

CITY OF DAHLONEGA PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM CITY HALL - MAYOR MCCULLOUGH COUNCIL CHAMBER

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Planning Commission meetings please contact Kevin Herrit at the Community Development Department.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Cases:

Conditional Uses:

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Cases:

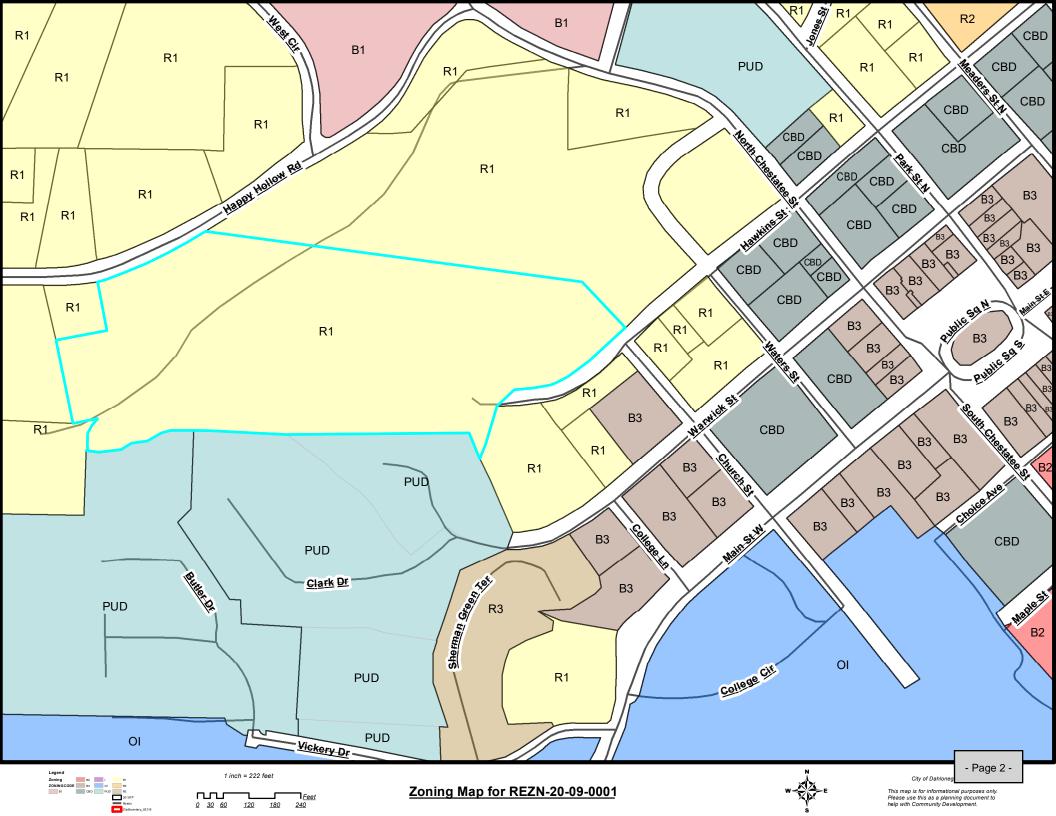
 REZN-20-09-0001 258 Hawkins Street (Parcel # D07 032). Request to rezone the property from R-1 to PUD

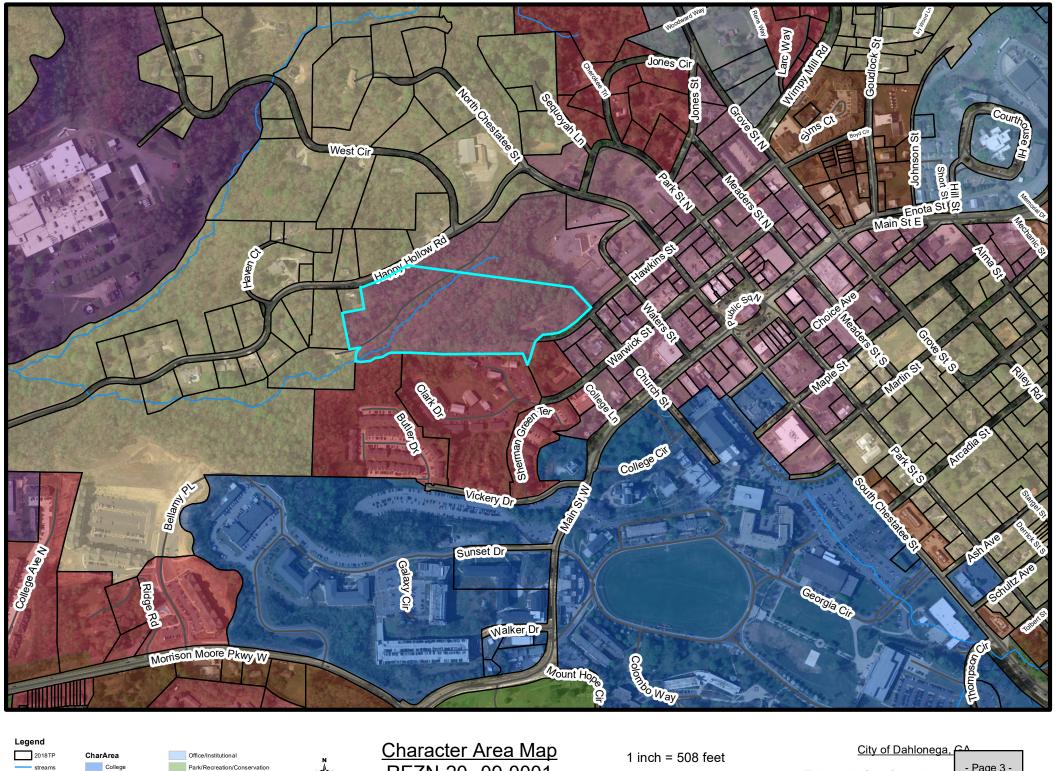
Conditional Uses:

INFORMATION & TRAINING

2. The Final Plat for The Gables at Wimpy Mill; Previous plat was approved in 2001. Currently zoned R-2.

Adjournment





Gateway Corridors <all other values> Industrial Residential Mixed Use Residential Village Commercial Character Area Map REZN-20--09-0001

7Feet 0 110 220 440 660 880

- Page 3 -This map is for informational p Please use this as a planning document to help with Community Development.

