

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

John Anker  
Joanne Cogle

**Clerk of Council**  
Lindsey G. McLemore



Council Chambers  
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

April 22, 2025  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for April 8, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. **Proclamation:** Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution Day

**Receiving:** Maryann Barclay

3. **Proclamation:** World Pizza Championship Day

**Receiving:** Jeffrey Dicesaris

4. **Proclamation:** Georgia Cities Week

**Receiving:** Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

## **PRESENTATIONS**

5. Introduction of Shevon S. Thomas, Solicitor General of Muscogee County, Georgia.
6. Georgia General Assembly Post Legislative Update - State Representative Carolyn Hugley
7. Recorder's Court Update – Judge David Ranieri

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 8.** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 032-25 which imposed certain insurance requirements for CCG vendors. The amendment clarifies that certain providers of professional services are exempt from the scope of the Resolution. (Councilors Crabb and Tucker)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Last Application Submitted: April 17, 2025, 10:09 p.m. (Online)*

1. Mr. Ronald Carthar, Re: Closing of Morris Road.
2. ~~Mr. Justin Allen, Re: Columbus Clingstones.~~ *Canceled*
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Southside Deserves Economic Development.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Exit 4 Buena Vista Rd Construction and the Murder Count.
5. ~~Mr. John Fink, Re: Petitioning Council to Terminate Ban from Lake Oliver Marina.~~ *Rescheduling*
6. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Public Works.
7. Mrs. Kathryn Tanner, Re: Voting Rights and Concerns About South Commons.
8. Mr. J Nathan Smith, Re: Requesting Council Fix the Mistakes of the Past.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Police FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Reallocation**

Approval is requested to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks.

**2. Property Purchase- 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909**

Approval is requested to purchase 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.

**3. Sale of Public Alleyway - North Side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue**

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties due to the property no longer serving a current or anticipated public use.

**4. Community Care Program for the Medically Underserved and Inmate Population**

Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, as the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

**5. Marathon First Responder Grant – Fire & EMS**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.

**6. Peach Little League Batting Cage Donation**

Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.

**7. PURCHASES**

- A.** Residential General Contractor Services And Housing Inspection Services For The Community Reinvestment Department II (Annual Contract)- RFP NO. 25-0008
- B.** Isuzu Box Trucks for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C.** Public Safety Equipment for the Sheriff's Office



## **8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Pool/Lifeguard Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation
- B. FY25 Budget Update, Warden Herbert Walker – Muscogee County Prison

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** April 22, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFPs

**May 2, 2025**

#### **1. Real & Personal Property Mail/Processing For Muscogee County Tax Commissioner (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0017**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide printing and mailing services to the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner. The required services shall include:

- Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Bills
- Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Delinquent Notices

The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

#### **2. Environmental Consulting Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0018**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified environmental consulting firm to provide assistance with the recently awarded United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant for the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, community outreach, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

# **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

## **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

- [1.](#) Board Memo – Listing the terms of the Downtown Development Authority and the need for them to reconvene.

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- [2.](#) Resignation of Dorris Bishop from her seat as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

- [3.](#) **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Election and Registration 03.06.25

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 01.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 02.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 03.11.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 04.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 05.13.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 06.10.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 08.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 09.09.24

Board of Tax Assessors #11-25

Board of Tax Assessors #12-25

Board of Tax Assessors #13-25

Columbus Ironworks Trade Center Authority 02.28.25

Development Authority 03.06.25

Employee Benefits Committee 02.26.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia 02.25.25

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **4. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

#### **A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Open for Nominations</u>
<u>(Certified Public Accountant)</u>	<u>(Mayor's Appointment)</u>
<u>Term Expires:</u>	

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Open for Nominations</u>
<u>(Corporate/Employment Attorney)</u>	<u>(Mayor's Appointment)</u>
<u>Term Expires:</u>	

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Open for Nominations</u>
<u>(Law Enforcement Representative)</u>	<u>(Mayor's Appointment)</u>
<u>Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member</u>	

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

#### **B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

<u>John F. Greenman</u>	<u>(Mayor's Appointment)</u>
<u>Eligible to succeed</u>	
<u>Term Expires: April 30, 2025</u>	

*The terms are five years. Meets once a month.*

<u>Women: 3</u>
<u>Senatorial District 15: 4</u>
<u>Senatorial District 29: 3</u>

### **5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Clayton Hood was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Councilor John Anker. *(Councilor Anker/Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025

- B. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Holli Browder was nominated to serve another term as the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028
- C. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Nancy Boren was nominated to serve another term as one of the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representatives. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028
- D. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Reynolds Bickerstaff was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. **COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>New Member</u></b>	<b><u>Open for Nominations</u></b>
<b><u>(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)</u></b>	<b><u>(Council's Appointment)</u></b>
<i><u>Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member</u></i>	

<b><u>New Member</u></b>	<b><u>Trade Center's Nomination</u></b>
<b><u>(Trade Center Representative)</u></b>	<b><u>(Confirmed by Council)</u></b>

<b><u>New Member</u></b>	<b><u>RiverCenter's Nomination</u></b>
<b><u>(RiverCenter Representative)</u></b>	<b><u>(Confirmed by Council)</u></b>

<b><u>New Member</u></b>	<b><u>CVB's Nomination</u></b>
<b><u>(Convention &amp; Visitors Board Representative)</u></b>	<b><u>(Confirmed by Council)</u></b>

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B. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>Allen Taber – Interested in serving another term</u></b>	<b><u>(Council's Appointment)</u></b>
<b><u>Eligible to succeed</u></b>	
<b><u>Term Expired: August 15, 2023</u></b>	

**Brad Coppedge** – Interested in serving another term (Council’s Appointment)  
Eligible to succeed  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Karl Douglass** – Interested in serving another term (Council’s Appointment)  
Eligible to succeed  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Will Barnes** (Council’s Appointment)  
Deceased  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Billy Blanchard** – Waiting on response (Council’s Appointment)  
Eligible to succeed  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Stephen Butler** – Waiting on response (Council’s Appointment)  
Eligible to succeed  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Ernest Smallman, IV** (Council’s Appointment)  
Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals  
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Councilor Crabb is nominating Allen Taber, Brad Coppedge and Karl Douglass to serve another term.**

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

**Women: 0**  
**Senatorial District 15: 3**  
**Senatorial District 29: 3**

#### COUNCIL HEARINGS:

1. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax submitted by Mr. Carl Robertson of Columbus State University for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for April 8, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
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3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

April 8, 2025  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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**M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilors Glenn Davis and Bruce Huff were absent.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Community Development Block Grant Presentation; (2) Synovus Park Presentation; (3) Community Care Program Final Presentation; (4) Health & Wellness Impact: Plan Year 2024

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Agenda Report – Proposals for South Commons Redevelopment

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Jimmy Elder – First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

**SEVERE WEATHER WARNING UPDATE:**

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** addressed the recent storm that affected the Midland area over the past weekend. He mentioned the significant damage to homes and property, including widespread tree damage. He announced a temporary moratorium to assist residents dealing with fallen trees and debris and expressed his sorrow over the tragic loss of two lives. He emphasized the importance of taking weather warnings seriously.

**Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Chance D. Corbett** approached the rostrum referring to the storm and the unfortunate impact that it had on the area where it touched down. He explained that the tornado warning was issued abruptly, as the storm was not initially tracking as a tornado until it intensified. He confirmed that the outdoor siren system functioned properly, automatically activating within the polygon warning area. This activation was verified by resident reports. Director Corbett and the National Weather Service Warning Meteorologist conducted a field survey and confirmed that the area experienced an EF1 tornado, with wind speeds reaching 90 mph and a path of 2.6 miles on the ground. He commended the efforts of first responders and the Public Works department for their effective response.

He also addressed a separate, inadvertent siren activation that occurred earlier, attributing it to an unfamiliar key being pushed during a routine report update. He confirmed that the issue was immediately corrected and that procedures will be reviewed to prevent future errors. He reminded the



public that the sirens are intended for outdoor alerts and encouraged the use of multiple sources to stay informed when there are watches and warnings.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** extended his condolences to the families affected by the storm-related fatalities. He assured the community that staff are actively assessing the area and will coordinate with Homeland Security to determine the duration of the moratorium. Due to restrictions on accessing private property, he noted that specific instructions will be provided to residents regarding the proper method for tree and debris removal.

## **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for March 25, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Merri Sherman Day

**Receiving:** Merri Sherman, Executive Director of Columbus Sports Council

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, April 8, 2025, as *Merri Sherman Day*, recognizing Merri Sherman for the positive impact she has had on sports tourism in the community as well as her hard work and dedication to the Columbus Sports Council.

3. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

**Receiving:** Carrie Beth, Founder of TheColumbusite

**Councilor Travis L. Chambers** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming April 2025, as *Arts & Culture Month*, celebrating the important contribution that arts and culture has made to increase the quality of life in Columbus, Georgia. Also, honoring and giving thanks to the many artists and creative industry professionals.

4. **Proclamation:** National Community Development Week

**Receiving:** Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment

**Councilor Tovia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming April 21-25, 2025, as *National Community Development Week*, recognizing the Community Reinvestment Department's efforts in addressing the needs of low- to moderate-income households and enhancing the overall quality of life in the community.

**Community Investment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum inviting others to join in the National Community Development Week Kickoff of 2025. He provided background on the establishment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and its ongoing mission to support communities through housing, infrastructure, and economic development. He also spoke on the origins and purpose of National Community Development Week, highlighting its role in raising awareness and support for both the CDBG and HOME programs.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **2. FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission**

**Resolution (111-25):** A resolution authorizing the filing of the Fy24 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Hud). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **5. Proclamation: Public Service Recognition Week**

**Receiving:** Laddia King, Human Resources

*(Note: The proclamation was delayed by Mayor Henderson.)*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. Columbus Clingstones Update – Presented by Pete Laven, General Manager**

**Pete Laven, Clingstones General Manager,** approached the rostrum expressing his excitement for the upcoming grand opening of Synovus Park, scheduled for the following week. He touched on the recent renovations and stadium construction, noting the variety of events that will take place in the future.

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** followed with a brief presentation showcasing the development of Synovus Park. He displayed a time-lapse visual featuring the stadium's transformation from past to present, noting that several original materials were preserved and incorporated into the new construction.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** came forward to provide details about METRA's free shuttle service for stadium opening day. The shuttle will begin running at 5:00 p.m. and will pick up at the River Center parking deck (919 Broadway) and transport passengers to the back gate of Synovus Park.

## **ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to request the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to delay the resolution until the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to add a referendum to be put on the May 2026 ballot for the citizens to be able to vote to approve further development to South Commons including retail, restaurants, housing, motel and parking, seconded by Councilor Hickey. After discussions, Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion.

In response to concerns raised by several Councilors, **Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** clarified that the current Request for Proposals (RFP) for South Commons is non-binding, with no financial commitments involved. The intent is to gather design ideas and explore possibilities for infrastructure improvements that would support future development.

**Councilor R. Walker Garrett** reminded the Council of past missed economic opportunities due to delays. He also reflected on former Councilors Barnes and Thomas stating they were integral in the development of the new baseball stadium, and they believed in the dream of economic development. He then made a motion amend the RFP to exclude any reference to TAD Funds or Tax Abatements and to include appropriate site work to be completed by the Development Authority to facilitate the RFP, seconded by Councilor Cogle.

In reference to concerns regarding Tax Allocation Districts (TADs), **Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** clarified that TADs were established by the City Council and can be repealed by the Council at any time. He added that, in his opinion, the \$50 million allocated for the stadium was designed to be paid for by the development around the stadium.

After a lengthy discussion regarding this matter, with several Councilors expressing their thoughts and concerns, Councilor Tucker made a motion to delay the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members of Council present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

At this time Mayor Henderson called for the motion that was previously made by Councilor Garrett to amend the RFP to exclude any reference to TAD Funds or Tax Abatements and to include appropriate site work to be completed by the Development Authority to facilitate the RFP. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members of Council present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion to add a referendum to be put on the May 2026 ballot for the citizens to be able to vote to approve further development to include retail, restaurants, housing, motel and parking in South Commons area.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Would like an update on the \$1.6 million that was approved for A. J. McClung and what project was decided on and how long will it take for the project to be completed. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Can we have the TAD conversation during the Work Session (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (25-014) – 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **2903 10th Avenue** (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)
- 2) **1024 Henry Avenue** (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)
- 3) **2610 Jones Avenue** (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)
- 4) **3826 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
- 5) **3822 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)

- 6) **831 Barklay Way** (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)
- 7) **2475 Walker Street** (William D. Holland, Owner)
- 8) **615 Parkchester Drive** (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

- 2. **Ordinance (25-015) – 2nd Reading** - An ordinance amending the Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy and renaming it the Paid Parental Leave Policy to be consistent with the definitions contained in EEOC guidelines. (Councilor Chambers) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.
- 3. **Ordinance (25-016) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance adopting new pay rates for the Parks and Recreation Aquatic staff for the Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance No. 24-027; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Tucker) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.
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10. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 17B-11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to the application process to obtain demonstration or festival permits from the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Cogle)

**Carolyn Chaney** approached the rostrum and requested clarification of the changes that would be made to the code.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** along with the current outline in the current ordinance for festival and demonstrations a provision will be added that says “applications for demonstrations and festivals held in the Central Riverfront District (CRD), or Uptown Zoning District will demonstrate compliance with the checklist of requirements adopted by the Board of Uptown Columbus as a condition for any demonstration or festival in those areas”. He advised that if there are less than 15 participants a permit is not required.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing the Chatham Woods Neighborhood Association, Re: Express Public Appreciation to Councilor Byron Hickey. **No Action Taken**
2. Mr. Joseph McNeil, Sr., representing Blinded Veterans Association, Georgia Regional Group Columbus Chapter, Re: Metra (Dial-A-Ride) Premium Service. **No Action Taken**

**City Manager Hugley** acknowledged the concerns regarding the transit services, and said the City is open to figuring out ways to address those concerns. He stated that Columbus operates differently than larger cities like Atlanta or Philadelphia, with services based on demand. He stated that changes can only be made if they fall within federal guidelines.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** approached the rostrum and recalled a 2016 study that led to the expansion of bus routes from 9 to 12 and extended service hours. However, a 2018 reassessment showed limited usage, prompting service adjustments. She noted that today’s agenda includes a comprehensive review of the Dial-A-Ride system, including a potential expansion to the Brookstone area. She clarified that federal ADA regulations govern the Dial-A-Ride system and limit the City’s flexibility in altering service boundaries.

3. Mr. Stanley Dixon, Re: Past and Present Initiatives. **No Action Taken**

4. Mr. Ricky Lynn, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Columbus Chapter, Re: Columbus Metra Dial-A-Ride Premium Service Scheduling. ***No Action Taken***

In response to Councilor Tucker's suggestions to resolve this matter, **City Manager Hugley** said he could have staff to look at making changes if possible. He reiterated that changes can only be made if they fall within federal guidelines.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** approached the rostrum and said she wanted to make clear that if changes were made for one group, they would have to be made for all.

5. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Quarterly Town Hall Meetings. ***No Action Taken***
6. Mr. Lewis Worthy, Re: Roads and Trash. ***Not Present***
7. Ms. Fran Carpenter, Re: The Original Historic District and the Trade Center Master Plan. ***No Action Taken***

#### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) GRANT COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Hickey** made reference to the Charter Appendix 2 under the Code of Ethics. He asked that the City Attorney provide the Council and the public with his interpretation of the highlighted portion of Appendix 2.

In response to Councilor Hickey's request **City Attorney Clifton Fay** said "shall disclose to the Council" would normally mean they would send an email or a letter, but in this case we were asked a question "can I participate in the signing of this document?" and we said no you should not because of the conflict rule of the Charter.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

##### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- If there is a time that the City Manager came before Council and shared information regarding Carolyn Hugley receiving the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant, let the clip be played for the public. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

### **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)**

#### **1. Landings Lane Right of Way**

**Resolution (112-25):** A resolution to sell ten feet of right of way located at Landings Lane to the adjoining landowner at 2550 Airport Thruway as outlined by Columbus Charter 7-501 paragraph 5, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

#### **2. FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)**

#### **3. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant**

**Resolution (113-25):** A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept the grant and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

#### 4. FY26 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant - Fire & EMS

**Resolution (114-25):** A resolution to apply for and accept if awarded a grant for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program within Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$215,733.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending program with no matching funds required. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

#### 5. Firehouse Subs Grant

**Resolution (115-25):** A resolution to apply for and accept if awarded a grant for a medium simulator manikin for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$16,011.62, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with no matching funds required. The multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

#### 7. PURCHASES

- A. Single Stream Recycling Materials Processing (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0013

**Resolution (116-25):** A resolution authorizing the execution a contract with Federal Recycling and Waste Solutions (St. Louis, MO) for single stream recycling materials processing. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

- B. Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0006 (*See Updates and Presentations B on the City Manager's Agenda*)

- C. Contract Extension for Hot Asphalt and General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0032

**Resolution (117-25):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for the purchase of hot asphalt and general road repair services from The Scruggs Company (Hahira, GA) formerly Robinson Paving Company through July 31, 2025. Councilor Chambers made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. Two Seven-Yard Dump Trucks for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (118-25):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) seven-yard dump trucks for the Public Works-Street Maintenance Department from Rush Truck Center of Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a unit price of \$135,438.00 for total price of 270,876.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Would like an update on the road repair. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

E. Consultant Services for Comprehensive Transit Study for METRA – RFP NO. 25-0011

**Resolution (119-25):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to conduct a comprehensive transportation study on behalf of the Department of Transportation/METRA. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

F. Scheduling Software for METRA – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (120-25):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of scheduling software for METRA from Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Reston, VA) in the amount of \$393,314.45. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract # R191902. Councilor Chambers made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

G. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Tasers and Accessories to Oglethorpe, Georgia Police Department

**Resolution (121-25):** A resolution authorizing to declare the following Tasers and Accessories from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and further authorized to donate the equipment to the Oglethorpe, Georgia Police Department. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0005

**Resolution (122-25):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with FirstClass Healthcare, LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide comprehensive healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.



## 8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

B. Community Care Program Update - Bob Paskowski, PYA, P.C.

**Bob Paskowski, PYA, P.C.** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Community Care Program. He advised that this is the first iteration of the program and it's a good starting point, but it is subject to change. During the presentation, he outlined some of the objectives of the program which are to build a network of providers that can serve the underserved population plus the inmate population and to have some Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to show the success and the effectiveness of the program. He indicated that the program is for Muscogee County only.

**Deputy City Manager Hodge** advised that a job description was sent to Evergreen and was graded at 128, with a starting salary of approximately \$66,810/year. She said we will be coming back to Council at the next meeting to get approval of the program, to get approval of creating a position and getting it advertised as well as the process of the RFP in order to hire a third-party administrator.

## 7. PURCHASES (continued)

B. Amendment 1 for Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009

**Resolution (123-25):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 1 with PYA, P.C. (Atlanta, GA), to increase the agreement from \$195,000.00 to \$270,000.00 plus an hourly rate of \$500 per hour. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting

A. Healthcare Update - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources, and NFP Benefit Consultant Team

**Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell** came forward to provide an overview of the Health and Wellness Center for newer Council members, explaining that it serves as a primary care provider for CCG employees and their dependents. She said one of the primary focuses is preventive health, which helps manage and reduce rising healthcare costs.

**Melody Lewis, Senior Vice President of Consulting with NFP** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Health and Wellness Center. She provided statistics from Plan Year 2024 to include participation rates for Plan Year 2024, cost savings and clinical outcomes, health plan performance metrics and a review of the FY Health Plan Budget history. She noted that premiums have not increased for nine years for employees who participate in the program. However, she warned that healthcare costs are expected to rise in 2025.

## BID ADVERTISEMENT

**DATE:** April 8, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

**April 11, 2025**

**1. Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0014**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals for medical evaluation services for employees of the Fire & EMS Department on an annual basis.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **Resolution (124-25):** A resolution changing the regularly scheduled council meetings for the month of June 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

457 Deferred Compensation Plan Board, October 17, 2024

Airport Commission, March 6, 2025

Board of Tax Assessors, #10-25

Columbus Golf Authority, February 11, 2025

Employee Benefits Committee, August 23 & October 25, 2023

Employee Benefits Committee, February 28, April 24, June 26 & August 28, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, October 9 & November 13, 2024

Retirees’ Health Benefit Committee, August 21, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution (125-25):** A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Resolution (126-25):** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **3. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

#### **A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for a new seat as a Certified Public Accountant, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Corporate/Employment Attorney, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Law Enforcement Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

#### **B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Benjamin Link (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on the March 25, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

#### **C. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of John F. Greeman (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on the April 30, 2025, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

### **4. AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Mike J. Burns has been selected for reappointment. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**B. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Max Brabson has been selected for reappointment. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**C. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** James Allen McMullen has been selected to fill a vacant seat. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2028. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Mike Welch was nominated to serve in a new position as the Commercial Business Representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.
- B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Andy Luker was nominated to serve in a position as the Marketing Representative. (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.
- C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Brandon Wilkins was nominated to succeed Samantha Wooden. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.
- D. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:** Ralph King was nominated to succeed Lane Jimmerson. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting.

**6. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WILL BE LISTED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:**

A nominee for the seat of John Anker (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Tax Assessors (*Council's Appointment*). Councilors Anker and Crabb nominated Clayton Hood to fill the unexpired term.

**B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for a new seat as a Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Trade Center Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a River Center Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Convention & Visitors Board Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

### **C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Holli Browder (Dept. Director/Assistant Director) (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Holli Browder to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Nancy Boren (Dept. Director/Assistant Director) (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Nancy Boren to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Shannon Hubbard (General Government Employee) (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Vanerson (General Government Employee) (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Ardria McGruder (General Government Employee) (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Rachel S. Banks (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Smith (Sworn Officer) (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

### **D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Reynolds Bickerstaff to fill the unexpired term.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Would like an update on the Lifeguards and how many we have hired and how many we still need.  
(*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

### **PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):**

5. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Quarterly Town Hall Meetings. ***No Action Taken***
7. Ms. Fran Carpenter, Re: The Original Historic District and the Trade Center Master Plan. ***No Action Taken***

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation acquisition and disposal of real estate and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting, with the time being 1:38 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:18 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the April 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 2:19 p.m.

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Lindsey G. McLemore  
Clerk of Council  
Council of Columbus, Georgia

**File Attachments for Item:**

4. Recorder's Court Update – Judge David Ranieri



# RECORDER'S COURT

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Item #4.

## Annual Update



# We have a GREAT Team!



# What We Do

Cases from:



# What We Do

Item #4.

## Criminal Cases Only

- Traffic citations
- City ordinance violations
- Certain state misdemeanor charges



**Bench Trials Only (No Jury Trials)**



# What We Do

Item #4.

## Criminal Cases Only

- Initial Appearance Hearing  
(Rights Advisement)
- Preliminary Hearings
  - Determine probable cause
  - If probable cause, set bond



# What We Do



- Arrest Warrants
- Search Warrants
- Orders for Production of Documents
- Collect \$ Millions in Fines and Bonds

CASE CATEGORY	2022	2023	2024	<div><div>%</div><div>Item #4.</div></div> Increase from Year Before
City Ordinance Viol	230	438	607	↑36%
Misdemeanor	3,199	3,414	3,932	↑15%
Felony	1,779	1,927	2,280	↑18%
Traffic	15,765	17,626	22,964	↑30%
TOTAL CASES	20,873	23,405	29,801	↑27%

# Financial Summary

It is not the Court's purpose or goal to raise revenue; however, we believe that the increased revenue is a by-product of more officers, additional motor squad officers, and equally applying and upholding the law in our community, in a fair and impartial manner.

Revenue	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE from Year Before
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$1,723,027 .99	\$3,117,467. 72	\$4,364,708 .14	+\$1,247,240 .42
<b>Law Library</b>	\$34,906.00	\$67,518.95	\$78,843.50	+\$11,324.55
<b>Local Victim's Asst Fund</b>	\$38,819.01	\$79,398.44	\$109,565.1 8	+\$30,166.74

# Quick Summary

Item #4.

	2022	2023	2024
Total # Cases	20,973	23,405	29,801
Total Fines	\$1,723,027. 99	\$3,117,467. 72	\$4,364,708. 14



# Separating Courts

More Court Sessions/Shorter Sessions

RECORDER'S COURT ANNEX

PATROL TRAFFIC COURT

\*Mondays – Thursdays 8:00 a.m., 10:00  
a.m., and 2:00 p.m.



# New RC Annex

1000 5<sup>th</sup> Ave



# Separating Courts

RECORDER'S COURT COURTROOM I (Main Building)

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS (aka Jail Cases or Probable Cause Hearings)

- Mon – Fri – 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Sat and Holidays – Initial Appearance Hearings 8:00 a.m.

# Separating Courts

RECORDER'S COURT COURTROOM II

SPECIALTY COURTS

Mon \*9:00 a.m. – Georgia State Patrol cases ONLY

Tues \*8:45 a.m. – CPD Motor Squad cases  
\*1:45 p.m. – CPD Tag Reader cases

Wed \*1st and 3rd Wed – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – Code  
Enforcement/Environmental Court  
\*2nd and 4th Wed – 9:00 a.m. – MCSD School Zone Camera

Cases

Thurs \*9:00 a.m. – Principal Summons (PS) Cases  
\*1:45 p.m. – CPD Motor Squad cases  
\*Fridays – Reserved for Superior Court use

# School Zone Camera Cases

MCSD Only (Not Brookstone or St. Luke Private Schools school zones)

Wednesdays    1st and 3rd Wed - 9:00 a.m.

# Challenges We Face

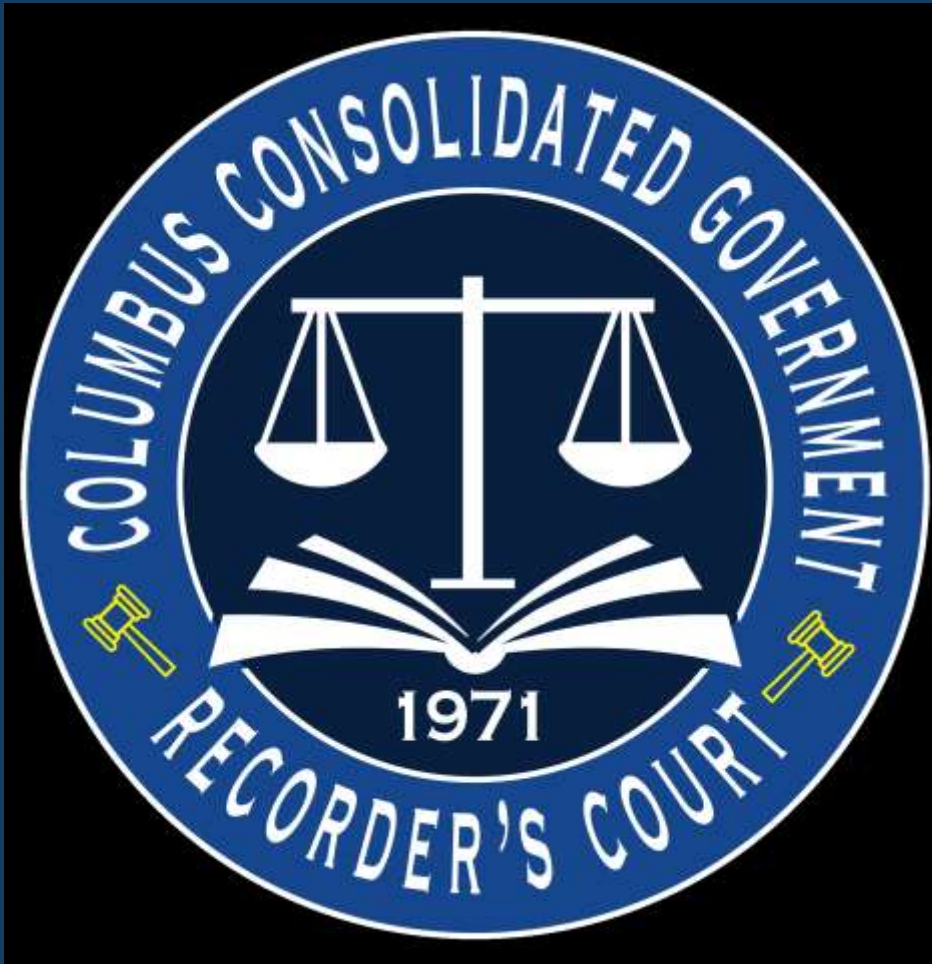
Mental Health

Facilities

Personnel/Retention

"Continuous improvement means that we never perceive current success as our final achievement."

John Hunter



# Questions?

David B. Ranieri  
Chief Judge  
Recorder's Court of  
Columbus  
702 Tenth Street  
(706) 225-4256



**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 2nd Reading-** REZN-01-25-0153: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3051 Reese Road** (parcel #084-013-075) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Hickey)

**AN ORDINANCE****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3051 Reese Road** (parcel #084-013-075) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS  
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 8 of the 8th District of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and designated as part of Lot 9 and 10, Anthony Subdivision, as said Lots are more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located north 13 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds west a distance of 415.33 feet from an iron pin which marks the northwesterly intersection of Reese Road and Delfair Drive. From said iron pin thence running south 74 degrees 34 minutes west a distance of 175.65 feet to an iron pin; thence running south 89 degrees 18 minutes west a distance of 43.58 feet to an iron pin; thence running north 09 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds west a distance of 132.52 feet to an iron pin; thence running north 86 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds east a distance of 201.91 feet to an iron pin; thence running south 19 degrees 44 minutes east a distance of 100 feet to an iron pin; thence running south 13 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds east a distance of 3.0 feet to an iron pin and the original point of beginning.”

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April, 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.

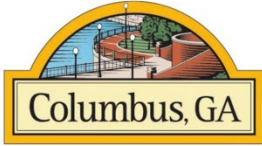
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore  
Clerk of Council

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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor



CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT  
*What progress has preserved.*  
 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-01-25-0153**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Jermaine Morgan
<b>Owner:</b>	Divine Investment LLC
<b>Location:</b>	3051 Reese Road
<b>Parcel:</b>	084-013-075
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.58 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential - 4
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential – 2
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant/Undeveloped
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 1 (Hickey)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing and future land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area E
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential

<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential	
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes	
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.	
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.	
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.	
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	<b>South</b>	Single Family Residential – 3 (SFR3)
	<b>East</b>	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	<b>West</b>	Single Family Residential – 3 (SFR3)
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.	
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A	
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A	
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Forty (40)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
<b>Additional Information:</b>	Purpose is to create two single family lots.	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map	



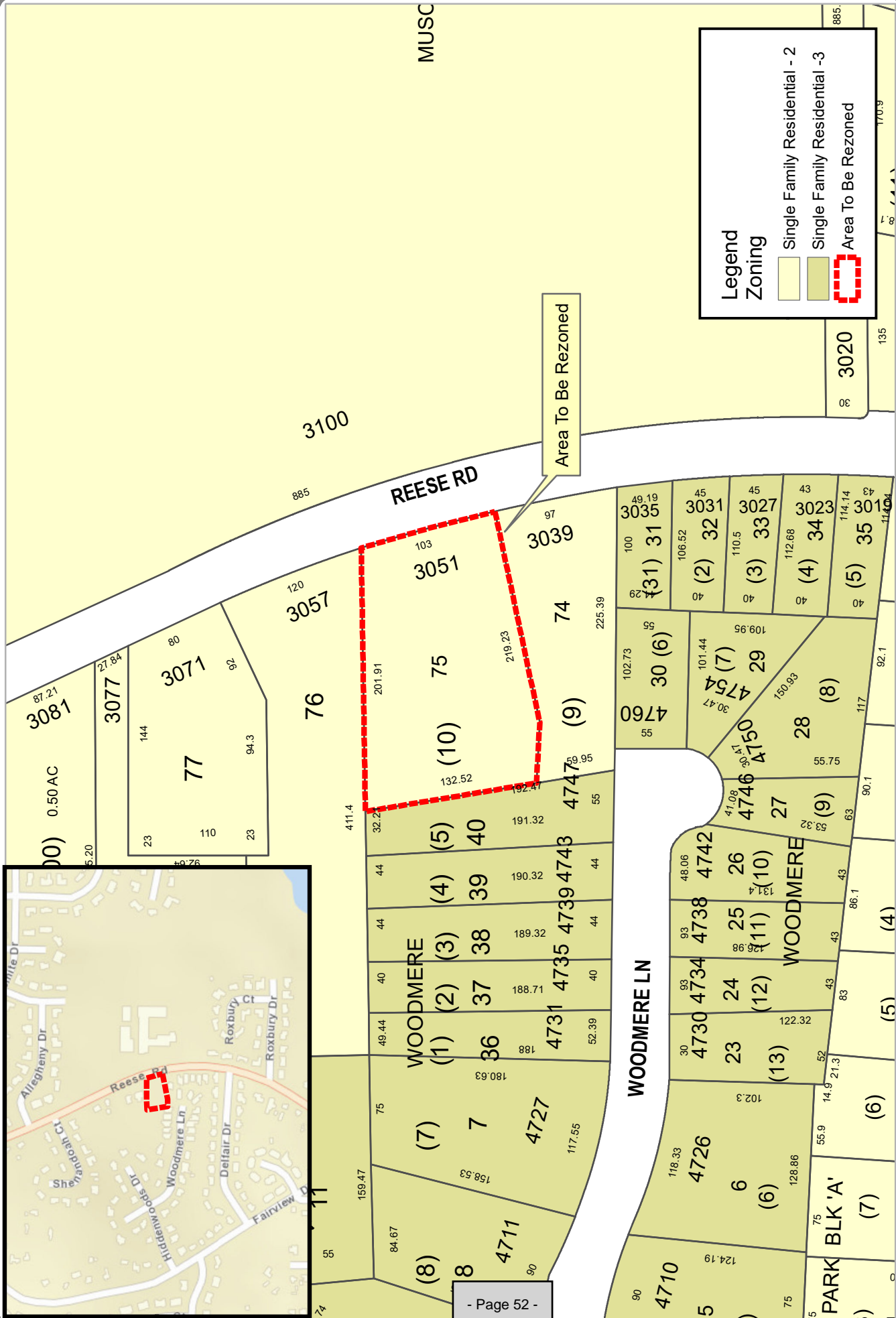






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Author: David Cooper

**Zoning Map for REZN 01-25-0153  
Map 084 Block 013 Lot 075**

**Planning Department-Planning Division  
Prepared By Planning GIS Tech**

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**Date: 2/13/2025**







Date: 2/13/2025

**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 2nd Reading-** REZN-002-25-0166: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **11001 River Road** from Residential Estates – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **11001 River Road** from Residential Estates – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates – 1 (RE1) Zoning District.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Residential Estates – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates – 1 (RE1) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and being more particularly known as "LOT PS10, 1.00 Ac." on that certain map or plat entitled "Replat of Property of Philip T. Schley, Part of Land Lot 209, 19th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia," dated December 9, 2024, prepared by Moon Meeks & Associates, Inc. and recorded in Plat Book \_\_\_, Page \_\_, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which plat reference is made for a more complete description of the property described herein.”

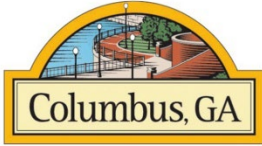
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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-02-25-0166**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Andrew Norris
<b>Owner:</b>	Philip T Schley
<b>Location:</b>	11001 River Road
<b>Parcel:</b>	Part of 175-001-001
<b>Acreage:</b>	1.00 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Estate 10
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Estate 1
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 2 (Davis)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area A
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Vacant/ Undeveloped



<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Rural Residential								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Harris County</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Harris County	<b>South</b>	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)	<b>East</b>	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)	<b>West</b>	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)
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<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<p><b>Two (2)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.</p> <table> <tr> <td><b>Approval</b></td><td><b>0</b> Responses</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Opposition</b></td><td><b>0</b> Responses</td></tr> </table>	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0</b> Responses				
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<b>Additional Information:</b>	N/A								
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map								

<b>School Impact:</b>		N/A
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>		N/A
<b>Fort Moore's Recommendation:</b>		N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>		N/A
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	Harris County
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<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>		<b>Two (2)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.
	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
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<b>Additional Information:</b>		N/A
<b>Attachments:</b>		Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map



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Aerial Map for REZN 02-25-0166

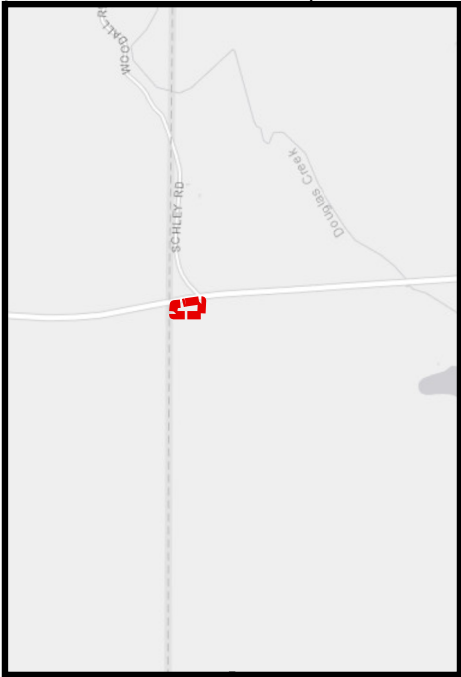
Map 175 Block 001 Lot 001

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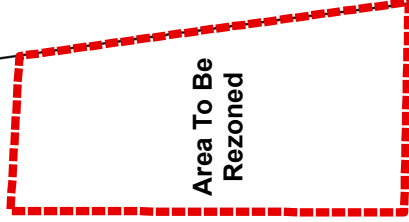
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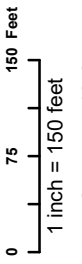


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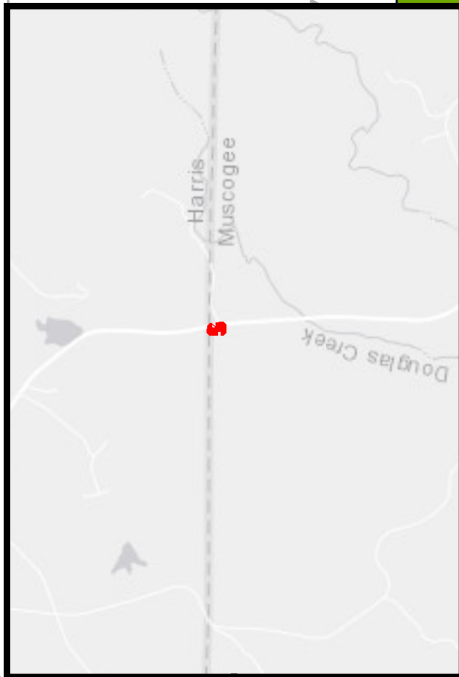
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Location Map for REZN 02-25-0166  
Map 175 Block 001 Lot 001  
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Muscogee County



Legend

Zoning

- Residential Estate - 10
- Waterbody
- Area To Be Rezoned

Item #2.

Columbia Planning

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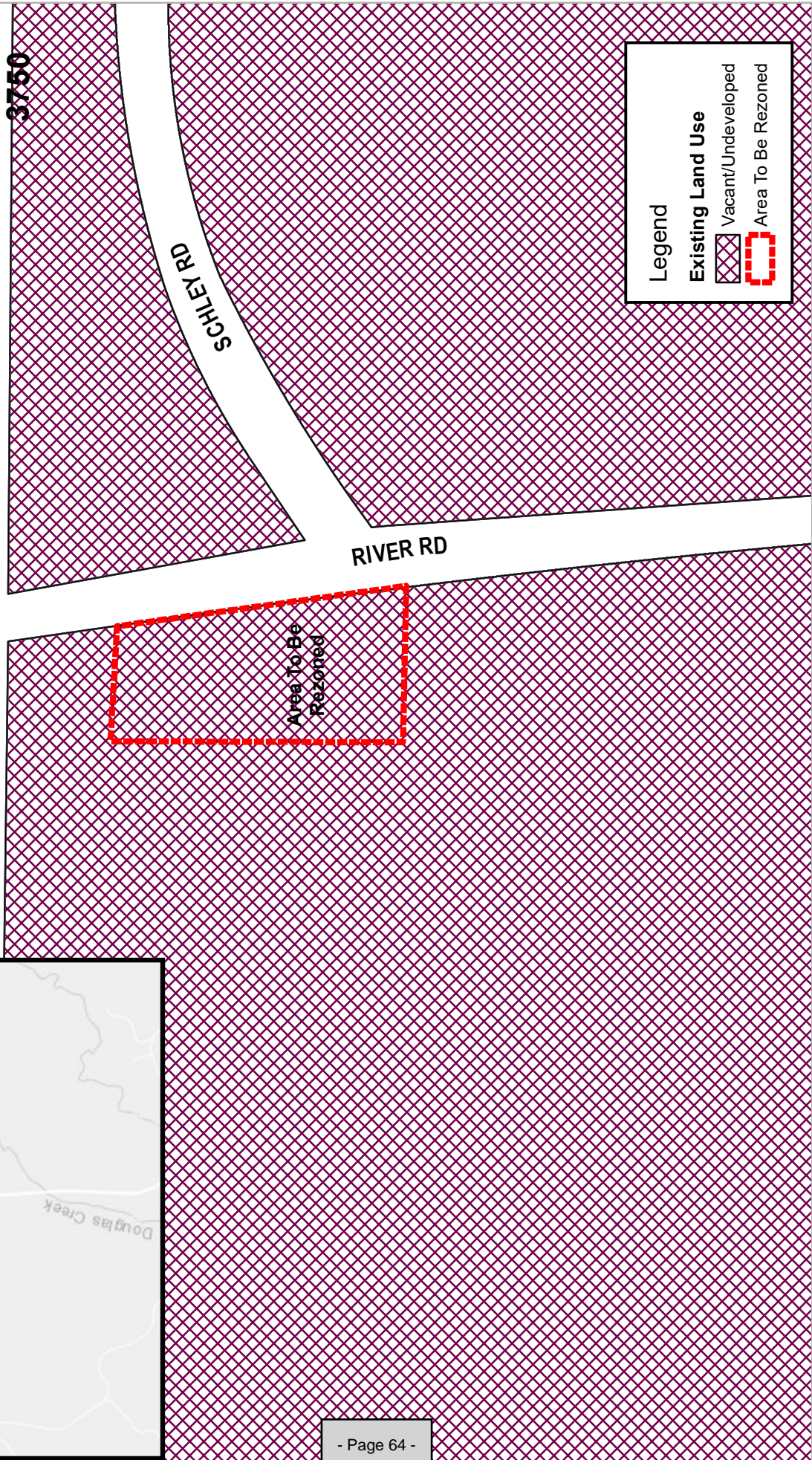
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Zoning Map for REZN 02-25-0166  
Map 175 Block 001 Lot 001  
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**Legend**

**Existing Land Use**

Vacant/Undeveloped

Area To Be Rezoned



Date: 3/28/2025

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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 02-25-0166  
Map 175 Block 001 Lot 001  
Planning Department-Planning Division  
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Item #2.







