

# CITY OF DAHLONEGA City Council Public Hearing Agenda

August 21, 2023, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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## CALL TO ORDER

Public Hearing:

Zoning Map Amendment - (Parcel No. D11-033)
 Allison Martin, City Manager

**ADJOURNMENT** 



**DATE:** 08/15/2023

**TITLE:** Zoning Map Amendment - (Parcel No. D11-033)

PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager

#### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

This is a request to amend the zoning map of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, by changing the zoning on a parcel of land owned by Chelsea Mikell and Scott L. Mikell (REZN-23-4) – the request is to change the proposed use of a +/- 0.261-acre property located at 115 N Meaders Street (D11-033) (Hawkins Street LL951LD12-1) from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multiple Family Residential District). The purpose of this request is to allow this property to function as a short-term rental.

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#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is a public hearing only. No action is to be taken.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

No motions are to be made at the public hearing.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Staff report is attached. Also attached is the application.



## STAFF REPORT REZN 23-4

Applicant: Scott Mikell

Owner: Chelsea Mikell

Location: 115 N. Meaders Street (Tax Parcel D11 033)

Acreage: +/- 0.261 Acres

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

Requested Zoning Classification: R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District

Current Use of Property: Developed / Single-family residence

General Land Use: Developed / Single-family residence & short-

term rental

City Services: The property is in the Dahlonega Water Service

Area

## **Applicant Proposal**

The applicant is requesting to rezone a  $0.261\pm$  acre (11,369 square feet) property on Meaders Street (Tax Parcel D11 033) from R-1: Single-Family Residential District, with conditions, to R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District for the purpose of utilizing the existing single-family residence as a personal vacation home and short-term rental property. Within the R-1 zoning district, short-term rentals, as defined in Article VIII (Short-Term Rentals) are not a permitted use, resulting in this rezoning request.

## **History and Surrounding Uses**

The subject property is zoned R-1: Single-Family Residential District, which was previously rezoned by City Council for a medical office development. The property tax records show that the property has been in the ownership of the current property owners since October 25, 2022. A request for a variance was heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1987 to permit the construction of a second residence on the property. In 1991 the former property owner appeared before the City Council to determine if the second residence could still be constructed. The minutes from the meeting indicate that it could be constructed if it met city regulations. It is unclear if a second residence was ever constructed. Currently, there is only a single residence on the property.

North: Directly north of the subject property are other R-1: Single-Family Residential District zoned parcels.

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South: The property directly south across Hawkings Street is Hancock Park and is zoned CBD: Central Business District.

East: To the east of the subject parcel is a 1.12± acre parcel zoned R-2 (C): Multiple-Family Residential (Conditions) zoned parcel developed with a condominium rental development.

West: Adjacent to the west is a  $0.51\pm$  acre parcel zoned R-1: Single-Family Residential District parcel developed with single-family residence.

## **Staff Analysis**

The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject property from R-1: Single-Family Residential District to R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District for the purpose of using the existing single-family residence as both a personal vacation rental and a short-term rental.

The below table summarizes the zoning standards of the R-1: Single-Family Residential and R-2: Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and the proposed development:

Lot Dimensions	R-1: Single-Family Residential	R-2: Multiple-Family Residential	Subject Property
Minimum Lot Area	30,000 sq. ft.	15,000 sq. ft.*	11,369 sq. ft.
Minimum Lot Width	100 ft.	80 ft.	104.57 ft. (Meaders St.) 109.25 ft. (Hawkins St.)
Minimum Floor Area	1,200 sq. ft.	1,000 sq. ft.	1,184 sq. ft.
Maximum Density	1.5 du/a	5.5 du/a (multi-family)	NA
Front Setback (Arterial Streets)	60 ft.	60 ft.	NA
Front Setback (Other Streets)	35 ft.	35 ft.	34.1 ft. (Meaders St.) 43.0 ft. (Hawkins St.)
Side Setback	15 ft.	15 ft.	18.5 ft. (Residence)
Rear Setback	15 ft.	15 ft.	24.6 ft.
Accessory Structure Setback	5 ft.	5 ft.	13.5 ft. (Shed)

<sup>\*\* 20,000</sup> square feet is required for a two-family dwelling (duplex).

The subject property is developed with a 1,184 square foot single-family residence per the Lumpkin County Tax Assessors records. The property falls below the minimum lot size requirement of the R-1 district and as a result is considered a non-conforming lot a record. Sec. 301 defines a lot of record as "a lot which is part of a subdivision, a plat of which has been recorded in the records of the County Superior Court Clerk; or a parcel of land, the deed of which has been recorded in the same office as of November 6, 1979." A survey of the subject property was approved for recording as a lot of record by the City of Dahlonega and subsequently recorded with the Lumpkin County Clerk of Court on August 4, 2014.



