

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Simi Barnes
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

John Anker
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
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MCSD Board Room
Muscogee Public Education Center
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

June 16, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Eric Clark, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Sophia Phillips from Fox Elementary

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Proclamation: Responsible Fatherhood Month

Receiving: Pastor Jarod Hinton, Georgia Faith Director for Citizens Defending Freedom

3. Proclamation: ASK Day

Receiving: Dr. Jaketra Bryant, LPC

PRESENTATIONS

5. AJ McClung Stadium Update – Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha’s Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Barnes)
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5. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)
6. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
7. **2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine

Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (As amended on 1st Reading 6-9-26.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 8. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

RESOLUTIONS

- 9.** A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2027. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: PAWS
2. Mrs. Irma Mason & Ms. Waleisah Wilson-Menefee, representing NewLife-Second Chance Outreach, Inc., Re: Upcoming Events and to Announce Receipt of 10th Annual Proclamation Receipt from Governor to Honor July as Reentry Awareness Month.
3. Mr. Danny Arencibia, representing Columbus Collaborative, Inc., Re: Action Plan with Strategic Local Public and Private Partnerships for Youth Community.
4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better.
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right.
6. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Curfew.
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them.
8. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Whose Best Interest is Being Represented by Columbus City Council?
9. Miss. Haley Sargent, Re: Data Center Overlay.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.

2. PURCHASES

- A.** Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025
- B.** Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays
- C.** Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005
- D.** Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works
- E.** Four (4) Washer/Extractors for Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
- F.** Mold Removal and Remediation Services
- G.** Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code
- B.** FY26 Budget Update - Jim Arendt, Executive Director of the Golf Authority
- C.** FY26 Budget Update – David Britt, Tax Commissioner
- D.** Revenue Division Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
- E.** Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Current Vacancy Report:** Boards, Commissions & Authorities

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 2. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors #21-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-11-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-26-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 02-02-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 03-09-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health April 2026 - Notice

New Horizon Behavioral Health 05-11-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

_____ *Vacant*

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

_____ *Vacant*

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly

Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor's Nominee: _____

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Zach Lee was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Barnes's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2026

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant
Uptown Business Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

6. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Tracy Belt
Not Eligible
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday
Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____ District 10 Nominee: _____

****Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough, Calvary Christian.***

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)
Term Expires: October 15, 2026
Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Semiannually		
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29:	4

C. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

Darlene Small
Eligible
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Quarterly		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	2

D. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright
Not Eligible

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

E. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

_____ *Vacant*

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

H. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

June 9, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett and Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:11 a.m.) and Toya Tucker (arrived at 10:25 a.m.).Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor Charmaine Crabb was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA#3: Muscogee County Board of Assessors Changes to Notice of Assessment due to General Assembly HB N. 566 (2) CA #15: Columbus Water Works (3) CM #10 (C): Youth & Teen Summer Programs Keeping Youth Active, Engaged, Learning and Connected

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) CA#15 – Various Documents Submitted by Citizens

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Jared Fregin, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Charley Jane Fussell from Clubview Elementary

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 2, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

City Attorney Clifton Fay advised that the hearing was the final Taxpayer Bill of Rights hearing required under Georgia law due to a projected increase in the county's total taxable digest. He noted that property owners with a frozen homestead assessment would not see an increase in taxes on their homestead property.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to further explain the projected increase. She emphasized that no millage rate increase was proposed, and that the millage rates for Urban Service Districts 1, 2, and 4 would remain unchanged. She explained that state law requires the City to advertise a tax increase when the tax digest grows due to increased property values, even when the millage rate remains the same. She further noted that property owners with a homestead exemption generally should not see an increase in taxes unless their property has undergone significant improvements resulting in reassessment.

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse approached the rostrum and explained that, under House Bill 566, the Notice of Assessment has undergone significant changes. She reiterated that if a property's value does not change, the property owner's taxes will not change. She reviewed the new assessment notice format, noting that an explanation of each section will be printed on the back of every notice and highlighted the importance of the 45-day appeal deadline displayed on the form.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paul Olson
- Theresa El-Amin

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Post Legislative Update - Representative Carolyn Hugley, Minority Leader

(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item #10 "A")

State Representative Carolyn Hugley, Minority Leader, accompanied by members of the legislative delegation, came forward to present a post-legislative session update to Council. She recognized Senator Ed Harbison on his retirement and introduced delegation members in attendance. Representative Hugley stated that the 2026 legislative session focused primarily on affordability and taxes.

State Senator Ed Harbison addressed Council and provided a brief legislative update, highlighting legislation expanding specialty license plate eligibility and recognition for military veterans.

State Representative Vance Smith addressed Council and provided a legislative update on transportation initiatives, highlighting continued state investment in road infrastructure and major transportation projects across Georgia.

State Representative Carmen Rice addressed Council and provided a legislative update on education initiatives, highlighting House Bill 52, which extends property tax benefits to unremarried surviving spouses of disabled veterans and will be presented to voters statewide in November.

State Representative Debbie Buckner provided a legislative update on property tax legislation, including Senate Bill 33, and noted that Columbus' existing property tax freeze remains unaffected by the new law.

State Senator Randy Robertson provided a legislative update on the state budget and growth-related challenges facing Georgia, while also recognizing Senator Ed Harbison's longstanding service and continued role in the General Assembly through the remainder of his term.

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

RESOLUTION:

2. **Resolution (139-26)** - A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Tyson Begly as City Manager of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a seven-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Chambers, Cogle, Davis, Garrett and Huff voting in favor and Councilor Barnes voting in opposition, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

To the motion, **Councilor Travis Chambers** expressed support for Tyson Begly's qualifications and prior service, citing his experience in finance, budgeting, and municipal operations. However, he stated that his concern was not with Begly's capabilities but with the timing of the appointment.

Councilor Chambers continued by stated with the mayoral election only one week away, the incoming mayor should have had input in selecting the city manager, given the Charter's requirement that the city manager serve under the mayor. He concluded that waiting until after the election would have better supported a smooth transition, long-term stability, and public trust while still recognizing Bailey's professional merit.

Discussion continued with **Councilor Simi Barnes** stating her concern was not with the candidate personally, noting she had a productive conversation with him. She shared that her concerns are about the hiring process, specifically that the decision was made before newly elected council members take office and with participation from a council member not elected by popular vote.

Councilor Barnes also questioned the proposed compensation package, citing the significant increase compared to that of the previous city manager and the need for fiscal responsibility. She advocated delaying the decision to allow all elected representatives to participate and to ensure a more transparent and inclusive process.

In conclusion, Councilor Barnes stated she could not support the candidate under the current circumstances and encouraged consideration of a process that would strengthen public trust.

City Manager Tyson Begly addressed Council following his appointment, expressing appreciation for the confidence placed in him and affirming his commitment to transparent leadership, effective execution, and continued service to the Columbus community.

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Introduction - Mayor's Summer Youth Program. ***RESCHEDULED***

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-021) - 2nd Reading:** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the

amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (as amended on 1st Reading) (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (26-022) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (26-023) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (26-024) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (26-025) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.
6. **Ordinance (26-026) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

(Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

- 7. Ordinance (26-027) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the monthly residential garbage fee, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried by a six to one vote with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Chambers, Cogle, Garrett, Huff voting in favor and Councilor Davis voting in opposition, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: Following the vote, Councilor Davis requested that the record reflect his vote as opposed rather than in favor.*)
- 8. 1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)

(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from Council.)

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Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from Council.)

- 11. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Tucker) **DELAYED**

Frank Walden, Applicant explained that the rezoning request would add approximately 1.29 acres to an existing 1.74-acre GC-zoned parcel approved for a convenience store to accommodate stormwater detention, additional parking, and landscaping improvements.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to delay the ordinance for 30 days on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

- 12. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0956: An Ordinance amending the text of Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for a Mill Redevelopment Zoning District in the Bibb City Area; and for other purposes. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

Planning Director Will Johnson explained that the proposed Bibb City zoning overlay was developed in collaboration with area stakeholders to support revitalization efforts by encouraging desired development patterns, limiting incompatible uses, and establishing tailored development standards. He advised that individual properties seeking inclusion would require separate approval and could be subject to additional conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jennifer Collins, President of the Bibb Village Neighborhood Association

- 13. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for

Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander advised that millage rates remain unchanged and that the first tax installment due date has been extended to October 15 due to delays in assessment notices.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made that maps of the Urban Service Districts be included with future agenda materials and made available to the public. (*Councilor Tucker*)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sicily Terry
- Paul Olson
- Theresa El-Amin
- Alexa Johnson Anderson
- Shontell Roberts

Deputy City Manager Hodge explained that Uptown Columbus contains three Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). She stated that business owners within each district must develop a business improvement plan and obtain approval from either a majority of property owners or owners representing a majority of the property value before the plan can be submitted to Council. She noted that BID participants agree to an additional tax assessment to fund district improvements and operations.

- 15. 1st Reading:** REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading as amended by substitute from 6-2-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

(NOTE: At the request of a Council member, Mayor Henderson called this presentation forward due to the presenter’s prior commitment requiring an early departure. The presentation corresponded with Item CM#15; however, the 1st Reading of this item was considered in its regular order as listed on the City Attorney’s Agenda.)

President/CEO Jeremy Cummings, Columbus Water Works (CWW), approached the rostrum to provide a presentation, reporting that CWW has evaluated Project Ruby and has the capacity to provide water and sewer service, contingent upon approximately \$30 million in developer-funded infrastructure improvements. He noted that, at full buildout, Project Ruby would utilize 35.9% of permitted daily capacity and rank as CWW's fifth-largest customer. Mr. Cummings also reviewed CWW's Industrial Pretreatment Program, adopted in 1983, which regulates and controls sewage discharges.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- A request was made for this presentation to be uploaded with the agenda packet for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting. (*Councilor Tucker*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

6. One-Time Specialized Training Bonus for Muscogee County Sheriff Sworn Officers

(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item #6)

Resolution (140-26): - A resolution to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using red speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

Sheriff Greg Countryman came forward and explained that the specialized training supports specialized units within the Sheriff's Office and noted that using this funding source would avoid creating an ongoing budget obligation.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge clarified that the request was for one-time specialty training bonuses funded through RedSpeed revenues.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA (continued)

ORDINANCE

14. 1st Reading: An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading from 5-26-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

(Note: Due to background noise and disruptions within the Council Chambers during portions of the public comment period, the Clerk of Council and Deputy Clerk of Council may have been unable to clearly hear and accurately record the names of all speakers. As a result, some individuals who addressed the Council may not be listed, or their names may be misspelled in these minutes.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Haley Sergeant
- Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr.

Police Chief Stoney Mathis spoke in support of the proposed curfew ordinance, citing significant reductions in crime since his tenure began. He stated that juvenile-related crime remains a concern in Uptown. He pointed out that curfews have been effective in other jurisdictions and emphasized that the proposal is intended as a temporary measure for the remainder of the summer to help reduce crime and improve public safety in Uptown.

Sergeant Sherman Hayes, CPD, described the curfew as a tool to help officers intervene, return juveniles to their parents, and reduce opportunities for youth to be exposed to unsafe conditions late at night. He emphasized the department's commitment to protecting children and improving public safety.

- Theresa El-Amin
- Shontell Roberts
- Mark Lawrence
- Sicily Terry

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect a city-wide curfew that starts at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Councilor Chambers and opened for further discussion.

Councilor Bruce Huff asked citizen Sicily Terry to restate her suggested enforcement provisions for the proposed curfew ordinance so they could be included in the record. Ms. Terry recommended that a first violation resulted in a warning and parent notification, with fines imposed only after a second violation.

After several minutes of discussion regarding the issue, during which several Council members expressed concerns, Councilor Chambers withdrew his second to the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, causing the motion to die for lack of a second.

- Corie Wilson
- Jennifer Ledenny

Councilor Travis L. Chambers stated for the record that he supports a citywide curfew but expressed concern about the ordinance’s provision allowing fines of up to \$1,000. He highlighted that such penalties could create financial hardship for low-income families and may punish parents more than the youth involved. He encouraged consideration of alternative measures.

- Dr. Natalie Nicole
- Carolyn Weinbomb
- Elijah Crawford
- Deborah Dorsenkowski
- Kabalio Warren Turner, Sr.
- Elijah Crawford

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. Summer Youth Programming - Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation

(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item #10“C”)

Director Holli Browder, Parks & Recreation, presented a summary of summer activities available to youth and families throughout the community and highlighted programs offered by local organizations. She stated information on these opportunities would be available on the City's website and social media platforms.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA (continued)

ORDINANCE

15. 1st Reading: REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments

of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading as amended by substitute from 6-2-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem) – **AMENDED**

(NOTE: A presentation associated with this item from Columbus Water Works was called forward earlier in the meeting, following CA #13, due to the presenter’s prior commitment and need for an early departure. No action was taken at that time; consideration of this item occurred during this portion of the meeting.)

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paul Olson
- Cecily Terry
- Joshua Ferguson
- Gregory Foster
- Dalia Collins
- Theresa El-Amin
- Ashley Washington
- Darlene Laird
- Dr. Marvin Broadwater Sr.
- Dan Vege
- Rick Rivera
- Ashley Decency
- Bob Haven
- Carol Woolbright

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the ordinance by increasing the minimum buffer requirements to 500 feet and adding verbiage listed as Protection III – The Right to Clean Water as outlined in document provided, “No data center in Columbus shall use any cooling fluid containing, PFAS, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, or any compound on the EPA’s PFAS list of concern”, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

- Natalie Nicole
- Carolyn Weinbomb
- Alexa Johnson Anderson
- Christine Difeliciantonio
- Hannah Sheffield

- Mark Woodall
- Alicia Heracord
- Pat Stephens
- Ernie Washington
- Sandra Turner

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance by reducing the non-compliance period to 15 days, prohibiting diesel generators, aligning with industry standards and best practices by requiring Tier 4 (or Tier 2 with SCR) generators with SCR for natural gas turbines, and specifically outlining decibel testing as a requirement, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron, Re: Neighborhood Pride & Code Enforcement. *Canceled*
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: What he said! *Not Present*
3. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Selective Curfew vs City-Wide Curfew.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Moratorium on Data Centers & Employee Pensions. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)
5. Mr. Robert Haven, Re: Proposed Overlay District Deficiencies. Remedy Proposal – “*The People's Overlay*”.
6. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing Columbus Liberty District, Inc. & Prince Hall Masons, Re: The Liberty District, Inc. Officer Introductions, MOU with the City of Columbus, and the Prince Hall Building. *Canceled*
7. Mrs. Stacie Mailey, Re: Technology Overlay & Community Impact. *Not Present*
8. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Provisions of Heir Property (*2928 10th Street*).

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

1. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & MercyMed of Columbus

Resolution (141-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the memorandum of agreement related to mobile Integrated Healthcare mental health services jointly

provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

2. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS, CPD & Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

Resolution (142-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the memorandum of agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare mental health services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

3. CFEMS Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover (2025)

Resolution (143-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to approve the 2025 Community Risk Reduction/Standard of Cover document provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

4. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Yamaha Golf Carts

Resolution (144-26): - A resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month lease period in a total amount of \$502,646.48 to obtain equipment to be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

5. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Cushman Hauler Elite Utility Vehicles

Resolution (145-26): - A resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance over a 60 - month lease period in a total amount of \$130,087.80 to obtain equipment to be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution,

seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

6. One-Time Specialized Training Bonus for Muscogee County Sheriff Sworn Officers

(NOTE: This item was called forward and approved during the Mayor's Agenda.)

7. FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant - Fire & EMS

Resolution (146-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program in the amount of \$269,523.80, or as otherwise awarded, to support Columbus Fire and EMS community risk reduction initiatives, including equipment, training, risk reduction program and public education materials, with a required 5% matching contribution of \$13,476.20. The multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

8. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Resolution (147-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant for the purchase of a package of rescue equipment and support resources to support the Fire-Ems Department's GSAR Team for \$199,424.35, or as otherwise awarded, from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant program with 10% matching funds required. The multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

9. PURCHASES

A. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap - RFB NO. 26-0035

Resolution (148-26): - IT is requested that Council rescind Resolution no. 117-26 which authorized the award for used & confiscated firearms for credit or swap to Pro Law Enforcement (Prescott, Az); and authorize award to Proforce Marketing, Inc. D/b/a/ Proforce Law Enforcement (Prescott, Az) for used & confiscated firearms for credit or swap of three hundred twenty-six (326) used and confiscated firearms from the Columbus Police Department for fifteen (15) Heckler & Koch MRA4 MR556 A4 SBR and accessories. There will be no cost to the city for the swap of the firearms. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and

carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

B. Contract Extension for Pavement Marking Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0048

Resolution (149-26): - A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC (Columbus, GA) through November 8, 2026, to provide pavement marking services on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

C. Contract Extension for Maintenance Services for Security Locking Systems/Door Hinges (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0058

Resolution (150-26): - A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract with Unique Security, Inc. (Montgomery, AL) through December 31, 2026, to provide maintenance services related to security locking systems and door hinges at the Muscogee County Jail on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

D. Two (2) Ford F-150 K9 Units for the Sheriff’s Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (151-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford F-150 K9 Units, for the Sheriff’s Office, from Smyrna-F LLC, d/b/a/ Wade Ford (Smyrna, Georgia) at a unit price of \$70,075.00, and a total cost of \$140,150.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

E. Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff’s Office – Florida Sheriff’s Association Cooperative Purchasing Program

Resolution (152-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes, for the Sheriff’s Office, from Stingray Chevrolet (Plant City, FL) at a unit price of \$75,000.00 and a total cost of \$150,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #FSA-HCS-AVP1.0. Mayor Pro Tem Allen

made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Post Legislative Update - Representative Carolyn Hugley, Minority Leader

(NOTE: This item was called forward and approved during the Mayor's Agenda.)

B. Advanced Air Mobility – Andy Hilmes, EVP Choose Columbus

Brig Gen (Ret) Andy Hilmes, Executive Vice President of Strategy – Choose Columbus, approached the rostrum to provide an overview of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), an emerging transportation system utilizing electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircrafts to transport people and cargo. He highlighted potential benefits including improved emergency response, expanded transportation access, economic development opportunities, stronger rural-urban connectivity, and enhanced airport infrastructure utilization.

The presentation noted growing federal and state support for AAM, with commercial operations expected to begin in the United States this year and significant industry investment occurring in Georgia.

Executive VP Helms also discussed steps Columbus is taking to prepare for AAM, including the establishment of a local working group to address planning, zoning, infrastructure, safety, and land-use considerations.

A request was made for Council's support of Columbus's participation in the emerging AAM network and for consideration of allocating \$2.2 million in the FY27 Transportation Infrastructure Budget. Approval of this funding would allow for the construction of an electric aircraft charging station and a vertiport at the Columbus Airport. Upon completion, the airport would operate and maintain both facilities.

C. Summer Youth Programming - Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation

(NOTE: This item was called forward and approved during the City Attorney's Agenda.)

D. Facilities Maintenance FY26 Budget Update – Allen Minton, Interim Facilities Maintenance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum and explained that, pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-039, the Facilities Maintenance Department is requesting an additional appropriation of \$450,000 for their FY-2026 Budget to cover utility and contractor service costs. She also noted an additional request to utilize salary savings to cover projected budget overages.

Interim Facilities Maintenance Director Allen Minton shared insight regarding the unexpected increase in utility and contractor service costs, explaining that the higher expenses are associated with the addition of property buildings and the resulting increase in maintenance and operational demands.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.

E. Records Court FY26 Budget Update - Clautretta Williams, Chief Clerk of Records Court

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-039, Records Court is requesting authorization to utilize salary savings in the amount of \$33,000 for their FY-2026 Budget to cover operating costs associated with interpreter services.

Chief Records Court Clerk Clautretta Williams shared information regarding the unanticipated increase in the need for interpreter services for individuals charged with driving without a state-issued driver's license. She explained that there has been an influx of such cases and that providing interpreter services is required. She further noted that, beginning in April, Judge Raneri implemented an order allowing individuals charged solely with driving without a state-issued driver's license to pay the applicable fine prior to their court date without appearing in Recorder's Court, as the violation does not impact their driver's license. She stated that this measure is expected to help mitigate future interpreter service costs.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resolution (153-26):** A Resolution excusing Councilor Charmaine Crabb from the June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Airport Commission 04-28-26

Board of Tax Assessors #20-26

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 04-26-26

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

ADD-ON ITEM: Request from the Clerk of Council to declare the seat of Tyson Begly on the Audit Committee as vacant due to his recent appointment as City Manager. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Anker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Crabb 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 vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expires on June 30, 2026. (*Mayor's Appointment*) There were none.

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expires on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Nominee*). There were none.

4. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Uptown Business Association*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

5. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore shared the Animal Control Advisory plans to submit recommendations on the board composition to the Assistant City Attorney soon.

C. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Courtney Johnson (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 29, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Pat Frey.

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore shared the recommendations of (1) Jerry Speakman, (2) Robbie Branscomb, and (3) Odanive Martin, submitted by the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to fill the vacant seat. Councilor Barnes nominated Zach Lee.

G. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

I. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Janet C. Bussey (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting and the time being 6:06 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading: REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Barnes)

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 **2458 and 2464 Martha’s Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) 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 Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

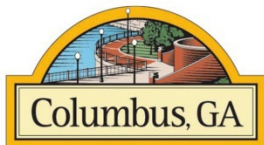
“All those lots, tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as ALL OF LOTS 300 & 301, as said lots are shown on a map or plat entitled "REPLAT FORK TOWN REALTORS INC, LOTS 132 & 232, MAGNOLIA CREST SUBDIVISION, LYING IN LAND LOT 30, 8TH DISTRICT, COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA", made by Hobbs, Smith & Assoc., Inc. dated June 19, 2020, and recorded in Plat Book 166, Page 165, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee, Georgia, to which reference is made for the specific location and dimensions of said lots.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-03-26-0652

Applicant:	Divine Investment LLC
Owner:	Divine Investment LLC
Location:	2458 & 2464 Martha;s Loop
Parcel:	085-054-017A/026
Acreage:	0.30/0.23 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily - 2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 4
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 1
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant

Future Land Use Designation: Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Single Family Residential 2
South	Single Family Residential 2
East	Single Family Residential 2
West	Residential Office

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: N/A

Attitude of Property Owners: **Fifteen (15)** 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.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Additional Information: Replat to create three single family lots

Attachments:

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- Flood Map
- Conceptual Plan



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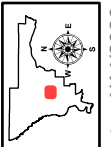
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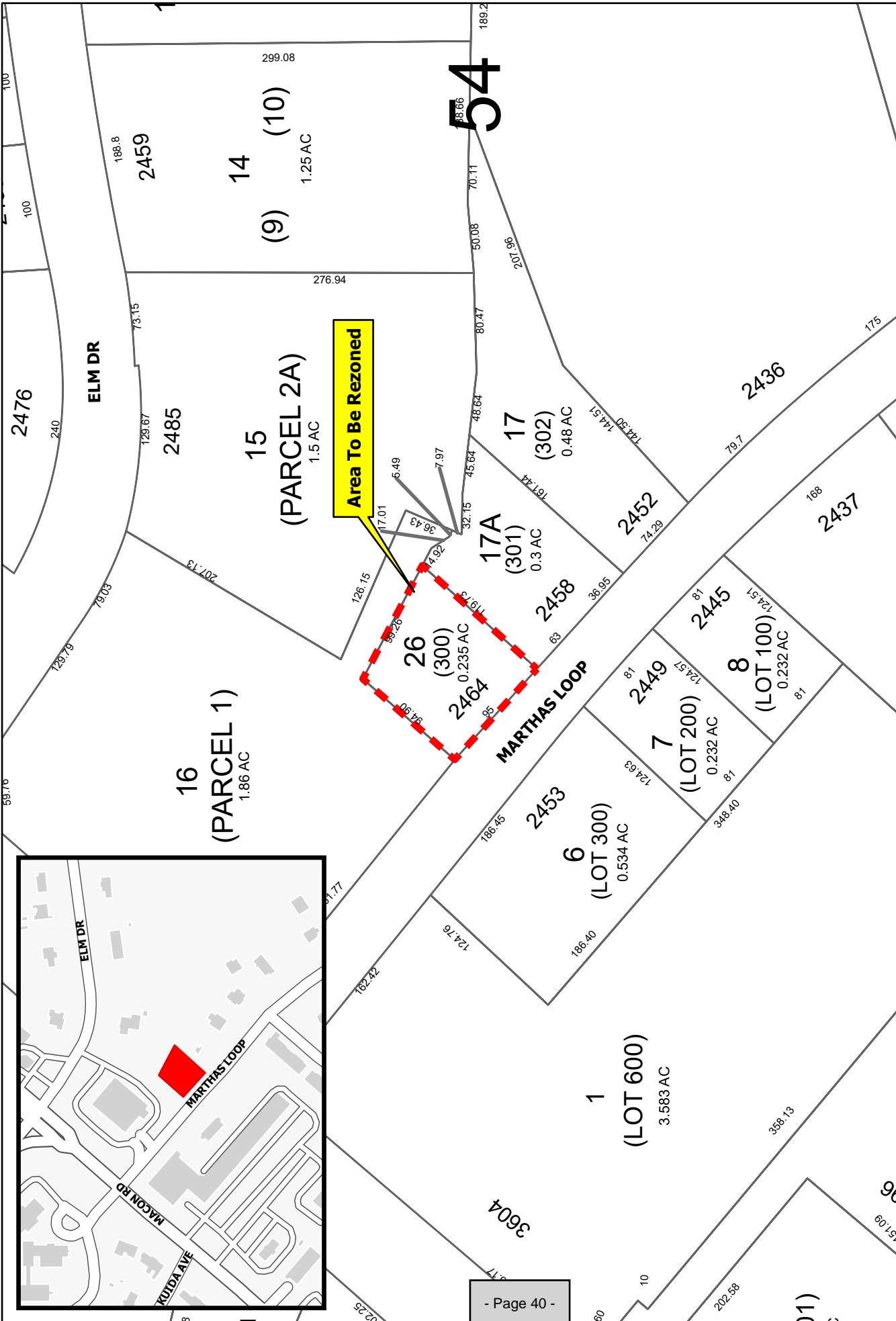
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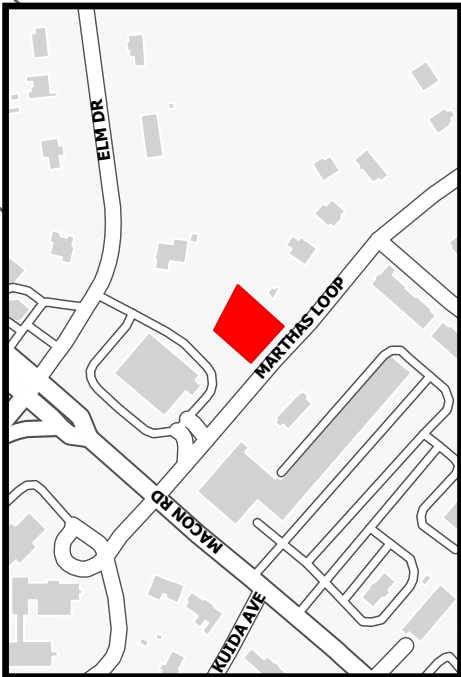
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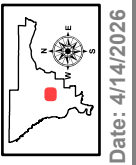
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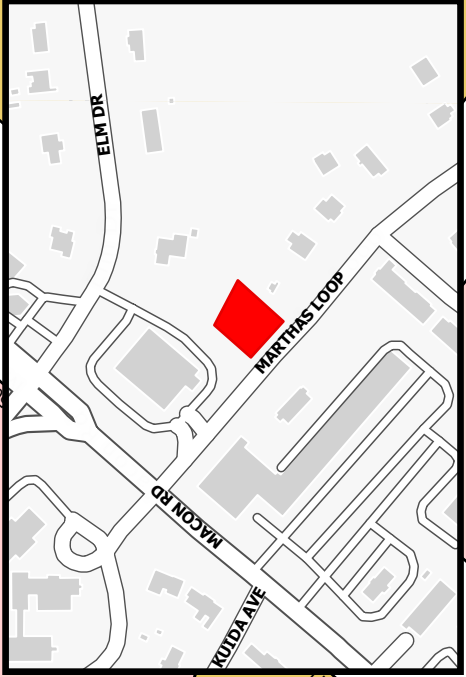
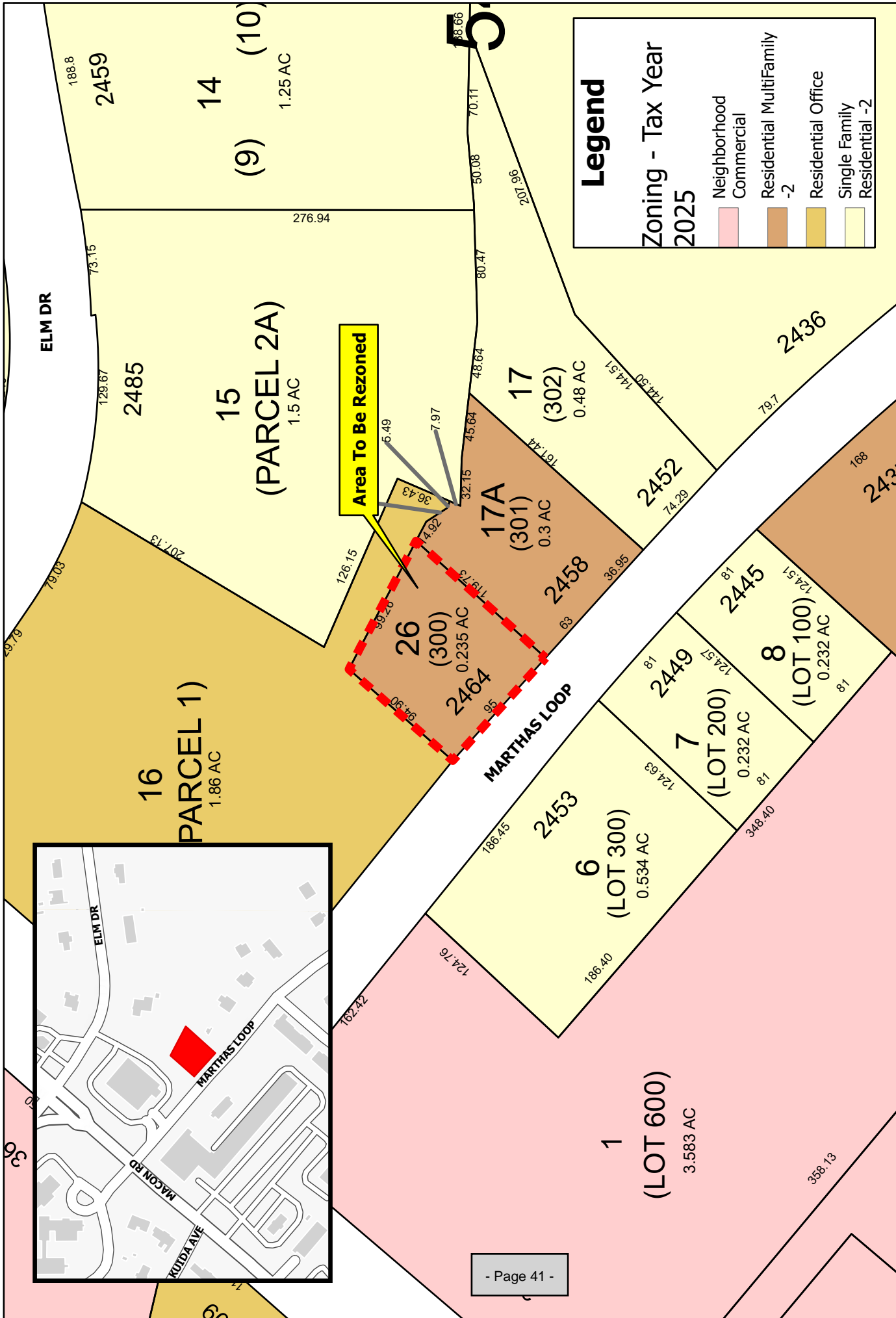


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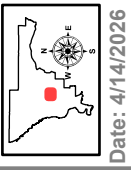
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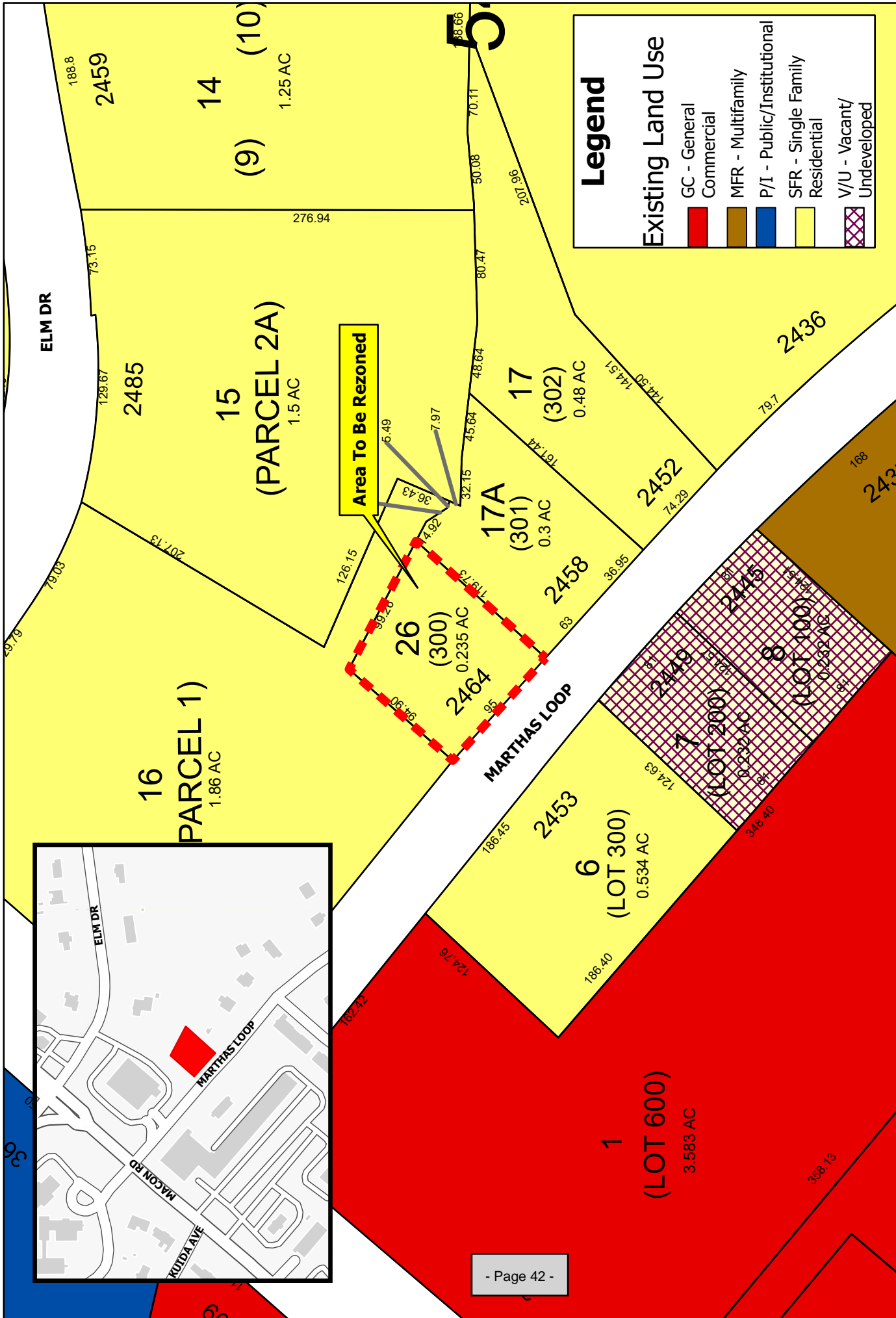
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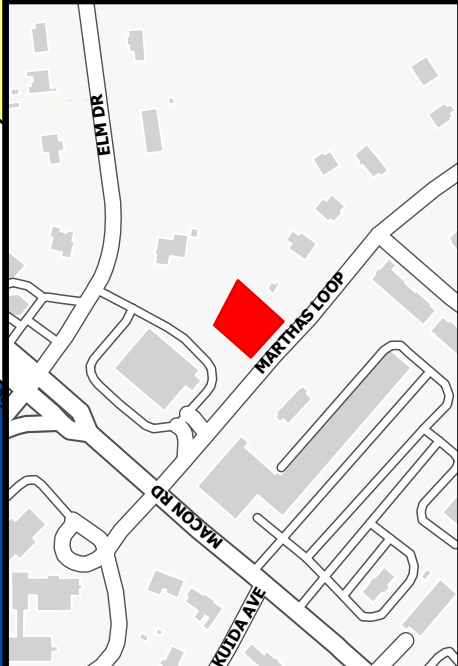
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Existing Land Use

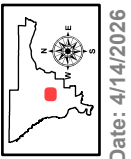
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- P/I - Public/Institutional
- SFR - Single Family Residential
- V/U - Vacant/Undeveloped

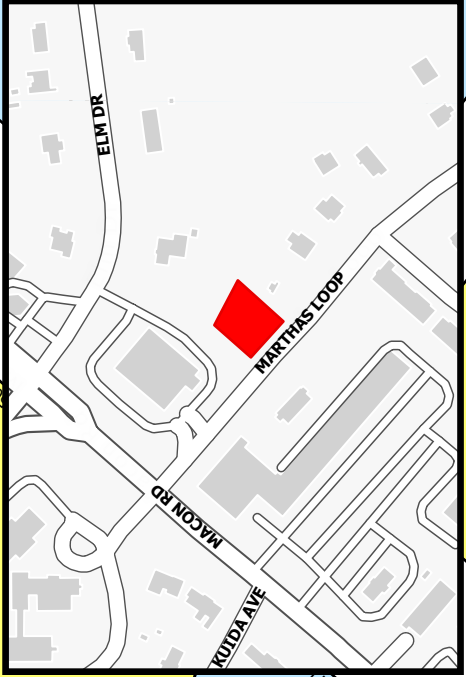
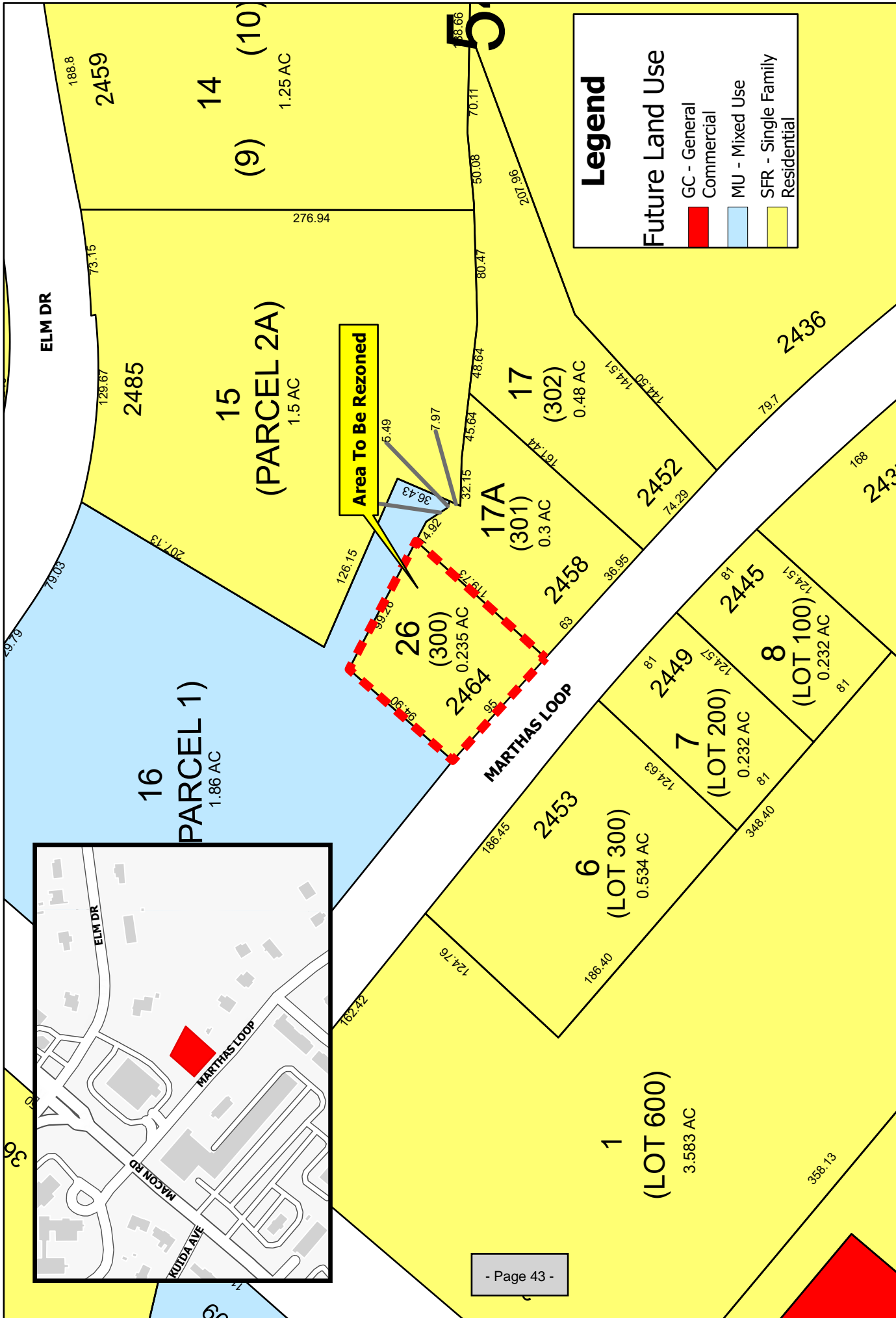