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SCHLEY RD

RIVER RD

Area To Be  
Rezoned

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Date: 3/28/2025

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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 02-25-0166  
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Planning Department-Planning Division  
Prepared By Planning GIS Tech

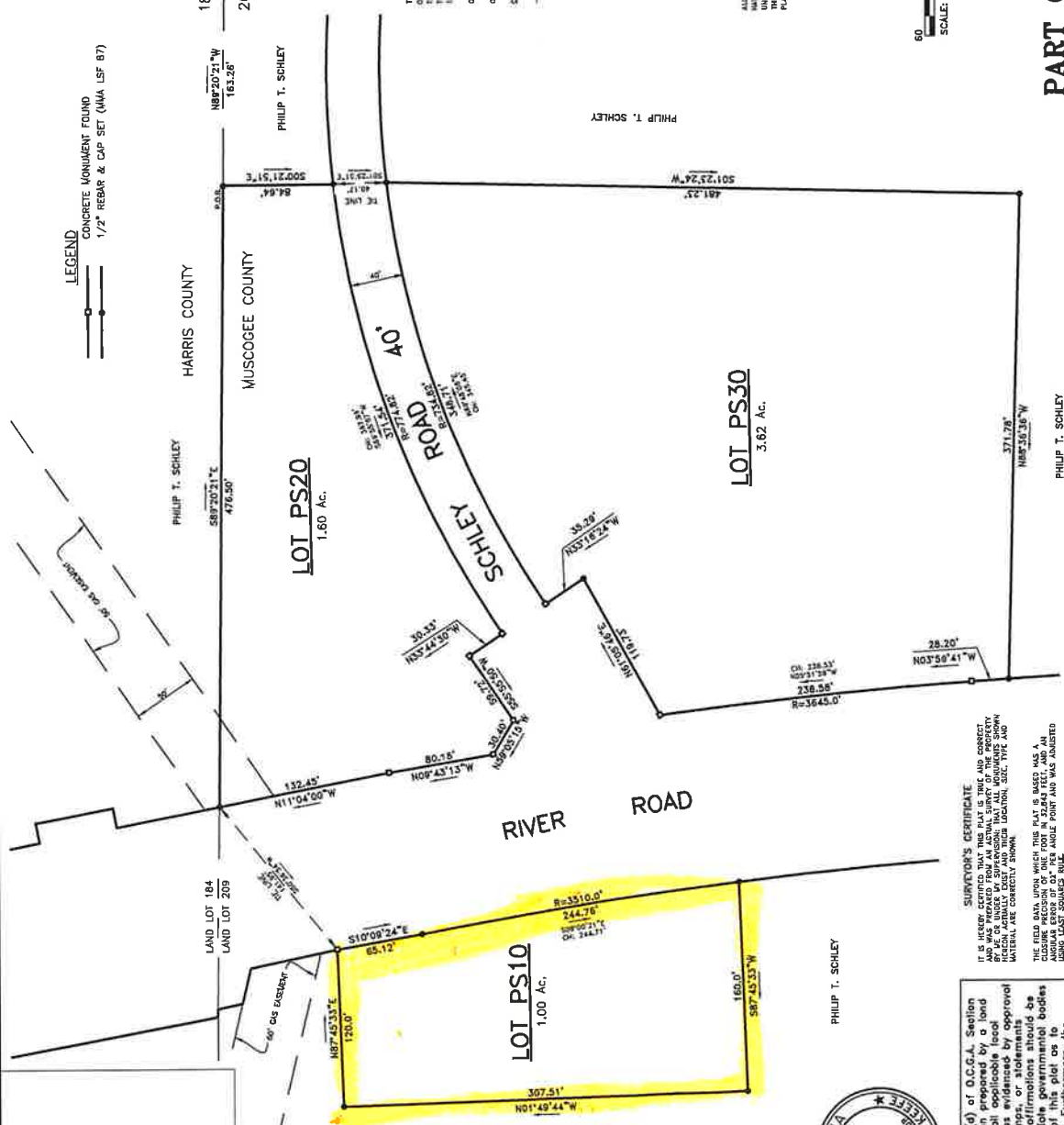
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Item #2.

- NOTES:
1. ALL DRAINAGEWAYS ARE SUBJECT TO NATURAL EROSION. THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES TO 300 FEET FROM THE STABILIZATION THRESHOLD.
  2. PER TO COMMENCING ANY LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY ON THE PROPERTY, THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION TO 300 FEET FROM THE STABILIZATION THRESHOLD.
  3. INTERESTED PARTY RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 3, PLAT 281, SHOWS A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE CORNER OF THE PROPERTY. THE MONUMENT IS 1/2" REBAR & CAP SET (AMA LSF 87).
  4. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE SEARCH. THERE MAY BE ADJACENTS OR OTHER INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY THAT ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON.

LEGEND  
CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND  
1/2" REBAR & CAP SET (AMA LSF 87)



OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

TIC UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT PHILIP T. SCHLEY IS THE FEE SIMPLE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON AND THAT THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, OR OTHER INTERESTS THAT ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON.

OWNER'S NAME: PHILIP T. SCHLEY  
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 2818 18th AVENUE  
COUNTY: GA 31801  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE FOR ENGINEERING APPROVAL

STREETS AND STORM DRAINAGE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION PLANS, AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SURVEYOR OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, GEORGIA.

CERTIFICATE FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL

ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION TO 300 FEET FROM THE STABILIZATION THRESHOLD HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SURVEYOR OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, GEORGIA.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SURVEYOR OF ENGINEERING: \_\_\_\_\_  
SURVEYOR OF PLANNING: \_\_\_\_\_



REPLAT OF  
PROPERTY OF  
PHILIP T. SCHLEY  
**PART OF LAND LOT 209,  
19th DISTRICT**  
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA  
Scale 1" = 60'  
MOON WEEKS & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
(GA. REG. NO. H208-465)  
Chil Engineers  
100 Southern Way, Columbus, Georgia 31904  
(706) 327-8306

I have, this date, examined the FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP, dated September 5, 2007, covering Columbus, Georgia (Community No. 135195). Subject lot is located on Parcel 3 of said map and are not shown in a flood hazard zone.

Jefferson W. Keefe, R.L.S. - Georgia Reg. No. 2787

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS PLAT IS TRUE AND CORRECTLY REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL SURVEYED CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON. THE SURVEYOR HAS REVIEWED THE PLAT AND THE MATERIALS SUBMITTED HEREON AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PLAT IS TRUE AND CORRECTLY REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL SURVEYED CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON. THE SURVEYOR HAS ALSO REVIEWED THE PLAT AND THE MATERIALS SUBMITTED HEREON AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PLAT IS TRUE AND CORRECTLY REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL SURVEYED CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON.

REGISTERED GEORGIA LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2787  
JEFFERSON W. KEEFE, R.L.S. - GEORGIA REG. NO. 2787  
(706) 327-8306



As required by subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67, this plat has been prepared by a land surveyor and approved by an appropriate local jurisdiction for recording. The surveyor has also confirmed with the appropriate governmental bodies by any purchaser or user of this plat as to the intended use of any parcel, and the surveyor has complied with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Professional Engineering and Land Surveying and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-25-0266: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1046 33rd Street** (parcel # 014-027-021) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

**AN ORDINANCE****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1046 33<sup>rd</sup> Street** (parcel # 014-027-021) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:****Section 1.**

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions.

“All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as PARTS OF LOTS NUMBERED TWENTY-THREE (23) AND TWENTY-FOUR (24), in BLOCK LETTERED "F", BEALLWOOD SURVEY OF LANDS OF ROSE HILL COMPANY, the tract and parcel conveyed being located within the following metes and bounds:

BEGINNING at a point located on the southerly line of 33rd Street at a point 50 feet westerly, as measured along the southerly line of 33rd Street, from the southwesterly corner of the intersection of 33rd Street and 11th Avenue, and from said point of beginning running thence westerly, along the southerly line of 33rd Street, a distance of 50 feet to a point; running thence southerly, parallel to the westerly line of 11th Avenue, a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence easterly, along the southerly line of said Lot 23, a distance of 50 feet to a point; and running thence northerly, parallel to the westerly line of 11th Avenue, a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Situated thereon is dwelling numbered 1046 33rd Street, according to the present system of numbering dwellings in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia.”

**Section 2.**

The property described is rezoned subject to the following condition:

There shall be a minimum lot size of 4,500 square feet.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.

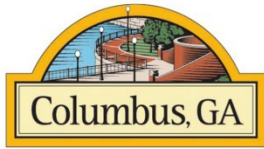
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Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor



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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-02-25-0266**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Christian Briggs
<b>Owner:</b>	Christian Briggs
<b>Location:</b>	1046 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street
<b>Parcel:</b>	014-027-021
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.11 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1
<b>Proposed Conditions:</b>	1. Minimum lot size of 4,500 square feet
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Multi Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area D

<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential								
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)	<b>South</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	<b>East</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
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<b>West</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<p><b>Thirty Seven (37)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.</p> <table> <tr> <td><b>Approval</b></td><td><b>0</b> Responses</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Opposition</b></td><td><b>0</b> Responses</td></tr> </table>	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0</b> Responses				
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<b>Additional Information:</b>	Purpose is to use for single family residential.								
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map								





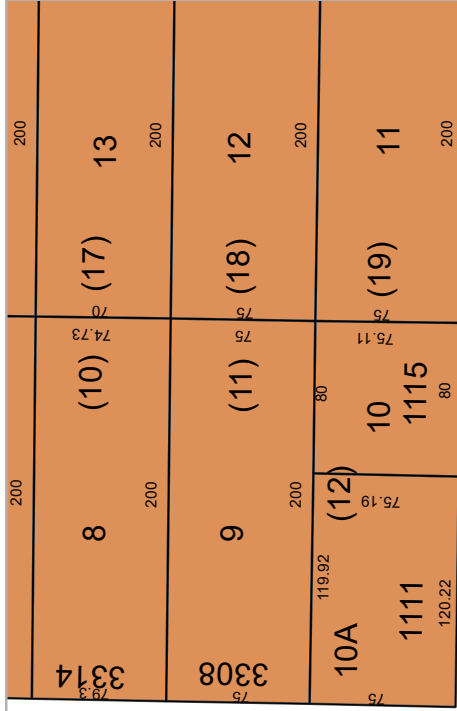
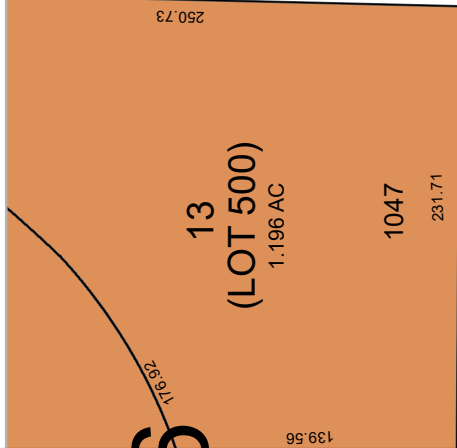
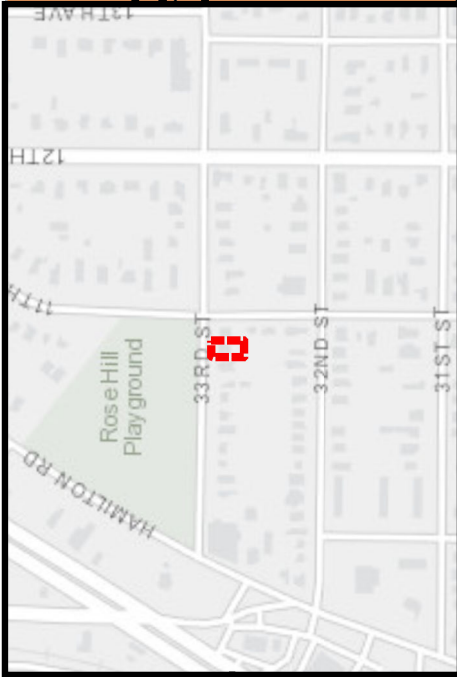




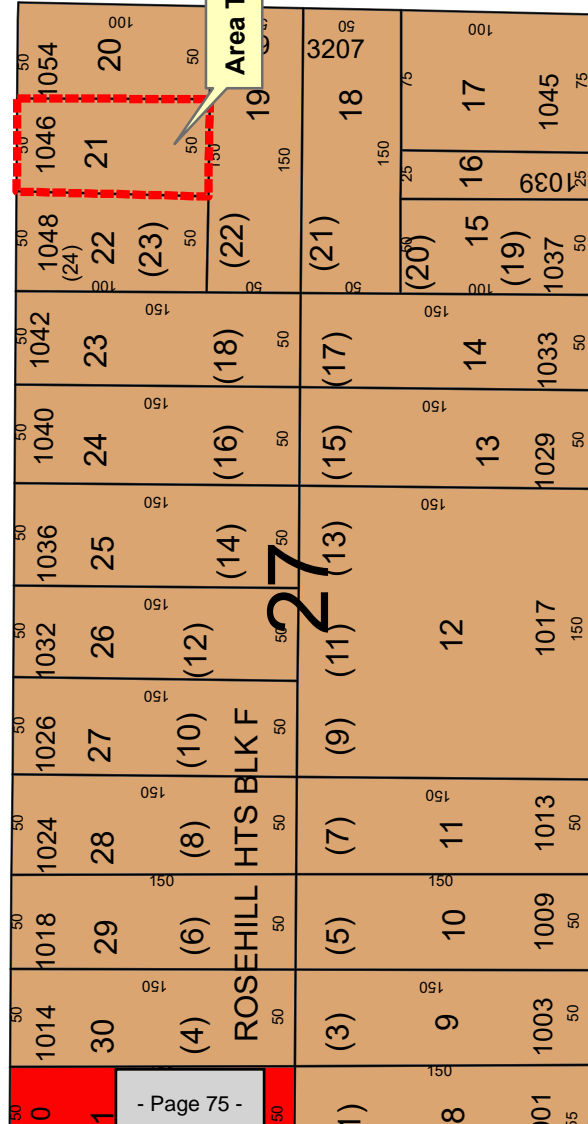
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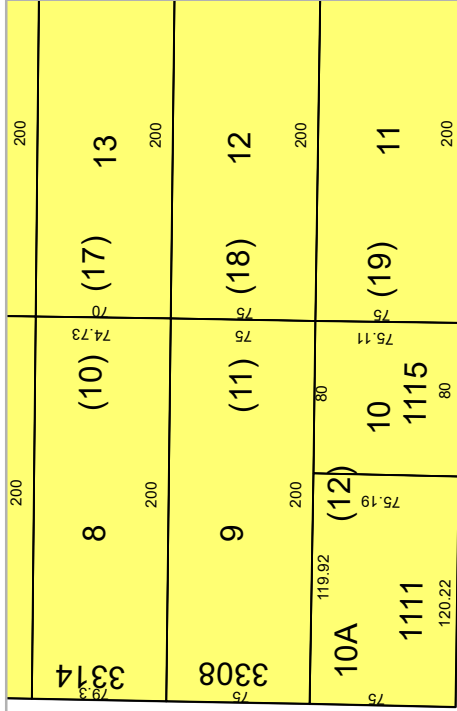
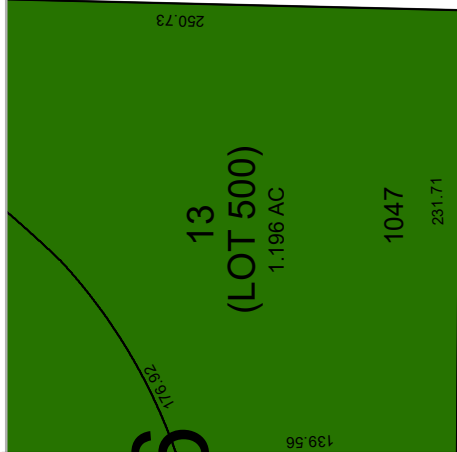
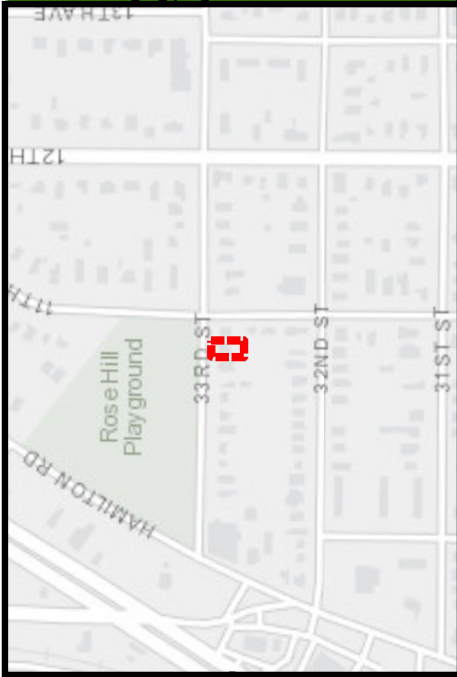
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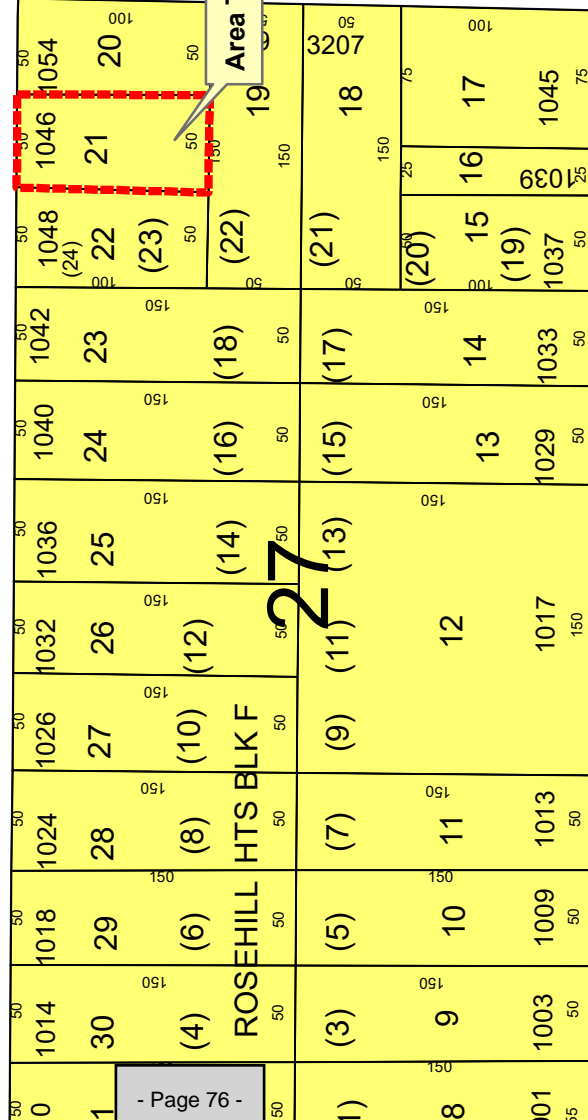
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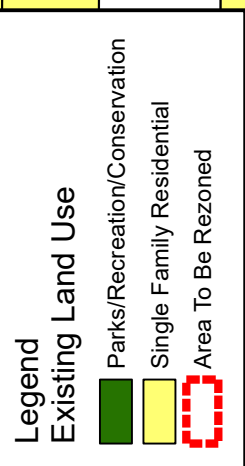
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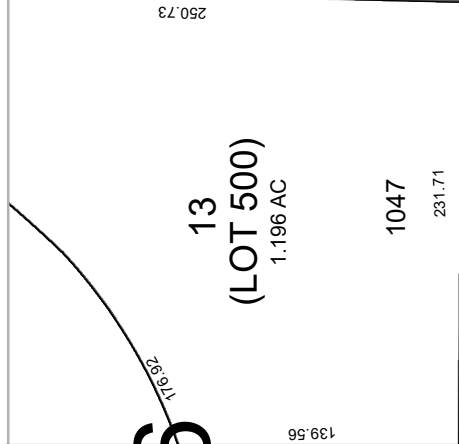
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**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting amendments to Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code pertaining to Animal Services in order to facilitate the implementation of a contract agreed to with Paws Humane Society for animal services which became effective on February 1, 2025, and to update various terms in the Chapter; and for other purposes. (Councilors Tucker and Crabb)



## AN ORDINANCE

NO. \_\_\_\_

An Ordinance adopting amendments to Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code pertaining to Animal Services in order to facilitate the implementation of a contract agreed to with Paws Humane Society for animal services which became effective on February 1, 2025 and to update various terms in the Chapter; and for other purposes.

## SECTION 1.

Section 5-2 of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a revised code section 5-2 which shall read as follows:

**“Sec. 5-2. Authority and enforcement, generally.**

- (a) *Statutory authority.* The general authority for this chapter is O.C.G.A Title 4, chapters 8 and 11 as amended, which require governing authorities of each county and municipality to regulate dangerous and vicious dogs and license certain animals in the interest of rabies control.
- (b) *Animal control and enforcement division.* Ordinance No. 84-62, adopted by the Council of Columbus on June 21, 1984, established the animal control and enforcement division as an "enterprise activity" under the operational control of the Director of Public Services of the Consolidated Government of Columbus. On November 16, 2021, council approved amendments to this ordinance which allow the delegation of responsibility for all animal control activities to a private nonprofit vendor which will provide all animal control services previously provided by the animal control and enforcement provision. Council may from time to time designate the entity responsible for providing the enforcement and services officers with the primary responsibility for enforcing this chapter. The entity so designated by council to provide animal control services for the consolidated government, whether a division of the consolidated government or a non-profit private entity, shall be referred to as the animal services division throughout this ordinance and the chief executive of that division shall be referred to as the animal services director throughout this chapter. The Internal Auditor of the consolidated government shall serve as the contract administrator for the consolidated government for any agreement for the provision of animal control or enforcement services.
- (c) *Enforcement.* The animal services director and the duly sworn animal services officers employed by the animal services division are hereby charged with primary responsibility and are hereby empowered with the authority to enforce all provisions of this chapter.

## SECTION 2.

Section 5-4. of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a revised code section 5-4. which shall read as follows:

**“Sec. 5-4. Funding.**

- (a) All funds generated pursuant to enforcement of this chapter, by the designated animal services division such as sale of animal permits, penalties and proceeds from court fines shall be remitted to the city treasurer to be credited to the general fund.
- (b) The animal services director shall prepare an annual proposed budget in accordance with policies and procedures of the finance department of the consolidated government. The proposed budget shall be reviewed by the animal control advisory board and submitted to the contract administrators who will forward the budget with his or her recommendations through the budget officer to the mayor.”

### SECTION 3.

Section 5-13(c) of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a revised code section 5-13(c) which shall read as follows:

- “(c) When a resident of Columbus is no longer able to maintain a cat or dog of which he or she is the documented owner, he or she may apply to surrender the animal to the Columbus animal services division. The animal services division will provide appropriate counseling and schedule an available surrender time. A surrender fee not to exceed \$50.00, will be charged upon surrender, and the owner will sign a document releasing all ownership rights to the animal and waiving any future notices concerning the disposition of the animal. “

### SECTION 4.

Section 5- 13.1(b) of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a revised code section 5-13.1(b) which shall read as follows:

“(b) *Adoption of animals.*

- (1) Only spayed/neutered animals will be eligible for adoption. Effective July 1, 2025, adoption fees shall not exceed \$150.00 and may be reduced to facilitate placements at the discretion of the animal services director.
- (2) No unclaimed dog or cat which is not neutered or spayed shall be released from the animal services division custody for adoption unless it is spayed or neutered.

### SECTION 5.

Section 5- 17. of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a revised code section 5-17 which shall read as follows:

#### **“Sec. 5-17. Complaints against animal services procedures or personnel.**

Any citizen complaints about animal services procedures should be brought to the animal control advisory board at the regularly scheduled meeting. Citizen complaints about animal services personnel shall be referred to the animal services director for internal resolution, and if not satisfactorily resolved, should be referred to the contract administrator.

### SECTION 6.

Sections 5- 30. and 5-31(a) of the Columbus Code are hereby repealed and replaced with revised code section 5-30 and 5-31(a) which shall read as follows:

#### **“Sec. 5-30. Compliance with Code required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, any hoofed animal, except in compliance with the provisions of this chapter of the Code of Ordinances, and the Unified Development Ordinance.

#### **Sec. 5-31. Restrictions on keeping certain hoofed animals.**

- (a) Keeping of hogs and cows is permitted only in the rural areas of Columbus which are specifically designated and zoned A-1 (agriculture) in the zoning atlas of Columbus in accordance with the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code. “

## SECTION 7.

Sections 5-2.1, 5-5(9), 5-6(c)(g) and (h), 5-8(f)(1)(b), 5-8(f)(2), 5-9 (E)(2), 5-10.(a)(1), 5-11(e), 5-13(b), 5-13.1(c), and 5-15(f)(2) of the Columbus Code are all revised to use the terms animal services director, animal services officer and animal services division consistently with the amendments made to Columbus Code Section 5-2 above.

## SECTION 8.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Thomas	voting _____.

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
 Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
 Mayor

## Chapter 5 ANIMALS AND FOWL

### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 5-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Animal Control and Enforcement Ordinance of Columbus, Georgia.

#### Sec. 5-2. Authority and enforcement, generally.

- (a) *Statutory authority.* The general authority for this chapter is O.C.G.A Title 4, chapters 8 and 11 as amended, which require governing authorities of each county and municipality to regulate dangerous and vicious dogs and license certain animals in the interest of rabies control.
- (b) *Animal control and enforcement division.* Ordinance No. 84-62, adopted by the Council of Columbus on June 21, 1984, established the animal control and enforcement division as an "enterprise activity" under the operational control of the Director of Public Services of the Consolidated Government of Columbus. On November 16, 2021, council approved ~~the award of a contract which~~ amendments to this ordinance which will allow the ~~delegation of~~ responsibility for all animal control activities to a private nonprofit vendor which will provide all animal control services previously provided by the animal control and enforcement provision. Council may from time to time designate the entity responsible for providing the enforcement and services officers with the primary responsibility for enforcing this chapter. The entity so designated by council to provide animal control services for the consolidated government, whether a division of the consolidated government or a non-profit private entity, shall be referred to as the animal services division throughout this ordinance and the chief executive of that division shall be referred to as the animal services director throughout this chapter. The ~~director of public works~~ Internal Auditor of the consolidated government shall serve as the contract administrator for the consolidated government for any agreement for the provision of animal control or enforcement services.
- (c) *Enforcement.* The animal services director and the duly sworn animal ~~control services~~ officers employed by the animal services division are hereby charged with primary responsibility and are hereby empowered with the authority to enforce all provisions of this chapter

#### Sec. 5-2.1. Training for enforcement officers.

All animal enforcement officers assigned to duties under this chapter shall undergo a period of training in which they shall familiarize themselves with the provisions of this chapter and the fundamental requirements of such constitutional protections as probable cause in order to ensure that the rights of private citizens shall be guaranteed during the enforcement of this chapter. Any animal ~~services enforcement~~ officers hired and trained by the animal services division will be sworn by the chief of police or his designee in accordance with Columbus Code section 17-60(b) after the completion of a background check by the Columbus Police Department and the receipt of proof that the officer-candidate has completed all required training.

#### Sec. 5-3. Animal control advisory board.

- (a) *Established.* An animal control advisory board is hereby established to be effective October 16, 1984.
- (b) *Mission.* The animal control advisory board should monitor the operation of the animal services division and render guidance and assistance. Proposals and recommendations shall normally be presented during the

board meetings. Matters that need immediate attention should be referred to the animal services director and the ACAB Chair.

- (c) *Composition of board.* The board shall have nine voting members and three nonvoting members to be appointed as follows:
- (1) A. One Georgia licensed veterinarian shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia licensed veterinarian shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.
  - B. One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia veterinary technician shall be appointed for a two-year term. The appointee shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.
  - (2) A designated representative of PAWS Columbus, Inc. confirmed by the Columbus Council shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. The PAWS Columbus Board Member shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively.
  - (3) A representative of a licensed animal shelter or rescue operating in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. The appointment shall be recommended by the licensed animal shelter or rescue and then nominated and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Section 2-3.02, they need not be residents of Columbus. This representative shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively.
  - (4) Five citizens to be selected by the Columbus Council shall serve as voting members. The citizen members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms, except for the initial appointments upon adoption of this chapter, one citizen shall be appointed to a one-year term and one citizen shall be appointed to a two-year term. The citizen board members may only serve three terms consecutively.
  - (5) An employee of the Environmental Health Division, Columbus Department of Public Health shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. The board member is to be appointed by the county board of health and confirmed by the Columbus Council.
  - (6) The contract administrator identified by the mayor and approved by the council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal control division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board.
  - (7) The animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board.
  - (8) The animal control advisory board shall elect a recording secretary. The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division to provide other clerical and logistical support to the board.
- (d) *Schedule of board meetings.* The board shall meet at a time and place designated by the board chairman. The chairman is authorized to adjust the schedule, except that the board is required to meet at least semiannually.
- (e) In any event, any member shall abstain from voting upon any issues which touch or bear upon matters in which the member has a pecuniary interest, either proprietorship, salary, or otherwise. In any matter called for a vote in which any member abstains, a failure to win a majority shall constitute a defeat of that issue.

#### **Sec. 5-4. Funding.**

- (a) All funds generated pursuant to enforcement of this chapter, by the designated animal services division such as sale of animal permits, ~~penalties and impoundment fees, and~~ penalties, and proceeds from court fines shall be remitted to the city treasurer to be credited to the general fund.

- (b) The animal services director shall prepare an annual proposed budget in accordance with policies and procedures of the finance department of the consolidated government. The proposed budget shall be reviewed by the animal control advisory board and submitted to the ~~contract administrator-director of the department of public works~~ who will forward the budget with his or her recommendations through the budget officer to the mayor.

## Sec. 5-5. Definitions.

Except as specifically defined in this section, all words in this chapter have their customary dictionary definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, certain terms and words used herein are defined as follows:

Words used in the present tense include future tense.

Words used in the singular include the plural, and words used in the plural include the singular.

The words "shall, will and required" always mean mandatory.

The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, trust, company, or corporation as well as an individual.

- (1) *Owner* shall mean any natural person or legal entity including, but not limited to, a corporation, partnership, firm or trust owning or having an interest in, permanently harboring or keeping, or having long-term custody or control of a dog or cat, or the head of household who has furnished or permitted a member of that household to so harbor, keep or have long-term custody of a dog or cat. Kennel keepers, veterinarians, professional groomers, pet shop owners, or similar entrepreneurs who keep dogs or cats as inventory or professionally render services thereto are not considered owners within the scope of this article if acting in such a capacity. Community cat colony caretakers, as defined in paragraph (27), shall not be considered owners for the purposes of this chapter.
- (2) *Private/hobby kennel*. A lot, establishment, residence, or premise or portion thereof where six or more dogs and/or cats combined total, over six months of age, are boarded or kept for any purpose whatsoever, including as personal or family pets, for recreational use, for exhibition and where breeding and sale of offspring is not the primary function. Veterinary hospitals or clinics are exempted.
- (3) *Commercial kennel*. A kennel, or retail or wholesale activity, maintained for the purpose of offering any service whatsoever, including but not limited to boarding, grooming, breeding, keeping for sale, selling, trading, training, renting, or leasing for guard purposes any dogs or other animals. Veterinary hospitals or clinics are excluded.
- (4) *Fences* shall mean a fenced enclosure constructed with sufficient height, strength, and secure closing devices to adequately secure the dog or dogs being contained therein.
- (5) *He/him* shall mean masculine or feminine and singular or plural.
- (6) *Dangerous dog* shall mean any dog defined as dangerous by O.C.G.A § 5-8-21(a)(2).
- (7) *Vicious dog* shall mean any dog defined as vicious by the O.C.G.A § 5-8-21(a)(6).
- (8) *Proper enclosure* shall mean an enclosure for keeping a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog or cat, while on the owner's property, securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen, fence, or structure suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the dog [or cat] from escaping. Any such pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, and, if the animal is enclosed within a fence, all sides of the fence shall be of sufficient height and the bottom of the fence shall be constructed or secured in such a manner as to prevent the animal's escape either from over or from under the fence. Any such enclosure shall also provide protection from the elements for the animal.
- (9) *One-stop rabies vaccination—Pet registration* shall mean the ~~chief~~ director of the animal ~~control services and enforcement~~ division may authorize any veterinarian or veterinary clinic licensed

to practice veterinary medicine in Columbus, Georgia, to act as an agent and issue animal registration permits.

- (10) *Annual pet registration* shall mean the registration is valid from January 1 through December 31 of the year in which issued.
- (11) *Anniversary registration* shall mean a pet registration period in concurrence with the term of the rabies vaccination. (A new registration permit is required on or before the expiration date of the rabies vaccination.)
- (12) *Three-year registration* shall mean when a three-year rabies vaccination is given to an animal a three-year registration permit is authorized upon payment of the three-year permit fee and such permit shall expire on the expiration of the rabies vaccination.
- (13) *Responsible pet ownership* shall mean:
  - (a) Care of a pet in such a manner as to provide humane living conditions for the pet;
  - (b) Control of the pet so that the pet does not cause a nuisance or unsanitary conditions for the neighborhood or community;
  - (c) Such a pet would have current rabies and city registration tags.
- (14) *Unattended* shall mean any dog on the owner's property and not confined thereto by fence, chain, or other suitable and effective means, and when no responsible person is available to control such dog if said dog has been observed on public property or private property other than property of the owner, and not in voice control of a responsible person, by an enforcement officer at Columbus, Georgia, or by a complaint willing to testify in court.
- (15) *Probable cause* shall mean that prior to going onto private property, animal control enforcement officers must have knowledge of facts or circumstances that would make a prudent or reasonable person believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred or is occurring.
- (16) *Birds* shall mean any animal belonging to a class of warm-blooded vertebrates with wings and feathers.
- (17) *Fowl* shall mean domestic poultry which are normally propagated and fattened for the table or for their eggs, feathers, etc., such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and guinea fowls.
- (18) *Severe injury* shall mean any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery, or a physical injury that results in death.
- (19) *Dog control officer* shall mean the senior animal control officer who is designated to fulfill the duties as outlined in this chapter.
- (20) *Tethering* shall mean the act of fastening or restraining a dog outside of the presence of its owner or caregiver by a mechanism appropriate to the circumstances and set forth in this chapter.
- (21) *Caretaker* shall mean any person entrusted with the short-term responsibility for a domesticated animal. If an owner gives short term responsibility for an animal to a minor, the owner remains responsible for any liability in connection with the animal.
- (22) *Feral cat* means a cat, regardless of sex or age, lacking owner identification, free-roaming, and appearing unsocialized.
- (23) *Community cat* means a feral cat that has been trapped, sterilized, vaccinated, and ear tipped.
- (24) *Ear tipping* means straight-line cutting of the tip of the left ear of a cat while the cat is appropriately anesthetized. A cat that has been ear tipped is presumed to be sterile, vaccinated against rabies, and a community cat.



- (25) *Community cat rescue* means a non-profit rescue organization licensed in accordance with the laws of Georgia which has been designated by animal services division as the organization(s) responsible for administering and keeping all required records for the community cat program.
- (26) *Community cat colony* means an identified group consisting of more than five feral cats that have been or will be neutered or spayed, vaccinated, ear tipped and released back into the area from which they were taken.
- (27) *Community cat colony caretaker* means a person who has identified his or herself to the animal services division or its designated community cat rescue and has identified a community cat colony for which he or she is willing to provide sustenance, water and care for that community cat colony.
- (28) *Community cat program* means a collaborative program involving Columbus Animal Services Division and such community cat rescues as they may designate, wherein feral cats are trapped, neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped to become community cats to be managed and provided for in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Code sections 5-20 through 5-23 below in accordance with policies and procedures developed by the Columbus Animal Services Division Director with approval of the contract administrator.

## Sec. 5-6. Enforcement.

- (a) The penalty for violation of any section, paragraph or provision of this chapter shall be in accordance with section 1-8 of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. Each day any violation of any provision of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) The Columbus Health Department, the Columbus Police Department, and the business license department are authorized and directed to cooperate in the enforcement of provisions of this chapter appropriately requiring action and investigation by their respective departments.
- (c) Animal ~~services~~enforcement officers, officers of the Columbus Police Department, officials of the business license department, and other law enforcement officers shall investigate violations of this chapter and shall secure all evidence and issue summons to defendants and witnesses for appearance in recorders' court in order that the recorders' court judge may be furnished with all essential and available facts upon trial of offenses under this chapter.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to resist, interfere with, hinder or molest any officer or agent of the Columbus Animal Services Division or any other persons charged with enforcement of any provision of this chapter.
- (e) It shall be unlawful to attempt to release any animal captured or impounded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Tampering with traps or other capture devices utilized by the animal enforcement officers is prohibited.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to attempt to bribe, coerce, or otherwise influence an animal enforcement officer who is investigating an alleged violation of the provisions of this chapter. Officers subject to such attempts to influence their lawful investigations shall secure all evidence and issue summons to defendants and witness for appearance in recorders' court in order that the judge of recorders' court may rule on the case as provided for in the Columbus Code of Ordinances.
- (g) Prior to going onto private property, animal ~~enforcement~~services officers must have knowledge of facts or circumstances that would make a prudent or reasonable person believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred or is occurring. The authority vested in an animal ~~enforcement~~services officer shall not be construed to provide said ~~animal services~~ enforcement officer with the authority to enter a private building or dwelling house for any reason, unless permission is given by said owner of said property. Under no circumstances will the authority vested in an animal ~~services~~enforcement officer include the right of said ~~enforcement~~ officer to infringe on the rights and liberties of any citizen or to carry out any action contrary to any provision of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

- (h) Authority to shoot animals: In the event any animal subject to being impounded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter cannot be captured without actual danger to the officer, or public, designated officers of the Columbus ~~Animal Services~~ ~~enforcement~~ division, any vendors serving under a contract with the consolidated government to eradicate dangerous wildlife, or the Police Department of Columbus, Georgia, are authorized to shoot such an animal when shooting can be done without endangering persons or property. In such cases that may necessitate shooting an animal suspected of having rabies, the person shooting the animal shall avoid damage to the head of the animal so as not to interfere with laboratory examination of the brain to determine rabies infection.
- (i) Killing of animals prohibited: No person shall kill or cause to be killed any animal suspected of being rabid or any animal that has bitten a human, except as herein provided, nor shall any person remove such animals from Columbus, Georgia, without permission of the Director of Columbus Department of Public Health or his authorized agent.

## **ARTICLE II. DOMESTICATED ANIMALS**

### **Sec. 5-7. Owner responsibility.**

The owner (as defined by section 5-5) shall be held responsible for the actions of all domesticated animals under his or her ownership, custody, supervision, or control.

#### **Sec. 5-7.1. Outdoor facilities.**

An owner or caretaker of a dog who allows the dog to spend more than eight hours in a 24-hour period outside must provide the dog an outdoor facility that meets the following specifications:

- (a) Outdoor facilities for dogs shall include one or more shelters that are accessible to each dog and one or more separate outside areas of shade that is large enough to contain all the dogs at one time to protect them from the direct rays of the sun. Outdoor facilities shall be kept neat and free of clutter, including equipment, furniture and stored materials as well as accumulated trash, waste, junk, weeds and other discarded materials.
- (b) Outdoor shelters shall comply with the following:
  - (1) Include a roof, four sides and a floor;
  - (2) Be of sufficient size to allow each dog in the outdoor facility to sit, stand, lie in the fully stretched position, and to turn about freely;
  - (3) Provide an environment that will protect from the elements when the ambient temperature is below 50 degrees Fahrenheit or below ten degrees Celsius;
  - (4) Be constructed of materials that are impervious to moisture and easily cleaned and sanitized;
  - (5) Be structurally sound and kept in good repair, with no missing boards, jagged edges or excessive rust;
  - (6) Be cleaned weekly on all hard surfaces with which the dogs come into contact;
  - (7) Be free of accumulated trash, waste, junk, weeds and other discarded materials; and
  - (8) Crates or barrels are not acceptable outdoor shelters, and carports are not acceptable as the sole means of shelter available to the dog.
  - (9) Bedding inside of the outdoor shelter shall be kept dry.
- (c) All outdoor areas to which a dog has access shall be kept clean and free of fecal matter and all other trash and waste.