REZONING APPLICATION FORM CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA

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Property Owner:	Name:	Arthur E. Housley, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Faye W. Housley
	Address:	5635 Black Mountain Road
		Dahlonega, GA 30533
	Phone:	706-973-9294
Applicant:	Name:	Signet N GA, LLC
(if different from Owner)	Address:	800 West Monroe Street
		Jacksonville, FL 32202
	Phone:	904-735-5688
Agent: (if applicable)	Name: Address: Phone:	Miles Hansford & Tallant, LLC - J. Ethan Underwood 202 Tribble Gap Road, Suite 200 Cumming, GA 30040 770-781-4100
Existing Zoning:	R-1	
Proposed Zoning:	PUD	
Existing Use:	Residential	Single Family
Proposed Use:	Residential	Multi Family - Student Housing
Acreage of Site:	10.003 acre	es
Location of Property:	Hawkins St	reet & Happy Hollow Road
(Street address)	258 Hawkir	ns Street

A metes and bounds legal description is required. Also attach a boundary survey of the property if available.

p/o D07 032

Tax Plat and parcel:

- 1) The applicant is bound by the submitted site plan and letter of intent if this application is approved and development must be initiated within twenty-four months or the approved zoning is subject to reversion to its previous zoning by the Governing Body.
- 2) It is the policy (but not a legal requirement) that adjacent property owners and those owners within 150 feet of the subject property are notified by certified mail of the application.
- 3) The following nine questions can be answered within a letter of intent, but failure to answer any one can result in <u>denial of the application</u>.

Complete the following information. (This section may be addressed in the letter of intent.)

1. The existing uses and zoning of nearby property and whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of nearby property.

See attached.

2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions.

See attached.

3. The extent to which the destruction of property values promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public.

See attached.

4. The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner.

See attached.

5.	The physical suitability of the subject property for development as presently zoned and under the proposed zoning district. See attached.
6.	The length of time the property has been vacant, considered in the context of land development in the area in the vicinity of the property, and whether there are existing or changed conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the rezoning request. See attached.
7.	The zoning history of the subject property. See attached.
8.	The extent to which the proposed zoning will result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, parks, or other public facilities. See attached.
9.	Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan, land use plan, or other adopted plans. See attached.

Property Owner's Certification

I hereby request the action contained with this application relative to the property shown on the attached plats and site plan and further request that this item be placed on both the Planning Commission and City Council's agenda(s) for a public hearing.

I understand that the Planning and Development staff may either accept or reject my request upon review. My request will be rejected if all the necessary data is not presented.

I understand that I have the obligation to present all data necessary and required by statute to enable the Planning Commission and City council to make an informed determination on my request. I will seek the advice of an attorney if I am not familiar with the zoning and land use requirements.

I understand that my request will be acted upon at the Planning Commission and City Council hearings and that I am required to be present or to be represented by someone able to present all the facts. I understand that failure to appear at the public hearing may result in the postponement or denial of my application. I further understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of relevant public hearing dates and time regardless of notification from the City of Dahlonega.

I herby certify that I have read the above and that the above information as well as the attached information is true and accurate.

I certify that I am the owner of the property described in the attached legal description, that all information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the applicant and/or agent listed above is authorized to act as the applicant and/or agent in the pursuit of rezoning of this property.

Signature of Property Owner:	Chi Housley
Printed name of Property Owner :	r E. Housley, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Faye W. Housley
Date of Signature:	9-10-20
Signature of Witness:	F Jane

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

(Applicant(s) and Representative(s) of rezoning)

Pursuant to OCGA Section 36-37 A-3.A, the following disclosure is mandatory when an applicant or any representation of application for rezoning has been made within two (2) years immediately preceding the filing of the applicant's request for re-zoning & campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will consider the application for rezoning.

It shall be the duty of the applicant and the attorney representing the applicant to file a disclosure with the governing authority of the respective local government showing the following information:

1.	The name of the local official to whom the campaign contribution was made: N/A .
2.	The dollar amount and/or description of each campaign contribution made by the applicant to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution:
	Amount \$ Date:
	Amount \$ Date:
3.	Enumeration and description of each gift when the total value of all gifts is \$250.00 or more made to the local government official during the 2 years immediately preceding the filing application for rezoning:
	Signature of Applicant/ Representative of Applicant: Date: Sept. 11, 2020
Вуп	ot completing this form you are making a statement that no disclosure is required

because no contributions have been made.

This form may be copied and additional pages attached if necessary.



J. Ethan Underwood eunderwood@mhtlegal.com

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Applicant:

Signet N GA, LLC.

Subject Property:

10.003 Acres Designated as Lumpkin County Tax Parcel(s): D07

032 & D07 033

Current Zoning: Proposed Zoning: R1 - Single-Family Residential District PUD - Planned Unit Development District

92 unit/298 Bed Apartment House

Proposed Use: Application:

Rezoning from R1 to PUD

ROW Access:

Hawkins Street

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 36-67A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, adopted by the Georgia General Assembly, effective July 1, 1986, please be advised that as of the date of this letter, Miles, Hansford & Tallant, LLC has made the following campaign contributions to local officials of Dahlonega:

N/A

This letter constitutes the disclosure of campaign contributions with respect to the above-referenced application.

Sincerely,

Ethan Underwood

Attorney for Applicant

Ethan Underwood



J. Ethan Underwood eunderwood@mhtlegal.com

DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY REPORT

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The Applicant has submitted contemporaneously with this Development Summary Report the application package for the Proposed Zoning and Proposed Use, as may be amended (the "Application"). With regard to any zoning, conditional use permit, and variances requested in the Application (as applicable), the Applicant incorporates all statements made in the Public Hearing Application as part of this Development Summary Report.

DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

1. Proposed Land Use.

The Applicant requests to rezone the Subject Property to the Proposed Zoning and intends to develop the Subject Property for the Proposed Use. Specifically, the Subject Property will be used as an Apartment House, consisting of 92 Apartment Units/ 298 Beds, with a target mix of: 61 4-BR/4BA, 23 2-BR/2BA, and 8 1-BR/1BA. The primary use of the development will consist of two (2) apartment buildings of 4 stories each, with an approximate aggregate area of 108,393.40 sf, with unconditioned corridors.

In addition to the primary use, the Proposed Use will include accessory uses of amenity areas, a swimming pool, community areas/buildings, exercise facilities, parking for residents, and other typically ancillary support services for an apartment house. The clubhouse area and building will consist of leasing offices and community gathering areas, and outdoor pool amenity area; other site small structures include a maintenance shed (725 GSF) and uncovered trash compactor enclosure (290 GSF).

The Applicant's proposed unit mix is as follows:

2019-22 Da	hlonega- Signet RE	- Unit Matrix			
			8/21/2020		
Building Type A	1A (One Bed)	2A (Two Bed)	4A (Four Bed)	Total Per Bu	ilding
•	sf	sf	sf	Units	Beds
Level 1	1	2	5	8	25
Level 2	1	3	8	12	39
Level 3	1	3	8	12	39
Level 4	1	3	8	12	39
Building Type B	545 sf	911.01 sf	1361.97 sf	Units	Beds
Level 1	1	3	8	12	39
Level 2	1	3	8	12	39
Level 3	1	3	8	12	39
Level 4	1	3	8	12	39

92 Total Units
298 Total Beds

Residential Unit Information						
	Area		Percent		Count	Gross Area
1.	Α	545.00		9%	8	4,360.00
2.	Α	911.01		25%	23	20,953.23
4.	Α	1,361.97		66%	61	83,080.17
i			Total		92	108,393.40

Construction to be concrete slab-on-grade and foundation walls; wood frame, with a mix of brick masonry veneer and fiber cement siding, and other code compliant exterior materials; sloped asphalt shingle roof configurations typically; mechanical units located on roof.

Site design parking count to accommodate 217 cars/vehicle parking on grade.

2. Proposed development standards.

The Applicant proposes the following development standards

Minimum Lot Size	N/A
Minimum Lot Width	N/A
Minimum Lot Frontage	N/A
Minimum Floor Area	N/A



Minimum Residential Dwelling Unit Size 545 sf

Maximum Number of Dwelling Units 92 Units/ 298 Beds

Minimum building setbacks

Front Yard 40 ft
Side Yard 10 ft
Rear Yard 25 ft

Minimum Landscape Strips and Buffers

Front landscape strip 10 ft
Side landscape strip 10 ft

Maximum Building Height 55 ft

3. Time frame of development and provisions for ownership and management of the development.

The Applicant will be the developer of the subject property. The development time frame is estimated to require 8-9 months for entitlements (i.e. zoning and permitting), with land disturbance beginning in late Spring 2021. Construction will require 12-14 months, with residents expected to be living on the property in Summer of 2022.

A related entity will operate the Proposed Use upon completion of construction and will manage the property via a contracted management firm. Upon lease up and stabilization, the Applicant may retain the property or will sell the property to a reputable operator of multi-family housing communities. In any case, the property will be managed and maintained in an aesthetically pleasing manner.

4. Intended plans for the provision of utilities, including water, sewer and drainage facilities.

Sanitary sewer, water, natural gas, electricity and cable are available to the Subject Property and the impact on public utilities will be in keeping with growth projected by utility providers. Sanitary sewer and water utilities will be provided to the project by the City of Dahlonega.

With regard to sanitary sewer, the Applicant has developed dozens of similar Apartment Houses throughout the United States and based upon similar sized communities it has developed, the Applicant anticipate its residents will require approximately **21,000 gallons** of potable water per day, and require a maximum sewage treatment capacity of **21,000 gallons** per day. This calculation is based upon the current mix of 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom apartment homes. Under a hypothetical unit mix that consists exclusively of 4-bedroom apartment homes, the water and sewer usage would each increase by **7,000 gallons per day**, respectively. Based on the proposed unit mix and a corresponding 25% decrease in hypothetical



capacity purchase requirements such that it is only required to purchase 21,000 gallons per day of sewage treatment capacity.

The Subject Property will utilize onsite detention that complies with the Georgia Storm Water Manual's requirements for water quality and flood control. The site flows to the northwest and the detention facility will discharge stormwater into a natural watercourse at a rate no greater than pre-development flow rates.

5. Maintenance of streets and common open spaces.

All internal driveways, parking areas, and common open spaces will be constructed and maintained by the owner of the Subject Property in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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The developer intends to install a private sewage pump station to serve the project. This sewage pump station will be constructed and maintained by the owner of the Subject Property in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

TREES AND LANDSCAPING.

The property will be landscaped in accordance with all applicable ordinances. In addition, the Applicant proposes to install evergreen landscaping along the western and eastern boundaries of the Subject Property to provided privacy for future residents of both the Subject Property, as well as the adjoining properties.

The site design includes a tree save area along the northern boundary of the Subject Property. This area contains the vast majority of mature, specimen trees on the Subject Property. The site design also includes landscape strips along the front and side yards of the Subject Property. Preservation of these tree save areas will provide a visual separation between neighboring property owners and the proposed development, and the tree groupings within these tree save areas will provide wildlife habitat that would not be accommodated by the preservation of trees elsewhere on the Subject Property. The location of the proposed tree save areas is also necessary to allow shaping of the topography for proper stormwater flow and utility installation in the remaining portions of the Subject Property. Once developed, the Applicant will install new tree plantings in disturbed areas to comply with City requirements.

PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

The Subject Property is located where a transition is occurring from the Public Square Character Area, to undeveloped area, but is still influenced by the City's Character priorities. The site starts at the crest of the hill at this area and continues downward to the nearby creek. The site is visible from the easternmost point, which is closest to the public square area, is at the intersection of Church Street and Hawkins Street.

The architectural style and character of buildings at the Square are acknowledged in that new buildings will use some of the same elements, materials and colors of the vernacular architecture of the historic city center. A strong base of brick masonry, in a traditional color, with horizontal lap siding and possibly some panelized siding wall areas - both which will appear to be wood but will be fiber cement- in a



generally warm/neutral color pallet, will be used above the masonry base. Some areas of the masonry base will extend to level two or level three of the building façades, to generate visual interest and rhythm across the length of the building, recalling the variety of the surrounding hillside landscape and mountain areas of Dahlonega.

Windows across the buildings are currently planned to be well-proportioned operable double hung windows, which also are typical of the historic structures in the public square area and other areas of Dahlonega. Open areas at the ends of hallways which will allow for fresh air circulation, will generally be screened with a grid or louvered system, allowing for air circulation, providing some rain screening, as well as providing another small exterior visual design element, without calling too much attention to them.

A sloped shingle roof will appear on all sides of the building as another recalled element of traditional residential architecture, and will screen the rooftop equipment which will be located out of sight, on the roof in the center of each building.

With all of these elements, the Application shows that the design of this project does meet the consensus issues and goals for the community related to Planning as well as Architecture, and that they will be seen as enhancements to what is the historical urban fabric of the downtown Dahlonega area, both current and future.

To this end, the Applicant submits and incorporates with the Application architectural renderings for evaluation by the City. The Architectural renderings submitted with the Application are conceptual at this time, and final plans and elevations will be designed after the Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) documents are substantially complete.

CONCLUSION

Because the Proposed Use complies with all criteria appropriate for consideration of the land use application, the Applicant and owners respectfully request that this Application be approved as requested by the Applicant and in the manner shown on the Application, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Applicant and owners reserve the right to amend and supplement this Development Summary Report at any time.



J. Ethan Underwood eunderwood@mhtlegal.com

LETTER OF INTENT

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Construction to be concrete slab-on-grade and foundation walls; wood frame, with a mix of brick masonry veneer and fiber cement siding, and other code compliant exterior materials; sloped asphalt shingle roof configurations typically; mechanical units located on roof.

Site design parking count to accommodate 217 cars/vehicle parking on grade.



IMPACT ANALYSIS

When exercising the City's zoning powers, consideration shall be given to factors associated with the use including, but not limited to, the following. The Applicant's Proposed Use satisfies all of these criteria as described below:

1. The existing uses and zoning of nearby property and whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of nearby property.

The Proposed Use is compatible with the surrounding properties and land use, specifically the institutional use of a church by Dahlonega Baptist Church and residential use by surrounding single-family homes. The Subject Property and these surrounding lands are all located within walking distance of the Univ. of North Georgia campus. The use of the surrounding properties will be enhanced by the interconnectivity provided to the sidewalk along Hawkins Street along the front of the Subject Property, as well as by the vibrancy brought by the Proposed Use.

2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions.

The Proposed Use will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties because the Proposed Use will allow for a residential use that is compatible with the surrounding residential and institutional uses. The Proposed Use will provide needed vitality to the area, which the Applicant hopes will result in revitalization of surrounding older buildings. The value of the surrounding properties will be enhanced by the Subject Property's residences and premium site design.

3. The extent to which the destruction of property values promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public.

A refusal by the City to approve the Application, as requested by the Applicant, will impose a disproportionate hardship on the Applicant and owners of the Subject Property without benefiting any surrounding property owners. There is no reasonable use of the Subject Property except for development as proposed by the Applicant and there is no benefit to the public by requiring that the Current Zoning be maintained.

4. The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner.

The public will benefit in having new development act as a catalyst to spur redevelopment of the surrounding area.

5. The physical suitability of the subject property for development as presently zoned and under the proposed zoning district.

The shape, size, and topography of the Subject Property necessitate rezoning of the Subject Property, as its steep topography and floodplain prohibit development using the Current Zoning. With the limited



buildable area available on the site, only the Propose Use can utilize the relatively small building envelop available on the Subject Property – there is no other physically practicable or financially viable use for the Subject Property than as proposed by the Applicant.

As such, the Subject Property does not have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned. The R1 zoning category allows only single-family detached homes; the R1 zoning classification does not allow Apartment Houses as a Permitted Use. Apartments are necessary in order to develop a sufficient number of housing units at a sufficient price-point to make the project economically viable for redevelopment. Moreover, the increasing population of the City of Dahlonega necessitates more dense development to accommodate projected growth, as contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan.

6. The length of time the property has been vacant, considered in the context of land development in the area in the vicinity of the property, and whether there are existing or changed conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the rezoning request.

The property has been undeveloped for over a decade, with the only structure being a single house built circa 1934. As the UNG Campus has expanded, it has not kept up with demand for student or employee housing. The Proposed Use will accommodate the University, while remaining in private ownership, and subject to ad valorem taxation.

7. The zoning history of the subject property.

The Subject Property has been zoned R1 since the inception of zoning regulations in the City of Dahlonega.

8. The extent to which the proposed zoning will result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

The Proposed Use will not result in a use that will cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, parks, or other public facilities. The projected impact on schools and utilities will be in keeping with projected growth, and any applicable impact fees from the development will fund infrastructure improvements. The number of car trips and need for transportation facilities will be comparable to surrounding uses (in fact pedestrian and bicycle transportation will likely be the favored mode of transportation with the City), and the developer will make improvements to surrounding rights-of-way as required by applicable regulations for project improvements.

9. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan, land use plan, or other adopted plans.