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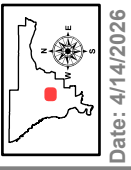


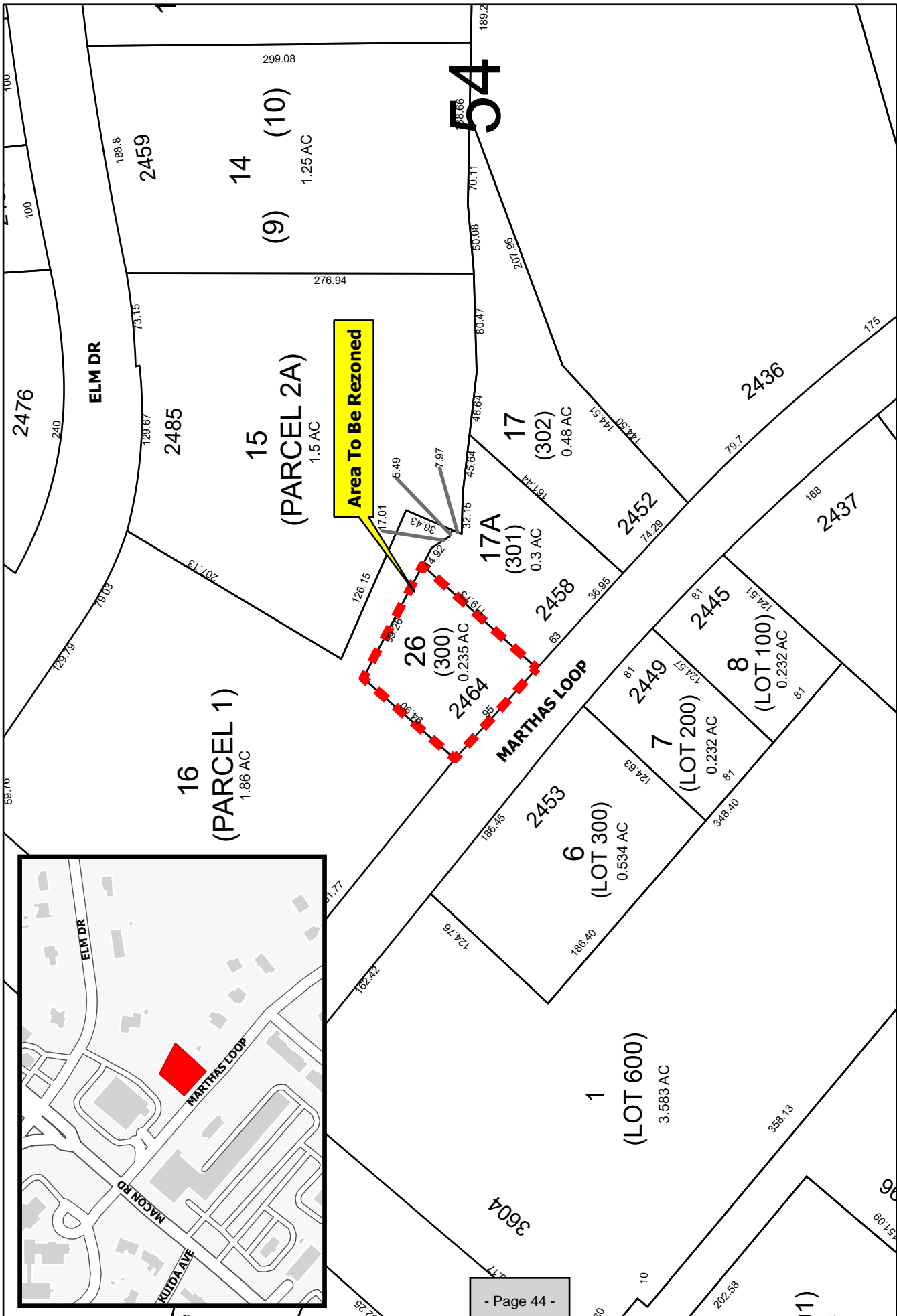


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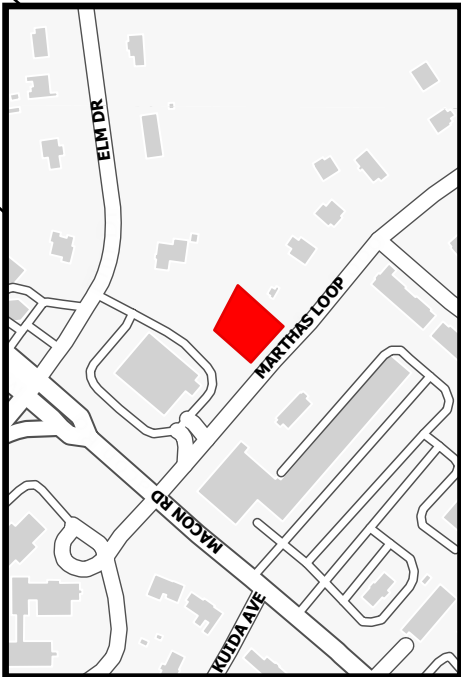
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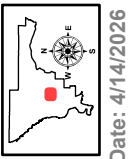
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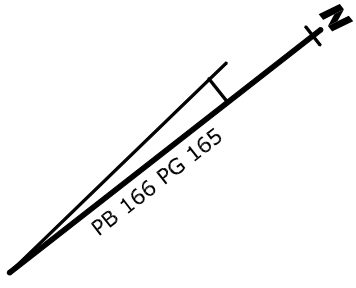
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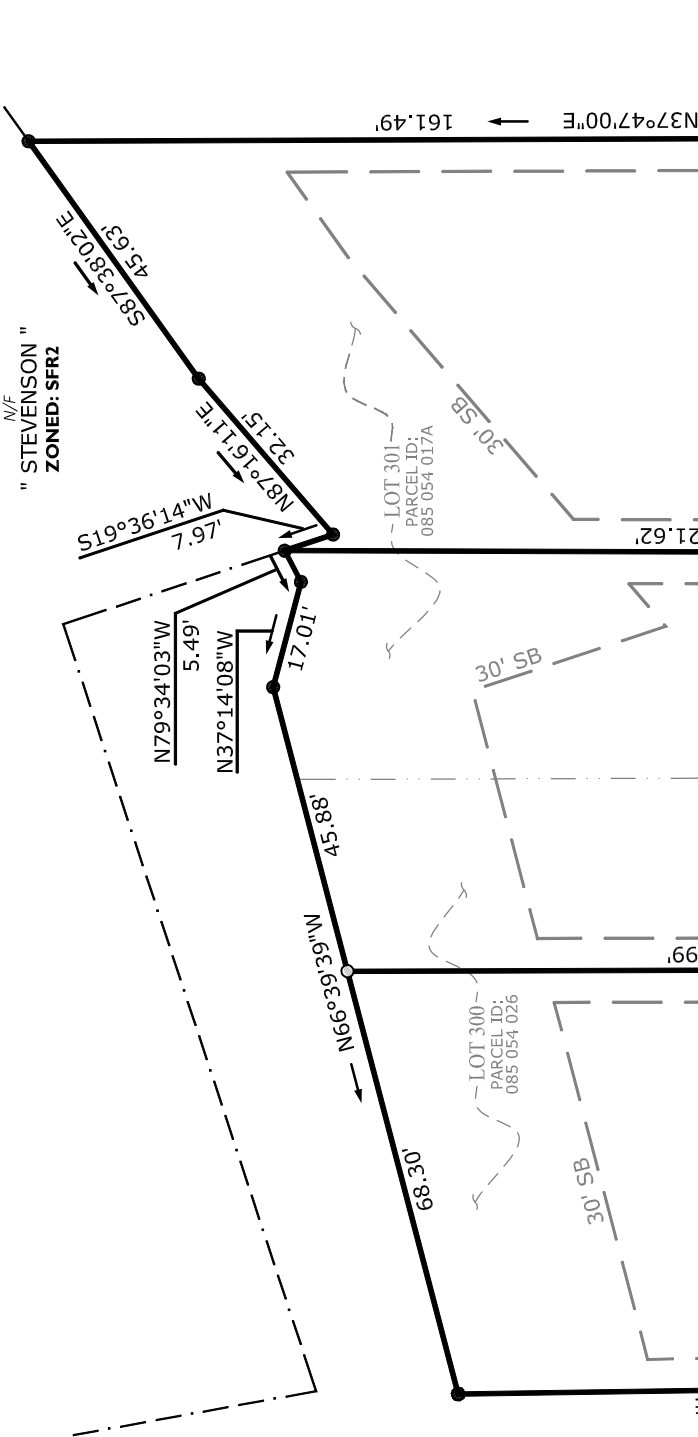
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Macon Road

Martha's Loop

(ROW VARIES)

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ZONED: SFR2



PARCEL 1
N/E
" DJM NNN I LLC "
ZONED: RO

LOT 302
N/E
" SUTTON "
ZONED: SFR2

PROPOSED
LOT 300A
0.16 AC±
6,787 SF±

PROPOSED
LOT 300B
0.18 AC±
7,765 SF±

PROPOSED
LOT 301A
0.20 AC±
8,898 SF±

LOT 300
PARCEL ID:
085 054 026

LOT 301
PARCEL ID:
085 054 017A

OWNER OF RECORD:
DIVINE INVESTMENT, LLC
6053 Veterans Parkway
Suite 200
Columbus, GA, 31909

- LEGEND:**
- PROPERTY CORNER
 - PROPOSED CORNER
 - △— CALCULATED POINT
 - |— RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
 - |— PROPERTY LINE
 - |— PREVIOUS PROPERTY LINE
 - |— ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE
 - (SB) SETBACK LINE

- NOTES:**
1. PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ARE PER RECORD INFORMATION ONLY.
 2. NO PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE (CITY OF COLUMBUS-MUSCOGEE CO., GA FIRM MAP # 1351580048F, EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/5/2007).

- REZONE INFORMATION:**
1. CURRENTLY ZONED:
RMF2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY-2)
 2. PROPOSED ZONE:
SFR4 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-4)
- REGULATIONS:
SETBACKS: FRONT: 20', SIDE: 5', REAR: 30'
MIN. SIZE: 6,000 S.F.
MIN. WIDTH: 50'
MAX. BLDG HEIGHT: 35'

REZONE PLAT	
2464 & 2458 MARTHA'S LOOP	
LOT 300 & LOT 301, REPLAT OF MAGNOLIA CREST SUBDIVISION, LYING IN LAND LOT 30, 8TH LAND DISTRICT, COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA	
PREPARED FOR: Jermaine Morgan	
DATE: APRIL 6, 2026	PARCEL ID(S): 085 054 026 & 054 017A
	DRAWN BY: BH

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-26-0737: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **715 and 723 Apex Road** (parcel # 014-005-004/011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District with a condition. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(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 General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District with a condition.

“Parcel 1:

All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and being known as all of LOT 500, 0.091 AC., as said lot is shown upon a map or plat entitled "Replat of Lots 85, 86, 87 & 88 and Part of Lots 78 & 79, Block "I", Northside, Lying In Land Lot 73, 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia", prepared by Moon, Meeks, Mason & Vinson, Inc., dated March 28, 1996, recorded in Plat Book 130, Folio 91, of the records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the real property herein described.

Said property is presently assigned street address of 719 Apex Road, Columbus, Georgia 31904 according to the present system of assigning street addresses in Muscogee County, Georgia.

Muscogee County Tax Parcel: 014-005-006.

Parcel 2:

All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and being known as all of LOT 501, 0.088 AC., as said lot is shown upon a map or plat entitled "Replat of Lots 85, 86, 87 & 88 and Part of Lots 78 & 79, Block "I", Northside, Lying In Land Lot 73, 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia", prepared by Moon, Meeks, Mason & Vinson, Inc., dated March 28, 1996, recorded in Plat Book 130, Folio 91, of the records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the real property herein described.

Said property is presently assigned street address of 723 Apex Road, Columbus, Georgia 31904 according to the present system of assigning street addresses in Muscogee County, Georgia.

Muscogee County Tax Parcel: 014-005-011.”

Section 2.

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

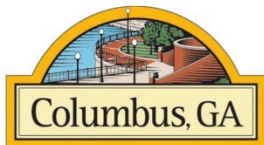
1. Minimum lot size of 3,200 square feet.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



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 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-26-0737

Applicant:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Owner:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Location:	715 & 723 Apex Road
Parcel:	0014-005-004/011
Acreage:	0.11/0.09 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Proposed Conditions:	1. Allow a minimum lot size of 3,500 square feet
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 8
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent

Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation:

Single Family Residential

Future Land Use Designation:

Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:

Yes

Environmental Impacts:

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.

City Services:

Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering:

This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

North
South
East
West

Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
PMUD
General Commercial (GC)
General Commercial (GC)

Reasonableness of Request:

The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact:

N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners:

Forty Eight 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.

Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

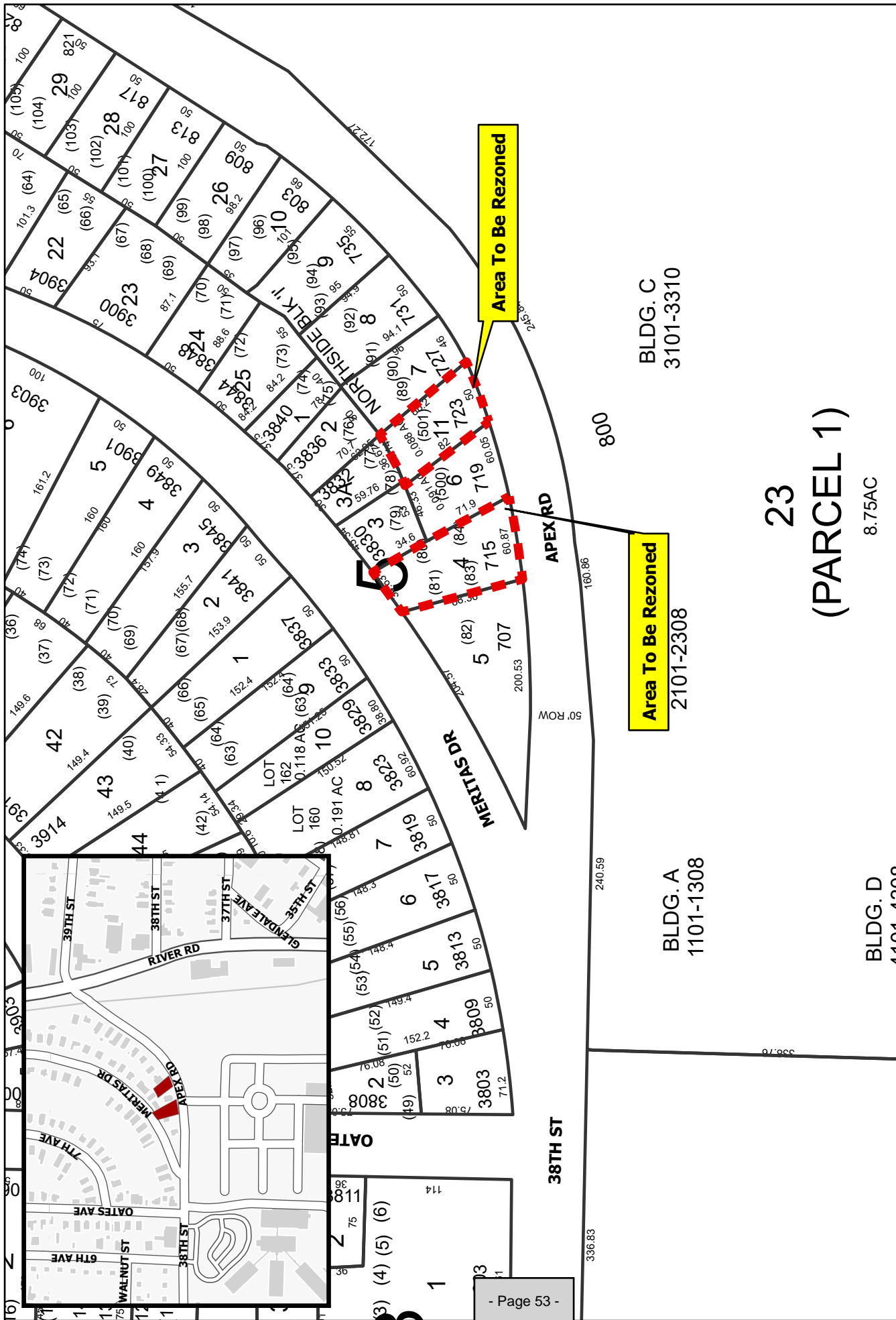
Additional Information:

Purpose is to develop as single family residential

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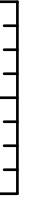




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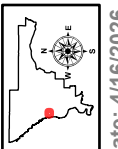
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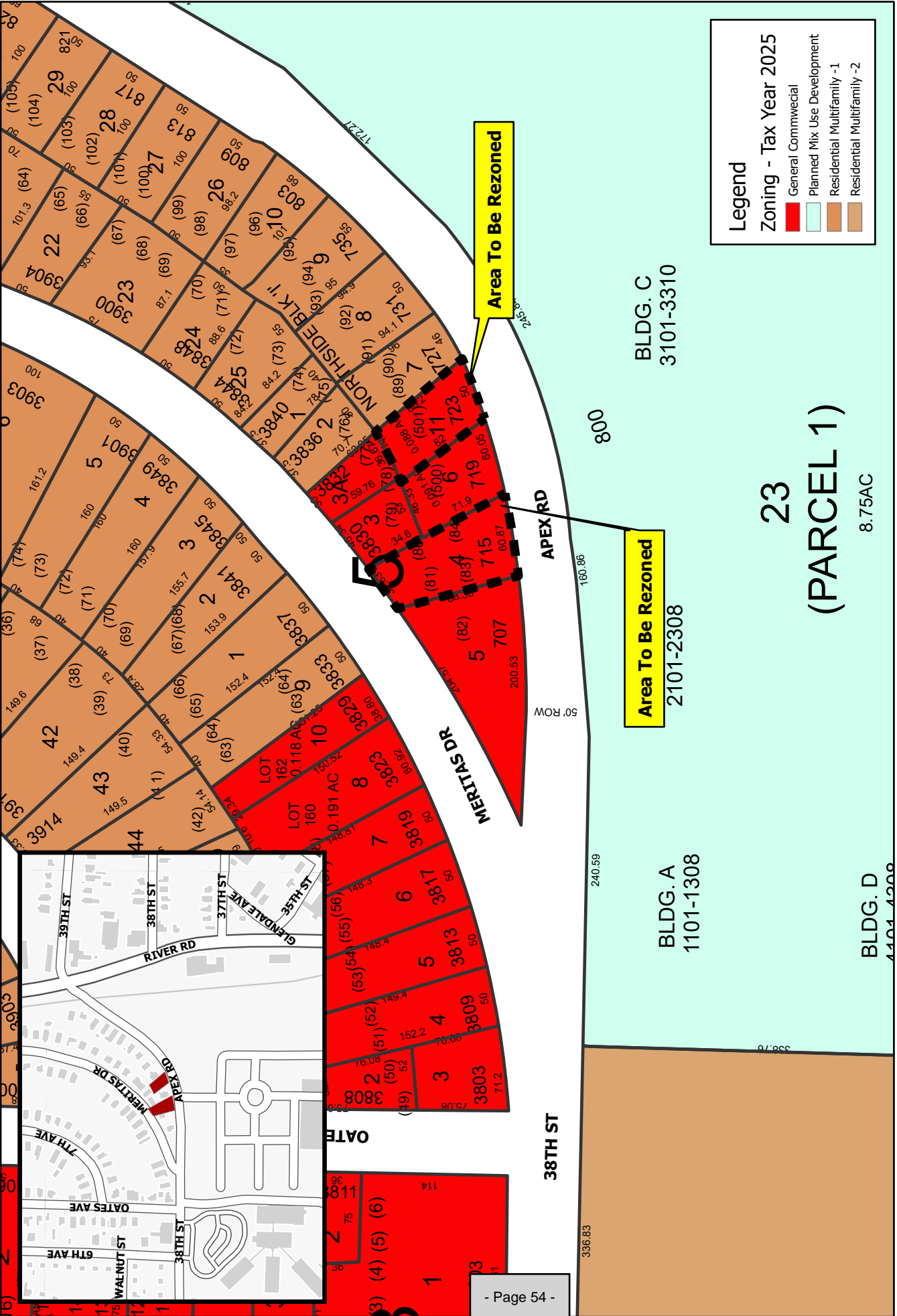
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Zoning - Tax Year 2025

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- Residential Multifamily - 2



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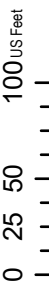
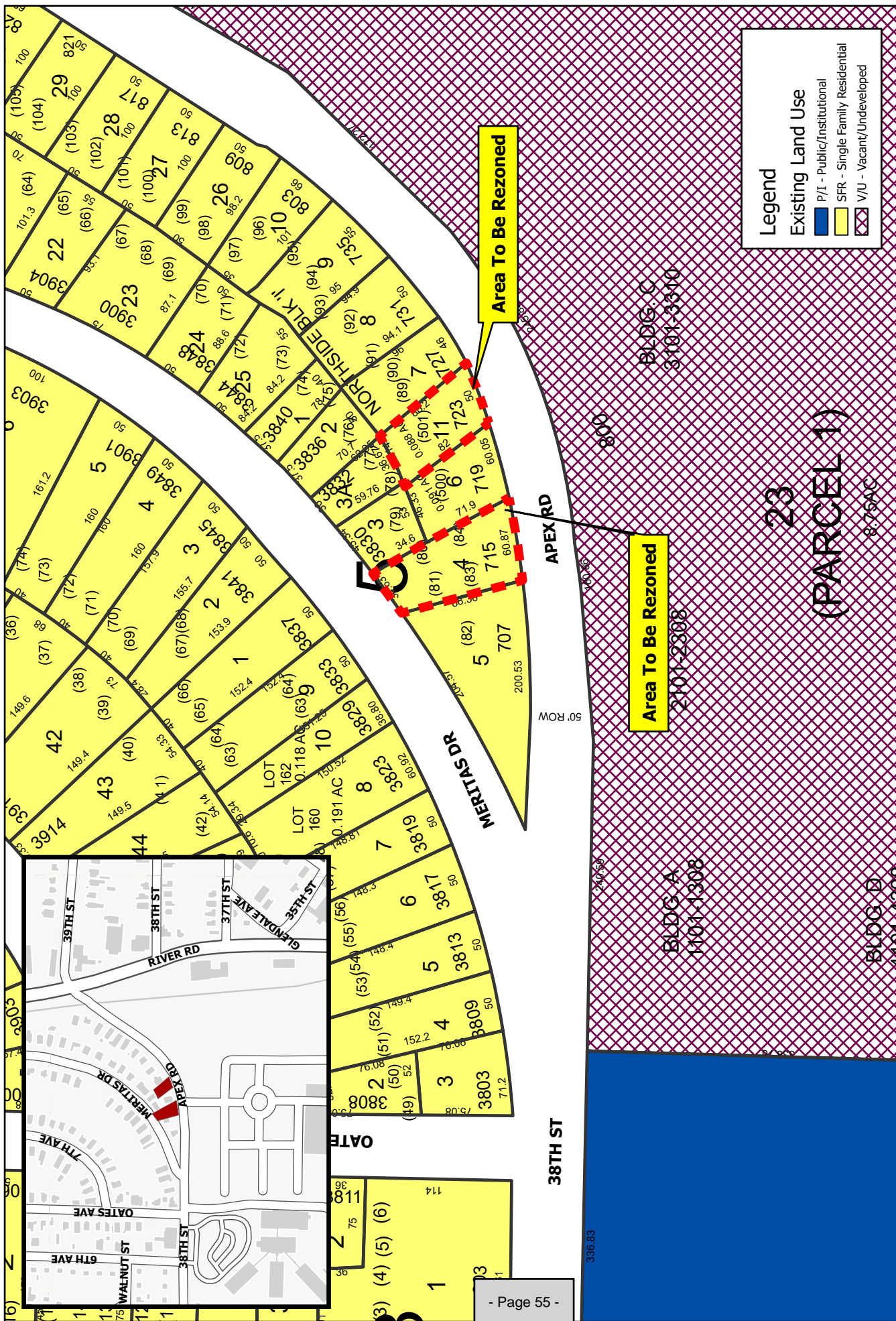
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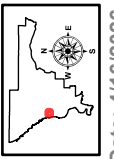


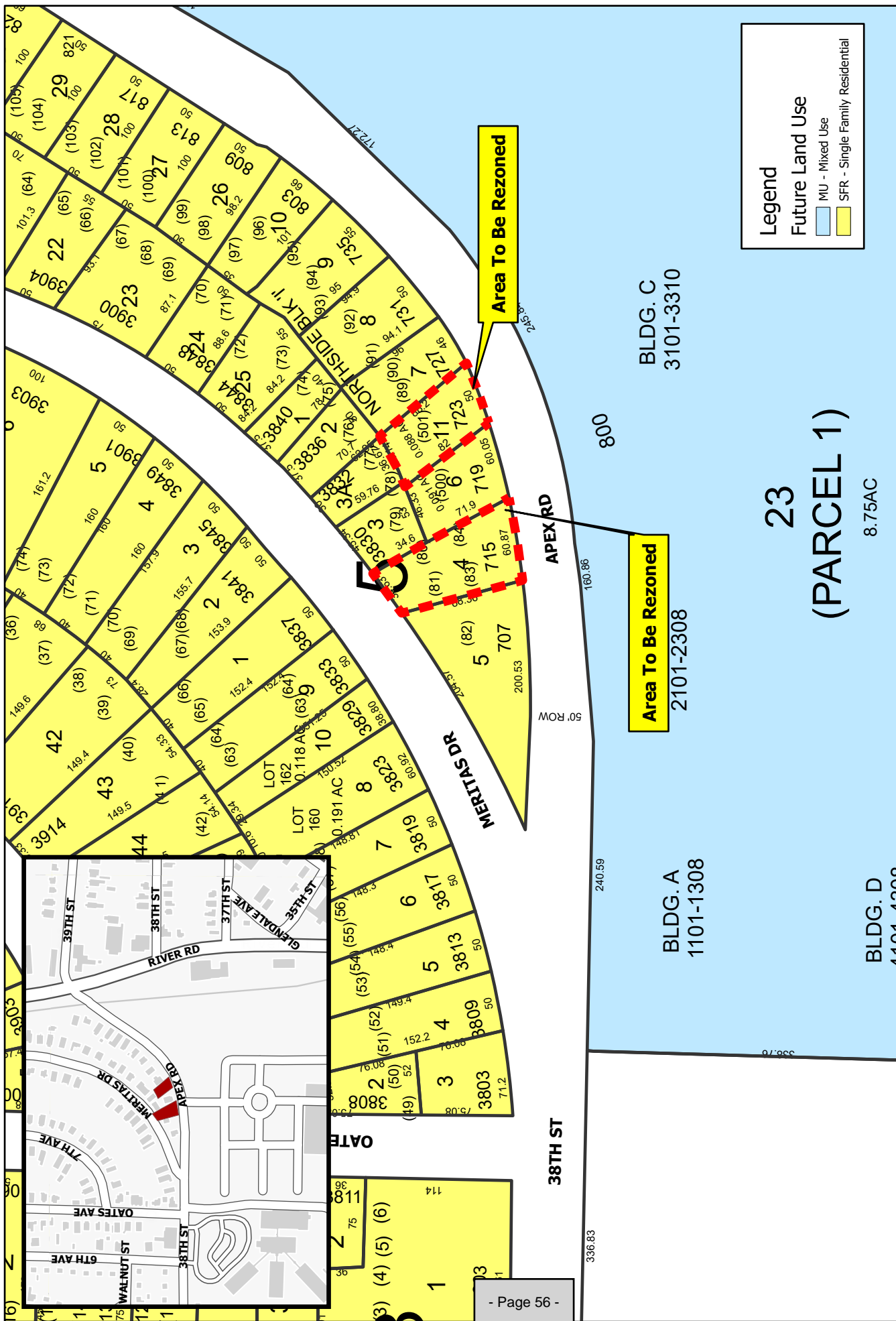
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 SFR - Single Family Residential



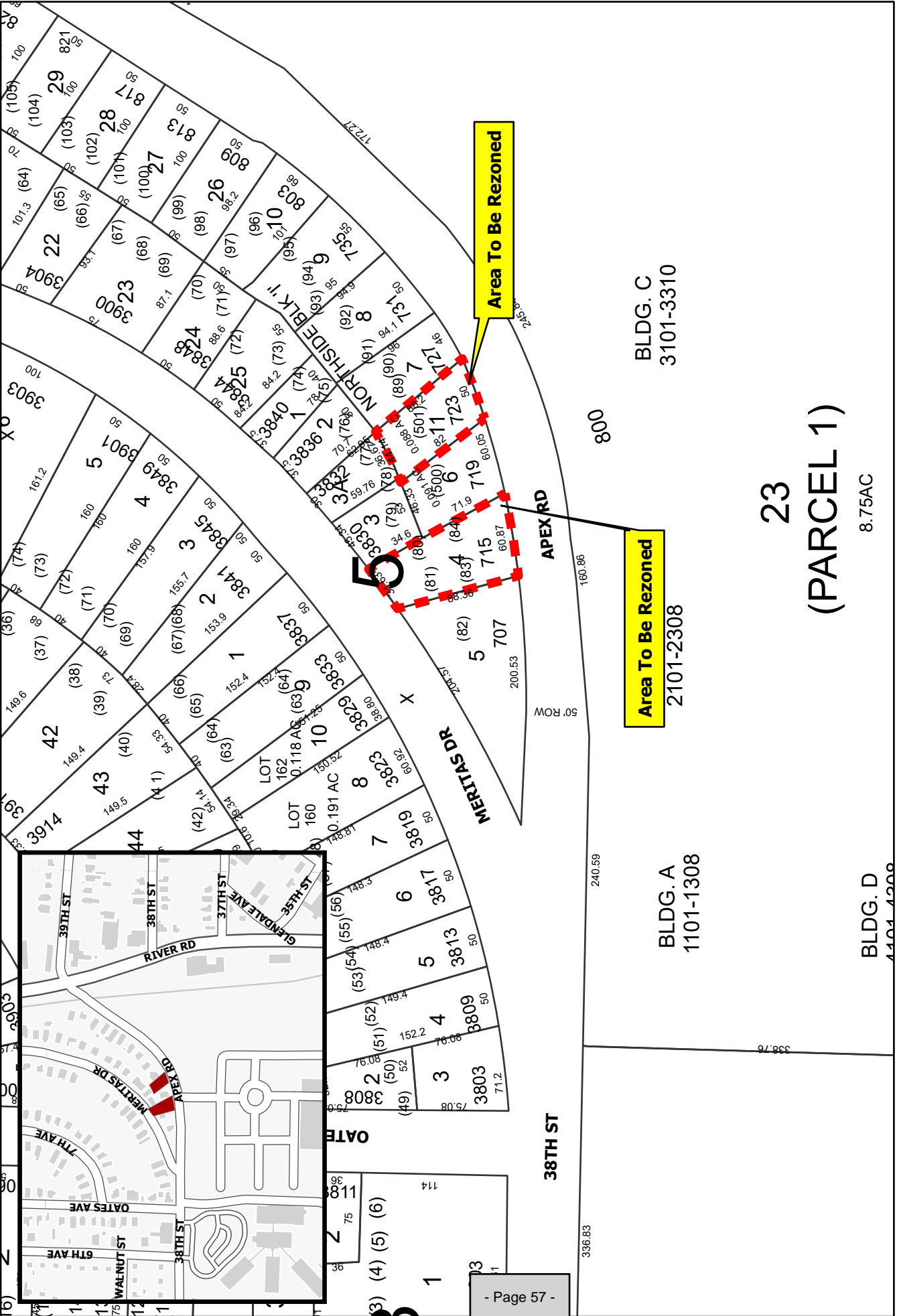
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907Z GA HWY 85
WAVERLY HALL, GA 31831
706-325-0971

A NEW RESIDENCE FOR:
SUPREME SERVICES
715 APEX ROAD
COLUMBUS GA 31904

SITE PLAN

DRAWN BY: WCF/MFS

ISSUED DATE: 03/20/2026

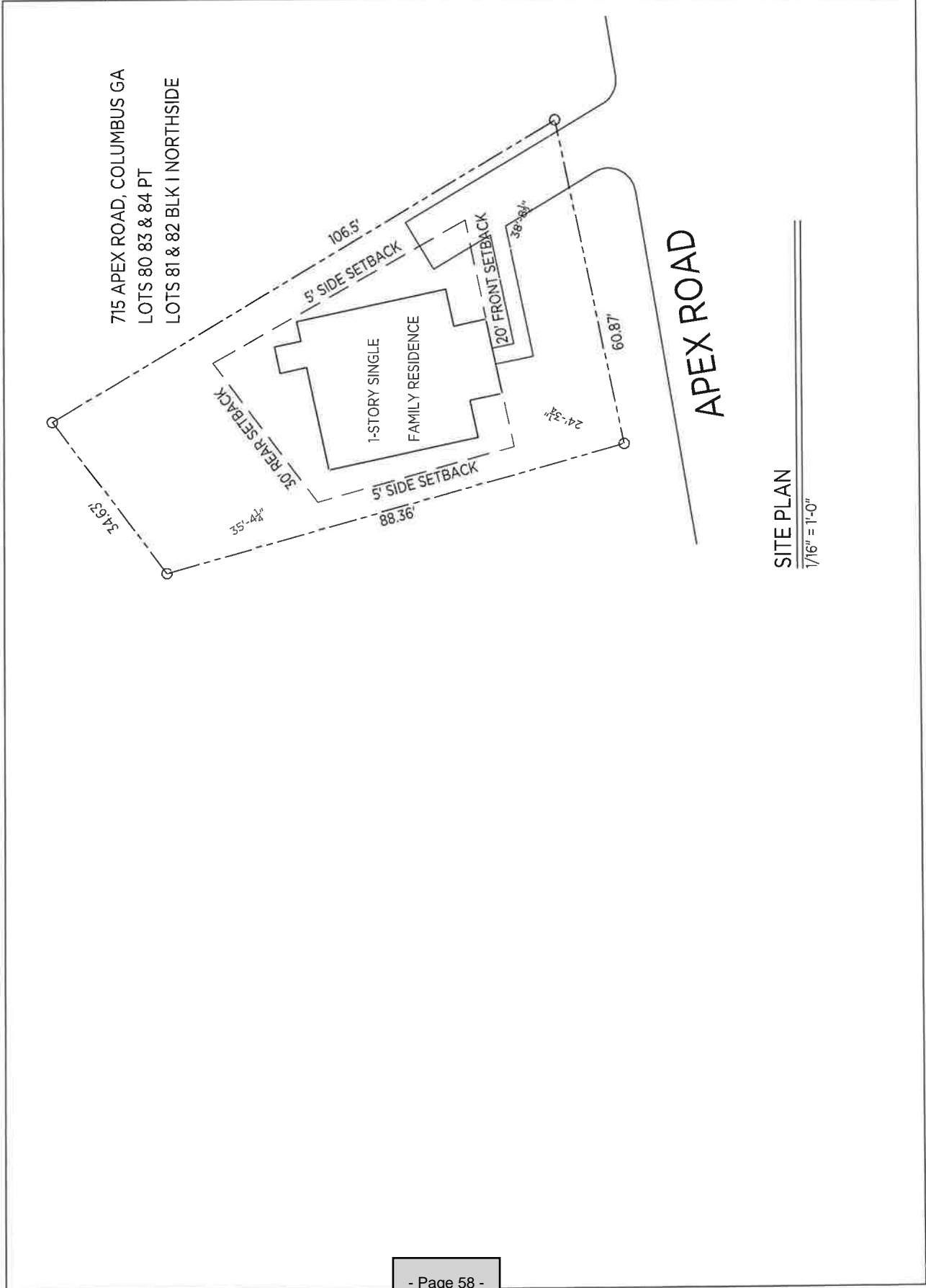
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**EXTERIOR
ELEVATIONS**

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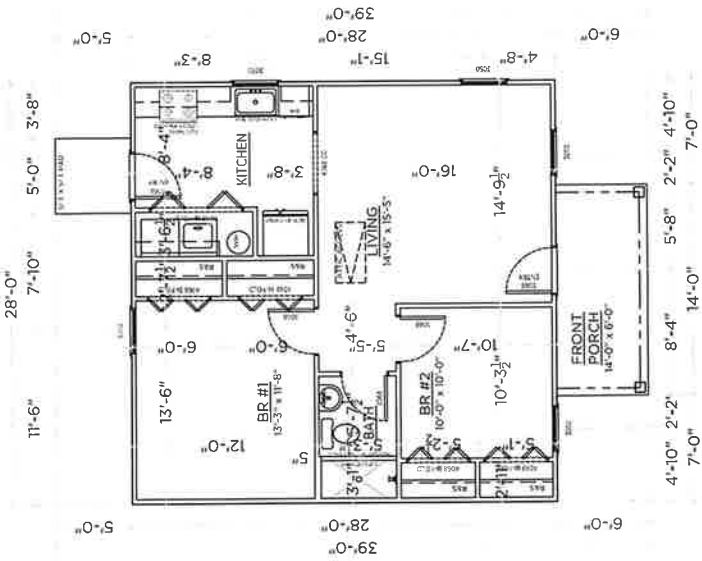
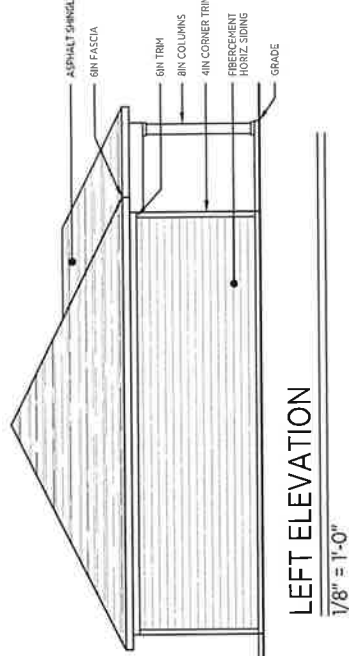
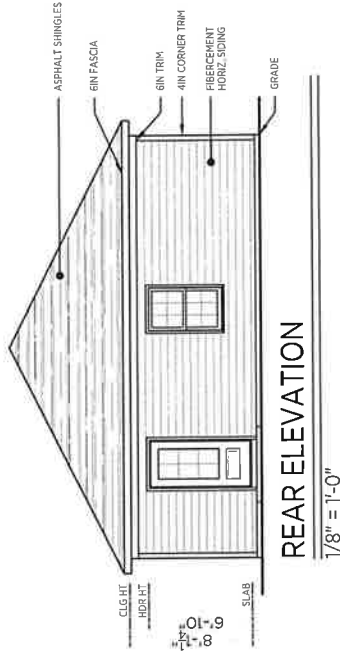
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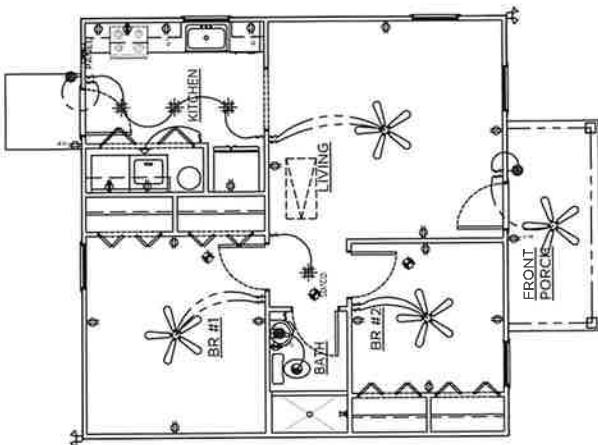
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48	6" COLUMNS	1	ea
49	4" CORNER TRIM	1	lin ft
50	FIBERCEMENT HORIZ. SIDING	1	sq ft

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WAVERLY HALL, GA 31831
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A NEW RESIDENCE FOR:
SUPREME SERVICES
723 APEX ROAD
COLUMBUS GA 31904

SITE PLAN

DRAWN BY: WCF/MFB

ISSUED DATE: 03/20/2026

ISSUED DATE: 03/26/2026

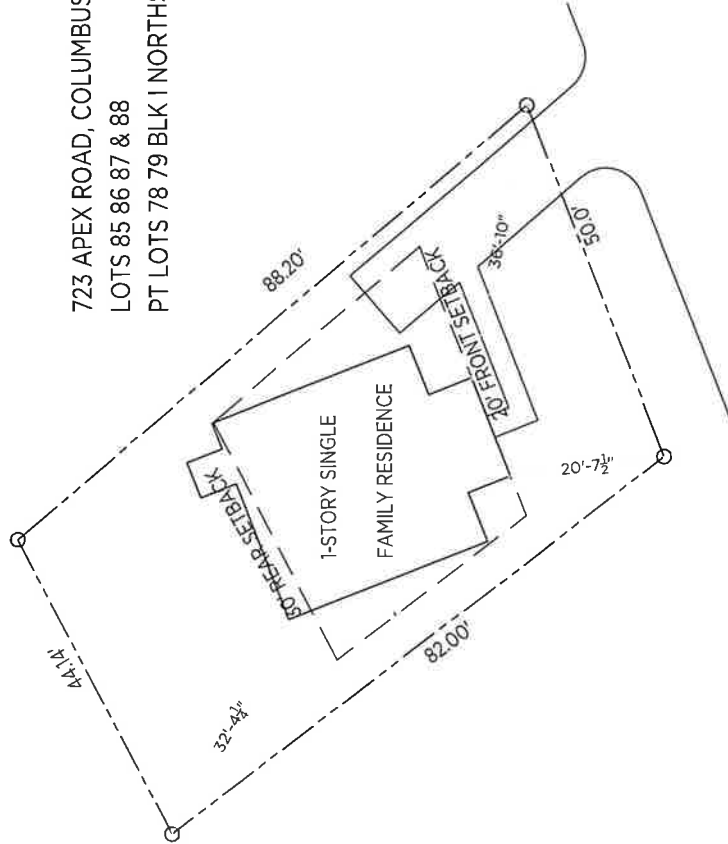
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723 APEX ROAD, COLUMBUS GA
LOTS 85 86 87 & 88
PT LOTS 78 79 BLK I NORTHSIDE



SITE PLAN

1/16" = 1'-0"

File Attachments for Item:

3. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-26-0738: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5227 13th Avenue** (parcel # 033-011-008) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (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 **5227 13th Avenue** (parcel # 033-011-008) from General Commercial (GC) 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 General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District.