## Sec. 5-7.2. Restraint.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner or possessor of any dog to fail to keep the dog under restraint or control as provided for in this section.
- (b) A dog is considered not under restraint or control when it is running at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not. Reasonable care and precautions shall be taken to prevent the dog from leaving the real property limits of its owner, possessor, or custodian, and to ensure that:
  - (1) It is securely and humanely enclosed within a house, building, fence, pen, or other enclosure out of which it cannot climb, dig, jump, or otherwise escape on its own volition. If a canine pulley system is being used, the animal must stay within the owner's property line and not have the ability to get caught up or hung due to the location of other tangible materials that could hinder the animal(s) from freely moving within the confines of the system;
  - (2) It is securely and humanely restrained by an invisible containment system. If using an invisible containment system, a sign must be posted on all entry points or identified entry points of the property indicating that the system is in place;
  - (3) It is housed on a lot zoned R-5 or R-10 of at least five acres in size and remains within the confines of its owners property in accordance with the provisions of 5-10(a); or
  - (4) It is on a leash and under the control of its owner or caregiver, or it is off leash and obedient to and under voice command of an owner or caregiver who is in the immediate proximity of the dog any time it is not restrained as provided for in subsection (1) or (2) above while on the owner's property.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to tether an animal outdoors, except when all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) No animal shall be tethered and left unattended for more than 12 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period. However, for up to the 12-hour maximum an animal may be on an approved tethering system as outlined in this section;
  - (2) No animal shall be tethered except on a three-point pulley system;
  - (3) Only one animal may be attached to each tethering system;
  - (4) Any tethering device used to tether an animal shall not allow the animal to cross over the owner's property line;
  - (5) Tethers must be made of commercial approved leash or tethering material which cannot be chewed by the animal and shall not weigh more than five percent of the body weight of the animal; ropes and chains are not considered appropriate tethering material;
  - (6) The tether must be at least five times the body length of the dog and mounted no more than seven feet above the ground level;
  - (7) The length of the tether from the running cable line or pulley system to the animal's harness should allow access to the maximum available exercise area allow the animal free access to food, water, and shelter;
  - (8) The animal must be attached to the tether by a properly fitted harness or collar with enough room between the collar and the animal's throat through which two fingers may fit. Choke collars and pinch collars are prohibited for the purpose of tethering an animal;
  - (9) The tethering system must be a sufficient distance from any other objects or animals to prohibit the tangling of the cable, to prohibit the cable from extending over an object or an edge that could result in injury or strangulation of the animal and be of sufficient distance from any fence so as to prohibit the animal from having access to the fence;

- (10) The animal is not tethered outside during periods of local extreme weather which shall include but not be limited to an excessive heat warnings issued by the National Weather Service, temperatures at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius), thunderstorms, tornados, tropical storms, or hurricanes;
- (11) The animal is at least six months of age;
- (12) The animal is not sick or injured; and
- (13) Animals transported in the rear of open vehicles shall be placed on a tether anchored securely and of appropriate length to prevent the animal from jumping off or being thrown from a vehicle.

## **Sec. 5-8. Rabies vaccination.**

- (a) *Responsibility.* The owner or person having custody or control of any dog or cat four months of age or older shall be responsible for having each dog or cat vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Dogs and cats shall be revaccinated within ten days of the "rabies expiration date" recorded on the certificate of rabies vaccination issued for the animal. Three-year rabies vaccinations are authorized and encouraged.
- (b) *Certificate of rabies vaccination.* The veterinarian administering rabies vaccinations set forth in this chapter shall execute a certificate of rabies vaccination which has been approved by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and furnished to the veterinarian by the animal services division. No other rabies vaccination certificates are authorized for use for dogs and cats that are residents of Columbus, Georgia. The certificate of rabies vaccination shall be executed in accordance with administrative instructions issued by the director of animal services. There shall be three copies of the certificate. The original copy shall be given to the owner of the animal; the second copy shall be forwarded to the animal services division within 15 days of vaccinating the animal; and the third copy shall be retained by the veterinarian.
- (c) *Out-of-state certificates of rabies vaccinations recognized.* The valid certificates of rabies vaccination issued by licensed veterinarians of any of the 50 states will be accepted as evidence of vaccinations which is prerequisite to registration of the dog or cat with the Columbus Animal Services Division. In these cases the owner of a dog or cat is required to register the pet at the animal services division's main office.
- (d) *Records.* In addition to maintaining a computerized data file of rabies vaccinations and pet registrations, the animal services division shall maintain an orderly indexed file of certificates of rabies vaccination for three years.
- (e) *Rabies vaccination tag:*
  - (1) The term "rabies vaccination tag" shall mean a tag approved by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and furnished to each veterinarian or veterinary clinic by the Columbus Animal Services Division.
  - (2) Concurrent with the issuance of the certificate of rabies vaccination, the person authorized to issue the certificate shall also furnish to the owner of the vaccinated dog or cat the serially numbered rabies vaccination tag described above. The serial number of the tag shall be entered in the appropriate space of the corresponding certificate of rabies vaccination.
- (f) *Requirement to display rabies vaccination tag:*
  - (1) *Dogs.* The rabies vaccination tag issued for a dog shall be attached to a collar or harness and worn by the dog at all times, except under the special circumstances listed below:  
  
Exceptions authorized. Exceptions are authorized as follows; however, the owner shall be required to produce evidence of the rabies vaccination upon the request of an animal enforcement officer:
    - a. A dog, while within the confines of the walls of the owner's house or apartment, is exempted from wearing the rabies tag.

- b. Hunting or stock dogs and show dogs while being worked, conditioned, groomed and/or shown under the direct supervision and control of their owner, agents or employees of the owner are exempted from wearing the rabies tag. The rabies certificate must be available at the site of such activity for inspection on the request of an animal ~~enforcement~~services officer.
  - c. A dog, which for medical or physical reasons is unable to wear a collar or harness, is exempted from wearing the rabies tag. Documentation from a licensed veterinarian must be presented as proof for this exemption.
- (2) *Cats.* The wearing of rabies tags by cats shall be left to the discretion of the owners. If tags are not worn, evidence of vaccination must be produced upon the request of an animal ~~services~~enforcement officer.

### **Sec. 5-9. Registration of dogs and cats.**

- (A) *Registration required.* In addition to the requirement for rabies vaccination, owners of dogs and cats four months of age and older are required to register each such dog and/or cat with the animal services division. The dog and/or cat must be vaccinated for rabies before registration is authorized and valid certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented before a dog or cat may be registered, except in the following specially exempted circumstances. A dog or cat may be registered without the required rabies vaccination when:
- (1) A licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and certified that at the time of registration such vaccination would endanger the animals health because of age, infirmity, debility, illness, or pregnancy. The exemption certificate must include the date when a rabies vaccination can be administered.
  - (2) The owner shall be required to have the exempted dog or cat vaccinated within ten days of the expiration date of the veterinarian's certificate.
  - (3) Veterinarians issuing exemption certificates are authorized to charge the pet owner a medical examination fee.
  - (4) Veterinarians registering animals under the provision of this exemption authorization shall attach a copy of the certificate to the animal registration form which shall be forwarded to the animal services division in accordance with administrative instructions issued by the animal services division. The owner of the animal will be provided with a copy of the certificate of exemption and the owner will be required to present the certificate for inspection on request of an animal control officer.
- (B) *To be worn.* The dog shall wear the city registration tag as required by this ordinance and when a dog is vaccinated after expiration of the exemption certificate, the rabies vaccination tag shall also be worn as required by this article.
- (C) *One-year and three-year registration:*
- (1) One-year permits are valid from the date of registration and expire on the date of expiration of the one-year rabies vaccination pursuant to subsection (F) below.
  - (2) Three-year permits may be issued only in conjunction with a three-year rabies vaccination. The three-year permit shall be valid from the date of registration and expire on the date of expiration of the three-year rabies vaccination.
- (D) *Certificate of registration.* The certificate of rabies vaccination, when authenticated by the addition of the city registration tag number issued to a particular animal, shall serve the dual purpose of "certificate of rabies vaccination" and "animal registration."
- (E) *Requirement to display animal registration tag:*

- (1) *Dogs.* The animal registration tag issued for each dog shall be attached to a collar or harness and worn by the dog at all times, except under the special circumstances listed below:

Exceptions authorized. Exceptions are authorized as follows; however, the owner shall be required to produce evidence of the registration upon the request of an animal enforcement officer:

- a. A dog, while within the confines of the walls of the owner's house or apartment, is exempted from wearing the registration tag.
- b. Hunting or stock dogs and show dogs and cats, while being worked, conditioned, groomed and/or shown under the direct supervision and control of their owner, or agents or employees of the owner are exempted from wearing the animal registration tag while engaged in the exempted activity. The animal registration tag must be available at the site of such activity for inspection on request by an animal enforcement officer.
- c. A dog, which for medical or physical reasons is unable to wear a collar or harness, is exempted from wearing the registration tag. Documentation from a licensed veterinarian must be presented as proof for this exemption.

- (2) *Cats.* The wearing of registration tags by cats shall be left to the discretion of the owners. If tags are not worn, evidence of registration must be produced upon the request of an animal ~~services enforcement~~ officer.

- (F) *Registration issuance; permit term, expiration; delinquent registration.* One-year registration will be issued in conjunction with the rabies certificate. The one-year permit shall be valid from the date of registration and shall expire on the date of expiration of the one-year rabies vaccination. The permit must be purchased within 15 days of the rabies vaccination date or it will be considered delinquent.

- (1) *New residents.* Upon presentation of a valid rabies vaccination certificate with six months or less remaining before vaccination due date, a new resident may purchase a permit for one-half the regular registration fee.

- (2) *Exceptions to delinquent registration.* When the following specific circumstances exist, a registration shall not be considered delinquent:

- a. A new resident of the city who is registering a pet for the first time in Columbus and has a valid current certificate of rabies vaccination and/or a valid current animal registration from another city, county, or state. The new resident must register the pet within 30 days of establishing residency.
- b. Any newly purchased or acquired dog or cat which is registered within 15 days of the date purchased or acquired. Documentation showing the date of purchase or acquisition and a description of the animal must be presented at the time of registration to be eligible for this exemption.

- (G) *Registration fees.* All dogs and cats four months of age or older must be registered. Effective July 1, 2014, the registration fees shall be as follows:

- (1) *Altered dogs and cats.* All dogs and cats which have been altered (spayed/neutered); or are less than nine months of age; or have a medical problem (certified by a licensed veterinarian) which would preclude surgery for a year or longer. A copy of the record from a licensed veterinarian certifying the animal has been spayed/neutered and a valid certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented at the time of the registration.

- a. One-year registration \$10.00
- b. Three-year registration \$30.00

- (2) *Non-altered dogs and cats.* All non-altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and cats nine months of age or older; or without a veterinarian-certified medical exemption:



- a. One-year registration\$40.00
  - b. Three-year registration\$120.00
- (3) *Free registration authorized.* Free city registration is hereby authorized and free registration tags may be issued for dogs trained specifically to assist a person with disability when such dog is actually being used by a disabled person as an aid for that disability. A valid certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented along with the application for a free registration.
- (H) *Registration procedures; one-stop rabies vaccination—Pet registration:*
- (1) *Agents.* The director of animal services division may authorize any veterinarian or veterinary clinic licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Columbus, Georgia, to act as agent and issue animal registration permits. The agents so designated shall comply with all provisions of this chapter and administrative instructions of the animal control and enforcement division. A veterinarian or veterinary clinic authorized to issue permits may collect a handling charge of up to \$5.00 from the animal owner for each registered permit issued.
  - (2) *List.* The animal services division will maintain a list of veterinarians participating in the "one-stop rabies vaccination—pet registration" program and shall disseminate the list to the public.
  - (3) *Other pet registration locations authorized.* Dogs and cats may be registered at the main office of the animal services division. A current certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented before registration
  - (4) *Registration by mail authorized.* Application forms for registration by mail will be available at the animal services division office and will be made available to each veterinarian licensed and practicing in Columbus.
  - (5) *Replacement of lost rabies tag or city registration tag.* Replacement of lost rabies tags or city registration tags is hereby authorized. Application for replacements shall be made at the main office of the animal services division, and a fee of \$2.00 for each replacement tag is hereby authorized.
  - (6) *Notice of change of ownership required.* Registered dogs and cats sold, adopted, traded, or otherwise released to new owners, persons, kennels, or any other businesses or shelters shall be reported by such new owner to the animal services division's main office within ten days of such sale or release.

## **Sec. 5-10. Control of domestic animals.**

- (a) *[Generally.]*
- (1) Irrespective of and/or in addition to impoundment provisions, including assessment of penalty fees relating to impoundment of animals as prescribed in other sections of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for owners of dogs to allow, permit, or by negligence to permit, their dogs to be unattended. Any dog on the owner's property and not confined thereto by fence, or other suitable and effective means, and when no responsible person is present to control such dog, shall be considered unattended and in violation of this chapter only if said dog has been observed on public property or private property other than property of the owner, and not in voice control of a responsible person, by an **enforcement animal services** officer of Columbus, Georgia or by a complainant willing to testify in court. Dog and cat owners residing in rural areas of the city and whose lots are zoned RE-5 or RE-10 and whose said lots are five acres or more in area, are exempt from the requirements to keep dogs penned, or on a leash, and/or under voice control. These exempted owners are required to ensure that their dogs and cats do not leave the limits of the owner's property, and these owners are subject to all other provisions of this chapter.
  - (2) Upon the third conviction during a two-year period for a violation of subsection (a)(1), above, the individual so convicted shall pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$600.00.



- (b) *Female dogs.* It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a female dog, when it is breeding season, to go upon or have access to the streets, roads or public areas of Columbus, Georgia. Female dogs shall be confined in such places and manner as will avoid nuisances being caused by the attraction of male dogs to the premises of others or under any circumstances.
- (c) *Use of a leash on all public property.* No owner or caretaker shall allow any canine, "dog" on any public property unless such animal is restrained by an appropriate leash and under the control of a responsible person. This restriction does not apply to local, state or federal public safety canine officers, to licensed search and rescue operations or to properly licensed animal shows or government-owned animal care facilities or properly licensed animal adoption facilities.
- (d) *Nuisance control.* Without regard to other provisions of this article or other sections of the Columbus Code, it shall be unlawful for owners of dogs, cats, or other animals to allow, permit, or by negligence fail to prevent such animals from acting or performing in such a manner as to cause damage or unsanitary conditions to the property of another, public streets, public parks and recreation areas, or otherwise to cause a nuisance in Columbus. Animal owners residing in rural areas of the city on lots zoned A-1 (agricultural) and which lots are two and one-half acres or more in area, are exempt from nuisance control provisions contained in section 5-10(d)(4). Acts deemed to be nuisances shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Any animal to enter any place where food is stored, prepared, served or sold to the public except dogs trained specifically to assist a person with a disability when such dog is actually being used by a disabled person as an aid for that disability.
  - (2) Any dog to chase, run after, or jump at vehicles moving on public streets and alleys.
  - (3) Any dog to attack, bite or injure a person, or to snap, growl, snarl, jump upon or otherwise threaten persons without provocation, unless in defense, protection or assistance of its master or other persons, except when such person is using the dog in conjunction with a criminal activity. These acts shall be considered a violation of this chapter whether or not the dog is confined by fence, chain or leash, or under the voice control of a responsible person.
  - (4) Any animal to howl, yelp, whine, or bark in such manner as to reasonably disturb any person or neighborhood.
  - (5) Any animal to feed from, turn over, or otherwise disturb garbage containers.
  - (6) Any animal to scratch or dig in flower beds or to soil or damage any property other than that of the owners.
  - (7) Male animals to have access to female animals or vice versa during breeding season, except within enclosures so arranged as to obstruct such animals entirely from view of persons outside of such enclosures.
  - (8) Any dog or cat to go onto the property of another or onto public sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks and recreation areas, or onto other public or private ways, and attack another animal or fowl.
  - (9) It shall be a violation of this chapter if, when a dog or cat deposits fecal matter on public ways or private property, the owner of the animal does not promptly remove such waste and deposit it in a sanitary manner. This requirement is applicable whether or not the animal is on a leash and/or under voice control.
  - (10) Cats or dogs to crawl upon, sleep on, scratch or otherwise soil furniture, porches, automobiles or other tangible property of a neighbor or person other than the owner.
  - (11) *Transportation of animals.* It shall be a violation of this chapter for a canine animal to be transported in the back of an open bed vehicle unless such animal is securely tethered by a cross tie to prevent such animal from jumping off or being thrown from the vehicle.
  - (12) *Fencing.*

- (A) Owners that rely upon a fence to secure their canine animal must use a fence with a minimum height of four feet or of sufficient height and structural support to ensure that such animals are restrained within the confines of their property. The individual size and abilities of any canine animal shall determine the height of the fence. If such animal evades the fence, the owner shall be in violation of section 5-10(a).
- (B) Owners may use electronic fencing as long as said fencing is operational to ensure that such animals are restrained within the confines of their property. If such animal evades the electronic fencing, the owner shall be in violation of section 5-10(a).
- (e) *Controlled access public events.* It shall be unlawful for animals to be permitted at controlled access public events or in the immediate area where spectator sports events are held in city parks including practice events for spectator sports. The animal services division shall be authorized to erect appropriate signs under this provision. Exceptions are authorized as follows; however, the owner shall be required to produce evidence of rabies vaccination upon the request of an animal control officer:
  - (1) Dogs trained and used as a guide or seeing eye dog for a blind person.
  - (2) Dogs trained and used as a hearing dog for a deaf person.
  - (3) Police K-9 dogs.
  - (4) Caged animals being sponsored by the animal services division or any licensed animal rescue organization.
  - (5) Animals competing or performing in the event.

#### **Sec. 5-11. Dangerous or vicious dogs.**

- (a) All requirements concerning the classification, registration and maintenance of dangerous and vicious dogs will be enforced in Columbus as set forth in O.C.G.A Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4, ("Responsible Dog Ownership Law"). The animal services director shall serve as the dog control officer for purposes of implementing the requirements of the state law. The animal control advisory board is hereby designated as the authority in Columbus charged with making all determinations and hearing all appeals required by the state law.
- (b) The fee for registering dangerous or vicious dogs in Columbus, effective July 1, 2015, shall be \$150.00 annually. The required collar and up to two warning signs shall be issued and are included in this fee. If additional signs are required, the cost is \$5.00 per sign.
- (c) The animal services director and the animal control advisory board are hereby authorized to regulate cats or other household pets which it determines to be dangerous or vicious in a manner similar to that specified by the responsible dog ownership law referenced above.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to display a dangerous/vicious dog or animal sign at locations or on premises where no such dangerous/vicious animal exists or is located.
- (e) The dog control officer, any animal enforcement services officer or any sworn law enforcement official is authorized to make whatever inquiry is deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the state law and such officers may confiscate any dangerous or vicious dog in the case of any violation of the law.

#### **Sec. 5-12. Cruelty to animals and failure to aid injured animals.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, willfully and cruelly, to injure or kill any animal by any mode or means causing it unnecessary fright or pain, and it shall further be unlawful for any person, by neglect or otherwise, to cause or allow any animal to endure pain, suffering or injury. Acts violating this section shall include but are not limited to:

- (1) Any violation of the Columbus Code section 5-7.1 on shelter shall be guilty of a city ordinance violation, punishable as set forth in section 1-8 of the Columbus Code.
- (2) Failure to provide animals food for a period of more than 24 hours and/or water or care for more than 18 hours.
- (3) Abandoning any animal on private or public property.
- (4) Failure on the part of the driver of a motor vehicle to stop or call the police or other agencies for assistance after striking or injuring an animal by the motor vehicle.
- (5) Leaving or exposing any poisonous substance, food or drink, for man, animal or fowl or to aid or abet any person in so doing, except insect or rodent poison when used for control of insects, mice or rodents.
- (6) It shall be unlawful for any person to bait, to attack with violence to, provoke, or to harass an animal, domestic or wild, with one or more animals or humans, for the purpose of training such an animal for, or to cause or to sponsor or to promote such an animal to engage in fights, wrestling or similar contests with or among other animals or between animals and humans. Nothing in the foregoing sentence, however, shall prevent the lawful training of guard dogs or other animals, provided the same in no way conflicts with other provisions of this Code or state law. The minimum fine for violating this subsection (6) shall be \$500.00.
- (7) Tethering that does not meet the requirements of section 5-5(20).
- (8) It shall be a violation of this section for an animal to be left unattended in a vehicle if the inside temperature of the vehicle exceeds 80 degrees.

#### **Sec. 5-12.1. Revocation of licenses of trainers, breeders, boarders and sellers of dogs or other animals convicted of cruelty to dogs or other animals.**

Any person convicted of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to O.C.G.A. Section 4-8-5 (Cruelty to dogs) or O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-4 (Cruelty to animals) or any other comparable criminal prohibition against cruelty to animals that may be later enacted shall not thereafter be issued a license to train, breed, board or sell dogs or other animals in Columbus, Georgia, and the licenses of those persons being convicted of or entering guilty or nolo contendere pleas to said offenses shall immediately stand revoked, in addition to other penalties prescribed by law.

#### **Sec. 5-13. Impoundment.**

- (a) *Animals subject to impoundment.* Dogs, cats or other animals within any of the following classes may be captured and impounded in Columbus, Georgia:
  - (1) Dogs and other animals whose ownership is unknown.
  - (2) Vicious dogs and animals of all kinds.
  - (3) Female dogs in breeding season not confined to the premises of the owners in such manner as to avoid nuisances and prevent access to other animals.
  - (4) Dogs or other animals that have been bitten by an animal suspected of having rabies.
  - (5) Dogs, cats, or other animals that are causing nuisances in violation of other sections of this chapter.
  - (6) Any dog not wearing a valid city registration and rabies vaccination tag.
  - (7) Any dog on the owner's property and not confined thereto by fence, chain, or other suitable and effective means, and when no responsible person is present to control such dog shall be unattended and in violation of this chapter only if said dog has been observed on public property or private

property other than the property of the owner, and not in voice control of a responsible person, by an animal enforcement officer or by a complainant willing to testify in court. Section 5-10(a) of this chapter exempts owners of dogs and cats whose residence is in rural Columbus from the requirement to have the animal under constant control by a responsible person. Animals in these exempted areas are subject to impoundment if the animal is observed on property other than the owner's property.

- (b) *Notice of impoundment.* Immediately upon impounding dogs, or other animals, the animal ~~enforcement services~~ officer responsible for having the animals impounded or other animal services division staff shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owners of such dogs, or other animals, so impounded and inform such owners of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of such animals.
- (c) When a resident of Columbus is no longer able to maintain a cat or dog of which he or she is the documented owner, he or she may apply to surrender the animal to the Columbus Animal Services Division. The Animal Services Division will provide appropriate counseling and schedule an available surrender time. A surrender fee ~~of not to exceed~~ \$250.00, will be charged upon surrender, and the owner will sign a document releasing all ownership rights to the animal and waiving any future notices concerning the disposition of the animal.

### Sec. 5-13.1. Disposition of animals.

- (a) *Holding time.* Any impounded animal, not under observation for rabies, that is not claimed within five days of the date of impoundment or five days after the owner of the animal is notified, shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the director of the animal services division. However, if the owner is incarcerated at the time of impoundment, the animal shall be held for ten days. After the tenth day the animal shall become the property of Columbus, Georgia and be disposed of in a manner approved by the director of the animal services division.
- (b) *Adoption of animals.*
  - (1) ~~Only spayed/neutered animals will be eligible for adoption. At the time of adoption of non-altered (spayed/neutered) animal from the animal services division, the individual adopting said animal shall purchase, for the sum of \$50.00, a spay/neuter voucher to be presented to the veterinarian of their choice to defray a portion of the cost of spaying or neutering the animal. The veterinarian may redeem said voucher by presenting same to the finance department for the consolidated government. Effective July 1, 2025, adoption fees shall be not exceed \$150.00 and may be reduced to facilitate placements at the discretion of the animal services director and said voucher shall be worth \$50.00.~~
  - (2) No unclaimed dog or cat which is not neutered or spayed shall be released from the ~~Columbus Animal Services Division~~ custody for adoption unless it is spayed or neutered. ~~office without a written agreement from the person adopting the animal that such animal will be sterilized within 30 days from the date of adoption, unless a later date is indicated on the adoption agreement due to the age or health condition of that particular animal. Within 45 days of the adoption or 15 days of the alternative date indicated on the adoption agreement, said owner will file with Columbus Animal Services Division office the signed statement of a licensed veterinarian that the animal in question has been neutered or spayed. Failure of the owner to file such a signed statement will result in a fine of \$100.00 and constitute a presumption that there has been a failure to spay or neuter the adopted dog or cat. Upon such failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection, a citation may be issued under O.C.G.A. § 4-14-3(c) to be prosecuted in environmental court as a misdemeanor by animal enforcement officers pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 4-14-4.~~
- (c) *Escape, injury or pilfering.* The animal ~~services control~~ officers, pound-masters and pound custodians shall exercise every reasonable care to prevent injury, escape or pilfering of any dogs or cats which they deal with in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, but they shall not be responsible for any such occurrence.
- (d) When municipal or county agencies form outside of Muscogee County require the service of euthanasia, it may be provided at a cost of \$10.00 per animal with an additional body disposal fee of \$10.00.

- (e) When euthanasia is requested by a resident of Muscogee County that is an animal owner, it may be provided at a cost of \$10.00 per animal with an additional body disposal fee of \$10.00.

#### **Sec. 5-14. Fee for recovery of impounded animals.**

- (a) *Impoundment fee.* In addition to city registration fees and board fees required by this chapter, there shall be an impoundment charge assessed against owners who recover their animals which are impounded under the provisions of this chapter. The impoundment fee shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

First Impoundment	Altered (Spayed/Neutered) \$50.00 ea	Not Altered (Not Spayed/Neutered) \$95.00 ea
Second Impoundment	Altered (spayed/neutered) \$75.00 ea	Not Altered (Not Spayed/Neutered) \$125.00 ea
Each subsequent Impoundment within a two year period	\$100.00 ea	\$125.00 ea

(Subsequent impoundments are levied against the animal owner and not necessarily for the same animal.)

- (b) *Board fee.* In addition to city registration fees and impoundment fees required by this chapter, there shall be a board fee of \$10.00 per day, payable before an impounded animal will be released to the owner.

#### **Sec. 5-15. Private/hobby kennels (noncommercial).**

- (a) Any person who maintains within or adjoining his property a combined total of six or more dogs and/or cats over six months of age as personal or family pets, or for recreational use, or for exhibition, breeding, and where sale of offspring is not the primary function shall be required to have a private/hobby kennel permit.
- (b) Private/hobby (noncommercial) permits shall be issued by the director of animal services. Such permits will be valid for one calendar year and shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the year in which issued. Permits shall be renewed each year between January 1 and February 28. Applications received after February 28 shall be considered delinquent.
- (c) Locations of private/hobby kennels shall comply with the zoning ordinance of Columbus, and before a private/hobby kennel permit will be issued the applicant must obtain a certificate of occupancy from the code enforcement officer authorizing the private/hobby kennel at the address specified in the application.
- (d) There shall be a \$100.00 inspection and permit fee for each private/hobby kennel permit.
- (e) The director of the animal services division shall have the authority to revoke private/hobby kennel permits when sanitation standards prescribed by this chapter and other ordinances are not maintained.
- (f) Kennel permits (Pets—Nonbreeding):
- (1) Such permits issued prior to July 1984 shall be valid until revoked by proper issuing authority or terminated by applicant.
  - (2) Actions upon complaints. Upon receipt of complaints of nuisance (section 5-10(d)) caused by maintaining a pet nonbreeding kennel, the director chief of the animal services control and enforcement division shall have an inspection made of such facilities. After a notice allowing reasonable time to correct the nuisance has been issued to the responsible person, and such notice has failed to produce compliance, the permit for maintaining such kennel may be revoked by the issuing authority.



- (3) Any person whose kennel permit is revoked must within ten days comply with existing ordinances regarding number of animals maintained and show proof of the manner of humane disposal of all animals over the legal number authorized by current ordinance.
- (g) Appeals of denial or revocation of a permit may be made to the animal control advisory board at the board's next scheduled meeting. Notice of intent to appeal a decision of the director of the animal services division must be made in writing and filed with the administrative officer of the animal services division. Final action on a denial and/or revocation of a permit shall be delayed pending a decision of the animal control advisory board. The decision of the advisory board shall be final as to administrative processing of the application or revocation. Denial of a certificate of occupancy by the code enforcement division is not subject to review by the animal control advisory board.

#### Sec. 5-16. Commercial kennels.

- (a) *Commercial kennel defined.* Section 22-3 of the Zoning Ordinance of Columbus defines a commercial kennel as follows:  

"A kennel maintained for the purpose of offering any service whatsoever, including, but not limited to, boarding, grooming, breeding, keeping for sale, selling, trading, training, renting, or leasing for guard purposes any dogs or other animals.
- (b) *Business license required.* It shall be unlawful for any person, business, or kennel (as heretofore defined), regardless of the number of the animals kept, to engage regularly in the sale of cats, dogs, kittens, or puppies, regardless of the age of the animals, without having a business license which specifically authorizes commercial kennel activities.
- (c) *Certificate of occupancy required.* The business license department shall require a valid and current certificate of occupancy for commercial kennel before such business license is issued.
- (d) *Maintenance of yards and pens.* In addition to the minimum requirements for lot size and structural specifications required by the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code of Columbus, yards and pens for dogs shall be in accordance with the standards for such dog yards and pens as required by this chapter.
- (e) *Waste disposal.* Fecal matter and urine from animals shall be disposed of into the city sanitary sewerage system and shall not be allowed to drain or leak into the rainwater sewerage system.
- (f) *Kennel sanitation.* It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain within Columbus, Georgia, any kennel that is unsanitary, nauseous, foul, or offensive, or in any way detrimental to public health and/or safety.
- (g) *Rabies vaccination.* The owner, manager or person in charge of a commercial kennel (as herein defined) shall be responsible for ensuring that all dogs and cats four months of age or over that are on the premises and offered for sale have been vaccinated for rabies. This requirement applies even if the animals are on consignment. The certificate of rabies vaccination and the rabies tag for each such animal shall be available for inspection on request by an animal enforcement officer.
- (h) There shall be a \$100.00 inspection and permit fee for each commercial kennel permit.

#### Sec. 5-17. Complaints against animal ~~control~~services procedures or personnel.

Any citizen complaints about animal ~~services~~enforcement procedures ~~or personnel~~ should be brought to the animal control advisory board at the regularly scheduled meeting. ~~If the eCitizen complaints about animal services personnel shall be referred to the animal services director for internal resolution, and if not satisfactorily resolved, should be referred to the contract administrator. is particularly urgent and concerns allegations of wrongdoing or impropriety against an animal enforcement officer, the complaint should be brought immediately to the chairman of the animal control advisory council. He will refer the case to a panel composed of three members of the animal control advisory board for their deliberation. The panel will function in the same manner as the personnel review board currently functions. A hearing will be held where those presenting the complaint will have ample~~

~~opportunity to come before the board, explain their complaint and bring whatever witnesses and documentation forward. The animal services division will make available whatever personnel necessary to provide required information. Based on the facts as presented to them, the panel will render a finding in the case, either that the allegations are unsubstantiated or that the allegations are substantiated. If the panel finds the allegations substantiated, then they will recommend appropriate remedial action.~~

## **Sec. 5-18. Animal bites; quarantine of animals.**

- (a) *Animal bites defined.* The breaking of the skin of a human being by an animal shall be considered a bite case.
- (b) *Reporting procedure.* All bite cases must be reported to the Columbus Department of Public Health. During nonbusiness hours, the report shall be made to the 911 Emergency Center. The bite report should be made as soon as possible, and in no case more than 24 hours after the bite. Animal enforcement officers will assist in making bite reports but the responsibility rests with the owners and the person bitten to ensure that a complete report is made to the Columbus Department of Public Health. Failure to make the bite report as required shall constitute a violation of this chapter. Each day that shall pass after the bite without the animal bite being reported as required, shall constitute an additional violation.
- (c) *Quarantine required:*
  - (1) Any animal which has broken the skin of a human or is suspected of being rabid shall be quarantined for at least ten days, and no such animal shall be released to the owner or humanely euthanized until the animal has been examined by a veterinarian or the rabies control officer at the expiration of the ten-day period and released from quarantine.
  - (2) The animal may be quarantined at the owner's residence at the discretion of the rabies control officer.
  - (3) The rabies control officer is authorized to require that the animal be quarantined at the animal services division facility, or the animal owner is authorized to request that the animal be quarantined in a veterinary clinic. In this instance the owner is responsible for all board and veterinary medical costs incurred pursuant to the quarantine.

## **Sec. 5-19. Guard dogs.**

- (a) *General.* Control and identification of guard dogs in the interest of protection of law-abiding citizens from attack from such dogs is of paramount importance.
- (b) *Registration of guard dogs required:*
  - (1) Individuals, firms, companies, or corporations who own, rent, lease, or otherwise provide dogs for the purpose of guarding property or establishments within the city limits of Columbus are required to register each guard dog with the division of animal services. This registration shall be required even if the guard dog(s) are trained or housed outside of Columbus while not actually guarding premises or property.
  - (2) In addition to the requirements for rabies vaccination, section 5-8, and city registration tag, section 5-9, each guard dog residing in or rented, leased, or used for guarding in Columbus shall be required to wear a distinctive red leather collar with a numbered identification tag fastened thereon.
  - (3) The distinctive guard dog collars shall be available at the animal care and control center at a cost of \$50.00.
- (c) *Control of guard dogs.* Guard dogs shall be controlled or confined so that they cannot come into contact with law-abiding citizens who are lawfully using public and private premises.
- (d) *Reporting loose guard dogs.* In the event a guard dog escapes its place of containment and is running loose in public areas or on property other than the owner's, the person employing such dog and the owner of such



dog shall immediately report all facts and circumstances, including the collar number of the dog, to the animal services division. After normal business hours the report shall be made to the 911 Emergency Center.

#### **Sec. 5-20. Requirements for community cat colonies and caretakers.**

A community cat caretaker is exempt from the responsibilities of an owner under this chapter and shall not be required to meet the requirements of sections 5-15 or 5-16 of this article; however, all community cat colonies must be registered with Columbus Animal Services Division or the designated community cat rescue, and the community cat colony caretaker must comply with all of the following:

- (1) The community cat rescue organization has inspected the area in which the colony will be housed and has approved;
- (2) Regular feeding of the colony will be maintained throughout the year;
- (3) Adult cats and kittens over 12 weeks of age that can be captured will be neutered or spayed and vaccinated against rabies. A three-year vaccine will be administered whenever feasible;
- (4) Every reasonable attempt will be made to have kittens removed from the colony and fostered before they reach the age of 12 weeks for domestication and placement when placement is a possibility;
- (5) Whenever reasonably possible, sick or injured cats will be removed from the colony by the colony caretaker and taken to a licensed veterinarian for evaluation. The decision either to treat or euthanize shall be at the entire discretion of the veterinarian;
- (6) Cats will be ear tipped for recognition as members of a community cat colony;
- (7) Records of sterilization, vaccination and animal identification will be maintained by the community cat rescue for a minimum of three years and made available to the Columbus Animal Services Division or state licensing authorities for review upon request;
- (8) If colonies are established on private property, permission has been given to the community cat rescue or colony caretaker from the owner of the premises upon which the community cat colony is located for the community cat colony to be located on the owner's property; and
- (9) Compliance with the policies and procedures governing the community cat program.

#### **Sec. 5-21. Removal of community cats from colony.**

Columbus Animal Services Division has the right to immediately seize and remove all or parts of any community cat colony for public health and public safety concerns including rabies, other zoonotic disease epidemics, and certain fatal animal to animal diseases as identified by the division's veterinarian or the state veterinarian.

#### **Sec. 5-22. Unlawful interference with identified community cat colony.**

Except as provided in section 5-21 of this article, it is unlawful for any person knowingly to prevent, interfere with, or obstruct the management of an identified community cat colony. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a property owner from taking lawful steps to control or restrict community cats within the limits of the owner's property.

#### **Sec. 5-23. Disposition of community cats—Generally.**

Columbus Animal Services Division may impound feral cats which are not identified as community cats by ear tipping and place those cats for adoption or make such other humane disposition of the animal in accordance with this chapter; however where feasible, the cat may be vaccinated, neutered and ear tipped and released to the

community cat rescue which will place the cat in a community cat colony, or placed with an individual who is willing to be identified as responsible for that cat's welfare.

**Secs. 5-24—5-29. Reserved.**

### **ARTICLE III. HOOFED ANIMALS**

#### **Sec. 5-30. Compliance with Code required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, any hoofed animal, except in compliance with the provisions of this chapter of the Code of Ordinances, and the ~~zoning Unified Development~~ Unified Development Ordinance.

#### **Sec. 5-31. Restrictions on keeping certain hoofed animals.**

- (a) Keeping of hogs and cows is permitted only in the rural areas of Columbus which are specifically designated and zoned A-1 (agriculture) in the zoning atlas of Columbus in accordance with ~~Chapter 22 of the Columbus Code, entitled "The Zoning Ordinance,"~~ the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code.
- (b) In addition to the restrictions established by the zoning ordinance as to location, it shall be unlawful to maintain or keep a hog closer than 900 feet of any private residence, other than that of the owner, or public building.
- (c) In addition to restrictions established by the zoning ordinance as to yard or pen location, it shall be unlawful to maintain or keep a cow closer than 500 feet of any private residence, other than that of the owner, or any public building.

#### **Sec. 5-32. Transporting through city.**

The preceding section hereof is not to apply where such animals are being carried through the city for bona fide sale or transportation or for slaughter, and only temporarily kept in the city.

#### **Sec. 5-33. Running unattended.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any horses, mules, jacks, cattle, hogs, goats or sheep to run unattended on public property or private property other than the property of its owner.

#### **Sec. 5-34. Cleanliness of pens.**

Any place, including yards, pens, enclosures, lots or premises within the City of Columbus at which fowl or animals are kept shall be maintained in a clean condition free of obnoxious odors and fly-breeding media or attraction. For the purposes of this article, the definition of "animals" shall include dogs and rabbits as well as any other animals kept for any reason whatsoever.

#### **Sec. 5-35. Stable requirements.**

All hoofed animals kept within the City of Columbus shall be kept in a stable which meets the following requirements:

- (1) The stables shall be not less than 50 feet from the owner's dwelling and not less than 150 feet from any other residence; however, the distance requirements to other residences may be waived in writing by adjoining property owners whose residences are within 150 feet of stables, but in no event may the

distance be less than 75 feet. A change in ownership shall not affect the right to continue to maintain a stable without consent of the new adjoining owners.

- (2) The stable shall be screened and fly-proofed to minimize contamination from flies and other insects.
- (3) The stable shall be floored with packed clay or other durable material covered with suitable disposable materials to allow removal of droppings and urine.
- (4) The stable area shall be well drained, dry, and reasonably odor-free.
- (5) The disposable waste products from the stable shall be removed in covered containers, temporary storage of waste shall be limited to seven days' accumulation, and the storage area shall be vermin-proofed and established at a distance from residence equal to or greater than that prescribed for the stable.
- (6) Exercise areas, riding rings, and areas surrounding the stable shall be free of animal droppings and maintained under sanitary conditions which preclude accumulation of wastes which produce offensive odors.
- (7) The stable areas shall be fenced with either a high single fence or double fence which prevents the animal from cropping foliage or grasses beyond the owner's boundaries.
- (8) Animal food, grain, or grain products, except hay or other forage shall be kept in covered metal containers under vermin-free conditions.

#### **Sec. 5-36. Vans and trailers.**

The maintenance and parking of vans and animal trailers shall be limited to off-street areas in a manner which shall not detract from the general appearance of the neighborhood.

#### **Sec. 5-37. Inspection by health department.**

Health authorities shall have the right to inspect the premises on which animals are stabled at all times, and should it be found that animals are not kept in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, or are a health and sanitation hazard, the health officers shall have the authority to order the animals removed from the city.

#### **Secs. 5-38, 5-39. Reserved.**

### ***ARTICLE IV. POISONOUS SNAKES***

#### **Sec. 5-40. Keeping in city limits.**

- (a) *Distance from residences.* Possession of live poisonous snakes within 300 feet of a residence is prohibited.
- (b) *Exception.* It shall be unlawful to possess live poisonous snakes within 300 feet of a residence within Columbus, Georgia, except by public institutions for research or education.

### ***ARTICLE V. WILD BIRDS***

#### **Sec. 5-41. Protection.**

- (a) *City designated bird sanctuary.* The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

- (b) *Signs.* Appropriate signs are hereby authorized to be erected designating the City of Columbus as a bird sanctuary.
- (c) *Trapping, etc., unlawful.* It shall be unlawful to trap, shoot, hunt, or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob bird's nests, except that shooting of game birds may be allowed during hunting seasons in accordance with regulations of the Game and Fish Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
- (d) *Destruction of nuisance species.* In the event any species of bird is found to be a nuisance in the opinion of the Columbus Department of Public Health, then said species of bird may be destroyed in such manner as is deemed advisable by the Columbus Department of Public Health under the supervision of the Police Department of the City of Columbus.