Sec. 502. – Non-conforming lots of record, states "in any district, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of these regulations, a single-family dwelling and customary accessory buildings or any other permitted use may be erected on any single lot of record existing at the effective date of adoption or amendment of these regulations, even though such lot fails to meet the requirements for area or width, or both, applicable to the particular district involved, provided that yard dimensions and other requirements of the lot shall conform to the regulations for the district in which the lot is located."

Finally, Sec. 702. – Minimum requirements states "within each district, the regulations set forth shall be minimum requirements and shall apply uniformly to each class or kind of building, structure or land."

The request to rezone the subject property (11,369 square feet) from R-1: Single-Family Residential District to R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District would create a lot that does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of the R-2 district (15,000 square feet), inconsistent with the requirements of Sec. 702.

## The Following are questions from Article XXVI Section 2607 of Zoning Code:

1. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

The subject property borders a condominium development to the east and a city park to the south, but is otherwise in a single-family residential district. The Single-Family Residential District is intended to establish and preserve quiet, stable single-family residential neighborhoods at low densities (up to approximately one and one-half units per acre) free from other uses except those which are compatible with and convenient to the residents of such a district. Rezoning the property to permit a short-term rental could have an impact on the adjacent single-family residential uses.

2. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The R-2, Multiple-Family Residential District is intended to provide suitable land for a variety of dwelling types at low to medium densities (up to five and one-half units per acre) in areas served by public water and sanitary sewer. Rezoning the property to R-2 for the purpose of permitting a short-term rental could have an impact on the adjacent R-1, single-family residential properties.

3. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use that will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The proposed development is unlikely to result in a use that will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.



4. Whether the zoning proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, transportation plans, or other plans adopted for guiding development within the City of Dahlonega.

The character area of this parcel is referred to in the Comprehensive Plan as Public Square. The land use and development strategy for the core area and South Chestatee corridor heavily focus on preservation of eligible properties with physical upgrades to market expectations; and small-scale (two- to three-story maximum above street grade) new infill construction on suitable sites with historically compatible designs. Primary focus for renovation and redevelopment should be on East and West Main, and South Chestatee near Arcadia Street, Ash Avenue, and Maple Street.

The following are encouraged development standards of this area:

- All development to be compatible with design guidelines
- Preservation of existing structures where possible, or context sensitive infill
- development
- 1-3 story structures oriented on Public Square and approaching streets close to the street front, with minimal on-site parking and full pedestrian accessibility
- Careful evaluation of sites on the ridge north of Hawkins Street offering possible mountain views above treeline
- Landscaping and decorative elements encouraged
- Mixed use structures or variety of residential, commercial and institutional uses
- No drive-through uses permitted

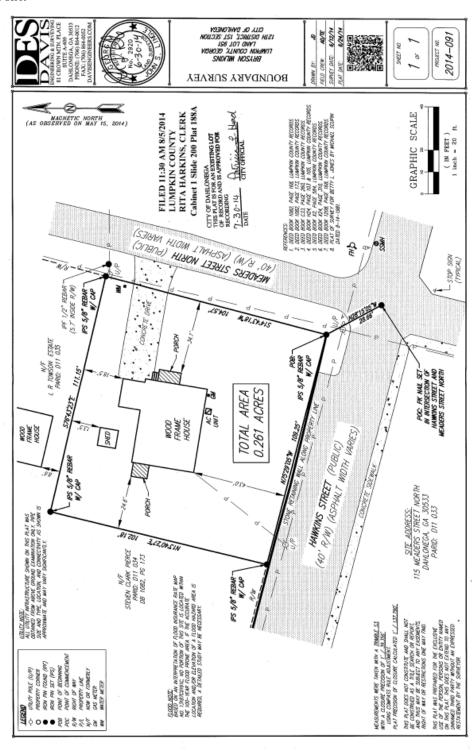
The current proposal can be interpreted as in-line with the goals of the character area though careful thought should be given to whether the introduction of short-term rental properties in the R-1 district could change the character of the neighborhood.

5. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning or special use proposal.

It should be noted that the subject property does not meet the minimum lot size requirement for the R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District of 15,000 square feet. The subject property is 11,369 square feet in area.

