This application must be fully complete prior to filing.

Applicant: SAI KRISNA INC.

Map & Parcel: 0-256-029 Rezone from: CN to: C-1

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TABLED

10-19-2023 DENIAL A motion to deny due to  
no other C-1 zone around.

**COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Mark Klueh 11-9-2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TABLED

\_\_\_\_\_  
DENIAL

The following disclosure is required of the applicant(s) by Section 36-67A-3 of O.C.G.A. The following is for disclosure purposes only and does not disqualify the petition.

Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES ( ) NO (X). If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information.

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made.
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application: and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

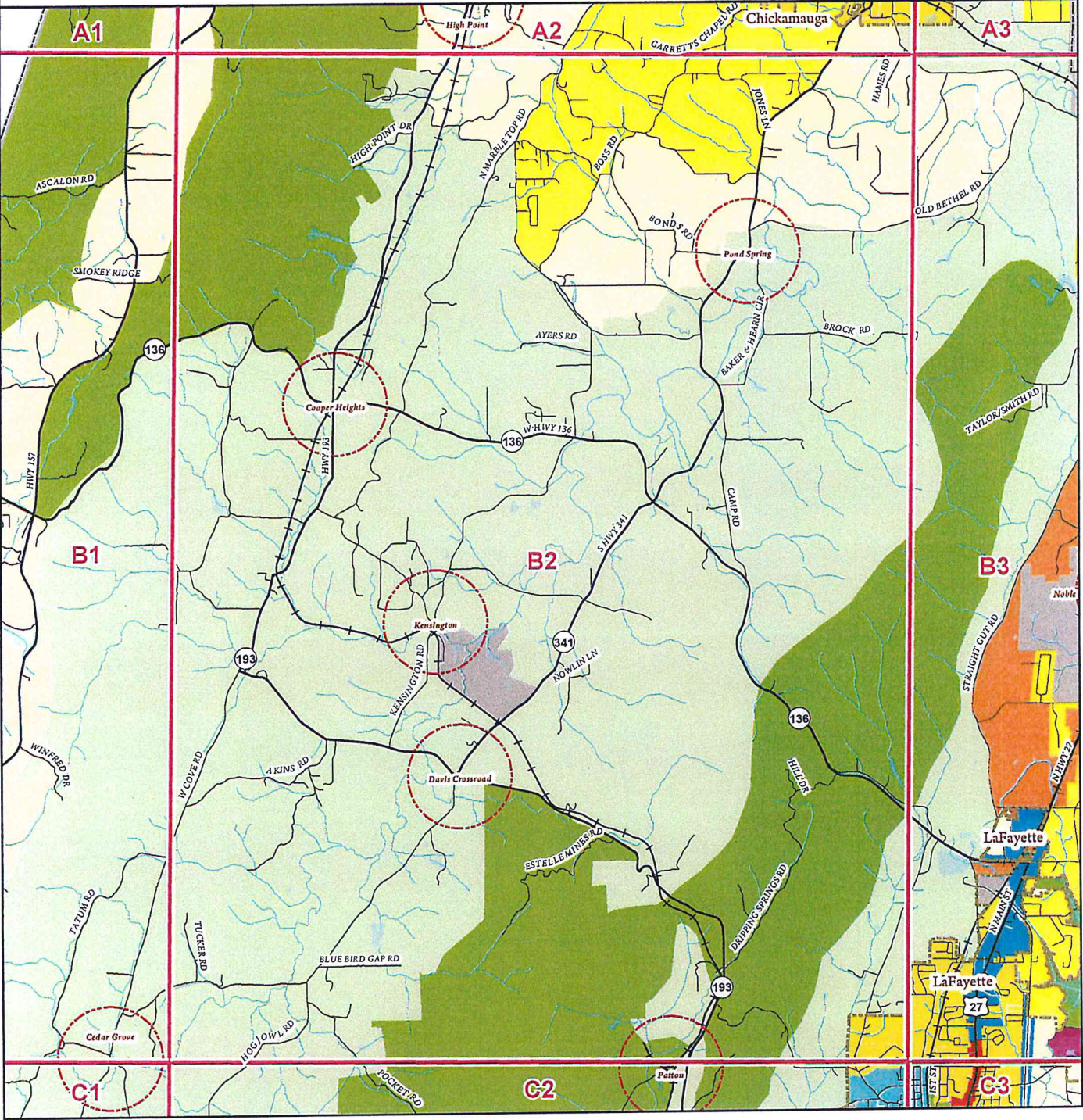
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PETITIONER DATE