#### **Sec. 5-42. Keeping of fowl.**

- (a) *When permitted.* The keeping of fowl shall be allowed as an accessory use on any lot two acres or more in size. The keeping of such domestic fowl shall be in accordance with the following:
  - (1) The number of domestic fowl kept on a given lot shall not exceed the ratio of one bird unit per one acre, with a bird unit identified as follows:
    - 32 chickens equals one bird unit.
    - 16 ducks equals one bird unit.
    - 8 turkeys equals one bird unit.
    - 8 geese equals one bird unit.
  - (2) When determining the number of domestic fowl permitted, only fowl six weeks or older in age shall be counted.
  - (3) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph 5-42(a), the keeping of up to six chickens will be permitted on any size lot with a single family residential (SFR) zoning use subject to compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (b) through (g) below.
- (b) *Compliance with zoning ordinance.* The keeping of racing, homing or exhibition (fancy) pigeons shall be allowed as an accessory use of a residential lot only in accordance with the "minimum requirements" set forth in the zoning ordinance and the distance from adjacent dwelling requirement established by paragraph (c)(3) of section 5-42.
- (c) *Location of accessory structures.* All accessory structures associated with the keeping or housing of animals shall be located in accordance with the provisions stated as follows:
  - (1) Barns or other structures used in connection with agriculture, to include structures for the keeping, confining or sheltering of any poultry as defined in subsection (a)(1) above, shall be located no closer than 100 feet to any lot line. In no instance shall such structures be used for retail sales, except as permitted under the business license section of this Code.
  - (2) Barns or other structures used for the confining or sheltering of domestic fowl not in connection with agriculture shall be no closer than 50 feet to any lot line.
  - (3) Cages, lofts, pens and other structures which are used for the keeping of homing, racing or exhibition (fancy) pigeons shall be located no closer than 150 feet from the nearest part of a house occupied by a person other than the keeper of the birds.
- (d) *Fowl commonly excepted.* Subject to the provisions of paragraph (f) of this section, exotic chickens, ducks and geese six weeks old, birds such as canaries, parakeets, doves, and parrots or other exotic birds normally kept as pets or primarily for hobby purposes shall not be subject to the remaining provisions of this section.

- (e) *Businesses excluded.* Retail stores properly licensed under other provisions of this Code which maintain exotic chickens, ducks and geese six weeks of age, canaries, parakeets, doves, parrots, and other exotic birds for the purpose of retail sales from inventory, and other properly licensed poultry related industries other than retail sales to pet owners shall not be subject to the provisions of this section, except for paragraph (f).
- (f) *Noise and odors.* Notwithstanding any of the provisions contained herein, at no time shall an owner of domestic fowl place a structure or keep domestic fowl in any fashion which would cause emission of noise or odor detrimental to other property or individuals residing thereon in the area. Further, it shall be unlawful to allow domestic fowl or other exotic fowl or birds to run on public property or private property other than the property of its owner.
- (g) *Notice of violation.* Any owner of birds or fowl in Columbus, or any owner of property used for the keeping of birds or fowl in the city, shall be notified in writing of any violation of this section by the division of animal services or the health department, and shall be given 30 days to correct stated violation. If after 30 days from the date of the notice, the owner of the birds or fowl or the property owner or occupant of the premises where the birds or fowl reside fails to comply with the provisions of this section, a citation to appear in the recorder's court may be issued to such person.

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 17B-11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to the application process to obtain demonstration or festival permits from the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Cogle)

## AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance amending Section 17B-11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to the application process to obtain demonstration or festival permits from the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes.

## SECTION 1.

Section 17B-11. of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph (c)(12) which shall read as follows:

- (12) Applications for demonstrations and festivals held in the CRD or Uptown Zoning Districts will demonstrate compliance with the checklist of requirements adopted by the Board of Uptown Columbus as a condition for any demonstration or festival in those areas.

## SECTION 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April, 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
 Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
 Mayor



**Sec. 17B-11. Demonstrations and festivals involving more than fifteen persons.**

- (a) No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form, or start any picketing or demonstration or festival involving more than 15 persons unless a permit shall have been obtained from the chief of police or his designee. Application for a permit for any picketing or demonstration or festival must be made as set forth in this chapter.
- (b) Filing. An application for a permit shall be filed with the chief of police not less than ten days before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the picketing or demonstration.
- (c) Contents. The application for a permit shall set forth the following information:
  - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons seeking to conduct the picketing or demonstration;
  - (2) If the picketing or demonstration is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization; the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and the authorized and responsible heads of such organization, and the registered agent and officers if a corporation;
  - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who will be the leader of the picketing or demonstration and who will be responsible for its conduct;
  - (4) The date when the picketing or demonstration is to be conducted;
  - (5) The location of the planned picketing or demonstration;
  - (6) The approximate number of persons who will constitute such picketing or demonstration;
  - (7) The hours when such picketing or demonstration will be conducted;
  - (8) The time at which persons will begin to assemble at any such assembly area or areas;
  - (9) The interval of space, if any, to be maintained between units of the picketing or demonstration;
  - (10) If the picketing or demonstration is designed to be held by, and on behalf of, or for, any person or organization other than the applicant, the applicant for such permit shall file with the chief of police a communication in writing from the person or organization proposing to conduct the picketing or demonstration, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on behalf of such person or organization;
  - (11) Any additional information which the chief of police shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should issue.
  - (12) Applications for demonstrations or festivals held in the CRD or Uptown Zoning Districts will demonstrate compliance with the checklist of requirements adopted by the Board of Uptown Columbus as a condition for any demonstration or festival in those areas.
- (d) Late applications. The chief of police or his designee, where good cause is shown, shall have the authority to consider any application hereunder which is filed less than ten days before the time such picketing or demonstration is proposed to be conducted.
- (e) Standards for issuance. The chief of police shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, he finds that:
  - (1) The conduct of the picketing or demonstration will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its location or route;
  - (2) A prior application for a permit for the same time and place has not been made or if made, would reasonably allow multiple occupancy of a particular area; and

- (3) It reasonably appears that the picketing or demonstration will not present a clear and present danger to the public health or safety.
- (f) The chief of police or his designee, after consultation with the public safety director or his designee, shall act upon the application for permit within five days after the filing thereof. If the chief of police disapproves the application, he shall mail to the applicant within five days after the date upon which the application was filed, a notice of his action stating the reasons for his denial of the permit.
- (g) Any person aggrieved shall have the right to appeal the denial of a permit to the Columbus Council. Appeal shall be taken within ten days after notice. The Columbus Council shall act upon the appeal within ten days after its receipt.
- (h) The chief of police, in denying an application for a picketing or demonstration permit, shall be required to tender a permit for picketing or demonstration on a date, at a location, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternate permit shall, within five days after notice of the action of the chief of police, file a written notice of acceptance with the chief of police. An alternate permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of a permit under this article.
- (i) Each permit for picketing or demonstration shall include the times for the event and such other information as the chief of police shall find necessary to the enforcement of this article.
- (j) A permittee hereunder shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The leader of the picketing or demonstration shall carry the permit upon his or her person during the conduct of the event.
- (k) The chief of police shall have the authority to revoke a permit for picketing or demonstration issued hereunder upon application of the standards for issuance or violation of permit conditions.
- (l) All applicants for permits for any picketing or demonstration or festival involving more than 15 persons shall comply with all provisions of this article and article III of this chapter.

**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. 1st Reading-** REZN-12-24-2551: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3212 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-031001B) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 4-8-25.)(Councilor Garrett)

**AN ORDINANCE****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS  
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in land lot 72, 8<sup>th</sup> District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake located 65 feet south of the southeast corner of the intersection of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (formerly known as Madden Street) with 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and from said point of beginning thence running south along the east line of 6<sup>th</sup> avenue, a distance of 41 feet to an iron stake; thence running east and parallel with the south line of 33<sup>rd</sup> street a distance of 100 feet to an iron stake; thence running north and parallel with the east line of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue a distance of 41 feet to an iron stake; thence running west and parallel with the south line of 33<sup>rd</sup> street, a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning.”

Section 2.

The property described above is rezoned subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall be a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet.
2. There shall be a minimum lot width of 40 feet.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th\_ day of April, 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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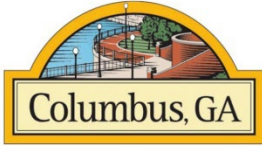
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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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Mayor



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 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

### REZN-12-24-2551

<b>Applicant:</b>	Maria Vazquez Lopez
<b>Owner:</b>	Maria Vazquez Lopez
<b>Location:</b>	3212 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	014-031-001
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.10 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 2
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1
<b>Proposed Conditions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet</li> <li>2. Minimum lot width of 40 feet</li> </ol>
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Moore's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area F



<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential								
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
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<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Forty Five (45)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
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<b>Additional Information:</b>	An existing single family residence.								
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map								



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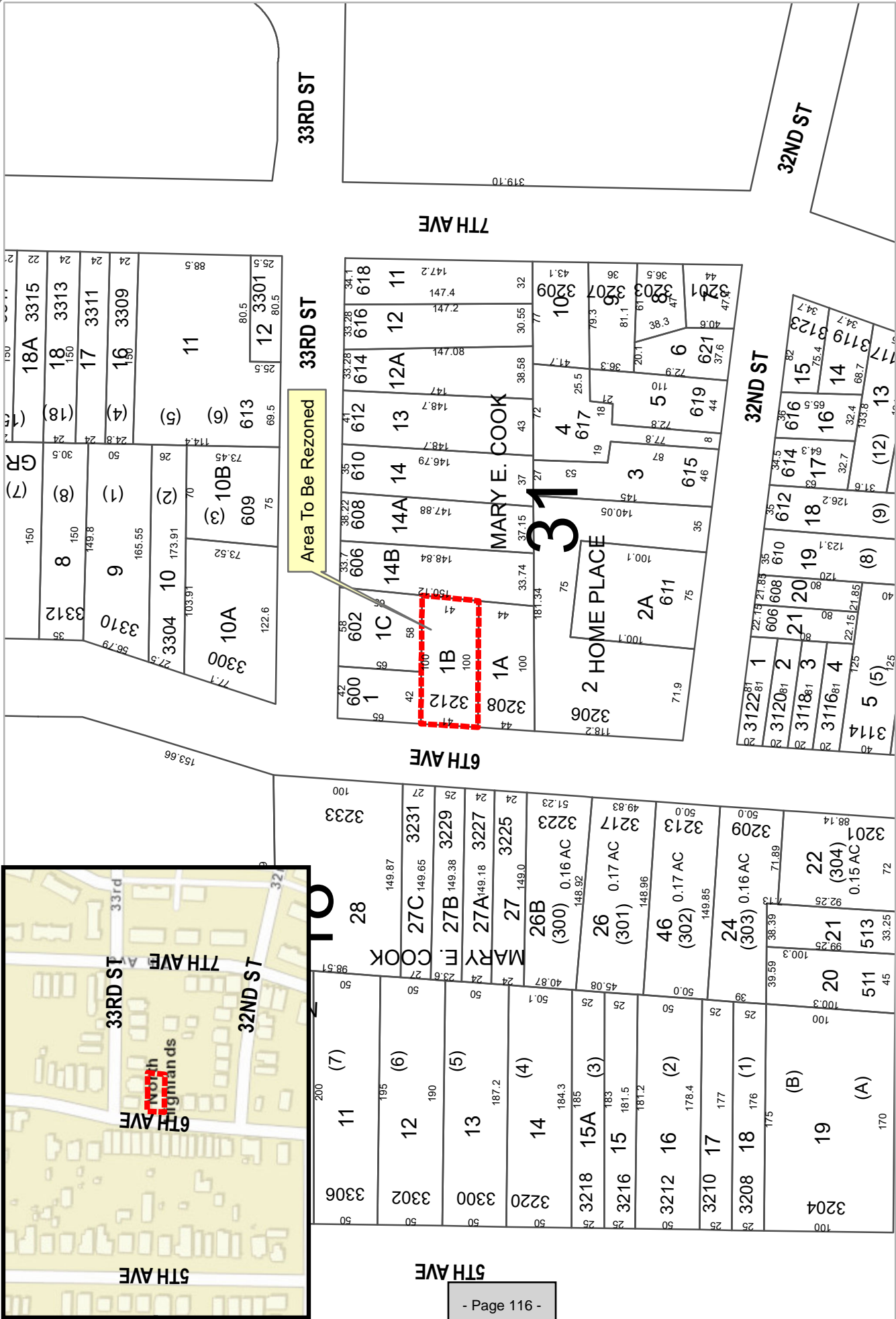
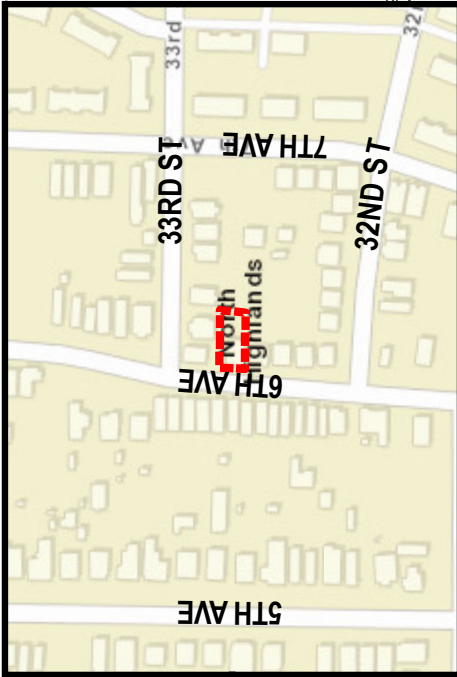
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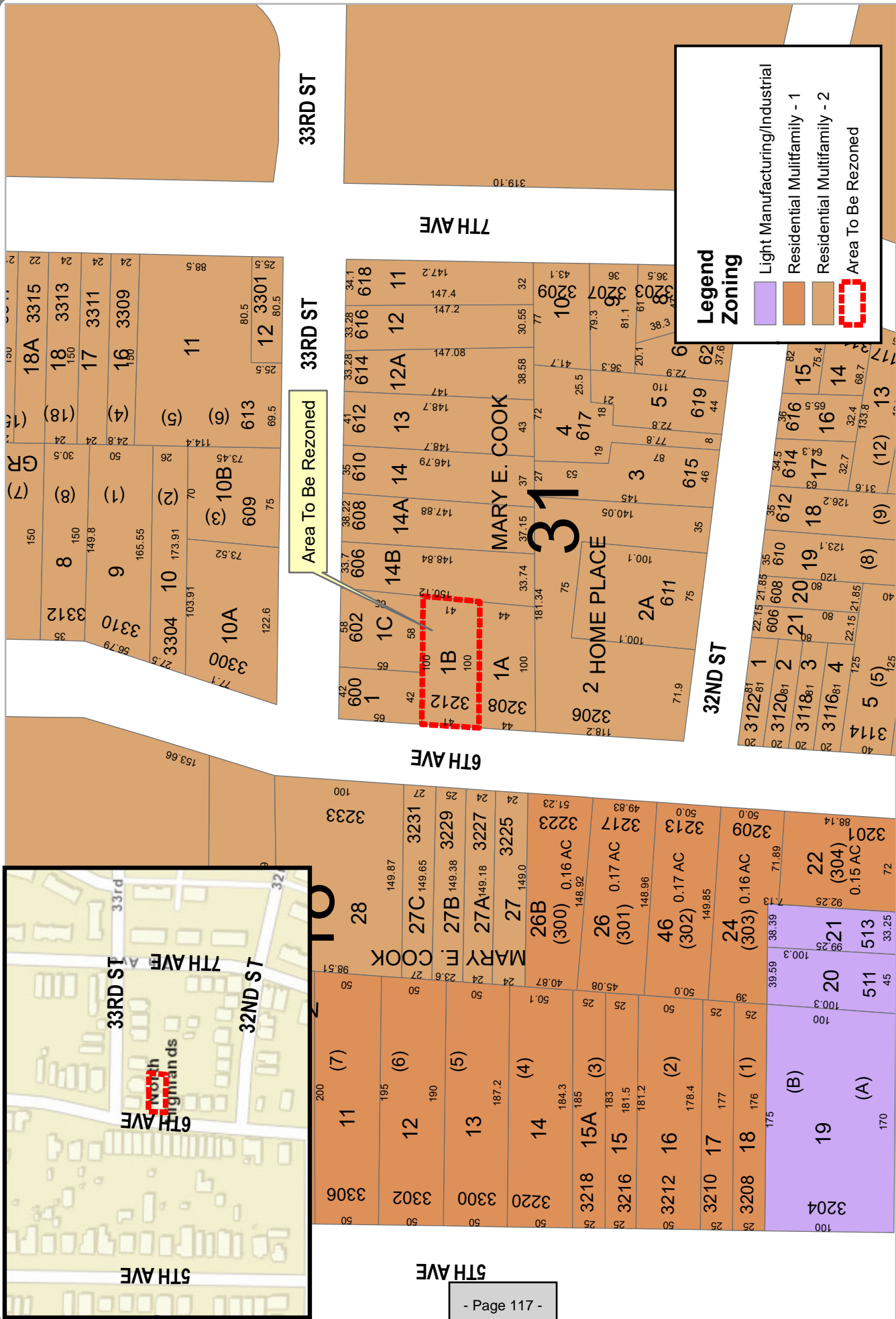
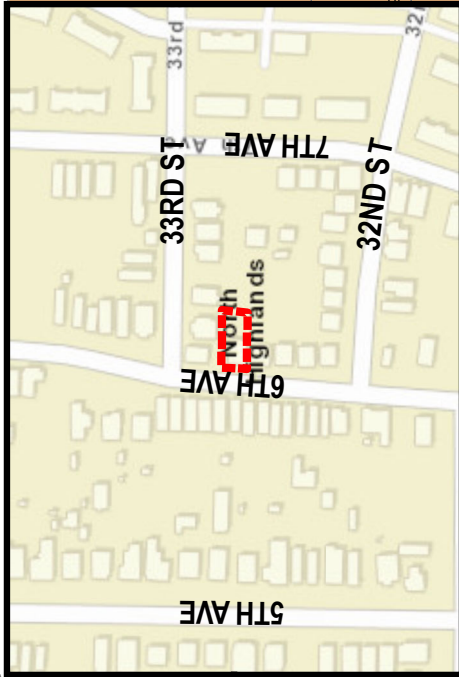
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Light Manufacturing/Industrial

Residential Multifamily - 1

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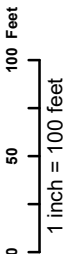
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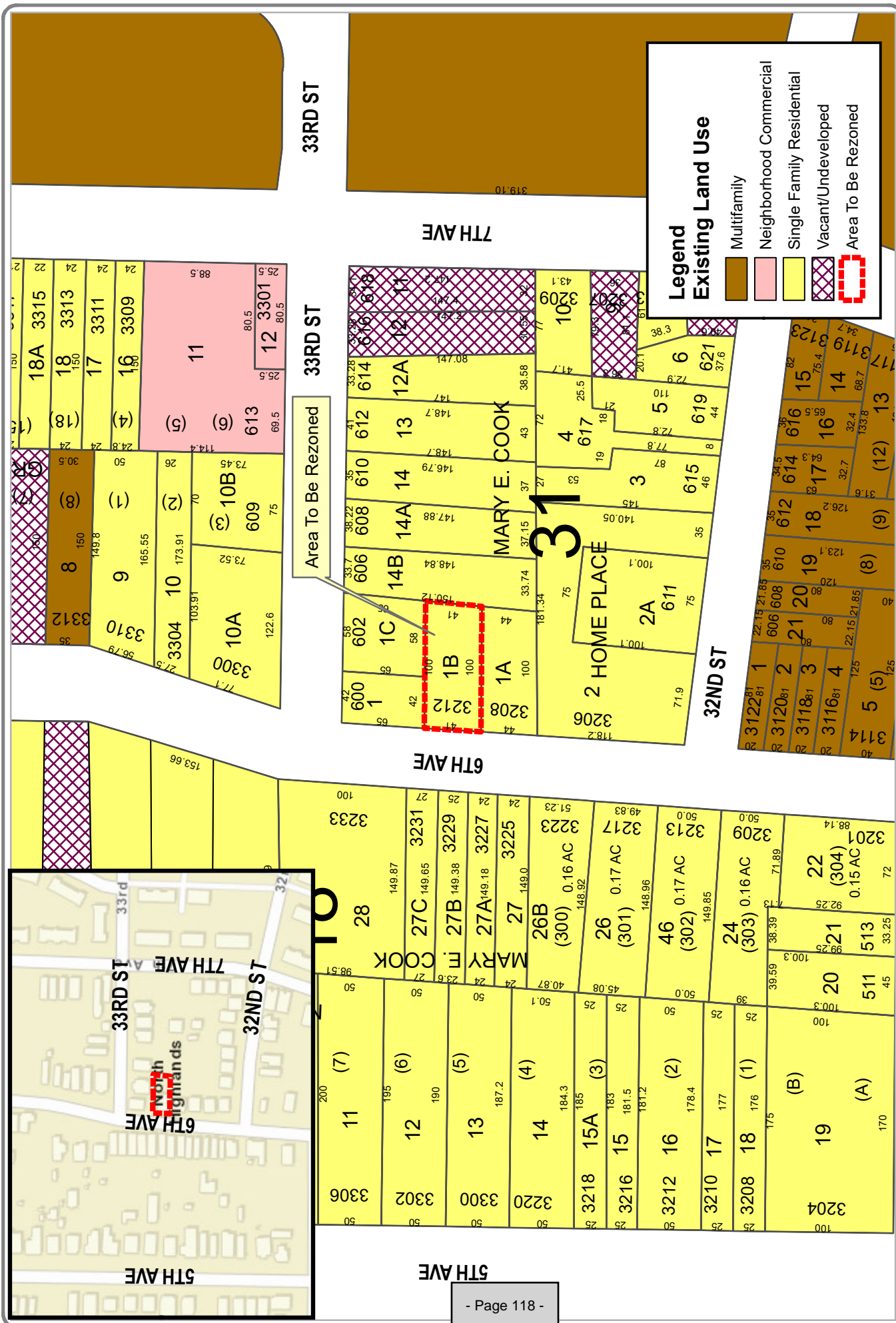
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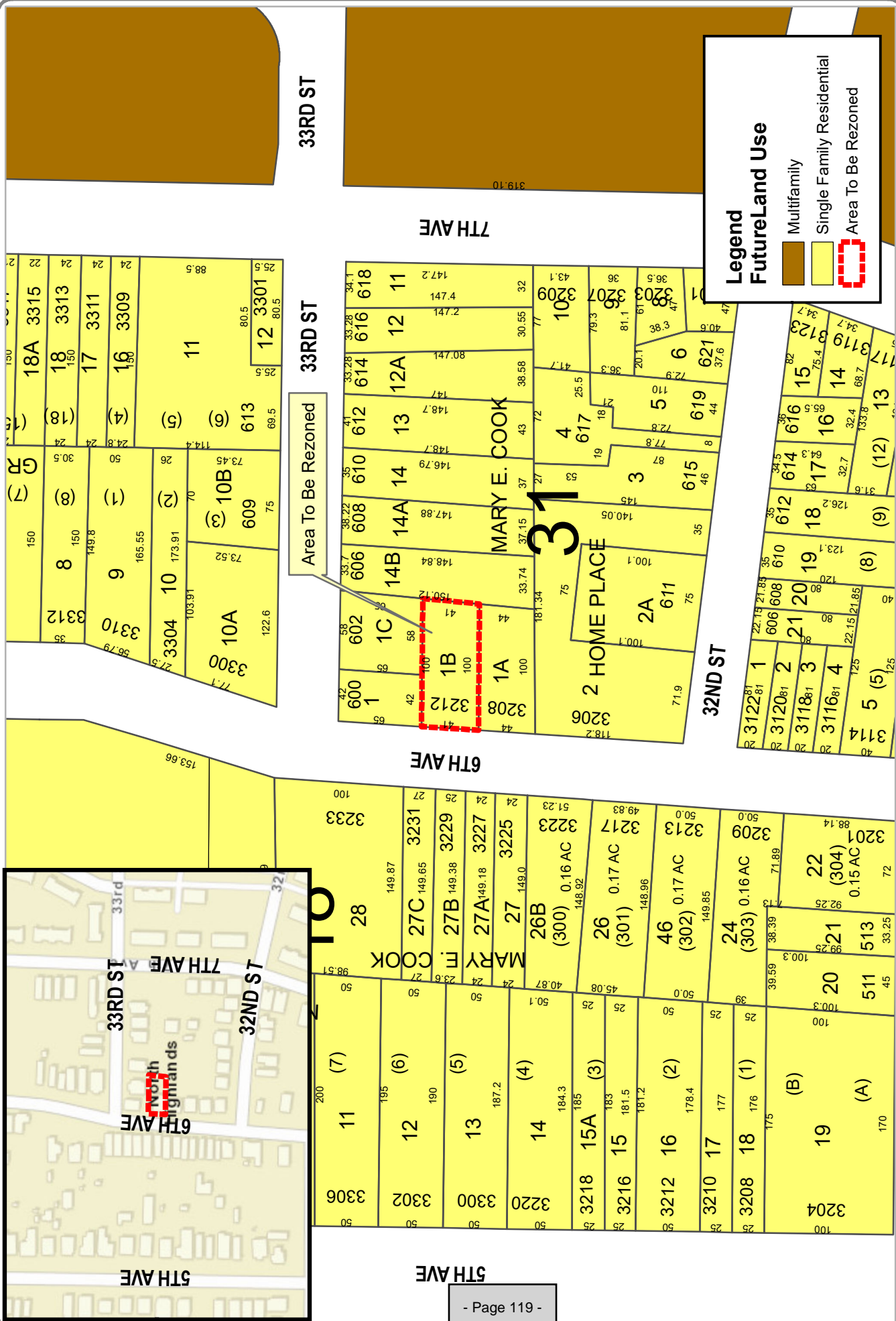
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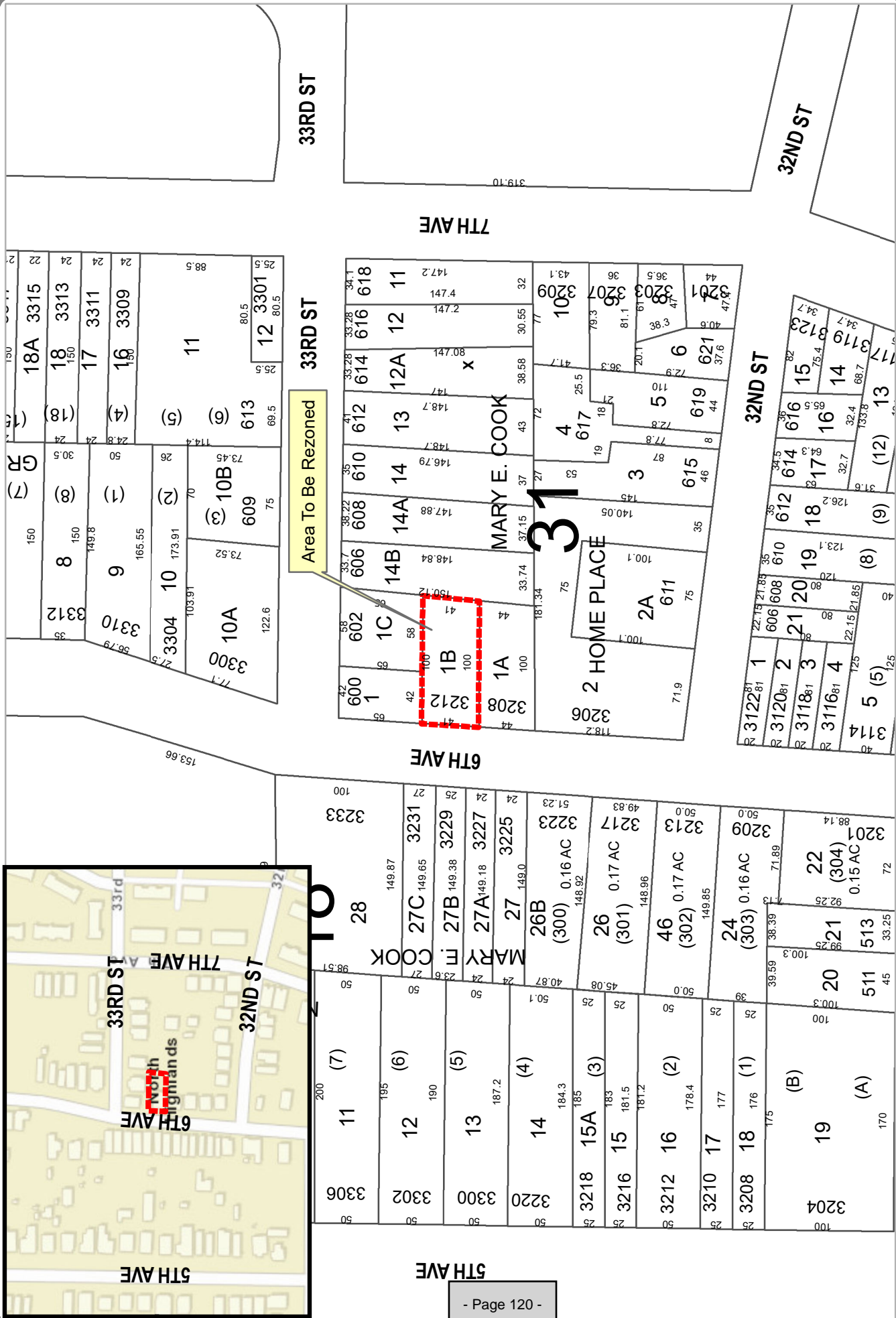
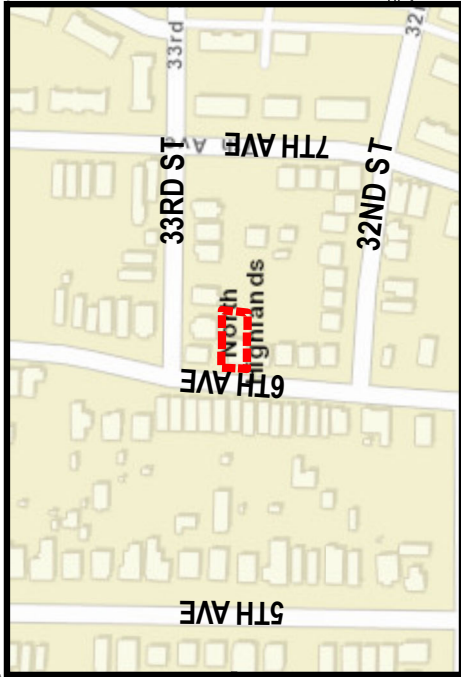
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**File Attachments for Item:**

**7. 1st Reading-** REZN-01-25-0036 : An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4246 and 4240 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-038/039) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 4-8-25.) (Councilor Garrett)

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4246 and 4240 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-038/039) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

**“PARCEL 1**

All that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as ALL OF LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4), BLOCK NUMBERED NINE (9), SHARP & HORN SURVEY OF NORTH HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION, as said lot is shown upon a map or plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1 page 454, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is made for a more specific location and dimensions of said lot. Located thereon is house numbered 4236 3RD AVENUE, according to the present numbering of dwellings in Columbus, Georgia.

**PARCEL 2**

All those lots, tracts and parcels of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as ALL OF LOTS NUMBERED FOUR (4) and FIVE (5), BLOCK NUMBERED NINE (9), SHARP & HORN SURVEY OF NORTH HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION, as said lots are shown upon a map or plat of said Subdivision recorded in Deed Book 1 page 454, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is made for a more specific location and dimensions of said lots.

Located thereon is house numbered 4240 3rd Avenue, according to the present numbering of dwellings in Columbus, Georgia.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of April 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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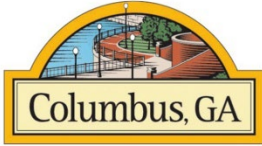
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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
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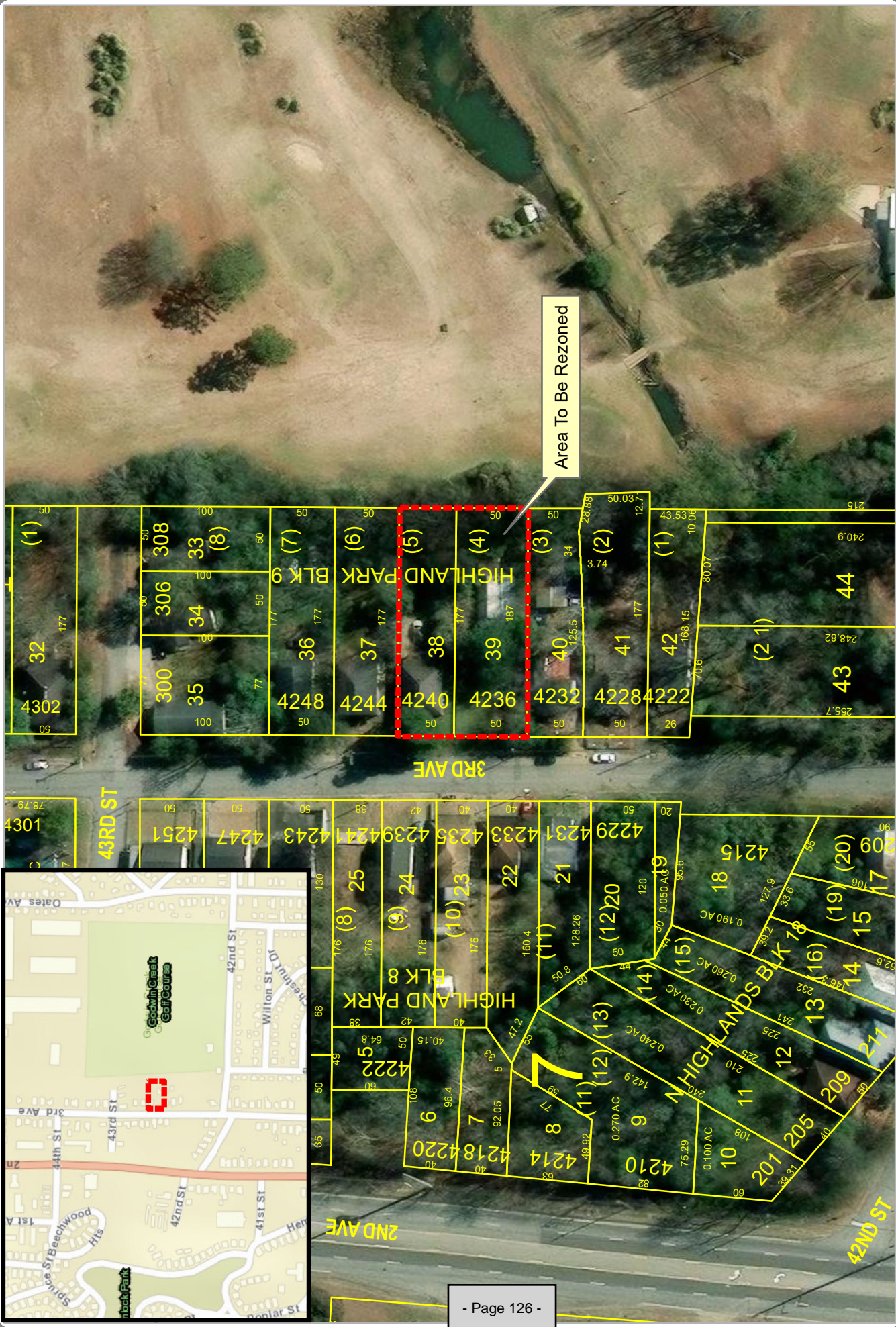
## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-01-25-0036**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Harley Hoad
<b>Owner:</b>	Harley Hoad
<b>Location:</b>	4236/4240 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	013-001-039/38
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.20/21 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Light Manufacturing/ Industrial
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Moore's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential

<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
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<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Thirty Three (33)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
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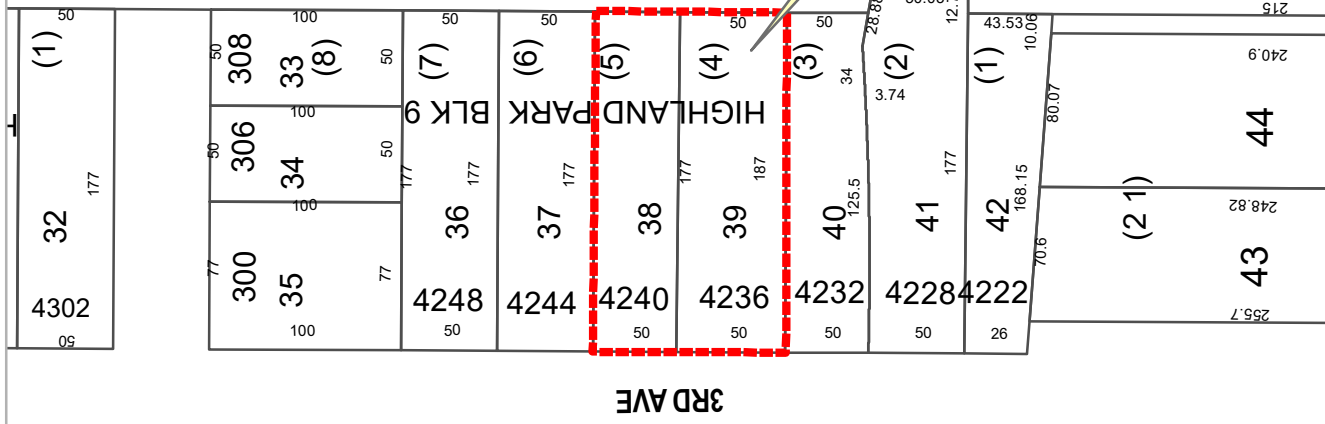
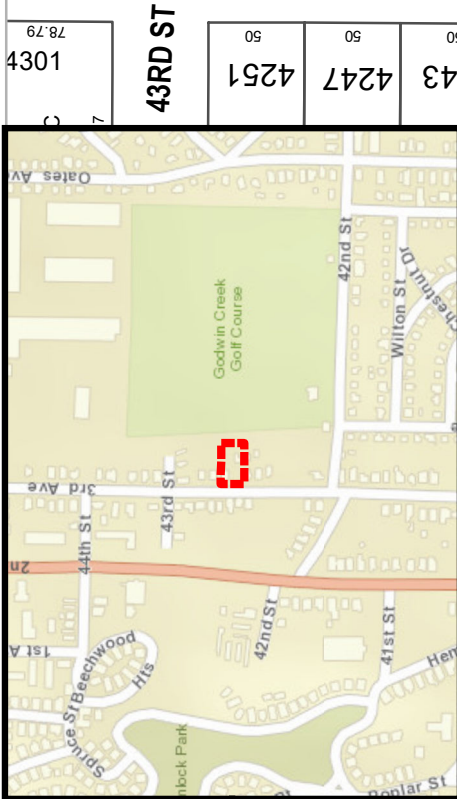




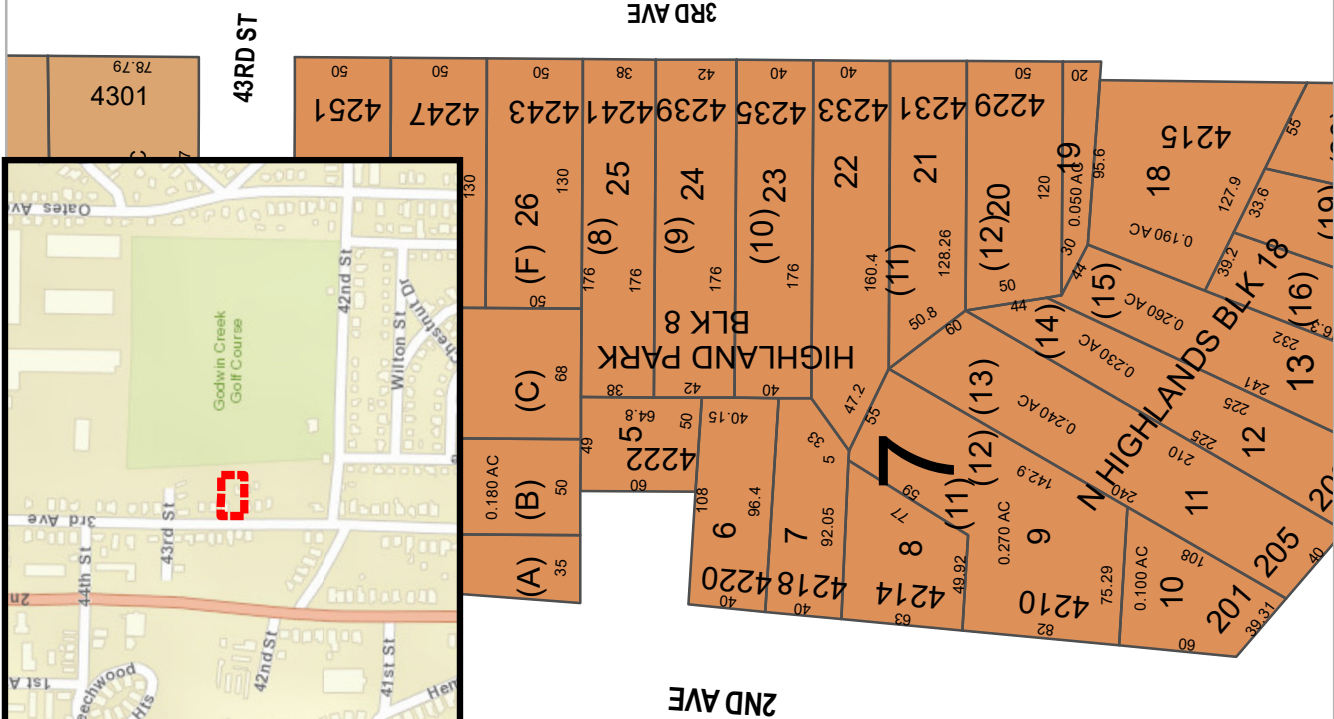
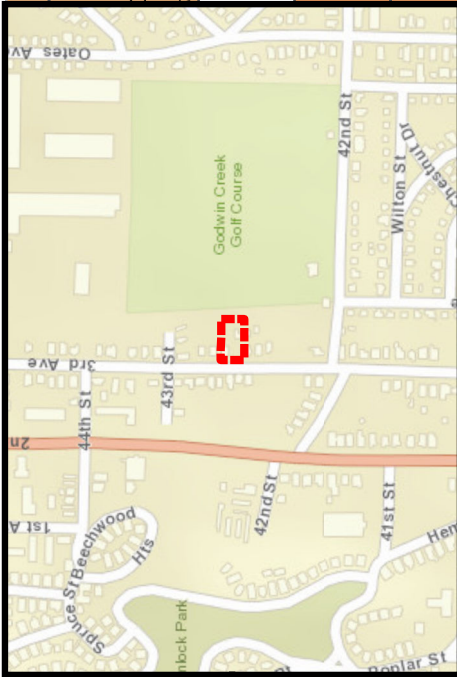
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### Legend Zoning