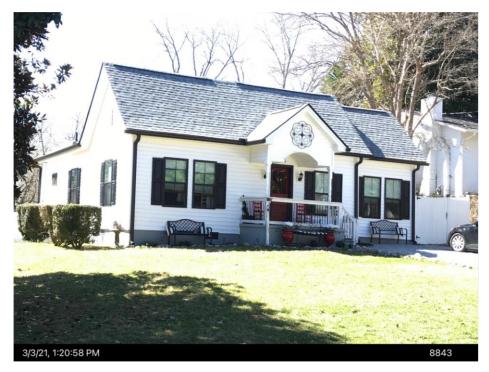


## **Recorded Plat:**





## Subject Property Images (Pictures from the Lumpkin County Tax Assessor):





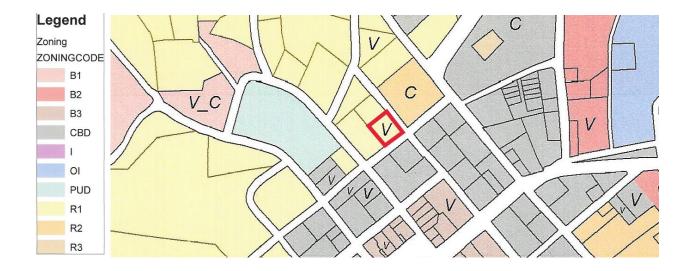


## Aerial:



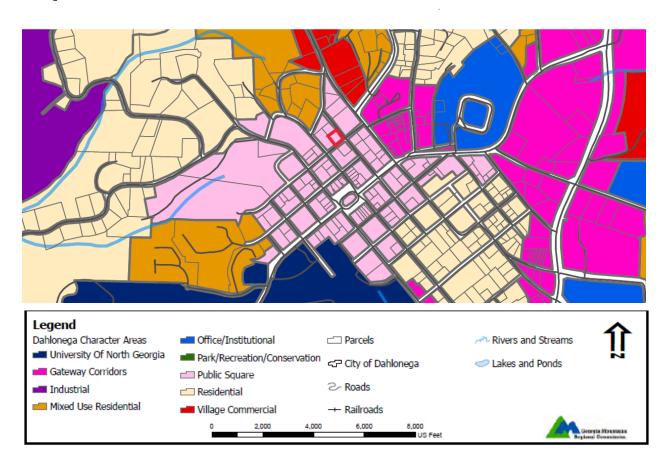


## **Current Zoning:**





## **Comprehensive Plan:**





## **Staff Recommended Motion:**

Per the requirements of Sec. 2610. - Recommendation by zoning administrative officer, Staff recommends denial of application REZN 23-4, request to rezone from R-1: Single-Family Residential District to R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District based on the finding that the subject property does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of the R-2: Multiple-Family Residential District.

## **Planning Commission:**

The Planning Commission reviewed the matter and recommended denial of the application.

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Property Owner:	Name:	Chelsea Mikell			
	Address:	1012 Monarch Circle			
		Statesboro, GA 30458			
	Phone:	706-429-6865			
Applicant:	Name:	Scott Mikell			
(if different from Owner)	Address:	1012 Monarch Circle			
		Statesboro, GA 30458			
	Phone:	912-687-3456			
Agent:	Name:				
(if applicable)	Address:				
	Phone:				
Existing Zoning:	R-1				
Proposed Zoning:	R-2				
Existing Use:	Second Home/Private Residence				
Proposed Use:	Second Ho	ome with option for use as short term rental			
Acreage of Site:	0.261 Acre	S			
Location of Property:	115 N Mea	ders Street			
(Street address)	Dahlonega	, GA			
	30533				
Tax Plat and parcel:	D11 033				

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

- 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.

Please refer to "Exhibit A"

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

Airbnb rentals nearby specifically increase both rent and home sale prices (specifically, a 10 percent increase in Airbnb listings leads to a 0.42 percent increase in rents and a 0.76 percent increase in house prices) according to a 2017 study.

Barron, Kyle and Kung, Edward and Proserpio, Davide, The Effect of Home-Sharing on House Prices and Rents: Evidence from Airbnb (March 4, 2020). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3006832 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3006832

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

Not applicable as above. Property values of local homes would likely not be affected by the proposed zoning and may likely see increased property values.

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

In its current state, the home will only be able to serve as a second/vacation home. It will be unihabited for a significant amount of time when our family is not visiting Dahlonega. With the proposed zoning, the ability to function as a short-term/vacation rental (Airbnb/VRBO) would offer year-round influx of tourism to the downtown Dahlonega area in which vacationers would be in walking distance to local shops, stores, and restaraunts.

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

The physical suitability of this property for development should not change significantly with the proposed zoning R-2 vs current zoning (R-1). It is likely that as a short term rental location (R-2), income generated from rent would allow for increased development and beutification of the home and grounds, which as mentioned before, is highly visible from public areas.

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.

Not applicable. This property is not currently vacant.

7. The zoning history of the subject property.

The parcel has been zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) for many years.

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 property at present would sleep 6 adult guests maximum. Short term rental agencies such as Airbnb and VRBO incude strict restrictions on how many guests can stay in a rental location at one time. There is adequate parking off-street for 4 vehicles in the driveway which should be more than adequate for the maximum amount of guests. Schools and transportation facilities would be unaffected. A maximum of 6 visitors would not lead to burdonsome use of Hancock park, public facilities, or utilities.

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 of this property as R2 (proposed) for potential use as a short term rental would be in conformity with the use of surrounding property. This includes adjacent R2 zoning (condominiums) and several areas within the Central Business District (hotels and condos).