The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan. The Subject Property is located in the Public Square Character Area. In this regard, the development will:



- be compatible with all applicable design guidelines
- provide context sensitive infill development
- be sensitive that the height of structures blend with the surrounding properties
- provide full pedestrian accessibility
- provide landscaping and decorative elements

The Proposed Use will incorporate the design standards submitted with the Application and will increase the vibrancy of downtown Dahlonega. The Proposed Use is compatible with the surrounding properties, being Dahlonega Baptist Church and single-family homes located near the University of North Georgia campus.

The Proposed Use will also provide pedestrian and cyclist interconnectivity via public sidewalk connections to Hawkins and Church Street.

The Proposed Use will result in only a minor population increase of approximately 298 people and only a minor increase to traffic. The Applicant submits the following Trip Generation Report for the project:

	Table 1: Gros	s Trip Gene	ration				
Land Use	ITE Code	Density	D	aily Traff	ic	AM Peak	PM Peak
			Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Total
Off-Campus Student Apartment	225	298 beds	1,140	570	570	46	97
Total Gross T	rips		1,140	570	570	46	97

Because the Proposed Use complies with all criteria appropriate for consideration of the land use application, the Applicant and owners respectfully request that this Application be approved as requested by the Applicant and in the manner shown on the Application, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Applicant and owners reserve the right to amend and supplement this Letter of Intent at any time.

From: To: Gerald (Jerry) Sullivan Spencer Hyatt

Subject:

FW: Dahlonega Rental Housing

Date:

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:23:50 PM

FYI - note to Dahlonega City Manager

UNG would be happy to state this perspective with others

Please let me know next time you are in town

Jerry 706.714.4128

From: Gerald (Jerry) Sullivan

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:58 PM

To: Bill Schmid <bschmid@dahlonega.gov>

Subject: Dahlonega Rental Housing

Good day Bill!

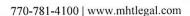
Thank you for your call regarding the proposed Signet housing development in Dahlonega. Signet Real Estate is a company that has developed quality projects with and adjacent to university campuses across the country, and from my perspective completed excellent work over the past several years at the University of Florida.

While the University would benefit from quality housing in the community, student focused or otherwise, UNG does not endorse or discourage this proposed development.

My understanding of current student housing is that UNG's on-campus housing is near capacity for this fall, and that the primary off-campus student housing communities are also near capacity. I also hear frequently that faculty and staff are challenged to find desired housing in Dahlonega. This demand could obviously change for many reasons, but may immediately and particularly influenced by the COVID pandemic.

The Signet concept that I have seen represents a high quality of rental housing, which I would expect would appeal to many people, but again UNG views determinations related to this development as a city matter.

Jerry





J. Ethan Underwood eunderwood@mhtlegal.com

RESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS

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032

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ROW Access: Hawkins Street

This Reservation of Constitutional and Other Legal Rights ("the Reservation") is intended to supplement and form a part of the Application of the Applicant and the owners of the Subject Property and to put the Dahlonega City Council on notice of the Applicant's assertion of its constitutional and legal rights.

The Applicant has filed a timely application, has provided all required information and has submitted the appropriate application fees. The Application meets all judicial and statutory requirements for approval. The Applicant incorporates all statements made in the Application submitted concurrently herewith as its letter of intent required by the City of Dahlonega.

The Applicant objects to the standing of any opponents who are not owners of land adjoining the Subject Property and to the consideration by the City of Dahlonega of testimony or evidence presented by any party without standing in making its decision regarding the Application. The Applicant also objects to the consideration of testimony or evidence presented by any party that fails to comply with notice and campaign disclosure requirements.

Denial of the Application or approval of the Application in any form that is different than as requested by the Applicant will impose a disproportionate hardship on the Applicant and owners of the Subject Property without benefiting any surrounding property owners. There is no reasonable use of the Subject Property except for development as proposed by the Applicant and no resulting benefit to the public from denial of modification of the Application.

A refusal by the City of Dahlonega to approve the Application, as requested by the Applicant, will be unconstitutional in that it will constitute a taking of the Applicant's and owners' property rights without first paying fair, adequate, and just compensation for such rights in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended, and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

A denial of the Application, as requested by the Applicant, will constitute an arbitrary and capricious act by the City of Dahlonega without any basis for such, and will constitute an abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.



A refusal by the City Council to approve the Application, as requested by the Applicant, will prohibit the only viable economic use of the Subject Property, will be unconstitutional and will discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owner and the owners of similarly situated properties in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Furthermore, the City Council cannot lawfully impose more restrictive standards on the Subject Property's development than are presently set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. To do so not only will constitute a taking of the Subject Property as set forth above, but it will also amount to an unlawful delegation of the Board's authority in response to neighborhood opposition, in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended. Any conditions or other restrictions imposed on the Subject Property without the consent of the Applicant and Owner that do not serve to ameliorate the negative impacts of the development are invalid and void. As such, the Applicant and owners reserve the right to challenge any such conditions or restrictions. The Applicant and owners also reserve the right to challenge any unlawful exactions, whether they are in the form of illegal impact fees or otherwise.

Finally, the Applicant and owners assert that the Zoning Ordinance, Future Development Map and Comprehensive Plan were not adopted in compliance with the laws or constitutions of the State of Georgia or of the United States, and a denial of the Applicant's request based upon provisions illegally adopted will deprive the Applicant and owners of due process under the law.

This Reservation also constitutes an Ante Litem Notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-11-1, which places the City of Dahlonega and all other agents of the City on notice of the Applicant's and owners' intent to seek monetary damages and attorney's fees against the City of Dahlonega for any rezoning action, zoning condition, illegal impact fee and any other unlawful restrictions and exactions that are imposed on the Subject Property, the Applicant and the owners.

By filing this Reservation, the Applicant reserves all rights and remedies available to it under the United States Constitution, the Georgia Constitution, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, and in equity.

The Applicant and owners respectfully request that this Application be approved as requested by the Applicant and in the manner shown on the Application, which is incorporated herein by reference. This Reservation forms an integral part of the Application, and we ask that the City of Dahlonega include this Reservation with the Applicant's other application documents. The Applicant and owners reserve the right to amend and supplement this Reservation at any time.