Future Development Map - Walker County, Georgia

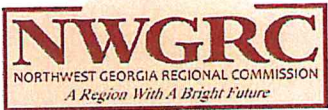
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- Roads    — Railroads    — Lakes & Ponds    — Crossroad Community  
— Highways    — Rivers & Streams    — City Limits

Character Areas

- |                               |                                |                                  |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Activity Center               | Downtown Mixed Use             | Historic Mill Redevelopment Area | Residential Redevelopment Area |
| Activity Destination District | Estate Residential             | Industrial                       | Rural Residential              |
| Agriculture / Forestry        | Fairlyland Proper              | Lookout Mountain Neighborhood    | School                         |
| Airport                       | Gateway Corridor               | Mill Village                     | Town Center                    |
| County Suburban               | Greenspace / Conservation Area | Missionary Ridge Residential     | Traditional Neighborhood       |
| Downtown Business District    | Historic Downtown              | Mixed Use                        |                                |



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Figure 50. Villanow Community, Walker County Georgia

**Crossroads Community: Chickamauga and Walker County**

**Description:** Rural unincorporated historic communities located at the intersection of main thoroughfares. Crossroad Communities contains a mixture of uses, such as single family residential and commercial, but public/institution activities, such as a fire department. These locations are typically automobile focused, lacking infrastructure needed for pedestrian mobility. Commercial retail in these locations often provides household goods and groceries. Other activities often include local retail services

**Suggested Development Strategy:**

1. Provide incentives or revise local development regulations for beautification, landscaping, and signage.
2. Provide needed infrastructure to support additional commercial activities and residential development at the Crossroads Community, preventing fragmenting the surrounding rural landscape. Infrastructure improvements may include high speed internet, water and sewerage, and sidewalks.
3. Encourage small retail establishments over big box stores.
4. Permit conservation subdivision designs that protect nearby open space.
5. Whenever possible, connect to regional network of greenspace and trails available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular means of transportation.

**Land uses:**

- Commercial
- Residential
- Public/Institutional

**Key Word Objectives:** Main thoroughfares intersections, Local retail commercial, Residential, Cluster or conservation subdivision, new infrastructure, improved infrastructure, pedestrian friendly, Sense of place, Trails.



**WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned, having been duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate:

**1.**

The Walker County Board of Commissioners met in an open and duly advertised meeting on December 14, 2023.

**2.**

During the meeting the Walker County Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session.

**3.**

In my capacity as Commission Chairman, I preside over the executive session. The executive session was called to order at 8:15 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Blakemore, Askew, Hart, and Stultz

Also in attendance: County Attorney Gottlieb

**4.**

The subject matter of the executive session was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law: (Initial all that are applicable):

       **Litigation Matters:** Consultation with the Walker County government attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought, or to be brought, by or against Walker County government or any officer or employee in which Walker County government or any officer or employee may be directly involved; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

       **Real Estate Matters:** Discussion regarding the future purchase or acquisition, disposal, or leasing of real estate; as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1);

SkwX **Personnel Matters:** Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal of a Walker County government officer or employee; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

       **Other:** (describe exemption of the open meeting law) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in O.C.G.A. \_\_\_\_\_.

Slav X No other matters were discussed during the executive session.

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion occurred on a topic not authorized by law. The meeting was declared out of order, immediately ceased and was adjourned.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Name: Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Title: Commission Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

[Signature]

Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