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Residential Multifamily - 1
- Residential Multifamily - 2
- Single Family Residential - 1
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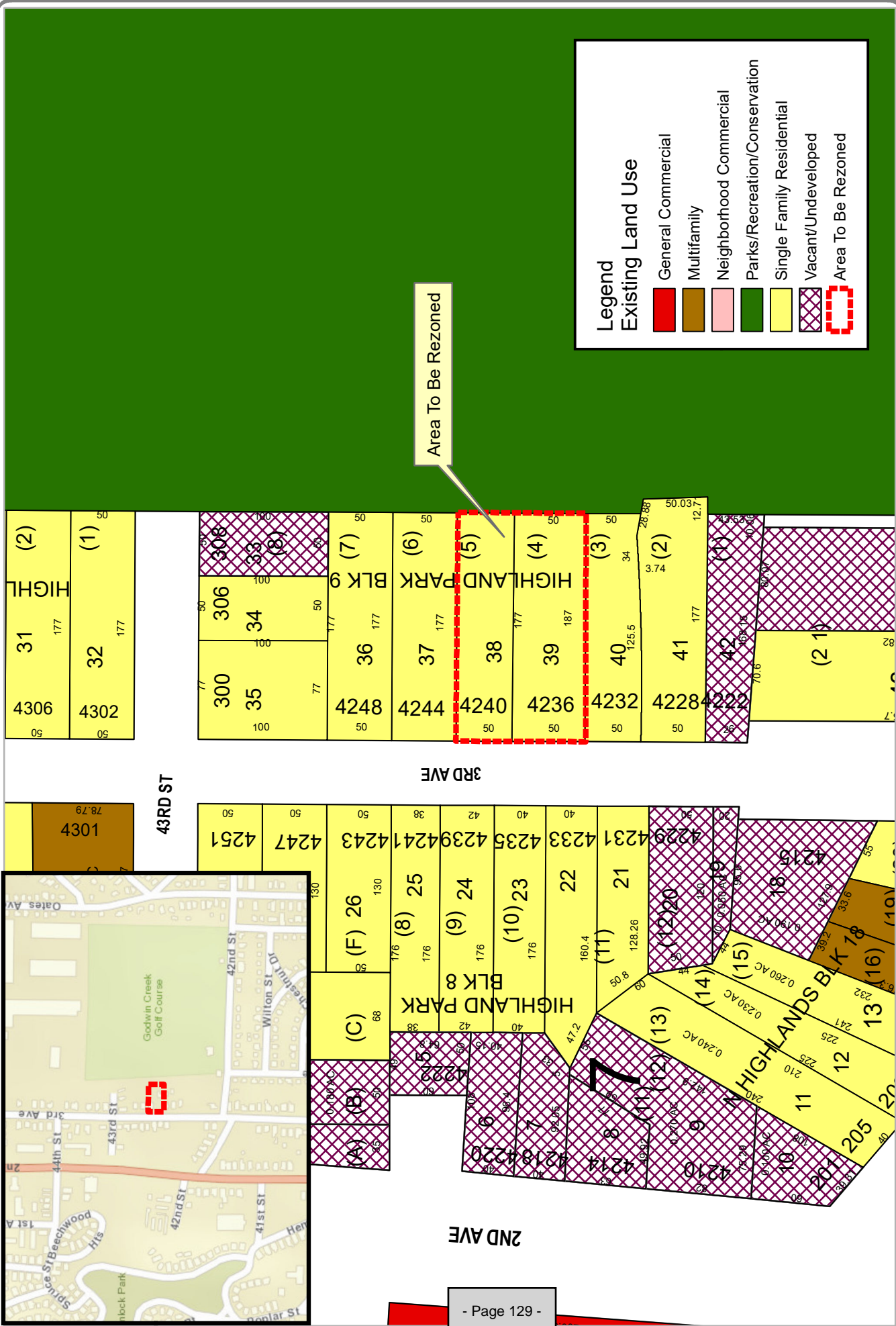
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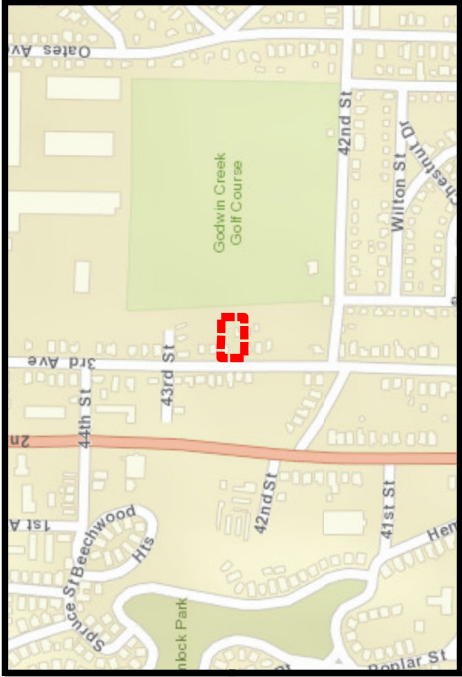


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**Legend**

**Existing Land Use**

- General Commercial
- Multifamily
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- Single Family Residential
- Vacant/Undeveloped
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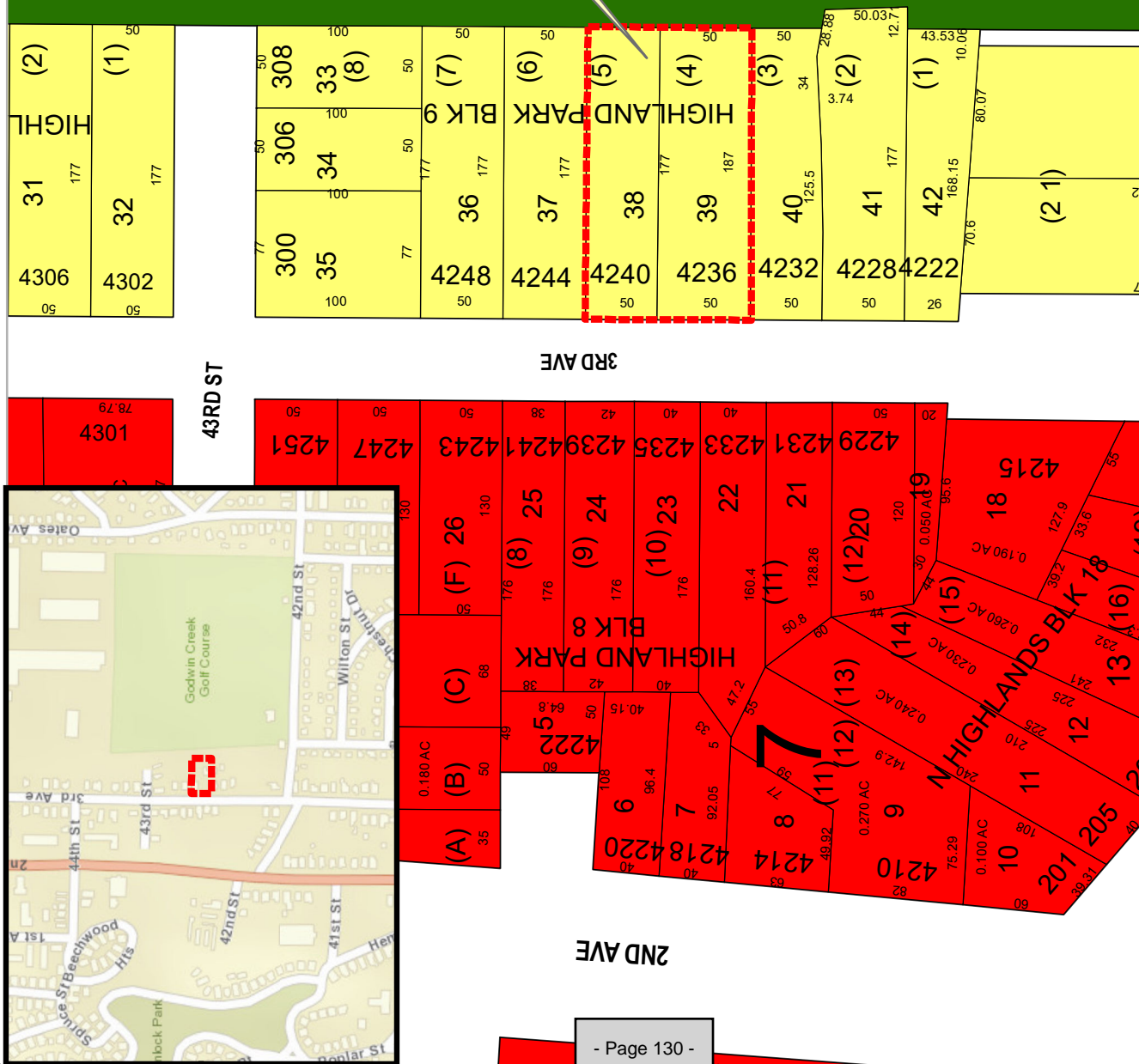
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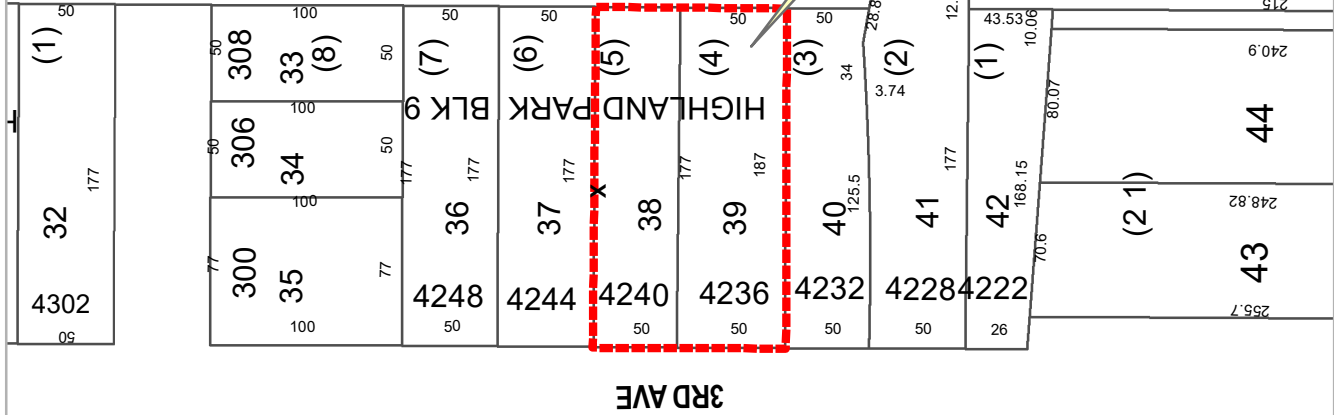
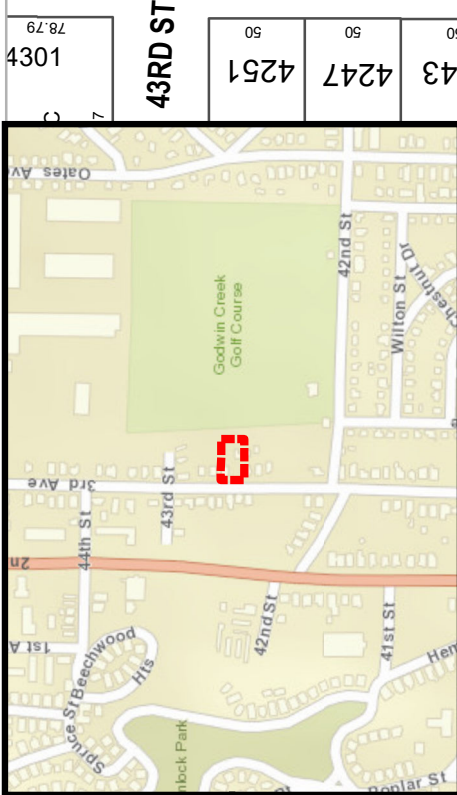
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**File Attachments for Item:**

8. A Resolution amending Resolution No. 032-25 which imposed certain insurance requirements for CCG vendors. The amendment clarifies that certain providers of professional services are exempt from the scope of the Resolution. (Councilors Crabb and Tucker)

**RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the Procurement Ordinance, Columbus Code Section 2-3.03 provides circumstances in which departments, boards, commissions and authorities of the consolidated government may contract for goods or services which fall outside of the management of the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that such contracts are only entered into with insurance that will protect the Columbus Consolidated Government from liability for any claims made against the vendor related to the vendor's performance of the City contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 032-25 to provide insurance requirements for such vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council now desires to amend and restate Res. No. 032-25 to provide exceptions to where its requirements are not practicable or necessary for the protection of the consolidated government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Any department, board, commission or authority of the consolidated government contracting for vendor services, to include the delivery or installation of purchased goods, independent of the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department shall only enter into such contracts when the vendor carries general liability insurance, including motor vehicle liability insurance, if applicable, in an amount satisfactory to the purchasing manager or other designee of the Finance Director.
2. The department, board, commission or authority contracting for such vendor services will obtain a copy of a Certificate of Insurance designating the consolidated government as an additional insured to demonstrate compliance with this requirement provided, however, that the requirement of naming the City as an additional insured on policies obtained to satisfy Section 1 above shall not apply to attorneys contracted by the City to provide legal services who are in active good standing with the State Bar of Georgia; and
3. The following persons shall not be considered vendors for purposes of this Resolution:
  - (a) Board or Commission members appointed by Council or a Grand Jury, whether compensated or not;
  - (b) Attorneys hired by litigants against the City who receive funds from the

consolidated government as part of a settlement agreement;  
 (c) attorneys, medical providers, and translators who are appointed by a court to provide professional services; or  
 (d) Hearing Officers approved by the Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board who are contracted with the Muscogee County Board of Equalization to hear property tax appeals.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of April 2025; and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
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Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor

## RESOLUTION

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2025; and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
 Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
 Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. Police FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Reallocation**

Approval is requested to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks.



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Police FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Reallocation</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Columbus Police Department/Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks and the warranty and set-up costs associated in the amount of \$21,018.

**Background:** The FY25 OLOST Budget for the Police Department included funds for the purchase of two GETAC Video Systems. These systems were specifically approved by Council during the annual budget process. In addition, two Panasonic Toughbooks were specifically approved by Council for purchase totaling \$8,000. The Police Department is requesting to purchase four additional Panasonic Toughbooks.

**Analysis:** Due to the repurposing of two existing GETAC Video Systems for use in an interview room system upgrade, the purchase of new systems is no longer necessary. CDP is requesting to reallocate those funds toward the purchase of four additional Panasonic Toughbooks, for a total of six.

**Financial Considerations:** This is a budget neutral reallocation.

**Legal Considerations:** Council approval is required for the reallocation of the Other LOST budget.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approve a resolution reallocating \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks and the warranty and set-up costs associated.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #1.

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION REALLOCATING \$15,000 OF THE FY25 OTHER LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND BUDGET OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY (CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – OVER \$5,000) TO PURCHASE SIX PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS.**

**WHEREAS**, the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax budget for the Police Department included funds for GETAC Video Systems; and,

**WHEREAS**, two existing GETAC Video Systems were repurposed for use in the Interview Room recording system upgrade, eliminating the need to purchase additional systems, thereby freeing funds from the initial budget allocation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department requests to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to purchase six Panasonic Toughbooks

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

That the Police Department is hereby authorized to reallocate \$15,000 to purchase six Panasonic Toughbooks.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. Property Purchase- 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909**

Approval is requested to purchase 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Property Purchase- 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to purchase 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to purchase the property at 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.

**Background:** On November 12, 2024, Mr. Carl Latini appeared before Council to raise concerns about repeated vehicle accidents, posing ongoing safety risks to them and their property. The possibility of installing a guard rail was initially requested, and the Director of Engineering, advised against this option. Following a site evaluation, it was confirmed that the fill slope at the location did not meet the criteria necessary to warrant guardrail installation. The acquisition price was based on the appraisal value and other acquisition costs.

**Analysis:** Purchasing the property is the most effective solution to address the request.

**Financial Considerations:** The General Fund Supported Project-Property Acquisition will be utilized as the source of funding for the acquisition of the property.

**Legal Considerations:** Any entry into a purchase and sale agreement involving City of Columbus property acquisitions requires Council approval.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to purchase the property at 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH PROPERTY OWNER, DOROTHY LATINI, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5803 MOON ROAD.**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 5803 Moon Road has been subject to repeated vehicle collisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the above-mentioned property is owned exclusively by Dorothy Latini; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to use General Fund Supported Project-Property Acquisition funds to acquire the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, an offer of \$166,000 was based on the appraisal value and other acquisition costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the seller accepted said offer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with property owner, Dorothy Latini, to purchase the property at 5803 Moon Road in Columbus, Georgia for \$166,000 utilizing the General Fund Supported Project-Property Acquisition. The City Manager is further authorized to execute any deed or other required documentation necessary for the acquisition of the property.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Item #2.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. Sale of Public Alleyway - North Side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue**

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties due to the property no longer serving a current or anticipated public use.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #3.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Sale of Public Alleyway - North Side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties due to the property no longer serving a current or anticipated public use.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties due to the property no longer serving a current or anticipated public use.

**Background:** The City owns the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue. The Columbus Charter Section 7-501, Paragraph 5 permits the sale of property that is not needed for public purposes to adjoining landowners at Fair Market value based on at least one appraisal. The adjoining landowner located at 3114 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Webb Family Holdings, is interested in purchasing the public alleyway for the purpose of property expansion. Webb Family Holdings will bid the appraised value of \$1,250, including any other fees incurred by the City. A map of the property is attached. A resolution is needed to sell to adjacent landowner after the advertisement is complete as outlined by Columbus Charter Section 7-501, Paragraph 5.

**Analysis:** It has been determined to be in the best interest of the City to sell the property.

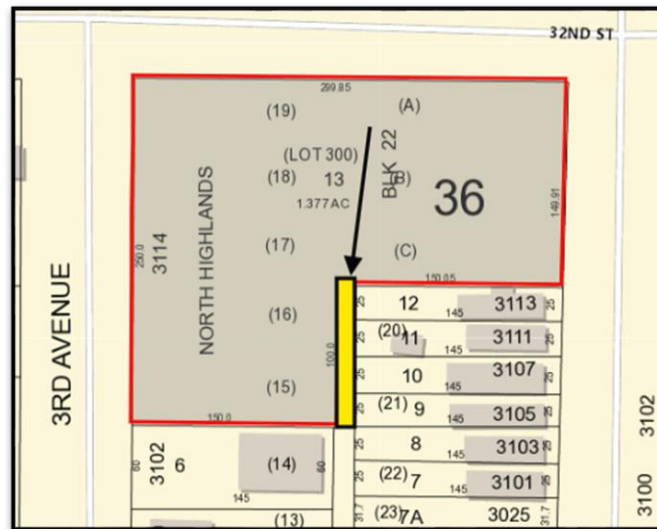
**Financial Considerations:** The property and any related improvements will be returned to the tax digest and public works will no longer need to use resources to maintain said portion of right of way.

**Legal Considerations:** The property must be advertised and sold in accordance with Section 7-501 Paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements

and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties due to the property no longer serving current or anticipated public use.

### MAP OF PROPERTY



### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the southerly line of 32nd Street and the westerly line of 4th Avenue; thence South 01 degree 28 minutes 07 seconds East, along the westerly line of 4th Avenue, 149.91 feet to an iron stake; thence leaving 4th Avenue, along the north line of Lot 20, South 88 degrees 23 minutes 48 seconds West, 150.05 feet to an iron stake in center of 10 foot alley and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 27 seconds East, 100.0 feet to an iron stake; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East, 5.0 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 21; thence North 01 degree 24 minutes 27 seconds West, along the westerly line of Lots 21 and 20, 100.0 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 20; thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 48 seconds West, 5.0 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 500 Square Feet.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO**

Item #3.

**A RESOLUTION TO SELL PUBLIC ALLEYWAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 29TH STREET, 150 FEET WEST OF 4TH AVENUE TO THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER, WEBB FAMILY HOLDINGS, LOCATED AT 3114 3<sup>rd</sup> AVENUE AS OUTLINED BY COLUMBUS CHARTER 7-501 PARAGRAPH 5, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS RELATED TO THE CONVEYANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the public alleyway on the north side of 29th street, 150 feet west of 4th avenue, adjacent to the property at 3114 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is owned exclusively by the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government has no current or future use or plans for said properties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Government may authorize the transfer of property to an adjacent landowner, the adoption of a resolution by the Council finding that the property is not needed for public purposes and that the adjacent landowner will pay fair market value for the property as shown by at least one appraisal; and,

**WHEREAS**, the other adjacent landowner has given written notice that they are not interested in purchasing the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, Webb Family Holdings has given written notice that they are interested in purchasing the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, surplus real property owned by the Columbus Consolidated Government, which has appreciable monetary value and is to be acquired by adjacent landowners, must be conveyed in accordance with paragraph (5) of Section 7-501 of the Columbus Charter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to convey said property described above to the adjoining landowner, Webb Family Holdings, located at 3114 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue upon completion of the procedures required by Section 7-501 (5) of the Columbus Charter and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance.

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# Property Description

## Public Alleyway

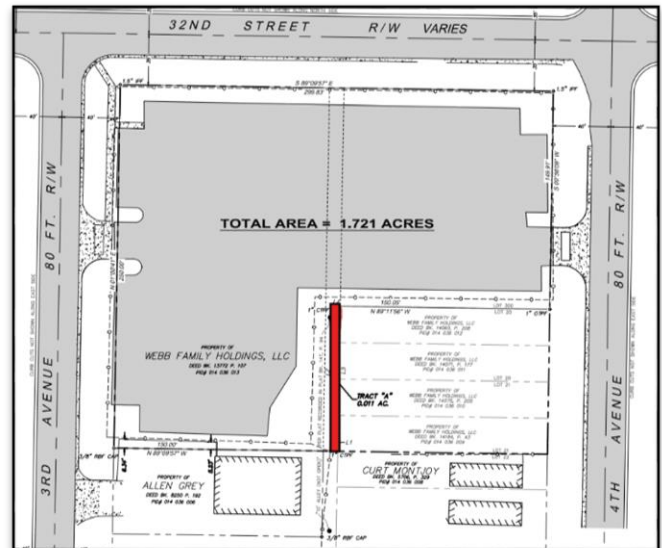
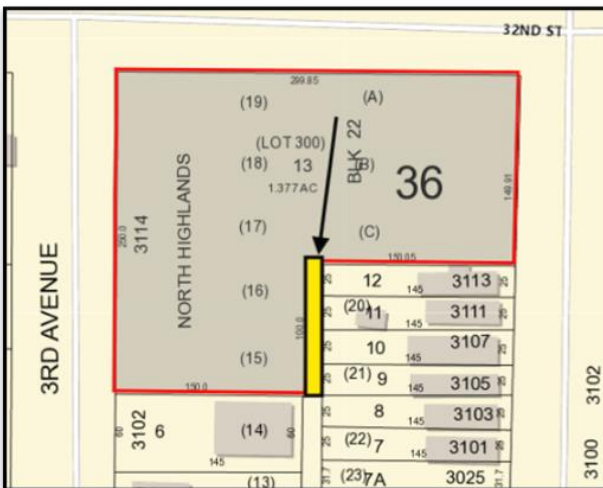
### Location

North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue

### Future Land Use: Expansion of Property

**Appraised: \$1,250**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. Community Care Program for the Medically Underserved and Inmate Population**

Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, as the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #4.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Community Care Program for the Medically Underserved and Inmate Population</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, as the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, for the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

**Background:** The contract for Indigent Medical Care with The Medical Center Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia expired on June 30, 2022. RFP No. 24-0009 was issued for a consultant to assist with the development of the Community Care Program. PYA, P.C. was selected per Resolution No. 145-24. PYA, P.C. has developed the model to provide medical services to the underserved and inmate populations of Muscogee County.

**Analysis:** The Community Care Program will provide program administration and oversight, to include a Community Care Program Administrator (Pay Grade 128, \$66,810.59-\$103,510.83), medical/mental health providers, ancillary services, and Columbus Fire/EMS Correct Care Program.

**Financial Considerations:** The funds are available in the Community Care Program Fund.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all contracts associated with the Community Care Program.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, for the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

## A RESOLUTION

NO.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AND INMATE POPULATION OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY, ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA).**

**WHEREAS**, the contract to provide indigent care medical services expired on June 30, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, RFP No. 24-0009 was issued to select a consultant to develop the Community Care Program for Muscogee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, PYA, P.C. was the selected vendor per Resolution No.145-24; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Community Care Program was presented to City Council on March 28, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, the administration of the program will require a Community Care Program Administrator and a Third-Party claims processor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Community Care Program outlined in the attached document is adopted, a Community Care Program Administrator (Pay Grade 128) is established, and an RFP for a Third-Party Administrator is approved to be released.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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# Community Care Program Final Presentation

Prepared for **Columbus Consolidated Government**

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April 8, 2025

*Presented by:*

**Bob Paskowski, CPA – Principal, Healthcare Consulting**

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# Project Overview

# Project Background

## Program Objectives:

1. **Identify** a fair, diverse, and inclusive group of **healthcare organizations** located in Muscogee County **to serve as a network of providers (the Network)** for the provision of medical services
2. **Assess the impact of providing care** to the Target Populations on local hospitals, health providers, and other key stakeholders
3. Recommend a **methodology** for the City to use **for selecting providers to participate in the Network**
4. Development of a contemporary **reimbursement payment model** to appropriately distribute funding to the Network
5. Recommend **tracking mechanisms** and key KPIs to evaluate the **effectiveness of the Program**
6. Assess the need for establishing **actuarial reserves** for the fund to be maintained year to year

## Key Terms:

**Target Population:** Underserved and Inmate populations

**Medical Services:** Includes (but not limited to the following) limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services.

**Funding:** A community health care fund established to provide additional funding for the Target Population medical and mental/behavioral health needs.

**Program:** A fair, inclusive, and equitable plan to pay local providers for medical or mental health services related to serving the Target Populations.

**Provider:** An organization that provides some type of medical or mental health services to patients.

**Third-Party Administrator (TPA):** A separate entity that performs administrative services for a health plan, which may include billing, claims processing, record keeping, and regulatory oversight on paying providers for medical services.

## Project Background: Population and Services Eligibility

### Which ***population*** is eligible for the Program?

- **Inmate**: incarcerated persons in the Muscogee County Jail and for the 3-month period following discharge.
- **Underserved**: (1) must be a resident of Muscogee County, (2) not covered under a private or governmental insurance plan, *AND* (3) meet the income requirements of the Community Health Plan program defined as having a yearly income below 125% of the poverty income line guidelines for family units.

### What ***medical services*** are eligible/covered under the Program for each population, how have the monies historically been spent?

- **Services**: including, but not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/ behavioral health services
- **Use of funds**: since the inmate population is more limited and is currently served by inhouse providers, only 16% of the funds have historically been expended on this population, with 84% of the funds used for the underserved.



# Project Team

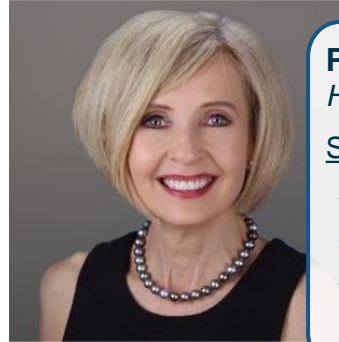
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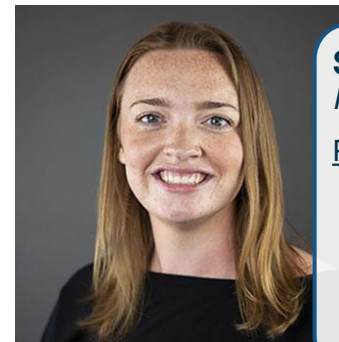
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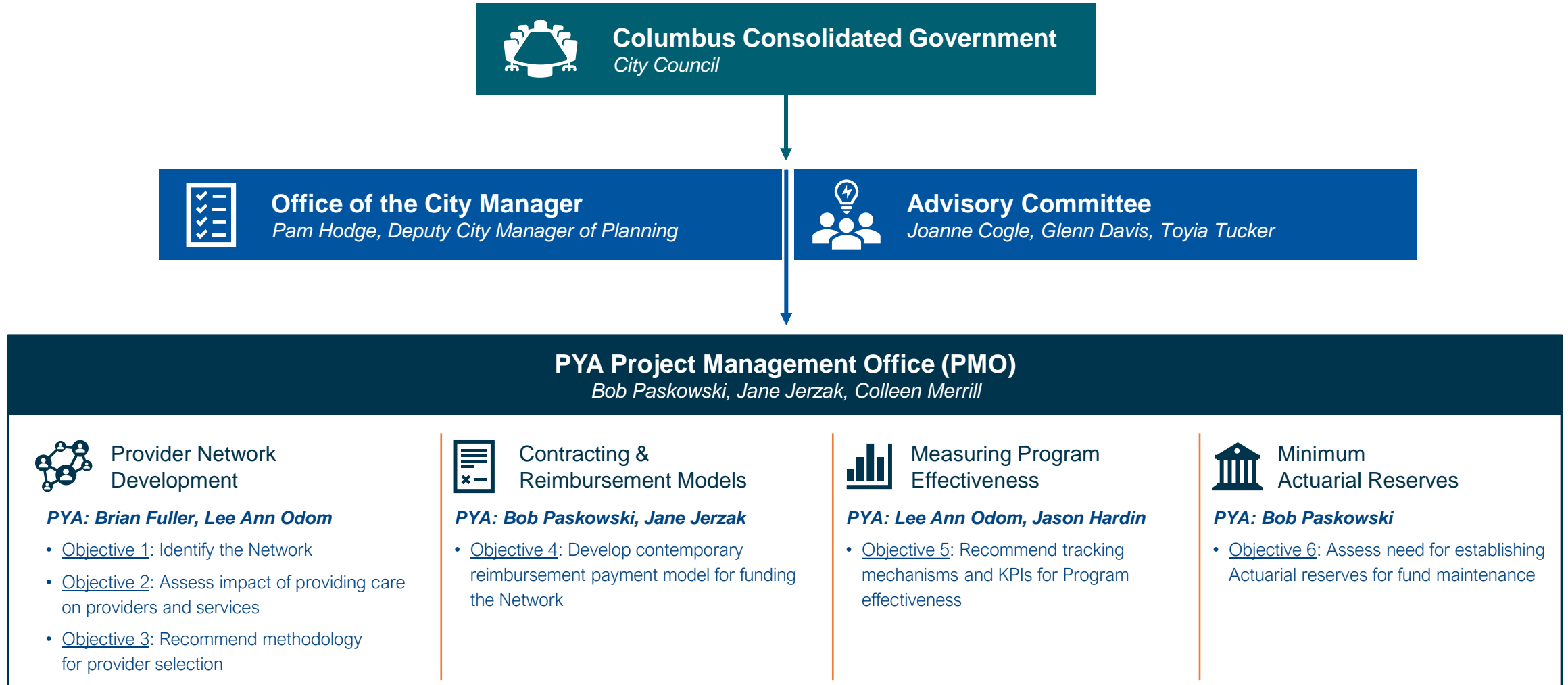
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**Colleen Merrill**



**Senior Consultant**  
*Healthcare Consulting*  
Project Management

# Project Approach and Workstream Structure



## Project Summary



# Goals for the Program Redesign Effort



## Expand the reach

*Provide more care to a growing number of underserved in the community with a primary care/preventative care focus to reduce spending on high-cost ER and inpatient care. Include in the scope, post incarcerated persons assimilating back into the community for three months.*



## Expand mental health support

*Ensure the program includes mental health services and support (more than acute episodic care) as well as substance abuse treatment to support back to work initiatives.*



## Expand the funding to more community providers

*Expand the funding to more community providers caring for the underserved population (including small faith-based organizations and organizations providing care management services over time).*



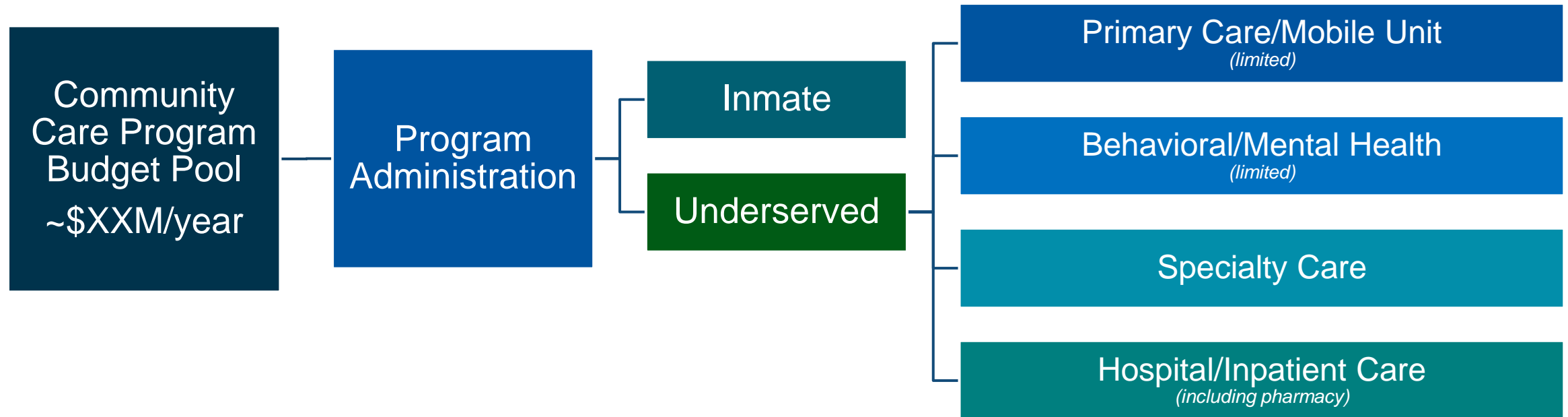
## Integrate and coordinate care with local publicly funded resources

*211 system, EMS system etc.*



## Community Care Program – Historical View

- Spending focus has historically been on **specialty care** and **hospital inpatient/outpatient care** for approximately 400 – 550 families per year administered and operated by a single provider system.





## Key Learnings from Interviews – Current State View



### **Growing number of community members are unhoused.**

- Increasing the need for healthcare services for the underserved population
- This population is often tied to a substance abuse issue (and need for mental health services)



### **Providers have served this population without City-based reimbursement.**

- Multiple providers welcomed the opportunity to serve a greater number of patients – with funding.
- One provider continues to serve this population (emergent services at a minimum) without reimbursement.



### **Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) impact the high use of emergency health services.**

- Transportation issues, lack of medicines, etc.
- Lack of coordination among care providers for this population today – need care management services for this population
- Need for integration with the 211 System and the City's EMS program – for integrated care

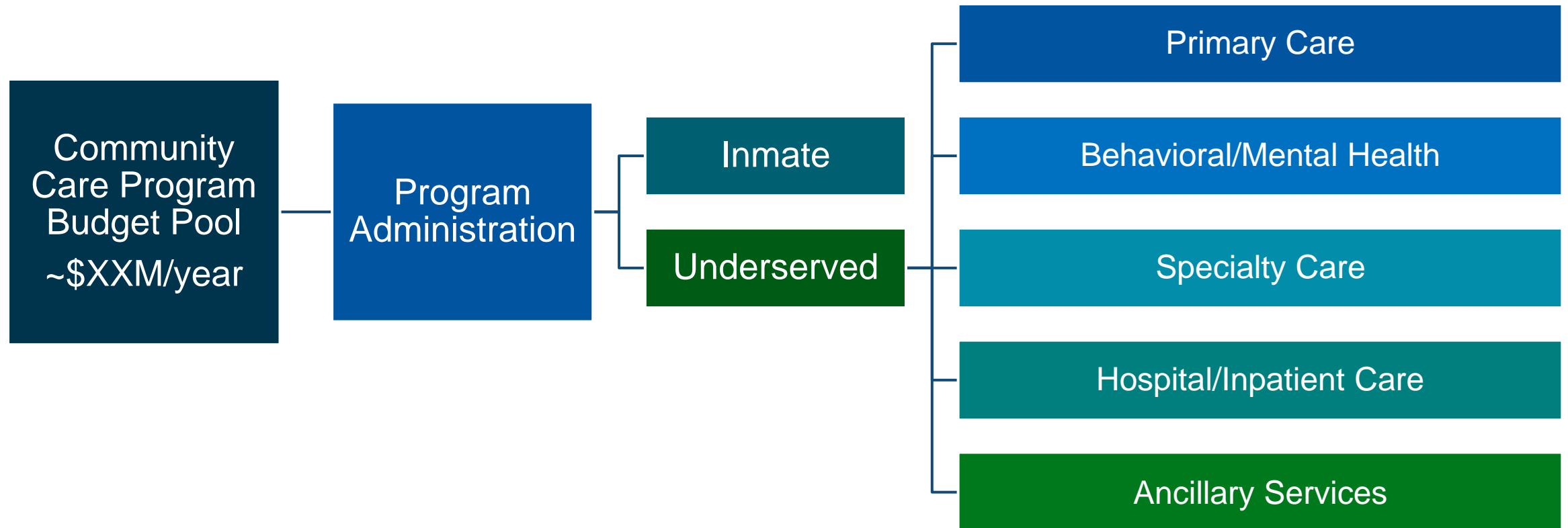


### **Some small faith-based organizations provide essential services to this population today, often without a funding source.**

- Need funding for service expansion
- Need funding for emergency medicines etc.
- Need a formalized approach to refer patients for needed specialty care (funding)



## Community Care Program Overview – Future State







# Fund Distribution Model Concepts

- **Program Administration**

- Community Care Program Administrator
- TPA services – manage eligibility and simple “billing” process for providers/reporting requirements for cost and quality
- Possible care management coordination
- Reserve management - consider a withhold of XX% of funding to allow for variable spending



- **Inmate**

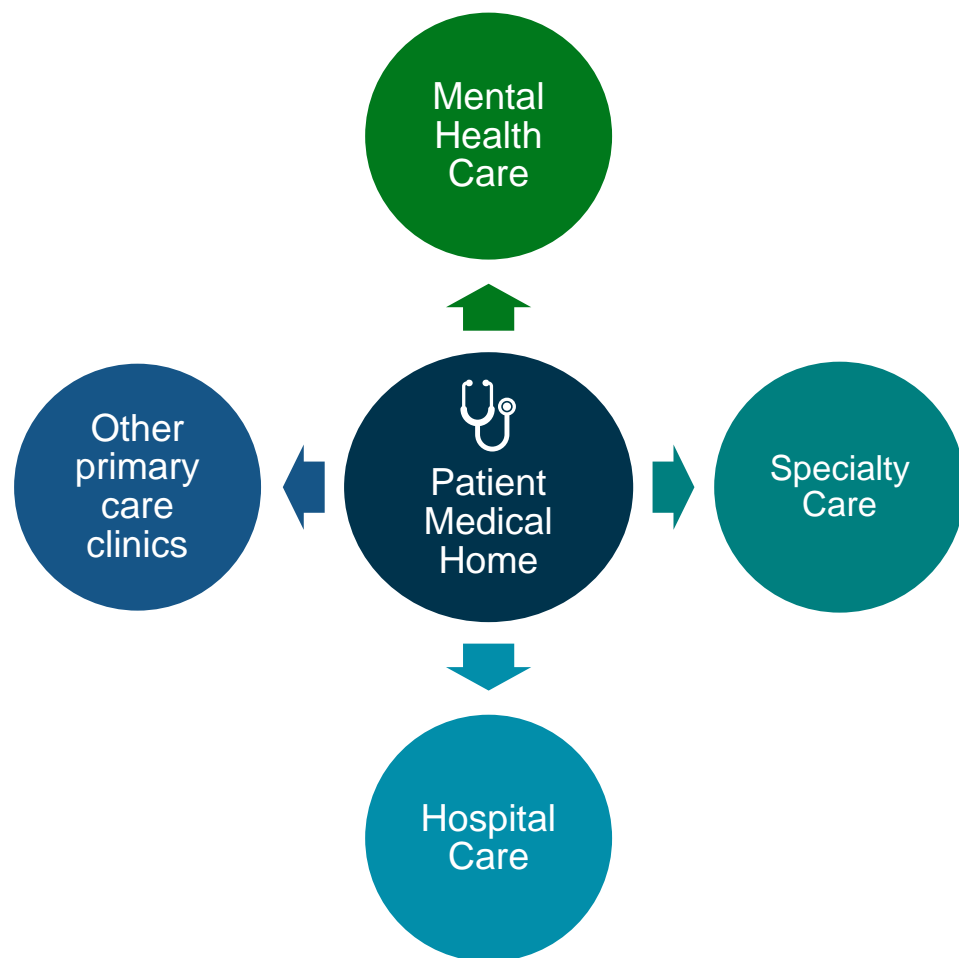
- Fee for service model at Medicaid-type rates like current process for services
- Post release, formerly incarcerated persons would move to the underserved pool for 90 days

- **Underserved**

- Establish various pools: Primary Care, Mental Health, Specialty Care, Hospital Care, and Ancillary Care
- Consider Medicaid-type rates for services and possibly per member per month (PMPM) for primary care coordination in the future
- Consider a withhold of XX% of funding to allow for variable spending



# Care Delivery Model Concepts – Potential Future State



- **Medical Home Concept:**

- Redesign the care model to support well coordinated primary and preventative care and behavioral care needs under a **patient medical home model** for more community residents qualifying for the program.
  - Several providers are of a size to support this care model along with another primary care/mobile unit.
- The **primary care team** assigned to patients (family units) will be responsible for **directing care** to other providers including behavioral health care, specialty care and hospital care as needed.
- Reimbursement rates to align with **Medicaid rates** in the state. Consider PMPM payment for patient medical home care coordination services in the future.