## Fox, Chandler, Homans, Hicks & McKinnon, LLP

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May 12, 2023

Ms. Allison Martin City Manager City of Dahlonega 465 Riley Road Dahlonega, GA 30533

\*\*via email: amartin@dahlonega.gov

Re:

Proposed Re-zone Application (R-1 to R-2)

115 Meaders Street North Chelsea and Scott Mikell

Dear Ms. Martin:

Chelsea Mikell and Scott Mikell retained me regarding a proposed rezoning of the property referenced herein from R-1 to R-2. A draft of the application is attached. I request the opportunity to discuss the application before submitting with you or whomever you designate.

Please let me know if and when I can meet with you regarding this matter.

Respectfully

Joseph A. Homans

JAH/sj

## **EXHIBIT A**

This property is located directly across Hawkins Street from Hancock Park (CBD) in Downtown Dahlonega. There are several areas and buildings zoned in the Central Business District (CBD) and Historical Business District (B-3) nearby (park, shops, restaurants, hotels, Lumpkin County Community House). The home is highly visible from Hancock Park and surrounding areas.

In an adjacent lot across N. Meaders St. are condominiums (R2) used as rental properties.

There are also two small R1 plots (single-family residential) bordering the property. The proposed zoning would not adversely affect any of these areas, and will likely benefit the aforementioned businesses located close by. A short term/vacation rental in close proximity would likely stimulate local business. Also, the rezoning would not disturb those zoned in R1 as this downtown area is already highly trafficked due to its close proximity to the Public Square and many Central Business District areas. In addition, short term/vacation rental guidelines would prohibit exceeding a maximum number of visitors in the home at one time.

## **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:	
Printed name of Property Owner :	
Date of Signature:	
Signature of Witness:	

#### 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:

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:
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:

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

## **EXHIBIT A**

This property is located directly across Hawkins Street from Hancock Park (CBD) in Downtown Dahlonega. Several nearby parcels are zoned within Central Business District (CBD) and Historical Business District (B-3) (park, shops, restaurants, hotels, Lumpkin County Community House). The home on the property is visible from Hancock Park and surrounding areas.

The adjacent lot across N. Meaders St. is zoned R-2 and used as rental property - Condominiums.

Two small R-1 (single-family residential) parcels border the property.

The proposed zoning would not adversely affect any of these properties and will likely benefit the businesses located nearby. A short-term vacation rental in close proximity would likely stimulate local business. Also, the rezoning would not disturb those zoned in the R1 District as this downtown area is already highly trafficked. In addition, short-term vacation rental guidelines prohibit exceeding a maximum number of visitors in the home at one time.

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> > REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX PAID: \$434.00

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After recording return to: Horne & Edelberg, P.C. Post Office Box 37 Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

3433540228 PARTICIPANT ID

#### SURVIVORSHIP LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LUMPKIN.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 25th day of October, 2022, between Julio Ruiz and Cynthia Ruiz, of the first part, hereinafter referred to as Grantors, and Chelsea Jones Mikell and Scott Lindsey Mikell, as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common, of the second part, hereinafter referred to as Grantees:

The words "Grantors" and "Grantees" whenever used herein shall include all individuals, corporations, and any other persons or entities, and all the respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto, and all those holding under either of them, and the pronouns used herein shall include, when appropriate, either gender and both singular and plural, and the grammatical construction of sentences shall conform thereto.

WITNESSETH: That the Grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100s DOLLARS (\$10.00) and Other Valuable Considerations, in hand paid, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantees, the following described property:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of land, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the Grantees forever in Fee Simple.