Sincerely,

Ethan Underwood Attorney for Applicant

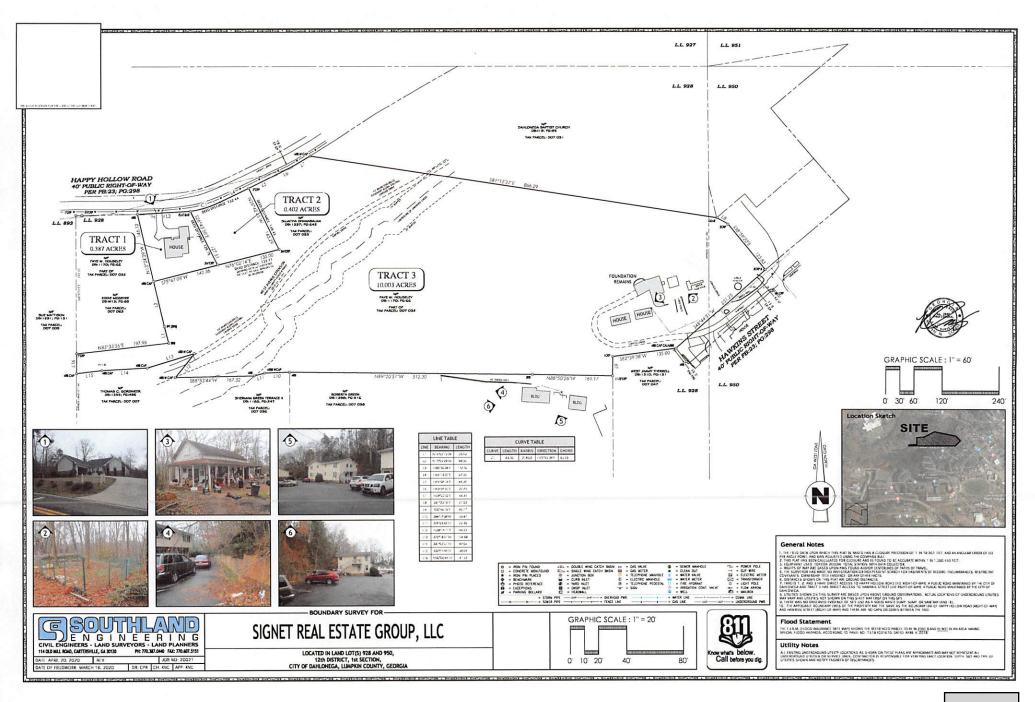
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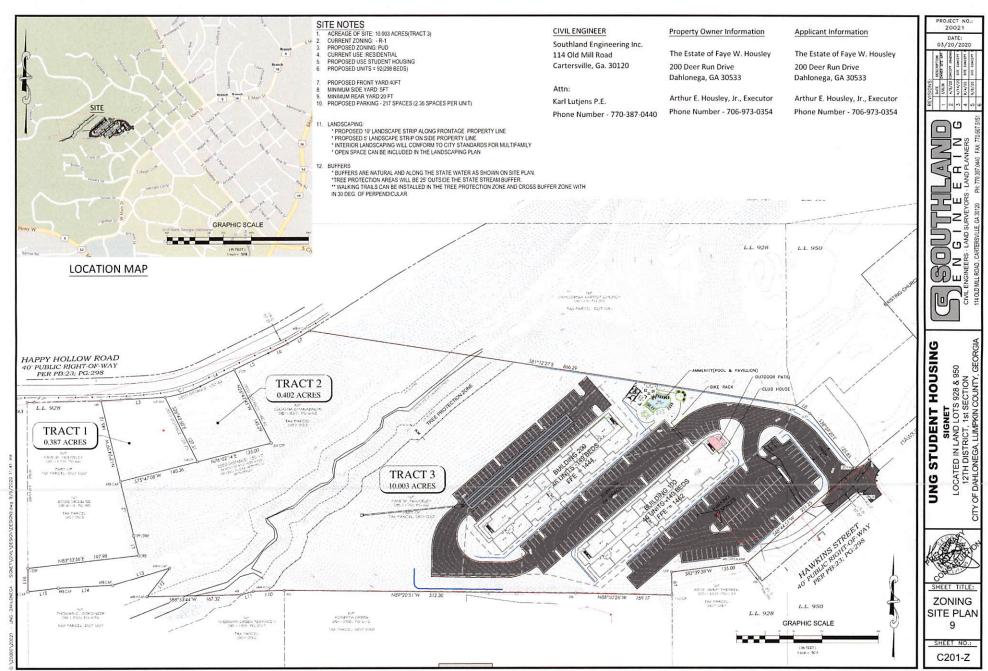
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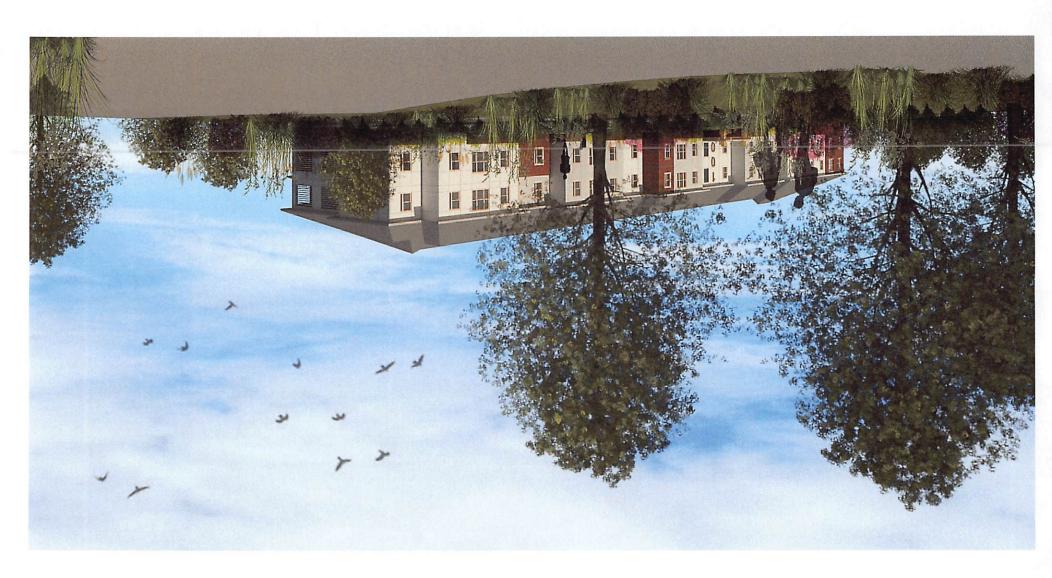
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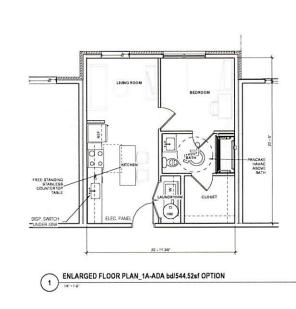
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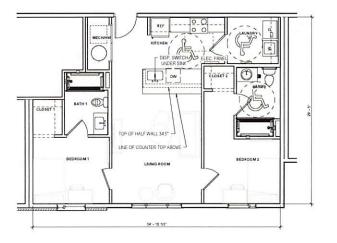