*Program administration oversight functions*

## Recommendations



# Administrative Distribution Model Recommendation

Services Covered	Method	Method Amount
<b>Program Administration</b>		
Community Care Program Administrator	Cost-Based	\$XXX
Care Management	Cost-Based	
Patient Eligibility Determination	PMPM	
TPA Services – Claim Payments	PMPM	
Reserve Management	To Be Determined by the City	
<b>Direct Funding</b>		
Columbus Fire/EMS (Columbus Correct Care)	Cost-Based	\$XXX



# Initial Provider Network Recommendation

Initial Provider Network <sup>2,3</sup>	Include in Network	Referred to PYA <sup>1</sup>	PYA Interviewed the Provider	Provider would be considered and committed to the Medical Home Concept
<b>Primary Care – Medical Home</b>				
MercyMed of Columbus	Yes	A	X	X
Piedmont Indigent Care Program Clinic	Yes	A	X	X
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	Yes	A	X	X
Valley Healthcare - FQHC	Yes	A	X	X
<b>Mental Health</b>				
New Horizons Behavioral Healthcare	Yes	A	X	X
The Bradley Center of St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	Yes	A	X	
<b>Specialists</b>				
Community Specialty Physicians and Clinics	Yes	B		
Piedmont Columbus Regional - Specialists	Yes	A	X	
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare - Specialists	Yes	A	X	
<b>Hospitals</b>				
Piedmont Columbus Regional	Yes	A	X	
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	Yes	A	X	
<b>Ancillary Services</b>				
Diagnostic Radiology (TBD)	Yes	B		
Labs (TBD)	Yes	B		

1. "A" denotes providers PYA was referred to by either City Manager Isaiah Hugley or Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning, and Development Pam Hodge. "B" denotes providers whom PYA was referred to by another provider.
2. "Covered Medical Services" include, but are not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services for the uninsured person and medically underserved and incarcerated persons in Muscogee County Jail (the Covered Medical Services).
3. Funding is to be determined by Columbus Consolidated Government based on available funds (Funding).



# Reimbursement Model Recommendation





Initial Provider Network <sup>1,2</sup>	Reimbursement Method
<b>Primary Care – Medical Home</b>	
MercyMed of Columbus	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
Piedmont Indigent Care Program Clinic	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
Valley Healthcare – FQHC <sup>3</sup>	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
<b>Mental Health</b>	
New Horizons Behavioral Healthcare	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
The Bradley Center of St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
<b>Specialists</b>	
Community Specialty Physicians and Clinics	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
Piedmont Columbus Regional - Specialists	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare - Specialists	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
<b>Hospitals</b>	
Piedmont Columbus Regional	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
St. Francis-Emory Healthcare	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
<b>Ancillary Services</b>	
Diagnostic Radiology (TBD)	FFS (Medicaid Rates)
Labs (TBD)	FFS (Medicaid Rates)

1. Funding is to be determined by Columbus Consolidated Government based on available funds (Funding).
2. Covered Medical Services include, but are not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services for the uninsured person and medically underserved and incarcerated persons in Muscogee County Jail (the Covered Medical Services).
3. Since Valley Healthcare is an FQHC, its Medicaid rate includes care management services in an inclusive per visit rate based on cost. The Community Care Program rate paid to Valley Healthcare would be at the standard published fee for service Medicaid rate as will be paid to other primary care providers initially.



# Sample Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Actual KPIs to be established with the input of the clinical task force guided by specific goals related to program performance with minimal administrative burden on providers

	Primary Care	Mental Health	Specialty Care	Hospital Care
 <b>Patient Access</b>	1) Number of patients screened for the Program and accepted into the Program for Medical Home management. 2) Appointment availability tracking: wait time for both the next appointment and third available appointment	1) Number of referred patients served	1) Number of referred patients served 2) Appointment availability compared to non-community care eligible participants	
 <b>High-Cost Utilization</b>	1) Emergency room visit use for patients on the Program (i.e., the number of visits and %) 2) Inpatient use for patients on the Program (i.e., number of admissions and %)	1) Emergency room visit use for patients on the Program (i.e., the number of visits and %) 2) Inpatient use for patients on the Program (i.e., the number of admissions and %)	1) Authorization process from Medical Home followed for patients on the Program treated (i.e., the number and %)	1) Reporting of eligible patients in the emergency department referred to the Program Administrator for Medical Home assignment and reporting emergency room visits for patients in the Program to the Medical Home (i.e., the number and %) 2) Number and percentage of readmissions on 30 days for patients on the Program.
 <b>Care Coordination</b>	1) Patient contact by Medical Home within three days after discharge.	1) Information on patient encounters submitted back to the Medical Home within five days of the encounter (both the number and percentage).	1) Information on patient encounters submitted back to the Medical Home within five days of the encounter (both the number and percentage).	1) Notice of discharge submitted to the Medical Home on the day of the discharge (both the number and %)
 <b>Clinical</b>	1) Starting with blood pressure tracking and moving to more clinical measures in the future	1) <i>To be decided in the future</i>	1) <i>To be decided in the future</i>	1) Typical hospital operating metrics including readmissions specific to the community care population.





## Key Milestones Prior to July 1, 2025

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### Clinical Task Force

*Patient Assignments,  
Care Management, Initial KPIs etc.*

2

### TPA Request for Proposal and Selection

3

### Hire a Program Administrator

4

### Provider Contracting

## Project Estimated Timeline and Milestones



# Project Status Update

Workstream	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
Provider Network Development	Interviews with key stakeholders ✓ <b>Completed 11/25/24</b>								
			Draft of objective criteria for selection of network providers ✓ <b>Completed 3/5/25</b>						
			Draft list of recommended network providers ✓ <b>Completed 3/5/25</b>						
Contracting & Reimbursement Models	Draft of reimbursement methodology ✓ <b>Completed 1/31/2025</b>								
	Draft of contracting guidelines with key providers ✓ <b>Completed 2/12/25</b>								
	Draft of recommended reimbursement methods ✓ <b>Completed 3/5/25</b>								
Measuring Program Effectiveness	Share draft of KPIs with the City ✓ <b>Completed 3/17/25</b>								
	Share recommended list of initial KPIs ✓ <b>Completed 3/31/25</b>								
Minimum Actuarial Reserves	Share reserve options with the City; City will determine ✓ <b>Completed 3/5/25</b>								
Program Implementation								The City will be leading the Implementation Phase of putting the Program in place. <b>April – June 2025</b>	

## Q & A



# Thank you!

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. Marathon First Responder Grant – Fire & EMS**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #5.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Marathon First Responder Grant – Fire &amp; EMS</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.

**Background:** Funds will be requested from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to fund special operations technical equipment. This equipment will be utilized to support fire and rescue operations at the Marathon Petroleum facility and throughout the community.

**Analysis:** Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of fire and rescue equipment to support field operations.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant is for fire and rescue and equipment amounting to a total of \$5,000.00, with no matching funds required.

**Legal Considerations:** The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.



**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

Item #5.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR FIRE AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS AT THE MARATHON PETROLEUM FACILITY AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE MARATHON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds for special operations technical equipment amounting to a total of \$5,000.00. No matching funds are required; and,

**WHEREAS**, the resources in the grant proposal will be used to support fire and rescue operations at the Marathon Petroleum facility and throughout the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Marathon Community Investment Programs supports Columbus Fire and EMS efforts to provide fire and rescue services throughout the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept if awarded the Marathon First Responder Grant for fire and rescue equipment for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. Peach Little League Batting Cage Donation**

Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #6.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Peach Little League Batting Cage Donation</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.

**Background:** Peach Little League operates a baseball little league program at Lakebottom Park under a memorandum of understanding with the City and has expressed a need for additional batting cages to accommodate the number of players participating in the league;

**Analysis:** Peach Little League has requested City approval to have a 25' x 60' permanent structure built outside the left field fence of Wilkinson Field and, in turn, donate it to the City;

**Financial Considerations:** There will be no cost to the City as Peach Little League has agreed to pay for all necessary materials, planning, permitting and construction;

**Legal Considerations:** City Council is the approving body for all donations.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A BASEBALL BATTING CAGE STRUCTURE AT LAKEBOTTOM PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, Peach Little League has expressed a desire to donate a fully constructed batting cage to the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Peach Little League will use the batting cage to accommodate the growing baseball league's number of players.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage located adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**A. Residential General Contractor Services And Housing Inspection Services For The Community  
Reinvestment Department II (Annual Contract)- RFP NO. 25-0008**

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Residential General Contractor Services And Housing Inspection Services For The Community Reinvestment Department II (Annual Contract)- RFP NO. 25-0008</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with **A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus, (Columbus, GA)**, and **Teed Inc. (McDonough, GA)**, for Option A. General Contractor Services; and with **Master Key Home Inspections, LLC (Ludowici, GA)**, for Option B. Housing Inspection Services, for single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. As projects arise, the Community Reinvestment Department will obtain written quotes from the contractors. The City has been awarded \$3,000,000 to complete several projects within the scope of the contracts. Vendor engagement will occur until all funding has been exhausted.

The City has been awarded American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding and annually receives HUD Entitlement funding. With this funding, the Community Reinvestment Department has created the Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation and ADA Accessibility programs. The City recognizes the need to repair or renovate various citizen-owned homes to preserve housing affordability. This contract will be utilized to engage with qualified vendors in order to make the program work.

**Option A:** General Contractor Services are for renovations of residential housing. The services will be limited to the following:

- A. Roofs
- B. Critical systems, including HVAC water heaters, water pumps, and related systems.
- C. Doors/windows
- D. Electrical
- E. Plumbing
- F. Life safety improvements (ADA Compliance) to include installation of ramps; expanding doorways and hallways to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids; replacing traditional tubs with roll-in showers for more accessibility for those with mobility issues; installing grab bars in bathrooms in order to provide support and stability; lowering the height of bathroom sinks and providing knee clearance; lowering countertops and providing knee space under sinks; installing pull-out shelves or adjustable-height cabinets in kitchens; using non-slip flooring materials in bathrooms and throughout the home; adding handrails and railings along staircases, ramps, and in hallways; placing threshold ramps at doorways; ensuring front entrances are step-free and have level landing; and lowering light switches and electrical outlets.

**Option B:** Housing Inspection contractor will provide the following services:

- A. Thoroughly inspect each structure, at the request of the City, to determine if the structure is a viable candidate for rehabilitation.
- B. Prepare inspection report, which fully details the inspector's recommendation to rehabilitate structure or not to rehabilitate structure.
- C. If structure proves to be a candidate for rehabilitation, prepare work write up and specifications for rehabilitation.
- D. Develop a scope and cost estimates for rehabilitation process.
- E. Monitor progress of contractor(s) during the rehabilitation process.
- F. Oversight of all residential programs new/rehabilitative projects.
- G. Inspection of rental units assisted with federal funding from the Community Reinvestment Department.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. The contract renewals shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractors.

**Annual Contract History:**

This is the second annual contract for these services. The first RFP for the services was awarded on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Per Resolution #183-24. However, more contractors are needed. This current RFP was requested by Community Reinvestment to obtain more general contractors and Housing Inspectors to perform the work.

**RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:**

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on August 14, 2024. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Five (5) proposals were received by the due date of September 27, 2024, from the following vendors:

**Option A**

**A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus, (Columbus, GA)**

**Teed Inc. (McDonough, GA)**

Re Global (Tucker, GA)

The M. Mitchell Group, LLC. (Jonesboro, GA)

**Option B**

**Master Key Home Inspections, LLC (Ludowici, GA)**

Re Global (Tucker, GA)

The M. Mitchell Group, LLC. (Jonesboro, GA)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

<b>RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda/Action</b>
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	12/02/24	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview of the contract requirements. Proposal copies were provided to the evaluation committee.



1 <sup>st</sup> Evaluation Meeting	12/17/24	The committee members discussed the proposals from all vendors. The Committee requested clarifications from five vendors.
Clarification Requested	01/27/25	Clarification was requested from the vendors.
Last Clarification Received	02/06/25	Clarification responses were received and forwarded to the Committee.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Evaluation Meeting	03/14/25	Committee members reviewed the clarification responses and no further clarifications were requested. Voters were polled and all present indicated they were ready to evaluate.
Evaluation Forms Sent	03/17/25	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Results	03/28/25	The final set of evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing. Evaluation results were compiled and tabulated.
Results Forwarded	04/01/25	The tabulation of scores and evaluator comments were forwarded to the Committee for review.
3rd Evaluation Meeting and Recommendation	04/10/25	<p>The Committee met to discuss the evaluations results. Four of the five voting committee members were present. The award recommendations are as follows:</p> <p><u>Option A - General Contractor Services:</u> The four voting members present, unanimously recommended award to the two highest scoring vendors: A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus and Teed, Inc.</p> <p><u>Option B - Housing Inspection Services:</u> The four voting members present, unanimously recommended award to the highest scoring vendor: Master Key Home Inspections.</p>

### **Evaluation Committee:**

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of two voting members from the Community Reinvestment Department, and three voting members from the Inspections & Code Department.

An additional representative from the Community Reinvestment Department and an additional representative from the Inspections & Code Department served as alternate voters.

Serving as non-voting advisors were an additional representative from the Community Reinvestment Department and an additional representative from the Inspection & Code Department.

### **Award Recommendation:**

The voting committee members listed the following reasons for the recommendations:

#### **Option A - General Contractor Services:**

##### **A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus, (Columbus, GA)**

- A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus has served as general contractor on multiple projects for the bi-city area for the past 70 years.
- The Vendor has experience with handicap accessible (ADA compliance) construction and renovation projects.
- The vendor has over 50 years in completion level projects and works with local suppliers to ensure jobs are completed on time and on budget.

- **Qualifications/Experience**

- A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus is based in Columbus, Georgia.
- The vendor has been in the construction industry for over 70 years providing both residential and commercial contracting services.
- The vendor possesses a current Residential General Contractor License, issued by the State of Georgia.
- The vendor's team collectively has over 100 years of experience from concept to project planning and execution.

- **Below are similar projects completed by the vendor within the last five years:**

- **Don Jones Construction (Columbus GA)** **11/2023-1/2024**  
Ft Moore Bldg. 2575 – Remove & replace windows. Install two metal canopies.
- **Melody Belitz (Phenix City AL)** **02/2024-02/2024**  
Single Family Dwelling Remove and Replace 6' French door and 32'' sliding door.
- **Muscogee County School District** **03/2024-03/2024**  
Britt Davis school. Install an additional 102' of walkaway canopy.
- **Buck Hamilton & Associates (Columbus GA)** **01/2024-01/2024**  
Rental property/single dwelling, remove and replace 11'6 X 20' carport.

**Teed Inc. (McDonough, GA)**

- The vendor offers a wide range of equipment for improving ADA compliance, including tools for installing ramps, widening doorways, and retrofitting homes with accessible features.
- The vendor is dedicated to affordable housing and has experience working with local housing authorities, community development agencies, and both local and federal governments.
- The vendor provided a comprehensive list of single-family homeowners and homebuyers for whom they have successfully completed rehabilitation work.

- **Qualifications/Experience**

- The vendor has extensive experience as a general contractor with HUD, and has successfully completed projects with local, state, and federal entities.
- The owner's president holds a current Residential General Contractor license issued by the state of Georgia.
- The vendor has an in-house project management team with over 10 years of experience.
- Teed Inc. has been a registered vendor for the HUD-funded NACA program since 2015.

- **Below are similar projects completed by the vendor within the last five years:**

- **Alicia Nelson (NACA Client) (Hampton GA)** **05/2024-07/2024**  
Installed an electrical receptacle, a garage door opener, drywall, doors, vinyl boards, and vinyl trim.

- **Christopher Godfrey (NACA Client) (Lithonia GA)** **06/2022-07/2022**  
Comprehensive rehabilitation of low-income housing, including upgrades to HVAC systems, gutters, electrical systems, roofing, and drywall.
- **Kevin Earley (NACA Client) (Atlanta GA)** **12/2021-12/2022**  
Extensive rehabilitation included the installation of trim, windows, a deck, a firewall, ceilings, flooring, HVAC systems, and a garage door.
- **Ramika Gouridine (Lithonia, GA)** **10/2022-12/2022**  
Rehabilitation of Structural Engineering and Flooring.

### **Option B – Housing Inspection Services:**

#### **Master Key Home Inspections, LLC (Ludowici, GA)**

- They hold various certifications, including the AHIT Georgia Home Inspector License, which equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct thorough home inspections.
- Their Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification allows them to implement efficient project processes.
- The company has over three years of experience serving a diverse range of clients, including single-family homes, multifamily properties, military installations, commercial buildings, and historic sites.

#### **• Qualifications/Experience**

- The company has many team members with military backgrounds, which brings strong discipline, strategic thinking, and leadership skills to their project management.
- They have experience with government contracts and utilize in-house subcontracting, allowing them to conduct comprehensive inspections of various structures
- The company consistently meets deadlines and stays within budget, with no history of litigation related to housing inspections.
- They have expertise in working with historic homes and multifamily housing.

#### **• Below are similar projects completed by the vendor within the last five years:**

- **Property Management Firm (NACA Client) (Hinesville, GA)** **05/2021-05/2021**  
Inspection of 15-unit apartment complex, assessing overall structural integrity, safety, and code compliance.
- **U.S. Army Garrison-(Fort Stewart, GA)** **10/2021-10/2021**  
Inspection of military housing units for compliance with federal and military standards, including structural and safety assessments.
- **Rental Agency (Brunswick, GA)** **03/2022-03/2022**  
Detailed inspection of a 20,000-square-foot commercial building, including structural, mechanical, and safety systems.
- **Preservation Society (Darien, GA)** **11/2023-11/2023**  
Inspection of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century historic home to assess the condition of original structural elements, roofing, and foundation.

The City's Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening

proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information has been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds are available as follows until expended thru Habitat for Humanity for ARP funds and in the appropriate funding source in subsequent years: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Negative Economic Impact EO – Payments to Others – Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program– (ARP); 0218-691-1200-ARES-9422-40449-20230 and American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Negative Economic Impact EO – Payments to Others – Handicap Access Program (ARP); 0218-691-1200-ARES-9422-40450-20230.

## A RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS WITH A-AIRFLOW AWNING OF COLUMBUS (COLUMBUS, GA) AND TEED, INC. (MCDONOUGH, GA) FOR OPTION A; GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES; AND WITH MASTER KEY HOME INSPECTIONS (LUDOWICI, GA) FOR OPTION B: HOUSING INSPECTION SERVICES, FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING LOCATED THROUGHOUT COLUMBUS-MUSCOGEE COUNTY. THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DEPARTMENT WILL PROCURE THE SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. AS PROJECTS ARISE, THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DEPARTMENT WILL OBTAIN WRITTEN QUOTES FROM THE CONTRACTORS. THE CITY HAS BEEN AWARDED \$3,000,000.00 TO COMPLETE SEVERAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACTS.**

**WHEREAS**, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0008) and five proposals were received; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposals submitted by **A-Airflow Awning Company of Columbus, (Columbus, GA)** and **Teed Inc. (McDonough, GA)** for general contractor services and the proposal submitted by **Master Key Home Inspections, LLC (Ludowici, GA)** for housing inspection services, met all proposal requirements and were deemed most responsive to the RFP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. The contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute annual contracts with A-Airflow Awning (Columbus, GA) and Teed, Inc. (McDonough, GA) for Option A: General Contractor Services; and Master Key Homes Inspections LLC (Ludowici, GA) for Option B: Housing Inspection Services, for single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. As projects arise, the Community Reinvestment Department will obtain written quotes from the contractors. The City has been awarded \$3,000,000 several projects within the scope of the contracts. Vendor engagement will occur until all funding has been exhausted. Funds are available as follows until expended thru Habitat for Humanity for ARP funds and in the appropriate funding source in subsequent years: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Negative Economic Impact EO – Payments to Others – Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program– (ARP); 0218-691-1200-ARES-9422-40449-20230 and American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Negative Economic Impact EO – Payments to Others – Handicap Access Program (ARP); 0218-691-1200-ARES-9422-40450-20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted \_\_\_\_\_ by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Isuzu Box Trucks for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Isuzu Box Trucks for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of two (2) 2025 Isuzu Box Trucks from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a unit cost of \$90,611.00, and a total cost of \$181,222.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001.

The box trucks will be used by Public Works/Sanitation Division to deliver or pick up various sanitation carts at citizens residences.

The purchase will be accomplished via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001, whereby Rush Truck Center Atlanta, is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies. The term of the contract is good through August 31, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as follows: Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Heavy Trucks; 0207 – 260 – 3510 – GARB - 7723

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #B.

**NO.**\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 ISUZU BOX TRUCKS FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTER ATLANTA, (ATLANTA, GA) AT A UNIT COST OF \$90,611.00, AND A TOTAL COST OF \$181,222.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001.**

**WHEREAS**, the box trucks will be used by Public Works/Sanitation Division to deliver or pick up various sanitation carts at citizens residences;; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001, whereby Rush Truck Center Atlanta is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies. The term of the contract is good through August 31, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) 2025 Isuzu Box Trucks from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a unit cost of \$90,611.00, and a total cost of \$181,222.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Heavy Trucks; 0207 – 260 – 3510 – GARB - 7723

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
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Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Public Safety Equipment for the Sheriff's Office

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Public Safety Equipment for the Sheriff's Office
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment for the purchase of public safety equipment from Tactical Video Inc., (Prospect, KY), in the amount of \$60,990.10, for the Sheriff's Office.

The requested equipment will be used for public safety purposes within the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. The selection of the vendor was at the discretion of the Sheriff as this vendor is used by multiple law enforcement agencies for investigative/law enforcement purposes.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Sheriff – School Zone/Public Safety Initiative – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0101 – 550 – 3800 – SZSI - 7761.

**A RESOLUTION****NO.**\_\_\_\_\_**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FROM TACTICAL VIDEO INC., (PROSPECT, KY), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,990.10, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

**WHEREAS**, the requested equipment will be used for public safety purposes within the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. The selection of the vendor was at the discretion of the Sheriff as this vendor is used by multiple law enforcement agencies for investigative/law enforcement purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
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**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Pool/Lifeguard Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

# Summer Pool Update April 22, 2025

Holli Browder, CPRP, AFO, CPO  
Director, Columbus Parks and Recreation





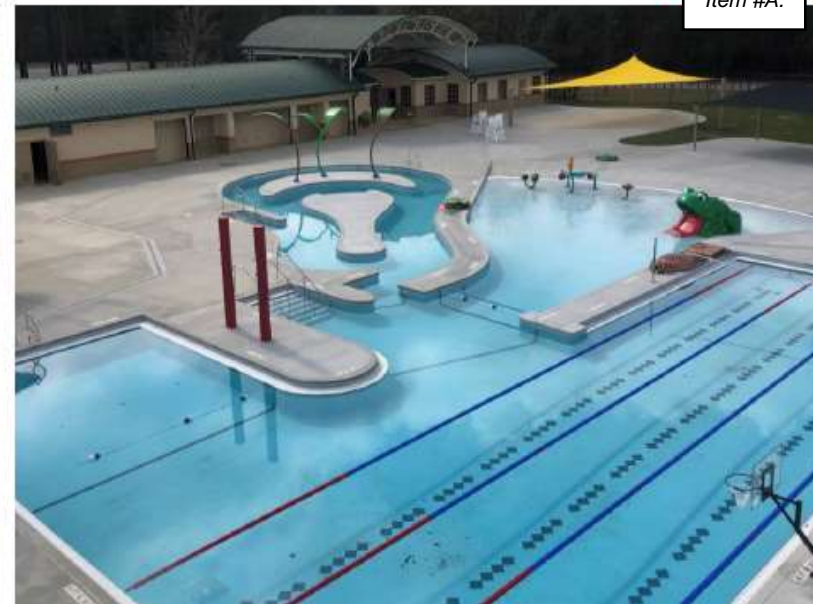
# RIGDON



# SHIRLEY



# PSALMOND





# **Outdoor Pools Opening Day**

**May 28, 2025**

**Double Churches Pool**

**Psalmond Road Pool**

**Rigdon Park Pool**

**Shirley Winston Pool**



**POOLS OUT  
for  
Summer**

## **Summer Pool Operating Hours**

**Wednesday – Friday  
12:00 PM- 6:00 PM**

**Saturday and Sunday  
11:00 AM- 7:00 PM**

**Monday – Tuesday  
Closed**



A background image showing a group of children swimming in a pool. In the foreground, several children are visible, some wearing goggles. The water is splashing, and the overall scene is lively and fun.

# Welcome Summer Luau Celebration

Item #A.

**Thursday, June 5 11 AM- 2 PM  
@ Double Churches Pool,  
Psalmond Pool, Rigdon Park Pool,  
Shirley Winston Pool**

# City Services Center Splash Pad

Item #A.





# City Services Center

Item #A.







# Carver Park Splash Pad



# Lifeguard Update

- 218 people have applied
- 218 people have been contacted
- 18 people have pulled their applications
- 46 people have come to test for pre-requisites – 24 passed, 15 did not pass, 7 no shows
- 11 people have been certified
- 20 lifeguards at Columbus Aquatic Center, currently
- 21 outdoor lifeguards returning from last summer
- Total lifeguards currently: 52 Lifeguards
- Lifeguards still needed: 73





# Lifeguard Pre-test Requirements

150 yd swim/  
2-minute tread/  
150 yd swim  
10lb brick swim from  
8ft





# Upcoming Lifeguard Classes

- May 1-4
- May 8-10

# ARE YOU WHISTLE WORTHY?

**LIFEGUARD TRAINING & HIRING**



# Questions



Item #A.



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**File Attachments for Item:**

**DATE:** April 22, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

**May 2, 2025**

**Real & Personal Property Mail/Processing For Muscogee County Tax Commissioner (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0017**

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Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant for the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, community outreach, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

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**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Bid Advertisement - Agenda Item**

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**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Board Memo – Listing the terms of the Downtown Development Authority and the need for them to reconvene.



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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Downtown Development Authority:** This board issues bonds to finance private industrial and business projects for the downtown area only. Its eight (8) members shall be residents of Columbus, not less than four (4) of which shall, in the judgement of the Columbus Council, either have or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area. Four-year terms. (Ga. Laws 1968, Page 1606; Ga. Laws 1981, Page 1744, and Resolution No. 355-83) (4-year terms, Ordinance 14-42)

Board Members	Term Expiration	Appointment
Ernest Smallman, IV (SD-15)	08/15/2023	Council
Allen Taber (SD-15)	08/15/2023	Council
Billy Blanchard (SD-29)	08/15/2023	Council
Will Barnes (SD-15)	08/15/2023	Council
Stephen Butler (SD-29)	08/15/2023	Council
Karl Douglass (SD-29)	08/15/2023	Council

The Clerk of Council's Office has been informed of a need arising that would require the Downtown Development Authority to reconvene. We are working with Attorney Robert McKenna to make contact with members regarding their interest in being reappointed. These seats are listed under the board appointments ready to receive nominations.

- *Resolution No. 372-97 allows for joint service on the Development Authority and the Downtown Development Authority.*
- *Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.*

**File Attachments for Item:**

2. Resignation of Dorris Bishop from her seat as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

**From:** Dorris Bishop <dorris5876@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 8:33 AM

**To:** Skip Henderson <SkipHenderson@columbusga.org>; Lisa Thomas-Cutts  
<ThomasCutts.Lisa@columbusga.org>; mc.lemore.lindsey@columbusga.org

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Resignation Letter- KCBC

Dear Mayor Henderson,

I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping away from my duties as a commissioner on the KCBC. I have enjoyed my time as a commissioner and meeting new people from our community, but feel that it is time for me to step away.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our city,

Dorris Bishop

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Election and Registration 03.06.25

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 01.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 02.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 03.11.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 04.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 05.13.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 06.10.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 08.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 09.09.24

Board of Tax Assessors #11-25

Board of Tax Assessors #12-25

Board of Tax Assessors #13-25

Columbus Ironworks Trade Center Authority 02.28.25

Development Authority 03.06.25

Employee Benefits Committee 02.26.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia 02.25.25



## Board of Elections and Registrations

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Item #3.

Uhland "U.D." Roberts, Chair  
Linda Parker, Vice-Chair  
Edwin Roldan  
Diane Scrimshire  
Annette Williams

### Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration March 6, 2025 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. All board members were present.

#### Board Comments:

**Agenda Request:** Stephen Harper- Muscogee County Republican Party Poll Watcher Observation 2024 –Summary of poll watcher experiences for Nov 4<sup>th</sup> General Election, recognizing Operations Manager Talisha Austin for her leadership. **See Hand out**

#### Approval of Minutes:

- Annette Williams seconded Linda Parker's motion to approve February board meeting minutes with no changes.

#### New Business:

- Voter Registration Report-** Diane Scrimshire seconded Linda Parker's motion for the Board to accept the 14 obituary deaths for the month of February.
- Legislative Changes** - Legislature is still in session and quickly dropping proposed legislation. The Director advised the board she is on the legislative committee for GAVREO and will be called to present to legislative committee meetings.

#### Old Business:

- Precinct Changes**
  - Moon- North Highland- Board was presented with two options: returning to Morningside or combining with St. Peter for the 2025 election season. Status of request to Morningside will be confirmed at the next board meeting.
  - Col. Tech- Linda Parker seconded Annette Williams motion to confirm the move from Columbus Tech to Beallwood Baptist Church.
  - Cunningham- The election office is awaiting a response from Ambassadors of Christ on Milgen Rd. Board member Roldan advised he knew people from the church and would request their assistance personally.
- Early Voting Location Changes:** 2026 election season will have a new early voting location in place of Columbus Tech. Early voting for the Special Primary (Public Service Commissioner) will begin on May 27 (Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day and is a state holiday) through June 13<sup>th</sup> at the City Services Center, 3111 Citizens Way.
- Review of Democrat Poll Watcher Report:** The board discussed the report submitted by the coordinators of Democrat poll watchers. The board agreed to have precinct names reflect current locations and to advertise precinct changes at the first statewide election following a location change or creation of a new precinct. The Board voted unanimously



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to implement more notice than what is required by state election law. The Board also agreed to develop a communication network for interested parties that did not include social media.

- **FY26 Budget:** Director Nancy Boren submitted a budget request for FY26 in the amount of \$200,000 as requested by the board to provide rental space for early voting locations. The budget is still being discussed by the Council.

### Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Monica Spencer- SB189

### Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts  
Chairperson



**The Muscogee County GOP  
P.O. Box 2168  
Columbus, GA 31902**

February 21, 2025

TO: The Muscogee County Elections & Registration Broad  
City Services Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
3111 Citizens Way  
Columbus, GA 31907  
706.653.4392

SUBJECT: Early Voting (October 15 to November 1, 2024) and Election Day (November 5, 2024) Muscogee County Republican Party Poll Watcher Observations

The following observations will be made in three sections: Early Voting (October 15 to November 1, 2024), Election Day (November 5, 2024) and other. At no time do these observations take away the hard work and dedication of the Muscogee County Elections & Registration Broad. Additionally, the leadership, relationship, and interface with Ms. Talisha Austin was invaluable and was the key to success for the elections in Muscogee County, Georgia.

The following observations were reported by trained poll watchers and do not reflect anyone particular location for early voting or Election Day.

1. Early Voting (October 15 to November 1, 2024) Observations:

- **The use of cell phones by poll workers and voters.** This in fact was the number one observation across the board. Examples: poll workers on the phone while checking in voters at the poll pads. Voters on the phone while in line waiting and worst yet, while voting. Recommendation: Enforce cell phone standards. Create very large signs (2x3') with "NO CELL PHONE USAGE ALLOWED" for each early voting location. Posting one sign outside the entrance and one sign inside the building.
- **Voters being allowed to have family or friends accompany them in voting.** This was the number two most reported observation. Examples: First time voters were accompanied by parents or friends to vote. Two or more people showed up to vote, but all went to the same Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and each individually voted with each other's assistance.
- **Poll workers within the restricted enclosed area with no identification.** Everyone in the restricted enclosed area must wear identification.



SUBJECT: Early Voting (October 15 to November 1, 2024) and Election Day (November 5, 2024) Republican Party Poll Watcher Observations


## 2. Election Day (November 5, 2024) Observations

- **Scanner serial number vs. seal number.** Train the poll managers on the difference between serial and seal numbers.
- **Letting poll watchers within "Enclosed Space."** Retrain poll managers on who can be in the enclosed space. Allow poll watchers to access poll areas freely. Ensure poll workers can record scanner total every hour.
- **Poll worker volunteering as democrat poll watcher.** Conflict of interest?
- **Voters in some locations did not feel their vote was private.** The BMDs were placed in a "U" configuration. Several voters felt their vote was not private.
- **Voters being allowed to have family or friends accompany them in voting.** See above early voting.

## 3. Other

- **DJ at the Polls.** There were several voters that conveyed they were uncomfortable, and that the music was threatening. The music at some polling locations could be heard inside the voting area. I personally confirmed this at the Psalm Road Precinct (127). Was this a form of "Voter Suppression?" Recommend the Election Board does everything possible to ensure that for future elections that outside influences will no longer interfere with Muscogee County elections.
- **Poll Watcher Badges.** Poll watcher badges were color coded to identify political party affiliation. Red badge for Republicans and blue for Democrats. Recommendation that the democrat badge color be changed to green or another color since the blue seemed identical to the Poll Worker badge color.

4. Point of Contact for this report: Stephen Harper, Muscogee County GOP Poll Watcher Trainer, [ironbmt@gmail.com](mailto:ironbmt@gmail.com), 706.464.0588

  
 Sherri Carmack  
 Muscogee County GOP Chairwoman



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #3.

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Mailing Address:  
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Columbus, GA 31902

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Fax (706) 225-3800

## Board Members

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Doug Jefcoat  
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## MINUTES #11-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 24th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Assessor Doug Jefcoat  
Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to accept agenda with noted change. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jeffcoat motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS: Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse Assessor Jones from the board meeting next week on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:15, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #050 036 004; 031 026 019; 071 027 036; 078 015 024 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:27, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- Settlement Conference Results - no change in value.

At 9:36, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- Digest Correction - #184 031 022 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:37, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Mobile Home Digest - Additions & Deletions - Signed & Approved.

At 9:40, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Supreme Court Case Request – #073 021 001 Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to have attorneys withdraw this from Superior Court. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Settlement Conference - one withdrawn #090 009 028 and one settled #062 041 022 - signed by Chairman Govar.
- Initial Sales Ratio - Residential and Commercial - placed into record.
- Update on budget discussions - no vote needed, discussion only.
- Legislative Update Discussion.

At 10:24, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

DOUG JEFcoat  
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vacant  
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## MINUTES #12-25

March 31st, 2025 - Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum caused by sickness.

APPROVED:

J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN

K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

DOUG JEFLOAT  
ASSESSOR

vacant  
ASSESSOR

L. SANDIFER HICKS  
VICE CHAIRMAN

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW** **MEETING MINUTES**

CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
 420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
 January 8, 2024 | 3:30 PM

## **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order after quorum was confirmed.

Attendees: Mollie Smith, Libby Smith, Fran Carpenter, Jack Hayes, Tyler Pritchard, Toney Johnson, Jen Lamb, Emily Flournoy, Shea Spencer, Alex Griggs

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Libby Smith moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Alex Griggs seconded. Motion is approved unanimously.

## **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1428 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** Dina Woodruff, applicant, seeks to add a storage shed to the rear of the existing carriage house. This application modifies previously approved plans.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.  
**Application Number: 01-24-000010**

2. **804 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** James Gaylor, applicant, seeks (i) to remove existing second story bathroom and build addition for new second story bathroom; (ii) to replace the existing metal shingle roof with metal roof, (iii) to remove one existing chimney and replace it (above the roof only) with a non-functioning thin brick chimney to match existing, and (iv) to add a first-floor bay window.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. The Board questions the applicant about the home's existing chimney. The applicant explains the chimney is to be permanently removed from the interior and reconstructed on the exterior only, with a thin brick façade to imitate the original chimney. Mollie Smith questions Allison Slocum on the Guidelines regarding the removal of chimneys. Allison Slocum affirms the Guidelines (5.8.29) do not permit removal of original chimneys but states the Board has previously allowed similar work to be done. After discussion, the Board determines that the previously approved cases were for damaged chimneys creating structural concerns. The Board determines this is not relevant for this case as the chimney is not damaged. Jack Hayes moves to approve the application as submitted except with condition that the chimney is not to be removed or renovated. Jen Lamb seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. **Application Number: 01-24-000009**

3. **1838 Elmwood Dr:** Jacob Greer, applicant, intends to construct a dormer on the rear of the home with a small balcony.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. After discussion, Toney Johnson moves to approve the application as submitted. Shea Spence seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Fran Carpenter abstains from voting – no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 01-24-000007**

4. **727 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave:** Ingrid Dalton, applicant, intends to build a carport addition. Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Applicant states they are rebuilding the stairs but removing the existing ramp. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Fran Carpenter abstains— no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 01-24-000008**

5. **Heritage Park Project (Broadway/7<sup>th</sup> Street/Front Ave):** Historic Columbus Foundation, applicant, seeks approval for the Juniper house, the Moye house, the Bryan house, and the Rawson house.

As a member of the board of Historic Columbus Foundation, Tyler Pritchard recuses himself from discussion and voting. Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Alex Griggs asks if there will be all new siding. Justin Krieg says they will replace the existing wood siding with hardy board if the original siding is damaged. Fran Carpenter asks the applicant how they will determine what is "too damaged to save"? Mollie Smith asks if the board agrees with the applicant that each home is to be considered "new construction" (rather than only the additions). Mollie Smith and Alex Griggs express concern. Justin Krieg states his belief that the Board had previously agreed these applications would be considered new construction when considering earlier applications related to the project. Mollie Smith explains she was not under the same understanding as the applicant on that matter. Toney Johnson states that whether it's new construction or not, the Board is still here to preserve the historic architecture of the homes and using hardy board to replace original wood siding would not be preserving the historic architecture of the home. Allison Slocum explains that these are not considered historic homes because their 50-year age requirement restarts every time they are relocated. The Board agreed to forego presentation of the staff report and for the applicant instead to present the plans for each home and field questions on behalf of the applicant. Emily Flourney expresses concern about the proposed basement/foundation height of the Bryan house. Fran Carpenter expresses concern about the height of the proposed wall in front of the Rawson house. Alex Griggs expresses concern about the set back of the Moye house from 7<sup>th</sup> Street. After discussion, Jen Lamb moves to approve as submitted with the condition to use wood siding instead of hardy board for replacement of damaged wood. Alex Griggs seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Libby Smith abstains— no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 04-23-000740**


#### IV. OLD CASES

1. **2005 13<sup>th</sup> Street:** Lindsey Fortin, applicant, returns for consideration of application after submitting photographs of fencing and a plat of her property. Allison Slocum explains the guidelines regarding fencing to the applicant. The Board reminds the applicant that only the fencing is negotiable because enclosing an existing open-air porch that is visible from the public right-of-way is strictly against the guidelines (5.9.7). Emily Flourney reminds the Board and the Applicant that as of the last meeting the Board had requested the fence be moved behind the porch on one side. This way the fencing does not obstruct the vision of historically significant portions of the home's architecture, as required by the guidelines (5.13.11). Emily Flourney determines that if the applicant moves the fence behind the porch and leaves the rest of the fencing in its current location (to the road and to neighbors' yard), the fencing could remain 6ft tall on all sides and be considered acceptable. Several members of the Board state they would like to see a site plan of the constructed fence drawn onto it. With no modifications to the original plans having been presented, Alex Griggs moves to deny the application as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. The motion passes with eight members in favor. Jen Lamb and Emily Flourney oppose the motion. **Application Number: 11-23-002250**

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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SECRETARY

X   
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CHAIRMAN



# **BOARD OF HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, GA  
February 12, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order after quorum was confirmed.

Attendees: Mollie Smith, Fran Carpenter, Toney Johnson, Jen Lamb, Emily Flourney, Shea Spencer, Alex Griggs

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Emily Flourney moved to approve the January meeting minutes on the condition the word "immolate" be changed to "imitate". Alex Griggs seconded. Motion is approved unanimously by voting members. Jen Lamb abstained, having not attended the meeting.

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **618 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue:** Cathy Williams, applicant, seeks approval to construct a new residence on an empty lot, with fencing around the property, gates on each side, and a shed in the rear.

Mollie Smith presents the staff report. The applicant states that she wishes to change to a brick-facing foundation instead of cement coating and asked for the ability to reverse the site plan in order to maintain a tree on the property. The board questions the home's compatibility to existing homes around it. The applicant explains that the surrounding homes all differ in architecture and dimensions, which makes constructing a home cohesive with the building types around it complex. Board discussed the height of the foundation and preference for a porch across the full width of the front of the residence. Applicant was not agreeable to changing porch size. After discussion, Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted with the condition that the elevation be raised to 2'8" and the cement coating be changed to brick, including the wooden privacy fence having wooden gate on one side and automatic metal gate on the other side and including the right to reverse the site plan if applicant desires in order to save the existing cedar tree located on the property. Toney Johnson seconds. Motion is approved. Emily Flourney opposes the motion due to her desire for the applicant to construct a larger porch.