Page Two Survivorship Limited Warranty Deed 115 Meaders Street North

AND THE Grantors will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the above described property, unto the Grantees against all persons claiming by, through or under Grantors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have executed this deed the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:	
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Unofficial Witness	Julio Raiz
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Notary Public	NOTAD
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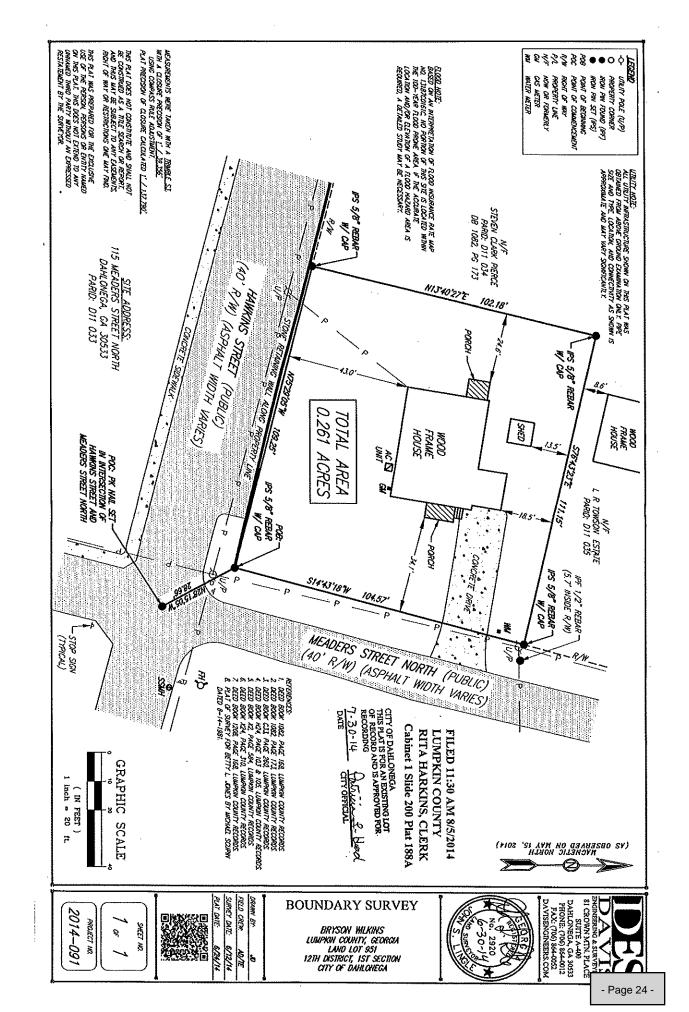
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#### Exhibit "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 951 of the 12th District, 1st Section of Lumpkin County, Georgia, being in the City of Dahlonega, consisting of 0.261 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon, and being more particularly described and delineated according to a plat of survey dated June 12, 2014, prepared by John S. Lingle, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, which is recorded in Plat Cabinet One, Slide 200, Plat 188A, Lumpkin County Records, and is hereby incorporated by reference for a more detailed description.

This property is conveyed together with and subject to all casements for roads and utilities in use or of record.

Subject Property Address: 115 Meaders Street North, Dahlonega, GA 30533



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#### Summary

Parcel Number Location Address Legal Description

D11033

115 MEADERS STREET NORTH LOT HAWKINS ST LL 951 LD 12-1

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

Class

R3-Residential

(Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)

Character Area R

Tax District

Dahlonega (District 02)

Millage Rate Acres 30.549 0.25

Neighborhood

\*CITY@500/FF (00257)

Homestead Exemption Landlot/District

No (S0) 951/12

View Map



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#### Owner

MIKELL CHELSEA J & SCOTT L 115 MEADERS STREET NORTH DAHLONEGA, GA 30533

#### Land

Туре	Description	Calculation Method	Square Footage	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Lots
Residential	*CITY@500/FF	Front Feet	11,025	105	105	0.25	0

## **Residential Improvement Information**

Style Heated Square Feet One Family 1184

Interior Walls Exterior Walls Sheetrock Alum/Vinyl/Metal Sid

Foundation Attic Square Feet Masonry 0

Basement Square Feet Year Built 0 1885

Roof Type
Flooring Type
Heating Type

Architectural Shingles Carpet/Hrdwd/Vinyl

Heating Type
Number Of Rooms

Central Heat/AC

Number Of Bedrooms 0 Number Of Full Bathrooms 1 Number Of Half Bathrooms 0 Number Of Plumbing Extras 0

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Condition House Address

Value

Average 115 MEADERS STREET NORTH

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#### **Accessory Information**

Description	Year Built	Dimensions/Units	Identical Units	Value
Shed Average	2019	6x10/0	1	\$423

#### **Permits**

Permit Date	Permit Number	Туре	Description	
11/22/2019	3381	RENOVATIONS	ESTIMATED VALUE GIVEN BY OWNER/ BUILDE \$5,000 REPLACEMENT OF A/C SYSTEM	
11/20/2019	3378	ADDITION	ESTIMATED VALUE GIVENBY OWNER/BUILDER \$1,900 INSTALLATION OF PERIMETER FENCE & GATE	

#### Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
10/25/2022	1577 130		\$434,000	FULLY FURNISHED SALE	RUIZ JULIO & CYNTHIA	MIKELL CHELSEA J & SCOTT L
8/1/2014	1280 404	1-200 188A	\$150,000	Fair Market	WILKINS TERRI H	RUIZ JULIO & CYNTHIA
4/8/2014	1273 346		\$108,000	Fair Market	BUTLER JERRY M	WILKINS TERRI H
3/16/2012	1208 168		\$0	Estate	BUTLER GRADY	BUTLER JERRY M

## **Area Sales Report**

## Sale date range:

From:
04/25/2020
To:

04/25/2023

Sales by Neighborhood

Sales by Area

1500

Feet 🖴

Sales by Distance

#### Valuation

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Previous Value	\$107,231	\$84,573	\$84,573	\$79,694	\$80,334
Land Value	\$45,150	\$45,150	\$45,150	\$45,150	\$45,150
+ Improvement Value	\$76,336	\$61,644	\$39,423	\$39,423	\$34,544
+ Accessory Value	\$423	\$437	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Current Value	\$121,909	\$107,231	\$84,573	\$84,573	\$79,694