“That certain parcel of land located, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being part of Lots Numbered NINE (9) and TEN (10), Block Lettered "L," BEALLWOOD SUBDIVISION, as shown by a map of Beallwood Heights of record in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, in Deed Book "WW," Folio 296, and being more particularly described as follows:

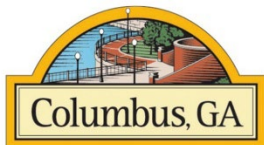
Commencing at the intersection of the West margin of 13th Avenue and the South margin of Alexander Street; thence run South 62.6 feet; thence run West through said lots numbered 9 and 10, Block lettered "L," to the East margin of a FIFTEEN (15) foot alley as a point 45 feet to the South margin of Alexander Street, thence East along the South margin of Alexander Street to the beginning point.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-26-0738

Applicant: Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks
Columbus

Owner: Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks
Columbus

Location: 5227 13th Avenue

Parcel: 033-011-008

Acreage: 0.17 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: General Commercial

Proposed Zoning Classification: Residential Multifamily – 1

Current Use of Property: Vacant

Proposed Use of Property: Single Family Residential

Council District: District 8

PAC Recommendation: **Approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.

Planning Department Recommendation: **Approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses.

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Consistent
Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation: Vacant

Future Land Use Designation: Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI)
South	General Commercial
East	General Commercial
West	General Commercial

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI/GC zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: **Twenty Five** 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.

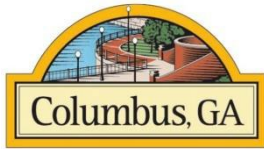
Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

Proposal to develop as single family residential

Attachments:

- Aerial Land Use Map
- Location Map
- Zoning Map
- Existing Land Use Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Flood Map
- Site Plan



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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-26-0738

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 NeighborWorks Columbus

Owner: Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba
 NeighborWorks Columbus

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Parcel: 033-011-008

Acreage: 0.17 Acres

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Proposed Zoning Classification: Residential Multifamily – 1

Current Use of Property: Vacant

Proposed Use of Property: Single Family Residential

General Land Use: Consistent
 Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation: Vacant

Future Land Use Designation: Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

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City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

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- 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Fort Moore’s Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

Surrounding Zoning:

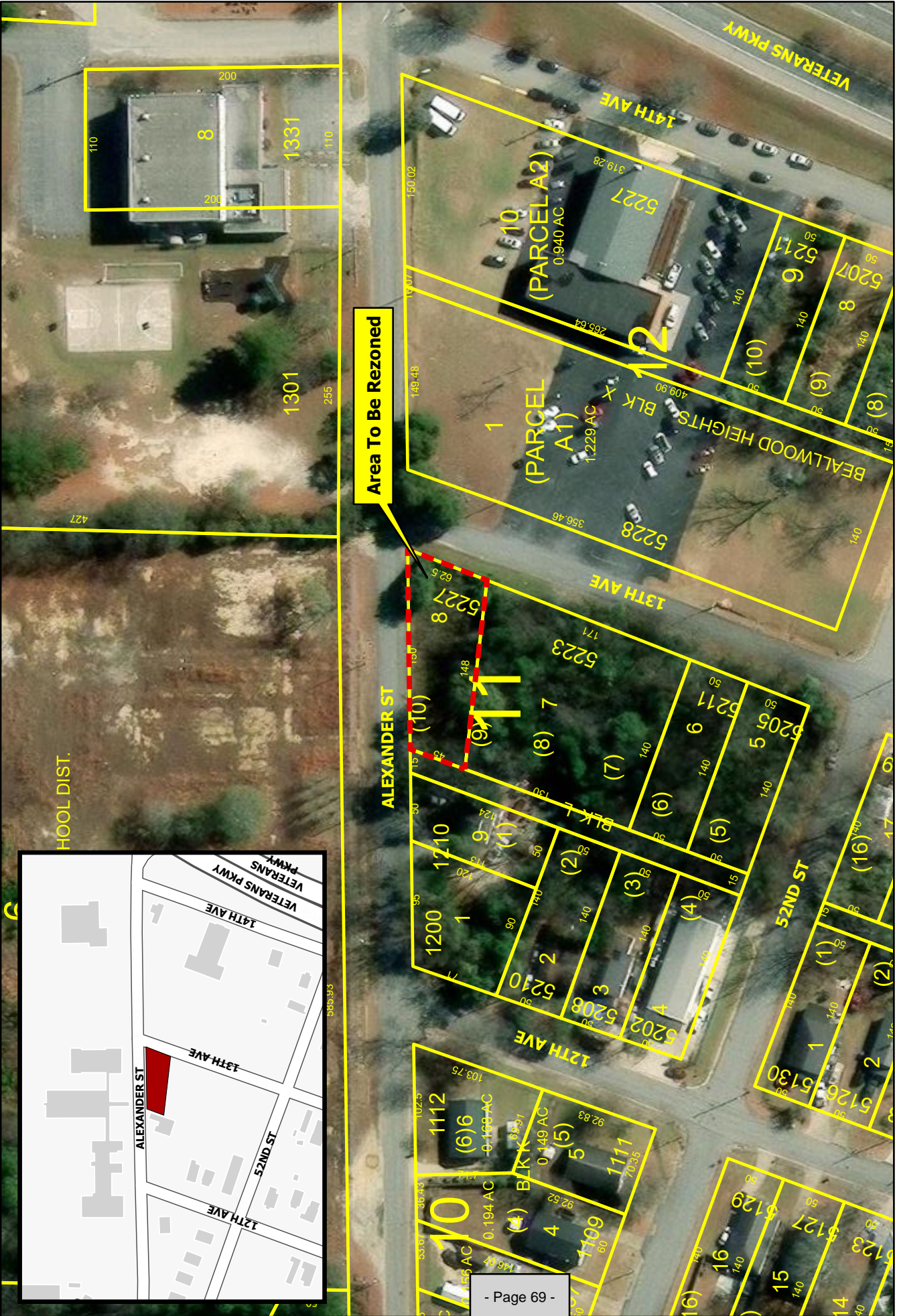
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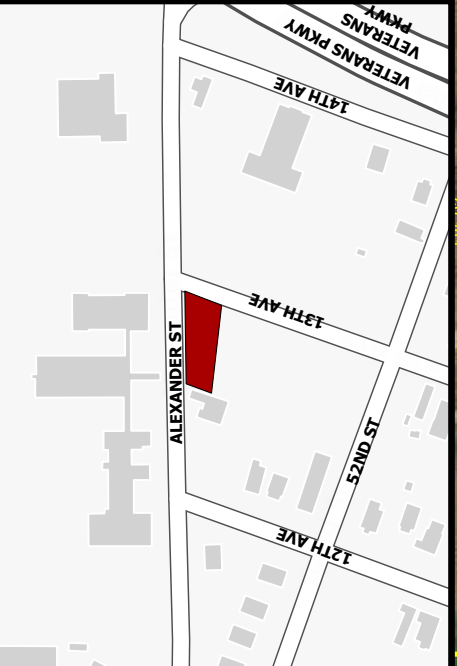
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Additional Information: Develop single family residence

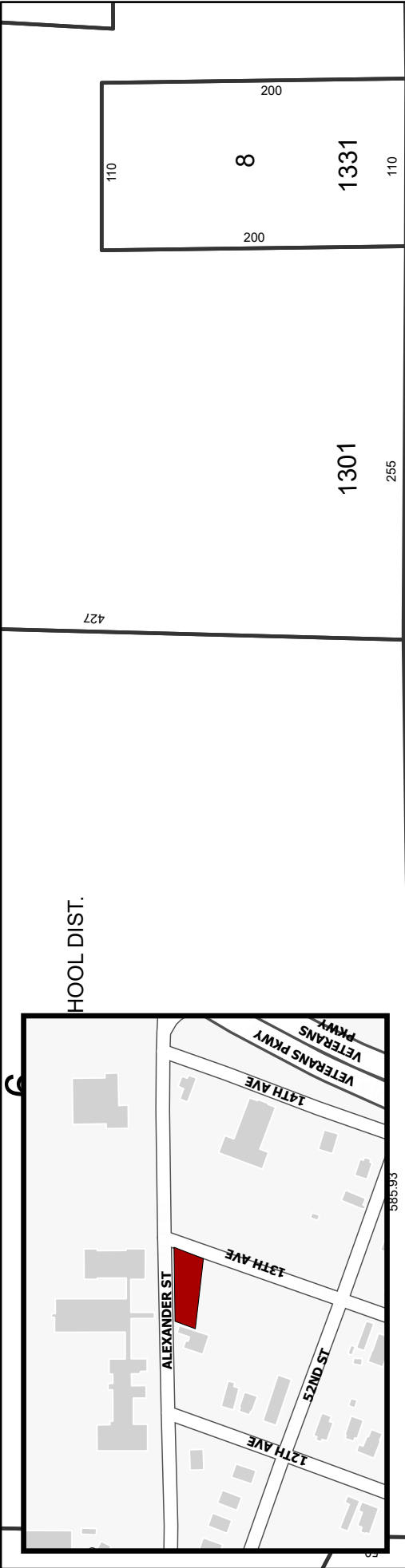
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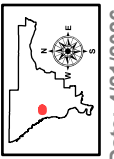
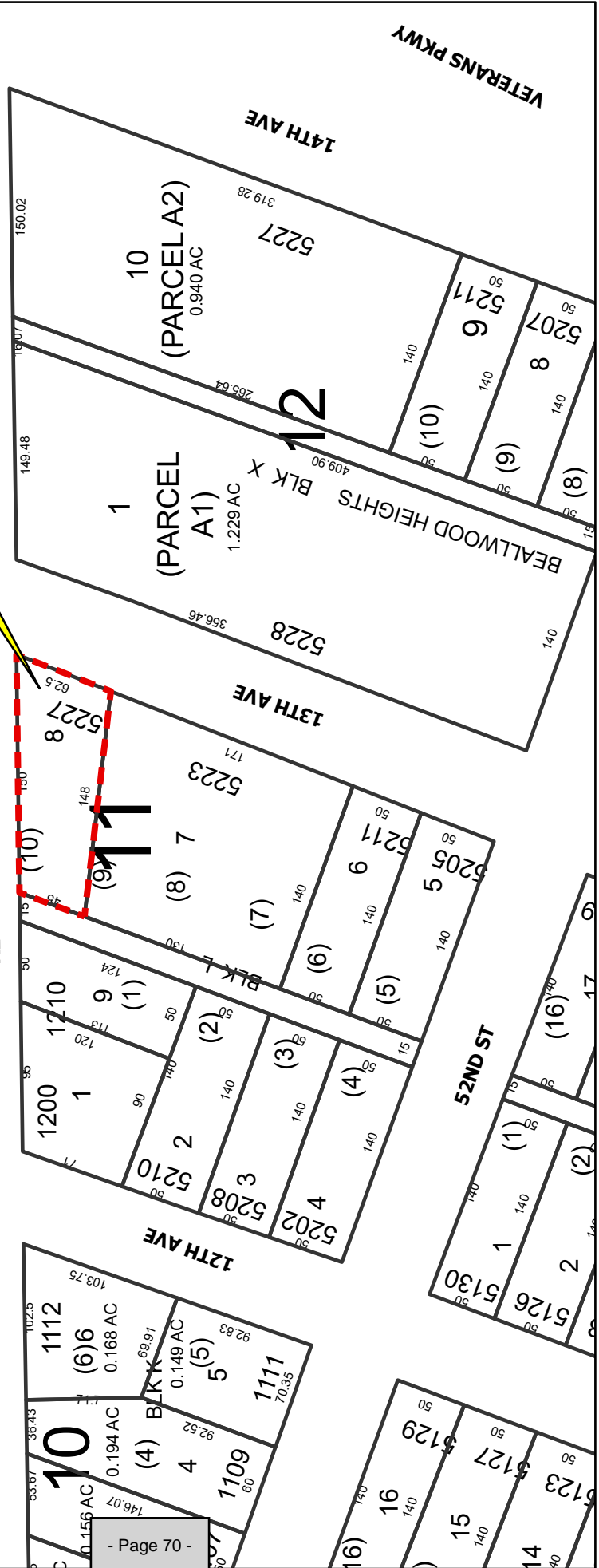
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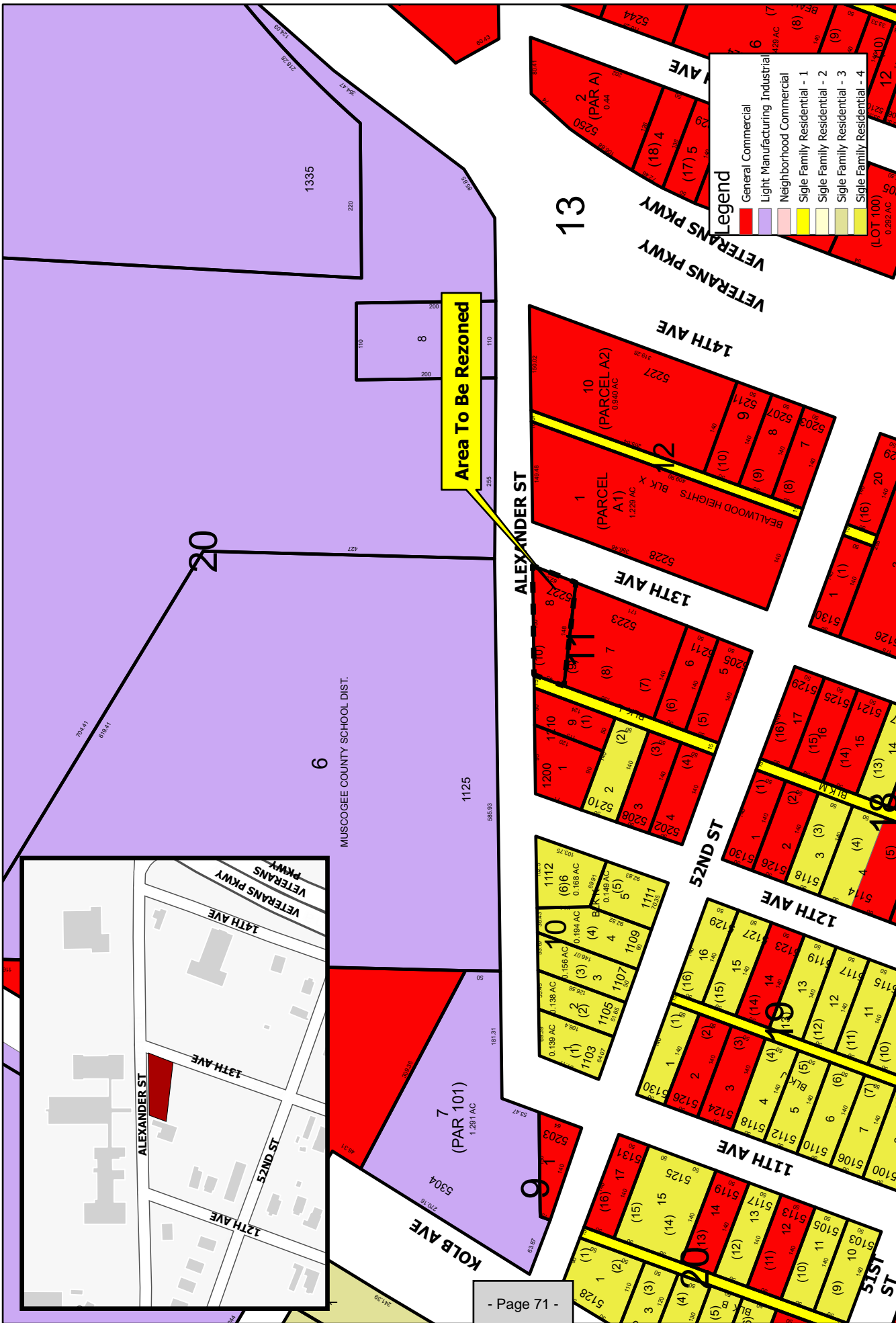


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Location Map for REZN 04 - 26 - 0738
 Map 033 Block 011 Lot 008
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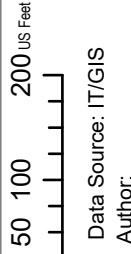
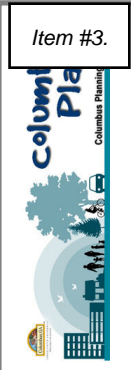
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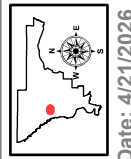
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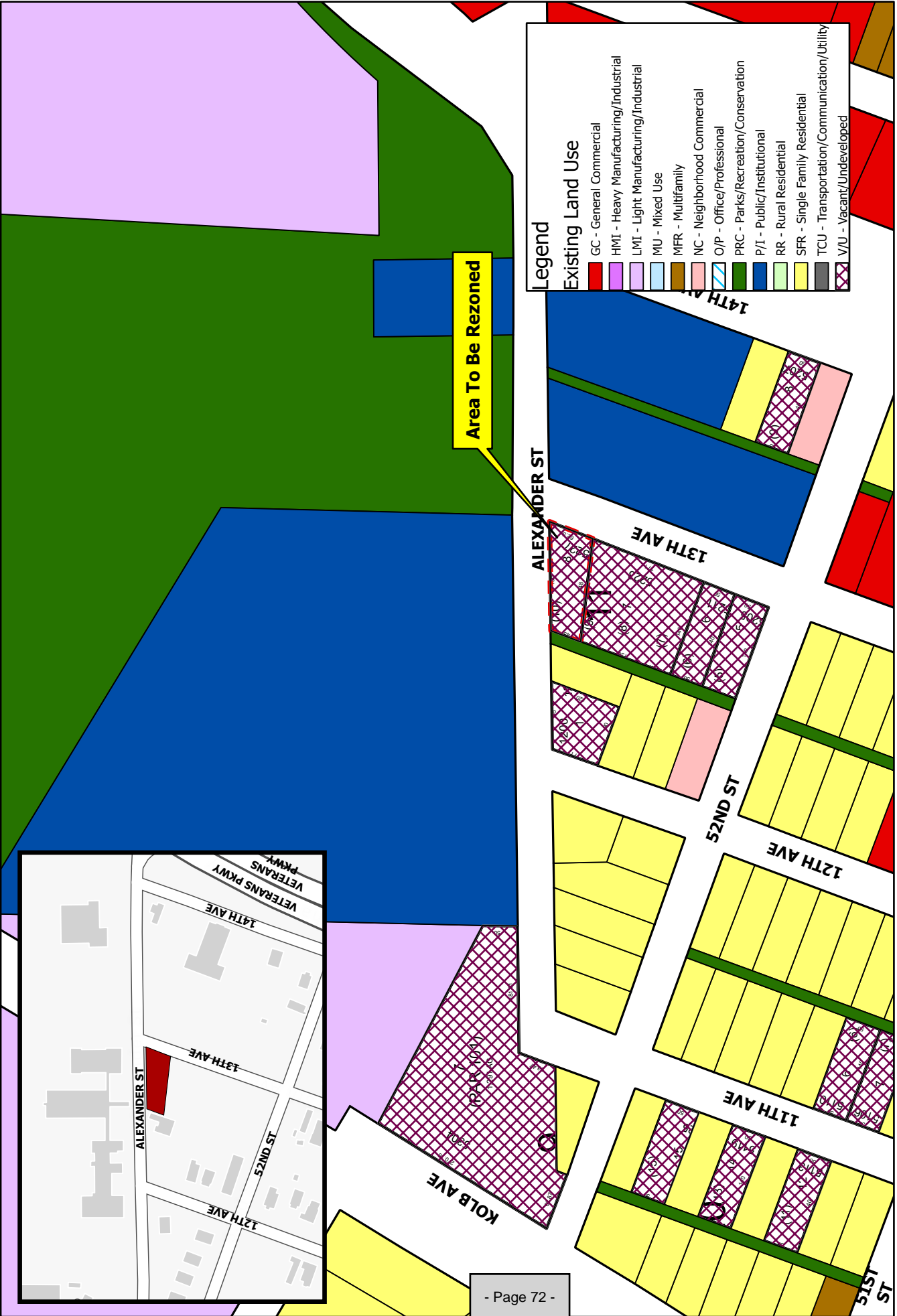
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Purple	Light Manufacturing Industrial
Yellow	Neighborhood Commercial
Light Green	Single Family Residential - 1
Medium Green	Single Family Residential - 2
Dark Green	Single Family Residential - 3
Lightest Green	Single Family Residential - 4



Zoning Land Use Map for REZN 04 - 26 - 0738
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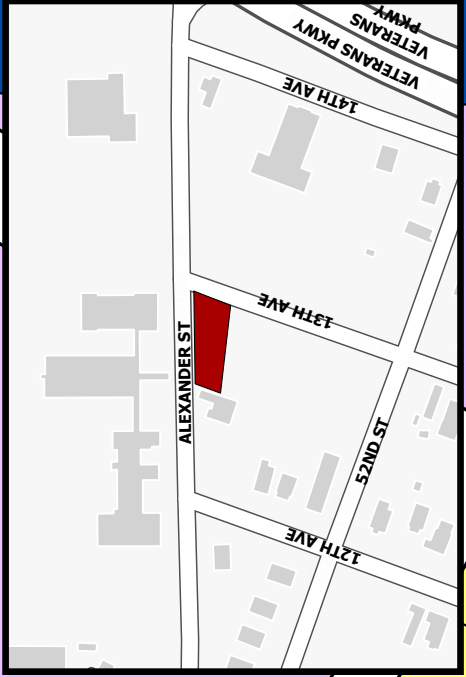


Area To Be Rezoned

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Existing Land Use

GC - General Commercial	RR - Rural Residential
HMT - Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial	SFR - Single Family Residential
LMT - Light Manufacturing/Industrial	TCU - Transportation/Communication/Utility
MU - Mixed Use	V/U - Vacant/Undeveloped
MFR - Multifamily	
NC - Neighborhood Commercial	
O/P - Office/Professional	
PRC - Parks/Recreation/Conservation	
P/I - Public/Institutional	



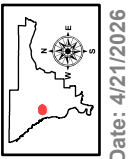
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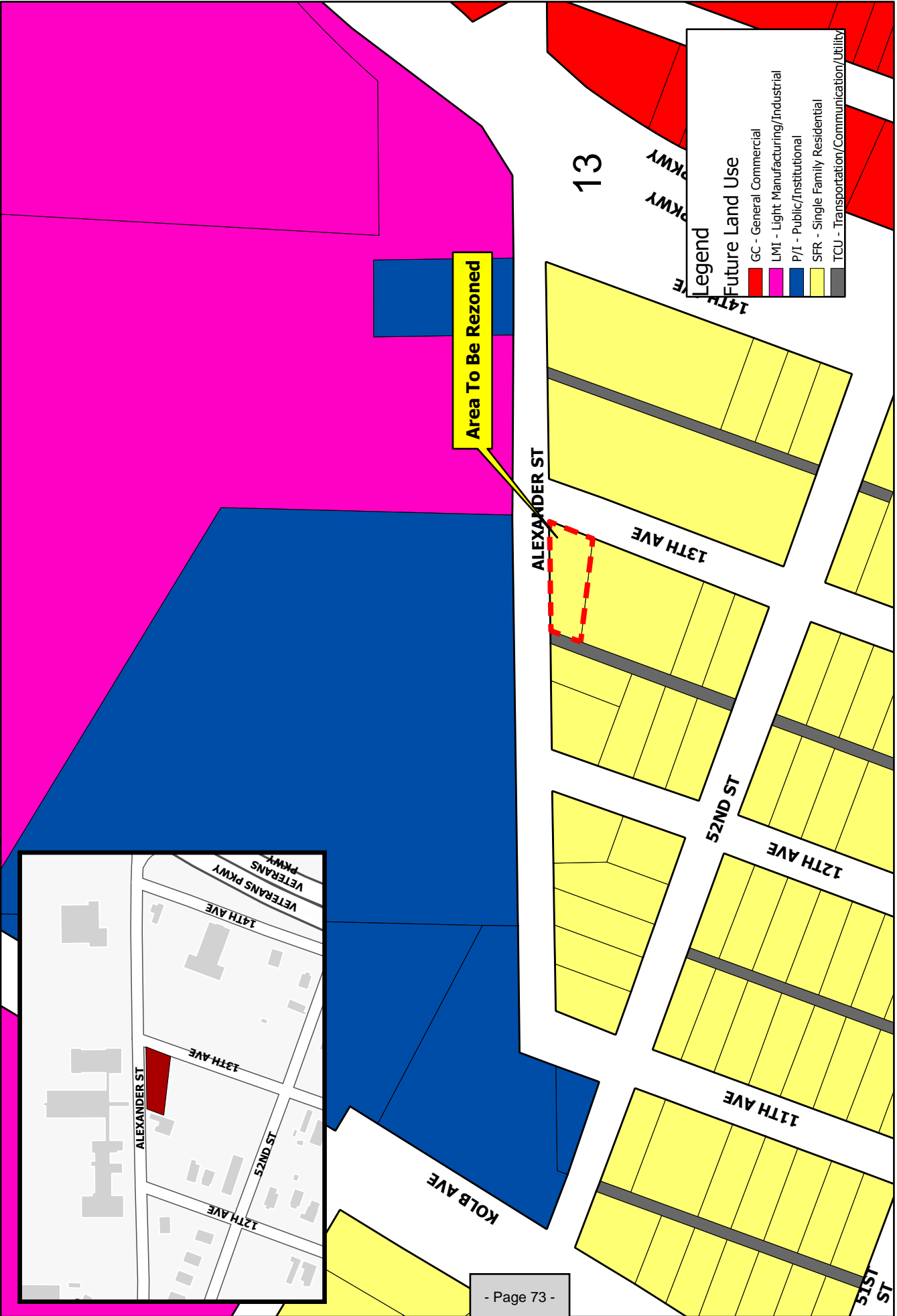
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Future Land Use

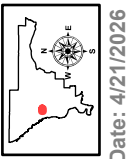
- GC - General Commercial
- LMI - Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- P/I - Public/Institutional
- SFR - Single Family Residential
- TCU - Transportation/Communication/Utility



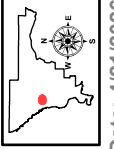
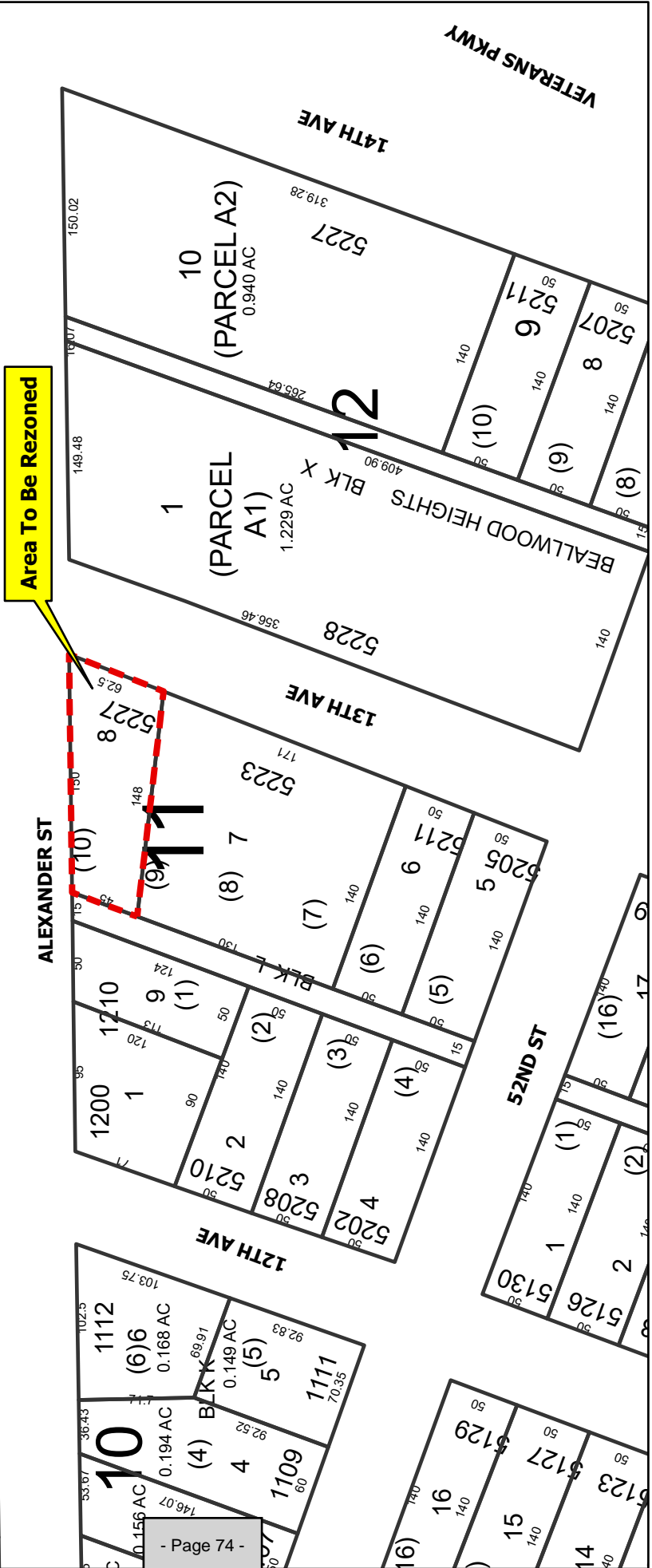
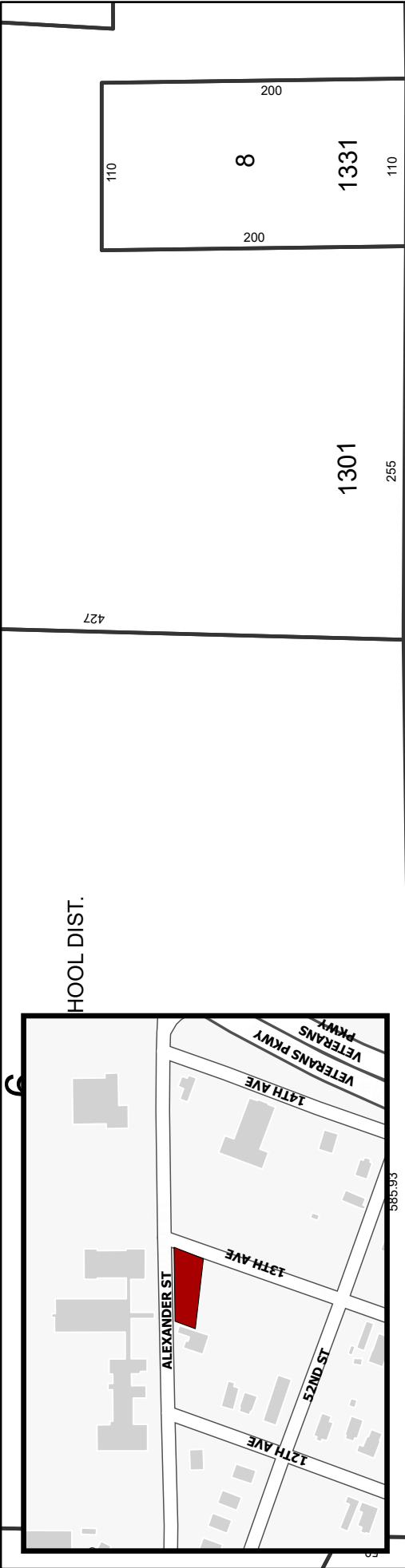
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 04 - 26 - 0738
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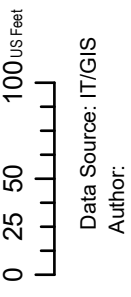
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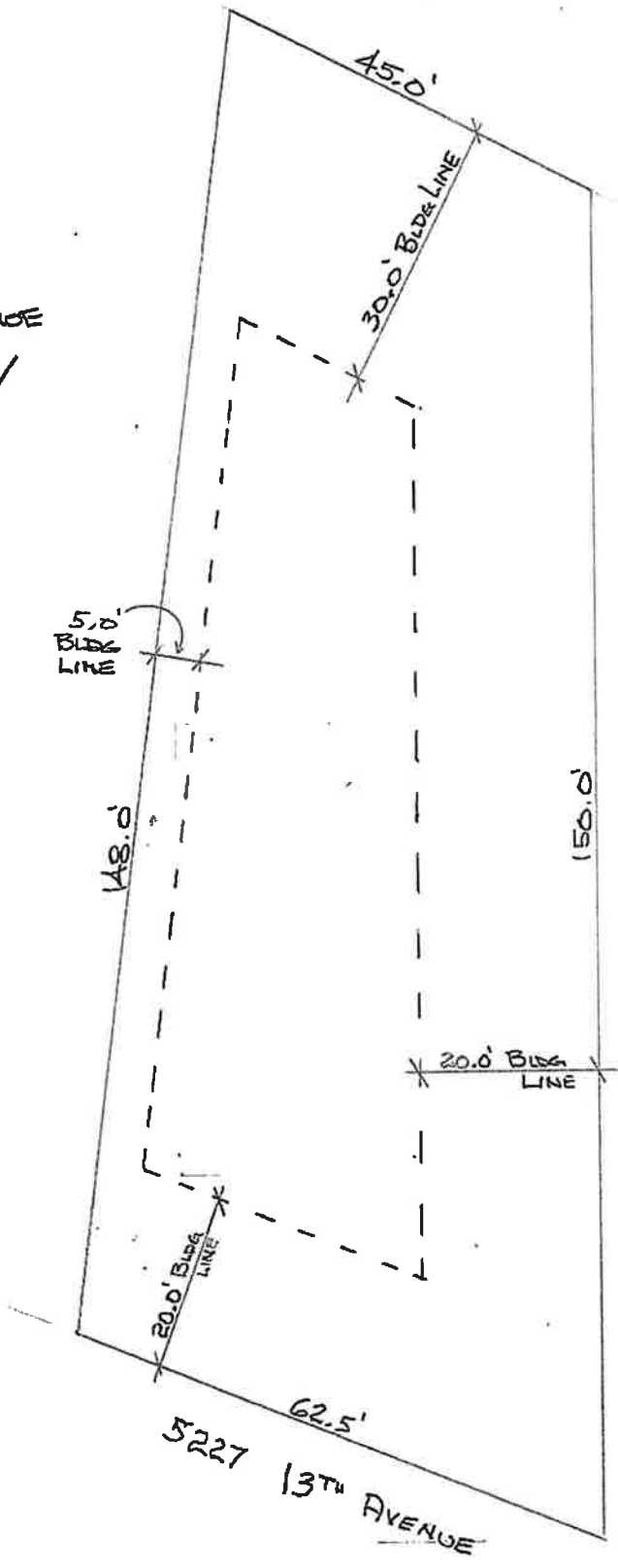
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5227 13TH AVENUE
LOT PLAN w/
SETBACKS
SFRA



ALEXANDER STREET

5227 13th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904
CHIP House - Elevation Drawings & Floor Plan

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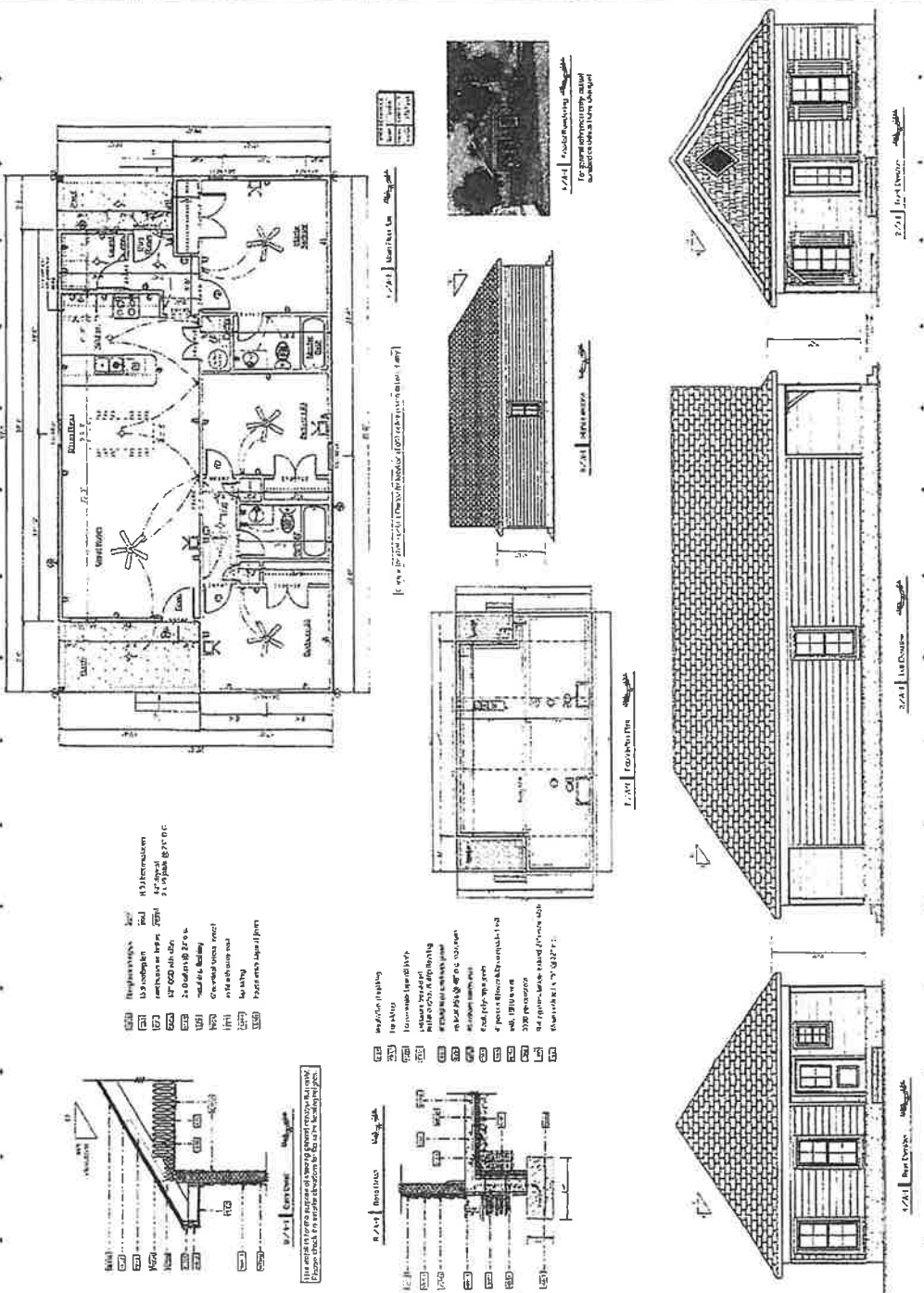
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File Attachments for Item:

4. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-26-0956: An Ordinance amending the text of Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for a Mill Redevelopment Zoning District in the Bibb City Area; and for other purposes. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the UDO is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2.5.26. to read as follows:

Section 2.5.26. – Mill Redevelopment Zoning District.

- (a). *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide an overlay to encourage new and desirable investment and protect the investments of existing property owners and property values in the Mill District.
- (b). *Development standards.*

Adaptive Reuse/Additions¹	
Minimum lot area	
Maximum Building Height²	None
Setbacks	Existing height may be maintained; additions up to 150 ft. allowed with design review
Lot Coverage	Use setbacks for New Construction, or maintain existing building footprints
Floor Area Ratio	Existing lot coverage permitted, or up to 90% whichever is greater

Renovations of 25% or more of existing structure shall use these standards.

¹ Height is measured from average grade to top of eave.

Parking Requirements	
Multifamily	0.75 spaces per bedroom; 1 space for leasing office; 1 guest space per 25 units
Townhome/SF Attached	1.5 spaces per unit
All other uses	Per UDO Requirements

New Construction		
Minimum lot area	SF Detached	4,000 Sq. Ft. (2,000) ¹
	All Other Uses	No Minimum
Maximum Building Height	SF Detached	50 ft.
	Multifamily + Townhomes	150 ft.
	Nonresidential	150 ft.
	Mixed Use	150 ft.
Front Setbacks	2nd. Ave	0-10 ft. Build to Zone
	All other streets	0-15 ft. Build to Zone
Side Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0/15 ft. ²
	Mixed Use	0/15 ft. ²

Rear Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0 ft.
	Mixed Use	0 ft.
Lot Coverage	Max 90%	
Floor Area Ratio	N/A	

¹ Number of square feet in parenthesis is the minimum lot area per individual dwelling unit.

² 15 feet when abutting a residential zoning district.

(c) Applicability

- A. The MRZD applies to all new construction, redevelopment, additions exceeding 25% of existing floor area, exterior façade changes, subdivision plats, and changes of use requiring site plan approval.
- B. Existing lawful uses and structures may continue; however, any expansions or modifications shall comply with the zoning district standards.

- (d) *MRZD District Boundary.* The Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD) is hereby established as a zoning district. The district is bounded on the map entitled "Mill Redevelopment Zoning District," incorporated by reference in the Zoning Bylaw and on file with the City Clerk and Building Inspector.



SECTION TWO

Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by revising Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following districts:

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table			
Use	P	SE	NP
Residential Uses			
Dormitory / Fraternity / Sorority		•	
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)		•	
Guest Cottage		•	
Employee Residence	•		
Security Quarters	•		
Groom's Quarters			•

Single-Family Detached	•		
Duplex	•		
Townhouse	•		
Zero-Lot Line Home	•		
Multifamily (General)	•		
Loft Dwelling	•		
Condominium	•		
Second-Floor Dwelling	•		
Short-Term Rental Unit		•	
Foster Care Home	•		
Group Foster Home		•	
Civic & Public			
Assembly Hall	•		
Cemetery / Mausoleum		•	
Club or Lodge (Membership)	•		
Club or Lodge (Nonprofit)	•		
Cultural Facility	•		
Convent / Monastery / Seminary		•	
Hospice	•		
Hospital	•		
Place of Worship (<250 seats)		•	
Place of Worship (>250 seats)		•	
Public Uses	•		
School – Public / Private		•	
School – Vocational		•	
University or College	•		
Shelter – Homeless			•
Shelter – Temporary		•	

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Commercial & Personal Services			
Artisans / Maker Studios	•		
Arts & Crafts Sales	•		
Ambulance Service		•	
Auto/Truck Repair (Major)			•
Auto/Truck Repair (Minor)			•
Auto/Truck Sales			•
Auto/Truck Service Station			•
Banks / Financial Institutions	•		
Banquet Facility	•		
Bars & Lounges	•		
Bed & Breakfast (Homestay)			

Bed & Breakfast Inn	•		
Boarding / Rooming House		•	
Boat / Trailer / Marine Sales			•
Building & Construction Office	•		
Building Supplies (Retail)	•		
Check Cashing Office			•
Clinic – Medical or Dental	•		
Veterinary Clinic	•		
Consignment Shop	•		
Convalescent / Nursing Facility	•		
Convenience Store (No Gas)	•		
Convenience Store (With Gas)	•		
Cryptocurrency / Data Processing		•	
Day Care – Type I	•		
Day Care – Type II	•		
Day Care – Type III	•		
Dry Cleaning			•
Dry Cleaning Station	•		
Emergency Care Clinic	•		
Employment Agency	•		
Equipment Sales / Rental			•
Extermination Services	•		
Farm Equipment Sales			•
Film / Video Studio	•		
Flea Market	•		
Fruit & Vegetable Market	•		
Fuel Station	•		

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Funeral Home	•		
Furniture Sales	•		
Gift / Antique Shop	•		
Greenhouse / Nursery (Retail)	•		
Grocery Store	•		
Health & Fitness Facility	•		
Hotel / Motel / Inn	•		
Kennel – Private		•	
Kennel – Boarding / Breeding		•	
Laboratory – Medical	•		

Laundry – Coin	•		
Lawnmower Service		•	
Mail & Packing Store	•		
Manufactured/Mobile Home Sales	•		
Massage Therapy	•		
Medical Cannabis Dispensary			•
Microbrewery	•		
Microdistillery	•		
Nursery & Garden Supply	•		
Nursery – Wholesale	•		
Office – General	•		
Office – Medical	•		
Office – Veterinary	•		
Outdoor Café (Private)	•		
Outdoor Café (Public)	•		
Package / Liquor Store			•
Paint / Glass / Wallpaper Store	•		
Parking Garage	•		
Parking Lot	•		
Pawn Shop			•
Personal Services	•		
Pet Day Care	•		
Pharmacy	•		
Print Shop	•		
Private Dog Park	•		
Recording Studio	•		
Recreational Vehicle Park			•
Repair Services – General	•		
Repair Services – Limited	•		

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Restaurant – General	•		
Restaurant – Accessory	•		
Restaurant – Specialty	•		
Restaurant – Take-Out	•		
Retail Sales – General	•		
Tattoo / Body Piercing Shop	•		
Taxidermy	•		

TV / Radio Studio	•		
Transitional Housing – Type I		•	
Transitional Housing – Type II		•	
Transient Lodging			•
Upholstery Shop	•		
Used Merchandise Shop	•		
Video Game / Amusement Parlor	•		
Video Sales & Rental	•		
Wedding Chapel	•		
Recreation & Entertainment			
Amusement – Indoor		•	
Amusement – Outdoor		•	
Amusement Park		•	
Golf Course		•	
Recreation Center – Private		•	
Recreational Establishment		•	
Shooting Range – Indoor			•
Shooting Range – Outdoor			•
Tennis Center / Club	•		
Theater – Indoor	•		
Theater – Outdoor		•	
Drive-in Theater			•
Agricultural			
Agriculture – Limited		•	
Apiculture		•	
Chipmill			•
Equestrian – Commercial			•
Equestrian – Private			•
Forestry			•
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Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

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Cold Storage / Distribution		•	
Computer Assembly			•
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Contractor's Storage Yard			•
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Equipment Storage – Outdoor			•
Parcel Delivery Facility			•
Food Processing		•	
Furniture Repair		•	
Hazardous Waste Disposal			•
Indoor Cannabis Grow		•	
Junk / Salvage Yard			•
Manufacturing – Heavy			•
Manufacturing – Light		•	
Moving & Storage Facility			•
Sign Fabrication		•	
Publishing / Printing Plant		•	
Recycling Collection Box		•	
Recycling Collection Center			•
Self-Service Storage	•		
Tire Retreading			•
Towing Service			•
Warehousing – General			•
Wholesale – General			•
Communications / Utilities			
Airport			•
Bus/Rail Passenger Station		•	
Helipad (Accessory)		•	
Heliport			•

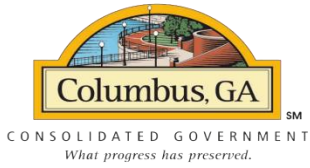
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Planning Department

May 27, 2026

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
City Manager
City Attorney
Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of property owners within the Mill District.

A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to create a new zoning district: Section 2.5.26. - Mill Redevelopment Zoning District, which will encourage new, desirable investment and protect the investments of existing property owners and property values in the Mill District.

The proposed ordinance is attached.

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meetings on May 6, 2026. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 5-0.

The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval**. The recommended condition is: reduce the maximum height from 150 feet to 75 feet for Multifamily + Townhomes, Nonresidential, and Mixed Use.

Mill Redevelopment Zoning District

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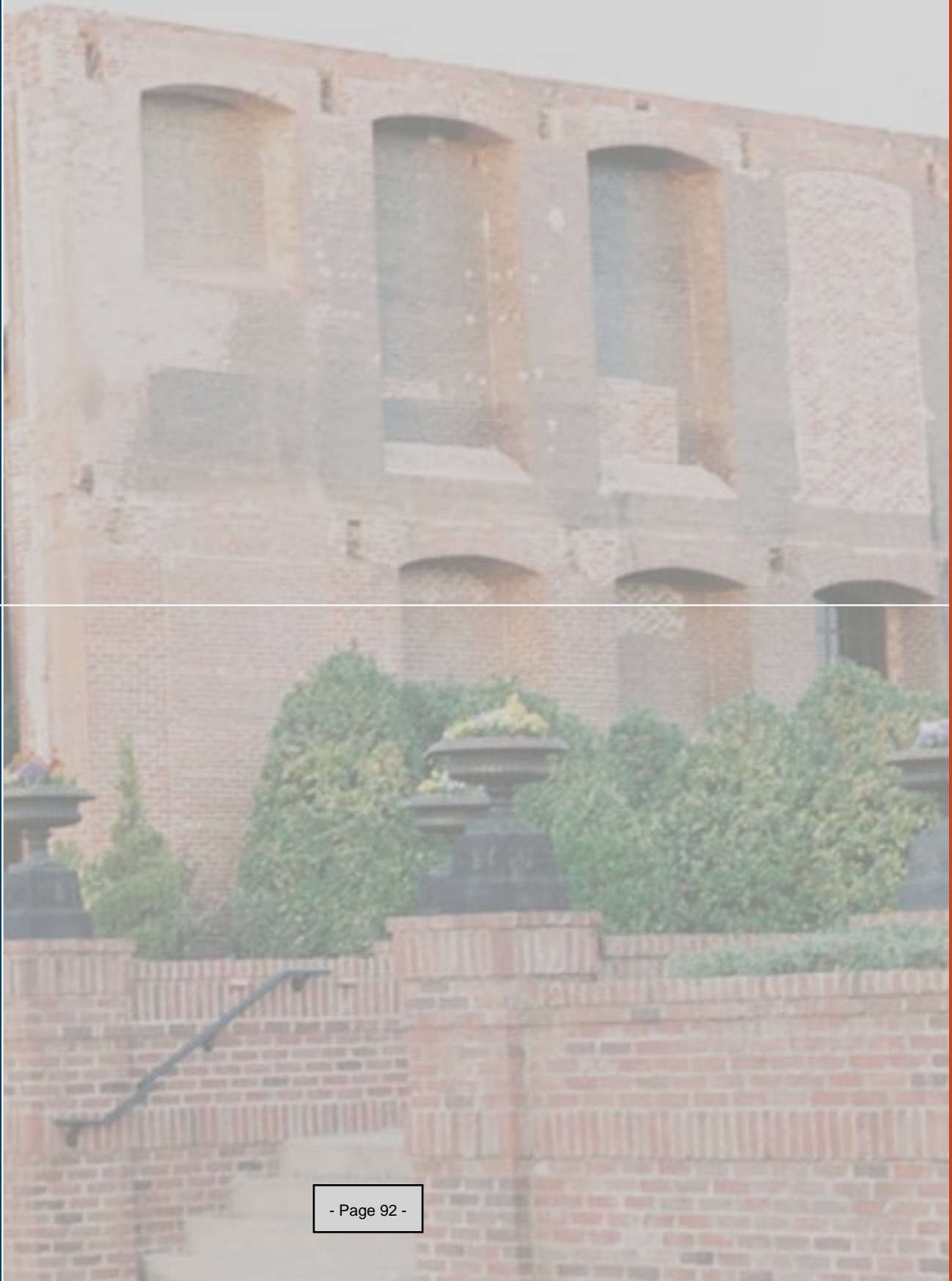
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Background Information



A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of Section 2.5.18 - Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD), is to encourage the new and desirable investment and protect the investments of existing property owners and property values in the Mill District.

Key Goals and Outcomes

Preserve the unique architectural and cultural character of Bibb City's historic mill era.

Promote adaptive reuse of existing mill buildings for mixed-use development including residential, commercial, employment, and civic uses.

Encourage infill development that complements historic structures in scale, massing, and materials.

Support walkability, connectivity to the Chattahoochee River and regional trail systems, and integration with surrounding neighborhoods.

Provide regulatory flexibility to attract private reinvestment while maintaining design standards consistent with the historic fabric of Bibb City.

Develop incentives (which may include more flexible zoning options, increased density allowances, increased maximum building height, enhanced parking factors, etc.) that will increase the overall market attractiveness of the properties in the District.

B. MRZD District Boundary

The Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD) is hereby established as a zoning district. The district is bounded on the map entitled "Mill Redevelopment Zoning District," incorporated by reference in the Zoning Bylaw and on file with the City Clerk and Building Inspector.

C. Applicability

- A. The MRZD applies to all new construction, redevelopment, additions exceeding 25% of existing floor area, exterior façade changes, subdivision plats, and changes of use requiring site plan approval.

- B. Existing lawful uses and structures may continue; however, any expansions or modifications shall comply with the zoning district standards.



Site Boundary Map

D. Land Use & Zoning

The Bibb City Mill District reflects a long history of industrial activity, worker housing, and incremental reinvestment shaped by the legacy of the former Bibb Manufacturing Company. Existing land uses within the district today include a mix of historic mill buildings, smaller-scale industrial and warehouse spaces, mill village residential blocks, and public or semi-public uses such as churches, small civic buildings, and open spaces connected to the riverfront. While large portions of the original mill complex have been adaptively reused or remain structurally intact, many surrounding parcels exhibit transitional or underutilized uses, including surface parking, storage areas, vacant structures, and light industrial operations.

Zoning within and around the district is a patchwork of residential, commercial, and industrial classifications, reflecting the piecemeal evolution of the area following the closure of the mill. The underlying zoning districts—ranging from single-family residential to neighborhood commercial, general commercial, and light industrial—often do not align with the historic development pattern or desired future vision for a walkable, mixed-use mill redevelopment district. As a result, many parcels within the area are either legal nonconformities or experience zoning constraints that inhibit adaptive reuse, infill development, and reinvestment consistent with the mill character.

The proposed Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD) is intended to resolve these inconsistencies by providing a unified regulatory framework that prioritizes adaptive reuse, context-sensitive infill, and compatible new development, while preserving the historic village scale and improving connectivity to the riverfront and adjacent neighborhoods.



Zoning Map

E. Building Typologies & Character

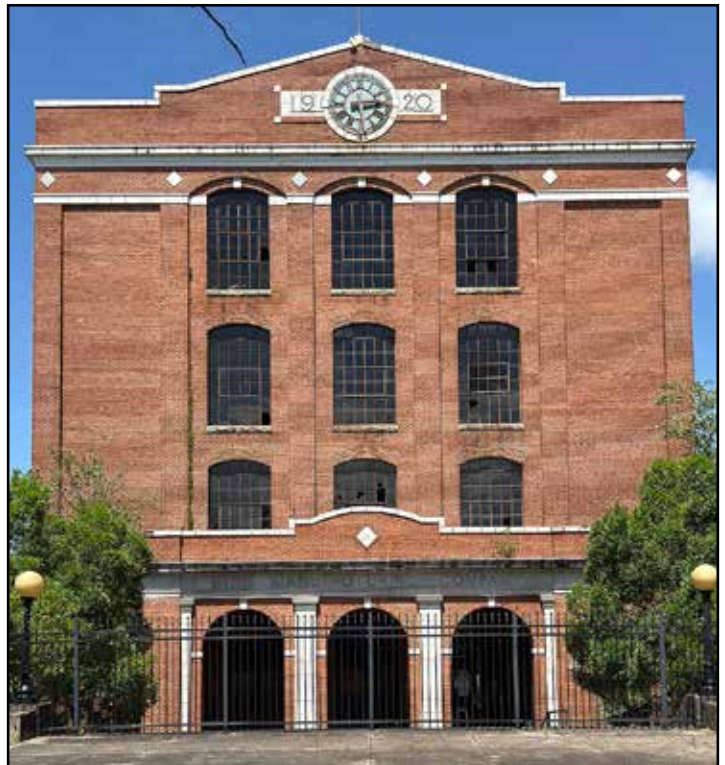
The Bibb City Mill District is defined by a distinctive blend of industrial heritage and mill village fabric. At its center is the historic Bibb Manufacturing Company complex—large-scale brick mill buildings with long linear forms, tall multi-pane windows, and steel or heavy-timber structure. These buildings establish the district’s industrial character and remain its most visually prominent elements.

Surrounding the mill, the historic mill village features compact residential blocks of modest single-family and duplex homes built for mill workers. These houses—typically one or two stories, with simple rooflines, front porches or stoops, and small lots—create a walkable, human-scale pattern that contrasts with the larger mill structures.

Along key corridors, small historic storefronts and commercial buildings contribute to the district’s original mixed-use character. Their shallow setbacks, large display windows, and brick façades support pedestrian activity and reinforce the traditional village center.

Across the district, supporting buildings such as warehouses, utility structures, and workshops add to the industrial texture. While some buildings show deterioration, many retain original materials and forms that lend themselves well to adaptive reuse.

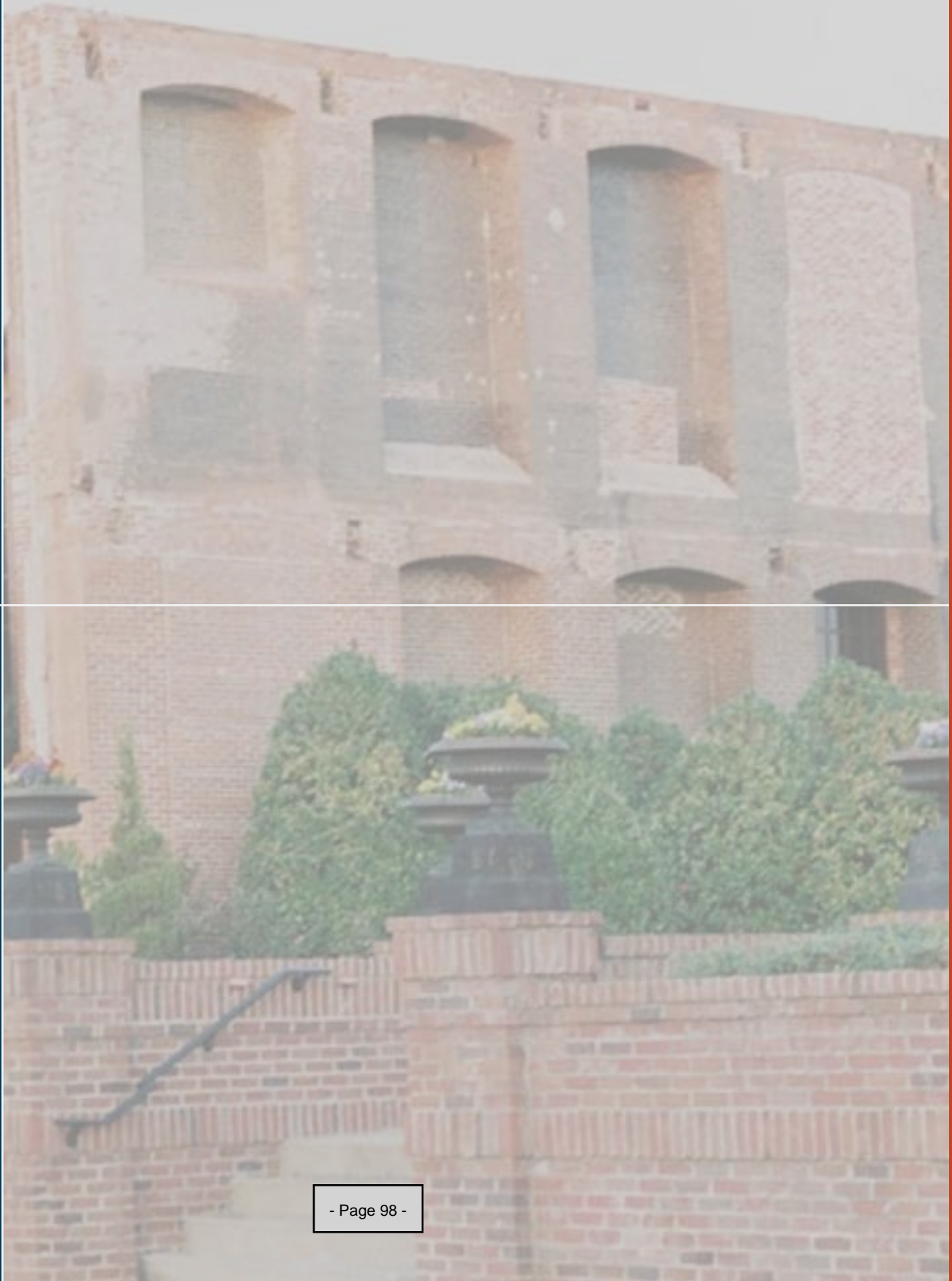
Overall, the Mill District’s character is defined by the interplay between substantial brick industrial buildings, modest worker housing, and small commercial structures. This mix provides a strong foundation for redevelopment and offers clear cues for compatible new construction and preservation-minded reuse.



Existing Structures within the District

02

Distict Standards



F. Dimensional & Bulk Standards

Dimensional standards for the MRZD are as follows:

Adaptive Reuse/Additions ¹	
Minimum lot area	None
Maximum Building Height ²	Existing height may be maintained; additions up to 150 ft. allowed with design review
Setbacks	Use setbacks for New Construction, or maintain existing building footprints
Lot Coverage	Existing lot coverage permitted, or up to 90% whichever is greater
Floor Area Ratio	N/A

- 1 Renovations of 25% or more of existing structure shall use these standards.
- 2 Height is measured from average grade to top of eave.

New Construction		
Minimum lot area	SF Detached	4,000 Sq. Ft. (2,000) ¹
	All Other Uses	No Minimum
Maximum Building Height	SF Detached	50 ft.
	Multifamily + Townhomes	150 ft.
	Nonresidential	150 ft.
	Mixed Use	150 ft.
Front Setbacks	2nd. Ave	0-10 ft. Build to Zone
	All other streets	0-15 ft. Build to Zone
Side Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0/15 ft. ²
	Mixed Use	0/15 ft. ²
Rear Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0 ft.
	Mixed Use	0 ft.
Lot Coverage	Max 90%	
Floor Area Ratio	N/A	

- 1 Number of square feet in parenthesis is the minimum lot area per individual dwelling unit.
- 2 15 feet when abutting a residential zoning district.

Parking Requirements	
Multifamily	0.75 spaces per bedroom; 1 space for leasing office; 1 guest space per 25 units
Townhome/SF Attached	1.5 spaces per unit
All other uses	Per UDO Requirements

G. Land Use Regulations

This land use chart outlines the uses allowed within the Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD) to support adaptive reuse, compatible infill, and preservation of the historic mill character. Each use is designated as permitted (P), special exception (SE), or not permitted (NP) based on its consistency with the district’s design intent and development goals.

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table			
Use	P	SE	NP
Residential Uses			
Dormitory / Fraternity / Sorority		•	
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)		•	
Guest Cottage		•	
Employee Residence	•		
Security Quarters	•		
Groom’s Quarters			•
Single-Family Detached	•		
Duplex	•		
Townhouse	•		
Zero-Lot Line Home	•		
Multifamily (General)	•		
Loft Dwelling	•		
Condominium	•		
Second-Floor Dwelling	•		
Short-Term Rental Unit		•	
Foster Care Home	•		
Group Foster Home		•	
Civic & Public			
Assembly Hall	•		
Cemetery / Mausoleum		•	
Club or Lodge (Membership)	•		
Club or Lodge (Nonprofit)	•		
Cultural Facility	•		
Convent / Monastery / Seminary		•	
Hospice	•		
Hospital	•		
Place of Worship (<250 seats)		•	
Place of Worship (>250 seats)		•	
Public Uses	•		
School – Public / Private		•	
School – Vocational		•	
University or College	•		
Shelter – Homeless			•
Shelter – Temporary		•	

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Commercial & Personal Services			
Artisans / Maker Studios	•		
Arts & Crafts Sales	•		
Ambulance Service		•	
Auto/Truck Repair (Major)			•
Auto/Truck Repair (Minor)			•
Auto/Truck Sales			•
Auto/Truck Service Station			•
Banks / Financial Institutions	•		
Banquet Facility	•		
Bars & Lounges	•		
Bed & Breakfast (Homestay)	•		
Bed & Breakfast Inn	•		
Boarding / Rooming House		•	
Boat / Trailer / Marine Sales			•
Building & Construction Office	•		
Building Supplies (Retail)	•		
Check Cashing Office			•
Clinic – Medical or Dental	•		
Veterinary Clinic	•		
Consignment Shop	•		
Convalescent / Nursing Facility	•		
Convenience Store (No Gas)	•		
Convenience Store (With Gas)	•		
Cryptocurrency / Data Processing		•	
Day Care – Type I	•		
Day Care – Type II	•		
Day Care – Type III	•		
Dry Cleaning			•
Dry Cleaning Station	•		
Emergency Care Clinic	•		
Employment Agency	•		
Equipment Sales / Rental			•
Extermination Services	•		
Farm Equipment Sales			•
Film / Video Studio	•		
Flea Market	•		
Fruit & Vegetable Market	•		
Fuel Station			

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Funeral Home	•		
Furniture Sales	•		
Gift / Antique Shop	•		
Greenhouse / Nursery (Retail)	•		
Grocery Store	•		
Health & Fitness Facility	•		
Hotel / Motel / Inn	•		
Kennel – Private		•	
Kennel – Boarding / Breeding		•	
Laboratory – Medical	•		
Laundry – Coin	•		
Lawnmower Service		•	
Mail & Packing Store	•		
Manufactured/Mobile Home Sales	•		
Massage Therapy	•		
Medical Cannabis Dispensary			•
Microbrewery	•		
Microdistillery	•		
Nursery & Garden Supply	•		
Nursery – Wholesale	•		
Office – General	•		
Office – Medical	•		
Office – Veterinary	•		
Outdoor Café (Private)	•		
Outdoor Café (Public)	•		
Package / Liquor Store			•
Paint / Glass / Wallpaper Store	•		
Parking Garage	•		
Parking Lot	•		
Pawn Shop			•
Personal Services	•		
Pet Day Care	•		
Pharmacy	•		
Print Shop	•		
Private Dog Park	•		
Recording Studio	•		
Recreational Vehicle Park			•
Repair Services – General	•		
Repair Services – Limited			

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table

Use	P	SE	NP
Restaurant – General	•		
Restaurant – Accessory	•		
Restaurant – Specialty	•		
Restaurant – Take-Out	•		
Retail Sales – General	•		
Tattoo / Body Piercing Shop	•		
Taxidermy	•		
TV / Radio Studio	•		
Transitional Housing – Type I		•	
Transitional Housing – Type II		•	
Transient Lodging			•
Upholstery Shop	•		
Used Merchandise Shop	•		
Video Game / Amusement Parlor	•		
Video Sales & Rental	•		
Wedding Chapel	•		
Recreation & Entertainment			
Amusement – Indoor		•	
Amusement – Outdoor		•	
Amusement Park		•	
Golf Course		•	
Recreation Center – Private		•	
Recreational Establishment		•	
Shooting Range – Indoor			•
Shooting Range – Outdoor			•
Tennis Center / Club	•		
Theater – Indoor	•		
Theater – Outdoor		•	
Drive-in Theater			•
Agricultural			
Agriculture – Limited		•	
Apiculture		•	
Chipmill			•
Equestrian – Commercial			•
Equestrian – Private			•
Forestry			•
Groves / Orchards		•	
Greenhouse / Nursery (Wholesale)		•	
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Bus/Rail Passenger Station		•	
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Wireless Communications Facility		•	
Accessory / Temporary			
Accessory Uses	•		
Temporary Building / Structure	•		
Temporary Use / Special Event	•		

H. Nonconforming Uses

- Existing lawful uses and structures that do not conform may continue. Adaptive reuse, expansion, or reconstruction shall bring the property into closer conformity with district intent where feasible.

File Attachments for Item:

5. 2nd Reading: An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)

An Ordinance

No. _____

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

The Services Districts, heretofore established by ordinances, are hereby reaffirmed as the Services Districts for the year 2026 for the purpose of establishing rates of taxation in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of the Consolidated Government hereinafter set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2.

For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of Columbus, Georgia for sustaining the credit thereof, for paying its bonds and coupons falling due, for supporting and maintaining government, and for other purposes, the taxes and revenues hereinafter provided are hereby levied and shall be collected for the year 2026 based upon the kind, character, type, degree and level of services provided by said government within said services districts, and as adjusted in accordance with the requirements of said Charter.

SECTION 3.

The Gross tax millage rates for Columbus Consolidated Government set forth herein are hereby levied for the Calendar Year 2026 upon all real and personal property that is not exempt from taxation under law with the exception of motor vehicles.

There shall be collected a Gross Millage Rate of 32.58 mills on each dollar of valuation for Urban Service District#1 (USD#1). Of such tax, the General and Urban Services Millage Rate shall be 8.97 mills including the Sales Tax Rollback equivalent to 17.43 mills and 0.82 mills for Transportation. Additionally, of such Gross Millage Rate, there are hereby levied 1.00 mills (out of a maximum allowed 3 mills) to provide support for indigent and inmate medical healthcare costs; 0.50 mills for Economic Development Authority Activities; 3.44 mills for paving and macadamizing the streets and roadways; and 1.24 mills for sewers and storm water drainage resulting in a Net Maintenance and Operating (M&O) Millage Rate for Urban Service District #1 of 15.15 mills. There is also hereby levied a Bond Millage Rate of 0.92 mills for the payment of principal and interest on the public debt of Columbus, GA providing a Total Millage Rate of 16.07 for USD#1.

Of such Gross Tax Millage Rate, there is hereby a further reduction from the millage rates set forth above for USD#1 for Urban Service District Number 2 (USD#2) resulting from a millage rollback for urban service credit (includes stormwater (sewer), paving and sales tax) being equivalent to 5.98 mills and resulting in a Net Total Millage for USD#2 of 10.09.

Of such Gross Tax Millage Rate, there is hereby a further reduction from the millage rates set forth above for USD#1 for Urban Service District Number 4 (USD#4) resulting from a millage rollback for urban service credit, (includes stormwater (sewer), paving, and sales tax) being equivalent to 6.88 mills and resulting in a Net Total Millage for USD#4 of 9.19.

The Sales Tax Rollback applied to the General and Urban Services taxes in all Urban Service Districts in this Ordinance is equivalent to the amount of \$100,298,684.70 in sales taxes in accordance with state regulation.

Service	USD#1 (Mills)
Gross General & Urban Service Millage Rate	25.58
Sales Tax Credit	-17.43
Transportation Levy	0.82
Total General & Urban Service Millage Rate	8.97
Paving	3.44
Stormwater (Sewer)	1.24
Indigent and Inmate Care	1.00
Economic Development Authority	0.50
Net M & O Millage Rate	15.15
Bond Millage Rate	0.92
Total Millage Rate	16.07
Service	USD#2 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-5.98
Total USD#2 Millage	10.09
Service	USD#4 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-6.88
Total USD#4 Millage	9.19

SECTION 4.

Net total tax millage for all real and personal property for the calendar year 2026 in USD#1 is 16.07, in USD#2 is 10.09 and in USD#4 is 9.19. These millage rates are authorized under the rollback provision contained in the Columbus Charter Section 7-101(3).

On all motor vehicles still subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §48-5-441, there is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax of 16.07 mills in Urban Services District #1, 10.09 mills in Urban Services District #2, and 9.19 mills in Urban Services District #4 on each dollar of valuation.

SECTION 5.

The Business Improvement District (BID) established pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-43-1 contains three benefit zones, Urban Services District Number 5 (USD #5), Urban Services District Number 6 (USD #6) and Urban Services District Number 7 (USD #7). Each benefit zone receives different levels of supplemental services. The net total tax millage in USD #5, USD #6, and USD #7 is hereby fixed and levied equal to that of Urban Services District Number 1 (USD#1) plus the BID millage rate of 6.99 mills in USD #5, 5.76 mills in USD #6, and 4.47 mills in USD #7. Such millage shall be collected in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same officers as other taxes and assessments of the Consolidated Government and shall be maintained in a separate account for the provision of supplemental services in the Business Improvement District (BID).

SECTION 6.

As to all funds from taxes on intangible property paid to Columbus, Georgia, by the State of Georgia, the division of said total millage for each particular purpose shall be the same as levied for Urban Services District Number 1 and the General Services District and for schools under the school millage ordinance.

SECTION 7.

Claims for exemption from taxation by Columbus, Georgia for the year 2026 on personal property shall be controlled by applicable state law.

SECTION 8.

Returns of tangible property, including description of real estate, shall be made on oath to the Tax Commissioner between the first day of January 2026 and the first day of April 2026, and in default of such return, the property shall be assessed by the Tax Assessor. Should any person, firm or corporation fail to make returns of property for taxation as required by this ordinance, the Tax Commissioner shall use the value as shown on the prior year's return. A failure to pay the tax on said property to the same liability and sale as other like property regularly assessed or returned where the same was in Columbus, Georgia on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 9.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner to carefully scrutinize each return and to see that no real estate is returned at a value less than fixed by the Board of Tax Assessors and that all personal property embraced in the return is fixed at its true market value. Review of any return shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus Charter and applicable State law. If in any case the Board of Tax Assessors of Columbus, Georgia, is not satisfied with the accuracy of the tax returns herein provided for Columbus, Georgia, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives, may inspect the books of the business for which the returns are made. The Board of Tax Assessors shall have the right to inspect the books or records for the business of which the return was made in Columbus, Georgia, and upon demand of the Board of Tax Assessors such books or records shall be submitted for inspection by the representative of Columbus, Georgia within 30 days. ALL TAX RETURNS ACCEPTED SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO AUDIT.

Whenever any persons are called in to arbitrate and fix the value of any personal property embraced in the return of any taxpayer, such persons shall take an oath, before some officer of this State authorized to administer oaths, to do justice between Columbus, Georgia and the taxpayer touching the true assessment of the property embraced in the return.

The Board of Tax Assessors shall have mailed notices of assessment in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-306 and shall present the books to the Tax Commissioner for examination and approval. The Tax Commissioner shall forward the books to the State Revenue Commissioner for examination and approval.

SECTION 10.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2026.

Taxes shall become due October 15, and delinquent October 16. Taxpayers shall have the option to pay 40% on or before October 15 and 60% on or before December 1 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 15, the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 15, the remainder shall become due on December 1 and delinquent if not paid before December 2. 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 21, 2026; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia of a tax on personal property for 2026, and between January 1, 2026 and September 1, 2026, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instanter, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION 11.

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

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 9th day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of June 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

6. 2nd Reading: An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Uptown District from 8th Street to 14th Street, between 2nd Avenue and Bay Avenue, (“the District”) is a diverse area of business, entertainment, recreation and tourism activities; and

WEHREAS, the Columbus Police Department has recorded a concerning number of calls and arrests in the District over the past years as evidenced by the report attached hereto as Exhibit A which shows that there have been 434 cases resulting in 331 arrests; and

WHEREAS, it has been the observation of law enforcement officials, business owners, and other goodwill ambassadors in the District that a large number of the incidents occur in the evening hours and are associated with the presence of a large number of unsupervised juveniles who appear to be dropped off and left in the District during the evening hours; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to implement a curfew for the summer and early fall months to address these issues.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 14-14 and 14-15 of the Columbus code which are currently reserved shall be replaced by two new code sections 14-14 and 14-15 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-14. Curfew Authorized.

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to remain in or upon any public place, street, sidewalk, park, parking garage, or any other public area within the designated Uptown District (from 8th Street to 14th Street, between 2nd Avenue and Bay Ave) unsupervised by an adult having the lawful authority to be at such places between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on any day and 5:00 a.m. of the following day.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to a minor who:

- a) Is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other adult having the lawful care and custody of the minor;
- b) Is engaged in lawful employment, or traveling directly to or from such employment;
- c) Is attending or traveling to or from a school-sponsored, civic, religious, or other approved organized activity;
- d) Is a current Columbus State University student and is housed in the Uptown Columbus area;
- e) Is attending or traveling directly to or from an activity exercising the First Amendment rights protected under the Constitution; or
- f) Is staying at a hotel or lodging facility in the designated area.

Sec. 14-15. Responsibility of Parents.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian, or other adult having custody or control of any child under the age of 18 to permit, or by insufficient control, allow such child to remain in or upon any public place, street, sidewalk, park, parking garages or other public area within the designated Uptown District (from 8th Street to 14th Street, between 2nd Avenue and Bay Ave) unsupervised by an adult having the lawful authority to be at such places between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on any day and 5:00 a.m. of the following day; except in circumstances set out in subsection (a) through (f) of section 14-14.
- (b) Any parent, guardian, or other adult violating this section shall, upon conviction before the recorder of Columbus, Georgia, be punished in accordance with section 1-8 of the Columbus, Georgia, Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2.

If any section, clause, portion or provision of this ordinance is found unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after signing by the Mayor and transmission to the Clerk of Council, and it shall sunset on September 30, 2026, for evaluation of its effectiveness and whether there is a continuing need for it.

SECTION 4.

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 26th day of May 2026; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

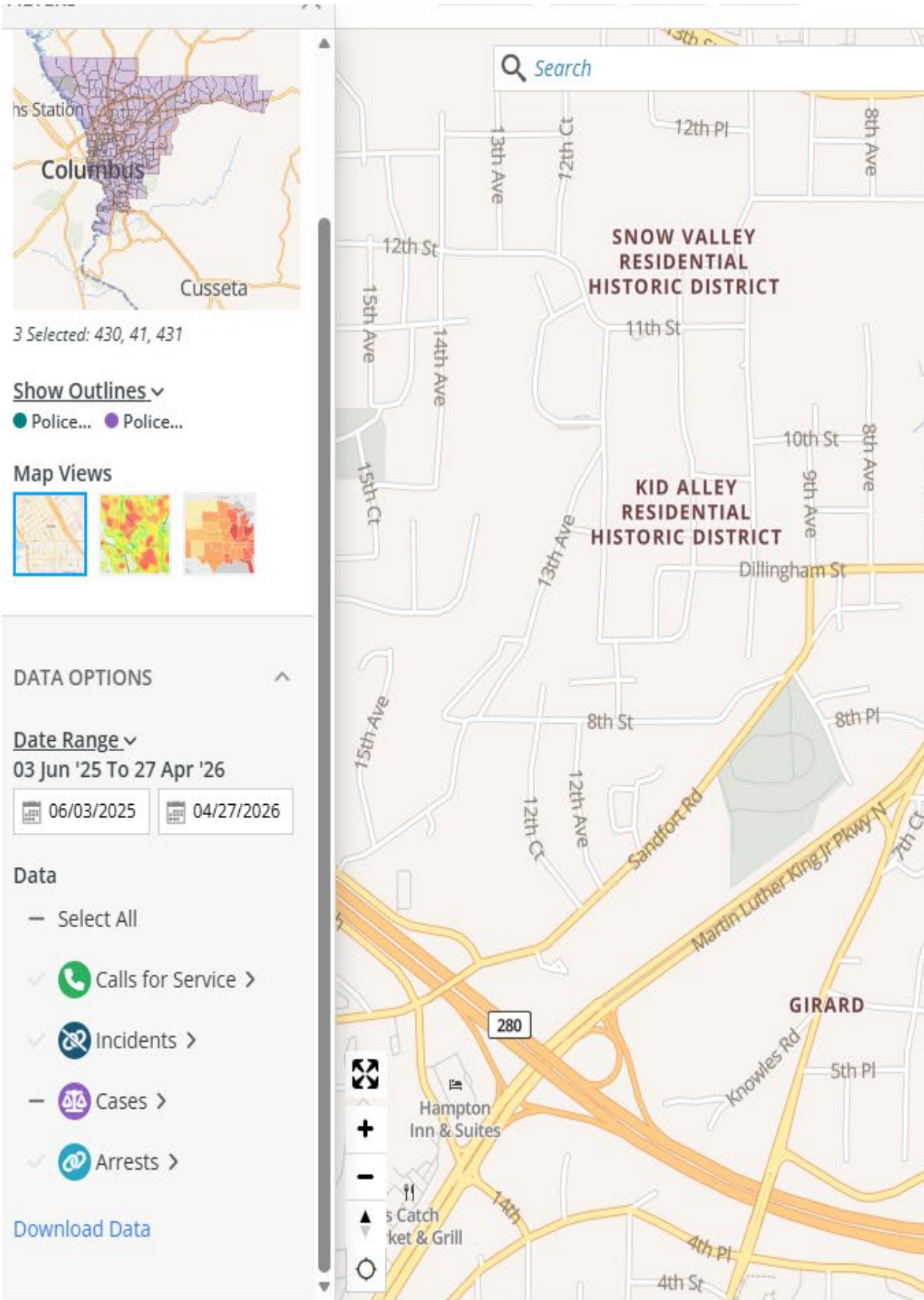
Uptown CFS By Time

Disposition (Multiple Items)
 ORI GA1060100

Call Count Row Labels	Column Labels Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 - 3:00 AM					1	1	
3 - 4:00 AM	1					1	
4 - 5:00 AM			1				
5 - 6:00 AM				1			
6 - 7:00 AM			1				
7 - 8:00 AM		2		5	1		
8 - 9:00 AM		2		1		1	
9 - 10:00 AM		1	2		1	2	
10 - 11:00 AM	1	1		1	1		1
11 - 12:00 PM			1		1	2	
12 - 1:00 PM	1	1	1	1	2		2
1 - 2:00 PM	2		1		1	2	1
2 - 3:00 PM				1		2	
3 - 4:00 PM	1	1		1	1	2	1
4 - 5:00 PM							1
5 - 6:00 PM		1		1			1
6 - 7:00 PM		1	1			2	
7 - 8:00 PM	1						1
8 - 9:00 PM			1	1			
9 - 10:00 PM	1	1			1	1	2
10 - 11:00 PM						1	
11 - 12:00 AM					1		
Grand Total	8	11	9	13	11	18	11

Law Enforcement Explorer - Columbus Consolidated Government (Muscoogie)

FILTERS
Pin x
Cases x
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430 x
431 x

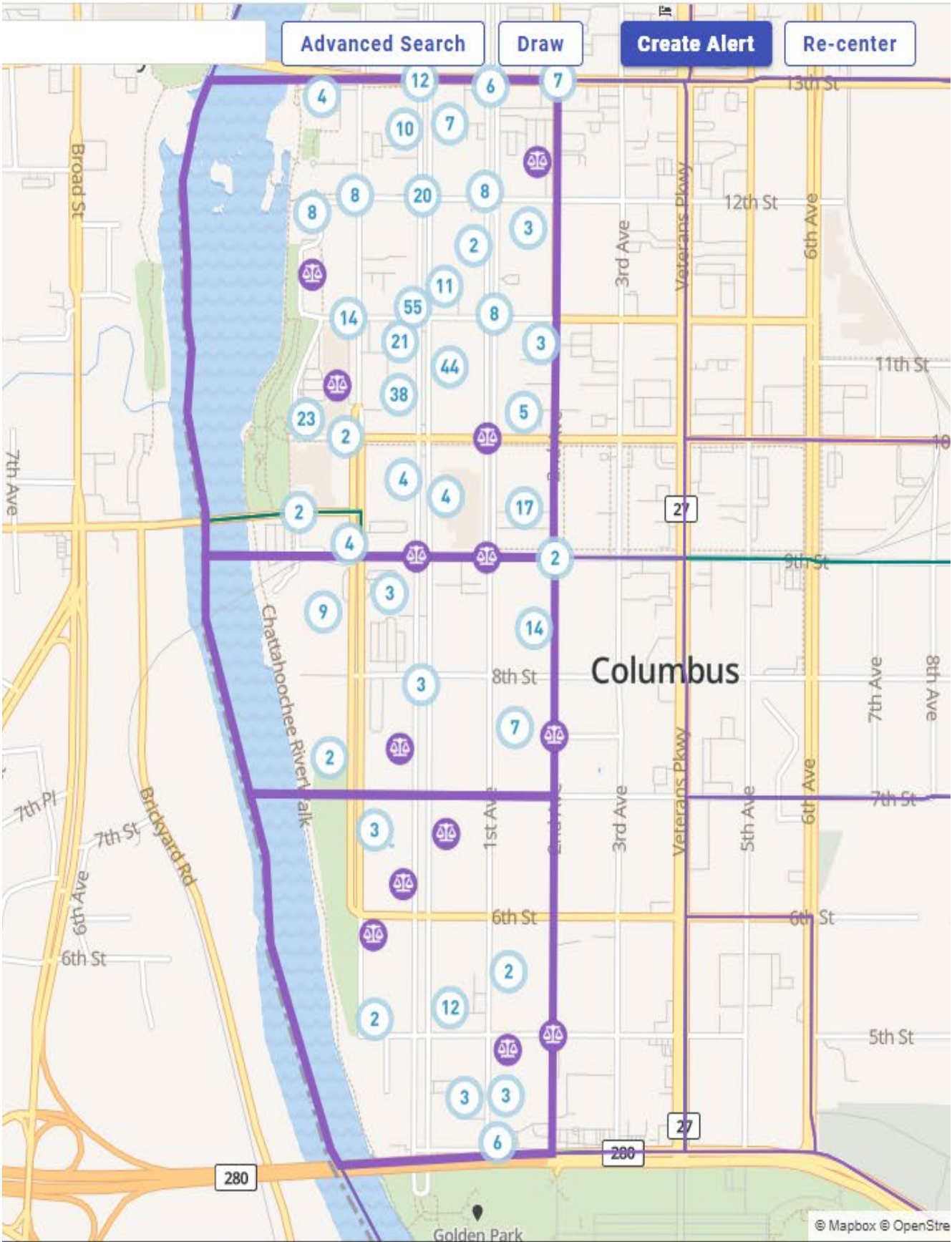


Uptown Cases by Tir

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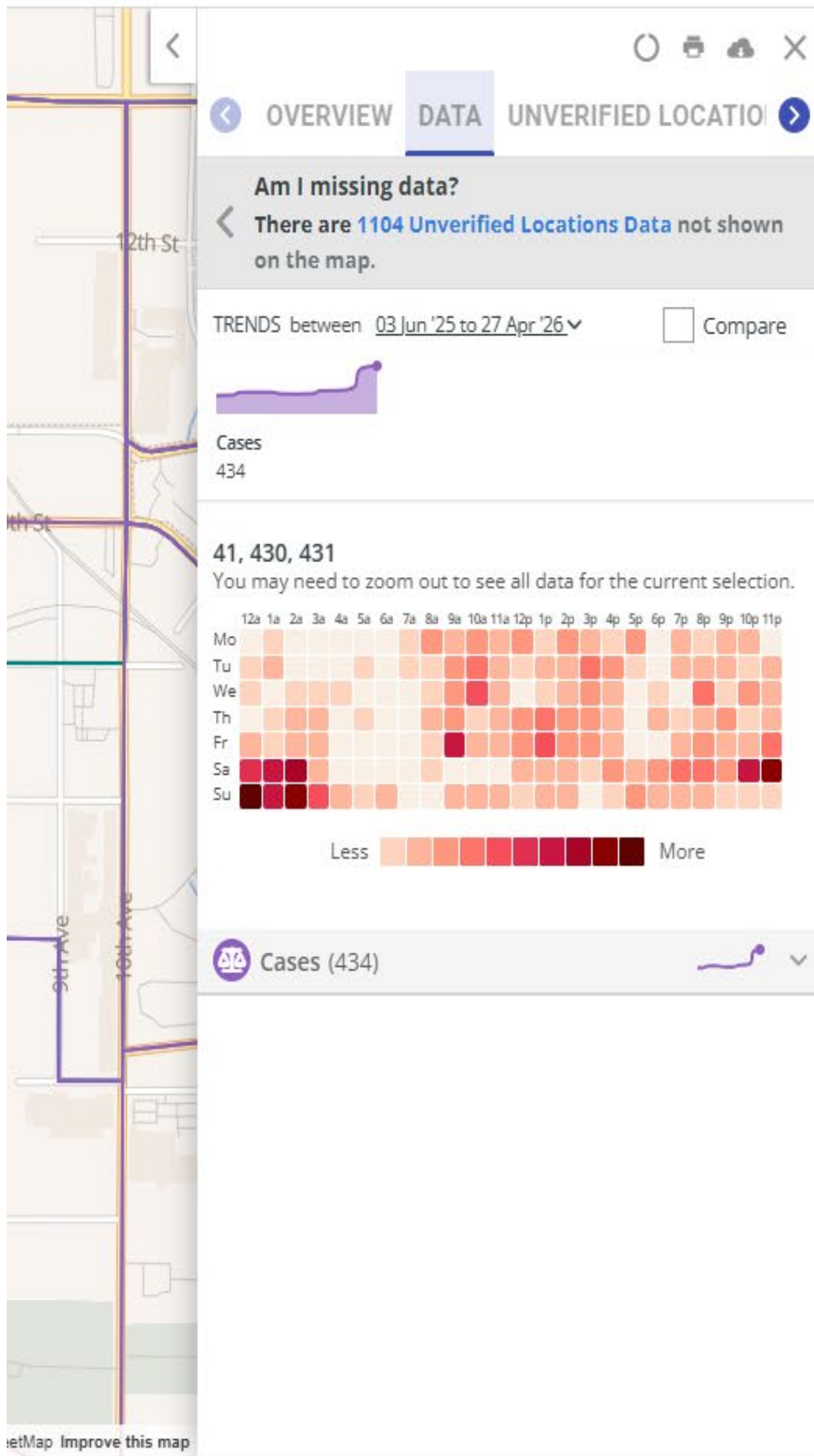
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Case Count	Column Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
12 - 1:00 AM	18	1	2	3	
1 - 2:00 AM	12	1	1		
2 - 3:00 AM	15				1
3 - 4:00 AM	5				1
4 - 5:00 AM	2	4		2	
5 - 6:00 AM	1	2	1	3	
6 - 7:00 AM	3	1			1
7 - 8:00 AM		1	1		
8 - 9:00 AM	1	2	3		
9 - 10:00 AM	4	1	3	1	
10 - 11:00 AM	2	1	3	6	
11 - 12:00 PM	1		4	2	
12 - 1:00 PM	3	2	2	1	
1 - 2:00 PM	2		2	4	
2 - 3:00 PM	2	3	4		
3 - 4:00 PM	2	2	5	1	
4 - 5:00 PM	3	1	2	2	
5 - 6:00 PM	2	4	3	1	
6 - 7:00 PM	1	1		4	
7 - 8:00 PM	2	1	2		
8 - 9:00 PM	3		3	4	
9 - 10:00 PM	2	2	3	2	
10 - 11:00 PM	2	3	2	2	
11 - 12:00 AM	2		2	3	
Grand Total	90	33	48	44	



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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
1	6	9	40
2	4	9	29
3	4	10	33
2	2	1	11
1			9
	1	1	9
	1		6
	1		3
4	1	1	12
1	8	2	20
5	2	1	20
3		3	13
1	3	7	19
1	3	3	15
7	4	1	21
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2	1	5	16
		5	15
2	2	7	17
2	4	7	18
1	6	5	22
5	8	5	27
1	3	10	23
1	5	13	26
48	73	107	443



Case Number	Occurred Incident Type
2025-00020207	7400 - Assault
2025-00025578	8430 - Wanted Person
2025-00026024	8230 - Fight
2025-00026080	8190 - Traffic Stop
2025-00028920	7500 - Burglary Business
2025-00030931	8130 - DUI
2025-00033227	8200 - Domestic Incident
2025-00035395	8200 - Domestic Incident
2025-00035754	8410 - Drunk Person
2025-00036201	8220 - Disorderly Crowd
2025-00036207	8750 - Investigate Person
2025-00036268	8200 - Domestic Incident
2025-00036314	8200 - Domestic Incident
2025-00038971	8410 - Drunk Person
2025-00039381	8410 - Drunk Person
2025-00040451	7620 - Other Thefts
2025-00040491	7870 - Narcotics Crimes
2025-00043056	8400 - Meet a Person
2025-00044987	8190 - Traffic Stop
2025-00044997	8190 - Traffic Stop
2025-00046095	7430 - Person w/Weapon
2025-00046101	8400 - Meet a Person
2025-00048174	8410 - Drunk Person
2025-00048230	8130 - DUI
2025-00048475	8190 - Traffic Stop
2025-00048762	7720 - Recovered Stolen Auto
2025-00053522	8430 - Wanted Person
2025-00053565	8750 - Investigate Person
2025-00053591	8430 - Wanted Person
2025-00053942	8190 - Traffic Stop
2025-00055782	7800 - Vandalism
2025-00056366	8130 - DUI
2025-00060040	8230 - Fight
2025-00060617	8130 - DUI
2025-00063173	Warrant Service
2025-00064241	8130 - DUI
2025-00064903	8230 - Fight
2025-00065883	8130 - DUI
2025-00067866	7402 - Aggravated Assault
2025-00068526	8400 - Meet a Person
2025-00068969	9010 - Meet Officer

<u>2025-00070629</u>	7620 - Other Thefts
<u>2025-00073194</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2025-00073309</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00073639</u>	7500 - Burglary Business
<u>2025-00075038</u>	8190 - Traffic Stop
<u>2025-00076833</u>	7620 - Other Thefts
<u>2025-00076939</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00077639</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00078641</u>	7620 - Other Thefts
<u>2025-00081015</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00081555</u>	8795- Park Check
<u>2025-00082048</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00082073</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2025-00082084</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00082089</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2025-00085205</u>	7800 - Vandalism
<u>2025-00086036</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00086109</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00086790</u>	8190 - Traffic Stop
<u>2025-00089906</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2025-00090138</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00091399</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00093027</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00094621</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00095234</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00096677</u>	7500 - Burglary Business
<u>2025-00097045</u>	8730 - Investigate Occupied Vehi
<u>2025-00097653</u>	7220 - Exposing
<u>2025-00098740</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00099071</u>	7220 - Exposing
<u>2025-00100097</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00101413</u>	8220 - Disorderly Crowd
<u>2025-00103243</u>	7820 - Defrauding/Scamming
<u>2025-00103513</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00104010</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00105128</u>	8270 - Trespassing
<u>2025-00107638</u>	8190 - Traffic Stop
<u>2025-00107735</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00107825</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00107826</u>	8190 - Traffic Stop
<u>2025-00108339</u>	8730 - Investigate Occupied Vehi
<u>2025-00110978</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2025-00111603</u>	8410 - Drunk Person
<u>2025-00112210</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident

<u>2025-00112213</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00114524</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00114950</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00116154</u>	7870 - Narcotics Crimes
<u>2025-00117402</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00118189</u>	7600 - Shoplifting
<u>2025-00118243</u>	7870 - Narcotics Crimes
<u>2025-00119100</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00120020</u>	7870 - Narcotics Crimes
<u>2025-00120036</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
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<u>2025-00122435</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00124169</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2025-00124615</u>	7220 - Exposing
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<u>2025-00125788</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00126103</u>	CPD - Retroactive Incident
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<u>2025-00128151</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00131201</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00131612</u>	8410 - Drunk Person
<u>2025-00132130</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00132163</u>	8100 - Auto Accident
<u>2025-00132176</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00134020</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00134028</u>	7870 - Narcotics Crimes
<u>2025-00134065</u>	8200 - Domestic Incident
<u>2025-00136324</u>	8730 - Investigate Occupied Vehi
<u>2025-00137165</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2025-00139453</u>	8750 - Investigate Person
<u>2025-00142432</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2026-00000099</u>	7400 - Assault
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<u>2026-00000126</u>	8270 - Trespassing
<u>2026-00002592</u>	8190 - Traffic Stop
<u>2026-00003736</u>	8280 - Civil Matter
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<u>2026-00011648</u>	7240 - Public Indecency
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<u>2026-00022055</u>	Warrant Service
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<u>2026-00023025</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
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<u>2026-00025990</u>	8230 - Fight
<u>2026-00030550</u>	7700 - Stolen Auto
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<u>2026-00031758</u>	8130 - DUI
<u>2026-00032541</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2026-00034321</u>	9010 - Meet Officer
<u>2026-00034445</u>	8270 - Trespassing
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<u>2026-00059057</u>	CPD - Reckless Conduct
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<u>2026-00062693</u>	8430 - Wanted Person
<u>2026-00062809</u>	7430 - Person w/Weapon
<u>2026-00062876</u>	8230 - Fight
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Grand Total

Address	Arrest Count
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DILLINGHAM ST / BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1111 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1024 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	3
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100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1037 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1027 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
6 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
2ND AVE / 4TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	2
2ND AVE / 4TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1000 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1111 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
5TH ST / 2ND AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	2
32 7TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
FRONT AVE / DILLINGHAM ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
8 W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
120 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1037 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1ST AVE / 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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4TH ST / 1ST AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	2

103 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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W 12TH ST / BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	2
BAY AVE / W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	7
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BAY AVE / W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	10
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BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1028 FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
12TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	2
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
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FRONT AVE / W 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	3
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BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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W 11TH ST / FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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801 FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
510 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
18 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1000 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1ST AVE / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1014 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1010 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
FRONT AVE / W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1010 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1024 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1002 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1234 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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BROADWAY / 12TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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510 BROADWAY, APT 607, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
900 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
1107 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
1019 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	3
1000 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	35
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1100 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	2
532 1ST AVE, apt b, COLUMBUS, GA	1

1039 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BAY AVE / W 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
10TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1041 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1110 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
W 10TH ST / FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1011 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	3
11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
12TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1020 FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1024 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1039 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
1201 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1ST AVE / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
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1107 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	2
1115 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1017 FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1000 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	2
FRONT AVE / W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	2
1024 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
FRONT AVE / W 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1
1013 BAY AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, 4th floor, COLUMBUS, GA	1
100 10TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	39
1009 BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
11TH ST / BROADWAY, COLUMBUS, GA	1
921 FRONT AVE, COLUMBUS, GA	1
BROADWAY / 11TH ST, COLUMBUS, GA	1

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Occurred Incident Type	Case Count
7100 - Murder	1
7120 - Deceased Person	1
7210 - Molesting	2
7220 - Exposing	5
7240 - Public Indecency	3
7310 - Robbery (Not Armed)	1
7400 - Assault	6
7401 - Assault (No EMS needed)	3
7402 - Aggravated Assault	1
7430 - Person w/Weapon	6
7440 - Shots Heard/Fired	1
7500 - Burglary Business	4
7600 - Shoplifting	2
7610 - Entering an Auto	20
7620 - Other Thefts	40
7700 - Stolen Auto	5
7720 - Recovered Stolen Auto	1
7800 - Vandalism	15
7820 - Defrauding/Scamming	9
7840 - Credit Card Crimes	1
7870 - Narcotics Crimes	22
8100 - Auto Accident	5
8110 - Auto Accident w/Injuries	1
8130 - DUI	22
8140 - Parking Complaint	1
8190 - Traffic Stop	11
8200 - Domestic Incident	38
8201 - Verbal Altercation	4
8220 - Disorderly Crowd	3
8230 - Fight	22
8240 - Neighbor Trouble	1
8250 - Person Screaming	1
8270 - Trespassing	10
8370 - Other Disaster or Hazards	1
8400 - Meet a Person	39
8410 - Drunk Person	14
8430 - Wanted Person	29
8460 - Missing Persons	7
8500 - Sick/Injured/Mental	7
8700 - Not listed Elsewhere	1
8720 - Recovered Property	10

8730 - Investigate Occupied Vehi	5
8750 - Investigate Person	38
8760 - Investigate Area/Premises	3
8795- Park Check	1
9010 - Meet Officer	2
Grand Total	425

Uptown Columbus Curfew Proposal 2026

Over the past year, Uptown Columbus has experienced a significant increase in late-evening and nighttime gatherings of unsupervised minors (8 to 17 years old), resulting in growing public safety concerns, operational disruptions, business impacts, and increased demands on law enforcement and Uptown resources. These challenges have affected visitors, residents, merchants, property owners, public spaces, and the overall visitor experience within the district.

In response, Uptown Columbus has worked proactively and collaboratively to address these concerns through a variety of measures in coordination with the Columbus Police Department, Crime Prevention, Juvenile Court Judge, District Attorney, W.C. Bradley Co., merchants, property owners, and community partners. These efforts have included **increasing off-duty police coverage, expanding Ambassador and Safety Team hours, implementing parking deck restrictions, coordinating temporary street closures, increasing merchant outreach, enhancing communication with public safety officials, and participating in ongoing discussions focused on identifying solutions.** Despite these substantial investments of time, resources, and funding, challenges have continued to escalate. In many cases, large groups of unsupervised minors are now gathering earlier in the evening, often before existing mitigation measures, such as the 11:00pm Bay Avenue closure, can effectively address the situation. Businesses have reported operational disruptions, visitors have expressed concerns about their comfort and safety, and Uptown has incurred significant additional costs to maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

The proposed curfew ordinance is intended to serve as one tool within a broader public safety and community strategy. Uptown Columbus recognizes that **enforcement alone is not the solution.** We fully support continued efforts focused on youth engagement, expanded recreational opportunities, community partnerships, parental accountability, mentorship programs, and coordinated public safety initiatives. After nearly a year of meetings, operational adjustments, increased staffing, and collaborative efforts, additional tools are needed to help address the growing challenges associated with large groups of unsupervised minors in Uptown. The goal of the proposed curfew is to **proactively support a safe, welcoming, and family-friendly environment while reducing operational strain on businesses, visitors, residents, staff, and law enforcement, and protecting the positive momentum** Uptown Columbus has worked hard to build.

Timeline of Escalation & Response

Concerns related to late-night gatherings of unsupervised minors, operational disruptions, and public safety activity within Uptown Columbus have developed over an extended period of time. The following timeline reflects ongoing coordination efforts (primarily via emails and phone calls), operational adjustments, public safety responses, and requests for support prior to the proposed ordinance discussion.

July 2025

- July 7, 2025 — Following July 4th incidents involving shots fired, fireworks being shot at bystanders/families, and fires at Bay Ave Parking garage within Uptown

Columbus, requests for additional support and public safety coordination were initiated.

- July 7, 2025 — Additional public safety resources were added within the Uptown district.
- July 21, 2025 — Operational updates and concerns regarding unsupervised activity of minors were communicated to stakeholders.

September 2025

- September 6, 2025 — A fatal incident occurred on Bay Avenue which increased concerns related to unsupervised late-night activity by minors.
- September 7, 2025 — Additional requests for operational support and public safety coordination were submitted.
- September 7, 2025 — Additional public safety resources were added within the Uptown district.
- September 11, 2025 — Uptown Columbus formally requested a temporary street closure of Bay Avenue from Front Avenue to 11th Street between 10:00pm and 3:00am to assist with crowd management and operational safety concerns.
- September 26, 2025 — A reported sexual assault occurred within the Front Avenue parking garage area.

October 2025

- October 15, 2025 — An Uptown town hall meeting was conducted with residents, merchants, and business stakeholders regarding ongoing operational and safety concerns.
- October 16, 2025 — Follow-up requests for support related to increasing gathering of minors' activity were submitted.

November 2025

- November 14, 2025 — Uptown leadership and board members discussed growing operational concerns and necessary funding associated with unsupervised activity of minors.
- November 25, 2025 — Additional support from city leaders was requested in response to repeated disturbances and large gatherings of minors on Bay Avenue.

December 2025

- December 1, 2025 — Coordination with merchants resulted in adjusted operating hours of Banks Food Hall due to ongoing late-night operational/safety concerns.
- December 1, 2025 — Playground and splash pad operating hours were adjusted to close at 8:00pm
- December 17, 2025 — Operational and public safety updates were provided to Uptown leadership and board members.
- December 22, 2025 — Support was requested regarding operational concerns and gathering activity occurring within the Bay Avenue parking garage.
- December 30, 2025 — Additional requests for guidance and public safety support were submitted to city officials.

January 2026

- January 12, 2026 — Follow-up discussions were conducted with city officials regarding operational concerns and public safety coordination.

- January 16, 2026 — Additional public safety resources (officers) were added, bringing projected operational safety expenditures to approximately \$253,165.
- January 23, 2026 — Meetings were conducted involving Juvenile Court representatives, the District Attorney's Office, Columbus Police Department, W.C. Bradley Co., and Uptown Columbus regarding ongoing activity of minors and operational concerns.

February 2026

- February 19, 2026 — Additional discussions regarding continued unsupervised activity of minors and consideration of a minor curfew measure.
- February 25, 2026 — Second meeting was conducted with Juvenile Court representatives, the District Attorney's Office, Columbus Police Department, W.C. Bradley Co., and Uptown Columbus regarding ongoing activity of minors and operational concerns.

March 2026

- March 13, 2026 — Banks Food Hall resumed revised operating hours following ongoing operational adjustments and safety coordination efforts.

April 2026

- April 3, 2026 — Additional security measures were implemented at Banks Food Hall.
- April 16, 2026 — Discussions regarding public safety announcements and coordinated communication efforts were conducted.
- April 24, 2026 — The first draft of the proposed Uptown curfew ordinance was prepared for review.
- April 26, 2026 — A formal request for a draft curfew ordinance was submitted.

May 2026

- May 8, 2026 — The Mayor's Office coordinated meetings regarding curfew discussions and operational concerns.
- May 11, 2026 — Follow-up meetings regarding the proposed curfew ordinance were conducted.
- May 18, 2026 — Additional follow-up communications regarding the proposed curfew ordinance were submitted.
- May 18, 2026 — Meetings were conducted to review and discuss the draft curfew ordinance.
- May 21, 2026 — The draft ordinance was submitted for first reading consideration.
- May 21, 2026 — Email sent to council outlining concerns and requesting support.
- May 26, 2026 — The proposed ordinance was presented to Council for first reading.

Current Operational & Public Safety Concerns

Over the past year, unsupervised minor activity has regularly shifted between Bay Avenue, Broadway, three city parking garages, Woodruff Riverfront Park, Banks Food Hall, the playground, and surrounding public spaces. These gatherings required additional police response, crowd dispersal efforts, traffic adjustments, street closures, and operational coordination. Businesses, visitors, families, and residents have reported concerns regarding

crowd behavior, visitor comfort, loitering, verbal disturbances, and late-night disruptions in high-traffic pedestrian areas.

Public safety incidents associated with these gatherings have included **disorderly conduct, fights, reports involving firearms or replica firearms, drug and alcohol-related activity, foot pursuits, repeated parent notifications for minor release, and other operational disruptions** requiring law enforcement intervention. Several incidents have also occurred within parking garages and pedestrian connection areas between venues, creating ongoing concerns regarding visitor circulation, accessibility, and public perception of safety within the district.

Please click this [link](#) to view documented photos, videos, and incident examples involving unsupervised minors in Uptown Columbus.

Proactive Measures Already Implemented

Prior to requesting consideration of a curfew ordinance, Uptown Columbus implemented multiple operational and public safety measures in coordination with community partners and law enforcement.

- Uptown Columbus and W.C. Bradley Co. coordinated the closure of Levels 3–5 of the Synovus Parking Deck in response to ongoing late-night gathering activity and vehicle related disruptions.
- Additional off-duty Columbus Police Department officers were assigned throughout the district, including increased monitoring around Banks Food Hall and adjacent gathering locations.
- Bay Avenue closures between 10th Street and 11th Street were implemented beginning at 11:00pm in coordination with the Columbus Police Department to reduce late-night congestion and improve crowd management.
- Met with Public Safety and Juvenile Court representatives, the District Attorney’s Office, Columbus Police Department, W.C. Bradley Co., and Uptown Columbus regarding ongoing activity of minors and operational concerns for solutions.
- Uptown Columbus expanded ambassador staffing and increased overtime coverage during weekends and peak evening periods.
- Merchant coordination meetings, public safety discussions, operational planning sessions, lighting evaluations, and communication efforts have continued throughout the past year.

Despite these efforts, many operational concerns are now occurring prior to the existing 11:00pm street closure timeframe, reducing the effectiveness of current mitigation strategies.

Operational Cost Breakdown

Off-Duty CPD Officers	\$168,000
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Additional Roaming Patrols	+ \$170,000
Ambassador Overtime	+ \$89,000
Additional Staffing	+ \$90,000
Special Events Adjustments	+ \$25,000

Uptown Columbus has invested substantially in proactive operational and public safety measures prior to requesting additional ordinance tools or policy changes.

Visitor & Economic Impact

Several Uptown businesses have adjusted operating hours, reduced evening operations, or expressed concerns regarding late-night disruptions and customer comfort. Visitor perception directly impacts restaurant traffic, tourism activity, conventions, family attendance, and overall confidence in the Uptown district. Several businesses have reported concerns regarding customer retention, evening foot traffic, and operational sustainability during peak weekend hours. Uptown merchants have reported lost revenue which directly impacts tax income to the city and overall economic development.

This is a list of current businesses that have reduced their hours:

- Banks Food Hall
 - Jeremiah’s Italian Ice
 - The Maltitude Bar at Banks
 - Poke Sun
 - El Primo Taqueria
 - Filberto’s Authentic Filipino Cuisine
 - Angry Wings & Things Korean Fried Chicken & Street Food
 - Niaz Persian Kitchen
- 11th and Bay Southern Table
- Momma Goldberg’s Deli
- The Pizza Place
- Freeze Frame Yogurt Shoppe
- Kilwins Ice Cream & Fudge
- Whitewater Express (Night Zipline activities)

As Uptown Columbus continues to experience growth in tourism, residential development, events, and entertainment activity, operational planning and proactive public safety coordination have become increasingly important and more complex.

Community Feedback

“They aren’t doing these “teen” takeovers because there’s nothing to do. They’ve been doing this because there haven’t been any serious consequences for it, from either the parents *or* law enforcement. They’ve been doing it because they get away with it.

It is not the city’s responsibility to keep kids from ever feeling bored for more than 3 seconds. It *is* the city’s responsibility to maintain public safety. It *is* the city’s responsibility to hold parents accountable for their own children.

The “boredom” excuse is pure cope. As if the people doing this were all just one more day at the park away from starting to act right.”

- Facebook User

“I’m hoping the authorities can find a solution to this problem that works for everyone involved, including local businesses and families. I definitely support the idea of a curfew. As we know, college students will have a student ID. However, youth under the age of 18 most likely will not have a valid identification. Enforcing a curfew will allow the authorities to identify youth who are not being supervised past curfew. Push some of the responsibility back to the parents. Know your youth whereabouts.”

- Maria Archie-Mostella

Read more comments from the community using this [link](#).

Youth Engagement & Community Partnership Opportunities

Columbus already maintains a wide range of recreational facilities, youth programs, mentorship organizations, and community-based initiatives intended to support youth engagement, supervision, education, and recreation. **Click this [link](#) to see examples of resources available to youth which highlights the curfew times and supervision requirements of minors.** In addition to city-operated recreation centers and parks, numerous nonprofit and community organizations currently receive funding for youth mentorship, after-school programming, academic support, delinquency prevention, and family services. For example, in August 2024, the Columbus Council approved a total of [\\$1 million in grants to 42 local organizations](#) recommended by the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention. **Click this [link](#) to read about the programs.**

Uptown Columbus recognizes that **enforcement alone is not the solution** to addressing ongoing activity of minors and late-night operational concerns. Long-term improvement will require collaboration between public safety agencies, schools, parents, community organizations, faith leaders, youth programs, and local partners. By acknowledging the limitations of existing resources and extending collaboration with these funded programs, Uptown Columbus supports continued discussion regarding youth mentorship opportunities, structured evening programming, parent accountability initiatives, and community-based engagement efforts. The proposed ordinance is intended to function as one operational tool within a broader collaborative strategy focused on safety, prevention, and positive community outcomes.

Curfew Examples Across the Country

Cities throughout the United States have recently implemented or strengthened curfew on minors policies in response to increasing late-night gathering activity, public safety concerns, operational disruptions, and youth-related incidents within entertainment and downtown districts. CNN published an article highlighting incidents in major cities and the consequences of these occurrences: <https://www.cnn.com/2026/05/09/us/teen-takeovers-explainer>

These policies are being used in a variety of ways, including citywide curfews, **entertainment district restrictions, and designated high-activity zones**. In 2025–2026, at least 6 major U.S. cities have taken confirmed curfew action in direct response to “teen takeover” incidents, with several additional cities actively debating new legislation. Of those 6 cities:

- **5 out of 6** enacted their curfew measures **reactively** — meaning the policy was implemented in direct response to a specific incident that had already occurred, rather than established in advance.
- **4 out of 6** applied curfews to **specific entertainment districts, downtown corridors, or designated zones only**, rather than imposing a citywide restriction. Only Washington, D.C. and Long Branch, NJ applied measures with broader geographic reach, and even D.C.'s model relies on targeted zone declarations rather than a blanket citywide rule.
- **At least 2 cities** — Chicago and Detroit — specifically limited their proposed curfew scope to **downtown and riverfront entertainment districts**, with no intent to extend restrictions to residential neighborhoods.
- In Washington, D.C., the zone-based curfew model resulted in 14 curfew zones declared between February and April 2026, producing only **7 total violations** — a figure the city cited as evidence the targeted approach was working.

Municipal codes related to curfew provisions have existed in **at least 25 of the most populous U.S. cities**, and curfew laws are currently on the books in **over 400 towns, cities, and counties** nationwide where it is illegal for minors to be outside without supervision during certain hours: <https://www.findlaw.com/criminal/criminal-charges/juvenile-curfew-laws-in-the-25-most-populous-us-cities.html>. Additionally, juvenile curfews are not uncommon in Georgia. Multiple cities and counties throughout the state, including Atlanta, Centerville, Swainsboro, Trion, Americus, and Rockdale County, have adopted curfew ordinances as tools to support public safety, youth welfare, and the management of late-night unsupervised activity of minors.

Read more on curfews across the country using this [link](#).

Desired Outcomes & Long-Term Goals

The goal of the proposed ordinance is to support a safe, welcoming, and family-friendly environment throughout Uptown Columbus while reducing operational strain on businesses, visitors, public spaces, and public safety resources.

Desired outcomes include:

- Reduced large late-night gatherings of unsupervised minors in high-traffic areas
- Improved visitor comfort and pedestrian accessibility
- Fewer operational disruptions impacting businesses and events
- Reduced strain on law enforcement and Uptown staffing resources
- Improved crowd management and public space coordination

- Enhanced perception of safety within the district

The intent of the proposed ordinance is to provide one operational tool within a broader collaborative approach focused on safety, prevention, accountability, and long-term community sustainability. Uptown Columbus appreciates the continued partnership and collaboration of Council, city leadership, public safety agencies, merchants, residents, and community stakeholders in working toward balanced and effective solutions for the district.

File Attachments for Item:

7. 2nd Reading: REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (As amended on 1st Reading 6-9-26.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

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

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the UDO is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2.5.25. to read as follows:

“Section 2.5.25. – Technology Overlay District.

(a). *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide an overlay to permit and regulate data centers and related technology uses, as provided herein, and which supports and encourages the siting of new technologies, computer systems, data infrastructure and data hosting. This overlay is intended to apply solely to large-scale or hyperscale data center campuses as defined by the minimum thresholds set forth in subsection (d). Smaller data processing facilities that do not meet such thresholds remain permitted by right within the General Commercial (GC), Special Activities Center (SAC), Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI), and Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI) districts as set forth in Table 3.1.1.

(b) *Underlying zoning.* The underlying zoning of a property shall remain unaffected.

(c) *Use regulations.* Within the Technology Overlay District, data centers and related technology uses shall be permitted subject to the requirements of this section.

A. Uses permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* include:

Computer systems and facilities design, programming operation and management.

Data processing, storage, hosting and related services.

Information product research and development.

Internet website design and hosting.

Public utility facilities.

Software design and development.

Solar, renewable and alternative energy facilities.

Technology consulting and management.

Telecommunications infrastructure and connectivity facilities.

B. Uses NOT permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* are:

The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, otherwise known as cryptocurrency mining, which is not permitted as a Data Center. See Section 3.2.77. – Cryptocurrency Mining.

C. *Accessory uses.* Structures and land may be used for uses customarily incidental to any permitted use.

(d) *Development standards.*

A. *Data Center Development.* A Data Center Development shall mean and refer to the entire contiguous tract of land presented for development as a Data Center.

A-1. *Hyperscale Data Center.* A “Hyperscale Data Center” shall mean a Data Center Development located on a single contiguous tract of land of seventy-five (75) acres or more, with one or more principal buildings.

B. *Height regulations.* Buildings shall not exceed a height of seventy-five (75) feet, measured from structure pad level. Height limitations shall not apply to accessory structures such as water towers, conveyer belts, HVAC equipment, generators and other incidental and uninhabited parts of the structure.

C. *Minimum acreage:* seventy-five (75) acres, comprising a single contiguous tract under common ownership or control. Assemblage of parcels without a replat shall not satisfy this requirement.

D. *Buffers and Setback:* All non-residential buffers and setbacks shall conform to the Development Agreement, as defined in paragraph N. below, the requirements of this code section, or the requirements of the underlying zoning district, whichever is most restrictive.

E. *Minimum buffer requirements:* In addition to required setbacks, a minimum 500-foot-wide buffer, which can include required setback, shall be required along all property lines which abut a residential district in order to provide a visual screen. The required buffer shall include vegetative screening sufficient to provide a continuous visual screen at maturity. In no event shall buffer width or screening relieve the data center operator from compliance with the noise standards in subsection (L).

F. *Air conditioning units and HVAC systems.* Air conditioning units and HVAC systems shall be thoroughly screened from view from the public right-of-way and from adjacent properties by using walls, fencing, roof elements, or landscaping. This requirement shall not apply where the equipment is more than 200 feet from adjacent property lines.

G. *Front building facade.* The front building facade of all principal buildings shall be oriented toward street fronts or adjacent arterial street fronts. This requirement shall

not apply if the front of the building is greater than 500 feet from the public right-of-way or not visible from the public right-of-way.

H. *Security fencing and structures.* Security fencing and walls shall not be located within the required buffer unless it complies with the general regulations pertaining to fencing for the underlying zoning classification. Fences and walls outside the required setback and buffer provided above shall not be subject to height limitations. Guard houses and secured entry features shall be permitted at public road entrances.

I. *Exception for internal lots.* Required setbacks and buffers shall only apply to external property boundaries with other properties not part of the data center campus. Minimum lot frontages, width and acreage shall not apply to subdivided lots within the data center campus, so long as the entirety of the contiguous data center campus complies with the requirements of this ordinance, and so long as the subdivided lot has adequate frontage on public or private roads to allow service.

J. *Private roads.* Private roads are permitted within data center campuses.

K. *Dark sky lighting.* Exterior illumination shall be shielded, downcast and of a luminosity designed to maintain the existing night sky darkness and to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. In order to obtain that objective, the following criteria shall be met:

- i. all fixtures shall be full cut-off type fixtures,
- ii. light poles shall be no taller than 25 feet in height,
- iii. all light poles must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any exterior property line,
- iv. maximum foot-candles at the property line shall be 0.5.

The Director of Inspections and Code may require a photometric lighting plan which shows conformity with these requirements as part of any building permit application.

L. *Noise.* In order to ensure that data centers and related technology uses do not contribute to noise pollution within the City, all data centers will be subject to the following standards:

- i. Data center operations, to include the use of backup generators shall not produce sound that exceeds, as a rolling thirty (30) minute equivalent continuous sound level (Leq), the following thresholds, measured at the data center property line: (a) Daytime (7:00 AM to 10:00 PM): 65 dBA and 75 dBC at any property line abutting a residential district; 70 dBA and 75 dBC at any other property line. (b) Nighttime (10:00 PM to 7:00 AM): 55 dBA and 65dBC at any property line abutting a residential district; 65 dBA at any other property line. For purposes of this section, "rolling thirty (30) minute average" shall mean the equivalent continuous sound level (Leq) calculated continuously over any thirty (30) minute window, with no resetting permitted between measurement intervals. Violations of these sound

levels may be prosecuted in the same manner as other zoning ordinance violations and shall be subject to civil action by the City.

ii. After issuance of the certificate of occupancy for each data center building, the City may obtain sound studies or require the data center operator to provide a sound study (preferably by an INCE member measuring both A-weighted (dBA) and C-weighted (dBC) sound levels) to verify that the operation, to include the use of backup generators, is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (i) above. If a data center is found to be in violation of the requirements of paragraph (i) above, the City may issue a notice of violation, which may direct that the data center take appropriate steps to operate within the requirements of paragraph (i) above. The City Manager may require the data center operator to propose a solution, and a time period for implementation. If the City Manager approves such solution, and the data center fails to successfully implement that solution within the time approved, the violator shall be subject to a fine up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day that the violation exists until full compliance is obtained. Continued non-compliance beyond fifteen (15) days after the City Manager's approved solution deadline shall constitute grounds for civil action by the City, including without limitation citation to Recorder's Court for violation of a City Ordinance, injunctive relief and revocation of any certificate of occupancy issued for the affected building or buildings.

iii. The data center operator shall continue to bear the costs of any sound test or study required to monitor violations in paragraphs (i) or (ii).

iv. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for a data center facility, the developer shall submit to the Director of Inspections and Code an acoustic impact study prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer licensed in the State of Georgia. The study shall model current and expected A-weighted and C-weighted sound levels at all property lines based on planned equipment selection, equipment placement, and site geography, and shall demonstrate compliance with paragraph (i) above. The acoustic impact study and its operative assumptions shall be incorporated as binding obligations within the Development Agreement.

v. Each data center facility shall be required to have Tier IV backup generators or Tier II generators with Selective Catalytic Conversion (SCR). If natural gas turbines are used, the SCR shall use ammonia as the catalyst. The use of diesel backup generators shall be prohibited. Routine testing of emergency backup generators shall be conducted only between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, excluding federal and state holidays. The data center operator shall provide written notification to all property owners within one thousand (1,000) feet of the data center property line, and to the Director of Inspections and Code, not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to any scheduled

generator test. Emergency operation of backup generators during actual loss of utility power is not subject to these notifications or time-of-day requirements.

M. Developers of data centers desiring local utilities must request and receive from each utility provider a utility availability letter confirming the availability of electric, water, sanitary sewer, natural gas, and telecommunications service to the proposed site. The utility availability letters shall be issued only after each affected utility provider has completed system impact studies and confirmed in writing that required service can be provided. The required letters will be made available to the City prior to any permits being issued or beginning construction.

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O. Prior to the issuance of land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy, or other development approval the data center developer shall enter into a development agreement reasonably acceptable to the City whereby the Developer will be financially responsible for any system upgrades required in providing for the installation of required project improvements and addressing the provision of public utilities, public services, or public safety needs to serve the project. The Development Agreement shall, at minimum, address: (1) all infrastructure costs and timing for water, sewer, electric, gas, and telecommunications service, including any required on-site or off-site upgrades; (2) the acoustic impact study and binding noise commitments required under subsection (L); (3) cooling system specifications, water use commitments, and industrial pretreatment requirements required under subsection (N); (4) buffer composition, vegetative screening, and visual-screening commitments required under subsection (E); (5) construction phasing, build-out timeline, and any conditions limiting expansion or megawatt capacity beyond the initial approved scope; and (6) where extension of public sanitary sewer service to the data center site triggers mandatory connection of adjacent residential properties to public sewer under state or local law, the Developer's responsibility for any reasonable costs incurred by such adjacent residential property owners arising from such mandatory connection; (7) need and option for service district inclusion; (8) project abandonment and reclamation

protections. Developer shall be required to provide a fund to be set aside for decommissioning in an amount determined in the Development Agreement which will be held in the custody of and managed by the City. If the City is unable to reasonably provide the required utilities to serve the project, then the City may decline to enter into a development agreement with the developer and therefore no land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy or other development approval will be granted.

P. Creating a Technology Overlay District for a property shall follow the requirements of Chapter 10.2 – **Zoning Changes** of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City Code. For clarity and consistency with the requirements of Chapter 10.2, application of the Technology Overlay District to any specific parcel shall require: (a) submission of a complete application including a site plan and the studies required under subsections (E), (L), and (M); (b) posting of the property and written notification to all property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the subject property (or such greater radius as the Planning Advisory Commission determines appropriate); (c) a public hearing before the Planning Advisory Commission; and (d) two readings before the Columbus Council, with the first reading constituting a public hearing.”

SECTION 2.

Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by revising Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following districts under the subheading of Communications, Mining, Transportation and Utilities and revising the Legend to add TO = Technology Overlay:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R E T	S F R 1	S F R 2	S F R 3	S F R 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Technology Overlay District		T O	T O	T O												T O	T O	T O		T O	T O	T O	

Legend: see Article 2
Blank = Prohibited Use P=Permitted Use
SE=Special Exception Use TO = Technology Overlay* Additional standards apply Sec.2.5.25.

SECTION 3.

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of the UDO is hereby amended by striking Section 10.2.9. in its entirety and substituting a new section 10.2.9. in its place to read as follows:

“Section 10.2.9. – Development of Regional Impact.

Any application that would result in a zoning change that meets or exceeds any of the thresholds listed at <https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/regional->

planning/developments-regional-impact, or as otherwise adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, shall be considered a Development of Regional Impact (DRI).”

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

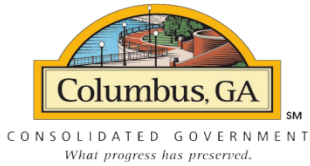
This ordinance will become effective 10 days after it is signed by the mayor and returned to the Clerk of Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; continued on 1st Reading on the 9th day of June, 2026; and introduced on 2nd Reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of June, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



Planning Department

March 23, 2026

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
City Manager
City Attorney
Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of Columbus Consolidated Government.

A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes.

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meetings on March 4 and March 18, 2026. PAC recommended **conditional approval** by a vote of 5-1. The recommended condition is: increase the buffer requirement from 200-feet to 500-feet in Section 2.5.25.(d).E. *Minimum buffer requirements*.

The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval**. The recommended conditions are: 1) add the term "hyperscale" to Section 2.5.25.(a). *Purpose*: "an overlay to permit and regulate **hyperscale** data centers...", and 2) add the term "non-residential" to Section 2.5.25.(d).D. *Buffers and setbacks*: All **non-residential** buffers and setbacks shall conform...".

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
(Explanation of Revisions)

1. Explanation of Revisions: Create Section 2.5.25.

Chapter 2 of the UDO is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2.5.25. to read as follows:

Section 2.5.25. – Technology Overlay District.

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide an overlay to permit and regulate data centers and related technology uses, as provided herein, and which supports and encourages the siting of new technologies, computer systems, data infrastructure and data hosting.
- (b) *Underlying zoning.* The underlying zoning of a property shall remain unaffected.
- (c) *Use regulations.* *Within the Technology Overlay District,* data centers and related technology uses shall be permitted subject to the requirements of this section.
 - A. Uses permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* include:
 - Computer systems and facilities design, programming operation and management.
 - Data processing, storage, hosting and related services.
 - Information product research and development.
 - Internet website design and hosting.
 - Public utility facilities.
 - Software design and development.
 - Solar, renewable and alternative energy facilities.
 - Technology consulting and management
 - Telecommunications infrastructure and connectivity facilities.
 - B. Uses NOT permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* are:
 - The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, otherwise known as cryptocurrency mining, which is not permitted as a Data Center. See Section 3.2.77. – Cryptocurrency Mining.
 - C. *Accessory uses.* Structures and land may be used for uses customarily incidental to any permitted use.
- (d) *Development standards.*

- A. *Data Center Development.* A Data Center Development shall mean and refer to the entire contiguous tract of land presented for development as a Data Center.
- B. *Height regulations.* Buildings shall not exceed a height of seventy-five (75) feet, measured from structure pad level. Height limitations shall not apply to accessory structures such as water towers, conveyer belts, HVAC equipment, generators and other incidental and uninhabited parts of the structure.
- C. *Minimum acreage:* seventy-five acres.
- D. *Buffers and Setback:* All buffers and setbacks shall conform to the Development Agreement, as defined in paragraph N. below, the requirements of this code section, or the requirements of the underlying zoning district, whichever is most restrictive.
- E. *Minimum buffer requirements:* In addition to required setbacks, a minimum 200-foot wide buffer, which can include required setback, shall be required along all property lines which abut a residential district in order to provide a visual screen.
- F. *Air conditioning units and HVAC systems.* Air conditioning units and HVAC systems shall be thoroughly screened from view from the public right-of-way and from adjacent properties by using walls, fencing, roof elements, or landscaping. This requirement shall not apply where the equipment is more than 200 feet from adjacent property lines.
- G. *Front building facade.* The front building facade of all principal buildings shall be oriented toward street fronts or adjacent arterial street fronts. This requirement shall not apply if the front of the building is greater than 500 feet from the public right-of-way or not visible from the public right-of-way.
- H. *Security fencing and structures.* Security fencing and walls shall not be located within the required buffer unless it complies with the general regulations pertaining to fencing for the underlying zoning classification. Fences and walls outside the required setback and buffer provided above shall not be subject to height limitations. Guard houses and secured entry features shall be permitted at public road entrances.
- I. *Exception for internal lots.* Required setbacks and buffers shall only apply to external property boundaries with other properties not part of the data center campus. Minimum lot frontages, width and acreage shall not apply to subdivided lots within the data center campus, so long as the entirety of the contiguous data center campus complies with the requirements of this ordinance, and so long as the subdivided lot has adequate frontage on public or private roads to allow service.
- J. *Private roads.* Private roads are permitted within data center campuses.
- K. *Dark sky lighting.* Exterior illumination shall be shielded, downcast and of a luminosity designed to maintain the existing night sky darkness and to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. In order to obtain that objective, the following criteria shall be met:
- i. all fixtures shall be full cut-off type fixtures,
 - ii. light poles shall be no taller than 25 feet in height,

- iii. all light poles must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any exterior property line
- iv. maximum foot-candles at the property line shall be 0.5

The Director of Inspections and Code may require a photometric lighting plan which shows conformity with these requirements as part of any building permit application.

L. *Noise.* In order to ensure that data centers and related technology uses do not contribute to noise pollution within the City, all data centers will be subject to the following standards:

- i. Data center operations shall not produce continuous sound that exceeds an average of 65 decibels over any 30-minute period from 8 AM to 6 PM, measured at any adjacent property boundary between the data center site and a residential property. Nor shall data center operations produce continuous sound that exceeds an average of 55 decibels over any thirty-minute period from 6 PM to 8 AM, measured at any adjacent property boundary between the site and residential property. Violations of these sound levels may be prosecuted in the same manner as other zoning ordinance violations.
- ii. After issuance of the certificate of occupancy for each data center building, the City may obtain sound studies or require the data center operator to provide a sound study to verify that the operation is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (i) above. If a data center is found to be in violation of the requirements of paragraph (i) above, the City may issue a notice of violation, which may direct that the data center take appropriate steps to operate within the requirements of paragraph (i) above. The City manager may require the data center operator to propose a solution, and a time period for implementation. If the City Manager approves such solution, and the data center fails to successfully implement that solution within the time approved, the violator shall be subject to a fine up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day that the violation exists until full compliance is obtained.
- iii. The data center operator shall continue to bear the costs of any sound test or study required to monitor violations in paragraphs (i) or (ii).

M. Developers of data centers desiring local utilities must request and receive from the city prior to any permits being issued or beginning construction a utility availability letter.

N. All cooling and ventilation equipment within property boundaries must operate on a closed-loop system and must follow Watershed standards for usage and disposal with flushing and refills to be regulated by Columbus and the Columbus Water Works.

O. Prior to the issuance of land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy, or other development approval the data center developer shall enter into a development agreement reasonably acceptable to the City whereby the Developer will be financially responsible for

any system upgrades required in providing for the installation of required project improvements and addressing the provision of public utilities to serve the project. Developer shall be required to put up a surety/maintenance bond. If the City is unable to reasonably provide the required utilities to serve the project, then the City may decline to enter into a development agreement with the developer and therefore no land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy or other development approval will be granted.

P. Creating a Technology Overlay District for a property shall follow the requirements of Chapter 10.2 – **Zoning Changes** of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City Code.

2. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Table 3.1.1

Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by revising Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following districts under the subheading of Communications, Mining, Transportation and Utilities and revising the Legend to add TO = Technology Overlay:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F 1	S F 2	S F 3	S F 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Technology Overlay District		T O	T O	T O												T O	T O	T O		T O	T O	T O	

Legend: see Article 2.
Blank=Prohibited Use P=Permitted Use
SE=Special Exception Use TO=Technology
Overlay *=Additional standards apply

3. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 10.2.9

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of the UDO is hereby amended by striking Section 10.2.9. in its entirety and substituting a new section 10.2.9. in its place to read as follows:

Section 10.2.9. – Development of Regional Impact.

Any application that would result in a zoning change that meets or exceeds any of the thresholds listed at <https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/regional->

[planning/developments-regional-impact](#), or as otherwise adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, shall be considered a Development of Regional Impact (DRI).

4. Explanation of Revisions: Add a definition for Hyperscale Data Center to Chapter 13. Definitions.

Hyperscale Data Center is a massive data center that provides extreme scalability capabilities and is engineered for large-scale workloads with an optimized network infrastructure, streamlined network connectivity and minimized latency.

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the UDO is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2.5.25. to read as follows:

“Section 2.5.25. – Technology Overlay District.

(a). *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide an overlay to permit and regulate data centers and related technology uses, as provided herein, and which supports and encourages the siting of new technologies, computer systems, data infrastructure and data hosting. This overlay is intended to apply solely to large-scale or hyperscale data center campuses as defined by the minimum thresholds set forth in subsection (d). Smaller data processing facilities that do not meet such thresholds remain permitted by right within the General Commercial (GC), Special Activities Center (SAC), Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI), and Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI) districts as set forth in Table 3.1.1.

(b) *Underlying zoning.* The underlying zoning of a property shall remain unaffected.

(c) *Use regulations.* Within the Technology Overlay District, data centers and related technology uses shall be permitted subject to the requirements of this section.

A. Uses permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* include:

Computer systems and facilities design, programming operation and management.

Data processing, storage, hosting and related services.

Information product research and development.

Internet website design and hosting.

Public utility facilities.

Software design and development.

Solar, renewable and alternative energy facilities.

Technology consulting and management.

Telecommunications infrastructure and connectivity facilities.

B. Uses NOT permitted as *Data centers and related technology uses* are:

The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, otherwise known as cryptocurrency mining, which is not permitted as a Data Center. See Section 3.2.77. – Cryptocurrency Mining.

C. *Accessory uses.* Structures and land may be used for uses customarily incidental to any permitted use.

(d) *Development standards.*

A. *Data Center Development.* A Data Center Development shall mean and refer to the entire contiguous tract of land presented for development as a Data Center.

A-1. *Hyperscale Data Center.* A “Hyperscale Data Center” shall mean a Data Center Development located on a single contiguous tract of land of seventy-five (75) acres or more, with one or more principal buildings.

B. *Height regulations.* Buildings shall not exceed a height of seventy-five (75) feet, measured from structure pad level. Height limitations shall not apply to accessory structures such as water towers, conveyer belts, HVAC equipment, generators and other incidental and uninhabited parts of the structure.

C. *Minimum acreage:* seventy-five (75) acres, comprising a single contiguous tract under common ownership or control. Assemblage of parcels without a replat shall not satisfy this requirement.

D. *Buffers and Setback:* All non-residential buffers and setbacks shall conform to the Development Agreement, as defined in paragraph N. below, the requirements of this code section, or the requirements of the underlying zoning district, whichever is most restrictive.

E. *Minimum buffer requirements:* In addition to required setbacks, a minimum ~~200~~500-foot-wide buffer, which can include required setback, shall be required along all property lines which abut a residential district in order to provide a visual screen. The required buffer shall include vegetative screening sufficient to provide a continuous visual screen at maturity. In no event shall buffer width or screening relieve the data center operator from compliance with the noise standards in subsection (L).

F. *Air conditioning units and HVAC systems.* Air conditioning units and HVAC systems shall be thoroughly screened from view from the public right-of-way and from adjacent properties by using walls, fencing, roof elements, or landscaping. This requirement shall not apply where the equipment is more than 200 feet from adjacent property lines.

G. *Front building facade.* The front building facade of all principal buildings shall be oriented toward street fronts or adjacent arterial street fronts. This requirement shall

not apply if the front of the building is greater than 500 feet from the public right-of-way or not visible from the public right-of-way.

H. *Security fencing and structures.* Security fencing and walls shall not be located within the required buffer unless it complies with the general regulations pertaining to fencing for the underlying zoning classification. Fences and walls outside the required setback and buffer provided above shall not be subject to height limitations. Guard houses and secured entry features shall be permitted at public road entrances.

I. *Exception for internal lots.* Required setbacks and buffers shall only apply to external property boundaries with other properties not part of the data center campus. Minimum lot frontages, width and acreage shall not apply to subdivided lots within the data center campus, so long as the entirety of the contiguous data center campus complies with the requirements of this ordinance, and so long as the subdivided lot has adequate frontage on public or private roads to allow service.

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K. *Dark sky lighting.* Exterior illumination shall be shielded, downcast and of a luminosity designed to maintain the existing night sky darkness and to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. In order to obtain that objective, the following criteria shall be met:

- i. all fixtures shall be full cut-off type fixtures,
- ii. light poles shall be no taller than 25 feet in height,
- iii. all light poles must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any exterior property line,
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The Director of Inspections and Code may require a photometric lighting plan which shows conformity with these requirements as part of any building permit application.

L. *Noise.* In order to ensure that data centers and related technology uses do not contribute to noise pollution within the City, all data centers will be subject to the following standards:

- i. Data center operations, to include the use of backup generators, shall not produce sound that exceeds, as a rolling thirty (30) minute equivalent continuous sound level (Leq), the following thresholds, measured at the data center property line: (a) Daytime (7:00 AM to 10:00 PM): 65 dBA and 75 dBC at any property line abutting a residential district; 70 dBA and 75 dBC at any other property line. (b) Nighttime (10:00 PM to 7:00 AM): 55 dBA and 65dBC at any property line abutting a residential district; 65 dBA at any other property line. For purposes of this section, "rolling thirty (30) minute average" shall mean the equivalent continuous sound level (Leq) calculated continuously over any thirty (30) minute window, with no resetting permitted between measurement intervals. Violations of these sound

levels may be prosecuted in the same manner as other zoning ordinance violations and shall be subject to civil action by the City.

ii. After issuance of the certificate of occupancy for each data center building, the City may obtain sound studies or require the data center operator to provide a sound study (preferably by an INCE member measuring both A-weighted (dBA) and C-weighted (dBC) sound levels) to verify that the operation, to include the use of backup generators, is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (i) above. If a data center is found to be in violation of the requirements of paragraph (i) above, the City may issue a notice of violation, which may direct that the data center take appropriate steps to operate within the requirements of paragraph (i) above. The City Manager may require the data center operator to propose a solution, and a time period for implementation. If the City Manager approves such solution, and the data center fails to successfully implement that solution within the time approved, the violator shall be subject to a fine up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day that the violation exists until full compliance is obtained. Continued non-compliance beyond ~~fifteen~~ thirty (1530) days after the City Manager's approved solution deadline shall constitute grounds for civil action by the City, including without limitation citation to Recorder's Court for violation of a City Ordinance, injunctive relief and revocation of any certificate of occupancy issued for the affected building or buildings.

iii. The data center operator shall continue to bear the costs of any sound test or study required to monitor violations in paragraphs (i) or (ii).

iv. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for a data center facility, the developer shall submit to the Director of Inspections and Code an acoustic impact study prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer licensed in the State of Georgia. The study shall model current and expected A-weighted and C-weighted sound levels at all property lines based on planned equipment selection, equipment placement, and site geography, and shall demonstrate compliance with paragraph (i) above. The acoustic impact study and its operative assumptions shall be incorporated as binding obligations within the Development Agreement.

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generator test. Emergency operation of backup generators during actual loss of utility power is not subject to these notifications or time-of-day requirements.

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O. Prior to the issuance of land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy, or other development approval the data center developer shall enter into a development agreement reasonably acceptable to the City whereby the Developer will be financially responsible for any system upgrades required in providing for the installation of required project improvements and addressing the provision of public utilities, public services, or public safety needs to serve the project. The Development Agreement shall, at minimum, address: (1) all infrastructure costs and timing for water, sewer, electric, gas, and telecommunications service, including any required on-site or off-site upgrades; (2) the acoustic impact study and binding noise commitments required under subsection (L); (3) cooling system specifications, water use commitments, and industrial pretreatment requirements required under subsection (N); (4) buffer composition, vegetative screening, and visual-screening commitments required under subsection (E); (5) construction phasing, build-out timeline, and any conditions limiting expansion or megawatt capacity beyond the initial approved scope; and (6) where extension of public sanitary sewer service to the data center site triggers mandatory connection of adjacent residential properties to public sewer under state or local law, the Developer's responsibility for any reasonable costs incurred by such adjacent residential property owners arising from such mandatory connection; (7) need and option for service district inclusion; (8) project abandonment and reclamation

protections. Developer shall be required to provide a fund to be set aside for decommissioning in an amount determined in the Development Agreement which will be held in the custody of and managed by the City. If the City is unable to reasonably provide the required utilities to serve the project, then the City may decline to enter into a development agreement with the developer and therefore no land disturbance permits, certificates of occupancy or other development approval will be granted.

P. Creating a Technology Overlay District for a property shall follow the requirements of Chapter 10.2 – **Zoning Changes** of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City Code. For clarity and consistency with the requirements of Chapter 10.2, application of the Technology Overlay District to any specific parcel shall require: (a) submission of a complete application including a site plan and the studies required under subsections (E), (L), and (M); (b) posting of the property and written notification to all property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the subject property (or such greater radius as the Planning Advisory Commission determines appropriate); (c) a public hearing before the Planning Advisory Commission; and (d) two readings before the Columbus Council, with the first reading constituting a public hearing.”

SECTION TWO

Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by revising Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following districts under the subheading of Communications, Mining, Transportation and Utilities and revising the Legend to add TO = Technology Overlay:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F 1	S F 2	S F 3	S F 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Technology Overlay District		T O	T O	T O												T O	T O	T O		T O	T O	T O	

Legend: see Article 2

Blank = Prohibited Use P=Permitted Use

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SECTION 3.

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of the UDO is hereby amended by striking Section 10.2.9. in its entirety and substituting a new section 10.2.9. in its place to read as follows:

“Section 10.2.9. – Development of Regional Impact.

Any application that would result in a zoning change that meets or exceeds any of the thresholds listed at <https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/regional-planning/developments-regional-impact>, or as otherwise adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, shall be considered a Development of Regional Impact (DRI)."

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

This ordinance will become effective 10 days after it is signed by the mayor and returned to the Clerk of Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ___ day of ___ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ___ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

8. 1st Reading: An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

There is hereby levied and shall be collected on all real estate and personal property, tangible or intangible, in Columbus, Georgia, on the 1st day of January 2026, a tax of 23.075 mills on each dollar of valuation of such property for current operation of schools. This rate has been set and certified by the Muscogee County Board of Education for FY 2027.

SECTION 2.

As to all funds from taxes on intangible property paid to Columbus, Georgia, by the State of Georgia, the division of said total millage for each particular purpose shall be the same as levied for Urban Services District #1 and the General Services District, under separate ordinance, and for schools under Section 1 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3.

Claims for exemption from taxation by Columbus, Georgia for the year 2026 on personal property shall be controlled by applicable state law.

SECTION 4.

Returns of tangible property, including description of real estate, shall be made on oath to the Tax Commissioner between the 1st day of January 2026, and the 1st day of April 2026, and in default of such return, the Tax Assessor shall assess the property. Should any person, firm or corporation fail to make returns of property for taxation as required by this Ordinance, the Tax Commissioner shall use the value as shown on the prior year's return. A failure to pay the tax on said property at the returned or assessed value shall subject such property to the same liability and sale as other like property regularly assessed or returned where the same was in Columbus, Georgia, on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner carefully to scrutinize each return and to see that no real estate is returned at a value less than fixed by the Board of Tax Assessors and that all personal property embraced in the return is fixed at its true market value. Review of any return shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus Charter and applicable state law. If in any case the Board of Tax Assessors of Columbus, Georgia, is not satisfied with the accuracy of the tax returns herein provided for, Columbus, Georgia, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives, may inspect the books of the business for which the returns are made. The Board of Tax Assessors shall have the right to inspect the books or records for the business of which the return was made in Columbus, Georgia, and upon demand of the Board of Tax Assessors such books or records shall be submitted for inspection by the representative of Columbus, Georgia, within 30 days. ALL TAX RETURNS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

Whenever any persons are called in to arbitrate and fix the value of any personal property embraced in the return of any taxpayer, such persons shall take an oath, before some officer of the State authorized

to administer oaths, to do justice between Columbus, Georgia, and the taxpayer touching the true assessment of the property embraced in the return.

The Board of Tax Assessors shall have mailed notices of assessment in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-306 and shall present the books to the Tax Commissioner for examination and approval. The Tax Commissioner shall forward the books to the State Revenue Commissioner for examination and approval.

SECTION 6.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens, shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2026.

Taxes shall become due October 15, and delinquent October 16, 2026, but the Taxpayer shall have the option to pay 40% of the total due on or before October 15 and 60% of the total due on or before December 2 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 15, the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 15, the remainder shall become due on December 1 and delinquent if not paid before December 2. 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 21, 2026; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia, of a tax on personal property for 2026, and between January 1, 2026, and September 1, 2026, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instanter, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION 7.

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

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 16th day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of July 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Muscogee County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a 2026 millage rate that will require an increase in property taxes by 2.07 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase. The hearings are to be held in the Board Room on the 1st floor of the Board of Education at 2960 Macon Road on the following dates and times: Monday, June 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 23.075 mills, an increase of .467 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 22.608 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$49.74 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$70.05.

Muscogee County School District Five Year Tax Digest and M&O Levy History 2026 Tax Digest & M&O Levy for Fiscal Year 2027

The Muscogee County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate for fiscal year 2027 will be set at a meeting held in the Board Room on the 1st floor of the Board of Education at 2960 Macon Road on June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2026 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

School Digest and Levy		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
V A L U E	Real & Personal	\$ 6,148,607,518	\$ 6,718,521,338	\$ 7,935,832,255	\$ 8,248,305,474	\$ 8,347,802,898	\$ 8,553,765,351
	Motor Vehicles	49,232,230	40,011,600	38,914,810	34,699,770	29,684,260	24,936,680
	Mobile Homes	4,221,032	4,253,987	4,522,635	5,914,926	10,065,547	10,418,971
	Timber - 100%	-	-	11,956	-	-	198,222
	Heavy Duty Equipment	1,734,920	1,245,314	442,284	3,262,367	4,753,979	720,917
	Gross Digest	\$ 6,203,795,700	\$ 6,764,032,239	\$ 7,979,723,940	\$ 8,292,182,537	\$ 8,392,306,684	\$ 8,590,040,141
	Less M&O Exemptions	(1,302,089,056)	(1,470,387,812)	(2,018,103,046)	(2,154,155,376)	(2,147,255,738)	(2,155,512,826)
Net M&O Digest	\$ 4,901,706,644	\$ 5,293,644,427	\$ 5,961,620,894	\$ 6,138,027,161	\$ 6,245,050,946	\$ 6,434,527,315	
RATE	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	23.321	23.321	23.321	23.075	23.075	23.075
TAX	Net Taxes Levied	\$ 114,312,701	\$ 123,453,082	\$ 139,030,961	\$ 141,634,977	\$ 144,104,551	\$ 148,476,718
	Net Taxes \$ Increase (Decrease)	\$ 1,608,366	\$ 9,140,381	\$ 15,577,879	\$ 2,604,016	\$ 2,469,574	\$ 4,372,167
	Net Taxes % Increase (Decrease)	1.43%	8.00%	12.62%	1.87%	1.74%	3.03%

Muscogee County School District Tentative Budget - All Funds July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Description	Total All Funds	General Fund	Other State Grants	Capital Projects	Federal, State & Other Programs	Activity Funds	School Nutrition Program	Library
ANTICIPATED REVENUES								
Local Taxes	\$ 148,502,736	\$ 148,502,736	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Sales Taxes	50,400,000	-	-	50,400,000	-	-	-	-
Other Local Sources	17,646,399	5,505,000	-	2,110,000	1,895,716	5,300,000	1,937,000	898,683
State	278,642,793	262,785,635	1,344,212	5,000,000	7,793,585	-	690,000	1,029,361
Federal	55,178,006	1,550,000	-	-	29,346,006	-	24,282,000	-
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 550,369,934	\$ 418,343,371	\$ 1,344,212	\$ 57,510,000	\$ 39,035,307	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 26,909,000	\$ 1,928,044
Transfers From Other Funds	9,392,919	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	8,892,919
Fund Balance 7/1/2026	178,176,651	83,026,874	-	71,965,620	659,845	3,260,000	12,400,000	6,864,312
Total Funds Available	\$ 737,939,504	\$ 501,370,245	\$ 1,344,212	\$ 129,975,620	\$ 39,695,152	\$ 8,560,000	\$ 39,309,000	\$ 17,685,275
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES								
Instruction	\$ 269,159,003	\$ 249,643,369	\$ 1,115,249	\$ -	\$ 18,400,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Services	46,424,013	35,661,992	77,824	-	5,654,197	5,030,000	-	-
Improvement of Instruction	18,581,563	10,841,075	-	-	7,730,488	10,000	-	-
Instructional Staff Training	2,285,798	45,665	-	-	2,240,133	-	-	-
Educational Media Services	6,720,966	6,429,457	-	-	291,509	-	-	-
Federal Grant Administration	1,555,056	-	-	-	1,555,056	-	-	-
General Administration	3,851,685	2,359,426	-	-	1,382,259	110,000	-	-
School Administration	27,812,696	27,176,927	29,139	-	486,630	120,000	-	-
Business Services	4,249,419	4,249,419	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facility Maintenance & Operations	39,919,636	38,385,489	122,000	-	-	20,000	-	1,392,147
School Safety & Security	5,969,553	5,969,553	-	-	-	-	-	-
Student Transportation	22,574,698	22,501,860	-	-	71,838	1,000	-	-
Central Support Services	17,302,928	17,295,928	-	-	7,000	-	-	-
Other Support Services	1,400,015	108,000	-	-	1,290,015	2,000	-	-
Community Services	10,434,508	998,692	-	-	-	7,000	-	9,428,816
School Nutrition Services	26,909,000	-	-	-	-	-	26,909,000	-
Capital Projects	86,257,560	-	-	86,257,560	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	271,425	-	-	271,425	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 591,679,522	\$ 421,666,852	\$ 1,344,212	\$ 86,528,985	\$ 39,109,510	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 26,909,000	\$ 10,820,963
Transfers to Other Funds	9,392,919	9,392,919	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance 6/30/2027	\$ 136,867,063	\$ 70,310,474	\$ -	\$ 43,446,635	\$ 585,642	\$ 3,260,000	\$ 12,400,000	\$ 6,864,312

The Muscogee County Board of Education on June 15, 2026 will hold its first public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 General Fund Budget at 5:00 p.m. The Muscogee County Board of Education will vote on the tentative adoption of the FY 2027 General Fund Budget on June 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The Muscogee County Board of Education on June 29, 2026 will hold its second public hearing on the FY 2027 General Fund Budget at 6:00 p.m. The Muscogee County Board of Education will vote on the final adoption of the FY 2027 General Fund Budget on June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

File Attachments for Item:

9. A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2027. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING VARIOUS CITY ISSUES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

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

That the City Attorney and Finance Director are hereby authorized to pay attorney fees to Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford; Denney, Pease, Kirk & Morgan; Hall, Booth, Smith P.C.; Robert R. Lomax for purposes of current litigation; Poydasheff & Sowers, LLC; Troutman Pepper Locke; Bondurant Mixon & Elmore; Waldrep Mullin & Callahan; Kenneth M. Henson; Jr; Richard M. Kemmer, III; Beck, Zwald & Associates, LLC; Jarrard & Davis; Huff, Powell and Bailey; Nicolson, Ray & Turner, LLC; Laura D. Hogue; Jones, Fortuna LP; FordHarrison, LLP; King & Spalding, LLP; Alston & Bird; and Thompson O’Brien which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various issues during Fiscal Year during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: General Fund – City Attorney – Litigation: 0101-120-2100.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 16th day of June 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
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- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Risk Management Legal Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.
INITIATED BY:	Risk Management/ Human Resources

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.

Background: Risk Management legal services are billed separately from both City Attorney’s legal fees and workers’ compensation TPA services.

Analysis: The law firms identified in the Resolution are among the best workers’ compensation and litigation defense firms in the State of Georgia. These firms have agreed to provide services to CCG at the same rate currently in effect.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney's office has approved the language of this Resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the Resolution for payment of Risk Management legal expenses that may be incurred in Fiscal Year 2027.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2027.

WHEREAS, Risk Management utilizes the services of attorneys specializing in Workers' Compensation and liability issues;

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

That the Risk Manager and Finance Director are hereby authorized to pay attorney fees to Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, and/or Levy, Sibley, Foreman & Speir, and/or Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, and/or Handelman, Nestale & Goff, and/or Hall Booth Smith which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2027. Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: Risk Management Workers' Compensation Contractual Services: 0860-220-3820-3024-6319 and Risk Management Unfunded Claims Legal Services: 0860-220-3830-3484-6312.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ____ day of June 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Elevator Maintenance Services with Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL) through September 30, 2026.

Per Resolution No. 034-19, dated January 22, 2019, Council authorized a five-year contract with Georgia Elevator Company dba Oracle Elevator Company, now known as Oracle Elevator Holdco, Inc. d/b/a Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL). The contract has exhausted all renewals, previously authorized extensions, and will expire on June 30, 2026. The extension of this current contract through September 30, 2026, is needed to allow the Facilities Maintenance Department time to review responses received and make an award recommendation for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance - Facilities Maintenance – Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MANT-6513, and Columbus Ironwork Trade Center – Building Maintenance – Contractual Services; 0753-620-2300-TCMT-6319.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH ELEVATED FACILITY SERVICES (TAMPA, FL) THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. 034-19, dated January 22, 2019, Council authorized a five-year contract with Georgia Elevator Company dba Oracle Elevator Company, now known as Oracle Elevator Holdco, Inc. d/b/a Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL). The contract has exhausted all renewals, previously authorized extensions, and will expire on June 30, 2026. The extension of this current contract through September 30, 2026, is needed to allow the Facilities Maintenance Department time to review responses received and make an award recommendation for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Elevator Maintenance Services with Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL) through September 30, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance - Facilities Maintenance – Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MNTN-6513, and Columbus Ironwork Trade Center – Building Maintenance – Contractual Services; 0753-620-2300-TCMT-6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays with 4D GA Fastest Labs (Columbus, GA) through August 30, 2026.

On November 7, 2023, Council authorized an emergency purchase of the services from 4D GA Fastest Labs after Occupational Medicine of Columbus, the vendor under contract to provide Employee Physicals, informed the City that they would be unable to provide the post-accident screenings. 4D GA Fastest Labs was selected by Occupational Medicine of Columbus in conjunction with the Human Resources Department. The contract has exhausted all previous extensions and expired on April 30, 2026. The extension of the current contract through August 30, 2026, is needed to allow time for an award recommendation to be presented to Council and a contract executed.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Various Departments – Pre-employment Physicals.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR POST-ACCIDENT DRUG SCREENING: AFTER-HOURS, WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS WITH 4D GA FASTEST LABS (COLUMBUS, GA) THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, Council authorized an emergency purchase of the services from 4D GA Fastest Labs after Occupational Medicine of Columbus, the vendor under contract to provide Employee Physicals, informed the City that they would be unable to provide the post-accident screenings. 4D GA Fastest Labs was selected by Occupational Medicine of Columbus in conjunction with the Human Resources Department. The contract has exhausted all previous extensions and expired on April 30, 2026. The extension of the current contract through August 30, 2026, is needed to allow time for an award recommendation to be presented to Council and a contract executed.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays with 4D GA Fastest Labs (Columbus, GA) through August 30, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Various Departments – Pre-employment Physicals.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison
(Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize an amendment to the annual contract for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA). The amendment is needed to increase the price per meal charged to the City for inmate meals during the current term. The updated meal pricing is as follows:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Price Per Meal</u>
Under 400	Negotiate
400 - 449	\$2.309
450 – 499	\$2.224
500 – 549	\$2.157
550 – 599	\$2.101
600 and above	\$2.055

Additionally, it is requested that Council authorize price increases for inmate meal meals for future contract renewal periods.

The pricing will be effective for the period of April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Future increases will be implemented at beginning of each applicable fiscal year.

Per Resolution No. 024-20, Council authorized a five-year contract with Aramark Correctional, LLC.

Per Resolution No. 047-25, Council authorized an amendment which both extended the contract with Aramark through March 31, 2028, and created a structured meal pricing scale based on inmate population.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing expense: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Warden-MCP – Food; 0101 – 420 – 1000 – MCCI – 6771.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR INMATE FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON WITH ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC (PHILADELPHIA, PA). THE AMENDMENT IS NEEDED TO INCREASE THE PRICE PER MEAL CHARGED TO THE CITY FOR INMATE MEALS DURING THE CURRENT CONTRACT TERM. THE UPDATED MEAL PRICING IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Price Per Meal</u>
Under 400	Negotiate
400 - 449	\$2.309
450 – 499	\$2.224
500 – 549	\$2.157
550 – 599	\$2.101
600 and above	\$2.055

ADDITIONALLY, THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES PRICE INCREASES FOR INMATE MEALS FOR FUTURE CONTRACT RENEWAL PERIODS.

WHEREAS, the pricing will be effective for the period of April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Future increases will be implemented at beginning of each applicable fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 024-20, Council authorized a five-year contract with Aramark Correctional, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 047-25, Council authorized an amendment which both extended the contract with Aramark through March 31, 2028, and created a structured meal pricing scale based on inmate population.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to amend the annual contract for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA). The amendment is needed to increase the price per meal charged to the City for inmate meals during the current term. The updated pricing is as follows:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Price Per Meal</u>
Under 400	Renegotiate
400 - 449	\$2.309
450 – 499	\$2.224
500 – 549	\$2.157
550 – 599	\$2.101
600 and above	\$2.055

Additionally, the Mayor and/or his designee is further authorized to accept price increases for inmate meals for future contract renewal periods are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing

expense: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Warden-MCP – Food; 0101 – 420 – 1000 – MCCI – 6771. Funds will be budgeted for price increases for future contract renewal periods.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of four (4) salt/sand tailgate spreaders and hydraulic system vehicle upfitting from Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. (Oran, MO) in the amount of \$77,130.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062222-VCM.

The equipment will be used by the Right of Way Maintenance Division on roadways before, during, and after hazardous weather conditions. The pricing also includes having four trucks, Vehicle # 11925, 11926, 11711 and 11708, upfitted with additional and proper hydraulic system(s) to feed the tailgate spreaders. This is new equipment.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #062222, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc., was one of the successful vendors to provide snow and ice equipment. The contract, which commenced August 16, 2022, is good through August 15, 2027. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY26 Budget as follows: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Other Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7762.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND OF FOUR (4) SALT/SAND TAILGATE SPREADERS AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM VEHICLE UPFITTING FROM VIKING-CIVES MIDWEST, INC. (ORAN, MO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,130.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #062222-VCM.

WHEREAS, the equipment will be used by the Right of Way Maintenance Division on roadways before, during, and after hazardous weather conditions. The pricing also includes having four trucks, Vehicle #11925, 11926, 11711 and 11708 upfitted with additional and proper hydraulic system(s) to feed the tailgate spreaders. This is new equipment; and,

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

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Four (4) Washer/Extractors For Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Four (4) Washer/Extractors For Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of four (4) Washer/Extractors (including delivery and installation) for the Muscogee County Prison, from Alliance Distribution Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Laundry Systems Distribution LLC at a total cost of \$190,802.80. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via BuyBoard Contract #784-25.

Per Georgia Department of Corrections, Muscogee County Prison is required to wash inmate clothing as well as other washable items, daily, due to health concerns. These new units will replace washer/extractors that are aging, high-maintenance, and inoperable.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #784-25, initiated by BuyBoard, whereby Alliance Distribution Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Laundry Systems Distribution LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Commercial Washers and Dryers. The contract, which commenced December 1, 2025, is good through November 30, 2026. The contract available under the Cooperative has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY26 Budget as follows: LOST/Public Safety Fund – MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – MCP – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) WASHER/EXTRACTORS (INCLUDING DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION) FOR THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON, FROM ALLIANCE DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A ALLIANCE LAUNDRY SYSTEMS DISTRIBUTION LLC AT A TOTAL COST OF \$190,802.80. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA BUYBOARD CONTRACT #784-25.

WHEREAS, per Georgia Department of Corrections, Muscogee County Prison is required to wash inmate clothing as well as other washable items, daily, due to health concerns. These new units will replace washer/extractors that are aging, high-maintenance, and inoperable; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #784-25, initiated by BuyBoard, whereby Alliance Distribution Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Laundry Systems Distribution LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Commercial Washers and Dryers. The contract, which commenced December 1, 2025, is good through November 30, 2026. The contract available under the Cooperative has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Mold Removal and Remediation Services

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Mold Removal and Remediation Services
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to MLB Envirohealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$670,000, for mold removal and remediation services at The Liberty Theater; and \$60,000 for mold removal and remediation services at Frank D Chester Recreation Center, for a grand total of \$730,000.00.

The Facilities Maintenance Department suspected mold at the two locations and contacted MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC to perform air quality testing. The testing came back positive for areas having various readings of spores at both locations. At that time, the Department provided the Deputy City Manager summaries of the tests and requested permission to have the contractor immediately mitigate the area for any mold. Due to the health and hazardous issues associated with mold, the Department was instructed to proceed.

The Facilities Maintenance Department has used MLB Envirohealth & Safety to perform these services at the Jail and other City locations. The vendor is the only local source the Department has found that could perform the air testing and clean up in a timely manner. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source for the services, per the Procurement Ordinance Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY26 Budget as follows: 1999 Sales Tax Project Fund - 1999 SPLOST - 99 SPLOST Liberty District - Professional Services - Liberty District - Liberty Theatre Acquisition/Renovation; 0540-695-2134-TXLD-6311-50624-20230 for the Liberty Theatre and Special Projects/Capital Project Fund - Capital Projects - General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Professional Services – Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements; 0508-660-1000-CPGF-6311-22973-20240 for the Frank D Chester Recreation Center.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MLB ENVIROHEALTH & SAFETY, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$670,000, FOR MOLD REMOVAL AND REMEDIATION SERVICES AT THE LIBERTY THEATRE; AND \$60,000 FOR MOLD REMOVAL AND REMEDIATION SERVICES AT FRANK D CHESTER RECREATION CENTER, FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$730,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Facilities Maintenance Department suspected mold at the two locations and contacted MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC to perform air quality testing. The testing came back positive for areas having various readings of spores at both locations. At that time, the Department provided the Deputy City Manager summaries of the tests and requested permission to have the contractor immediately mitigate the area for any mold. Due to the health and hazardous issues associated with mold, the Department was instructed to proceed; and,

WHEREAS, the Facilities Maintenance Department has used MLB Envirohealth & Safety to perform these services at the Jail and other City locations. The vendor is the only local source the Department has found that could perform the air testing and clean up in a timely manner. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source for the services, per the Procurement Ordinance Article 3-114.

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

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File Attachments for Item:

G. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with GAFS Co. LLC d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company (Key West, FL) for Grant Writing Services on an “as needed” basis.

The services are needed to secure grant funding through the preparation and submittal of grant proposals to federal, state agencies, and any other applicable entities.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Annual Contract History:

As this is the initial contract, there is no prior contractual history.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP Specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division and the Georgia Procurement Registry on May 8, 2025. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Eleven (11) proposals were received on June 6, 2025.

The responding vendors were:

- GAFS Co. d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company (Key West, FL)**
- CAFA Enterprises LLC (Dallas, GA)
- Grants Office LLC (Rochester, NY)
- GTC 360° Advisors (Austin, Texas)
- JetCo Solutions (Grand Rapids, MI)
- K & M Enterprises: Research and Fund Development, Inc. (Morongo Valley, CA)
- SEAS Community Partners, Inc (Atlanta, GA)
- *Sunflower Grant Writers (Omaha, NE)
- The Ferguson Group (Washington, DC)
- VRD Investments LLC (Tyrone, GA)
- Witt O’Brien’s (Houston, TX)

*The proposal submitted by Sunflower Grant Writers was deemed non-responsive due the exclusion of multiple required items.

The following events took place after receipt of the proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action
Pre-Evaluation	08/18/25	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process. The proposals were distributed to the committee.
1 st Evaluation	09/08/25	The Evaluation Committee discussed each proposal and determined that clarifications were required.
Clarification Letter to Vendors	10/06/25	Clarification request letters forwarded to vendors.
Clarification Letters Vendors Responses	11/11/25	The final clarification letters were received and forwarded to the Committee for review. No further clarifications were requested and the voting Committee members indicated they were ready to begin evaluations.
Evaluation Ballots Sent to Committee	01/14/26	Evaluation forms forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Ballots Received	06/05/26	The final set of evaluation forms were received from voting committee members. <i>*Please Note: The evaluation process was delayed due the hospitalization of one voter. When Purchasing was made aware that a voter was in the hospital, an attempt was made to utilize an alternate voter. The alternate voter was also delayed in completing the evaluation and subsequently left employment with the city. After the hospitalized voter was back at work, it was requested that they complete their evaluation as originally intended.</i>
Recommendation Received	06/12/26	Via ballot, the voting Committee members, through a majority vote recommended awarding the contract to GAFS Co., the highest scoring vendor.

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by an Evaluation Committee, which consisted of seven voting members: one member from the Columbus Police Department; one member from the Parks & Recreation Department; one member from Superior Court; one member from the Columbus Fire & EMS Department; one member from the Community Reinvestment Department; one member from the Finance Department and one member from METRA.

One representative from the Superior Court and one representative from the Finance Department served as alternate voters.

Serving as a non-voting advisor was one representative from the Finance Department.

Award Recommendation:

The Evaluation Committee unanimously recommends award of the contract to GAFS Co. d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company (Key West, FL), the highest scoring vendor, as reflected by their comments provided below:

- Highly experienced team with strong Public-Sector grant expertise. Demonstrated success securing major federal and state funding. DBE Certification applicable to federal and local guidelines.

- The vendor has a wide range of experience that matches the grant writing needs of the City.
- Good work history. The firm seems experienced with local governments.
- Success rate, step-by-step tech approach, and list of awards.

Vendor Experience/Qualifications:

- GAFS Co. d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company has been in the business of providing effective funding solutions with proven, high-impact results for businesses and government agencies since 2017.
- GAFS Co. d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company successfully obtained \$77.1 million dollars in awarded grants, along with \$29.9 million in pending grants.
- The Key Personnel of GAFS Co. d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company have nearly 70 years' experience in grant writing services.

Client Work History:

- City of Menlo Park 03/14/2025
Menlo Park, CA Contract Value: \$2,297,000
The grant will help fund the installation of additional EV charging stations across Menlo Park, making it easier for residents, commuters and visitors to choose cleaner transportation options.
- 3X Five Media, LLC Pending Official Award
California Contract Value: \$499,750
A 21-episode PBS cooking show that boosts California specialty crop consumption by teaching food literacy, healthy eating, and sustainability to viewers of all ages.
- City of Davis, Cybersecurity Enhancements 12/27/2024
City of Davis Contract Value: \$250,000
The multi-phase project aims to improve the City's cybersecurity posture by implementing an asset management system for enhanced inventory tracking, launching a city-wide security awareness training program, and improving email security with DMARC, DKIM, and SPF protocols. The project also includes expanding endpoint encryption, developing a vulnerability management program, and introducing a third-party risk management framework.

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 due to the possibility of negotiated components of the 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 Mayor in a separate memo for informational purposes.

The recommended firm's cost proposal is within the Department's budget based upon the expected level of services. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund - Finance – Accounting – Consulting; 0101-200-2100-ACCT-6315.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH GAFS CO. LLC D/B/A GRANT AND FUNDING SOLUTIONS COMPANY (KEY WEST, FL) TO PROVIDE GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0020) and Eleven (11) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by GAFS Co. LLC d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company, met all proposal requirements and was evaluated most responsive to the RFP; and,

WHEREAS, the initial term of the contract shall be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

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

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex

City Council Update 06/16/2026

Project History

- Columbus Pickleball Association acquired property at 1641 3rd Avenue and demolished existing structures on the property with intent to donate to City.
- Prior to City involvement, the Pickleball Association developed a concept plan to included 24 courts on the main parcel as well as 4 courts under the 2nd Avenue Bridge.
- City Council authorized General Fund Reserves totaling \$4.051 million. In addition, TAD funding of \$2.6 million was also authorized for this project.

Project Timeline

- City Council Awarded Design-Build Contract to Brasfield & Gorrie on December 9, 2025.
- Kick-Off meeting held January 26, 2026, with Brasfield & Gorrie, Columbus Pickleball Association, Parks and Recreation, and other City staff.
- During Kick-Off Meeting, it was discussed that while complex should have as many courts as possible, the complex also needed enough amenities and social areas to be attractive to players.

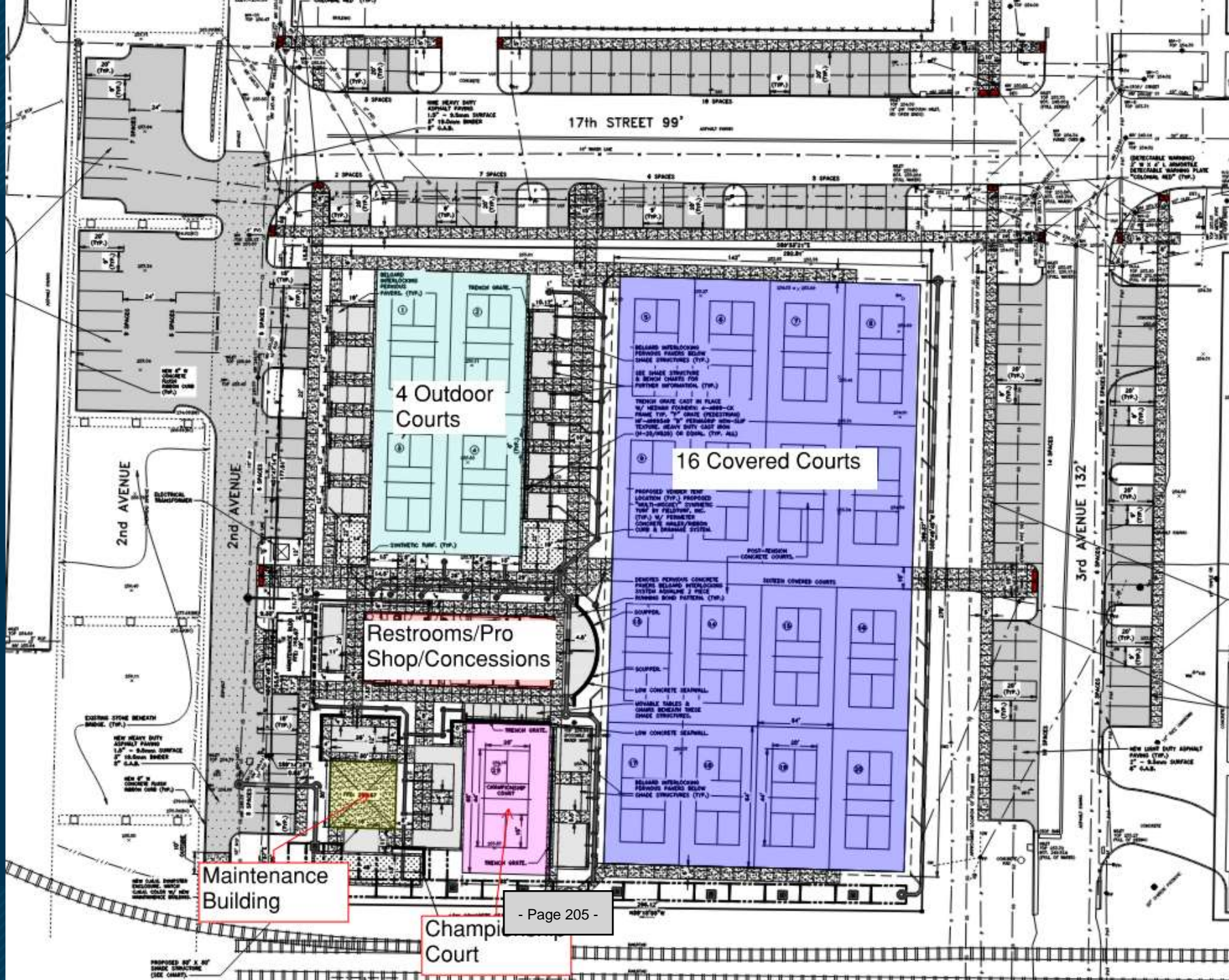
Project Timeline

- Project team agreed to reduce number of courts on the main parcel to 21 courts including 16 covered courts, 4 outdoor courts, and 1 Championship court.
- Brasfield & Gorrie continued design activities and presented budgetary pricing in April 2026. Project team authorized Brasfield & Gorrie to complete design activities.
- Due to budget constraints, 4 courts under 2nd Avenue Bridge are not in the current scope.

Project Budget

- Funding Line:
 - General Fund \$4,051,527
 - TAD \$2,600,000
 - OLOST Infrastructure \$450,000
 - Columbus Pickleball Association \$382,019
 - Total \$7,483,546

- Note: The Columbus Pickleball Association also paid for the acquisition of the property, preliminary site work and demolition estimated at \$950,000.



Next Steps

- Current schedule is for design activities to be completed in July 2026 and construction to start in August 2026.
- Project completion tentatively scheduled for Summer 2027.
- Property donation and MOU between City and Columbus Pickleball Association will be brought back to Council for approval prior to construction starting.

Questions?

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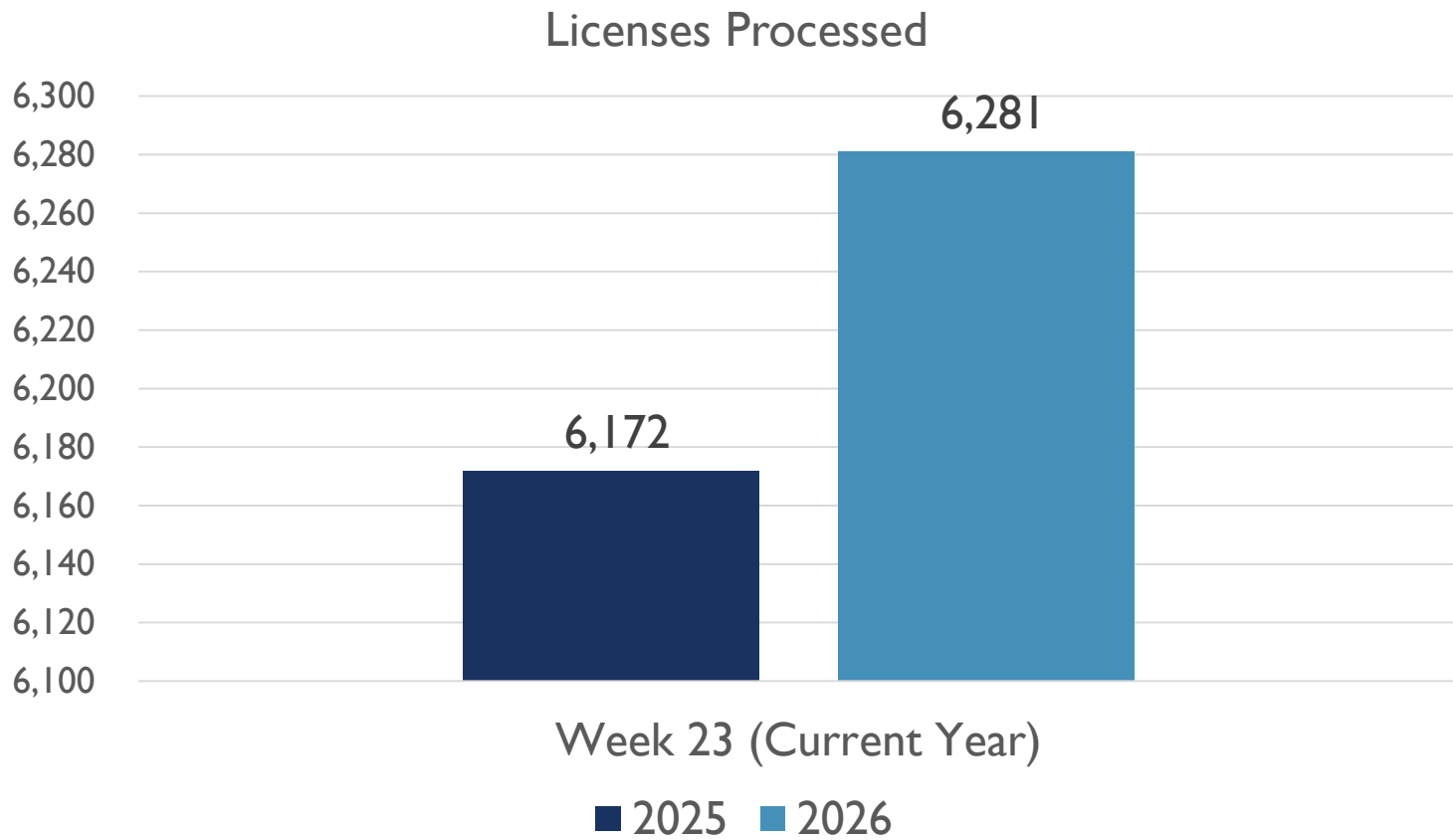
D. Revenue Division Update - Angelica Alexder, Finance Director

REVENUE DIVISION UPDATE

PRESENTED: JUNE 19, 2026

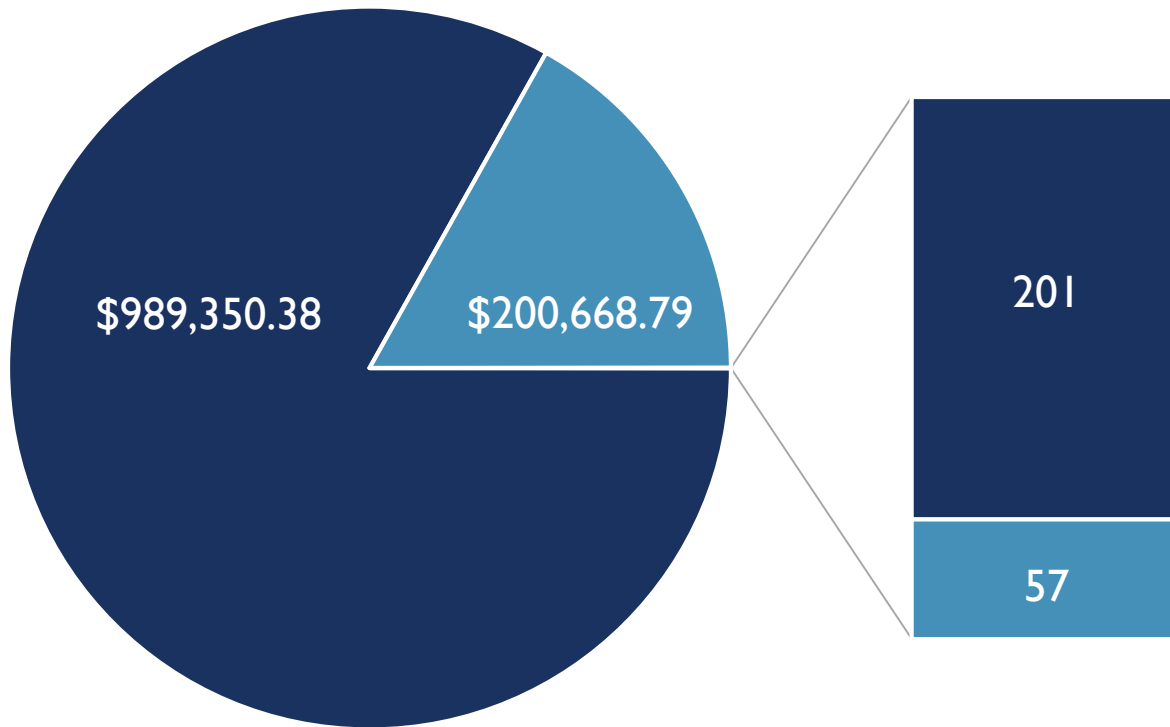


2ND QUARTER UPDATE



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Lockbox



■ \$ Problems ■ \$ Pending ■ # Problems ■ # Pending

2ND QUARTER UPDATE

- 2026 license renewal processing is current.
- Pending problem letters are being reviewed and secondary contact is being made.
- Courtesy delinquency notice mailing process will be completed ahead of schedule for 2nd consecutive year as notices are typically sent in August.
- Courtesy delinquency notices will be mailed no later than July 1st.
- Response date on courtesy delinquency notices will be July 21, 2026.
- Delinquent accounts to be turned over to Code Enforcement before the end of July 2026.

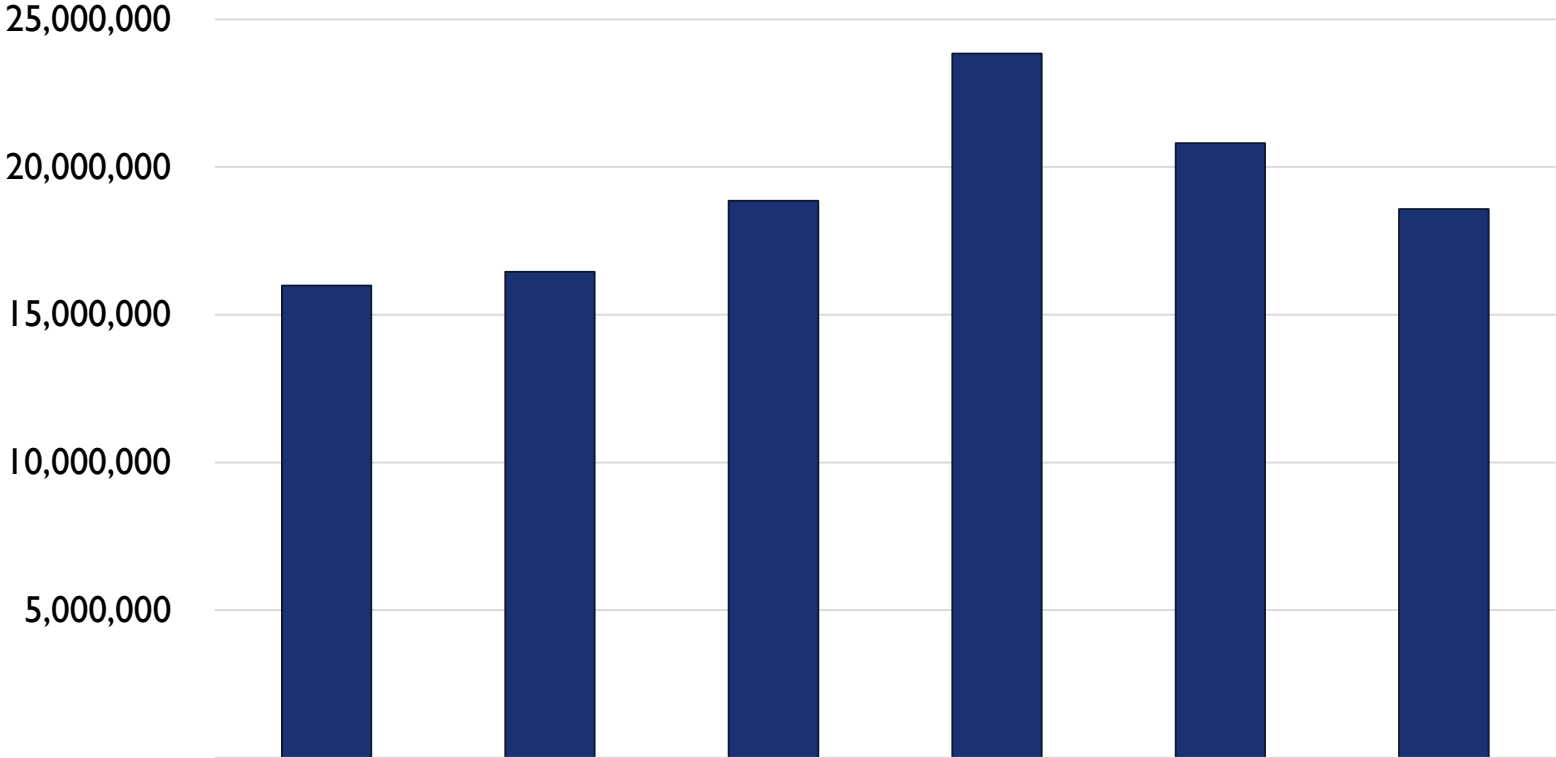
2ND QUARTER UPDATE

- Civic Access Self Service (CASS) Portal is live and available for reporting and remitting excise taxes.
- Mixed Drinks (3% Liquor Tax), Hotel/Motel, Vehicle Rental and Alcohol Distributor excise taxes may be reported and paid online.
- QR code and web page references to CASS Portal have been created and posted in the Revenue Division and online.

Web Address to CASS Portal is:

<https://columbusga-energovpub.tylerhost.net/Apps/SelfService#/home>

OCCUPATION TAX REVENUE



■ Occ Tax Revenue

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26 YTD*
Occ Tax Revenue	15,982,421	16,448,269	18,857,803	23,839,462	20,801,213	18,575,022

*Unaudited

2026 AND BEYOND

- Continue working towards additional automations to improve efficiency. i.e. in January 2026, we implemented internal system improvements such as auto-calculation of taxes & fees to include penalties and interest.
- Continuously reviewing/updating operational policies and procedures as processes change.
- Collaborate with Information Technology Department to migrate to a new software system.
- Consider updating city code to reduce manual processes and gain efficiencies.

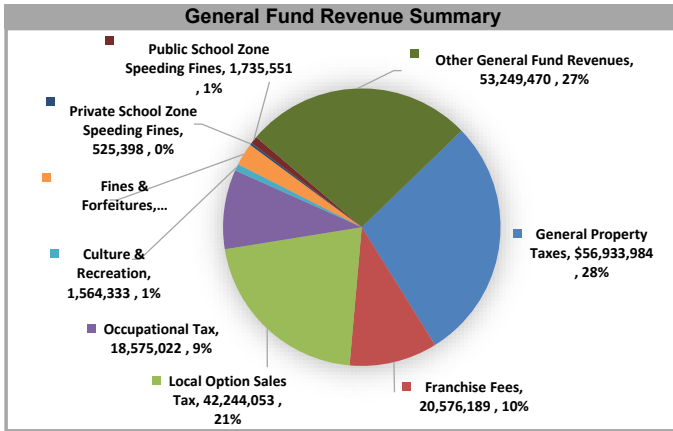
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E. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited)
FY2026 - May 2026**

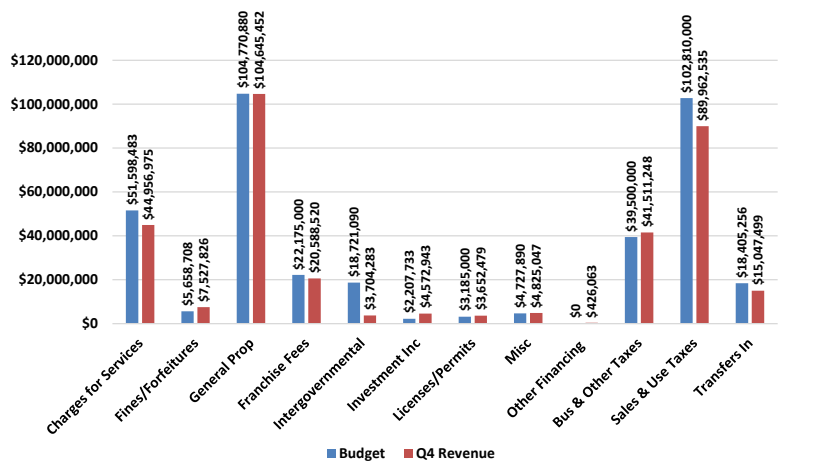
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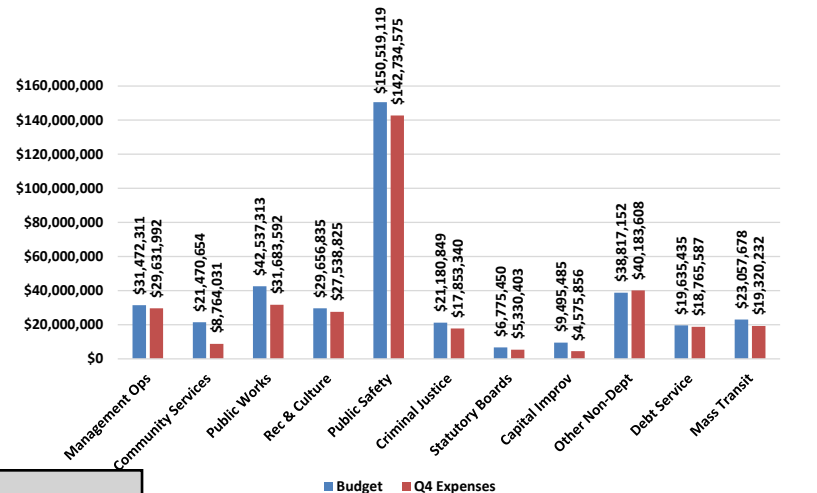
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	%
General Property Taxes	\$59,280,201	\$56,933,984	96.04%
Franchise Fees	22,175,000	20,576,189	92.79%
Local Option Sales Tax	49,000,000	42,244,053	86.21%
Occupational Tax	19,300,000	18,575,022	96.24%
Culture & Recreation	1,234,900	1,564,333	126.68%
Fines & Forfeitures	4,634,000	5,266,878	113.66%
Private School Zone Speeding Fines	285,141	525,398	184.26%
Public School Zone Speeding Fines	739,567	1,735,551	234.67%
Other General Fund Revenues	52,270,946	53,249,470	101.87%
Total Revenues	\$208,919,755	\$200,670,876	96.05%

General Fund Expenditures			
Department/Office	Budget	Year-to-Date	Goal =>8%
City Council	\$475,245	\$393,122	17%
Clerk of Council	417,492	276,899	34%
Internal Audit	404,288	362,380	10%
Mayor's Office	381,065	316,780	17%
City Attorney - Operating	644,882	516,871	20%
City Attorney - Litigation	1,300,000	1,357,882	-4%
City Manager	2,416,200	1,956,195	19%
Finance	3,492,408	2,502,628	28%
Information Technology	10,199,943	8,716,100	15%
Human Resources	1,603,327	1,349,254	16%
Employee Benefits	1,130,347	1,003,642	11%
Inspections & Codes	3,608,509	2,720,887	25%
Planning	403,917	326,338	19%
Real Estate	304,475	259,707	15%
Engineering	1,618,848	989,671	39%
Public Works	7,707,045	6,828,268	11%
Facilities Maintenance	8,063,713	6,744,781	16%
Parks & Recreation	16,391,209	13,038,414	20%
Cooperative Extension	138,621	105,132	24%
Tax Assessor	2,432,506	1,840,537	24%
Elections	1,458,997	1,137,022	22%
Police	32,114,244	27,525,736	14%
Fire	38,126,753	32,613,308	14%
MCP	11,804,336	9,783,615	17%
Homeland Security	471,191	440,628	6%
Superior Court Judges	1,955,647	1,368,730	30%
District Attorney	3,395,974	3,069,042	10%
Juvenile Court	1,548,786	1,297,035	16%
Jury Manager	510,391	447,894	12%
Victim Witness	227,616	144,513	37%
Clerk of Superior Court	3,168,440	2,473,991	22%
State Court Judges	740,449	634,466	14%
State Court Solicitor	1,649,243	1,279,484	22%
Public Defender	2,688,798	2,542,298	5%
Municipal Court Judge	739,370	550,908	25%
Clerk of Municipal Court	916,758	722,967	21%
Probate Court	777,289	721,499	7%
Sheriff	43,295,105	45,401,345	-5%
Tax Commissioner	2,436,943	1,894,910	22%
Coroner	526,819	447,717	15%
Recorder's Court	2,016,617	1,589,402	21%
Non-Categorical	14,980,727	15,020,500	0%
Parking Management	193,596	102,284	47%
Total Expenditures	\$228,878,129	\$202,814,780	11%

Current Fiscal Year Revenue vs Prior Fiscal Year Revenue			
Operating Funds	May-2026	May-2025	% Change
General Fund	\$200,670,876	\$188,827,122	6.27%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$43,940,021	\$43,503,792	1.00%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$7,324,904	\$6,985,342	4.86%
Paving Fund	\$19,934,446	\$19,208,002	3.78%
Community Care Fund	\$7,090,600	\$12,768,360	-44.47%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$15,010,407	\$13,011,536	15.36%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$3,033,723	\$3,033,863	0.00%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$2,962,818	\$2,897,695	2.25%
Debt Service	\$19,220,803	\$17,050,922	12.73%
Transportation Fund	\$8,461,400	\$7,702,258	9.86%
Trade Center Fund	\$4,243,683	\$4,087,294	3.83%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$2,554,952	\$2,148,401	18.92%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$646,305	\$597,546	8.16%
Civic Center/Sports Authority Fund	\$6,325,933	\$6,066,217	4.28%



Current Fiscal Year Expenditures vs Prior Fiscal Year Expenditures			
Operating Funds	May-2026	May-2025	% Change
General Fund	\$202,814,780	\$198,752,959	2.04%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$47,606,427	\$51,714,566	-7.94%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$4,839,802	\$4,281,656	13.04%
Paving Fund	\$16,042,111	\$14,240,913	12.65%
Community Care Fund	\$269,154	\$292,500	-7.98%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$15,104,033	\$15,574,656	-3.02%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$3,772,978	\$4,727,419	-20.19%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$2,699,364	\$3,997,346	-32.47%
Debt Service	\$18,707,868	\$16,154,720	15.80%
Transportation Fund	\$19,725,011	\$13,452,689	46.63%
Trade Center Fund	\$3,434,715	\$3,322,114	3.39%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$2,335,915	\$2,289,674	2.02%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$576,590	\$551,954	4.46%
Civic Center/Sports Authority Fund	\$8,453,294	\$9,489,266	-10.92%



File Attachments for Item:

Bid Advertisements

DATE: June 16, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

Item #

June 17, 2026

1. Stone (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0037

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide stone to be purchased on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

June 24, 2026

1. Elevator Maintenance & Repairs Services (ANNUAL CONTRACT) - RFB No. 26-0001

Scope of RFB

Provide maintenance services for sixty-seven (67) passenger, freight, and inmate elevators located at various City locations. The services will be performed on a regular and systematic schedule.

2. Portable Toilet Rental & Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFB

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations and grey water collection containers at various City location sites. The contract term will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

June 26, 2026

1. Consulting Services for Employee Benefits Plans (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0031

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide comprehensive consulting and brokerage services for its employee health benefits programs and Health & Wellness Center strategy.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. On-Call Roofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0027

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to provide on-call roofing services.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Current Vacancy Report: Boards, Commissions & Authorities



COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

CURRENT VACANCY REPORT



**Prepared for the Mayor and Council
Columbus, Georgia**

Report Date
June 12, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a current overview of vacancies existing on Columbus Consolidated Government Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. The information contained herein is intended to assist the Mayor and Council in fulfilling appointment responsibilities, maintaining statutory compliance, and ensuring the continued effective operation of advisory, regulatory, and governing bodies serving the citizens of Columbus.

The report identifies current vacancies, appointment authorities, term information, and other relevant details necessary for consideration of appointments and reappointments.

REPORT PREPARED BY

Clerk of Council's Office
Columbus Consolidated Government

OFFICIAL COUNCIL REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Generated: June 12, 2026

COLUMBUS, GA

Boards & Commissions

457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD

457 Deferred Compensation Board shall serve to oversee the Plan and make such discretionary decisions as may be required for the administration of the Plan. The Board's duties will include a quarterly review of performance of Service Providers and their offerings and receiving and considering any comments or suggestions concerning the Plan which are presented by Plan Participants. The Board is also permitted by the Plan to adopt Plan Amendments which are deemed by counsel to be legally required or other amendments which do not substantially increase costs, contributions or benefits and do not materially affect the eligibility, vesting or benefit accrual or allocation provisions of the Plan.

The Board will consist of five members: 1) the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee by title, 2) the Director of Finance or his/her designee by title, 3) a general government employee who is a Plan Participant to be selected by the City Manager, 4) a Public Safety employee who is a Plan Participant to be selected by the Mayor in his/her capacity as the Director of Public Safety, and 5) a volunteer from the business community with expertise in the administration of deferred compensation plans nominated and confirmed by Council. The first two positions will be ex-officio voting members with no term limit. The citizens appointed to fill positions 3,4, and 5 will be appointed for terms of three-year terms and may succeed themselves for one additional term.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

AIRPORT COMMISSION OF COLUMBUS

Columbus Metropolitan Airport is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. It has five members. The commission submits one nominee to the Council for confirmation. The term of office is five years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Dannell M. Marks

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Daria Cruzen

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council



Senatorial District: SD-29



****Eligible for reappointment.***

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD



The Animal Control Advisory Board should monitor the operation of the animal services division and render guidance and assistance. The board shall have nine voting members and three nonvoting members to be appointed as follows: One Georgia licensed veterinarian shall serve as a voting member; he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia licensed veterinarian shall be appointed for a two-year term; One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member; he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia veterinary technician shall be appointed for a two-year term; 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; 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; 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; 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; 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; 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 and the animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board. (As amended by Ordinance No. 24-065)

Current Vacancies




 **Vacancy** Term Ends: Oct 15, 2025
 **Appointing Authority:** Council
Position: Georgia veterinary technician (2-year term)
Category: voting member

 **Vacancy** Term Ends: N/A
 **Appointing Authority:** Ordinance
Position: Animal Services Director (Nonvoting Ex-Officio Member)
Category: Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member




**Seat previously held by the Director of Public Works.*

 **Vacancy** Term Ends: Apr 11, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Recommended by licensed animal shelter (Nominated and Confirmed by Council)
Position: Animal Rescue Shelter Representative (2-year term) May serve 3 terms

Upcoming Vacancies

 Jo A Brown
 **Term Ends:** Oct 15, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Council
Position: Georgia licensed veterinarian (2-year term)
Senatorial District: n/a

**Eligible for reappointment.*

 Karen D Gaskins
 **Term Ends:** Oct 15, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

**Eligible for reappointment.*

AUDIT COMMITTEE

It shall be the responsibility of the audit committee to provide independent review and oversight of a government's financial reporting processes, internal controls and external auditors. The audit committee's functions may include: (a) participating in the process of selecting or retaining the consolidated government's independent external auditor; (b) communicating directly with the external auditor on at least an annual basis to review the work of the external auditor as to the scope of the annual audit and any matters of concern with respect to internal controls; and (c) reviewing any reports of the internal auditor in advance of their presentation to Council. The internal auditor of the consolidated government will be available to provide information and technical assistance to the Committee. The Council shall bi-annually designate two of its members and three external members to serve as an audit committee. The external members will be required to have a finance, governmental or accounting background. Two external members will be chosen by the Mayor, and one external member to be chosen by City Council. No member may serve more than six continuous years. The terms shall be two years and members may serve three consecutive terms (Ref. of 11-8-22)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

This board was established for the purpose of carrying out the duties heretofore exercised by the Muscogee County Board of elections and the Muscogee County Board of Registrars and which have the powers relating to the conduct of elections and primaries and the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures that are provided for in the laws of Georgia. It has five (5) members, consisting of one each from the two (2) major political parties and three appointed by the Columbus Council. (Act No 149 (H.B. 941) signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 1991) Its executive director is also appointed by the Columbus Council. The term of office is four years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Department of Family and Children Services. It has five (5) members which are appointed by the Columbus Council. (O.C.G.A. 49-3-2 and Columbus Charter Sec. 4-602)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Darlene P. Small

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Appropriate School Personnel (Active or Retired)

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment. Listed on 06-16-2026 agenda for nomination.***

BOARD OF HEALTH

This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Department of Public Health. It has seven (7) members, two (2) of which must be licensed and practicing physicians and three other citizens members, all of which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The Mayor and the City Manager serve in the other two positions by virtue of their titles. (GA Laws 1941, Page 937 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-601)

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy

Term Ends: N/A

Position: City Manager

****Will update once the newly appointed City Manager has officially started.***

Upcoming Vacancies



Jibike Adegbile

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF HONOR

This board was established for the purpose of honoring deceased citizens through a continuing memorial program under which public activities, buildings, bridges and other facilities may be named for citizens who have distinguished themselves through services to the city. It has seven (7) members, all of which must be former elected official of Muscogee County. All of its members are appointed by the Columbus Council. (Columbus Code, Sec. 2-81 through 2-87) Members are eligible to succeed themselves, pursuant to Ordinance No. 02-109 and Ordinance No. 11-23.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



John Wells

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Senatorial District: SD-29

Wayne Anthony

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

Members are appointed by the Columbus Council. It has five members who must meet special qualifications as required by Georgia Law. The term is six years. (O.C.C.G., Sec.48-5-290 and 48-5-291, Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-624, and Columbus Code, Sec. 19-21 through 19-29)

After a member is appointed or reappointed a resolution is listed for approval at the following meeting.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Lanitra Sandifer Hicks

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

This board has the responsibility for the operations of Columbus Water Works. It is established by Act No 54, adopted by the General Assembly of Georgia on December 3, 1902. (GA Laws 1902, Page 370-377) It has five (5) members. The Mayor serves as one of the five members, the other four are appointed by the Columbus Council in the month of July for terms beginning the following January. (GA Law 1902, Page 370-377, Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-600) The term of office is four (4) years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Clint W. Cox

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Nicholas Smith

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

This board is responsible for deciding appeals and granting variances relative to the enforcement of the zoning regulations. It has five (5) members, which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The terms are three years (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.4)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Angela D Strange

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Ernest Smallman, IV

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Kathleen Mullins

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board issues bonds to finance the construction and/or improvements of public facilities. It has five members, with one member being appointed the Mayor and four are appointed by Columbus Council. The term is two years. (1945 Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. VI, Pa. 1, as amended Nov. 5, 1968 Ga Laws 1966, Pg. 946) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council

Upcoming Vacancies



Tyler R Martindill
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Notes: Vincent Allen resigned to leave seat vacant
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Johnny W Byrd, II
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



William A Maddox
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Anthony Johnson
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council

***Eligible for reappointment.**



William A Maddox
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

- Provides supervision and control over the construction, operation, maintenance, and management of Bull Creek, Fountain City, and Oxbow Meadows Golf Courses
- Establishes rules, regulations, and pricing for use of golf courses and related facilities
- Maintains records, conducts business, and submits reports to Columbus Council on operations and conditions of facilities
- Oversees financial management, including use of revenues, surplus funds, and compliance with budget allocations
- Appoints a Golf Director to manage daily operations, staffing, and administration of golf facilities
- Authorized to enter contracts, purchase equipment, and manage improvements and development of facilities

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Alonzo E. Jones

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Kenneth Davis

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



Ken Crumpler

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



William E Roundtree

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



Gerald Miley

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Tommy Nobles

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY

The Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority was established to supervise the manager, employees, buildings, grounds and operations of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center. It has five (5) members, all of which are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by Columbus Council. Members shall be qualified voters of Columbus. The terms are three years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Johnathan Payne

Term Ends: Oct 24, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY

The Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, created as of July 1, 2025, is a subordinate branch of the Columbus Consolidated Government to supervise the managers, employees, buildings, grounds and operations of the Columbus Civic Center, Columbus Ice Rink, AJ McClung Stadium, and the South Commons Softball Complex, (“the Facilities”).

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2028

Notes: Voting

Appointing Authority: Mayor / Confirmed by Council

Position: Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE)



The Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters promotes and coordinates communication, contacts and encounters between Columbus and the people of other nations and facilitates cross-culture communications and association among the various national groups in Columbus. It has twelve (12) members, with four members being appointed by the Mayor and eight being appointed by Columbus Council. The terms are four years.



At least six members must be United States citizens and registered Columbus voters, but because of the Commission's mission, up to half of the members need not meet this criteria. (Ordinance No. 96-7)



Current Vacancies



 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Mayor
**Researching this vacancy for accuracy.*



Upcoming Vacancies

 Mary Kathryn V Mccray
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Eligible for reappointment.*

 Mary Quiller
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 Eric Spears
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Senatorial District: SD-29
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 John Jackson
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 Natasha Banks
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Eligible for reappointment.*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (CDAC)

The Community Development Advisory Council provides an advisory function to the City Council of The Consolidated Government through its (departments and staff), an annual program plan for the Community Development Block Program and other Federal Grant programs administered by the Community and Economic Development Department; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and considering decisions regarding the Community Development Program and other Federal Grant programs; to provide a vehicle for communicating community needs between the citizens, Community and Economic Development Staff, other Departments and the City Council of Columbus, Georgia; to assist in determining the communities needs on all grant applications for Community Block Grant funds and other available HUD Grant funds; to monitor program development (progress on approved projects) and routinely review expenditures as outlined in applications for funding; and to recommend programs, activities or projects to Community and Economic Development Staff to be under taken by the Community Development Block Grant funds and other HUD Grant Programs. There are ten members (one from each Council District) and three members from the neighborhood strategy redevelopment and revitalization areas and community recommended by Community Development Staff to be appointed by the Mayor. Members appointed by Council shall serve for two-year terms and members appointed by Mayor shall serve for three-year terms.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 27, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: District 5 (2 year term)



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 27, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: District 1 (2 year term)

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB)

The Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners was established to promote tourism, trade, and conventions in Columbus. It has nine (9) members, three shall represent the hotel/motel industry, three shall represent the restaurant/retail trade, and three shall serve at-large. Members are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Columbus Council. The appointments are to be in July of each year prior to the expiration of the term with the new appointment term to begin in January. The terms are three years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Dan Gilbert

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Restaurant / Retail Trade

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***



Michelle Spivey

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Hotel / Motel Industry

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Pace M Halter

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Hotel / Motel Industry

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD

The Cooperative Extension Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Georgia Extension Service for the consideration of policies of the department and recommendations for its administration and program development throughout the community. Even though this original charter section was repealed in 1980, the board continues to function. It has five members which are appointed by the Columbus Council.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2028
Appointing Authority: Council

**Researching this vacancy for accuracy.*

Upcoming Vacancies



Sharayah Davis
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

Following a meeting between the Clerk of Council and the Director of Cooperative Extension, it was determined that this board has been inactive for several years and is no longer functioning at an active capacity. Accordingly, the Clerk of Council recommends, and the Director of Cooperative Extension supports, the dissolution of the board, contingent upon a determination by the City Attorney's Office that such action is legally permissible.

Last minutes received: 04-19-2021

CRIME PREVENTION BOARD

The Crime Prevention Board shall establish and recommend the process and method for awarding service agreements to various agencies for the delivery of crime prevention programs. This board also reviews and selects for recommendation to the City Council those service agreements that meet the standards and criteria for funding. It has seven (7) members. The Mayor shall appoint the chairperson; one member from a local law enforcement agency to serve two-year terms; one education community representative (MCSD, Columbus Technical College or Columbus State University) three-year terms; one member shall serve as a Fort Benning Liaison for three-year terms. The Columbus Council shall appoint the remaining three members of the crime prevention board from citizens at large. two of these three members shall be appointed from different senatorial districts serving the city in the state general assembly. These three members shall serve a term of three-years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Angela Florence

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Law Enforcement Agency (2 Year Term)

***Eligible for reappointment.**

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

The Development Authority of Columbus issues bonds to finance private industrial and business projects. Functions in Columbus, Georgia for the purpose of developing and promoting for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in said political subdivision thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizenry. Its seven (7) members shall be residents and taxpayers of Columbus and are appointed by Council. Four-year terms.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority 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.

Joint service of members to serve on the Development Authority and the Downtown Development Authority is allowable under Resolution No. 372-97.

(4 year terms, Ordinance No. 14-42)

(Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Employee Benefits Committee is to advise and assist the Mayor and Columbus Council with respect to issues concerning the benefits provided to employees of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government, including but not limited to, provision of a health plan, life insurance coverage, voluntary deferred compensation and similar benefits. The Employee Benefits Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, five of which shall be appointed by the Columbus Council, including two department directors or assistant directors. The sixth member shall be selected by general government employees and the seventh member shall be selected by public safety employees. The five members appointed by Council shall consist of one sworn officer from any public safety department, two members chosen from general government employees and two department directors or assistant directors. The Director of Human Resources or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The public safety appointees shall serve for terms of two years. The general government and department director appointees shall serve for terms of three years. All appointees shall be eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. (In accordance with Ordinance 13-9, members do not have to be residents of Columbus, Georgia.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Jules Hazen

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Sworn Officer (2-year term)

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Rachel S Blanks

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Appointing Authority: Selected by Public Safety Employees

Position: Public Safety (2-year term)

Senatorial District: n/a

***Not eligible for reappointment.**

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR)

This board encourages preservation, maintenance and improvements of buildings of historic and/or architectural significance within the Historic Districts. It has eleven (11) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one architect registered in the State of Georgia, one member of the Columbus Homebuilders Association, one members of the Historic Columbus Foundation, one member of the Historic District Preservation Society, one member of the Columbus Board of Realtors, one member of the Uptown Business Association, one member of the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc., two members who are residents of historic districts created by the Columbus Council, and two members serving at-large. (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.3.1 through 9.3.16)Historic & Architectural Review Board

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Jan 31, 2029
Appointing Authority: Uptown Business Association
Position: Uptown Business Association Representative
Senatorial District: SD-15

Upcoming Vacancies



Michael D Johnson
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Historic District Resident
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Arreasha Z Lawrence Bryant
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Liberty Cultural Center
Position: Liberty Cultural Center Representative
Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Marjorie ("mollie") M Smith
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Historic District Resident
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board is responsible for the operation of Muscogee Manor and Highland House nursing homes. It has nine members. The Columbus Council makes three nominations for each vacancy. The authority itself actually fills the vacancies from the Council's nominees. The terms are three years. (O.C.G.A. Sec 31-7-72 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-621) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.) The Hospital Authority Bylaws allows for three consecutive terms. Hospital Authority of Columbus

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Wayne Joiner

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Sarah Banks-Lang

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Position: Vice Chairwoman

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Warner Kennon, Jr

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board is responsible for all public housing projects. It is also, in conjunction with the Department of Community Development, responsible for the various urban renewal projects. It has seven (7) members, all of which are appointed exclusively by the Mayor. The term is five years. (Ga Laws, 1937, Page 210 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-620) (Increased by one member approved by Res. No. 444-99 pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec. 8-3-50 appoint a Resident Advisory Board Member. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Tiffani N Stacy

Term Ends: Nov 16, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Resident Position

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Jeanella Pendleton

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Notes: 3rd Term: 03/08/2022;

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC)

This board was established to work in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful, Inc. to achieve the goal of sustained reduction in litter as a first step towards improving the environment. In accordance with Ordinance 22-057, the membership has been reduced from 25 members to 9 members, with three (3) members residing in Senatorial District 15, three (3) members residing in Senatorial District 29 and the remaining three (3) members will be At-Large representatives. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission shall be elected by a majority vote of appointed commissioners. The Chairperson shall vote only in the event of a tie or only in the event that a vote of the chairperson would result in the majority necessary for any commission action. (Columbus Code, Sec. 2-131 through 2-138 (e))

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

This board was established to acquire tax delinquent properties in order to foster the public purpose of returning land, which is in a non-revenue-generating, non-tax-producing status.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Walker R Bickerstaff Jr.

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Deidre Tilley

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



S. Carson Cummings, Jr.

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***

Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron presently serves as Chairperson of the Land Bank Authority. In anticipation of her upcoming service on the Columbus City Council, she intends to resign her position to the Authority prior to the commencement of her Council term.

LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

- Established to provide advice and programming support for the operation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
- The Center is a consolidated government property managed by the Columbus Civic Center Director and staff
- Mission is to promote, preserve, enhance, and celebrate African American heritage, artistic expression, and culture
- Programming includes live entertainment, education, acting, directing, playwriting, community programming, and creative partnerships
- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Civic Center Director on policies, operations, and program advancement
- In accordance with Ordinance 24-057, members may serve on more than one Council-appointed board, including members appointed prior to September 1, 2023

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Fernando C Verdree

Term Ends: Aug 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Certified Public Accountant Rep.

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



George C Mcdowell

Term Ends: Aug 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

****Eligible for reappointment.***

NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH- MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

The purpose of the New Horizons Community Board shall be to govern publicly funded programs for the purpose of providing certain disability services. The New Horizons Community Service Board exists for nonprofit and public purposes, and it is found and declared that the carrying out of the purposes of each community service board, which shall be established as a public agency. The board shall hereafter be known as the New Horizons Community Mental health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Service Board is exclusively for public benefit and its property is public property. The definition of "disability services" in these bylaws shall be identical to the definition of those terms spelled out in O.C.G.A. sections 37-2-2(4) and (4.1). The terms are three years and are not limited to two consecutive terms. In accordance with SB 349, the initial Board composition will be reduced from eleven to nine, one from each county we serve and two from Muscogee County. One optional member may be appointed by the Board. Elected officials from three counties providing the most funding to the agency, Muscogee, Harris, and Chattahoochee, will also be appointed to the Board.
-Serves 8 counties.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Nancy Schroeder

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Notes: 3rd Term: 08/05/2008; 4th Term: 05/24/2011; 5th Term: 07/08/2014; 6th Term: 05/23/2017; 7th Term: 04/28/2020

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***



Sandra Gill

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Notes: 3rd Term: 08/05/2008; 4th Term: 05/24/2011; 5th Term: Unknown; 6th Term: Unknown; 7th Term: Unknown; 8th Term: 03/28/2023

Appointing Authority: Board

Position: Optional Member

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***

PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There is only one board that is responsible for the administration of the city employee's pension funds. There are eleven members. Three members are designated by title. five members by name, one retired city employee and two members designated by a combined process of election and appointment from city department under the supervision of the City Manager and departments under the supervision of the Mayor in his capacity as Director of Public Safety. The five persons designated by name are selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Those members designated by titles are the Mayor, the City Manager and the Finance Director. The five members designated by name serve four years staggered terms of office. (Sec. 16A-13 (13.02) The two members designated by selection shall serve two-year terms of office. (16A-13) (13.02) Columbus Code, Sec. 16A-13 (13.01), 16A-25 (25.01), 16A-40 (40.01), 16A-53 (53-01) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.) (Ordinance No. 22-056 removes the residency requirement.)

Current Vacancies

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** N/A
Appointing Authority: Authority
Position: City Manager
Dais Seat: City Manager

**Will update once the newly appointed City Manager has officially started.*

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jun 30, 2026
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Position: Business Community

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD

Personnel Review Board was established to make recommendations on personnel rules and regulations, hear appeals from employees, and investigate conditions of employment and report thereon at least annually to the Columbus Council. It has five regular and five alternate members. All members are appointed by the Columbus Council. The terms are three years (Columbus Charter Sec. 4-610 and 8-303, and Columbus Code Sec. 16B-1-5)

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 1



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 3



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 2

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC)

This board serves in an advisory capacity to the Planning Department and Council regarding the comprehensive plan, rezonings (amendments of the official zoning map), unified development code, modification of development approvals, special exception uses, and the official map of Columbus, Georgia. It has nine (9) members, which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The term is three years (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.3)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Rick Stallings

Term Ends: Aug 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Brad P Baker

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***



Lakshmi Karthik

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Michael L Ernst

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Gloria Thomas

Term Ends: Aug 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

The mission of the Public Safety Advisory Commission is to recommend resources, public safety practices and policies, and citizens' responsibilities needed to achieve a safe community to the Mayor, Columbus Council and our Public Safety Departments. The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) members, ten (10) to be appointed by the Columbus Council and one (1) to be appointed by the mayor. Each member of the Commission shall be a resident of Columbus, Georgia. Five (5) of the initial members shall serve an initial term of one year and shall then be eligible to serve for two additional consecutive three-year terms. Six (6) of the initial members shall then be eligible to serve for two consecutive three-year terms. Other than those members serving an initial one-year term, members shall not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Once appointed, the Commission shall elect a chairperson to preside at its meetings which shall be held on a monthly basis. The Chief of police shall provide the Commission with clerical or administrative assistance. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Columbus Council.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Belvin Millner

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 4

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



Charles A McClure, Jr

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Mitch Watkins

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 6

***Eligible for reappointment.**



David Horiuchi

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 8

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Chris G Poirer

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 2

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Sarah E Maglione

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 10

***Eligible for reappointment.**

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Recreation Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the considerations of the department and makes recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the city.

The board shall consist of seven (7) members. Two (2) members shall be appointed from Senate District -15 and two (2) members shall be appointed from Senate District -29. These positions may be nominated by any Councilor. In addition, each at-large councilor shall appoint one (1) member to serve at-large. Terms of office shall be four (4) years. The seventh voting member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District serving in an ex-officio capacity.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies



REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The purpose of the Region Six Regional Planning for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Formerly West Central Georgia Regional Board) shall be to provide and facilitate coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery for the West Central Region in conformity with standards and procedures established by the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. The West Central Georgia Regional Board shall establish policy and direction for disability services planning, delivery and evaluation, including outcome functions as may be provided or authorized by law. Membership of the West Central Regional Board shall be for a period of three years and until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. A member may serve no more than two consecutive terms. (The terms are three years)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

 Janet C Bussey
 **Term Ends:** Jun 30, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***

RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Retiree Health Benefit Committee is to advise and assist the Mayor and Columbus Council with respect to issues concerning the Retiree Health Plan and other benefits provided to retirees of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government. The Retiree Health Benefit Committee shall be composed of six (6) members, one member appointed by the Mayor and four members appointed by the Columbus Council. The Committee shall contain at least three active members of the Columbus, Georgia Retiree Health Plan. The Director of Human Resources or his designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Mayor's appointee shall serve as Chair and shall serve a term of two years and the Council appointees shall serve for terms of three years. All appointees shall be eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. Ordinance 13-10 removes the residency requirements and the members of the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee shall be able to serve simultaneously on another board, commission or authority of Columbus, Georgia.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (RVRC)

River Valley Regional Commission is an area wide board, consisting of members from 16 member counties. Columbus has two representatives. The mission of the River Valley Regional Commission as a local government organization of, for and by cities and counties within its sixteen-county jurisdiction is to work together with member local governments for the betterment of all its joint citizenry through visionary leadership, by the provision of cost effective services to member local governments, by promotion of quality growth through implementation of the Georgia Coordinated Planning Act of 1989 and other desired appropriate programs, by planning and implementing quality regional strategies, and through providing a collective approach to addressing issues of mutual concern to the regional community through consensus building.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

This board is responsible for the Medical Center. It has nine (9) members which must be residents and qualified voters of Columbus. For each vacancy, the Columbus Council submits a list of three eligible persons to the Authority. From this list, the Authority itself selects one of the individuals to fill the vacancy. The terms of office is 5 years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Alpna R Arora

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



John Hargrove

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Susan McWhirter

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Notes: 3rd Term: 11/16/2021;

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Brenda DeRamus

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

TREE BOARD

The Board shall prepare or update annually a written citywide tree master plan that guides the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees on public lands. The plan shall consider existing and future utility locations and environmental factors in relation to existing and future tree species on public lands or on private lands, as provided in this Article or other applicable provisions of the Code. The Board shall grant appropriate variances and hear appeals from any decision of the City Arborist regarding the enforcement of this Article 6 of Chapter 4 regarding tree preservation and replacement. The Board shall make recommendations to the City Arborist and the Mayor and Council. The Board shall act on other matters designated by this Article or this UDO or by the Mayor and Council.

Appointments by the City Council shall be made so that seven members of the Tree Board consist of representatives from each of the following groups:


- (1) A public utility providing service within the City;
- (2) An educator employed by Columbus State University, the Muscogee County School District, or Columbus Technical College whose principal field of activity is science and/or the environment;
- (3) The Director or a Commissioner of Keep Columbus Beautiful;
- (4) A representative of the development or building community of the City working primarily in commercial or industrial development;
- (5) A representative of the development or building community of the City working primarily in residential development;
- (6) A representative of an environmental advocacy group headquartered in the City; and
- (7) A representative who is a landscape or forestry professional.


The additional four members appointed by the City Council shall be appointed from the public at large.


The City Arborist shall serve as an advisor and as an ex officio member of the board but shall not have the right to vote as a Board member.


****This board has been inactive and in the process of being reestablished.***


Current Vacancies

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jan 01, 2029
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-29


 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Commercial or Industrial Development
Category: Commercial or Industrial Development

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jan 01, 2029
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-29


 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large


 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jul 01, 2025
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Public Utility Representative


 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** N/A
Position: City Arborist

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Residential Development
Senatorial District: SD-15

Upcoming Vacancies

 Clifton Ruehl
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Educator
Senatorial District: SD-15

 Robert Hecht
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Commercial or Industrial Development
Senatorial District: SD-29
Category: Commercial or Industrial Development

 Farah Dewsbury
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-15

UPTOWN FACADE BOARD

Uptown Facade Board provides and protects continuity in design and preserves the architectural integrity of the properties within the jurisdiction. It has nine (9) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one member representing the Historic Columbus Foundation, two members representing Uptown Columbus, Inc., and six members from the Uptown Business Improvement District.

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



César F Bautista

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Francis B Schley

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Historic Columbus Foundation

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Norman S Easterbrook

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Rachel Kelly

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Douglas L Koppang

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Columbus

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY has the mission of enhancing the development and promotion of commerce, trade, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and to promote the general welfare of the Region. A total of 31 members from the counties with 4 members from Muscogee County. The terms are four years. CUSSETTA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY CITY OF WEST POINT HARRIS COUNTY MARION COUNTY MUSCOGEE COUNTY RUSSELL COUNTY, AL TALBOT COUNTY

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Benjamin A Moser

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Walker Garrett

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

File Attachments for Item:

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors #21-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-11-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-26-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 02-02-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 03-09-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health April 2026 - Notice

New Horizon Behavioral Health 05-11-26



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #2.

City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902

Telephone (706) 653-4398, 4402
Fax (706) 225-3800

Board Members

Jayne Govar
Chairman

Kathy Jones
Assessor

Clay Hood
Assessor

Doug Jefcoat
Assessor

Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #21-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Chairman Govar and Assessor Jones share some new information gathered at the CAVEAT conference they attended last week.

At 9:27, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:33, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Tyler and Notice Updates - discussion only.

At 9:39, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases - Chairman Govar recused herself from the 26 Hemlock parcels - Signed by Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
- Waiver & Releases - #096 065 005; 085 024 008; 088 056 001 - Signed by Chairman Jayne Govar.

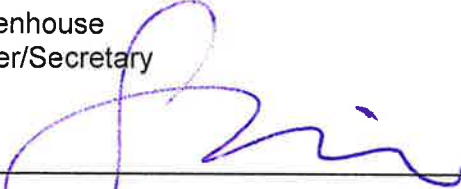
At 9:43, Assessor Jones motions to enter into Executive Session. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:06, Assessor Jefcoat motions to end Executive Session. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:06, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:


- Development Authority Update - board will revisit in July

Assessor Hood motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:30, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.


Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: 


J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


D. JEFCOAT
ASSESSOR


C. HOOD
ASSESSOR


L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

May 11, 2026 • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites

400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Morgan Moore, Mike Welch, Jim Rutland, and Gerald Miley.

Voting Members Absent –NONE.

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Assistant Director Jeremy Miles, Chares Auer and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruett, Lt. Kelly Phillips

Visitor(s) Present: Finance Director, Angelica Alexander

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for April 13, 2026, approved. Robert Wadkins made the motion. Gerald Miley second.

4. CPA Seat Vacancy

- Will Taylor have resigned and will contact City Council to appoint a new CPA in position.

5. Executive Director Search /RFP Update

6. Lions Contract Update

- The Board have approved the changes of the amendment. Mike Welch made the motion. Robert Wadkins second.

7. Contract procedures & Authority Discussion

- Andy has proposed a change in amendment to the By Laws in regards about the Contracts.
- Will need to make edits and follow up to the next meeting.

8. Meeting Frequency Discussion

- The Board has concerns about having to meet once a month and some of the action items are being prolonged.

- A suggestion was made to at least meet twice a month to get things quicker and not prolonging any of the action items like working on the RFP Process and the Executive Director Search
- The next meeting has been confirmed to meet on ***Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 1:00 pm, Civic Center Hospitality Suites.***

9. RFP Updates

- Having questions about proper funding from Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

10. Civic Center & Ice Rink Questions

- Kanise Wiggins

11. Public Comment – NONE.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm. Morgan Moore made the motion. Gerald Miley second.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 1:00 pm,***

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites, 400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

May 26, 2026 • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites

400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Morgan Moore, Mike Welch, Jim Rutland, and Gerald Miley.

Voting Members Absent –NONE

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Assistant Director Jeremy Miles, Chares Auer, Lt. Kelly Phillips

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruett and Jeff Croop

Visitor(s) Present: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge and Facilities Maintenance Director Allen Minton

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Executive Director RFP

- RFP reviewed and discussed; minor clarifications raised e.g., Section 13 signature page – who signs: city official vs. authority
- Procurement rules discussed: need to follow city procurement process, including formation of an evaluation committee procurement indicated a five-person committee with two backups; purchasing department should be included on the committee.
- Communication protocol clarified: all vendor communications must go through the purchasing department individual board members should not contact firms directly.
- RFP posting window: procurement requires a minimum 15-day posting period. Board agreed to set RFP due date / closing date of June 30 board decision to post and accept proposals with that target.
- Consensus: RFP is ready to post; purchasing to handle posting and outreach to previously contacted search firms.

4. RFP Evaluation Committee and Districts

- Action to determine district representation for evaluation committee and identify members for five-person review panel plus two backups

5. Subcommittee to work with City MOU / ordinance / bylaws

- Need to meet with City, Parks & Rec, Legal, Financial and possibly Mayor's office to clarify ordinance, MOU and contracting process before bylaw amendments.
- To avoid public meetings, a small subcommittee of 3-4 authority board members is preferred.
- Initial subcommittee confirmed: Andy Luker (Chair), Robert Wadkins (Vice Chair), Mike Welch, Herman Lewis, with Gerald Miley and Morgan Moore as alternates/standbys.

6. AC Units / Mechanical Systems

- Allen Minton provided context: current quoted budget figure is a planning/budget estimate; final detailed quotes will follow if project is funded.
- First Mechanical is the city's contracted mechanical vendor for such work; contract terms constrain pricing and service responsibilities. First Mechanical has been under prior competitive procurement and holds the citywide mechanical contract.
- Discussion on pros/cons of sticking with the incumbent vs. soliciting other vendors; reminder that changing equipment/vendors can increase lifecycle costs and service complexity.
- Preventive maintenance: City is implementing a more formal preventive maintenance program and plans to adopt software to better track work and schedules. Records historically inconsistent; improvement underway.
- Funding note: if replacement is required e.g., large capital like \$4.9M quoted previously, the Civic Center as an enterprise fund may need to budget phased replacement or seek city budget support; a multi-year plan may be required.

7. Concrete Slab / Site Work

- Concern raised over high-cost estimates for the concrete slab and clear-span building needs
- Agreement to obtain additional quotes and develop a clear RFP/scope for the slab work; quick bid process may be needed for timely repair/installation

8. Public Comment – NONE.

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm. Ashley Woitena made the motion. Gerald Miley second.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm,***

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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room
Columbus, GA 31906**

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2026

Members Present: Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Arcola Scott, Terry Edwards, Edwina Turner, April Hughes, Sandra Gill, and Linda McElroy

Members Excused: Ed Harbison, Karen J. Bussey, and LaVerne Chaffin

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Denise Wade McLeod, Kenyetta Plummer, Cyndy Pattillo, LaKaren Rickman, Sherry Raya, Molly Jones, and Lisa Dionne

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Damon Hoyte called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was not established at that time, but was established later in the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Nick Garcia, Attorney, Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Services Administrator, Kathleen Brown, DBHDD, Internal Auditor, Office of Internal Audit & Risk Management, Kenneth Ward, DBHDD Director, Office of Internal Audit & Risk Management, and Brenda Woodard, DBHDD General Counsel/Ethics Officer.

*** SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of December 8, 2025 minutes):** M/S/P Edwina Turner/Terry Edwards to approve the December 8, 2025 Board minutes, Board approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Denise presented the Financial Performance Report for the period ended November 30, 2025 in the absence of CFO Susan Gallagher. She reported that Medicaid fees, DD Work Activity, and Other local funds are trending below budgeted amounts, but total revenues Year to Date (YTD) are at 41% of budget, where we should be for the month of November. Revenue for November is \$1,956,250 and the Year to Date is \$10,242,954. YTD we have a positive margin of \$155,307 for November, with a monthly deficit for the month due to pay out of Employee Retention bonuses. Overall expenses are on tract at 40% of budget YTD. A review of our major categories of revenues and expenses indicates that, currently, contract revenue is our major source of funding, but we anticipate this will change in the CCBHC environment with billable services becoming the major source of revenue and contract revenue decreasing. On the expenditure side, personnel is our largest category of expense, as it is across the CSB safety-net. Those costs are in-line with CSBs across the network at 73%. The Statement of Net Position is \$13,482,243 and Days Cash on Hand is 194.49 with average daily expenses at \$66,955.

During the transition to CCBHC, we are well-prepared to weather possible cash-flow challenges ahead. January revenues for both contract revenue and billable services will adjust downward as contract revenue for MH/SA programs has been rolled into the PPS rate and billing for MH/SA programs is temporarily slowed as we transition with our main CMO Payors – CareSource, Peach State Health Plan, and Amerigroup – to PPS rate. We anticipate a significant increase in March billable revenue as claims for January and February begin to process and clear at the PPS rate.

It was noted that some financial data retrieval was delayed recently due to network interruption experienced by the agency that we are addressing.

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER UPDATE: Denise announced the new Director for CCBHC is Dr. LaKaren Rickman, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Rickman has been with the agency several years, and is also responsible for completion of New Horizons' Community Needs Assessment, monitoring KPI and PMR+ data, and developing Performance Improvement goals/outcomes. With CCBHC beginning January 1, we continue to hold billing, transmit test claims, and are working diligently with CareLogic, DBHDD/Carelon, DCH & CMOs for authorizations and CMO contracting. Denise reminded Board Members that CCBHCs provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services across the lifespan to include nine required types of service, with a focus on providing 24-hour crisis care and care coordination between behavioral health, physical health care, social services, and other systems. Intensive Care Coordination is utilized as a core requirement to manage patient health. CCBHCs provide comprehensive, person-centered care by organizing services, sharing information, and partnering with community providers to address social determinants of health, such as housing and employment. Key aspects of care coordination include: Comprehensive Integration, System Collaboration, Actionable Support, and Targeted Outreach.

PEER INVOLVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CCBHC: LaKaren reported that Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) are required to ensure meaningful representation of individuals with lived or living experience of mental health and substance use challenges, as well as their family members, in both governance and program implementation. Georgia CCBHC Criteria 6.B.1 requires that at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the CCBHC governing board be comprised of individuals with lived experience of mental health and/or substance use disorders.

She further explained that “lived and living experience” refers to individuals who are currently experiencing or have previously experienced mental health and/or substance use challenges, as well as individuals who have a family member with such experiences. In addition, a peer supporter is defined as an individual who has been successful in their own recovery process and provides support to individuals with lived or living experience and their family members.

A brief survey was administered to Board members and the results indicated that 75% of respondents in attendance identified as having lived or living experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

***ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026:** The current slate of officers is: Damon Hoyte, Chair, Terry Edwards, Vice-Chair, and Sandra Gill, Secretary. M/S/P Arcola Scott/Edwina Turner that the current slate of officers be re-elected for 2026, Board approved.

***BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES POLICY:** Kenyetta and Attorney Garcia collaborated on the revised policy that has had several revisions from previous Board meetings. Mr. Garcia indicated the policy presented was not the latest version he had sent. Kenyetta asked were there any changes recommended prior to printing the latest version. Board Members expressed some concerns about the item indicating when the minutes would be approved. Further review/discussion was needed and the policy will be brought back to the March Board meeting.

DBHDD PROPOSED LEGISLATION: Andrea presented an overview of proposed changes to organizational authority that will be presented to the legislature this session. The current structure of CSBs and DBHDD under State Law were outlined. Key changes proposed include: CSB Executive Director (ED) would be appointed by the DBHDD Commissioner, serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner, follow all DBHDD directives, and become a DBHDD employee; CSB Boards become representative in nature and serve in an advisory function only, with no authority over CEO or CSB, the DBHDD Commissioner can give the ED power to overrule the Board, and Boards and County authorities lose the ability to reorganize the CSB. The Commissioner is meeting with an Ad Hoc Committee of four CEOs regarding concerns of the legislation and several revisions have been recommended. Board Composition, Appointments, and Standardization & Training are included in the proposal. Other policy considerations are to work with CSBs to standardize the components of risk assessment across the board, and the Commissioner has agreed to continue the conversation after further review of other issues raised by the committee. Currently, the GACSB has not received any updates or revisions to the legislation. A CEO meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning and further updates are expected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:42 p.m. M/S/P Edwina Turner, Terry Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss CEO Employment Agreement, Letter from DBHDD, Anonymous Allegation letter, Board approved.

At 6:13, M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards to exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting.

Due to time constraints, several documents requiring Board approval were not reviewed and will be addressed at a later time.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATION: Due to time constraints, this was tabled to the next meeting

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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room
Columbus, GA 31906**

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2026

Members Present: Arcola Scott, Terry Edwards, April Hughes, Karen Bussey,
Linda McElroy, and Laverne Chaffin

Members Excused: Ed Harbison, Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Sandra Gill

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Denise Wade McLeod, Mary Hannify, Susan Gallagher, Kenyetta Plummer, Tara Malone, Sherry Raya, Molly Jones, and Lisa Dionne

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Terry Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was not established at that time but was established later in the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Nick Garcia, Attorney, Frank Lumpkin, assistant to Attorney Nick Garcia, Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Services Administrator

SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of February 2nd, 2026, minutes): M/S/P Arcola Scott/Linda McElroy to approve the February 2nd, 2026, Board minutes, Board approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Susan presented an informational power point presentation on December's profit and loss statement, and December's statement of net position. January profit and loss statement and January's statement of net position. December is the halfway point for the fiscal year and that we are right on target with total revenues at 49% and total expenses at 48% budget. Medicaid is 40% of the budget YTD with a 6-month budget shortfall of 328,576 below target projections. December was the final month before going live with the CCBHC PPS rate and that that December closed on a positive note with a month end margin of 85,555 and YTD margin of 240,861. January was our first month operating as a CCBHC and we held billing to ensure our work processes were correct. Susan reported that there was a 839,661 budget variance for the month and that Medicaid fees, GIA-FSS, and contract Revenue are impacted by CCBHC operations. Once the PPS rate is implemented, we should see a significant increase in Medicaid and GIA-FSS revenue to off-set the decrease in DBHDD Contract Revenue.

YTD we have an Operating Deficit of 456,703. We have a healthy net position with average daily expenses of 66,609 and days cash on hand of 185.59 days. Susan ended by giving encouragement that the Pot of Gold is at the end of the rainbow and that we have just begun our CCBHC Journey. Andrea talked about why we are holding billing to work with partnering entities to get authorizations in place and for test billing to be performed before opening the doors on billing.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT UPDATE: Susan reported that the Permanent Supportive Housing Symposium was February 18–20, 2026, in Savannah, Georgia. During the symposium, participants discussed best practices, emerging strategies, and collaborative approaches to addressing homelessness and expanding supportive housing opportunities across the state. She informed the Board that the 2026 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program competition will open on Monday, April 13, 2026. All applications, supporting documentation, and required organizational materials must be submitted by Friday, May 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM. She noted the importance of meeting these deadlines to ensure eligibility for funding consideration. Susan further reported that the ESG Program provides funding to support a range of services designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless. These services include street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and related supportive services delivered throughout the state. She emphasized that these resources play a critical role in strengthening community efforts to reduce homelessness and connect individuals with stable housing and supportive care.

BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES POLICY: Attorney Nick Garcia and Compliance officer Kenyetta Plummer addressed the Board regarding the Executive Session Minutes Policy and provided an overview of the policy along with the proposed revision. The recommended change clarifies that Executive Session minutes will be presented to the Board for review during the executive session and voted on for approval at the subsequent Board meeting, ensuring consistency in the approval process and proper documentation of Board proceedings.

Following the discussion, M/S/P Arcola Scott/Laverne Chaffin to approve the Executive Session Minutes Policy as revised, Board approved.

***DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Chloe addressed the Board of Directors and provided an update on recent marketing and outreach initiatives for New Horizons. She discussed the organization's recent receipt of a Google Ads Grant and shared plans to utilize this resource to enhance New Horizons' marketing efforts and expand community awareness of available services. Chloe also highlighted the upcoming QPR on Tour initiative, which is scheduled to begin in May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month where NHBH staff will tour in the community to teach QPR. This initiative will focus on increasing community engagement and providing suicide prevention education throughout the region. Additionally, Chloe encouraged board members to stay connected with New Horizons by subscribing to the organization's newsletter and following its social media platforms, including Facebook, to remain informed about programs, events, and community outreach efforts. Motivational speaker Marquis Hill recently presented in several of the rural counties and did a

phenomenal job engaging and inspiring participants. Board member April Hughes expressed her appreciation for the presentation and complimented the motivational impact it had on those in attendance.

DBHDD LEGISLATION UPDATE: An overview of House Bill 1368 and its implications for Community Service Boards and governance structure was presented. HB 1368 grants the DBHDD Commissioner authority to appoint an Executive Director for each CSB. The Executive Director will serve as the Chief Operating Officer and will be a state employee directly accountable to the Commissioner. The Executive Director will serve as a member of the Board, strengthening alignment between state oversight and local governance. The Commissioner is granted authority to remove an Executive Director if performance or governance standards are not met. The Commissioner may promote a current CSB director into the Executive Director role, with retirement benefits transferred to the Georgia State Retirement System. All CSB board members are required to complete training. This model has proven effective in strengthening governance and compliance. Existing boards will be reconstituted under the new framework while maintaining current membership and enhancing accountability. HB 1368 will move to the Georgia Senate, likely to a Health and Human Services committee. If passed, it will proceed to the Governor for signature.

VISION OF STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE: Andrea presented a PowerPoint on the organization's commitment to radical transparency and ownership. She emphasized the importance of acknowledging impact while avoiding defensiveness in leadership responses. Andrea outlined a strategic shift from a crisis-driven approach to one focused on recovery and accountable leadership, with an increased emphasis on operational excellence rather than legal defense. She further reported a transition toward more proactive, frequent, and transparent communication, guided by the organization's strategic "North Star." Andrea also noted her continued open-door policy and reminded the Board of the availability of the New Horizons corporate compliance hotline as a resource for reporting concerns and promoting accountability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:31 p.m. M/S/P Arcola Scott/April Hughes, to go into Executive Session to discuss CEO Employment Agreement, Allegation letter, Board approved.

At 5:58, M/S/P April Hughes/Arcola Scott to exit Executive Session and return to the meeting.

M/S/P Arcola Scott/ Laverne Chaffin to approve the Employment Agreement, Board approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No Board Meeting will be held in April 2026.

Four Board members terms expire in 2026: Sandra Gill, Linda McElroy, Nancy Schroeder, and Terry Edwards. Letters have been sent asking if they would like to be reappointed.

Edwina Turner's Father-in-law is in Hospice Care. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Valona reported that after 16 years, the State of Georgia has completed the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement for Behavioral Health services. She announced that the DBHDD Region 6 Field office is moving to 2100 Comer Avenue, 2nd floor. A tentative timeframe to complete the move by the end of March is on track, and the administrative processes are still underway. She indicated that Heather Smith, Coordinator for Crisis Intervention Training may have reached out to our NHBH partners with a request for potential CIT facilitators.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None presented

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:06 p.m., M/S/P Arcola Scott/April Hughes to adjourn the meeting, Board approved.

Damon Hoyte
Chairperson



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NO Board Meeting in April



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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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Date of Meeting: May 11, 2026

Members Present: Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Arcola Scott, Terry Edwards, Karen Bussey, Ed Harbison, Sandra Gill, Laverne Chaffin, and Linda McElroy

Members Excused: April Hughes

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Denise Wade McLeod, Kenyetta Plummer, Mary Hannify, Susan Gallagher, LaKaren Rickman, Sherry Raya, Molly Jones, and Lisa Dionne

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Damon Hoyte called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. A quorum was established at that time.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Nick Garcia, Attorney, and Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Services Administrator.

*** SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of March 9, 2026, minutes):** M/S/P Arcola Scott/ Terry Edwards to approve the March 9, 2026, Board minutes, Board approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill's Board terms will conclude on June 30, 2026, and they will not be returning as members of the Board. Both have served faithfully for many years and their dedication to New Horizons is valued beyond measure.

Andrea announced the DBHDD Region 6 offices have of relocated into the same building as New Horizons at 2100 Comer Avenue.

The Board was also informed that the recent CARF survey was completed successfully. Andrea expressed confidence that the agency will receive a three-year CARF accreditation in the coming weeks.

The Mental Health Mindful Walk will be held today at Lakebottom Park beginning at 5:30.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ROSTER/VACANCIES: With the departures of Sandra Gill and Nancy Schroeder from the Board, members were encouraged to recommend community leaders with lived experience to fill the upcoming vacancies. At present, there is a vacancy in Talbot County. Following the departures of Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Schroeder, there will be two vacancies in Muscogee County.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: For the period ending February 28, 2026, revenues continued the downward trend experienced in January as the organization works through Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) issues related to PPS/CCBHC implementation. Medicaid fee revenue is currently at \$1,952,679 year-to-date (YTD), with part of the variance attributable to the \$328,576 six-month budget deficit reported in December. The February revenue target was 67% of budget; however, actual February revenue reached 59% of budgeted revenue, with Medicaid revenue reflecting a 43% unfavorable variance YTD.

February expenses were slightly below the YTD budget target, ending at 64% overall compared to the 67% benchmark. Despite controlled expenses, revenues continue to fall short of budget projections, resulting in a reduction in net position as operating cash reserves are being used to offset the revenue deficit. Average daily expenses YTD are \$65,690, and days cash on hand as of February 28, 2026, totaled 181.39 days.

Revenue Cycle Management challenges continued into March due to a combination of billing issues, lower-than-expected numbers of individuals receiving services, and the agency not meeting its Unique Daily Visit targets. March represents 90 days into PPS rate billing and approximately 75% of the fiscal year. At this time, the agency has achieved only 64% of overall budgeted revenue YTD. Medicaid fees and contract revenue are both approximately 50% of budgeted revenue, while DD Work Activity revenue is 34% of budgeted revenue YTD. Contract and Contract GIA monthly revenues are expected to decrease; however, a corresponding increase is anticipated through PPS billing rates.

Cash reserves continue to be utilized to support the transition to the CCBHC model. Overall expenses are currently at 72% of the YTD budget. A review of expenditure indicates that some budget categories are tracking near the 75% benchmark, while others are either above or below projected levels. Personnel costs remain within expected ranges; however, Legal Fees and Court Services, Travel and Training, and Equipment expenses are significantly over budget. The organization's current net position is \$11,280,626.

The 2026 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program competition opened April 13, and all applications were submitted May 8. New Horizons applied for the ESG Hotel/Motel, ESG Homeless Prevention, and ESG Rapid Rehousing for the grant year beginning October 1, 2026, ending September 30, 2027. Applications for Permanent Supportive Housing and Supportive Services are opening soon. Award amounts will be announced at the end of the competition.

VISION OF STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE -BANKING: Susan's presentation explained how New Horizons maintains strong internal controls over accounting practices, aligned with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Internal controls and procedures are reviewed annually through the external audit to ensure compliance and completeness. Cash management controls include segregation of duties, monthly reconciliations, restricted access, and required documentation to safeguard assets and prevent fraud. The Board regularly reviews the Statement of Net Position, which includes key assets: cash, restricted cash, and investments. A table of all of the bank accounts used and what they are used for was presented and explained.

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER UPDATE: Denise provided an update on the CCBHC transition, including Unique Daily Visit numbers from January through April, strategies to improve service utilization, and ongoing progress and challenges related to implementation.

It was noted that the agency is currently not meeting monthly service targets. Strategies identified to improve performance include increasing access to services, expanding the number of individuals served, and increasing utilization of underused services such as individual counseling/therapy, group counseling, and peer support services.

Challenges related to CCBHC billing and credentialing processes were also discussed. Despite these challenges, the agency continues to make progress in the transition process.

ZERO SUICIDE INITIATIVE: Lakaren Rickman gave a presentation explaining the who, what, when, where and why's of the Zero Suicide Initiative. It is described as an aspirational challenge and practical framework for system-wide transformation toward safer suicide care, and a lifesaving mindset that the only acceptable number of losses, due to errors in quality of care, is zero. Data was presented indicating Region 6 continues to have the highest number of suicides in the state of Georgia since 2022.

DBHDD LEGISLATION UPDATES: Andrea provided an update regarding recent legislative changes impacting the Board's structure and responsibilities. She explained that changes in legislation will result in modifications to the composition and function of the Board. Currently, the Board maintains approval authority; however, under the new legislation, approval processes will transition to DBHDD. As a result, the Board's role will shift from a governance function to a more strategic/advisory capacity.

The Board was informed of the appointments of Jade Benefield and Dana Glass as Executive CEO and COO of DBHDD. Additional information was also provided regarding the Commissioner's decision to designate CEOs as employees of DBHDD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: M/S/P Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott/ Board Approved Executive Session Minutes from March 9, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:53 p.m. M/S/P, Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott to go into Executive Session to discuss network interruption and CEO meeting with the Commissioner, Board approved.

At 5:15, M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Valona Baldwin announced the temporary relocation of the DBHDD Region 6 offices into the building at 2100 Comer Ave. This relocation is expected to be temporary for approximately two to three years while Region 6's permanent location at West Central undergoes renovations.

She also reported there will be a Regional Provider meeting for IDD providers on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Upson County Senior Center.

DBHDD has taken over Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). A 40-hour, week-long training is scheduled in August in Columbus. Clinicians, Certified Peer Specialists, and other subject matter experts are needed to facilitate sessions. Facilitator orientation and site visits at New Horizons are also being planned.

Mr. Hoyte extended condolences to Susan Gallagher and Arcola Scott on the recent passing of their mothers.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:21pm M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards to adjourn the meeting, Board approved



Damon Hoyte
Chairperson

File Attachments for Item:

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant
Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3
Meetings: Meets as needed.
Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly
Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9
 Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor’s Nominee: _____

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Zach Lee was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Barnes’s nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2026

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant
Uptown Business Association
 Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
 Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 6
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

6. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
 Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 1 – Barnes*)

Tracy Belt
Not Eligible
 Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 4 -Tucker*)

Vacant
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday
Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____ District 10 Nominee: _____

**Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough, Calvary Christian.*

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

Term Expires: October 15, 2026

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Note: The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Semiannually		
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29:	4

C. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

Darlene Small

Eligible

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Quarterly		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	2

D. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	5

E. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Open for Nominations

Vacant
Term Expires: March 24, 2027

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Sandra Gill
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Schroeder
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Judge David Ranieri
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Wednesday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies: 4 Senatorial District 29: 4

H. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1