2. **811 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue:** Michael Dansereau, applicant, seeks approval to construct a set of metal handrails on porch.


Mollie Smith presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Shea Spencer seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

3. **1220 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Edward Hiltz, applicant, seeks approval to install solar panels on the roof of his home.

The applicant was not present at the meeting. Mollie Smith presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to deny the application as submitted due to the solar panels being located on and visible from the front of the home. Toney Johnson seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
March 11, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:** Shea Spencer, Toney Johnson, Mollie Smith, Alex Griggs, Emily Flournoy, and Libby Smith

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the February Minutes and Libby Smith seconds.**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **620 First Avenue:** Javier Moctezuma, applicant, seeks approval to renovate, remove, and rebuild pieces of the existing home at 620 First Avenue. Please see Page 4 of the application for further details.

Allison Slocum presented the staff report opinion. Alex Griggs suggests the Board reviews the requested changes item by item. The applicant shows the board elevation plans he has brought with him.

1) Allison Slocum asks the applicant which columns will be removed. The applicant explains that the two columns on the left do not currently match the ones on the right. The applicant suggests they can use two similar matching replacement columns, or they can replace all four columns to match. The board discusses what would be most original to the home. Emily Flournoy moves to approve replacement of two columns on the left side with round fluted columns with Corinthian caps (like those on the left). Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

2) Allison explains to the applicant that the chimney capping should be mortared to reduce structural damage to the brick. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the proposed work to fix, repoint, and cap the chimney as presented, and Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

3) Allison Slocumb recommends the applicant not replace the existing door on the front façade with a window as requested. The applicant states the door is not original to the home per the framing. Alex Griggs moves to postpone voting on all the windows until the applicant

provides evidence the door is not original and elevation plans for the entire home. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

4) Alex Griggs moves to deny removal and rebuilding of the rear deck and ramp to rebuild deck with steps. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

5) The Board discusses what else they can review today without elevations. Emily moves to approve the brick ribbon driveway and walkway, movement of mechanicals removal of the chain-link fence to put up 6ft privacy fence, and to add a ridge vent to the roof, each as submitted. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

5) Alex Griggs moves to table everything else until the applicant provides pictures around the house, elevations, and historic pictures. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

2. **1519 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Andy Bastone, applicant, seeks approval to replace the windows in existing home.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report opinion. The applicant says the metal windows are not salvageable. The guidelines say if that is the case, they need to be replaced with windows made of a matching material. The applicant wants to match the grid pattern of the existing windows but replace steel windows with vinyl. The applicant asks why other houses in the Lake Bottom area are allowed to have vinyl windows. The board explains that either they were either installed before the board's existence or they were done without the board's permission. Alex Griggs suggests an alternative option is to put a clear glass window on the inside and leave the metal on the exterior. The applicant asks about using wood windows, but the board reiterates guidelines require keeping the original windows or replacing with new windows of the same material, like steel metal. Alex Griggs moves to deny the project as proposed. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

3. **1540 Cherokee Avenue:** Katie and Elliott Long, applicant, intends to close in the existing carport to create a new garage.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. The applicant confirms the request is to add a wall to enclose the carport space and add a garage door. Allison asks if the applicant can match a 10-inch profile. Alex Griggs moves to approve application as submitted. Libby seconds. All are in favor.

4. **1615/1619/2201 22<sup>nd</sup> Street:** James Peterson, applicant, intends to construct residential buildings along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report opinion. Sia Etemadi states the windows will be PVC windows, wooden doors on the front, and metal doors on the side. Libby Smith asks if there is one or two lots. Sia Etemadi explains there are 3 three lots. Emily Flourney moves to approve (i) with the conditions that the applicant modify the porch to give projection on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street side of the house, that the windows will be a paintable PVC, that the doors on the sides will be metal, the that the


front doors will be wood, and (ii) with clarification that no site work has been requested or approved at this time. Alex Griggs seconds. Libby Smith opposes, but the rest of the board is in favor.

5. **1523 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Lakisha Taylor, applicant, seeks approval to stucco the upper portion of the home, install shutters, and install faux window/vent. Amendment to an existing application.

Allison Slocumb presents the staff report opinion. Toney Johnson states he would be against changing from stucco to siding. Allison asks whether the applicant is having problems with moving the vents and fixing the holes. The applicant states they will have to repair the holes around the vents and windows so the stucco can be repaired. Emily moves to approve the change of shutters from vinyl to wood and to deny the change of material from stucco to plank and installation of a vent unless the applicant can provide evidence that the house originally had a vent. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10th Street Columbus, GA  
April 8, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Emily Flourney, Toney Johnson, Mollie Smith, Jennifer Lamb, Alex Griggs, Fran Carpenter, and Libby Smith

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Alex Griggs moves to approve the March Minutes and the April Staff Report as presented. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. 804 2nd Ave: MG Bibb LLC, applicant, seeks approval to install a privacy fence on both sides of the home with a gate entry on the left side of the home.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Jennifer Lamb moves to approve the application with the understanding the fence will be six feet in the front and eight feet in the rear. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.**

2. 627 3rd Ave: Kathy Evers, applicant, seeks approval to replace the existing chain-link fencing with wood fencing in multiple locations (see details provided with application).

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.**

3. 1617 3rd Ave: James Alexander, applicant, intends to install new windows with wood sash and PVC frames, construct a back door awning and build a new handrail.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. The board discussed whether original windows were two over two, two over one, or four over four. The applicant explains to the board that the new windows will be four over four in design. From the provided photographs, the Board understands the existing windows are not salvageable since they do not fit in the original rough opening; applicant confirms the existing windows are not able to be repaired or reused. Due to the existing windows not being original or historical, Emily Flourney asked the applicant whether there are any photographs of the home with the original windows in order to match the design of the new windows with the**

original. The applicant did not have any archival photographs of the home to present to the Board. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the application with the condition that the number of panes for all windows be consistent around the house on both 1617 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 1619 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Libby seconds. All are in favor.

4. 1619 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave: James Alexander, applicant, intends to install new windows with wood sash and PVC frames, construct a back door awning and build a new handrail.

**See 1617 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Applications were the same and considered together.**

5. 605 Broadway: Toney Johnson, applicant, seeks approval to add a gutter system to the existing front porch and the storage shed.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Toney Johnson recuses himself, since he is the property owner. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Jennifer Lamb seconds. All are in favor.**

6. 720 Broadway: Robin Trimarchi, applicant, seeks approval to replace the metal shingle roof with architectural shingles.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Mollie Smith recuses herself, since she is the property owner. The applicant states they did price metal roof and have attempted through several unsuccessful methods to salvage and maintain the existing metal roofing. Toney Johnson moves to approve as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.**

7. 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave: Larry Bussey, applicant, seeks approval to renovate the existing building (see details).

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. The applicant states that the replacement windows will be all wood windows. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.**

8. 1424 Cherokee Ave: Chris Breault, applicant, seeks approval for a stone retaining wall and driveway/parking pad, replace windows, remove shutters, construct brick wall/fence and gate, brick walkway, replacement of rotten siding, and install a wrought iron fence.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Board decides to consider each project/proposed change separately.**

**Shutters – Board discusses whether shutters were on the home originally, but original state is unknown. Applicant has already removed shutters. Alex states that shutters could be re-installed and are not a character-defining feature. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the removal of the shutters. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.**



**Siding** – Siding is due for replacement and is not visible from the street. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the replacement of existing siding with either shake or clapboard siding. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

**Windows** - The applicant clarifies that the new windows will be wood true divided light casement windows with an opening out mechanism. Allison Slocum explains that per the guidelines, the new windows should match the original windows which are double-hung sash windows. Board also recommends repairing existing windows if possible in accordance with guidelines. See 5.8.8 through 5.8.10. Toney Johnson moves to decline the request to replace original windows with the proposed windows. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.

**Stone Wall** - Toney Johnson moves to approve under the condition the City approves its proximity to the property line and setback regulations. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

**Fence** – Fence is 4-feet tall, but on top of the 2-foot wall. Toney Johnson moves to approve the 4- foot wrought iron fence. Libby Smith seconds. Jennifer Lamb abstains. Two members voted in favor and 3 members opposed. The motion is denied.

**Brick Wall** - In response to questions asked by Allison Slocum and the Board, the applicant explains that once the brick wall passes the house on 1422 Cherokee Ave it goes from six feet to eight feet. The Board cites concerns that the wall as built (prior to seeking BHAR approval) obscures architectural features of the house at 1422 Cherokee (next door). Board suggests that the applicant either shorten the wall or move the wall back in order to comply with the guidelines. See 5.13.11. Jennifer Lamb moves to deny the request to construct the brick wall. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.

**Parking Pad** - Alex Griggs moves to approve the brick parking pad due to the house not having a rear parking pad and under the condition it is approved by Engineering. Toney Johnson seconds. Fran Carpenter abstains. All are in favor.


9. **524 & 526 Broadway**: James Crane, applicant, seeks approval to install curbs along the driveway and parking pad. The applicant also seeks to install concrete surface along driveway and parking pad.

Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Historic District Preservation Society President Richard Bishop raised concerns to BHAR about prevalence of demolition by neglect in historic districts and asked how this is tracked. Board recommended that addresses of concern should be reported using the 311 app, so that city is aware and history can be tracked.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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## **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW** **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
May 13, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present: Fran Carpenter, Shea Spencer, Jen Lamb, Emily  
Flournoy, Alex Griggs, Toney Johnson**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the Staff Report. Emily  
Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the April Minutes. Jen Lamb  
seconds. All are in favor.**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1519 ½ 16<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Eric Crabb, applicant, seeks approval to replace all windows with exact same grid a pattern as existing windows.  
**Fran Carpenter reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Emily Flournoy states the window profiles don't match because there will be size differences between the steel mullions and the aluminum mullions. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor. Emily Flournoy abstains.**
2. **1410 Wynton Road:** Meghan Galer, applicant, seeks approval to replace existing signage with new signage.  
**Emily Flournoy reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Jen moves to approve as submitted. Shea Spencer seconds. All are in favor.**
3. **743 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** James Alexander, applicant, seeks approval to construct an addition to the back of building and an awning over the back door.  
**Emily Flournoy reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Alex Griggs confirms with the applicant that there will be a**

divider between the original/existing building and the new addition. Toney Johnson moves to approve as submitted. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

4. **1200 6th Ave:** Union Station LLC, applicant, seeks to add parking and reuse/repurpose original windows/doors. Emily Flourney recuses herself. Fran Carpenter reads a summary of the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor. Shea Spencer abstains.

5. **620 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Javier M<sup>o</sup>ctezuma, applicant, returns to continue existing case.

Emily Flourney reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Jen recuses herself. Alex Griggs moves to approve "the window and door portions" be approved. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs moves to approve the proposed copper gas lantern. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs motions to table the stair renovations until the applicant can discover the existing material under the stairs. If there is concrete under the stairs the applicant must return to BHAR to gain approval to replace the concrete stairs with brick. If the stairs are brick, the work is considered maintenance and can be done without BHAR approval or Staff approval. Alex withdrawals the motion. Emily Flourney motions to allow the rebuilding of the front steps in the same material as the existing. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

Emily Flourney moves to approve the swapping and relocation of windows as proposed. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs moves to approve the addition at the rear of the home. Shea Spencer seconds. All are in favor.

6. **715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Haley Lyman, applicant, seeks approval to construct the addition of a roof over the existing back deck to create a screened in porch.

Emily Flourney reads the staff report aloud. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted, and recommends they add gutters and downspouts. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

Toney Johnson asks the applicant if they intend to comply with the COA they were given for their fence at an earlier BHAR meeting in 2022. The applicant stated they have no


intention to comply and that the fence was necessary for them to keep their golfcart and garbage cans behind.


#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Board makes a formal code complaint on 715 1st Avenue after having constructed a 6ft privacy fence on side of porch, come before BHAR and received a COA with the condition they lower the fence or move it to the side yard.

715 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue was served with a "Request to Comply" on May 21, 2024.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
June 10, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

*Present: Mollie Smith, Shea Spencer, Toney Johnson, Emily Flourney, Fran Carpenter, and Tyler Pritchard*

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1427 16<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Harold McRae, applicant, seeks approval to install rooftop solar panels.

*Postponed to Emergency Meeting: Mollie Smith reads the staff report aloud. The applicant explains he has exhausted all other options for saving energy. The Board agrees with the applicant that the solar panels are being placed in the least visible part of the roof. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. Five members of the Board are in favor with Fran Carpenter opposing.*

2. **828 First Ave:** Shana Doty, applicant, seeks approval to restore collapsed porch. Other projects listed on the application are not to be addressed.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Toney Johnson recommends bead board for the porch ceiling rather than plywood to keep in line with the original. Emily Flourney suggests the applicant board up the crawlspace with brick and reuse the original railing and posts. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted with the condition the applicant keep the exposed rafter tails on the forward-facing porch with drip edge detailing overhead. The applicant must also caveat use bead board for the porch ceiling and restore the original rails and posts. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.*

3. **639 Broadway:** Vickie Kearse, applicant, seeks approval to replace double hung windows with double glide windows.

Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. The Board asks whether the windows are paintable or not, to which the applicant explains they are. Toney Johnson moves to approve the windows with no grid - one over one and the applicant must match the replacement windows with the existing windows in the front of the house. Tyler Pritchard seconds. All are in favor.

4. **609 Broadway:** Richard Bishop, applicant, seeks approval to install stairwell enclosures on the Southside of the home.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Emily Flourney moves to approve the application as submitted. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.*

5. **738 Broadway:** Fran Carpenter, applicant, seeks approval to construct a handrail and repair entry steps.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Fran Carpenter recuses herself from the Board. Toney Johnson approves as submitted. Tyler Pritchard seconds. All are in favor.*

6. **2218 Forest Ave:** Jim Baker, applicant, seeks approval to install a single slab driveway.


*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. The Board asks whether there is an existing curb cut. The applicant explains there is not. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.*

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on 1424 Cherokee Avenue and 715 1st Ave.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
August 12, 2024 | 3:30 PM**


### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Page five of the Staff Report should be amended to the correct address of 1833 Slade Drive. Alex Griggs moves to approve. Libby Smiths seconds. All are in favor.**

### **II. NEW CASES:**

1. **1539 Hilton Ave:** Elliott Quinones, applicant, seeks approval to replace windows. *Applicant was absent.*  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to deny the application. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.**
2. **103 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Springer Opera House, applicant, seeks approval to construct an outdoor theater park.  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Alex moves to table the application due to missing façade information. Motion is dismissed. Alex Griggs moves to approve the stage building, monument sign, and general site plan. The Board requests the applicants come back with details on the light booth materials and fence landscaping. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.**
3. **1833 Slade Drive:** Christopher Riddle, applicant, seeks approval to enclose an external side screened in porch.  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Emily Flournoy moves to table the application. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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# BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

## MINUTES

CCG Annex | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 420 10<sup>th</sup> St, Columbus, GA  
September 9 at 3:30 pm

### I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

1. Alex Griggs moves to approve the July 2024 Minutes. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.
2. Fran Carpenter moves to approve the August 2024 Minutes with the condition the Minutes list the applicant for 1539 Hilton Ave was absent. Libba Smith seconds. All are in favor.
3. Alex Griggs moves to approve the Staff Report with the amendment of "add wood molding to look like capitals on front porch column on front of house" to the text. Fran Carpenter seconds.

### II. NEW CASES:

1. 1833 Slade Drive: Christopher Riddle, applicant, seeks approval to enclose an external side screened in porch.

The applicant provided packets to the board with examples from the Department of the Interior. Alex Griggs recommends that the Board consider making modifications to the guidelines regarding enclosing screened in porches. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application with the modification of increasing the glass height to being 2/3 of the overall height and the base be a solid panel/low wall with applied molding to match the existing molding on the house. The recommendation of approval is based on examples from the street and neighborhood but is in contradiction with the current guidelines until the guidelines can be updated. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.

2. 103 10<sup>th</sup> Street: Springer Opera House, applicant, seeks approval to construct an outdoor theater park.

Tyler Pritchard abstains. The applicant presents an updated application to the Board. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the modified application. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

3. 1338 Broadway: Cecil Cheves, applicant, seeks approval to install brick columns and iron fencing. Applicant requests to "remove existing window unit".

\*A similar version of this application was approved last year, however the COA expired, and the applicant would like to make a minor alteration to the application.

Emily Flournoy recuses herself. Alex Griggs moves to approve. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

4. 1807 Elmwood Drive: Barbara Gauthier, applicant, seeks approval to construct a 30x20' carport.

Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. The applicant explains that the carport will have the same

linear hardy board to match the house. The carport will be grey to match house and the columns will match the existing columns on the house. The doors will match the existing doors (French doors with glass). The roof will be the same shingles as is what's on the house's existing roof. The applicant liked the idea of placing molding along the top of the columns to match the existing columns. Emily Flournoy moves to approve with the clarifications provided to the Board. Jen Lamb seconds. All are in favor.

5. 1258 Forest Avenue: Alex Griggs, applicant, seeks approval to make numerous renovations to 1258 Forest Avenue — please see application.

Alex Griggs abstains. Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.


6. 24 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Pam Smith, applicant, seeks approval to replace one of two front doors, the existing concrete walkway with a brick paved walkway, and wooden round window with single hung window. The applicant requests to replace the existing roof with architectural shingles and replace three-tab roof on the porch and additions with a metal roof.

Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. The applicant explains the window will be rectangular and for fire safety it must be 30 inches wide. The Board decides it is necessary to have a drawing to scale before they can take a vote. It was revealed that the original chimneys have come down and the siding has been replaced — to be investigated by Codes & Inspections. Alex Griggs moves to table the application until more details on the work being done on the property is brought forward (removal of door, chimney, siding, etc.). Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

7. 745 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave: Amy Palmer, applicant, seeks approval to replace driveway gate with proposed gate.

Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

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# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

## GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #3.

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## MINUTES #13-25

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 9:18 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Assessor Doug Jefcoat  
Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to accept agenda with noted change. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:21, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #185 042 009; 058 007 012; 080 015 018; 182 025 016; 128 003 008 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:27, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- E&O - Signed & Approved.

At 9:38, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Exempt Property Audits - Signed & Approved.

At 9:50, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #075 001 010; 074 001 020; 028; 029 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:58, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- CUVA / FLPA - placed into record.
- Settlement Conference Results - #030 010 036 and #171 015 006H - signed by Chairman Govar.
- Legislative Update Discussion
- Executive Session / Litigation - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to go into executive session @ 10:06. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the Scarbrough litigation settlement. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Personnel Discussion - Letter of Endorsement. Executive session ends at 10:23.
- Budget Discussion

At 10:58, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary


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**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND  
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**12:00 PM  
BOARDROOM  
(SECOND LEVEL)**

**A G E N D A**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JONATHAN PAYNE**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2025**
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**
  - A. JANUARY 2025**
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  - C. INTERNET – UPDATE**
  - D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT - UPDATE**
- V. CATERING UPDATES – HAYLEY TILLERY**
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**COLUMBUS GEORGIA  
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND  
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2025  
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, February 28, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

**Authority Members Present:** Chairman Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy, Brittany Perkins and Jay Pitts

**Administrative Members Present:** Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

**Guest Present:** Scott Holmes, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 11:59 AM, with a quorum met, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2025**

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated January 23, 2025. With no additions or corrections to be made, Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Vice Chairman Jessica Gray second the motion, which was carried unopposed by all members.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS**

**A. JANUARY 2025 – See attached report.**

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the January 2025 financial reports as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. John Stacy second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members.

**FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY**

**A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE / MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT - UPDATE  
HECHT BURDESHAW ARCHITECTS, INC.- SCOTT HOLMES PRESENTATION**

Scott Holmes with Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc. appeared before the Authority to share with them the parking garage update / master plan consultant update. Scott shared two scenario options, listing pros and cons for each, as well as offering his recommendation. After some discussion, based on the presentation given, a vote was taken, wherein all members agreed to follow the recommendation given by Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.



Chairman Jonathan Payne made the motion to move forward with Scenario A as presented, Jessica Gray second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery stated the information would be presented during a public meeting, at the facility on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, before being presented to City Council on March 11, 2025. Hayley invited the members to attend both presentations.

- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT - UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the facility had begun work with 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanical to complete the HVAC ARP Project. More progress to be reported at the next meeting.
- C. INTERNET- UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that representatives from Net Planner continued to diligently work on installing the internet cables throughout the building. Hayley stated the complexity of the old building was causing it to take a little longer than originally anticipated.
- D. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the project was underway with the largest carpeted space, the Iron Works Ballroom completed.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

#### **CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY**

- A. JANUARY** – Average client survey score for catering based on 2 surveys was a 96.5.

#### **SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE**

- A. JANUARY 2025** – See attached report.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales report for the month of January 2025. Hayley stated for the month of January there were 54 call-in clients, 16 walk-in clients, 52 planning kit requests and 11 requests for proposals with 33 contracts issued. There were 61 event days during the month with 12,668 attendees.

Hayley gave the January client survey report, which only contained 2 surveys with an overall score of 99%. **See attached report**

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Sales and Catering Morgan Moore.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery highlighted a few events that took place during the month of January including, the Your Wedding Bridal Expo, Fountain City Mardi Gras Ball and Parlay, OCS Military Ball and GA Science Teachers Conference.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held monthly on the fourth Thursday, will be held Thursday, March 27, 2025.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman  
Columbus Iron Works Convention and  
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director  
Columbus Georgia Convention and  
Trade Center



# COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER

## FY 25- JANUARY 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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R. Nichole Lewis

### REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- January 2025, there were 61 event days, 29 events, and 12,668 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$94,606 for January 2025.
- Top Events

January 2025		January 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Total Revenue	Event	Total Revenue
COTH Sunday Service	\$42,913	GA Chief of Police Annual Winter Training	\$79,763
Georgia Science Teachers Association Conference	\$42,422	COTH Sunday Service	\$33,667
COTH 21 Days of Prayer	\$36,368	NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet	\$30,165

- F&B Revenue was \$144,993; Operations Revenue was \$168,018; Total Revenue was \$313,012.
- January 2024, there were 70 event days with 16,858 attendees and a Total Revenue of \$312,945.

### REPORT 2 – JANUARY 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
  - Operating Revenue
    - There was no Catering Commission Revenue for the month.
    - Space Rental was \$143,367.
    - Equipment Rental was \$16,696.
    - Total Operating Revenue of \$167,906.
  - Tax/Other Source Revenue
    - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$122,395.
  - Total Revenue of \$290,301 for January 2025.
- EXPENSES
  - Labor Cost
    - Total labor expenses were \$116,205.
  - Operating Expenses
    - Contractual services were \$12,363.
    - Software was \$5,441.
    - Vehicle expenses were \$228 due to annual maintenance to our pickup truck being completed.
    - Utilities were \$29,673.
    - Total Operating Expenses were \$51,591.
  - Other Expenses
    - Total other expenses were \$262,136 which includes the yearly bond payment and the biannual interest payment for the bond. The bond is completely paid off in January 2033.
  - Total Expenses were \$429,931.
- NET PROFIT
  - Net Profit for January 2025 was **-\$139,630**. This would be \$121,623 without the bond payment.

### REPORT 3 –JANUARY 2025 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

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#### ➤ REVENUES

- Operating Revenue
  - Equipment Rental was \$116,057.
  - Space Rental was \$1,031,298.
  - Total Operating Revenue of \$1,368,890.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
  - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$935,242.
- Total Year to Date Revenue of \$2,304,132 as of January 2025.

#### ➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
  - Total labor expenses were \$926,663.
- Operating Expenses
  - Contractual services were \$91,340.
  - Software is \$30,974.
  - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$33,234.
  - Utilities were \$343,025.
  - Total Operating Expenses were \$571,266.
- Other Expenses
  - Total other expenses were \$359,806.
- Total Year to Date Expenses were \$1,857,735.

#### ➤ NET PROFIT

- Total Year to Date Net Profit as of January 2025 was \$446,397. Over \$250,000 more than this time last year.

### REPORT 4 – FY 2024 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

#### ➤ Revenue

- Space Rental is 31% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Revenue is 12% higher than the average.
- Total Revenue YTD is 16% higher than the average.

#### ➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 26% higher than the 5-year average.
- Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is 35% lower than the average.
- Utilities are 23% higher than the average.

#### ➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit is 73% higher than the 5-year average.



**CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS**  
**JANUARY 2025**  
**2 SURVEYS**

	EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
<b>January 10, 2025</b>								
RATCHET BINGO	MM	100	100	NA	100	100	400	The planning process was very smooth and helpful. The event manager and staff communicated well with us.
<b>January 18, 2025</b>								
TIKI'S STEPPING INTO 50 BIRTHDAY PARTY	BK	100	100	100	93	98	100	Breezie did her thing. She was a great help making sure my big day was all I hoped it would be. Thank you Breezie for helping me, my mom and auntie put my 50th together. You Rock. The room was set just as discussed. I do think there should be an option where you can rent two sections of the combo room not just one or all three. Catering, the food was good. I think when people pay a lot for the food, they should be able to have take out plates. A lot of food goes to waste. Also, the tier prices should say starting price, because after the fees the plate per person is more. Also, its fine to charge labor for preparing the food however you are already charging a 22% management fee, and then taxes are charged to labor. Sometimes throw a discount or something free, for the amount of money a person is being charged. I asked if my cake could be cut and was told it would be \$220. I'm glad I asked. I feel like that should be complimentary for the amount of money I was spending? Overall I was very satisfied with my experience. We were all pleased with the food, the service, the catering team and the customer care. Things were great. Breezie, Justin and his catering team were all exceptional.
<b>OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>99</b>		
<b>CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL</b>								
GHSA STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP - January 16-18, 2025	MR							Hayley, I want to say "THANK YOU" to your team for the excellent job they did supporting Muscogee County Athl at the GHSA Wrestling Championship. - Jeff Battles

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# JANUARY 2025 SALES RECAP



## MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$168,018**

Total Revenue **\$313,012**

## CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau )

**\$377,326**

## MONTHLY SALES

*Does not include Catering Sales*

### CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	3	\$28,917
2024	5	\$37,988

### CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	4	\$3,741
2024	5	\$9,293

### MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	14	\$4,797
2024	16	\$13,162

### RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	24	\$92,115
2024	30	\$73,295

### SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	13	\$31,098
2024	14	\$26,840

### SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	3	\$5,364
2024	0	\$0.00

### WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0.00
2024	0	\$0.00



**FY25 12,668**

vs

**FY24 16,858**

FY25 January attendee count is down by 4,190 people compared to FY24.

## SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **133**

CALL-INS **54**

WALK-INS **16**

PKR'S **52**

RFP'S **11**

CONTRACTS SENT

**33**

## OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

**99%**

Based on 2 surveys



## Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27+
# of Events	14	10
Total Attendees	3,285	8,425
Total Rental Revenue	\$164,900	\$8,425

Leads Converted to Business					Event Name
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
May	2025	FY25	65	\$2,300	COMMUNITY PLANNING INSTITUTE (CPI) 2025
June	2025	FY25	150	\$4,200	Georgia State University GACP COP Conference
July	2025	FY26	225	\$13,000	Southeast Region Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA) Conference
November	2025	FY26	150	\$6,100	Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents
October	2026	FY27+	475	\$19,000	Georgia Library Association
Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)					Event Name
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
July	2025	FY26	60	\$3,000	Veterans Training Conference
July	2025	FY26	55	\$5,600	2025 Georgia JVSG Conference
July	2025	FY26	400	\$13,000	Georgia Alabama Partnership for Sustainability
July	2025	FY26	100	\$6,000	Georgia Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting
October	2025	FY26	150	\$5,000	2025 Bike-Walk-Live Summit
November	2025	FY26	150	\$6,100	Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents
March	2026	FY26	350	\$26,000	Georgia Athletic Directors Association State Conference 2026
March	2026	FY26	200	\$7,800	National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs 2026 Southeast Conference
April	2026	FY26	220	\$12,700	GICH Spring Retreat
April	2026	FY26	200	\$4,900	GA PRIMA Conference
May	2026	FY26	300	\$10,000	LPCA 35st Annual Convention and Regional Conference
June	2026	FY26	100	\$16,800	Reunion 2026 for DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen
June	2026	FY26	400	\$23,000	2026 GASN Annual Statewide Conference
June	2026	FY26	600	\$25,000	GS3 Annual School Safety Summit Conference

Fiscal Year 2027+ (July 2026+)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
November	2026	FY27+	1800	\$20,000	Georgia HOSA FLC 2026
February	2027	FY27+	2000	\$50,000	Southeastern Theatrical Conference
March	2027	FY27+	350	\$26,000	Georgia Athletic Directors Association State Conference 2027
March	2027	FY27+	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference
March	2027	FY27+	1000	\$30,800	Association of Southeastern Biologists 2027
April	2027	FY27+	1000	\$45,000	Society of Military History
May	2027	FY27+	300	\$13,600	Georgia Economic Developers Association SPRING WORKSHOP 2027
October	2027	FY27+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference
November	2027	FY27+	1000	\$27,000	Georgia School Counselors Association GSCA 2027
March	2028	FY27+	350	\$26,000	Georgia Athletic Directors Association State Conference 2028





## COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

### Overview of Recent Events

Date: February 28, 2025

#### Current Projects

- American Rescue Plan / SPLOST
  - Trade Center 2.6 million – HVAC System
  - Internet Fiber Upgrade (Currently being installed)
- RFP for Trade Center parking garage.
  - **February 18th** – Scott Holmes will present findings to Trade Center Executive Director, Deputy City Manager, Building Inspections and Codes
  - **February 28th** – Trade Center Authority Presentation
  - **March 4th** – Public Meeting at the Trade Center
  - **March 11th** – Presentation to City Council
- Trade Center carpet renovation – installation is currently taking place
- Performance Evaluations

#### Completed Projects/Updates

- Converting ballast lights to LED

#### Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (9) Positions Open

##### Operations:

- One (1) full-time Operations Manager; offer made on Monday
- One (1) full-time Events Crew Leader – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (3) full-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (1) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised with candidates available for interview
- One (2) full-time Custodian – Advertised with candidates available for interview

##### Building Maintenance:

- One (1) full-time FM Worker I – Advertised with candidates

#### Authority Meeting Agenda

- March 27<sup>th</sup>
- April 24<sup>th</sup>

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA  
March 6, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Geniece Granville, Doug Jenkins, Laura Gower, Audrey Tillman, Will White, Charles Ray Sheffield

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Jennifer Bickerstaff, Ben Moser, Hailey Rainey and Gen. Andy Hilmes w/UWCV - C4C, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Destinee Williams and Jim Livingston/River Valley Regional Commission, Victoria Thomas w/MCSD, Dean. Kidder w/CSU, Jamie Lloyd/CTC, Natalie Bradley/Flint Energy, Tabettha Getz/Columbus2025, Pace Halter/W.C. Bradley

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:32am

I. WELCOME

- a. February 6, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for February 6, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. February 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet, with highlights on the SPLOST Funding, Millage Rate and C4C/Col2025 Reimbursement. **Upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the February 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
  1. There are 20 Leads - 25 Projects - 1 visit and 6 Proposals
  2. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – projected to be completed by March 28<sup>th</sup>

IV. C4C Update:

- a. General Andy Hilmes shared a PowerPoint slide presentation with the following information:
  1. Upcoming World Korean Business Convention
    - i. When: April 17<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup> (Thurs. – Sun.)
    - ii. Where: Gas South Convention Center, Duluth Ga.
    - iii. Hosted by: Overseas Korean Agency and Korean American Chamber of Commerce USA
  2. Currently working on the following items:
    - i. Translation of Columbus promotional materials
    - ii. Finalizing relocation assistance program packages
    - iii. Developing Korean linkage to Choose Columbus website
    - iv. Preparing to re-engage Absolics Inc. on attraction of Korean based supply chain
  3. Recent announcement:
    - i. Taiwan semiconductor business is looking to invest \$100 Billion in the U.S. economy
  4. State Manufacturing ranking:
    - i. Georgia is 2<sup>nd</sup> in states leading in the manufacturing space race
    - ii. Georgia is #1 in the State-by-State Powerhouses manufacturing job creation

5. Site selection trends are shifting:
  - i. **Growth Industries**, from Clean Energy - to All Energy, AI hardware (semiconductor), Aerospace & Defense Geopolitical tensions
  - ii. **Site Preference**, from Brownfield - to Greenfield, etc.
  - iii. **Power Upgrades**, demand on power grids from 2 years - to 4 to 8 years
  - iv. **Labor**, from Low-cost - to recruiting/retention of high-quality talent
  - v. **Incentives** – from pursue state, local and federal to receive anything value - to never make a bad location a good one
6. Upcoming Workforce Summits:
  - i. April 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) @ Columbus State
    - a) Summit Title: Imagine Prosperity
  - ii. September 2025 (Date TBD)
    - a) Summit Title: Harnessing Economic Potential
7. Absolics was awarded \$100 million NAPMP under the CHIPS Act
  - i. Kickoff scheduled March 28<sup>th</sup> at GA Tech

V. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam Hodge provided an update
  - i. Working on the FY26 Budget
    1. The budget will be presented to Council the end of April
  - ii. Continuing with the construction projects
    1. Brasfield & Gorrie has worked a tight timeline on the Synovus Park renovations
  - iii. Trade Center master plan will be presented to Council on Tuesday
  - iv. Several public meetings are scheduled for the Liberty District
    1. Liberty Theater Restoration
    2. Working to spark activity in the Liberty district to compliment the work taking place in Uptown
    3. Streetscape and Splashpad projects are scheduled
  - v. SPLOST funds of \$48 million Park Improvements for the following parks:
    1. Cooper Creek, Flatrock, Woodruff Farm and Lakebottom Parks

VI. Legal Items:

- a. No legal items per Rob McKenna

VII. Government Affairs:

VIII. Upcoming Events

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session**

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Geniece Granville, Secretary

Columbus Consolidated Government

Employee Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

ATTENDEES	P	A	ATTENDEES	P	A
Holli Browder	X		Troy Vanerson	X	
Timothy Smith	X		Ardria McGruder (Virtual)	X	
Rachel Blanks		X	Shannon Hubbard		x
Nancy Boren	X				
Pam Hodge (Virtual)	X		Lisa Goodwin		X
Reather Hollowell	X		Angelica Alexander (Virtual)	X	

**Others Present:** Erin McDill, CareATC , Todd Hooper, Mariah Mcaleb, NFP

Sheila Risper, Keisha Johnson, Cynthia Holliman, Destiny Chisolm, CCG

**Human Resources**

**October 23, 2024, meeting minutes approved.**

NFP consultants provided benefits update on their renewal with Anthem, with no cost increase for employees. Survey responses showed scheduling portion of the Open Enrollment process was not easy for employees.

CareATC consultant gave an update on PHA participation. PHAs will now start in June and run through the end of September. Walk-in appointments were reportedly taken before scheduled appointments, which caused issues for employees. CareATC now has an athletic trainer at the Health & Wellness Center.

The end of Tim Smith and Troy Vanerson's terms were discussed. The committee will discuss rollout plans at the April meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Destiny Chisolm

HR Administrative Assistant

BOARD MINUTES  
OF THE  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA  
February 25, 2025

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Wayne Joiner, and Tony Floyd. Bob Jones was absent and excused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Kyle Fisette and Terri Roland were in attendance as guests.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order and Britt opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the January 28, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kingsbury moved for their approval and Sarah seconded the motion. The January 2025 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reminded the Board that two Board seats are open for nominations. Chuck asked that nominations be submitted as soon as possible to fill the two vacant seats.

## CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

**Statistical Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report. Rick reported that the average daily census in January 2025 was 261, which is less than the average annual census of 265. There were 39 new admissions in January 2025, of which 30 were admitted to Orchard View, 8 to Ridge Crest, and 1 to Muscogee Manor.

**Financial Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through January 31, 2025. Rick valued HAC's cash position, including Repurchase Agreements, at \$25,129,325. According to Rick, HAC's hearing on the Employee Retention Credit appeal has been set for March 6. Rick summarized his financial report by stating there were no unusual or large transactions in January 2025, except that about \$25,000 was expended on double-pay for front-line staff that worked through the snow days in January. Rick commented that staffing and pay scales continued to be reviewed to fill vacant positions.

Rick and Britt announced that Sarah attended the Georgia Health Care Association Annual Convention and Trade Show. Sarah commented that the workshops at the convention were informative and that she enjoyed being immersed in the industry while interacting with vendors and HAC staff. Sarah encouraged the members of the Board to make an effort to attend the Winter Convention next year. Britt and Chuck thanked Sarah for taking the time to represent the Board at the convention. Britt and Rick commented further on the convention by stating that more strict

guidelines for involuntary discharges of patients were announced, and that no negative impacts to HAC are expected from the Trump Administration's new policies relating to Medicaid. Rick announced that HAC is working with an immigration attorney to hire nurses from the Philippines to fill vacant nursing positions. So far, there are nine participants that HAC is considering hiring. Rick also announced that a tort reform bill (SB 68) passed in the Georgia Senate and commented how the terms of the bill may affect future litigation against HAC.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

**Muscogee Manor Management Team:** Britt introduced Kyle Fisette and Terri Roland to the Board. Terri is the Director of Nursing at Muscogee Manor, and provided a brief description to the Board of her past experience and current duties. According to Terri, she has worked as a nurse for 38 years, with 30 years spent in local hospitals and the last 8 years as the Director of Nursing at Muscogee Manor where she supervises the nurses and ensures they collaborate with all the other departments to improve the quality of care provided at Muscogee Manor. Dr. Kingsbury asked Terri about Gradual Dose Reduction at Muscogee Manor as well as policies and procedures used for labs, wound care, and treatment (specifically ulcers, urinary tract infections, and STDs). Terri, Kyle, and Britt responded to the questions. Britt added that he was not aware of any reports of STDs at HAC occurring during the time he has been employed. Kyle has served as the Administrator at Muscogee Manor since January 1, 2025. His background is in occupational therapy and his prior position was as Director of Rehab at Orchard View. Kyle commented further on his past experience and his new role as Administrator. The Board thanked Terri and Kyle for attending the meeting. Britt commented on the value added to the quality of care at Muscogee Manor through Terri and Kyle's respective talents and experiences.



Britt and Chuck emphasized that Terri and Kyle are examples to the Board that HAC provides quality care through good, talented people.

**Awards – Former Board Members:** Britt showed the Board two plaques to be presented to Ernie Smallman and Mike Welch to recognize their years of service to the HAC Board. The Board asked that Ernie and Mike be invited to the next Board meeting to be recognize and presented with the plaques.

**Strategic Plan Consultants:** Britt shared with the Board copies of the 2023 SWOT analysis completed by Columbus State University. Chuck announced that HAC intends to have a full strategic plan created to guide the Board over the next few years, and that the strategic plan will be a topic of discussion in future Board meetings. Britt reported that he has identified and contacted two potential consultants to help with the strategic plan: Greg Nielson of Neilson Consulting and Jeff Call of Focus & Execute out of Salt Lake City, Utah. Britt discussed his research into each consultant and that he has requested price proposals which will be shared with the Board at a future meeting. Chuck mentioned that part of the strategic plan will be to sell HAC's excess land holdings to return those properties to the tax rolls and re-focus HAC's attention to future projects. Sarah asked for details on the excess properties, to which Britt responded there are two tracts: 20 acres that front Williams Road and nearly 15 acres in Brookstone Centre. Britt commented that the Williams Road property should be sold after the current TSPLOST projects are completed in that area, and reminded the Board that the former Bibb Mill property was sold last year. According to Britt, the Brookstone parcel is ready to be sold and Ernie Smallman, as a commercial realtor, approached Britt after rolling off the Board about assisting HAC by listing that property. Chuck asked for a motion to authorize Britt to engage in discussions with Ernie for listing the Brookstone parcel. Dr. Kingsbury made the motion and Sarah seconded it. Dr.

Kingsbury asked if the parcel will be independently appraised and if Ernie's commission is negotiable. Britt stated he would discuss those questions with Ernie if the Board approves of moving forward. Following this discussion, the Board unanimously authorized Britt to discuss listing the Brookstone property with Ernie.

**Verkada Security Systems:** Britt stated that Orchard View's security system is 12 years old, and the parts for the current system are no longer available. Britt has researched options for updating the security system and found Verkada Security Systems. Britt will request a price proposal and report back to the Board.

**New Initiatives:** Britt announced that Georgia Training CTR clinicals are taking place at Muscogee Manor and plans have been made for Orchard View to also host clinicals. HAC will attend a senior care exposition at the Trade Center on March 15, at which Kyle Fisette is to be a key speaker. Britt announced that positive responses are being received to HAC's recent commercials, which played 16 times on the day of the Superbowl. Tony indicated that he saw one of the ads on YouTube. Britt reported that an HAC video has received 47,000 views on Google. When asked, Rick reported the Superbowl ads were purchased at a cost of \$12,000. Britt also announced that ads are currently displayed under 6-month contracts on billboards on Williams Road and Macon Road.

**COVID-19 Update:** Britt reported that none of HAC's facilities are currently in outbreak, and only a few new cases of Covid have been detected recently.