#### **Tax Collector**

Tax Collector Website

## **Photos**



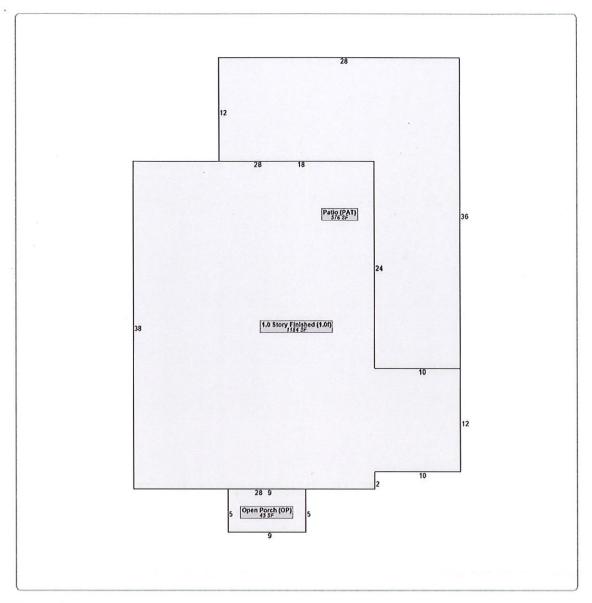




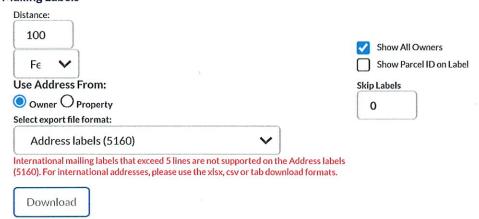




Sketches



#### **Mailing Labels**



No data available for the following modules: Rural Land, Conservation Use Rural Land, Commercial Improvement Information, Mobile Homes, Prebill Mobile Homes.

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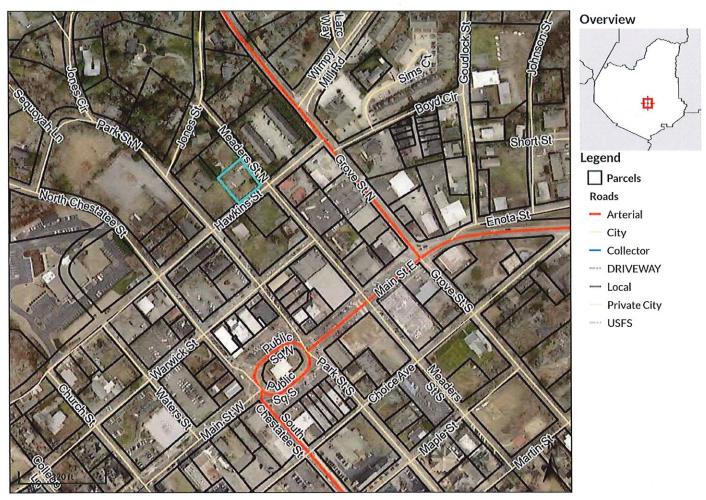
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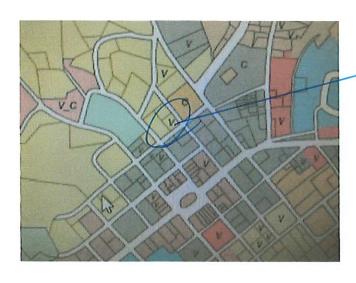
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## CALLED TO ORDER:

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on October 7, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Murl Jones. Council members present were: Lewis Carter, Gary Carlisle, J.D. Gunnells, Billie Stancil, Gary McCullough and Bill Woody. The meeting was opened with prayer by Cullen Larson.

## MINUTE APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Carlisle to approve the minutes of the last meetings. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

# EMPLOYEE OF QUARTER:

The employee of the quarter was recognized as Lou Moss.

CITIZENS:

ERSKIN WHITMIRE Steve Pierce read the minutes of the meeting of the Dahlonega Zoning Board of Appeals held January 29, 1987 in which a variance request was granted to Erskin Whitmire to allow him to construct another house on his lot located at the corner of Hawkins and Meadows Streets. Mr. Whitmire wanted to know if he would still be allowed to construct a residence on this property. Mayor Jones referred this request to City Attorney Doug Parks. Mr. Parks informed the Council that in his opinion this request could be granted if Mr. Whitmire meets all city regulations.

## CLARENCE CHAMBERS

Clarence Chambers requested a business license to sell fruit and produce. Mr. Chambers stated that he was selling in front of Pete's Drug Store but was asked to stop selling at that location. He then obtained a vendor's permit to sell at the Bank of Dahlonega parking lot when the bank is closed on weekends. Mr. Chambers stated that he needs to be able to sell at other times during weekdays. This request was referred to the Ways and Means Committee to look for another area for a farmers market during weekdays. They agreed to meet Friday, October 11 at 12:00 at the Reservation Steak House.

## BEVERLY WOODWARD

Beverly Woodward asked for permission to remove her building located at the corner of Chestatee and Hawkins Streets. Application had been made before the Historical Commission, but the application was tabled pending a decision of the Council concerning the Zoning Ordinance requirements. Doug Parks stated that the Zoning Ordinance now requires a public hearing to be held concerning requests of this type, but this requirement could be changed, as the second reading of the Zoning Ordinance is to be heard at this meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS Jerry Weitz, Regional Planner for G.M.R.D.C., informed the Council that the Historical Commission does not presently hold public hearings on certificates of appropriateness. It was intented not to require a public hearing for certificates of appropriateness, but the language was erroneously left in Zoning Ordinance 90 9. Mr. Weitz recommended that public hearings be held for requests for building additions and demolitions, but that applications for minor changes such as building color changes, installation of signs or changes to existing signs should not require advertisement and public hearing.

David Hughes, Chairman of the Historical Commission, stated that the Historical Commission unanimously voted to remove the requirements for public hearings with the exception that a provision be added that a public hearing may be required by the Historical Commission. A motion was made by Council Member Gary McCullough to approve the recommendations of the Historical This motion was seconded. Commission. Council Member Lewis Carter opposed this motion stating that public hearings would delay applications unnecessarily because all Historical Commission Meetings are open meetings. Council Member Gary McCullough then withdrew his motion. After discussion, a final motion was then made by Council Member Lewis Carter that no advertised public hearing would be required for applications before the Historical Commission. The recommendations and minutes of the Historical Commission meetings would be presented to the Council for approval or disapproval at their next meeting. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

YARD SALE REGULATIONS:

After discussion a motion was made by Council Member Lewis Carter to approve the recommendations of the Dahlonega Planning and Zoning Commission concerning yard sale regulations. This motion was seconded and approved by a vote of five ayes and one nay. Council Member Billie Stancil voted against the motion.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 91-9:

Mayor Jones then called for second reading of Zoning Ordinance 91-9 to include yard sale regulation changes and changes concerning public hearings for Historical Commission applications. A motion was made by Council Member J.D. Gunnells to have the second reading of this ordinance. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

David Hughes informed Mrs. Woodward that the Historical Commission will meet in called session on Wednesday, October 9 to make a recommendation to the Council concerning her request. Mayor Jones stated that the Council would hold a special meeting on Friday, October 11. Mrs. Woodward urged the Council to make a decision as soon as possible.

ANGELA SCROGGS:

Angela Scroggs requested permission to keep the tables and chairs in front of her shop located at Butler's Mini Mall. Ms. Scroggs stated that there is no se - Page 33-

in this area. Mayor Jones informed the Council that our current ordinance does not allow for outdoor sales. Ms. Scroggs stated that customers would not be serviced outside and there would be no advertising on the tables. City Attorney Doug Parks interpreted this request as an expansion of the current business and further stated that to install private property on city right of ways would be unlawful. It was pointed out that other businesses currently have their benches property. Mayor Jones recommended that a committee meeting be held concerning the plans of the square renovations to add city owned benches on the sidewalks. Hal Williams stated that he is willing to donate the benches he owns to the city. Mayor Jones then advised that one of these city owned benches would be moved to this area as soon as possible.

PLANNING & ZONING COMM. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Sheila Richardson, Vice Chairman of the Dahlonega Planning and Zoning Commission, informed the Council that bylaws have been adopted by the Commission. Commission recommends to the Council that the new connector road be named Madelyn Anthony Parkway. Mrs. Richardson added that the Council would need to consult with the County Commissioner about the county's portion of the Connector. The Commission further recommended to the Council that changes be made in the amendment Subdivision Ordinance. The Commission recommended to the Council that the amount of bond for a nonconforming road be set at no less than 50 percent of the city's estimated cost of the total street construction. They further recommended that a stipulation be added that the bond amount be set above 50 percent if the Council and City Engineer felt that the bond would be insufficient for protection of the city and adjoining property owners due to deficiencies in the roadwork.

AMENDMENT 91-7 SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE: Mayor Jones read other changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. A motion was then made by Council Member Gary McCullough to have the second reading of Amendment 1 to Ordinance 84-3-Subdivision Ordinance and to adopt the changes recommended by the Planning Commission. This motion was seconded and approved by a vote of five ayes and one abstention. Council Member Bill Woody abstained from voting.

The Street Committee was asked to meet with the County Commission and recommend that the entire Connector be named "Madelyn Anthony Parkway".

HISTORICAL COMM: SANDWICH SIGNS

David Hughes informed the Council that the Historical Commission recommended that applicants for sandwich signs be required to obtain a variance on an individual

basis. A new application would be required to be filed and the Historical Commission would then make a recommendation to the Council. The City Manager asked the. Commission to give a recommendation concerning a proposal to install posts and chain around the islands between the museum and the north and south sides of the square. The Commission recommended that no artifical barriers be used, as they felt they could be a safety hazard. The Commission further recommended that bike racks be installed on both sides of the square. They asked that the Council suggest a solution to the problem of trash cans being used as garbage cans by local businesses.

STREET COMM:

Mayor Jones asked the Street Committee to consider the bike rack request. He suggested that the rack be installed in the new parking lot. The Council asked that letters be sent to downtown merchants concerning the use of the trashcans on the square. A motion was made by Council Member Gary McCullough to approve the recommendation of the Historical Commission that no barriers be installed around the islands between the museum and the north and south side of the square. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING FY 92 BUDGET:

After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Gary McCullough to approve the second reading of the FV 92 Budget. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING AMENDMENT 13 ORDINANCE 75-1:

A motion was made by Council Member Billie Stancil to approve the second reading of Amendment 13 to Ordinance 75-1 water and sewer rates. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING AMENDMENT 5 ORDINANCE 84-7: A motion was made by Council Member Gary Carlisle to have the second reading of Amendment 5 to Ordinance 84-7 concerning sanitation rates. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Mayor Jones informed citizens that copies of the Fire Department and Sheriff Department's reports for the month of September were available. Building Inspector Dean Grizzle reported that twenty one permits were issued during the month at a total cost of \$1,585.32.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 91-8:

City Attorney Doug Parks advised that an ordinance is needed concerning the Jaycees' request that was previously approved by the Council to eliminate any vendors selling during Gold Rush that are not licensed by the Jaycees. A motion was made by Council Member Gary Carlisle to approve Ordinance 91-8 concerning Gold Rush. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The second reading of this ordinance is to be held on Friday October 11.

# STREET COMM. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Street Committee recommended that a request from Mr. J.L. Collins to loop Turner Road from its present end out to Highway 52 be disapproved. The Committee could see no benefit this project would bring to the City. The Council concurred with this recommendation.

Council Member Billie Stancil made a motion that existing speed breakers be removed. Jack Sisk asked that the Council consider the excessive traffic on Happy Hollow Road as a residential area being used as a cut thru street to an industrial area. This motion was then seconded and resulted in a vote of three ayes and three nays. Council Members Gary McCullough, J.D. Gunnells and Gary Carlisle voted against the motion. Mayor Jones then voted to leave the speedbreakers but not to install any additional ones.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS: TOURISM ADVISORY

Mayor Jones informed the Council that three members were needed on the Tourism Advisory Committee. He recommended that Donna Whitfield, Farris Vanderhoff and O'bie O'Brian be appointed on this committee. A motion was made by Council Member Gary Carlisle to approve this recommendation. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### GRANT

Mayor Jones announced that \$10,000 had been received in grant funds from the Department of Community Affairs to be used for the square renovation project.

## CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: EASEMENT

City Manager Emory Stephens informed the Council that the forty four unit apartment complex on Wimpy Mill Road in now under construction. Don Neal, Manager of the apartment complex, has been informed that easements must be granted for the city to install water and sewer for the project.

#### SIDEWALK

Estimates for the sidewalk request that was made by Greg Smith were given as \$4,750 for a five foot sidewalk that would measure 580 feet from Mr. Smith's house to the top of the hill. It was pointed out that this could be considered as a capital improvements project. This request was referred to the Street Committee.

#### STREET SIGNS

The Bank of Dahlonega has requested that they be given permission to purchase "Slow Children Playing" signs that would also be designated as "donated by Bank of Dahlonega". Doug Parks advised that he would need to consult the ordinance concerning this request.

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

Council Member Lewis Carter suggested that computer equipment be purchased to be used to update information concerning lots in order that personnel have a systematic approach to permits being issued. Keck

and Wood estimated the cost at approximately \$9,500. City Engineer Robert Fuller recommended that the city look at other systems before a decision is made. Mayor Jones suggested that a good checklist be used instead of a computerized system. Dean Grizzle and Emory Stephens were asked to look at all suggestions and submit their recommendations back to the Council.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

The Council was informed that the traffic engineer is to submit a priority plan for streets within the next week.

SQUARE RENOVATION

The Council was also informed that the North side of the square renovation has been completed. The Chamber of Commerce has requested that the city not begin work on the South side of the square until after Christmas. The Council agreed with this recommendation and asked that city crews could work in other areas such as the islands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 

The Chamber of Commerce plans to sponsor a candidates' forum on October 28 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY ME THIS 4 14 DAY OF NO, 1991

Mayor

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