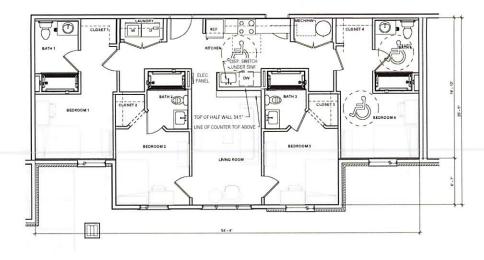






ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN_2A-ADA bd/ 911.01sf OPTION

Sec. 14*



ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN_4A-ADA bd/ 1,361.97sf OPTION

			9/3/2020		
Building 100	1A (One Bed)	2A (Two Bed)	4A (Four Bed)	Units	Bed
Level 1	1	2	5	8	25
Level 2	1	3	8	12	39
Level 3	1	3	8	12	39
Level 4	1	3	8	12	39

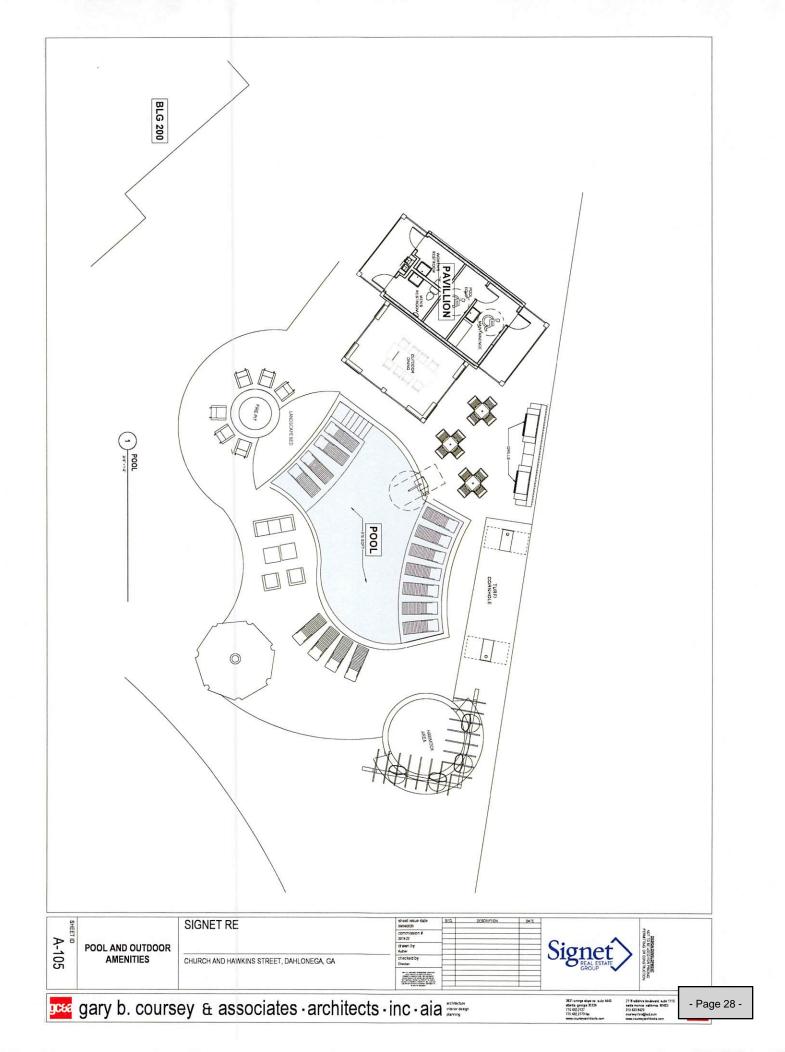
Building 200	545 sf	911.01 sf	1361.97 sf	Units	Beds
Level 1	1	3	8	12	39
Level 2	1	3	8	12	39
Level 3	1	3	8	12	39
Level 4	1	3	8	12	39

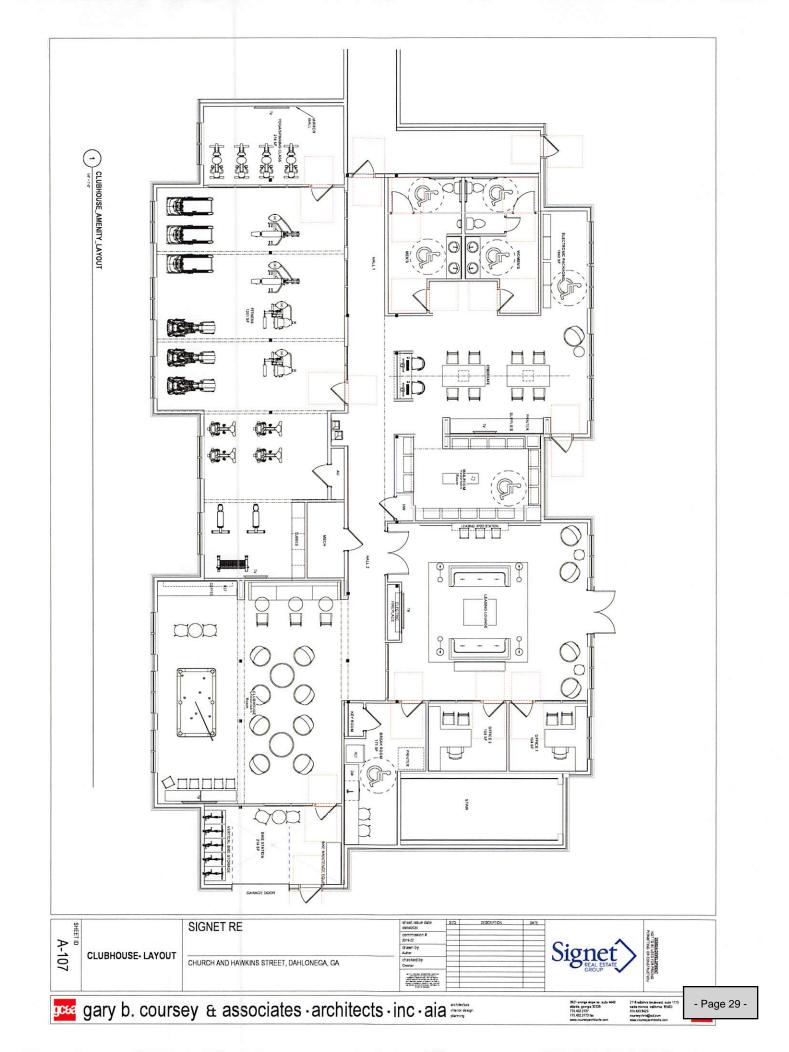
92 Total Units 298 Total Beds

Are	a	Percent	Count	Gross Area
1A	545.00	9%	8	4,360.00
2A	911.01	25%	23	20,953.23
4A	1,361.97	66%	61	83,080.17
		Total	92	108,393.40
Building 100		Building 200		
Rentable SF	51,698.24	Rentable SF		56,695.16
Level 1 Common SF	2,479.77	Level 1 Common SF		3,088.76
Level 2 Common SF	3,168.42	Level 2 Common SF		3,168.42
Level 3 Common SF	3,088.76	Level 3 Common SF		3,088.76
Level 4 Common SF	3,088.76	Level 4 Common SF		3,088.76
Leasing/CH SF	5,605.92	Leasing/CH SF		
Building Gross	69,129.87	Building Gross		69,129.86
		Total Buildings		138,259.73

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STAFF REPORT REZN-20-09-0001

Applicant: Signet N GA, LLC

Owner: Arthur E. Housley, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of

Faye W. Housley

Location: 258 Hawkins Street (Parcel # D07 032)

Acreage: +/- 10.003 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: R-1 (Single Family Residential)

Proposed Zoning Classification: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Current Use of Property: Single Family Residential

Proposed Use of Property: 92 apartments and 298 bedrooms are proposed

in 2 structures

DRI Recommendation: This development will not qualify as a DRI

General Land Use: Residential

Comprehensive Plan Character Area: The parcel is situated within the Public Square

Character Area in the Comprehensive Plan. The Character Area is silent as to the placement of student housing in this area. Student apartments are discussed and encouraged to develop within

the Mixed Use Residential and

College/University of North Georgia areas.

Environmental Impacts: This project will have to conform to the Erosion

and Sedimentation Control Ordinance and State

Regulations for Environmental Impacts.

City Services: All city services are available at this site.

Traffic Impact: AADT for off-campus student apartments "ITE

Code 225" calculates total traffic to be 1,140 trips with AM peak total trips of 46 and PM peak total trips of 97. Currently the proposed site

plan has 217 parking spaces.

Surrounding Zoning: North – R-1

South - PUD

East – R-1

West - R-1

Reasonableness of Request:

This request is reasonable within the confines of the parcel in which it is requested if it is approved with the conditions stated in this staff report.

Buffer Requirement:

A minimum ten-foot landscaping strip will be required at areas that front public streets with sidewalks.

Additional Information:

The Dahlonega Downtown Master Plan Design Guidelines that were created August 2008, identifies the proposed development parcel being in the University Heights area. This area of development shows that this parcel was identified for part of an amphitheater. The other portions would be part of a residential neighborhood with lower densities and be oriented more to resemble larger block configurations than we currently have in residential districts around the downtown area. However, this plan was never adopted officially by the City Council.

Community Development Dept. Recommendation:

The department recommends approval with the following conditions.

- 1. Lighting shall use downlighting and cutoff fixtures configured to be directed toward the center of the development where the structures will be located. Any LED lighting shall be in the color spectrum of 2700K (Warm White) to 3500K (Cool White) and as approved by the Community Development Department.
- 2. Buffers shall be established along the north and northeast property lines with a width of 25' feet vegetated material consisting of evergreen trees that will limit the travel of sound. Front vegetated buffer shall be 15 feet in width and have vegetative material that will shield adjacent parcel owners from vehicular headlights in the parking and internal street areas.
- **3.** The development shall install street and pedestrian improvements that will meet city

- specifications for sidewalks along block sections of Church Street and pedestrian crosswalk indicators crossing Hawkins Street to the sidewalks on Church Street adjacent from the proposed entrance.
- 4. Offsite stormwater improvements shall be installed or upgraded for the portions of Hawkins Street that abuts the proposed development and at the intersection of Hawkins and Church Street. Church Street stormwater improvements shall be installed from the ridge crest on Church Street moving down to the intersection of Hawkins and Church Street.
- 5. Hawkins Street shall be improved to meet the road standards required by the Development Regulations along the portions of the development that front Hawkins Street as well as the intersection of Hawkins and Church Street.