**Accolades:** Britt announced that Evette Derrickson was named Activity Director of the Year by Georgia Health Care Association. Britt, Chuck, and the Board commented positively on the recognition.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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JACK P. SCHLEY  
Secretary/Attorney

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CHARLES K. HECHT, III  
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT  
THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

INCOME STATEMENT	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 11,750,512	\$ 771,162	\$ 3,610,691	\$ 8,624,797	\$ 24,757,162	\$ 14,000	\$ 78,374	\$ 279,789	\$ 25,129,325
Operating Expenses	10,185,081	1,274,959	2,952,034	7,872,461	22,294,535	4,471	7,226	4,897	22,311,129
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	1,565,431	(503,797)	648,657	752,336	2,462,627	9,529	71,148	274,892	2,818,196
Provision for Bad debts	2,585	-	-	-	2,585	-	-	-	2,585
Interest expense	(280,712)	-	(545,076)	-	(825,788)	-	-	-	(825,788)
Depreciation and Amortization	(532,597)	-	(667,618)	(76,335)	(1,276,550)	(2,513)	-	-	(1,279,063)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 754,707	\$ (503,797)	\$ (564,037)	\$ 676,001	\$ 362,874	\$ 7,016	\$ 71,148	\$ 274,892	\$ 715,930
					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIUS  
CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT  
MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2025**

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>									
Cash	\$ 4,996,755	\$ -	\$ 5,799,721	\$ 4,037,022	\$ 14,833,498	\$ 44,673	\$ 386,304	\$ 3,700,712	\$ 18,965,187
Other Current Assets	4,774,651	-	1,800,881	4,287,853	10,863,285	3,351	1,705	-	10,868,441
Intercompany Balances	15,918,083	-	(132,502)	(6,154,402)	9,631,179	(6,389,957)	(2,318,703)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	32,051,013	-	32,310,649	7,549,470	71,911,132	147,861	83,642	-	72,142,635
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 57,740,502</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 39,778,749</b>	<b>\$ 9,719,943</b>	<b>\$ 107,239,194</b>	<b>\$ (6,194,072)</b>	<b>\$ (1,847,052)</b>	<b>\$ 2,778,193</b>	<b>\$ 101,976,263</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,368,729	\$ -	\$ 397,116	\$ 898,655	\$ 2,664,500	\$ 7	\$ 55	\$ 71	\$ 2,664,633
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,054,770	-	3,445,775	5,535,770	19,036,315	360,100	450,668	-	19,847,083
Bonds Payable	19,312,679	-	28,200,155	-	47,512,834	-	-	-	47,512,834
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>30,736,178</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,043,046</b>	<b>6,434,425</b>	<b>69,213,649</b>	<b>360,107</b>	<b>450,723</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70,024,550</b>
Fund Balance	27,004,324	-	7,735,703	3,285,518	38,025,545	(6,554,179)	(2,297,775)	2,778,122	31,951,713
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 57,740,502</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 39,778,749</b>	<b>\$ 9,719,943</b>	<b>\$ 107,239,194</b>	<b>\$ (6,194,072)</b>	<b>\$ (1,847,052)</b>	<b>\$ 2,778,193</b>	<b>\$ 101,976,263</b>
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>									
Revenue	\$ 1,529,873	\$ 110,166	\$ 595,667	\$ 1,128,073	\$ 3,363,779	\$ 2,000	\$ 11,243	\$ 8,007	\$ 3,385,029
Operating Expenses	1,511,646	152,025	449,802	1,154,991	3,268,264	607	577	141	3,269,589
<b>Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense</b>	<b>18,227</b>	<b>(41,859)</b>	<b>146,055</b>	<b>(26,918)</b>	<b>95,515</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>10,666</b>	<b>7,866</b>	<b>115,440</b>
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(32,905)	-	(77,868)	-	(110,773)	-	-	-	(110,773)
Depreciation and Amortization	(83,282)	-	(95,374)	(10,905)	(189,561)	(359)	-	-	(189,920)
<b>Current Month Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (97,960)</b>	<b>\$ (41,859)</b>	<b>\$ (27,177)</b>	<b>\$ (37,823)</b>	<b>\$ (204,819)</b>	<b>\$ 1,034</b>	<b>\$ 10,666</b>	<b>\$ 7,866</b>	<b>\$ (185,253)</b>
<b>YTD Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 754,707</b>	<b>\$ (503,797)</b>	<b>\$ (564,037)</b>	<b>\$ 676,001</b>	<b>\$ 362,874</b>	<b>\$ 7,016</b>	<b>\$ 71,148</b>	<b>\$ 274,892</b>	<b>\$ 715,930</b>
Monthly Net Income (loss)	\$ (97,960)	\$ (41,859)	\$ (27,177)	\$ (37,823)	\$ (204,819)	\$ 1,034	\$ 10,666	\$ 7,866	\$ (185,253)
Add: Depreciation	83,282	-	95,374	10,905	189,561	359	-	-	189,920
Add: Interest Expense	32,905	-	77,868	-	110,773	-	-	-	110,773
Less: Monthly bond payment	(183,370)	-	(60,343)	-	(243,713)	-	-	-	(243,713)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,200)	(2,200)
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ (165,143)</b>	<b>\$ (41,859)</b>	<b>\$ 85,722</b>	<b>\$ (26,918)</b>	<b>\$ (148,198)</b>	<b>\$ 1,393</b>	<b>\$ 10,666</b>	<b>\$ 5,666</b>	<b>\$ (130,473)</b>

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
<b>Orchard View</b>														
% Occupancy	63.37%					67.61%	64.52%	77.11%	74.34%	65.00%	55.78%	65.81%	61.69%	64.83%
Medicaid%	76.94%					74.74%	77.11%	8.32%	6.90%	74.16%	74.16%	73.16%	76.52%	75.28%
Medicare%	6.72%					8.06%	8.32%	8.19%	8.26%	6.13%	7.99%	7.99%	4.26%	6.91%
Private %	9.47%					8.25%	8.19%	8.19%	8.26%	10.26%	10.42%	10.42%	9.46%	9.19%
Hospice %	2.49%					2.70%	2.48%	3.13%	3.13%	3.85%	3.28%	4.63%	3.22%	3.22%
ADV %	4.38%					6.25%	3.90%	7.37%	7.37%	5.60%	5.15%	5.12%	5.40%	5.34%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	14.06					19.35	15.76	18.55	18.55	15.43	17.29	11.58	16.00	15.32
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	194.86					187.00	182.49	185.45	185.45	182.05	170.56	174.57	182.43	177.07
<b>Ridgecrest</b>														
% Occupancy	45.43%					43.01%	43.29%	53.80%	61.03%	43.16%	42.78%	45.05%	45.28%	44.00%
Medicaid%	57.40%					53.84%	53.80%	7.70%	8.01%	61.03%	66.05%	63.43%	61.66%	59.60%
Medicare%	9.21%					10.98%	7.70%	23.74%	24.82%	8.01%	3.43%	8.10%	11.03%	8.35%
Private %	20.12%					21.16%	23.74%	11.82%	4.72%	2.32%	2.32%	0.00%	0.00%	23.45%
Hospice %	7.86%					9.38%	11.82%	2.93%	1.42%	2.97%	3.07%	3.65%	3.44%	23.17%
ADV %	5.41%					4.64%	3.87	3.42	3.42	2.30	4.22	5.58	4.37	1.37%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.58					5.65	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	39.01	38.83	42.38	7.01%
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	48.44					49.45	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	39.01	38.83	42.38	6.92
<b>Muscogee Manor</b>														
% Occupancy	48.91%					49.06%	49.32%	89.31%	91.03%	49.70%	50.41%	51.27%	51.40%	50.01%
Medicaid%	92.33%					91.11%	89.31%	3.28%	1.42%	91.03%	89.57%	88.12%	88.22%	89.96%
Medicare%	0.00%					1.61%	1.61%	1.04%	1.03%	1.42%	0.88%	1.77%	2.08%	1.58%
Private %	1.04%					1.04%	1.03%	6.38%	6.26%	1.03%	2.33%	4.75%	2.98%	2.03%
Hospice %	6.63%					6.24%	6.38%	0.00%	0.26%	6.26%	6.78%	5.36%	6.18%	6.21%
ADV %	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%	1.55	1.65	1.30	1.30	1.77	0.54%	0.18%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	-					1.55	3.17	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	142.35	139.48	0.35%
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	146.61					153.48	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	133.74	142.35	139.48	3.41
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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Jan-25	Dec-24	Nov-24	Oct-24	Sep-24	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
<b>Orchard View</b>															
% Occupancy	63.37%	67.61%	64.52%	65.00%	65.78%	65.81%	61.69%	63.08%	63.60%	63.97%	64.97%	66.52%	67.16%	64.65%	66.33%
Medicaid%	76.94%	74.74%	77.11%	74.34%	74.18%	73.16%	76.52%	77.44%	77.30%	78.06%	75.74%	74.03%	71.64%	75.48%	72.69%
Medicare%	6.72%	8.06%	8.32%	6.90%	6.13%	7.99%	4.26%	6.55%	4.08%	3.88%	4.20%	6.32%	10.66%	6.51%	7.31%
Private %	9.47%	8.26%	8.19%	8.26%	10.26%	10.42%	9.46%	8.90%	9.49%	9.85%	9.78%	7.98%	8.79%	9.18%	10.32%
Hospice %	2.49%	2.70%	2.48%	3.13%	3.85%	3.28%	4.63%	3.70%	4.13%	5.00%	5.41%	6.04%	5.13%	4.00%	5.35%
ADV %	4.38%	6.25%	3.90%	7.57%	5.60%	5.15%	5.12%	3.41%	5.00%	3.20%	4.87%	5.03%	3.72%	4.85%	4.33%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	14.05	19.35	15.76	18.55	15.43	17.23	11.58	12.57	11.54	9.07	11.77	13.50	19.32	14.78	15.53
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	194.85	187.00	182.49	185.45	182.05	170.56	174.57	189.00	174.79	173.80	175.72	174.72	182.60	186.59	176.40
<b>Ridgmont</b>															
% Occupancy	45.43%	43.04%	43.23%	43.68%	42.78%	45.05%	45.28%	41.94%	38.79%	36.90%	38.17%	38.99%	35.79%	41.43%	35.48%
Medicaid%	57.40%	53.84%	53.80%	61.03%	66.05%	63.43%	61.66%	60.17%	57.72%	54.73%	53.02%	53.76%	53.22%	57.68%	52.10%
Medicare%	9.21%	10.98%	7.70%	8.01%	3.43%	8.10%	11.03%	10.97%	10.89%	15.48%	21.73%	17.88%	7.51%	10.99%	16.77%
Private %	20.12%	21.16%	23.74%	24.82%	25.23%	25.40%	23.66%	22.57%	21.68%	23.33%	21.93%	24.10%	28.54%	23.56%	22.88%
Hospice %	7.85%	9.38%	11.82%	4.72%	2.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.78%	1.26%
ADV %	5.41%	4.54%	2.93%	1.42%	2.97%	3.07%	3.65%	6.34%	9.70%	6.45%	3.32%	4.25%	10.73%	4.99%	6.98%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.58	5.63	3.87	3.42	2.30	4.22	5.58	6.10	6.71	6.80	8.03	7.25	6.71	5.46	7.01
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	48.44	49.45	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	38.83	38.01	35.81	35.77	33.46	32.35	37.42	39.27	34.67
<b>Muskegon Manor</b>															
% Occupancy	48.91%	49.06%	49.32%	49.70%	50.41%	51.27%	51.40%	49.73%	49.09%	48.45%	48.16%	51.57%	51.37%	49.88%	50.77%
Medicaid%	92.33%	91.11%	89.31%	91.03%	89.57%	88.12%	88.22%	89.60%	90.35%	89.47%	89.99%	90.31%	88.83%	89.90%	89.16%
Medicare%	0.00%	1.61%	3.28%	1.42%	0.85%	1.77%	2.08%	3.18%	2.85%	3.02%	2.22%	0.95%	2.98%	3.05%	3.05%
Private %	2.04%	1.04%	1.03%	1.03%	2.33%	4.75%	2.98%	1.40%	1.19%	1.19%	0.24%	1.03%	1.99%	2.02%	1.29%
Hospice %	8.63%	6.24%	6.38%	6.38%	6.78%	5.86%	6.18%	5.57%	5.77%	6.32%	6.22%	6.64%	5.64%	6.11%	6.13%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.35%	0.44%	0.00%	0.54%	0.24%	0.00%	0.00%	1.33%	1.17%	0.58%	0.53%	0.32%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	246.61	155.48	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	142.35	139.05	139.91	141.20	131.43	155.56	143.63	139.01	135.24
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)															



# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW** **MEETING MINUTES**

CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
 420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
 January 8, 2024 | 3:30 PM

## **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order after quorum was confirmed.

Attendees: Mollie Smith, Libby Smith, Fran Carpenter, Jack Hayes, Tyler Pritchard, Toney Johnson, Jen Lamb, Emily Flournoy, Shea Spencer, Alex Griggs

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Libby Smith moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Alex Griggs seconded. Motion is approved unanimously.

## **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1428 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** Dina Woodruff, applicant, seeks to add a storage shed to the rear of the existing carriage house. This application modifies previously approved plans.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.  
**Application Number: 01-24-000010**

2. **804 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** James Gaylor, applicant, seeks (i) to remove existing second story bathroom and build addition for new second story bathroom; (ii) to replace the existing metal shingle roof with metal roof, (iii) to remove one existing chimney and replace it (above the roof only) with a non-functioning thin brick chimney to match existing, and (iv) to add a first-floor bay window.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. The Board questions the applicant about the home's existing chimney. The applicant explains the chimney is to be permanently removed from the interior and reconstructed on the exterior only, with a thin brick façade to imitate the original chimney. Mollie Smith questions Allison Slocum on the Guidelines regarding the removal of chimneys. Allison Slocum affirms the Guidelines (5.8.29) do not permit removal of original chimneys but states the Board has previously allowed similar work to be done. After discussion, the Board determines that the previously approved cases were for damaged chimneys creating structural concerns. The Board determines this is not relevant for this case as the chimney is not damaged. Jack Hayes moves to approve the application as submitted except with condition that the chimney is not to be removed or renovated. Jen Lamb seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. **Application Number: 01-24-000009**

3. **1838 Elmwood Dr:** Jacob Greer, applicant, intends to construct a dormer on the rear of the home with a small balcony.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. After discussion, Toney Johnson moves to approve the application as submitted. Shea Spence seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Fran Carpenter abstains from voting – no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 01-24-000007**

4. **727 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave:** Ingrid Dalton, applicant, intends to build a carport addition. Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Applicant states they are rebuilding the stairs but removing the existing ramp. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Fran Carpenter abstains— no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 01-24-000008**

5. **Heritage Park Project (Broadway/7<sup>th</sup> Street/Front Ave):** Historic Columbus Foundation, applicant, seeks approval for the Juniper house, the Moye house, the Bryan house, and the Rawson house.

As a member of the board of Historic Columbus Foundation, Tyler Pritchard recuses himself from discussion and voting. Allison Slocum presents the staff report. Alex Griggs asks if there will be all new siding. Justin Krieg says they will replace the existing wood siding with hardy board if the original siding is damaged. Fran Carpenter asks the applicant how they will determine what is "too damaged to save"? Mollie Smith asks if the board agrees with the applicant that each home is to be considered "new construction" (rather than only the additions). Mollie Smith and Alex Griggs express concern. Justin Krieg states his belief that the Board had previously agreed these applications would be considered new construction when considering earlier applications related to the project. Mollie Smith explains she was not under the same understanding as the applicant on that matter. Toney Johnson states that whether it's new construction or not, the Board is still here to preserve the historic architecture of the homes and using hardy board to replace original wood siding would not be preserving the historic architecture of the home. Allison Slocum explains that these are not considered historic homes because their 50-year age requirement restarts every time they are relocated. The Board agreed to forego presentation of the staff report and for the applicant instead to present the plans for each home and field questions on behalf of the applicant. Emily Flourney expresses concern about the proposed basement/foundation height of the Bryan house. Fran Carpenter expresses concern about the height of the proposed wall in front of the Rawson house. Alex Griggs expresses concern about the set back of the Moye house from 7<sup>th</sup> Street. After discussion, Jen Lamb moves to approve as submitted with the condition to use wood siding instead of hardy board for replacement of damaged wood. Alex Griggs seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voting members. Libby Smith abstains— no reasoning provided. **Application Number: 04-23-000740**

#### IV. OLD CASES

1. **2005 13<sup>th</sup> Street:** Lindsey Fortin, applicant, returns for consideration of application after submitting photographs of fencing and a plat of her property. Allison Slocum explains the guidelines regarding fencing to the applicant. The Board reminds the applicant that only the fencing is negotiable because enclosing an existing open-air porch that is visible from the public right-of-way is strictly against the guidelines (5.9.7). Emily Flourney reminds the Board and the Applicant that as of the last meeting the Board had requested the fence be moved behind the porch on one side. This way the fencing does not obstruct the vision of historically significant portions of the home's architecture, as required by the guidelines (5.13.11). Emily Flourney determines that if the applicant moves the fence behind the porch and leaves the rest of the fencing in its current location (to the road and to neighbors' yard), the fencing could remain 6ft tall on all sides and be considered acceptable. Several members of the Board state they would like to see a site plan of the constructed fence drawn onto it. With no modifications to the original plans having been presented, Alex Griggs moves to deny the application as submitted. Jack Hayes seconds. The motion passes with eight members in favor. Jen Lamb and Emily Flourney oppose the motion. **Application Number: 11-23-002250**

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN

# **BOARD OF HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, GA  
February 12, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order after quorum was confirmed.

Attendees: Mollie Smith, Fran Carpenter, Toney Johnson, Jen Lamb, Emily Flourney, Shea Spencer, Alex Griggs

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Emily Flourney moved to approve the January meeting minutes on the condition the word "immolate" be changed to "imitate". Alex Griggs seconded. Motion is approved unanimously by voting members. Jen Lamb abstained, having not attended the meeting.

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **618 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue:** Cathy Williams, applicant, seeks approval to construct a new residence on an empty lot, with fencing around the property, gates on each side, and a shed in the rear.

Mollie Smith presents the staff report. The applicant states that she wishes to change to a brick-facing foundation instead of cement coating and asked for the ability to reverse the site plan in order to maintain a tree on the property. The board questions the home's compatibility to existing homes around it. The applicant explains that the surrounding homes all differ in architecture and dimensions, which makes constructing a home cohesive with the building types around it complex. Board discussed the height of the foundation and preference for a porch across the full width of the front of the residence. Applicant was not agreeable to changing porch size. After discussion, Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted with the condition that the elevation be raised to 2'8" and the cement coating be changed to brick, including the wooden privacy fence having wooden gate on one side and automatic metal gate on the other side and including the right to reverse the site plan if applicant desires in order to save the existing cedar tree located on the property. Toney Johnson seconds. Motion is approved. Emily Flourney opposes the motion due to her desire for the applicant to construct a larger porch.

2. **811 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue:** Michael Dansereau, applicant, seeks approval to construct a set of metal handrails on porch.


Mollie Smith presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Shea Spencer seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

3. **1220 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Edward Hiltz, applicant, seeks approval to install solar panels on the roof of his home.

The applicant was not present at the meeting. Mollie Smith presents the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to deny the application as submitted due to the solar panels being located on and visible from the front of the home. Toney Johnson seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
March 11, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:** Shea Spencer, Toney Johnson, Mollie Smith, Alex Griggs, Emily Flournoy, and Libby Smith

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the February Minutes and Libby Smith seconds.**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **620 First Avenue:** Javier Moctezuma, applicant, seeks approval to renovate, remove, and rebuild pieces of the existing home at 620 First Avenue. Please see Page 4 of the application for further details.

Allison Slocum presented the staff report opinion. Alex Griggs suggests the Board reviews the requested changes item by item. The applicant shows the board elevation plans he has brought with him.

1) Allison Slocum asks the applicant which columns will be removed. The applicant explains that the two columns on the left do not currently match the ones on the right. The applicant suggests they can use two similar matching replacement columns, or they can replace all four columns to match. The board discusses what would be most original to the home. Emily Flournoy moves to approve replacement of two columns on the left side with round fluted columns with Corinthian caps (like those on the left). Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

2) Allison explains to the applicant that the chimney capping should be mortared to reduce structural damage to the brick. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the proposed work to fix, repoint, and cap the chimney as presented, and Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

3) Allison Slocumb recommends the applicant not replace the existing door on the front façade with a window as requested. The applicant states the door is not original to the home per the framing. Alex Griggs moves to postpone voting on all the windows until the applicant

provides evidence the door is not original and elevation plans for the entire home. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

4) Alex Griggs moves to deny removal and rebuilding of the rear deck and ramp to rebuild deck with steps. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

5) The Board discusses what else they can review today without elevations. Emily moves to approve the brick ribbon driveway and walkway, movement of mechanicals removal of the chain-link fence to put up 6ft privacy fence, and to add a ridge vent to the roof, each as submitted. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

5) Alex Griggs moves to table everything else until the applicant provides pictures around the house, elevations, and historic pictures. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

2. **1519 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Andy Bastone, applicant, seeks approval to replace the windows in existing home.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report opinion. The applicant says the metal windows are not salvageable. The guidelines say if that is the case, they need to be replaced with windows made of a matching material. The applicant wants to match the grid pattern of the existing windows but replace steel windows with vinyl. The applicant asks why other houses in the Lake Bottom area are allowed to have vinyl windows. The board explains that either they were either installed before the board's existence or they were done without the board's permission. Alex Griggs suggests an alternative option is to put a clear glass window on the inside and leave the metal on the exterior. The applicant asks about using wood windows, but the board reiterates guidelines require keeping the original windows or replacing with new windows of the same material, like steel metal. Alex Griggs moves to deny the project as proposed. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

3. **1540 Cherokee Avenue:** Katie and Elliott Long, applicant, intends to close in the existing carport to create a new garage.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report. The applicant confirms the request is to add a wall to enclose the carport space and add a garage door. Allison asks if the applicant can match a 10-inch profile. Alex Griggs moves to approve application as submitted. Libby seconds. All are in favor.

4. **1615/1619/2201 22<sup>nd</sup> Street:** James Peterson, applicant, intends to construct residential buildings along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Allison Slocum presents the staff report opinion. Sia Etemadi states the windows will be PVC windows, wooden doors on the front, and metal doors on the side. Libby Smith asks if there is one or two lots. Sia Etemadi explains there are 3 three lots. Emily Flourney moves to approve (i) with the conditions that the applicant modify the porch to give projection on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street side of the house, that the windows will be a paintable PVC, that the doors on the sides will be metal, the that the




front doors will be wood, and (ii) with clarification that no site work has been requested or approved at this time. Alex Griggs seconds. Libby Smith opposes, but the rest of the board is in favor.

5. **1523 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Lakisha Taylor, applicant, seeks approval to stucco the upper portion of the home, install shutters, and install faux window/vent. Amendment to an existing application.

Allison Slocumb presents the staff report opinion. Toney Johnson states he would be against changing from stucco to siding. Allison asks whether the applicant is having problems with moving the vents and fixing the holes. The applicant states they will have to repair the holes around the vents and windows so the stucco can be repaired. Emily moves to approve the change of shutters from vinyl to wood and to deny the change of material from stucco to plank and installation of a vent unless the applicant can provide evidence that the house originally had a vent. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10th Street Columbus, GA  
April 8, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Emily Flourney, Toney Johnson, Mollie Smith, Jennifer Lamb, Alex Griggs, Fran Carpenter, and Libby Smith

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Alex Griggs moves to approve the March Minutes and the April Staff Report as presented. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. 804 2nd Ave: MG Bibb LLC, applicant, seeks approval to install a privacy fence on both sides of the home with a gate entry on the left side of the home.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Jennifer Lamb moves to approve the application with the understanding the fence will be six feet in the front and eight feet in the rear. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.**

2. 627 3rd Ave: Kathy Evers, applicant, seeks approval to replace the existing chain-link fencing with wood fencing in multiple locations (see details provided with application).

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.**

3. 1617 3rd Ave: James Alexander, applicant, intends to install new windows with wood sash and PVC frames, construct a back door awning and build a new handrail.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. The board discussed whether original windows were two over two, two over one, or four over four. The applicant explains to the board that the new windows will be four over four in design. From the provided photographs, the Board understands the existing windows are not salvageable since they do not fit in the original rough opening; applicant confirms the existing windows are not able to be repaired or reused. Due to the existing windows not being original or historical, Emily Flourney asked the applicant whether there are any photographs of the home with the original windows in order to match the design of the new windows with the**

original. The applicant did not have any archival photographs of the home to present to the Board. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the application with the condition that the number of panes for all windows be consistent around the house on both 1617 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 1619 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Libby seconds. All are in favor.

4. 1619 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave: James Alexander, applicant, intends to install new windows with wood sash and PVC frames, construct a back door awning and build a new handrail.

**See 1617 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Applications were the same and considered together.**

5. 605 Broadway: Toney Johnson, applicant, seeks approval to add a gutter system to the existing front porch and the storage shed.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Toney Johnson recuses himself, since he is the property owner. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Jennifer Lamb seconds. All are in favor.**

6. 720 Broadway: Robin Trimarchi, applicant, seeks approval to replace the metal shingle roof with architectural shingles.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Mollie Smith recuses herself, since she is the property owner. The applicant states they did price metal roof and have attempted through several unsuccessful methods to salvage and maintain the existing metal roofing. Toney Johnson moves to approve as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.**

7. 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave: Larry Bussey, applicant, seeks approval to renovate the existing building (see details).

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. The applicant states that the replacement windows will be all wood windows. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.**

8. 1424 Cherokee Ave: Chris Breault, applicant, seeks approval for a stone retaining wall and driveway/parking pad, replace windows, remove shutters, construct brick wall/fence and gate, brick walkway, replacement of rotten siding, and install a wrought iron fence.

**Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Board decides to consider each project/proposed change separately.**

**Shutters – Board discusses whether shutters were on the home originally, but original state is unknown. Applicant has already removed shutters. Alex states that shutters could be re-installed and are not a character-defining feature. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the removal of the shutters. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.**

**Siding** – Siding is due for replacement and is not visible from the street. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the replacement of existing siding with either shake or clapboard siding. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

**Windows** - The applicant clarifies that the new windows will be wood true divided light casement windows with an opening out mechanism. Allison Slocum explains that per the guidelines, the new windows should match the original windows which are double-hung sash windows. Board also recommends repairing existing windows if possible in accordance with guidelines. See 5.8.8 through 5.8.10. Toney Johnson moves to decline the request to replace original windows with the proposed windows. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.

**Stone Wall** - Toney Johnson moves to approve under the condition the City approves its proximity to the property line and setback regulations. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

**Fence** – Fence is 4-feet tall, but on top of the 2-foot wall. Toney Johnson moves to approve the 4- foot wrought iron fence. Libby Smith seconds. Jennifer Lamb abstains. Two members voted in favor and 3 members opposed. The motion is denied.

**Brick Wall** - In response to questions asked by Allison Slocum and the Board, the applicant explains that once the brick wall passes the house on 1422 Cherokee Ave it goes from six feet to eight feet. The Board cites concerns that the wall as built (prior to seeking BHAR approval) obscures architectural features of the house at 1422 Cherokee (next door). Board suggests that the applicant either shorten the wall or move the wall back in order to comply with the guidelines. See 5.13.11. Jennifer Lamb moves to deny the request to construct the brick wall. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.

**Parking Pad** - Alex Griggs moves to approve the brick parking pad due to the house not having a rear parking pad and under the condition it is approved by Engineering. Toney Johnson seconds. Fran Carpenter abstains. All are in favor.


9. **524 & 526 Broadway**: James Crane, applicant, seeks approval to install curbs along the driveway and parking pad. The applicant also seeks to install concrete surface along driveway and parking pad.

Allison Slocum presents the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Historic District Preservation Society President Richard Bishop raised concerns to BHAR about prevalence of demolition by neglect in historic districts and asked how this is tracked. Board recommended that addresses of concern should be reported using the 311 app, so that city is aware and history can be tracked.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
May 13, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present: Fran Carpenter, Shea Spencer, Jen Lamb, Emily Flournoy, Alex Griggs, Toney Johnson**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the Staff Report. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.**

**Alex Griggs moves to approve the April Minutes. Jen Lamb seconds. All are in favor.**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1519 ½ 16<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Eric Crabb, applicant, seeks approval to replace all windows with exact same grid a pattern as existing windows.  
**Fran Carpenter reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Emily Flournoy states the window profiles don't match because there will be size differences between the steel mullions and the aluminum mullions. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor. Emily Flournoy abstains.**
2. **1410 Wynton Road:** Meghan Galer, applicant, seeks approval to replace existing signage with new signage.  
**Emily Flournoy reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Jen moves to approve as submitted. Shea Spencer seconds. All are in favor.**
3. **743 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** James Alexander, applicant, seeks approval to construct an addition to the back of building and an awning over the back door.  
**Emily Flournoy reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Alex Griggs confirms with the applicant that there will be a**

divider between the original/existing building and the new addition. Toney Johnson moves to approve as submitted. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

4. **1200 6th Ave:** Union Station LLC, applicant, seeks to add parking and reuse/repurpose original windows/doors. Emily Flourney recuses herself. Fran Carpenter reads a summary of the staff report. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor. Shea Spencer abstains.

5. **620 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Javier M<sup>o</sup>ctezuma, applicant, returns to continue existing case.

Emily Flourney reads a summary of the staff report aloud. Jen recuses herself. Alex Griggs moves to approve "the window and door portions" be approved. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs moves to approve the proposed copper gas lantern. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs motions to table the stair renovations until the applicant can discover the existing material under the stairs. If there is concrete under the stairs the applicant must return to BHAR to gain approval to replace the concrete stairs with brick. If the stairs are brick, the work is considered maintenance and can be done without BHAR approval or Staff approval. Alex withdraws the motion. Emily Flourney motions to allow the rebuilding of the front steps in the same material as the existing. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

Emily Flourney moves to approve the swapping and relocation of windows as proposed. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

Alex Griggs moves to approve the addition at the rear of the home. Shea Spencer seconds. All are in favor.

6. **715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Haley Lyman, applicant, seeks approval to construct the addition of a roof over the existing back deck to create a screened in porch.

Emily Flourney reads the staff report aloud. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application as submitted, and recommends they add gutters and downspouts. Emily Flourney seconds. All are in favor.

Toney Johnson asks the applicant if they intend to comply with the COA they were given for their fence at an earlier BHAR meeting in 2022. The applicant stated they have no




intention to comply and that the fence was necessary for them to keep their golfcart and garbage cans behind.


#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Board makes a formal code complaint on 715 1st Avenue after having constructed a 6ft privacy fence on side of porch, come before BHAR and received a COA with the condition they lower the fence or move it to the side yard.

715 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue was served with a "Request to Comply" on May 21, 2024.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
June 10, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

*Present: Mollie Smith, Shea Spencer, Toney Johnson, Emily Flourney, Fran Carpenter, and Tyler Pritchard*

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **1427 16<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Harold McRae, applicant, seeks approval to install rooftop solar panels.

*Postponed to Emergency Meeting: Mollie Smith reads the staff report aloud. The applicant explains he has exhausted all other options for saving energy. The Board agrees with the applicant that the solar panels are being placed in the least visible part of the roof. Alex Griggs moves to approve as submitted. Libby Smith seconds. Five members of the Board are in favor with Fran Carpenter opposing.*

2. **828 First Ave:** Shana Doty, applicant, seeks approval to restore collapsed porch. Other projects listed on the application are not to be addressed.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Toney Johnson recommends bead board for the porch ceiling rather than plywood to keep in line with the original. Emily Flourney suggests the applicant board up the crawlspace with brick and reuse the original railing and posts. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted with the condition the applicant keep the exposed rafter tails on the forward-facing porch with drip edge detailing overhead. The applicant must also caveat use bead board for the porch ceiling and restore the original rails and posts. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.*

3. **639 Broadway:** Vickie Kearse, applicant, seeks approval to replace double hung windows with double glide windows.

Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. The Board asks whether the windows are paintable or not, to which the applicant explains they are. Toney Johnson moves to approve the windows with no grid - one over one and the applicant must match the replacement windows with the existing windows in the front of the house. Tyler Pritchard seconds. All are in favor.

4. **609 Broadway:** Richard Bishop, applicant, seeks approval to install stairwell enclosures on the Southside of the home.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Emily Flourney moves to approve the application as submitted. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.*

5. **738 Broadway:** Fran Carpenter, applicant, seeks approval to construct a handrail and repair entry steps.

*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. Fran Carpenter recuses herself from the Board. Toney Johnson approves as submitted. Tyler Pritchard seconds. All are in favor.*

6. **2218 Forest Ave:** Jim Baker, applicant, seeks approval to install a single slab driveway.


*Allison Slocum reads the staff report aloud. The Board asks whether there is an existing curb cut. The applicant explains there is not. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.*

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on 1424 Cherokee Avenue and 715 1st Ave.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**CCG Annex | First Floor Conference Room  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street Columbus, GA  
August 12, 2024 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Page five of the Staff Report should be amended to the correct address of 1833 Slade Drive. Alex Griggs moves to approve. Libby Smiths seconds. All are in favor.**

### **II. NEW CASES:**

1. **1539 Hilton Ave:** Elliott Quinones, applicant, seeks approval to replace windows. *Applicant was absent.*  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Alex Griggs moves to deny the application. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.**
2. **103 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Springer Opera House, applicant, seeks approval to construct an outdoor theater park.  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Alex moves to table the application due to missing façade information. Motion is dismissed. Alex Griggs moves to approve the stage building, monument sign, and general site plan. The Board requests the applicants come back with details on the light booth materials and fence landscaping. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.**
3. **1833 Slade Drive:** Christopher Riddle, applicant, seeks approval to enclose an external side screened in porch.  
**Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report. Emily Flournoy moves to table the application. Fran Carpenter seconds. All are in favor.**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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# BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

## MINUTES

CCG Annex | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 420 10<sup>th</sup> St, Columbus, GA  
September 9 at 3:30 pm

### I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

1. Alex Griggs moves to approve the July 2024 Minutes. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.
2. Fran Carpenter moves to approve the August 2024 Minutes with the condition the Minutes list the applicant for 1539 Hilton Ave was absent. Libba Smith seconds. All are in favor.
3. Alex Griggs moves to approve the Staff Report with the amendment of "add wood molding to look like capitals on front porch column on front of house" to the text. Fran Carpenter seconds.

### II. NEW CASES:

1. 1833 Slade Drive: Christopher Riddle, applicant, seeks approval to enclose an external side screened in porch.

The applicant provided packets to the board with examples from the Department of the Interior. Alex Griggs recommends that the Board consider making modifications to the guidelines regarding enclosing screened in porches. Alex Griggs moves to approve the application with the modification of increasing the glass height to being 2/3 of the overall height and the base be a solid panel/low wall with applied molding to match the existing molding on the house. The recommendation of approval is based on examples from the street and neighborhood but is in contradiction with the current guidelines until the guidelines can be updated. Emily Flournoy seconds. All are in favor.

2. 103 10<sup>th</sup> Street: Springer Opera House, applicant, seeks approval to construct an outdoor theater park.

Tyler Pritchard abstains. The applicant presents an updated application to the Board. Emily Flournoy moves to approve the modified application. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

3. 1338 Broadway: Cecil Cheves, applicant, seeks approval to install brick columns and iron fencing. Applicant requests to "remove existing window unit".

\*A similar version of this application was approved last year, however the COA expired, and the applicant would like to make a minor alteration to the application.

Emily Flournoy recuses herself. Alex Griggs moves to approve. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

4. 1807 Elmwood Drive: Barbara Gauthier, applicant, seeks approval to construct a 30x20' carport.

Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. The applicant explains that the carport will have the same



linear hardy board to match the house. The carport will be grey to match house and the columns will match the existing columns on the house. The doors will match the existing doors (French doors with glass). The roof will be the same shingles as is what's on the house's existing roof. The applicant liked the idea of placing molding along the top of the columns to match the existing columns. Emily Flournoy moves to approve with the clarifications provided to the Board. Jen Lamb seconds. All are in favor.

5. 1258 Forest Avenue: Alex Griggs, applicant, seeks approval to make numerous renovations to 1258 Forest Avenue — please see application.

Alex Griggs abstains. Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

6. 24 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Pam Smith, applicant, seeks approval to replace one of two front doors, the existing concrete walkway with a brick paved walkway, and wooden round window with single hung window. The applicant requests to replace the existing roof with architectural shingles and replace three-tab roof on the porch and additions with a metal roof.


Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. The applicant explains the window will be rectangular and for fire safety it must be 30 inches wide. The Board decides it is necessary to have a drawing to scale before they can take a vote. It was revealed that the original chimneys have come down and the siding has been replaced — to be investigated by Codes & Inspections. Alex Griggs moves to table the application until more details on the work being done on the property is brought forward (removal of door, chimney, siding, etc.). Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

7. 745 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave: Amy Palmer, applicant, seeks approval to replace driveway gate with proposed gate.

Allison Slocum reads the Staff Report aloud. Emily Flournoy moves to approve as submitted. Toney Johnson seconds. All are in favor.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

**New Member**

**(Certified Public Accountant)**

Term Expires:

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

**New Member**

**(Corporate/Employment Attorney)**

Term Expires:

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

**New Member**

**(Law Enforcement Representative)**

*Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member*

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**John F. Greenman**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

*The terms are five years. Meets once a month.*



**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Clayton Hood was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Councilor John Anker. (*Councilor Anker/Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2025

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Holli Browder was nominated to serve another term as the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representative. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Nancy Boren was nominated to serve another term as one of the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representatives. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028

**LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Reynolds Bickerstaff was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

**COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

**New Member**

**(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)**

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member*

**New Member**

**(Trade Center Representative)**

Trade Center's Nomination

**(Confirmed by Council)**

**New Member**

**(RiverCenter Representative)**

RiverCenter's Nomination

**(Confirmed by Council)**

**New Member**

**(Convention & Visitors Board Representative)**

CVB's Nomination

**(Confirmed by Council)**

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

**Allen Taber** – *Interested in serving another term*

***(Council's Appointment)***

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Brad Coppedge** – *Interested in serving another term*

***(Council's Appointment)***

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Karl Douglass** – *Interested in serving another term*

***(Council's Appointment)***

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Will Barnes**

*(Council's Appointment)*

*Deceased*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Billy Blanchard** – *Waiting on response*

*(Council's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Stephen Butler** – *Waiting on response*

*(Council's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Ernest Smallman, IV**

*(Council's Appointment)*

*Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

***Councilor Crabb is nominating Allen Taber, Brad Coppedge and Karl Douglass to serve another term.***

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**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

**A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

**New Member**

**(Certified Public Accountant)**

Term Expires:

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

**New Member**

**(Corporate/Employment Attorney)**

Term Expires:

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

**New Member**

**(Law Enforcement Representative)**

*Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member*

Open for Nominations

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**John F. Greenman**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

**(Mayor's Appointment)**

*The terms are five years. Meets once a month.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Clayton Hood was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Councilor John Anker. *(Councilor Anker/Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025

- B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Holli Browder was nominated to serve another term as the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representative. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Nancy Boren was nominated to serve another term as one of the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representatives. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Reynolds Bickerstaff was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026

**6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

**A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>New Member</u></b> (Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey) <i>Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member</i>	Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)
<b><u>New Member</u></b> (Trade Center Representative)	Trade Center's Nomination (Confirmed by Council)
<b><u>New Member</u></b> (RiverCenter Representative)	RiverCenter's Nomination (Confirmed by Council)
<b><u>New Member</u></b> (Convention & Visitors Board Representative)	CVB's Nomination (Confirmed by Council)

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>Allen Taber</u></b> – Interested in serving another term <i>Eligible to succeed</i> Term Expired: August 15, 2023	(Council's Appointment)
<b><u>Brad Coppedge</u></b> – Interested in serving another term <i>Eligible to succeed</i>	(Council's Appointment)

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Karl Douglass** – *Interested in serving another term* (Council's Appointment)  
*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Will Barnes** (Council's Appointment)  
*Deceased*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Billy Blanchard** – *Waiting on response* (Council's Appointment)  
*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Stephen Butler** – *Waiting on response* (Council's Appointment)  
*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

**Ernest Smallman, IV** (Council's Appointment)  
*Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals*

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**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**File Attachments for Item:**

Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax submitted by Mr. Carl Robertson of Columbus State University for property located in Columbus, Georgia.



# Muscogee County Tax Commissioner



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April 16, 2025

To: Council & Clerk of Council

Ref.: Refund of Penalty and/or Interest – Delinquent Real Property Taxes – 2023 & 2024

**FOUNDATION PROPERTIES, INC.**

4225 UNIVERSITY AVE  
Columbus, GA 31907

Address	Parcel #	Year	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Total Paid
1000 Broadway (The Rankin)	004 017 001	2024	\$79,812.44	<b>\$7,981.25</b>	<b>\$5,919.42</b>	\$93,713.11
3100 Gentian Blvd (Cunnigham Center)	069 022 002T	2023	\$41,104.56	<b>\$1,801.75</b>	<b>\$2,702.61</b>	\$45,609.92
Total Paid			\$120,917.00	<b>\$9,783.00</b>	<b>\$8,622.03</b>	\$139,323.03
			<b>TOTAL Requested Refund: \$18,405.03</b>			

**Law:** In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-2-44 (b)(l); O.C.G.A. §48-2-40 & Ordinance Numbers 24-043 & 23-039, Taxes shall become due October 1<sup>st</sup> (2024) & October 16<sup>th</sup> (2023). Taxpayers shall have the option to pay 40% on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> (2024) & October 16<sup>th</sup> (2023) and 60% on or before December 2nd without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 1<sup>st</sup> (2024) & October 16<sup>th</sup> (2023) the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 1<sup>st</sup> (2024) & October 16<sup>th</sup> (2023), the remainder shall become delinquent December 3rd. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 20th and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

**Citizen Position:** Requesting refund of penalty and interest on parcels 004 017 001 & 069 022 002T. Application for tax exemption was not completed, causing taxes to become due.

**Tax Commissioner's Position:** Property tax payment was not received by the due date. Therefore, penalties and interest accrued in accordance with the above laws and ordinances.

This office finds **no evidence of gross or willful neglect or disregard of the law** by this property owner. In accordance with Georgia Code §48-5-242, please forward written direction (approval, denial, or no action) on the above refund request to the Tax Commissioner.

Sincerely,

David Britt  
Tax Commissioner  
cc: Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney