Board of Zoning Appeals



Minutes of the Thursday, January 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Wesley Summers Chairman

<u>Jim Newman</u> Kevin Scaggs <u>Kathie Stallworth</u> Lynn Stembridge

- <u>Call to Order</u> The regular meeting of January 7, 2021, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairman Wesley Summers at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via GoToMeeting.
- <u>Roll Call</u> Board members present were Chairman Summers, Board members Jim Newman, Kathie Stallworth, and Kevin Scaggs. Board Member Lynn Stembridge was absent. Also in attendance was Libby Hodges, Director, Department of Planning & Development, members of the public, and the applicants. A full list of speakers is provided at the end of the minutes.
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2020 were approved as written. Mrs. Stallworth moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. <u>Confirmation of Agenda</u> There were no changes to the agenda.
- 5. <u>ZE20-008</u> – A request by Ivey Development for lot widths less than the minimum permitted in the R-7, Small-Lot Single-Family Residential zoning district by Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards of Article 3, Zoning Districts, of the North Augusta Development Code. The request affects a proposed townhome and single-family detached development on ±89.64 acres located at the terminus of Napal, Green Forest, Bobbye Drive, and Dove Avenue, TPNs 006-10-09-002 and 006-11-03-164.

Mr. Scaggs recused himself from the meeting and signed off the meeting.

a. **<u>Public Hearing</u>** – The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the application.

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> Chairman Summers swore in Libby Hodges, Director of Planning & Development. Mrs. Hodges clarified that the request is for a variance to the lot widths. The request is not a rezoning. The property is zoned R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential and townhouses are a permitted use.

She stated she has a list of emails, phone messages, and callers on the line with public comments.

Mr. Newman asked for clarification on which portion of the development would require a variance to the lot widths. Mrs. Hodges stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals could set conditions on the number of lots with the lot width. Chairman Summers asked to save that question for later in the discussion.

Chairperson Summers clarified that the project that can be built, but this case only deals with lot widths.

Ms. Stallworth asked about which street stubs are represented, staff clarified that is included.

Chairman Summers swore in Jason Whingter, representative from Ivey Development. Mr. Whingter stated the request for a variance is only for the townhome portion of the development and the single-family detached dwelling units would meet the lot width requirements of the code. The minimum lot width for townhomes would be 16 ft but range to approximately 35 ft wide. The approximate number of townhomes proposed is 72 with about half at the 16-20 ft lot width range. Mr. Whingter explained about the structure of a homeowner's association. The townhome portion accounts for less than half the proposed lots for the entire development.

Chairman Summers swore in Mark Ivey, representative from Ivey Development. Mr. Ivey said he believed the proposed layout addressed some of the neighbor concerns.

Ms. McKie request to speak regarding Ivey Development. The Chair deferred until later in the meeting.

Board members had questions about the location of the potential townhomes and how many. Mr. Whingter clarified that a study has not been completed yet, with connections to Green Forest and Nepal; stub out from Vireo may be limited by site distance. Dove also not an appropriate connection. Most of the townhomes will have an alley-facing garage entrance. Mr. Whingter discussed site conditions that limit development area. Mr. Whingter introduced Mark Ivey. Mr. Summers had questions about the width and which lots would be the minimum lot size. Mr. Whingter clarified. Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes January 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Page 3 of 6

The Chair requested Mrs. Hodges read the names and addresses of the citizens that sent email comments.

At the request of Chairman Summers, Mrs. Hodges read the entirety of the comments from John Mullins, Robert Longe, Mark and Julie Lott, and Jerome Porter as a sample of the surrounding neighbors. Mr. Newman requested Mrs. Hodges read the email in favor of the development. Mrs. Hodges read an email from Tom Kinney aloud. All emails are attached to the minutes in full.

Chairman Summers swore in Ross Douglas, 101 Cascade Dr. Mr. Douglas requested the BZA deny the application. He stated the traffic will impact the safety of the neighborhood, adding more than 800 cars a day. Streets are currently not wide enough, walkers may be endangered, and Knotty Pine crossing and the Pisgah and Five Notch will be congested. They are very concerned about the infrastructure. He voiced concerns regarding the wetlands and potential for erosion and pollution from stormwater runoff. He voiced concerns about erosion and foundation issues. Mentioned 171 signatures on the petition.

Chairman Summers swore in David Owens, 1952 Bolin Rd. Mr. Owens stated he and his wife Linda have lived on Bolin Rd. for over 10 years. He stated the surrounding neighborhood is upset regarding the development and he would not repeat some of the issues brought up by Mr. Douglas. He stated his concerns for the public notice timeline. He requested that the Board postpone a vote due to the overwhelming concern from the neighbors and to give the public more time to respond. Mr. Owens expressed further concerns for the wildlife in the area. He understands that the developer has the right to develop the property as it is zoned R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential, but wanted time to understand the impacts.

Chairman Summers swore in Christine Liner. Mrs. Christine Liner stated she did not receive a letter and found out about the application from her neighbors. She concurs that she was aware the land would be developed eventually. Her concerns were for the Knollwood covenants and the vision for the neighborhood not aligning with the original plans to connect to Martintown Road and Cascade. She asked the Board to look at the covenants, a traffic study, and environmental impact study. She questioned the number of homes within the development and requested postponing the decision. She asked that the board look at the covenants, environmental impacts and traffic impacts. How does this neighborhood integrate into the existing neighborhood and positively impact the City.

Mr. Newman questioned if this is truly an extension of Knollwood and if their covenants would extend to this particular piece of property. Mrs. Hodges responded that each subdivision is treated independently for development review purposes and that the Planning Department does not enforce private covenants.

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Ms. Liner stated that the do not have a Homeowner's Association and mentioned a recorded plat and who signed the covenants. Ms. Stallworth asked about the plat for the original Knollwood. Ms. Liner responded that the extension was shown on the plat. She stated the plat showed houses outlined behind Mr. Douglas' home.

Chairman Summers swore in Doug Melton, 104 Cascade Drive. He wanted to correct a few statements from others and does not believe the Board can legally grant the variance. He said a traffic study was done around 2003 when there was some discussion on the Hugh Street connection. He also stated that he believes the proposed development only shows one outlet on Green Forest Drive. He does not understand how the Board can approve something that will not work. Mr. Melton has concerns about the entrances, stating that there has been flooding across the Greeneway crossing. He stated the City commissioned a study of traffic at that time.

Mrs. Hodges stated that traffic studies do expire after a period of time, so an old study may not be appropriate to use. Unless the traffic study was adopted with specific conditions staff may be limited to enforce. Some of the minutes from the Planning Commission at that time expressed concern that some conditions were not enforceable. No preliminary plat was approved for this area so there are no vested plans. The current code sets plan expiration dates at 2 years. Since they have not vested plans, current plans would need to meet current standards.

Mr. Summers reiterated the application is not a rezoning request.

Chairman Summers swore in JoAnn McKie, property owner. She clarified that their family did not develop Mountside. She stated SCDOT has deemed Vireo drive inaccessible due to sight distances. She stated they are very protective of Knollwood and spoke about history of the site and nearby property. She stated the Greeneway would be approximately 500 ft from the edge of the development in the proposed plans. The choice for Ivey Development is based on their ability to build without mass grading the entire site.

Chairman Summers swore in Forrest McKie, property owner. He questioned the Cascade Dr. bridge and Martintown Rd. connections that were mentioned by the public. He disputed some of the statements made by previous speakers. As for flooding, he stated the site will be engineered to address runoff. He stated he believes that the neighborhood needs a shot in the arm.

Mrs. McKie stated she has advocated for Knollwood in the past. Family still lives on Green Forest. Mrs. McKie spoke about Ivey Homes' reputation and building methods. Ms. McKie mentioned that Whatley Place has the same 16' homes with garages in the back. Mrs. McKie clarified with Mr. Ivey that the lots will be several hundred feet from the Greeneway. Mrs. McKie reviewed several other developments that have similar lots and Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes January 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Page 5 of 6

spoke about mass grading and other lot widths. Mrs. McKie spoke about crossing over Cascade, wants to make 3 roads into the neighborhood, spoke about stop signs.

Mr. Summers asked Mrs. McKie about the project with 16' lots; corrected to 24'. Mr. Summers does not recall a 16' lot being approved by the BZA.

Mrs. McKie stated she believed the BZA has not approved those lots; but that Whatley Place has 16' lots. Mr. Summers questioned how those lots were approved. Mr. Summers reiterated that each project is reviewed separately. Mrs. McKie responded that they chose lots for their building and design methods.

There were no other comments taken.

Mr. Summers asked Mr. Whingter if there were 72 townhomes. This was confirmed, depending on final design. Mr. Summers asked if they were asking if all townhome lots would be 16' width. Mr. Whingter confirmed. Mr. Whingter offered an average lot width. Mr. McKie stated to explain the maximum density for the site cannot be exceeded. Mr. Whingter agreed.

Mr. Newman asked if there were plans to cross the wetlands in the future or place townhomes in a future phase. Mr. Whingter stated he did not know about the townhomes, but they would have to buy mitigation credits from a wetlands mitigation bank and at this time there are no mitigation banks for this particular drainage basin.

There was some discussion regarding the number of 16 ft wide lots that would be allowed and in what arrangement. Mr. Summers, Newman, Mrs. McKie and Mr. Whingter discussed it at length. The final condition reflects the discussion.

Mr. Summers reiterated a concern about traffic, seconded by Mrs. Stallworth. Staff requested that the findings be followed. Chairman Summers read the 10 findings of fact and then closed the public hearing at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Mrs. Hodges informed callers that since the public comment was closed, callers could leave if they would like.

b. <u>Consideration</u> – Application ZE20-008

The Board discussed the findings at length. Staff reiterated that the project must still go through the development review process and a traffic study will be completed as part of the development review process. Mr. Newman made the motion with the following conditions:

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- There may be no more than two (2) sixteen (16) foot townhome lots per block of townhomes with the other townhomes having lots that are twenty-four (24) feet or wider on a strip of four (4) or more townhomes. Blocks of less than four (4) townhomes shall have only one 16 foot lot, with all other lots being twenty-four (24) feet in width or more.
- 2) No more than thirty-six (36) total lots within the development will have a sixteen (16) foot lot width.
- 3) A traffic study will be required from the Developer with Planning and Development and Planning Commission approval as required. A final presentation to the Board of Zoning Appeals will be required.
- 4) The developer shall be required to have a similar floor plan to what was submitted, with final approval from the Planning Director.
- 5) "Future development" should be returned to the Board of Zoning Appeals if required by the Development Code at that time.

Mrs. Stallworth offered a second. The vote to approve was unanimous.

In other items from staff, staff encouraged the public and the Board to take the survey shown on the screen.

6. <u>Adjourn</u>

With no objections, Chairman Summers adjourned the meeting at approximately 10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Hodges, AICP Director of Planning and Development Secretary to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Attached Public Comments as noted

We have 4 who have requested to speak.

- 1) Ross Douglas
- 2) David & Linda Owens
- 3) Keith or Christine Liner
- 4) Doug Melton, 104 Cascade Dr.

We received 7 phone messages

- 1) Mary Stacy, who also provided written comments
- 2) Linda Owens, who also provided written comments and will be on the call
- 3) John Zentz, 1910 Bolin Rd.
- 4) Jeanne Carver, 539 Siskin Circle
- 5) Willard Joseph Alexander, Vireo Drive
- 6) Hal Hooper, 1821 Mountside
- 7) William Kinney, also provided written comments 1/7

We received the following emails:

- 1) Larry Hammett, 109 Cascade, 12-27
- 2) Doug Melton, 104 Cascade, 1-3 (also on call)
- 3) Jeremy Whidden, 1956 Bolin, 1-4
- 4) Bryan Villarreal, 1950 Bolin, 1-4
- 5) Erica Villarreal, 1950 Bolin, 1-4
- 6) Debbie Larkin, 437 Dove, 1-4
- 7) Danny Rosario, 1946 Bolin, 1-5
- 8) Paul Hoehn, 1916 Bolin (petition slip), 1-5
- 9) Michele Douglas, resident of Knollwood, 1-5
- 10) Perry Holcomb, 1891 Green Forest Dr., 1-5
- 11) Ross Douglass, 101 Cascade, 1-5, with petition attached (171 signatures; some are on this list with separate comments; also on call)
- 12) Mary Stacy, 1948 Bolin, 1-5
- 13) Christine Liner, Knollwood resident, 1-7 (also on call)
- 14) John Mullins, assume Bolin Road, 1-6
- 15) Spencer Cashwell, 1825 Mountside, 1-7
- 16) Josh Farrell, Hammond Hills resident, 1-7
- 17) Bolin Road Petition signatures Organized by the Owens, who will be on the call (15 slips, some appear to have made separate comments)
- 18) Robert Leon Longe, 115 Cascade, 1-7
- 19) Matt Porter, 2107 Vireo, 1-7
- 20) Mark and Julie Lott, 1827 Moutainside, 1-7
- 21) Jerome Porter, Vireo, 1-7
- 22) Unsigned, no address given. In support. 1-7 (assume this is William Kinney)

1. Mary Stacy 1948 Bolin Road

Against proposal. Master naturalist and wildlife. Anything that creates water runoff and disturbance.

Will send email

2. Linda Owens 1/6/2021 @ 9:45

Requested postponing the meeting to give residents longer to respond. Stated most people were out of town during the holidays and did not receive notice letters until recently. Will draft a letter to drop off to the Planning Department.

3. John Zentz 1/7/2021 @12:16

1910 Bolin Rd

As a 30+ year resident, my wife and I are strongly opposed to the rezoning and destruction of one of the last wildlife refuges in our Great City. Aside from lowering the value of my lots, the development will displace wildlife. It is a shame to destroy the habitat for money in a town that used to have abundant charm. The only reason to allow smaller lots to be developed is to increase profit for the developer and City tax revenue; however, this will come at the expense of the current North Augusta residents. Please don't treat my friends and neighbors that way. Thank you.

4. Jeanne Carver 1/7/2021 @ 11:30

I live at 539 Siskin Cir in North Augusta and I'm calling in regard to the development that abuts my property. I have signed a petition but I am also calling to let you know I do not want the land behind me to be developed. I believe it has been sold to a development company. I do not want houses looking into my property. I bought this property because it is butted up against the wood. I hope this is noted. In today's economy, who will buy all those houses? A lot of people are out of work.

5. Willard Joseph Alexander 1/7/2021 @9:30

I live on Vireo in Lynnhurst. I am calling about the rezoning. I would not like that to happen, if possible. This will definitely take away from the value of my house.

6. Hal Hooper, 1821 Mountside. , 1/7/2021 @ 1:35pm

I don't want to see townhomes on the Greeneway. I don't believe that is what the Greeneway is for. I am not in favor.

7. William Kinney, no address. 8 , 1/7/2021. Time not noted. Email also sent.

In favor of the ZV case, there may be a problem with the applicant, Ivey Homes.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bryan Villarreal < Monday, January 04, 2021 10:32 AM Hodges, Libby Ivey Development townhomes

Hello,

I wanted to express my **strong opposition to building townhomes** in the wooded area behind my home (1950 Bolin Rd.). The wooded area was a huge reason we bought the house 2 years ago. My kids enjoy exploring and learning about nature in the woods there. My wife and I love the view from our sunroom of the Greenway and woods. We are concerned about our home value being affected by the placement of townhomes, the potential for easier access for people with bad intentions to the Greenway, and also from the loss of greenspace. Please take these concerns into account in making your decision about adjusting dimensional standards. This decision will surely devalue the allure and draw of the North Augusta Greenway and the countless visitors that come to enjoy it and spend time and money in North Augusta. Thank you for your time.

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Bryan Villarreal 1950 Bolin Rd <u>N. Augusta, S</u>C 29841

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Spencer Cashwell Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:32 AM Hodges, Libby ESCASHWELL@gmail.com Public Hearing Notice BZA RM 1-7-21

Good Morning North Augusta Planning & Development,

I am writing today to express my distaste for the ZV20-008 McKie Property Townhomes project. I have been a North Augusta resident for 4 years, with the majority of that time being spent at Mountside Drive, adjacent to the McKie property in question. In those 4 years I have spent countless hours running, cycling, and walking on the Greenway, enjoying the sounds and wildlife of the wetlands that is the McKie property. I am familiar with the area.

It seems that the question here is not whether or not to develop the property, but whether or not to permit a shoddy townhome development in lieu of single family homes, and to that, my wife and I would like to object.

If that property is to be developed, I would greatly like to see it developed with lot sizes similar to those that exist in adjacent neighborhoods, with a same quality build, and great attention paid to preserving wetlands, and water runoff from surrounding areas.

Thank you, Spencer and Emily Cashwell <u>1825 Mountsi</u>de Dr, North Augusta, SC 29841

From:	Debbie Larkin
Sent:	Monday, January 04, 2021 4:37 PM
То:	Hodges, Libby
Subject:	Question about Ivey Development requesting smaller lot widths
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Thank you for taking questions.

I'm Debbie Larkin, residing at 437 Dove Ave, located at the road end NE of these parcels referred to in the variance request. Since I live in the Lynnhurst subdivision and these parcels have 3 terminus points from the Knollwood subdivision, I'm curious as to whether or not there would be a through access made from Dove Ave or Vireo Ave. I realize that this is a question for later, so I'm just mentioning it before making comment about this variance request.

Knollwood subdivision has some homes with larger lots than Lynnhurst, and these are also homes of higher value. To decrease the lot sizes for the construction of townhomes and other single-family homes would cause a decrease in the property values of the existing homes. *Hmm, would anyone like their home's value to decrease?*

The amount of acreage (89.64 acres) which is in the project area has room for plenty of standard sized lots. I ask that the developers would be considerate of current nearby property owners and <u>not</u> pursue this variance for smaller lot sizes.

The traffic concerns will be change enough for <u>all</u> the residents, as we know that Knollwood has long streets already and construction vehicles are noisy, dirty, and hard on asphalt. We can envision the frequent travel back and forth of construction vehicles along with the usual residential traffic on Green Forest St. Remember the detours necessary for the placement of new water pipes on Bunting Rd this past year? Where else would these construction vehicles access these undeveloped parcels? This is another concern about decreasing the property values of the existing homes.

Again I ask, would anyone like their home's value to decrease?

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Larkin "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!" Revelation 22:21

From:	
Sent:	Sunday, January 03, 2021 4:54 PM
То:	Hodges, Libby
Subject:	Public Hearing Notice BZARM17 - Public Comment on Application
Follow Up Flag:	Flag for follow up
Flag Status:	Flagged

My name is Doug Melton. I live at 104 Cascade Drive in Knollwood neighborhood along with my wife, Cheryl. This zoning variance will have a negative and detrimental impact to the our safety and well-being.

I am asking the Board of Zoning Appeals to deny the ZV20-008 application for zoning variance.

The ZV20-008 application does not meet the requirements for zoning variance. According to SC Law 6-29-800, a variance can only be granted in case of unnecessary hardship based on the following findings:

- a) there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- b) these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- c) because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
- d) the authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

The law also states "the fact that property may be utilized more profitably, if a variance is granted, may not be considered grounds for a variance.".

The following shows the findings in SC Law are not meet by the application and therefore, a hardship does not exist and a variance cannot be granted.

- a) There are no extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the piece of property.
- b) The conditions of steep topography and wetlands are found on in other properties in the vicinity. There are steep topographies and wetland areas in other parts of Knollwood subdivision. The properties on other side of the Greenway along Mountside Drive have steep topographies.
- c) Meeting the requirements of R-7 zoning district does not prohibit or unreasonably restrict utilization of the property. I attended a Planning Commission meeting sometime around 2003 (give or take) where extending the Knollwood development to what is now W. Hugh Street and Bobbye Drive was discussed. During this meeting, a traffic study report and future development plan for ~90 acres (in ZV20-008 application) was presented. This development plan provided at this meeting showed lots of similar size to existing property in Knollwood neighborhood throughout the 90 acres providing evidence that the R-7 zoning requirements do not prohibit or unreasonably restrict utilization of the property.
- d) The authorization of this variance will have substantial detriment to the adjacent properties in Knollwood neighbor and will harm the public good and character of the neighborhood. The variance would more than double the permitted dwells in this future development versus current R7 zoning minimum widths. The traffic issues in entering and exiting the Knollwood neighborhood is already a problem associated with Paul Knox Middle School and NA High School traffic. A traffic study of the Knollwood neighborhood was commission by the City of North August associated with the development of what is now W Hugh Street and Bobbye Drive. This

traffic study was performed by an outside traffic engineer/consultant and the results presented in a Planning Commission Meeting that is mentioned in the paragraph above. The traffic study report demonstrates the significant traffic issues associated with the future expansion of the Knollwood subdivision with only having two entrance (Greenforest/5-Notch, Knollwood Blvd/Pisgah). The information provided in the traffic study report provides direct evidence that the proposed zoning variance, which has the potential to more than doubles the density of homes in the future development, will have a significant, detrimental impact to the safety and wellbeing of the existing Knollwood residences.

I have provided evidence that the ZV20-008 application does not meet the requirements to grant a zoning variation and therefore, the Zoning Appeals Board must deny the application.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Danny Rosario Tuesday, January 05, 2021 11:54 AM Hodges, Libby ZV20-008 rezoning request

Hello,

I am writing today to urgently ask you not to pass this request. We recently purchased a home at 1946 Bolin rd and one of the main qualities of this home was overlooking all the trees and green way behind us. I feel that allowing a developer to eliminate what we have come to love would be a major disservice to all the homeowners along the greenway. This will also almost certainly affect our homes value. The privacy the area behind our house provides is sought after by many and allowing a new neighborhood to be built directly behind us would most certainly negate that feature. Please, do not pass this request as all of us on Bolin would agree.

Thank you

Danny Rosario 1946 Bolin Rd.

Sent from Danny's iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: erica villarreal Monday, January 04, 2021 10:24 AM Hodges, Libby Ivey Development townhomes

Hello,

I wanted to express my strong opposition to building townhomes in the wooded area behind my home (1950 Bolin Rd.). The wooded area was a huge reason we bought the house 2 years ago. My kids enjoy exploring back there. My husband and I love the view from our sunroom of the Greenway and woods. We are concerned about our home value being affected by the placement of townhomes and also from the loss of greenspace. Please take these concerns into account in making your decision about adjusting dimensional standards. Thank you for your time.

Erica Villarreal

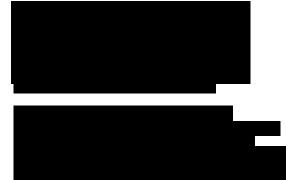
1950 Bolin Rd <u>N. Augusta, S</u>C 29841

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Josh Farrell < Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:43 AM Hodges, Libby Spencer Cashwell Public Hearing Notice BZA RM 1-7-21

To whom it may concern,

I would simply like to express my objection to this proposal. My primary concern is the devaluation of the surrounding properties based on the lot sizes in this proposal. The largest lots are proposed to be 0.13 acres which is, on average, less than half the lot size of the surrounding residential properties. This seems inconsistent with and inconsiderate of the current North Augusta residents in the area. The unique element to this build is that it interjects into and not next to an existing community. I propose that, unless it can be shown to positively affect the surrounding communities, this project should be rejected or placed on hold for revision.

Thank you, Josh Farrell Hammond Hills Resident



From: Sent: To: Subject: Brandi Whidden Monday, January 04, 2021 10:27 AM Hodges, Libby 1956 Bolin Road

I object this project!!

Jeremy Whidden 1956 Bolin Road North Augusta SC 29841

Baker, Kuleigh

From:	Hodges, Libby
Sent:	Monday, December 28, 2020 9:55 AM
То:	Larry Hammett
Subject:	RE: Knollwood subdivision in relation to the Ivey Development, LLC request for R-7
	property

Good morning.

Your comments have been received. At the Chair's discretion, they may be read at the upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on January 7, 2020, at 7pm.

This hearing will be regarding lot widths, there is no change to the zoning.

The meeting will be virtual and will be broadcast online at the following links: <u>https://www.facebook.com/CityofNorthAugusta/</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLLD_cnQ68YRQgUGaE_22Q</u>

Regards,

Libby

Libby Hodges, AICP Director of Planning and Development

City of North Augusta

100 Georgia Avenue PO Box 6400 North Augusta, SC 29841 Phone: (803) 441-4225 Ihodges@northaugusta.net



From: Larry Hammett Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 1:51 PM To: Hodges, Libby <LHodges@northaugusta.net> Subject: Knollwood subdivision in relation to the Ivey Development, LLC request for R-7 property

Libby Hodges of North Augusta Planning and Development,

I received your letter dated December 21, 2020 in reference to a request from Ivey Development. LLC to allow lot widths less than the minimum permitted in R-7 zoning.

I have studied the Ivey Development, LLC properties in other parts of the CSRA. It is my opinion, under no circumstances should Ivey Development, LLC be allowed to build such town home or apartment style communities as seen on their website adjacent to my property. <u>HOME | Iveygroup</u>

Any development shall only build homes equal or higher value to my own home's value. My home is @ 3000 sqft and @ value of \$250k to \$300k of a brick construction. Building of lesser value home in terms of square footage or lesser construction material quality such as vinyl siding will devalue my own property, this is unacceptable.

Furthermore, it is unclear on how access to the R-7 property will be accomplished from your letter. The access to my property with Knollwood has only two entrance and exit points at Knotty Pine from Pisgah and Green Forest from Five Notch. If the project plans to open access to R-7 via Dove from Vireo and/or connecting Cascade to Cascade over the Greenway opens the possibility of higher traffic or higher crime possibility to my property, this is unacceptable. In addition, opening these new access points may also create a situation that Knollwood loses its uniqueness and is considered part of lesser-valued homes in other sections of North Augusta. This will further decrease the value of my home and again is unacceptable.

My stance is the current zoning shall remain intact for the R-7 property and a clear access plan developed with an expectations to maintain or increase property value for established home owners.

If City of North Augusta or Ivey Development, LLC proceeds with a project that devalues my home and my neighbor's homes, compensation for the loss incurred by the project is expected.

Regards,

Larry Hammett - Home Owner

109 Cascade Dr.

North Augusta, SC 29841

Dated: Dec. 27, 2020



From: Sent: To: Subject: Keith Liner Thursday, January 07, 2021 8:29 AM Hodges, Libby Knollwood subdivsion BZA meeting

Dear Ms. Libby Hodges,

My name is Christine Liner and our family has been residents of the Knollwood subdivision for thirty years. Mr. Ross Douglas gave us your name regarding the developments pertaining to the Knollwood subdivision by Ivey Construction. We have signed the neighborhood petition and are very concerned with the proposed plans for our neighborhood. On a FB post, Fletcher Dickert stated that there were always plans to develop the vacant property. That is a correct statement, however, we were told a very different pathway for this to be done. We understand Mr. "Bunk" McKie is no longer with us, but we still remember conversations with him on his vision for the property. He was very deliberate on how he added homes for the good of the area; not to try and squeeze as many homes as possible just because there was a vacant lot. He was not motivated by the almighty dollar, but wanted to preserve the small town charm. We remember being told the area behind our house 113 Knotty Pine Drive could never have homes because of the easement behind our property. However, once Mr. Bunk was gone, we not only had "A" house, but now we have an entire road of houses behind Knotty Pine Drive.

1. We were told there would be a totally separate entrance/exit area to that portion of the neighborhood and, at a minimum, it would have direct access to Martintown Road.

2. We were told there would be a separate entrance which would require some type of bridge, but then were told that was too expensive and no alternative was provided.

The current proposal will add double the units that are in the current neighborhood, with no additional entrance/exit. At one time, they tried to connect Hughes street through Knollwood but that was stopped. That is not the answer because that will only provide additional cut-throughs going to the same two places: Pisgah or Five Notch. The traffic on those two roads is already a safety nightmare because of congestion due to the access to Paul Knox, Mossey Creek and also to Knobcone where the High School is located.

Please ask yourselves these questions before granting this development request:

How will this neighborhood add to the overall well being of North Augusta without negatively impacting those who are here?

How will North Augusta safely integrate the additional population into our city's infrastructure, our roads, our environment and our schools?

We moved to North Augusta because of its small town charm. If we wanted congestion, traffic and overcrowded roads and schools we could have moved to Aiken or across the river into Georgia.

Thank you for listening, Christine and Keith Liner

Baker, Kuleigh

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Hodges, Libby Tuesday, January 05, 2021 10:25 AM Michele Douglas Baker, Kuleigh RE: Knollwood Public Hearing

Good morning.

Your comments have been received. At the Chair's discretion, they may be read at the upcoming Virtual Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on January 7, 2020, at 7pm.

The meeting will be virtual and will be broadcast online at the following links: <u>https://www.facebook.com/CityofNorthAugusta/</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLLD_cnQ68YRQgUGaE_22Q</u>

Regards,

Libby Hodges

Libby Hodges, AICP Director of Planning and Development

The Planning Department has an updated fee schedule effective January 1, 2021.

Follow this <u>link</u> or visit <u>www.northaugusta.net</u> for more information.

City of North Augusta 100 Georgia Avenue PO Box 6400 North Augusta, SC 29841 Phone: (803) 441-4225 Ihodges@northaugusta.net



From: Michele Douglas Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 10:20 AM To: Hodges, Libby <LHodges@northaugusta.net> Subject: Knollwood Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Hodges,

I am a resident of Knollwood neighborhood. I'd like to share my take on connectivity with you since this seems to be the motivation behind opening up our neighborhood for more housing:

Connectivity. What does that mean to you? Who or what is doing the connecting. When we connect one thing, does it require disconnecting from something else? To me, connectivity has to be meaningful, purposeful, thoughtful when it comes to the living things around us.

Early this morning while the sun was still hidden behind the houses and trees, my dog and I took a walk in the woods behind our house. Despite the sound of cars rushing along the highway off in the distance, I connected with nature.

Bo and I crunched and rustled our clumsy way down a gradual hill over the brittle fallen leaves and twigs; meandering around bare trees and out-stretched branches. Many paths had been made by rainwater drainage from the streets above in the surrounding neighborhoods. We crossed one of the deep gashes in the landscape where dirt and debris had long been washed away and exposed roots and walked toward the rising sun. We came across Empty beer, soda and water bottles, a discarded tire here and there. We went as far as we could until we saw houses from another neighborhood and I turned us around.

There's a wide path that leads down to a sewage line and low-lying ground where the water collects in swampy streamlets. We walked along it. A Small herd of deer came prancing toward us. I froze and watched. They came so close, I thought they would collide into us. But they caught our scent about twenty feet off and quickly scattered in different directions. One brave one, the biggest one, doubled back and cautiously walked toward us. He camouflaged himself behind some dense wood and branches, but I could still make out part of his silhouette. We stood and stared at each other for a long time – it seemed – trying to make out what the other would do. Another curious male slowly made his way back too, but swiftly decided he did not want to take any risks. His white tail bounced away and disappeared. But our brave fellow stood fast. After a few more moments of this stare down of sorts, he decided he was done. He gave a loud snort and leapt off to catch up with the others. I didn't dare reach into my pocket at any moment to grab my phone in hopes of taking a picture. Rather, I enjoyed the moment, and tried my best to keep the dog still while remaining still myself.

I looked eastward and the sun was rising higher in the sky turning the greys and browns into greens and golden browns. Twigs and stray leftover silk strands glistened in the soft breeze. I came out of my reverie and Bo and I trekked on. We travelled alongside the swampy area following a sewage line marked with an occasional concrete manhole protruding up from the forest floor like some relics of old statues. A small grassy clearing came into view and the end of my street feeds into that. Out of the woods we walked and up our paved road, the sun in my eyes and the cool morning air glowed warm around us. So when you speak of connectivity, is this what you mean? When people put down their phones, walk away from their computers, and go out into a small patch of wilderness that they are still privileged to enjoy – that is what I think of when I think of connectivity. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michele Douglas

From:	Mary Stacy
Sent:	Tuesday, January 05, 2021 5:57 PM
То:	Hodges, Libby
Subject:	ZV20-008 Response from Mary Stacy
Attachments:	North Augusta SC Board of Zoning Appeals- Mary Stacy Response 1948 Bolin Rd.docx
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Hello.

Please see my attached response related to not supporting the above referenced subject.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Mary Stacy

January 5, 2021

To: North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals

Reference: ZV20-008

I chose North Augusta as a hometown for myself and family because I loved everything about it. Seventeen years ago, we purchased a home directly off the Greeneway due to the beautiful, canopied trail being such an amenity for our lifestyle and our love of nature.

Living directly off the Greenway is a true gift of nature and as a Master Naturalist; I do not take it or these experiences for granted. Every day, I have a front row seat to observe wildlife thriving in the trees, air and on the ground. I witness our families, residents and visitors enjoying themselves while catching some solitude time, exercising or just being one with our unique and green canopied space. The children are sharing quality time with their families and learning about nature through all the sights and sounds that currently exist. These experiences are quite valuable to us as humans and positively affect our mental, spiritual and physical health.

Balanced and thriving communities truly need its leaders to carefully consider all aspects when it comes to making decisions that will affect the current and future health of our community. Nature is a gift that we need to share with our children, families and visitors and we have that gift, currently. However, if we cut down our trees which limits the wildlife habitat that once thrived, we decrease our sights, sounds and valuable learning experiences along the Greenway for all of us. If you've never observed or heard the Barred Owls along our North Augusta Greenway, you're truly missing a treat!

The request of Ivey Development is strongly opposed by me and my family. We do not support ZV20-008 for lot width reduction for the R-7 residential zoning area.

Thank you for your careful consideration for the future of our families, community and wildlife along our beautiful North Augusta Greenway.

Mary Stacy

1948 Bolin Rd. North Augusta, SC 29841

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From:
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Wednesday, January 06, 2021 5:29 PM Hodges, Libby Ivey Development, LLC

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I am against the above referenced proposed development by Ivey Development LLC. I live on the Greeneway. My property is directly across the Greeneway from this proposed development. I have lived in this house since 1980. I believe this development would hurt the beauty of the Greeneway. The Greeneway is a valuable resource to the citizens of North Augusta. People come from miles around to walk and ride bikes here. I also believe that a project of this size would increase the amount of traffic that would be using the roads and streets of current housing developments that are connecting to the project. Please say no to this project. Thank you, John Mullins

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property values of existing homes around this property. being built on this property. Not only would it be extremely unsightly but it would adversely effect R-7 Small Single Family Lot size to an even smaller lot. In addition I am against any TownHome's By sighing below I oppose Ivey Development LLC request to change North Augusta's existing

BAUL HOEHN 1916 Bolin RD.

Phone or Email

From:	Perry Holcomb
Sent:	Tuesday, January 05, 2021 11:43 PM
То:	Hodges, Libby
Cc:	Dione Carroll; Pettit, Robert; Clifford, Jim; Kelly Zier 2 kzier@zierlawfirm.com; Lamar, Sharon; Kevin Toole; Fletcher Dickert; Bob Brooks; Pat Carpenter; David McGhee; Eric Presnell; Stetson Corbitt; Wsummers; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
Subject:	Comments/Suggestions About The Agenda For the City's Planning Commission Meeting This Thursday
Attachments:	1_3_21email To Ross.docx

Dear Director Hodges,

This email and attachment are sent to you as the sole addressee because the City has considered my email with CC to its leadership, you included first, as perhaps legally callow by including them as CCs and not direct addressees for its contents.

I cannot predict how other City Officials will treat this email because they are again being CCed. If none of them mention its receipt by you, please let me know, and I'll send a personal copy addressed to each and every one of them CCed before.

Mr. Douglas's request to send my original email just to you has made my day. I've been chuckling ever since, especially because I was not addressed or copied on his email from the City!

The City is not obeying its own expressed order of procedure for I am doing this at Mr. Douglas's request (i.e. private email from him to me) and not at the City's request! Perhaps my use of "callow" as an adjective in my first sentence was much too tepid!

I shall not stoop to the imbecility of asking the City to request that email. A copy (again) of that same initial email from me to Mr. Ross is attached. Please be aware that I am sending it to you as the appointed Director of the City's Planning & Development Department, and not to you, yourself, as just "Libby." I hope that's now clear.

My original email was important to all named because I did not wish for two members of the Planning Commission to put themselves in jeopardy of violating the SC Code of Laws, specifically portions of Chapter 13, Title 8, at Thursday's meeting. To knowingly not do that would be discreditable, disgraceful, and disreputable on my part.

As the very Honorable Associate Chief Justice of the SC Supreme Court, His Honor John W. Kittredge, said in Donohue v. City of North Augusta on May 5, 2015:

"The question is not about how business is done in North Augusta, the question is that business consistent with what state law requires."

Counselor Zier heard those exact words because he was present in the courtroom.

Need I remind him and you that oaths of office taken by city officials are part of the Law and the Constitution of the State of SC? They are to be obeyed, although I submit that "...to the best of my ability..." is often insufficient, and on behalf of our Citizens, I state very much so lately by some officials giving far from their "best."

Again, I was only trying to be of help to the City I've occupied for 60 years by also warning it of the possibility of conflict of interest by two members of the Planning Commission in this Thursday's meeting.

I appreciate your interest and efforts, those of Counselor Zier, and others because I realize we are all human and as such are, at times, prone to ludicrous decisions and directions if not wholeheartedly laughable ones. At least, I do admit mine of which have been many.

Always for a better North Augusta for everyone,

Perry

H. Perry Holcomb, Ph.D. 1891 Green Forest Drive North Augusta, SC 29841 ----- Forwarded Message -----From: Perry Holcomb To: Ross Douglas Cc: Hodges Libby <lhodges@northaugusta.net>; Pettit Robert <rpettit@northaugusta.net>; Bob Brooks <orangepaw73@yahoo.com>; Jim Clifford <jclifford@northaugusta.net>; Kelly Zier 2 kzier@zierlawfirm.com <kzier@zierlawfirm.com>; Wsummers <wsummers@bellsouth.net>; Dione Carroll MSN Richard Fletcher

Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021, 02:35:55 AM EST

Subject: Re: Informational layout - McKie Property Adjacent to the Knollwood Subdivision

Hey Ross,

Interesting and informative info. Appreciate your sending it along.

From the material you provided me, I see very little reason **not** to consider having an arterial connection from the McKie property itself to a street, Vireo Drive for one, located somewhere eastward from the planned property development towards Georgia Avenue.

Just **why** does the planned, single entry/exit corridor from the McKie property have to go via the heavily populated area on Green Forest Drive, which, with only a "stop" sign, butts into already heavily traveled Five Notch Road?

Also, any vehicle parked on Green Forest reduces traffic to essentially one lane for the sake of safety. Five Notch has two lanes with shoulders. Green Forest has **no** sidewalks or shoulders, just curbing. Pedestrians of any age are forced to walk in the street. As measured by my vehicle's odometer, it is 0.8 mile via Green Forest from Five Notch to the current barricade to the McKie property.

If Green Forest should receive the City's blessings for a planned single entrance/exit to Five Notch from the McKie property, then the traffic on Green Forest Drive will become an even larger hazard to pedestrians and traffic alike. The intersection of Green Forest with Five Notch then could become an excellent candidate for the most dangerous in our City.

Five Notch Road at Georgia Ave. has been a traffic mess for years. Will overloading the traffic on Five Notch, as produced by adding those to be living on the McKie property, improve **anything** at that intersection?

That is exactly why any connection to the McKie property development should be eastward from it, itself, and not via Green Forest Drive.

When "Bunk" McKie was alive and still developing Knollwood, I asked him why he didn't consider Cascade Dr. to be used in further development to the south. His reply, "The City wants me to build and pay for a bridge over the wetlands there. I'll be damned if I'm gonna do that!" I believe Forest can back up his dad's statement.

Thus:

1. A detailed traffic study and a risk analysis **must** be conducted and reported to the public before **any** further decision is made as to rezoning or any other McKie property business to proceed between the City, the Developer, and/or the NA Planning Commission. These documents should be produced as Green Forest is currently occupied v. the situation proposed to exist after the proposed development of the McKie property.

2. A public meeting must be held to announce the findings of the study and analysis before any further potentially "bad planning" is contrived by the City and/or the developer. Those documents must be made public at least a week prior to any public meeting.

3. JoAnn McKie, wife of Forest McKie, is a member of the NA Planning Commission. Since Forest is an heir to the property in question, then his wife should recuse herself from participating in any discussion or voting decision by the NA Planning Commission regarding the McKie Property, including the Jan. 7th meeting.

4. Briton Williams is now chair of the NA Planning Commission. He is also an announced candidate for Mayor of this City. Because the latter, as presiding officer of City Council, votes on recommendations from the former, he would be involved in a very serious conflict of interest if elected. He must resign from the Commission ASAP if he plans to continue his political goal of mayorship. Has the SC State Ethics Commission been notified of this particular and possible conflict of Mr. Williams being the chair of the City's Planning Commission as well as a candidate for Mayor?

The Mayor, City Administrator, and Ms. Hodges must not allow any such conflict to continue and act accordingly and promptly so.

Mr. Williams, under the conditions stated, must recuse himself and refrain from presiding and commenting at the Jan. 7th meeting of the Planning Commission when the McKie property is addressed.

I am assuming what I read on the City of North Augusta's website is the current personnel situation. I have not heard or read anything to change what I've stated above.

If we need legal assistance, I have a very erudite and experienced attorney, Dionè C. Carroll, Esq., in Aiken. I highly recommend her. I am certain she would be interested in further and proper protection of the rights of North Augusta citizens for the City to adopt a safer and a better-planned development of the McKie property for its **present** citizens.

That is the reason for my demand of a traffic study on Green Forest and Five Notch plus a risk analysis to quantify the danger this projected project shall have on us **who already live here**.

I am bringing Ms. Carroll on board via CC of this email to inform her regarding the development of the McKie property, so she can be knowledgeable about the current issues involved and what's "on deck."

I shall make every effort to attend the Jan. 7th meeting of the Planning Commission. Presently, I do not see any hindrance.

Best regards,

Perry

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Ross Douglas Tuesday, January 05, 2021 9:35 PM Hodges, Libby Baker, Kuleigh; Clifford, Jim Knollwood Letter for the BZA meeting.. Knollwood.pdf

Ms. Hodges, I hope this note finds you doing well. Please see the attached letter to be presented for the BZA meeting from the residents of Knollwood subdivision. If for some reason you can't open the file, please let me know and I'll personally bring you the originals.

Have a great Wednesday..

Ross Douglas

Knollwood Subdivision Residents Green Forest Drive North Augusta, SC 29841 December 28, 2020

North Augusta Zoning and Planning Commission 100 Georgia Avenue North Augusta, SC 29841

To the North Augusta Zoning and Planning Commission,

We, residents of the Knollwood Subdivision, recently received notice of a zoning change to the land at the end of Green Forest Drive which is behind the Knollwood neighborhood. We, the undersigned residents of Knollwood, strongly oppose granting Ivey Construction's request to have lot widths less than what is permitted in R-7 zoning due to safety concerns. By granting this change, Ivey Construction will be permitted to put more townhomes on the current lots, which will pose immediate safety concerns for residents of Knollwood. One safety concern includes, but is not limited to, the increase of traffic flow and road congestion due to the narrow street width, no sidewalks and limited avenues for entrance and exit to the neighborhood. Another safety concern is an increase in population which impacts infrastructure and environmental issues regarding sewer, runoff, trash, and school crowding.

We, the residents of Knollwood, are very concerned about this change and how the overall development will adversely affect our neighborhood's safety, property values, school capacity and the current small town lifestyle we have all sought. Knollwood is a well-established neighborhood that many of us moved to because of its safety, quiet streets, small town family feel, and access to fine schools, which are currently over crowded even before this suggested change. By granting this exception to the zoning laws, there is the implication that the zoning commission is encouraging less safety and more traffic in an already congested area.

In the past, Knollwood residents fought and stopped the opening of our neighborhood to avoid being a hazardous "cut-through." We have fought and had a stop sign added to the intersection of Green Forest and Springwood Court to reduce speeding in the neighborhood. Speed bumps have been added to the area where the Greeneway intersects Knotty Pine Drive for the safety of all who enjoy the Greeneway. By granting this re-zoning exception, children who walk to school and families who walk the neighborhood or the Greeneway will be in jeopardy. This change will not benefit Knollwood or the surrounding neighborhoods, but will only benefit the financial bottom line of the developer who appears to only be concerned only about building more units per lot to increase their profit with this development.

We, the undersigned residents of Knollwood, ask the commission, to please look out for the safety of Knollwood and turn down the request for a zoning change.

Sincerely yours,

Knollwood residents (see attached)

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Date: January 7, 2021

To: Ms. Libby Hodge,

Subject: Ivey Development R7 Rezoning Variance

Regarding the variance of the request by Ivey Development, I have studied the reduction of lot width. I am opposed to the request for these reasons.

- Impact on the Knollwood neighborhood character. The attraction of Knollwood subdivision is that existing homes complement each other. To reduce lot frontage will create an "unattractive" impact on the neighborhood and lessen the property value of existing and new homes.
- It will violate existing Knollwood subdivision "restriction covenants". Our neighborhood
 has the covenant governing the quality of the properties to insure "hereby to set up,
 establish, promulgate, and declare the person owing said lots or any of them hereafter".
 The protective covenant is of a contract nature between existing homeowners.
 Therefore, to grant the variance will greatly impact the Knollwood subdivision.
- 3. Economic impact on the Knollwood subdivision: Smaller lots will detract from the "overall appeal" of future home buyers. Compared to established homes, the variance requested will affect the property value of Knollwood subdivision.

In addition, to these issues the overall projection negatively addresses:

- 1. Environmental impact of the wetlands on the property and overall neighborhood will be devastated.
- 2. Increase traffic load on public safety; without sidewalks, the children and families must walk on the street and there is a concern.
- 3. Proposed "packing" of homes on small lots. Compared to existing lots in Knollwood, this proposal allows for more single-family dwelling to be built. The reason is to compress the lot to maximize economic return at the expense of Knollwood existing homeowners.

Respectfully,

Robert Leon Longe 115 Cascade Drive North Augusta, SC 29841

Department of Planning and Development



Project Staff Report ZV20-009 Walnut Grove Section 13 Prepared by: Libby Hodges Meeting Date: February 4, 2021

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	Walnut Grove Section 13	
Applicant	Metro Homesites, LLC	
Address/Location	Extension of Mill Stone Ln. and W. Five Notch Rd. in	
	Edgefield County	
Parcel Numbers	127-00-01-001	
Total Development Size	±70.3	
Zoning	PD, Planned Development	
Overlay	NA	
Traffic Impact Tier	3	
Proposed Use	50 Townhouses/94 single-family residential	
Density	2.04 DU/acre	
Future Land Use	Use Low Density Residential	
Variance Requested	ce Requested Lot standards other than the minimum permitted in the PD,	
	Planned Development zoning district by the R-3 zoning	
	designation defined in the 1976 ZDSO.	

SECTION 2: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CONSIDERATION

Per NADC § 18.4.5.4.2, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall hear and decide appeals for variances from the requirements of Article 3, Zoning Districts, and Article 13, Signs, when strict application of the regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.

A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board of Zoning Appeals makes all of the following findings:

- 1. An unnecessary hardship exists;
- 2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)
- 6. (does not apply, Signs)
- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a. To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district.
 - b. To extend physically a nonconforming use of land.
 - c. To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.
- 9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.
- 10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Based on these findings of fact, the Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request.

SECTION 3: PUBLIC NOTICE

Per NADC Table 5-1, 6. Variance, the application and description were advertised via a public notice describing the variance request and advertising the scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing in *The Star* and <u>www.northaugusta.net</u> on January 20, 2021. A written notice of the variance request and scheduled date of the Virtual Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was mailed to the owners of property within 200 feet of the subject property on January 15, 2021. The property was posted with the required public notice on January 20, 2021.

SECTION 4: SITE HISTORY

The subject property was annexed on November 3, 1986, by ordinance No. 86-06. This annexation ordinance changed the corporate limits of the City of North Augusta to include \pm 542.67 acres of land owned by the Brandenburg family. Zoning for the properties annexed was established at that time. The proposed \pm 70.3 acre section was zoned PD-R: Planned Development-Residential with an average overall density of 4 dwelling units per acre at the time of annexation.

The concept plan (application CONPL20-002) was reviewed by the Planning Commission on July 16, 2020. This review was non-binding. Several of the required waivers and variances were reviewed in the Staff Report, including the variance that is the subject of this application.

The Planning Commission approved a Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat (application PP20-008) at the regular meeting of January 21, 2021 subject to action on the waiver requests and ability to meet any conditions from those waivers.

Waivers to the block length (application MW20-008) were granted with the following conditions:

- 1) Final approval of the Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat application will be granted by staff when the plans are in substantial compliance with the requirements of the North Augusta Development Code and any proposed conditions recommended by the Planning Commission in regard to the Major Waiver applications.
- 2) The path connecting the three phases should be developed to the standard and width of the Greeneway. A connection to W. Five Notch Road should be provided either along the roadways or along an alternate path. Access should be provided to the existing path in Walnut Grove.
- Screening planting should be provided along the Walker property behind Phase 3.
 Planting should be evergreen and/or provide year-round screening within five years of planting. The Planning Director will provide a final approval of materials.

- 4) The waivers granted apply only to this project and will not apply to any future development on the site should this plan not be developed.
- 5) If the site plan is substantially revised, the site plan and any additional waivers will require Planning Commission as determined by the Planning Director.

<u>Waivers to the connectivity ratio (application MW20-010) were granted with the following conditions:</u>

- 1) Previous conditions of MW20-008 should be adhered to for the entirety of the project.
- 2) The waiver granted apply only to this project and will not apply to any future development on the site should this plan not be developed.
- 3) If the site plan is substantially revised, the site plan and any additional waivers will require Planning Commission as determined by the Planning Director.

	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use	Zoning
Subject Parcel	Vacant	Low Density Residential	PD, Planned Development
North	Residential	Outside FLU Area	GD, General-Agricultural Development (Edgefield County)
South	Single-Family Detached Residential	Low Density Residential/Institutional, Government, and Public Facilities	PD, Planned Development
East	Single-Family Residential	Low Density Residential	PD, Planned Development/ Aiken County
West	Single-Family Detached Residential	Outside FLU Area	GD, General-Agricultural Development (Edgefield County)

SECTION 5: EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

<u>Access</u> – The site currently has access from W. Five Notch Rd. and a road stub out at the end of Mill Stone Ln. in Walnut Grove Phase 12. Phase III is not accessible via vehicular traffic from Phases I & II.

Topography – The subject site has variable topography, with some flatter areas and several moderate slopes towards an existing pond in the SW portion of the property. The property does have an apparent stream on site, but would need to be properly delineated.

<u>Utilities</u> – Water and wastewater connections would have to be brought in from neighboring developments.

Floodplain and Environmental Conditions – The subject property is located in an area of minimal flood hazard.

Drainage Basin – The proposed development is located in the Fox Creek Drainage Basin. The basin is located at the edge of the City near the Edgefield County line. Most of the area falls outside the City limits. It is effective at transporting stormwater during light and heavy storm events. Current development along Gregory Lake Road has potential to impact Fox Creek. The Fox Creek basin currently has an overall Good water quality assessment rating but the City continues to monitor the basin.

SECTION 6: STAFF EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS

The applicant requests the Board to allow a variance for lots standards, including lot width to be \pm 53 feet, a variance of \pm 2 feet, and side setback to be \pm 5 feet, a variance of \pm 1 foot. The minimum lot width required for R-3 Zoning District per the 1976 ZDSO, is 55 feet and the minimum side setback is 6 ft.

The following sections of the 1976 ZDSO are provided for reference. Staff commentary is provided in *italics*.

Section 712.5.g: Characteristics of and Intent of PD Districts for Residential (PD-R): It is the intent of the PD-R district to permit the development of unique single-family residential areas that complement the characteristics of the site.

Section 703: R-3 One- and Two-Family Residential District

703.1 Intent of the District:

It is the intent of this section that the R-3 Zoning District be developed and reserved for medium-to-high density residential purposes. The regulations which apply within this district are designed to encourage the formation and continuance of a stable, healthy environment for several different types of dwellings, and to discourage unwarranted encroachment of commercial, industrial, or other uses capable of adversely affecting the residential character of the district.

703.2: Permitted Uses (some items omitted for brevity)a. All uses permitted in the R-1 Residential District, as shown in Section701

d. Townhouse dwelling, subject to the requirements of 703.4

This PD district permits allowed uses in the R-3 zoning district. Townhouses are a permitted use subject to Section 703.4 Townhouses – Special Requirements. The proposed single-family detached development is an allowed use subject to R-3 standards.

Section 703.4: Townhouses – Special Requirements

a. The regulations as contained in this Section shall be applied to townhouses where permitted outright in any district.

b. Site Plan and Design Criteria, General. Townhouses, in areas where they are or may be permitted:

 May be appropriately intermingled with other types of housing;
 The front shall not form long, unbroken lines of row housing but shall be staggered at the front building line, singly, in pairs or in threes, by at least ten (10) feet.

c. Site Plan and Design Criteria, Details. In line with the general considerations above:

1. Not more than ten (10) contiguous townhouses nor fewer than three (3) shall be built in a row with front line conforming to the requirements of 703.4 b. 2. Above.

Minimum width for the portion of the lot on which the townhouse is to be constructed shall be sixteen (16) feet.
 Minimum lot area shall be 1,400 square feet.

4. Separation requirements. No portion of a townhouse or accessory structure in or related to one group of contiguous townhouses shall be closer than twenty (20) feet to any portion of a townhouse or accessory structure related to another group, or to any building outside the townhouse area.

5. Yards. No front, side, or rear yard as such is required in connection with any townhouse, except that the nearest point of each building shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the nearest

right-of-way line of abutting streets. Each townhouse shall have on its own lot one rear or side yard, private and reasonably secluded from view from streets or from neighboring property. Such yard shall not be used for any accessory building. 6. Grouped parking facilities. Insofar as practicable, off-street parking facilities shall be grouped in bays, either adjacent to streets or in the interior of blocks.

7. Open Space. In all townhouse projects where more than ten (10) units are to be constructed, a landscaped common area amounting to at least ten (10%) percent of a single townhouse project area shall be provided on the same or adjacent block. No buildings, parking, storage or other use shall be made on this open space.

703.5: Other Requirements

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this Ordinance, uses permitted in R-3 Zoning Districts shall be required to conform to the following standards:

- a. (Omitted for brevity)
- b. Minimum lot area: 6,000 square feet
- c. Maximum dwelling units per net acre:

One-family residence: 8 dwelling units

d. Minimum lot width measured at the building line:

One-family dwelling: Fifty-five (55) feet

e. Minimum front yard for uses other than Townhouses and Multi-Family measured from the nearest abutting street right-of-way line:

Twenty-five (25) feet.

f. Minimum side yard for uses other than Townhouses and Multi-Family:
Six (6) feet for one side provided that the total of both side yards is no less than 20% of the lot width.

g. Minimum rear yard for uses other than Townhouses and Multi-Family: Fifteen (15) feet

h. Maximum building height:

One family residence: Forty-five (45) feet

i. Additional requirements: Uses permitted in R-3 Zoning Districts shall meet all standards set forth in Article VI pertaining to off-street parking, loading, and other requirements.

j. Signs: Signs permitted in R-3 zoning districts including the conditions under which they may be located are set forth in Article VIII.

The lot width proposed by the developer is 53 feet, a 2 foot deviation from the minimum required by the 1976 ZDSO requirements. The proposed side setback is 5 feet versus the 6 feet required by the code.

Following is staff analysis required by NADC §5.1.4.5.b. Applicant responses are bulleted. Staff commentary is in *italics*.

- 1. An unnecessary hardship exists;
 - The Applicant States: The R-3 zoning district is an old zoning category that has since been replaced and is comparable to the R-7 zoning today. They are seeing a variance from the 1976 ZDSO which have been applied to this section of the Walnut Grove Development. The requirements create an unnecessary hardship because they are forced to design to a standard which is no longer widely used. This burden does not apply to other developments in North Augusta

Staff notes that other Planned Developments are not held to the requirements of the 1976 ZDSO or the Development Code due to a formalized General Development Plan to guide development. However, in this case the PD was granted with that specific zoning district and restrictions. Previous sections of Walnut Grove have lot widths of 70' adjacent to Phase I/II and 8' side setbacks.

- 2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
 - The applicant states: This site has significant waters of the state which we are trying to avoid impacting. Any increase in lot size would necessitate a greater encroachment on sensitive areas.

Staff provides maps in the attachments for evaluation of the topography and wetlands as stated.

- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
 - The applicant states the conditions do not apply to other properties due to the age and requirements of this particular PD.

Staff notes that portions of Walnut Grove and Butlers Mill are zoned R-14, Large Lot, Single-Family Residential. Other areas in the Walnut Lane vicinity are zoned GC, General Commercial and R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential based on the most recent Development Code. Staff notes that other Planned Developments are not held to the requirements of the 1976 ZDSO or the Development Code due to a formalized General Development Plan to guide development. However, in this case the PD was granted with that specific zoning district and restrictions. Previous sections of Walnut Grove have lot widths of 70' adjacent to Phase I/II and 8' side setbacks.

- Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
 - The applicant states the property cannot be utilized with the R-3 zoning regulations because it will cause the development to unnecessarily impact the surrounding environmentally sensitive areas.

Staff notes that there are some environmentally sensitive areas located within the property. Staff cannot offer additional evaluation of the feasibility of increasing lots widths and the impact on the engineered design of the property.

- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)
 - The applicant states the requested variance would not be to any detriment to the surrounding area because the variance requested is from a development code no longer in use. The lots proposed would be accepted in the R-7 zoning district, which can be found nearby.

Staff notes that the applicant will be required to comply with all other requirements of the Development Code. This variance, if approved, will only vary the allowed lot widths and side setbacks for the single-family detached portion of the residential development. Staff notes that portions of Walnut Grove and Butlers Mill are zoned R-14, Large Lot, Single-Family Residential. Other areas in the Walnut Lane vicinity are zoned GC, General Commercial and R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential based on the most recent Development Code. Staff notes that other Planned Developments are not held to the requirements of the 1976 ZDSO or the Development Code due to a formalized General Development Plan to guide development. However, in this case the PD was granted with that specific zoning district and restrictions. Previous sections of Walnut Grove adjacent to Phase I/II have lot widths of 70' and 8' side setbacks.

- 6. (Not Applicable)
- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district. Single-family residential dwellings are permitted in the R-3 zoning district defined in the 1976 ZDSO.
 - b To extend physically a nonconforming use of land. The variance does not extend a physically nonconforming use of land, as the land is currently vacant.
 - c To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The application does not propose a change to the zoning district boundaries.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.

Staff notes that a minimum lot width of 55 ft is required by the assignment of the PD zoning district specifying conformance with standards of the 1976 ZDSO.

9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.

Staff cannot provide additional evaluation for this item.

10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Staff notes final construction approval of any subdivision is subject to a Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat review and approval by the Planning Commission. All plans submitted will be required to meet all other requirements of the North Augusta Development Code.

The Board may consider conditions for the project. Conditions should be specific, measurable and enforceable.

Previous projects have had conditions regarding: limits to density or number of lots allowed with reduced dimensions; conformance to submitted sketches; restrictions to the physical locations of these lots; architectural requirements; spacing requirements. Other conditions may be imposed as the Board determines.

Conditions will apply to the whole of the parcel unless the Board indicates otherwise in the condition. The application appears to request this variance for only Phases I & II.

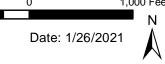
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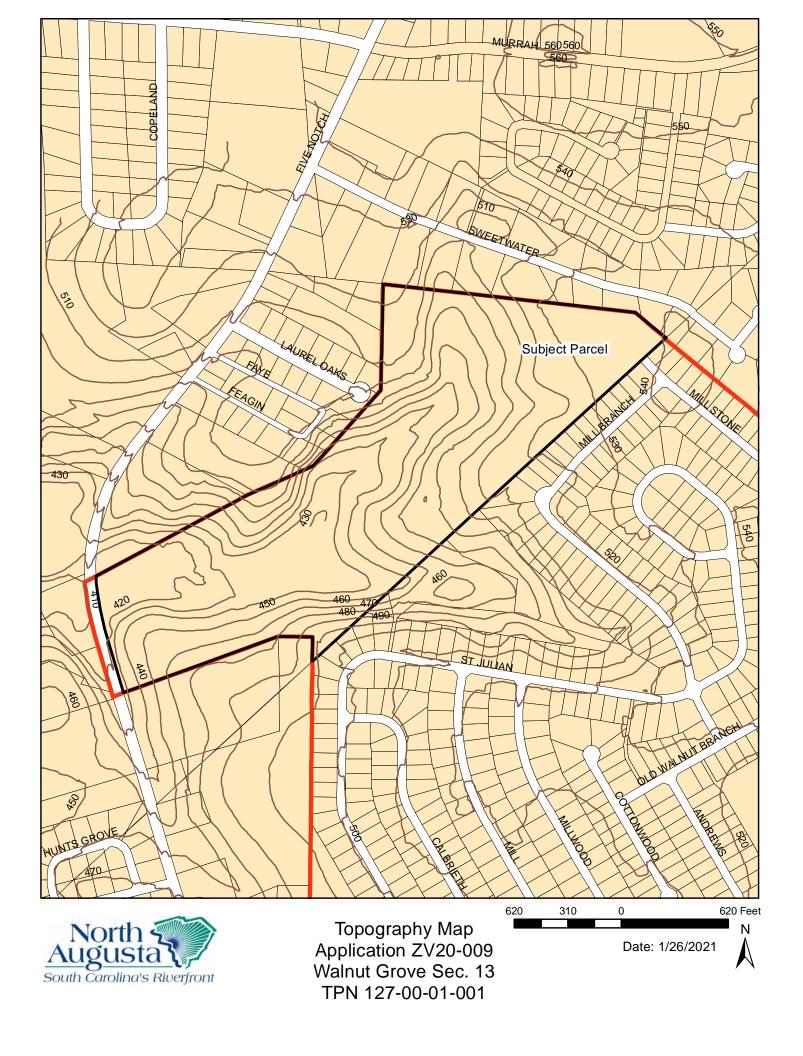
- 1) Aerial
- 2) Topography
- 3) Current Zoning
- 4) Future Land Use
- 5) Public Notice
- 6) Application Materials
- 7) PD and Annexation Materials
- cc. Mark Gilliam, Metro Homesites, LLC, via email Luke Martin, Southern Partners, Inc., via email

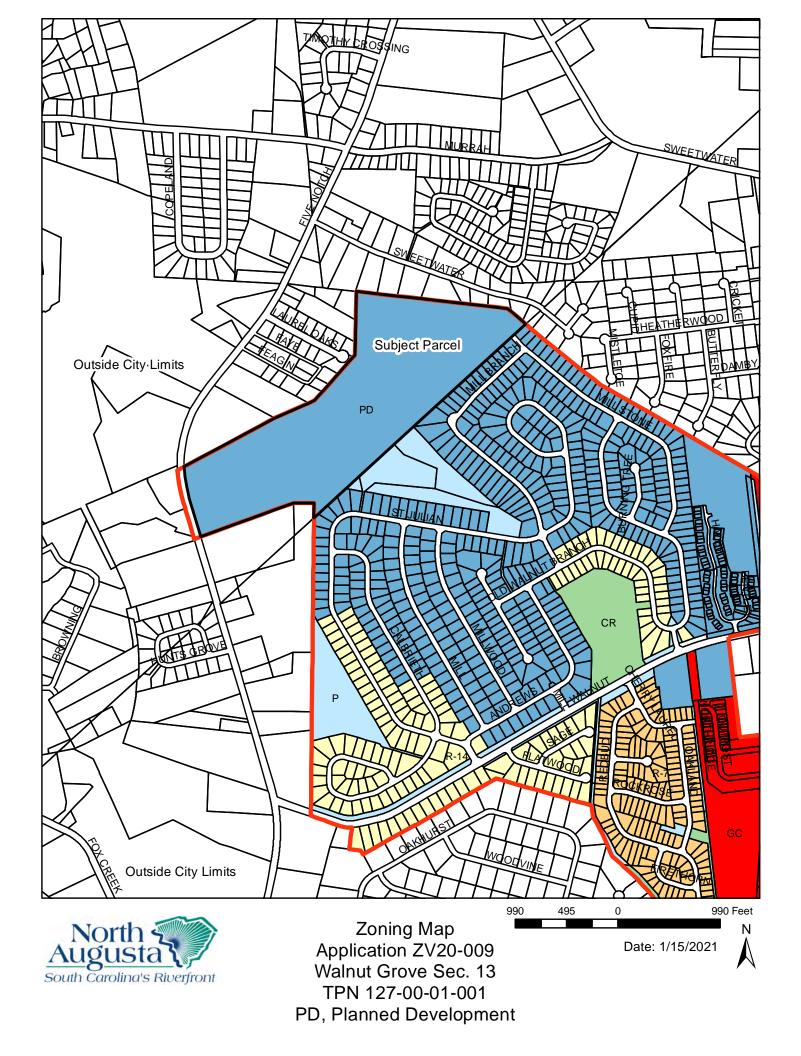


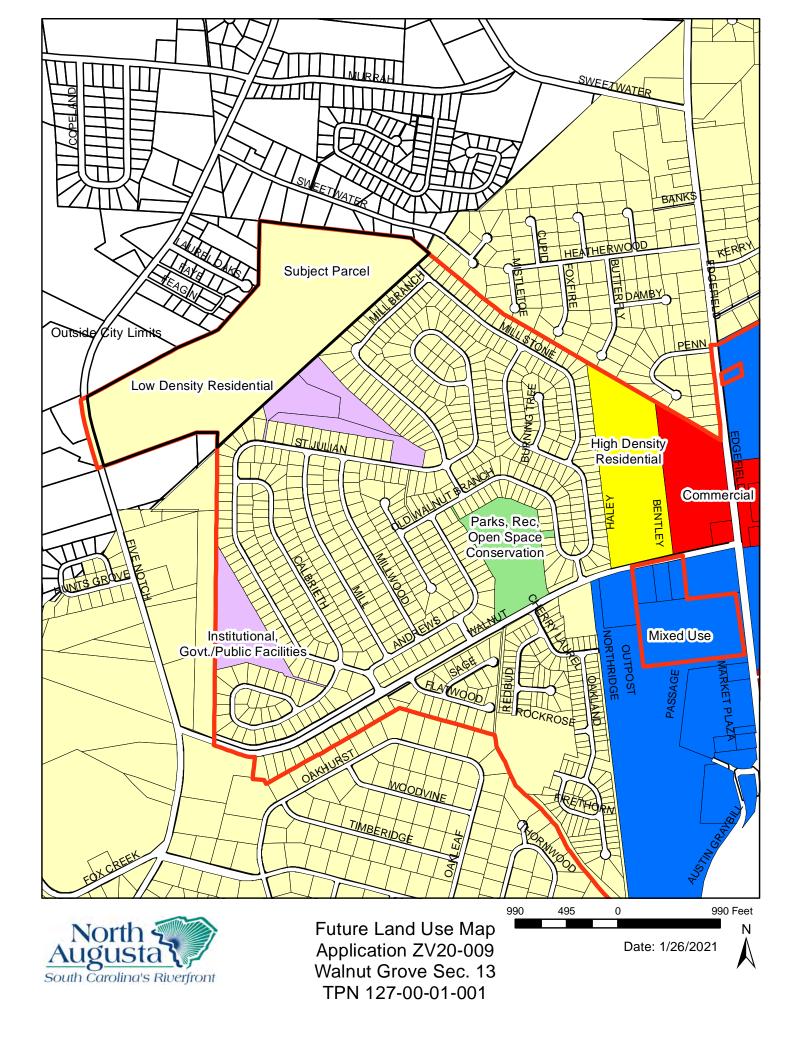


Aerial Map Application ZV20-009 Walnut Grove Sec. 13 TPN 127-00-01-001











100 Georgia Avenue North Augusta, SC 29841-3843

Post Office Box 6400 North Augusta, SC 29861-6400

City of North Augusta

January 15, 2021

RE: A request by Metro Homesites, LLC for a variance to lot widths and side setbacks less than the minimum permitted in the PD, Planned Development zoning district by the R-3 zoning designation defined in the 1976 ZDSO. The request affects a proposed single-family residential development on ±70.6 acres located at the end of Mill Stone Lane, TPN 127-00-01-001.

<u>Please note</u>: Your property is not included in the variance request. You are receiving this notice only because you own or reside on property within 200 feet of the proposed project.

Dear North Augusta Property Owner or Current Resident:

The Department of Planning and Development has received a request by Metro Homesites, LLC for a variance to lot widths and side setbacks less than the minimum permitted in the PD, Planned Development zoning district by the R-3 zoning designation defined in the 1976 ZDSO. The request affects a proposed single-family residential development on ±70.6 acres located at the end of Mill Stone Lane, TPN 127-00-01-001. A map of the project area is enclosed, along with a copy of the public hearing notice that will be published in *The Star* on January 20, 2021.

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing at its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2021, via GoToMeeting. Following the hearing, the Board of Zoning Appeals will consider and decide on the application.

Due to COVID-19, please visit <u>www.northaugusta.net</u> for any updates to meeting format, location or procedures prior to the meeting.

Documents related to the application will be available for review after January 28, 2021 in the offices of the Department of Planning and Development, at the Municipal Center, 2nd floor, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina and online at <u>www.northaugusta.net</u>.

Residents and property owners interested in expressing a view on these cases are encouraged to provide written comments via email to <u>planning@northaugusta.net</u>, or by phone at 803-441-4221 by Noon (12pm) on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

If you have any questions about this application or need additional information, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 803-441-4221.

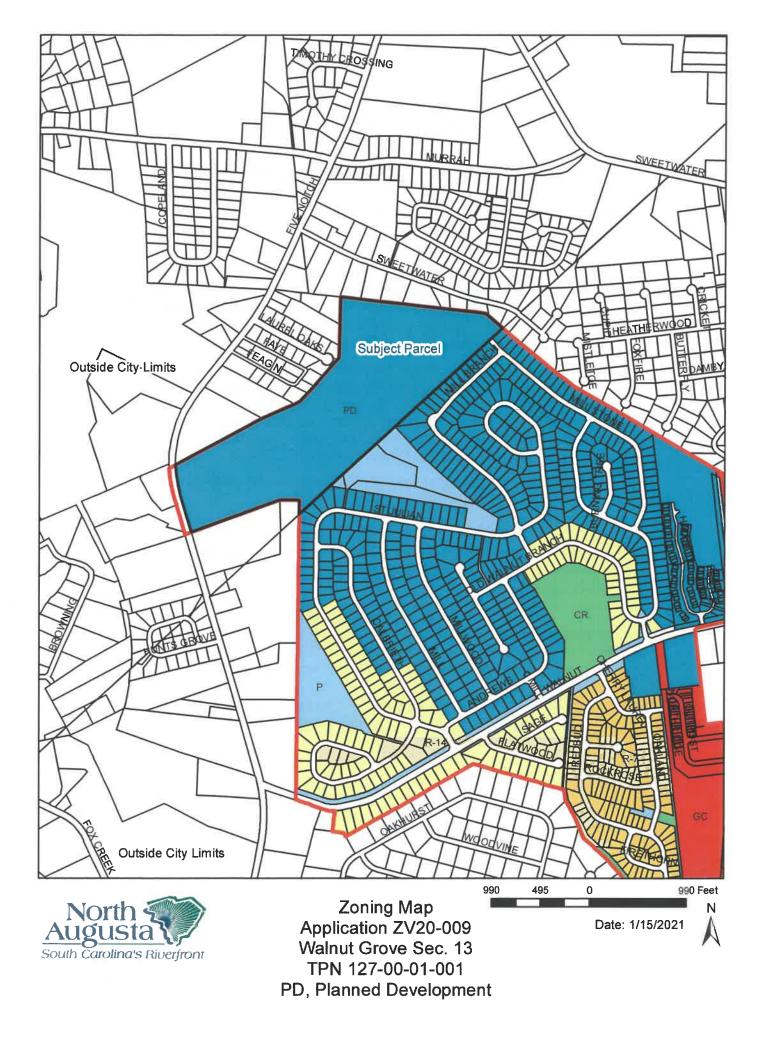
Sincerely,

Libby Hodges, AICP, Director Department of Planning and Development

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City of North Augusta, South Carolina Board of Zoning Appeals

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 PM on February 4, 2021, via GoToMeeting to receive public input on the following applications:

ZV20-009 -- A request by Metro Homesites, LLC for lot widths and side setbacks less than the minimum permitted in the PD, Planned Development zoning district by the R-3 zoning designation defined in the 1976 ZDSO. The request affects a proposed single-family residential development on ±70.6 acres located at the end of Mill Stone Lane, TPN 127-00-01-001.

ZV21-001-- A request by UHS Inc. for a front setback greater than the maximum permitted in the GC, General Commercial zoning district by North Augusta Development Code Article 3, Zoning Districts, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards. The request affects a proposed hospital and freestanding emergency department on ±4.55 acres located on Austin Graybill Road and Town Center Drive, TPN 010-18-10-003.

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CITIZEN ASSISTANCE:

Individuals needing special assistance or a sign interpreter to participate in the meeting are asked to please notify the Department of Planning and Development at 803-441-4221 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Notice of Appeal

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Application Number ZV20-009	Date Received			
Review Fee	Date Paid 12-22-20			
1. Project Name Walnut Grove, Section 13				
Project Address/Location At the end of Mill Stone Lane.				
Total Project Acreage 70.6	Current Zoning PD			
Tax Parcel Number(s) <u>127-00-01-001</u>				
2. Applicant/Owner Name _Metro Homesites, LLC	Applicant Phone			
Mailing Address 924 Stevens Creek Rd				
City Augusta ST GA Zip 30909	Email			
3. Is there a Designated Agent for this project? $\underline{\times}$ If Yes, attach a notarized Designation of Agent form.				
4. Engineer/Architect/SurveyorLuke Martin, P.E.	License No			
Firm Name Southern Partners, Inc.	Firm Phone _ ⁷⁰⁶⁻⁸⁵⁵⁻⁶⁰⁰⁰			
Firm Mailing Address _1233 Augusta West Parkway				
City Augusta ST GA Zip 30909	Email			
Signature	Date 12-22-2020			
 Is there any recorded restricted covenant or other private prohibits the use or activity on the property that is the sul (Check one.) 				

6. In accordance with Section 5.1.2.3 of the North Augusta Development Code, I hereby request the City of North Augusta review the attached project plans. The documents required by the City of North Augusta, as outlined in Appendix B of the North Augusta Development Code, are attached for the City's review for completeness. The applicant acknowledges that all documents required by the City must be correct and complete to initiate the compliance review process by the City.

Applicant or Designated Agent Signature

2-22-2020 Date

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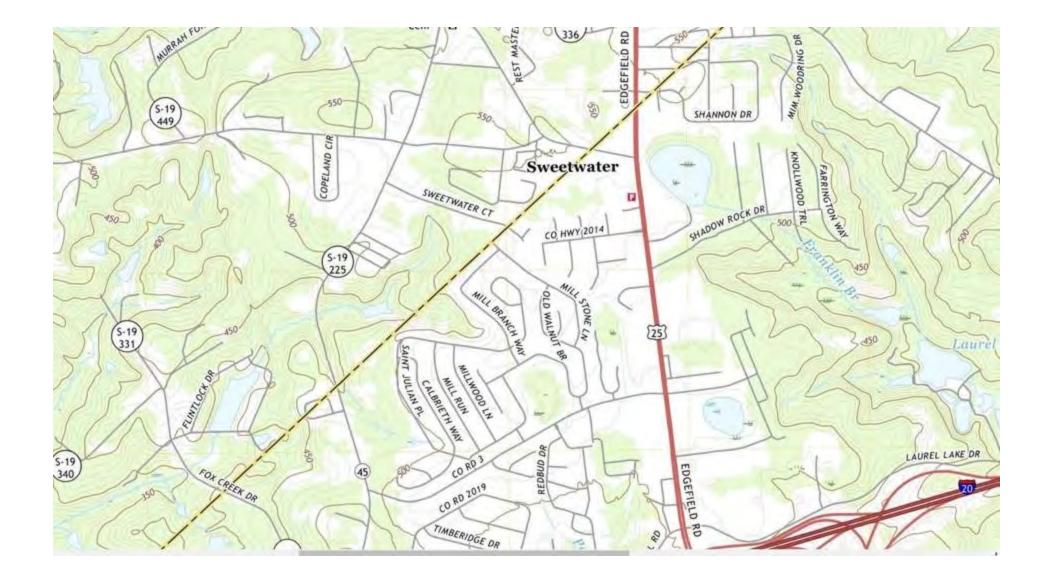
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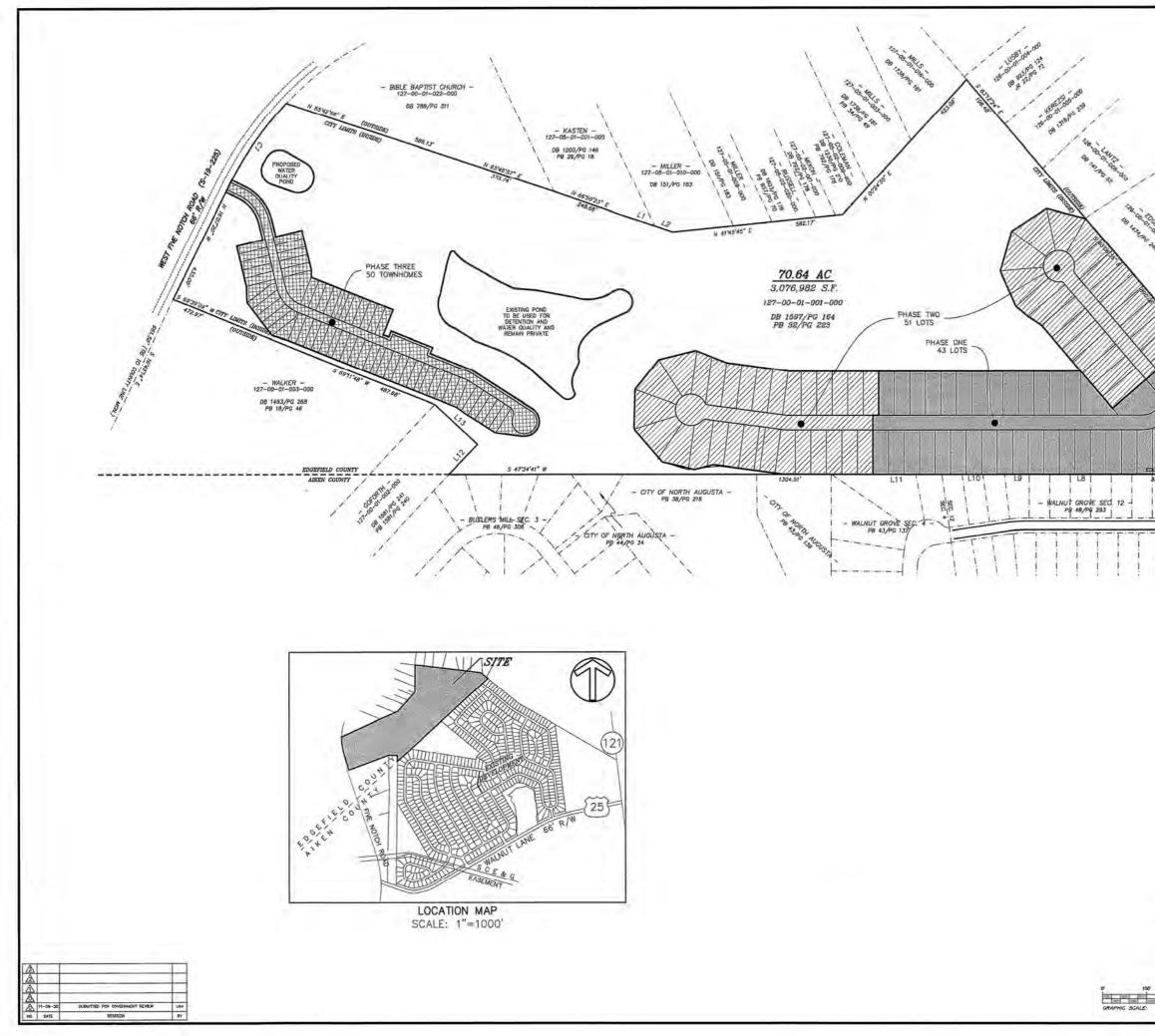
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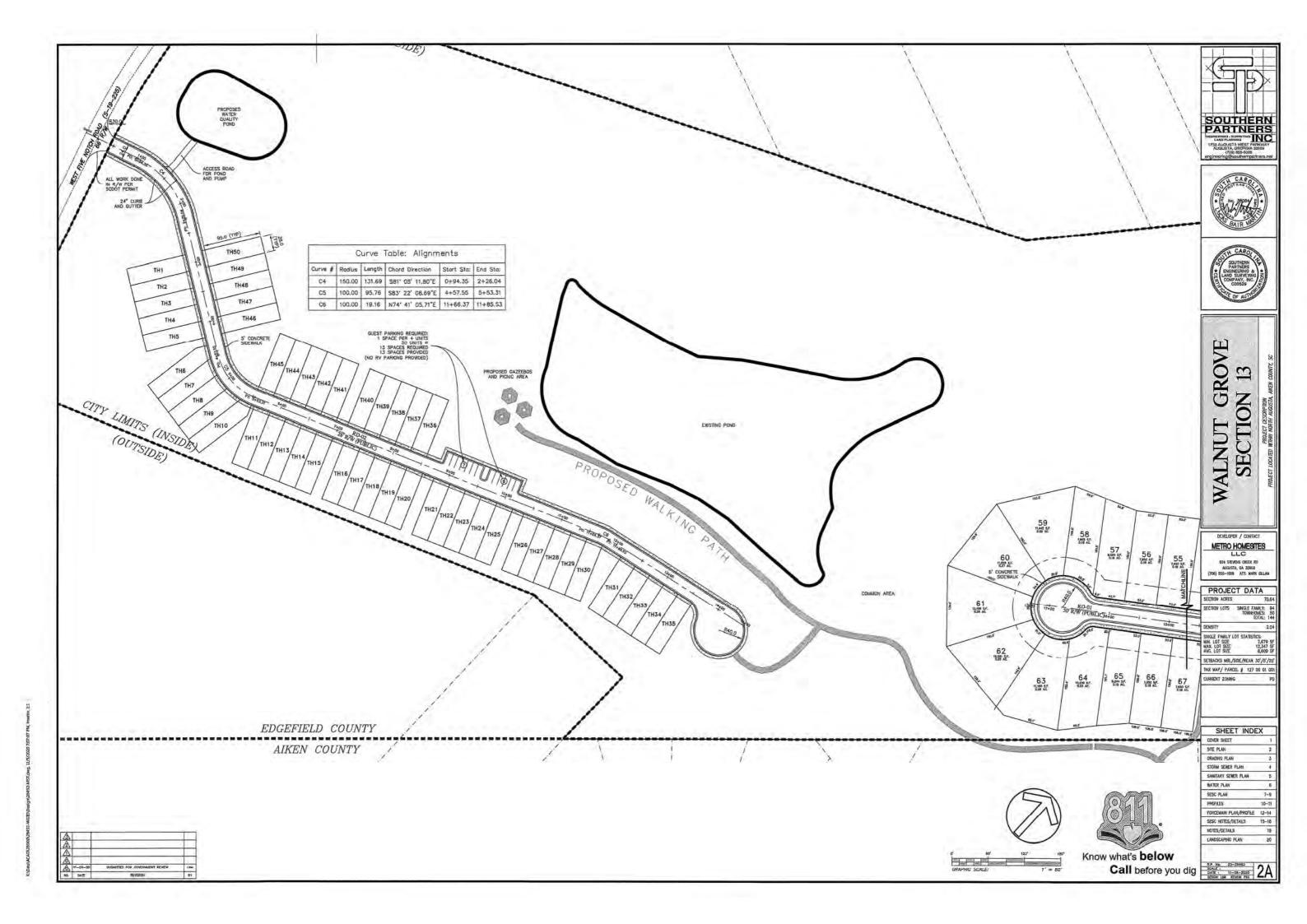
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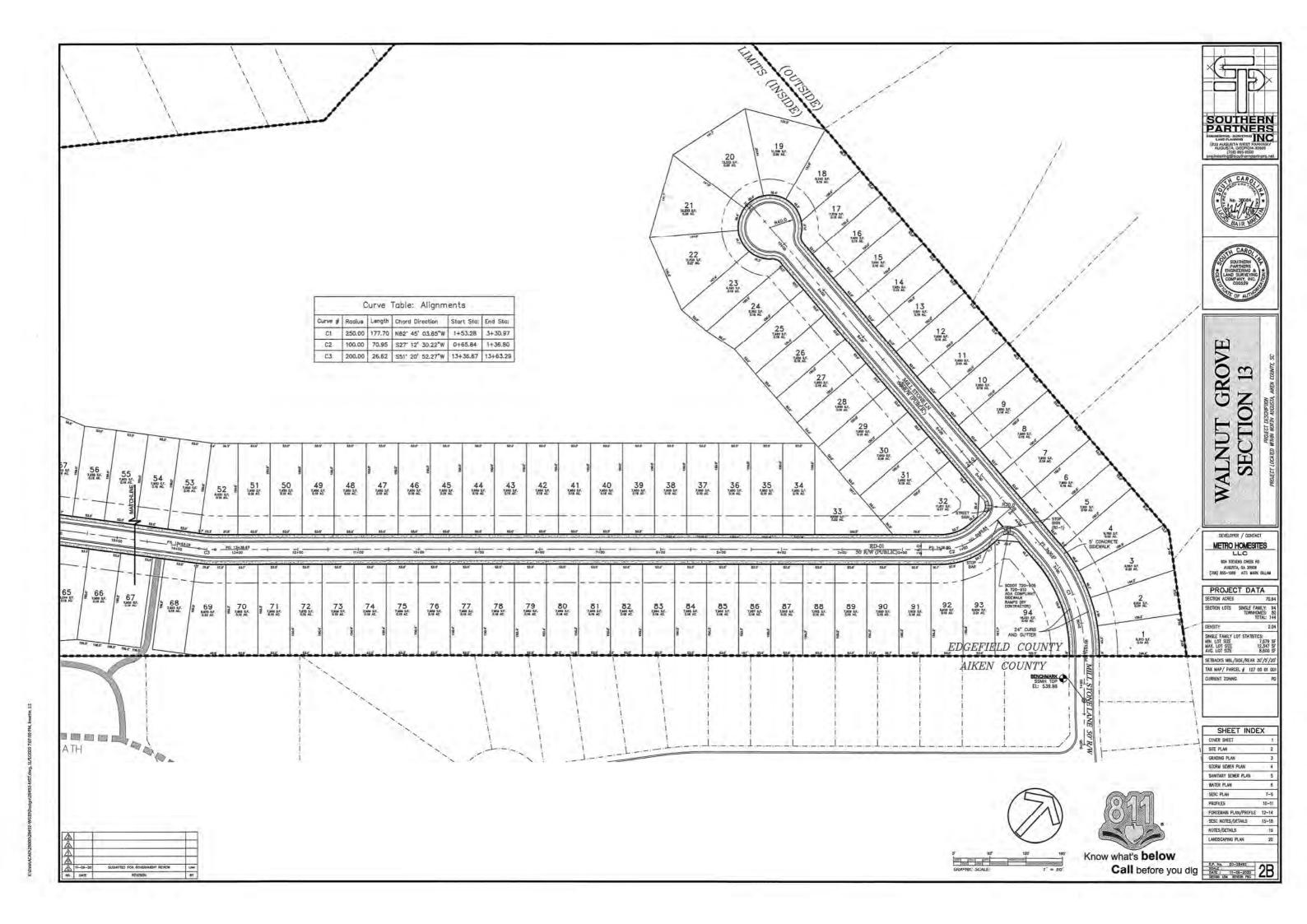
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2.	. Property Owner Name	Owner Phone		
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	City ST GA Zip	Email		
3.	Designated AgentLuke Martin, P.E.			
	Relationship to Owner			
	Firm Name Southern Partners, Inc.	Phone		
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	City Augusta ST GA Zip 30909	Email		
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	Man	12-22-2020		
	Owner Signature	Date		
5.	Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 22^{10}	lay of <u>December</u> , 20 <u>20</u> .		
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AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS

OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

BY ANNEXING BRANDENBURG PROPERTIES ALONG I-20 & U. S. 25

ORDINANCE NO. 86-06

WHEREAS, Section 5-3-150 of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina provides that: "Any area or property which is contiguous to a city or town may be annexed to the city or town by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by seventy-five percent or more of the freeholders owning seventy-five percent or more of the assessed valuation of the real property in the area requesting annexation. Upon the agreement of the governing body to accept the petition and annex the area, and the enactment of an ordinance declaring the area annexed to the city or town, the annexation shall be complete;"

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, by adoption of Resolution No. 86-24, dated September 29, 1986, wish to annex the below described property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that:

I.

The corporate limits of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, shall be expanded by annexing the following property:

All those pieces, parcels or tracts of land with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken and the County of Edgefield, State of South Carolina, adjacent to the present City limits of North Augusta, and identified by the following Plat References and Tax Map Parcel Numbers.

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Such property to be annexed is delineated on the plat attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" entitled "Plat of Brandenburg Properties," dated January 8, 1986, revised January 9, 1986, prepared by Cranston, Robertson & Whitehurst, P.C., and on the plat attached hereto marked AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA BY ANNEXING BRANDENBURG PROPERTIES ALONG I-20 & U. S. 25

Zoning Plat

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Exhibit "B" entitled "Area Petitioned for Annexation into the City of North Augusta, South Carolina" dated July, 1986.

Also included within such Petition for Annexation is U. S Highway 25, Interstate 20, Interstate Frontage Road (S 1445), Five Notch Road (S. C. 45), and Walnut Lane adjacent to the property heretofore referred and specifically delineated by the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "B" entitled "Area Petitioned for Annexation into the City of North Augusta, South Carolina," and incorporated by reference.

II. Zoning for the properties sought to be annexed to the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, shall be as follows and as more specifically delineated on the plat attached hereto entitled Exhibit "C", Zoning for Area Petitioned for Annexation into the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, prepared by City of North Augusta, and incorporated by reference.

Reference No.	Zoning
#1	PD-R - Planned Development-Residential with Average Overall Density of Four Units/Acre
#2	R-3 - Residential
#3	TC - Thoroughfare-Commercial
#4	PD-G - Planned Development-General with Thoroughfare-Commercial, TC, Uses Permitted
# 5	OSP - Open Space Preservation

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA BY ANNEXING BRANDENBURG PROPERTIES ALONG 1-20 & U. S. 25

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- III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- IV. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS <u>3rd</u> DAY OF <u>Monember</u>, 1986.

First Reading 9-29-86 Second Reading 10-6-86 Third Reading //- 3-86



ATTEST:

Thomas W. Greene, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem

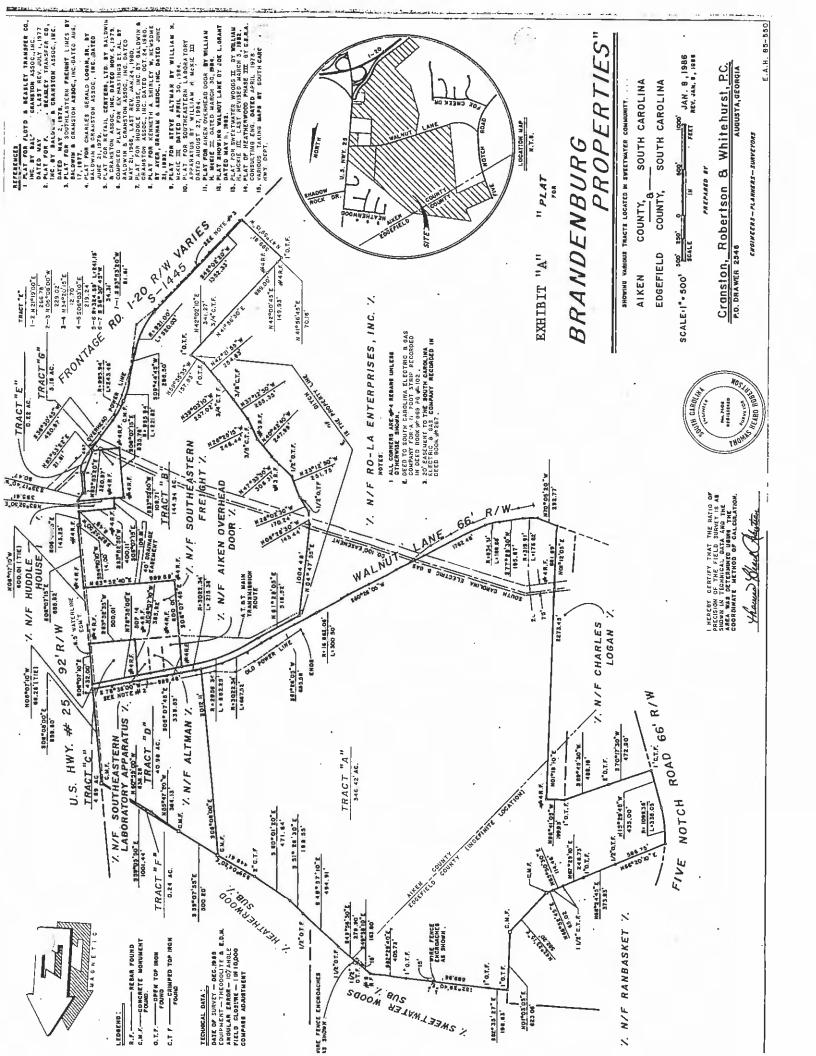
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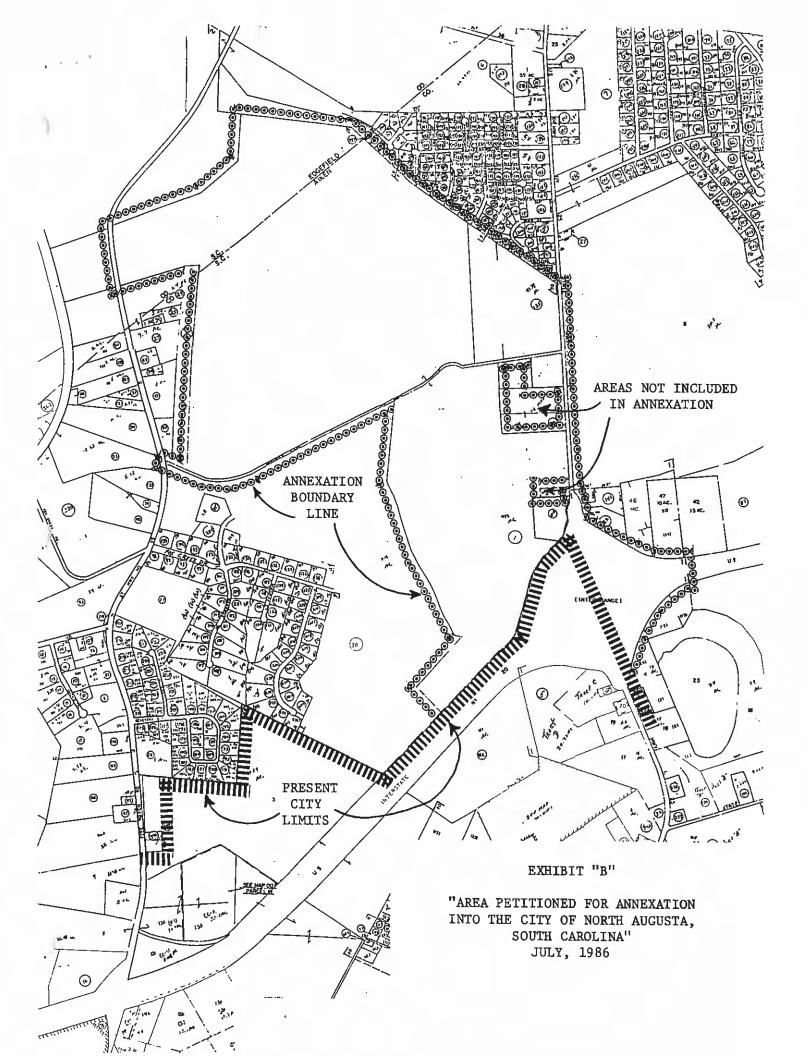
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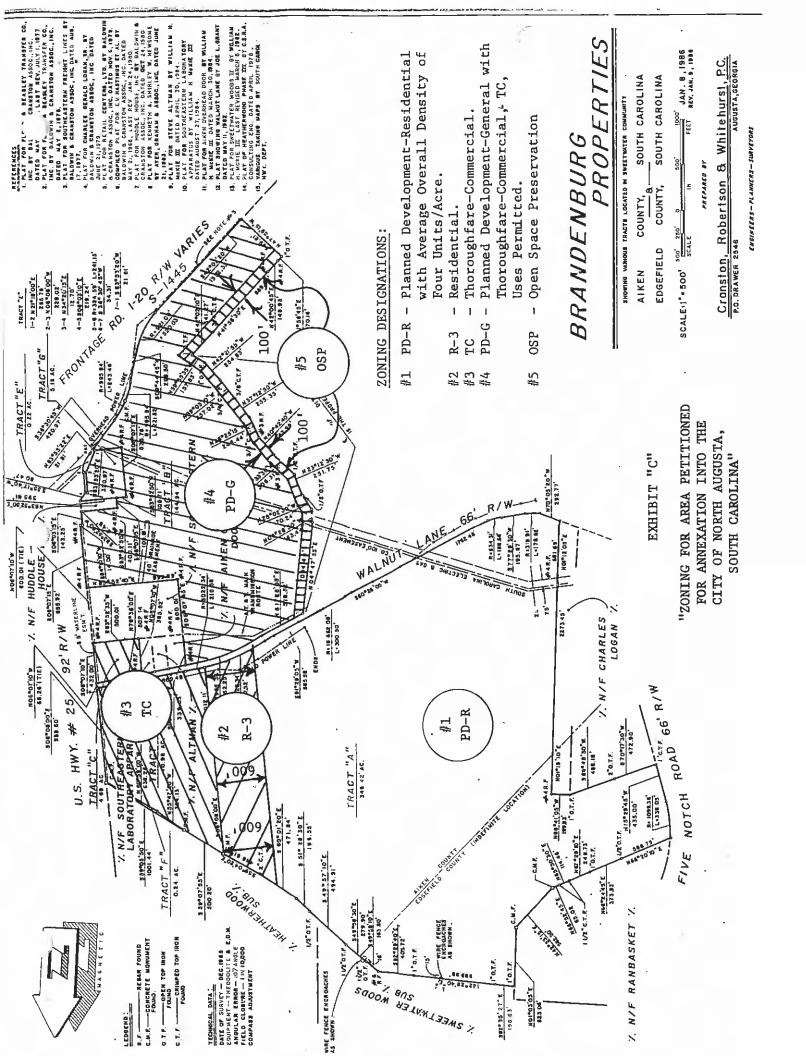
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Department of Planning and Development



<u>Project Staff Report</u> ZV21-001 UHS Sweetwater Prepared by: Kuleigh Baker Meeting Date: February 4, 2021

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	UHS Sweetwater Setback
Applicant	University Health Services, Inc.
Agent	Giattina Aycock Architecture Studio
Address/Location	Off Austin Graybill Rd and Town Center Dr
Parcel Number	010-18-10-003
Total Development Size	± 4.55 acres
Existing Zoning	GC, General Commercial
Overlay	NA
Variance Requested	Article 3, Section 3.8.5.3, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards,
	Item J, Maximum Front Setback (ft)

SECTION 2: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CONSIDERATION

Per NADC § 18.4.5.4.2, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall hear and decide appeals for variances from the requirements of Article 3, Zoning Districts, and Article 13, Signs, when strict application of the regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.

A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board of Zoning Appeals makes and explains in writing, all of the following:

- 1. An unnecessary hardship exists;
- 2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and

- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)
- 6. (does not apply)
- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a. To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district.
 - b. To extend physically a nonconforming use of land.
 - c. To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.
- 9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.
- 10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Based on these findings of fact, the Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request.

SECTION 3: PUBLIC NOTICE

Per NADC Table 5-1, 6. Variance, the application and description were advertised via a public notice describing the variance request and advertising the scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing in *The Star* and www.northaugusta.net on January 20, 2021. A written notice of the variance request and scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was mailed to the owners of property within 200 feet of the subject property on January 15, 2021. The property was posted with the required public notice on January 20, 2021.

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SECTION 4: SITE HISTORY

This property was annexed into the City in 1986, part of a \pm 563 acre annexation that included developments such as Arbor Place, Walnut Grove, Andrew's Branch, Butler's Mill, Bentley Place and SRP Federal Credit Union Headquarters. The subject property was zoned PD, Planned Development at the time of annexation. The property was specified at the time of the annexation for PD – G, which was a Planned Development with Thoroughfare Commercial-TC, uses permitted.

The Planning Department recommended to rezone ±52.96 acres located off Walnut Lane west of Edgefield Road, Tax Parcel Numbers 010-14-04-007 and 010-18-02-001 from PD, Planned Development to GC, General Commercial at the regular meeting held July 18, 2013. City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2013-11 to amend the zoning map of the City of North Augusta by rezoning the parcels to GC, General Commercial on October 7, 2013.

This site is part of a larger tract that the Planning Commission reviewed Application CONPL17-001, a concept plan for the Walnut Village development on August 17, 2017. The proposed concept was for a mixed use development with the first phase of the project to include townhomes, a retail commercial center, and a self-storage site. The overall property was permitted for grading and improvement under Preliminary Plat PP20-003, Walnut Village. The overall property was subdivided by Final Plat FP20-002.

This site is listed as "Site 3" on that plat. Several other parcels have received site plan approvals and The Retreat at Walnut Village has received preliminary plat and final plat approvals.

	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use	Zoning
Subject Parcel	Vacant	Mixed Use	GC, General Commercial
North	Residential/ Commercial	Mixed Use	PD, Planned Development/Outside City Limits
South	Transportation	Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	P, Public Use
East	Commercial	Mixed Use/Commercial	PD, Planned Development
West	Single-Family Residential	Low Density Residential	R-7, Small Lot Single- Family Residential

SECTION 5: EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

<u>Access</u> – The site currently accessible from Austin Graybill Road and Northridge Drive via Town Center Drive, a private drive providing inter-parcel access to the Walnut Village development.

Topography – The highest site elevations fall within the center of the site and it slopes gently towards the South, West, and East.

<u>Utilities</u> – An existing water and sanitary sewer line run through the parcel.

Floodplain – The subject property is not located within a federally designated floodway.

Drainage Basin – The project is located in the Pole Branch drainage basin. The Stormwater Management department has conducted a baseline assessment of the basin streams and has rated the Pole Branch basin as poor. Several water quality impairments were found in samples. Special reviews are required in this basin. Stormwater management plans must address water quality to prevent further impacts in the stream corridor. Additionally, the final plan must address the discharge of retained stormwater and deal with the high volume of existing stormwater runoff that occurs during significant rain events. The stormwater management design standards will be enforced to ensure that the stormwater from the site is adequately accounted for in the existing system and that the system further downstream is not negatively impacted by the additional flow.

SECTION 6: STAFF EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting a variance from the setbacks in Article 3, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards, specifically the maximum front setback of 80 feet for GC, General Commercial, Zoning District. UHS, Inc. is requesting a variance of ±33 ft for a maximum front setback of ±113 feet.

Following is analysis required by NADC §5.1.4.5.b (Staff commentary is *italicized*):

1. An unnecessary hardship exists;

The applicant states that access to the property is determined by SCDOT. For this development, SCDOT will not allow direct access to the site from Austin Graybill Rd. The secondary roads onto this development are there to allow access to all sites fronting Austin Graybill Rd. In this case, access to this site would be directed to the secondary road at the new intersection of Town Center Dr. and Austin Graybill Rd. across from the North Augusta Park & Ride.

2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;

The applicant states that SCDOT requires a safe deceleration distance before a turnin onto the site from the Austin Graybill Rd. intersection. SCDOT standards require a minimum 75 ft distance from front of curb at Austin Graybill Rd. to front of curb onto the property. The location of the vehicular site access dictates the location of the front of the Freestanding Emergency Department entrance.

While the request from SCDOT is separate from this application, staff notes that safety considerations for sight distance for driveways, deceleration, landscaping and other obstructions are important in the review of the variance.

3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity; The applicant states where adjacent property owners can access their site directly from Austin Graybill Rd., these criteria do not apply to them. The SCDOT safety guidelines dictate access to this site being from a secondary road.

Staff notes that Town Center Drive is being used to provide access to the individual sites of the Walnut Village Development.

 Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and

The applicant states the first possible access to the site on the secondary road per SCDOT guidelines is very close to the maximum 80 ft building setback. The applicant states the following items contribute to the location of the building further than the 80 ft maximum setback:

- The irregular shape of the site at this area adjacent to Austin Graybill Rd.
- the Fire Marshall's 24 ft fire truck lane surrounding the property
- the existing Dominion Energy 50 ft power line easement
- the Facilities Guideline Institute (FGI) for Outpatient & Hospital Facilities requirement for clearly marked, covered ingress for patients from the parking lot to the main entrance of the building
- small lot width

5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)

The applicant states the authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good and the character of the district will not be harmed. The authorization of this variance will not create undue potential for excessive noise, light, traffic, or incompatible late night activity that is not already allowed.

Staff notes that light and traffic are regulated by the NADC and that excessive noise complaints are monitored by Public Safety.

- 6. (Not Applicable)
- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district. Hospitals are permitted uses in the GC, General Commercial zoning district.
 - b To extend physically a nonconforming use of land. The variance does not extend a physically nonconforming use of land.
 - c To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The application does not propose a change to the zoning district boundaries.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.

Staff notes that the dimensional standards for the General Commercial zoning district create restrictions on how the site is engineered.

9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.

Staff recognizes that the property may be used more profitably if developed, but is not the sole grounds for the variance request.

10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- 1. The property will be developed in general conformance with the layout provided. Minor changes to the layout may be allowed as determined by the Planning & Development Director. In no case will a less conforming layout be allowed.
- 2. Curb cuts onto Austin Graybill Rd must be approved by SCDOT.

SECTION 7: ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Site Photos
- 2) Aerial
- 3) Topography
- 4) Current Zoning
- 5) Future Land Use
- 6) Public Notice
- 7) Application Materials
- cc. James O'Loughlin, UHS, Inc., via email Ty Cole, GA Studio/BLOX, via email

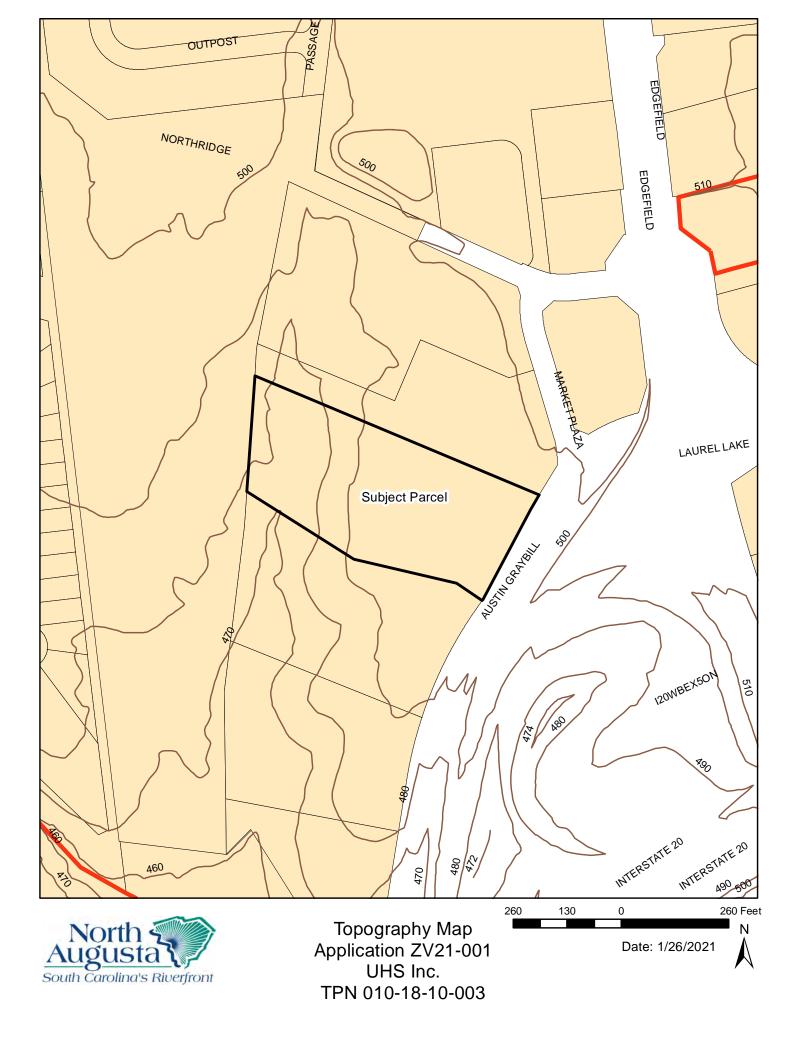


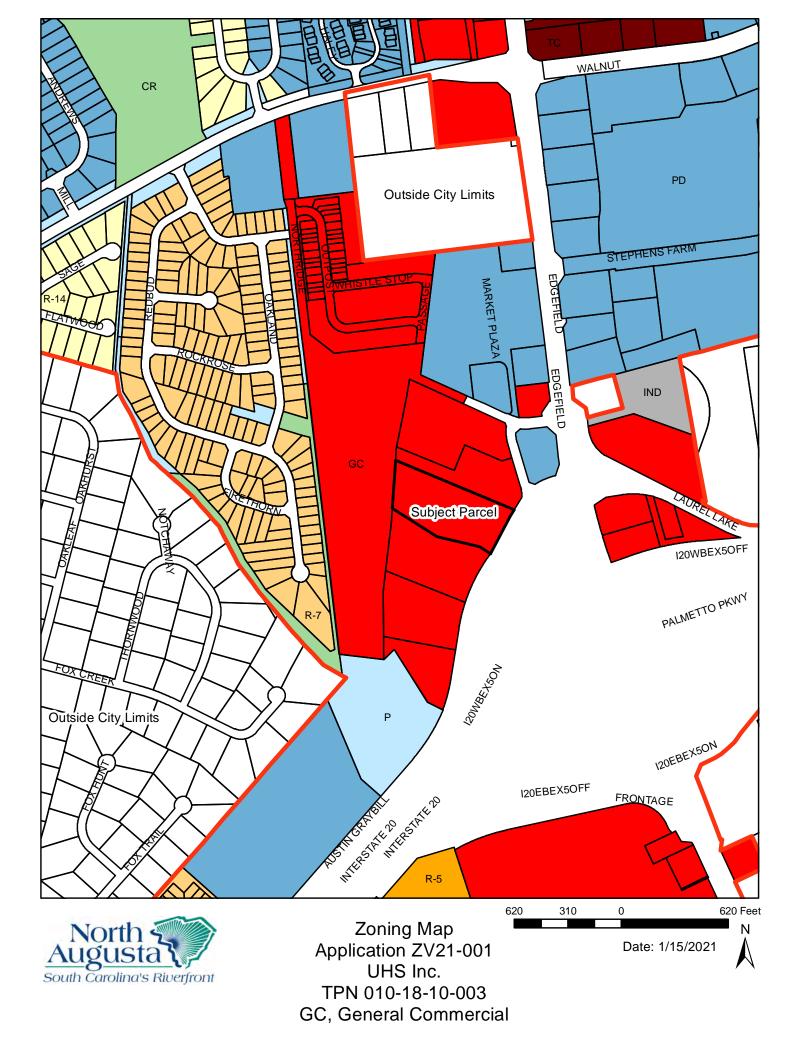


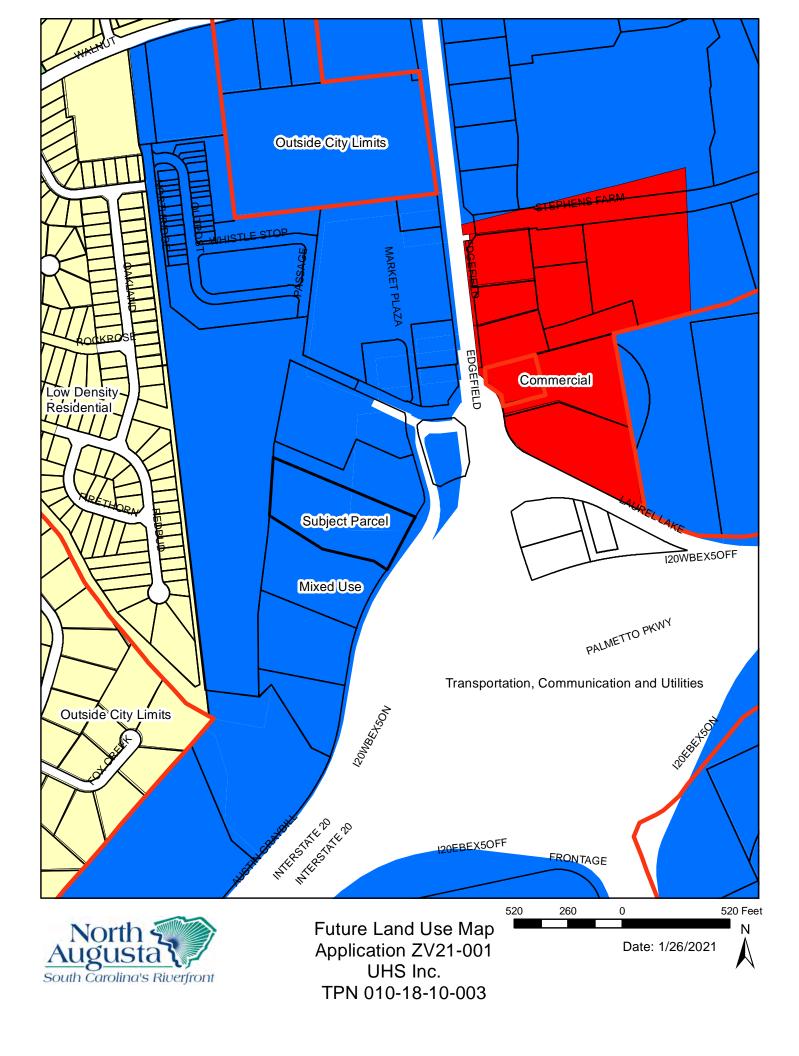
Aerial Map Application ZV21-001 UHS Inc. TPN 010-18-10-003

Date: 1/27/2021

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100 Georgia Avenue North Augusta, SC 29841-3843

Post Office Box 6400 North Augusta, SC 29861-6400

City of North Augusta

January 15, 2021

RE: A request by UHS Inc. for a variance to allow a front setback greater than the maximum permitted in the North Augusta Development Code, Article 3, Zoning Districts, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards, for the GC, General Commercial zoning district. The request affects a proposed hospital and freestanding emergency department on ±4.55 acres located on Austin Graybill Road and Town Center Drive, TPN 010-18-10-003.

<u>Please note</u>: Your property is not included in the variance request. You are receiving this notice only because you own property within 200 feet of the proposed project area.

Dear North Augusta Property Owner or Current Resident:

The Department of Planning and Development has received a request by UHS Inc. for a variance to allow a front setback greater than the maximum permitted in the North Augusta Development Code, Article 3, Zoning Districts, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards, for the GC, General Commercial zoning district. The request affects a proposed hospital and freestanding emergency department on ±4.55 acres located on Austin Graybill Road and Town Center Drive, TPN 010-18-10-003. A map of the project area is enclosed, along with a copy of the public hearing notice that will be published in *The Star* on January 20, 2021.

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing at its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2021, via virtual GoToMeeting. Following the hearing, the Board of Zoning Appeals will consider and decide on the application.

Due to COVID-19, please visit <u>www.northaugusta.net</u> for any updates to meeting format, location or procedures prior to the meeting.

Documents related to the application will be available for review after January 28, 2021 in the offices of the Department of Planning and Development, Municipal Center, 2nd Floor, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina and online at <u>www.northaugusta.net</u>.

Residents and property owners interested in expressing a view on these cases are encouraged to provide written comments via email to <u>planning@northaugusta.net</u>, or by phone at 803-441-4221 by Noon (12pm) on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

If you have any questions about this application or need additional information, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 803-441-4221.

Sincerely,

Libby Hodges, AICP, Director Department of Planning and Development

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Planning & Development Office 803.441.4221 Fax 803.441.4232

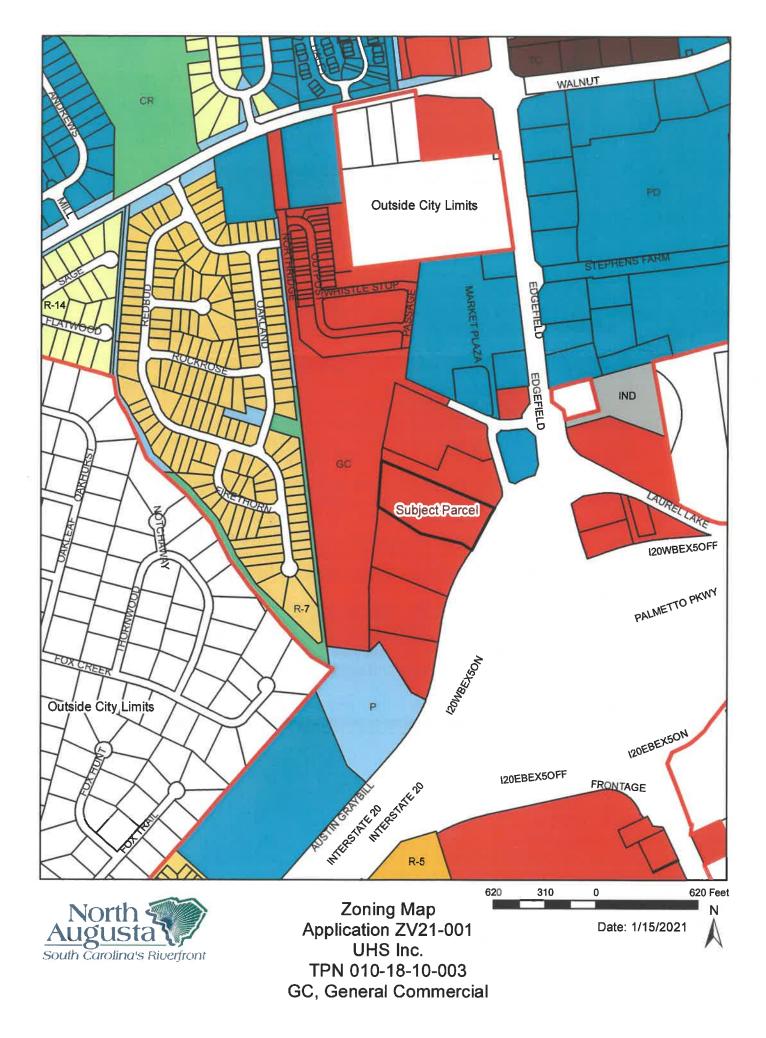
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City of North Augusta, South Carolina Board of Zoning Appeals

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 PM on February 4, 2021, via GoToMeeting to receive public input on the following applications:

<u>ZV20-009</u> -- A request by Metro Homesites, LLC for lot widths and side setbacks less than the minimum permitted in the PD, Planned Development zoning district by the R-3 zoning designation defined in the 1976 ZDSO. The request affects a proposed single-family residential development on \pm 70.6 acres located at the end of Mill Stone Lane, TPN 127-00-01-001.

<u>ZV21-001</u>-- A request by UHS Inc. for a front setback greater than the maximum permitted in the GC, General Commercial zoning district by North Augusta Development Code Article 3, Zoning Districts, Table 3-3, Dimensional Standards. The request affects a proposed hospital and freestanding emergency department on ± 4.55 acres located on Austin Graybill Road and Town Center Drive, TPN 010-18-10-003.

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CITIZEN ASSISTANCE:

Individuals needing special assistance or a sign interpreter to participate in the meeting are asked to please notify the Department of Planning and Development at 803-441-4221 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Total Project Acreag	e 4.55	Current Zoning General Commercial
Tax Parcel Number(s) <u>0101810003</u>	
2. Applicant/Owner Nar	me James O'Loughlin	Applicant Phone
Mailing Address <u>302</u>	2 University Parkway	
City Aiken	ST SC Zip	29801 Email
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Applicant or Designated Agent Signature

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Print Applicant or Agent Name

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Aiken Regional Medical Centers, located in Aiken, South Carolina, A subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS), Subject Property: Sweetwater Freestanding Emergency Department, (FED) 474 Austin Graybill Rd Austin Graybill Road (160, Site #3 Austin Graybill Road) TBD on Town Center Drive North Augusta, SC 29860 Site #3, Tax Parcel Number: 010-18-10-003 GC ZONING & USE VERIFICATION: Walnut Village, Tax PID 010-18-09-001

City of N. Augusta Planning Department,

Let it be known the following information represents the Subject Property as referenced above. Thank you for your assistance reviewing and confirming this information for use and preparation for the purpose of variance request to heard by the board of zoning appeals as appropriately submitted for the February 4th public meeting.

REFERENCE ZONING SECTION:

Section 3.5 has a written description of the Dimensional Standards of Table 3-3. <u>https://www.northaugusta.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=14807</u>



Exhibits:

- 1. Alta Survey Site #3 for Subject Property
- 2. Site Plan (showing dimensions in RED)
- 3. Building Elevations (showing dimensions in RED)
- 4. Reference Drawing Walnut Village Sheet 3 of 4_Site #3

Hardship Conditions (H)

Requesting variance of "Article 3, Paragraph 3.5.7.6, Table 3-3, Row 9 GC (General Commercial), Column J, Maximum Front Setback (80')

Hardship: (I) Defined for Site #3, Subject Property:

1. An unnecessary hardship exists;

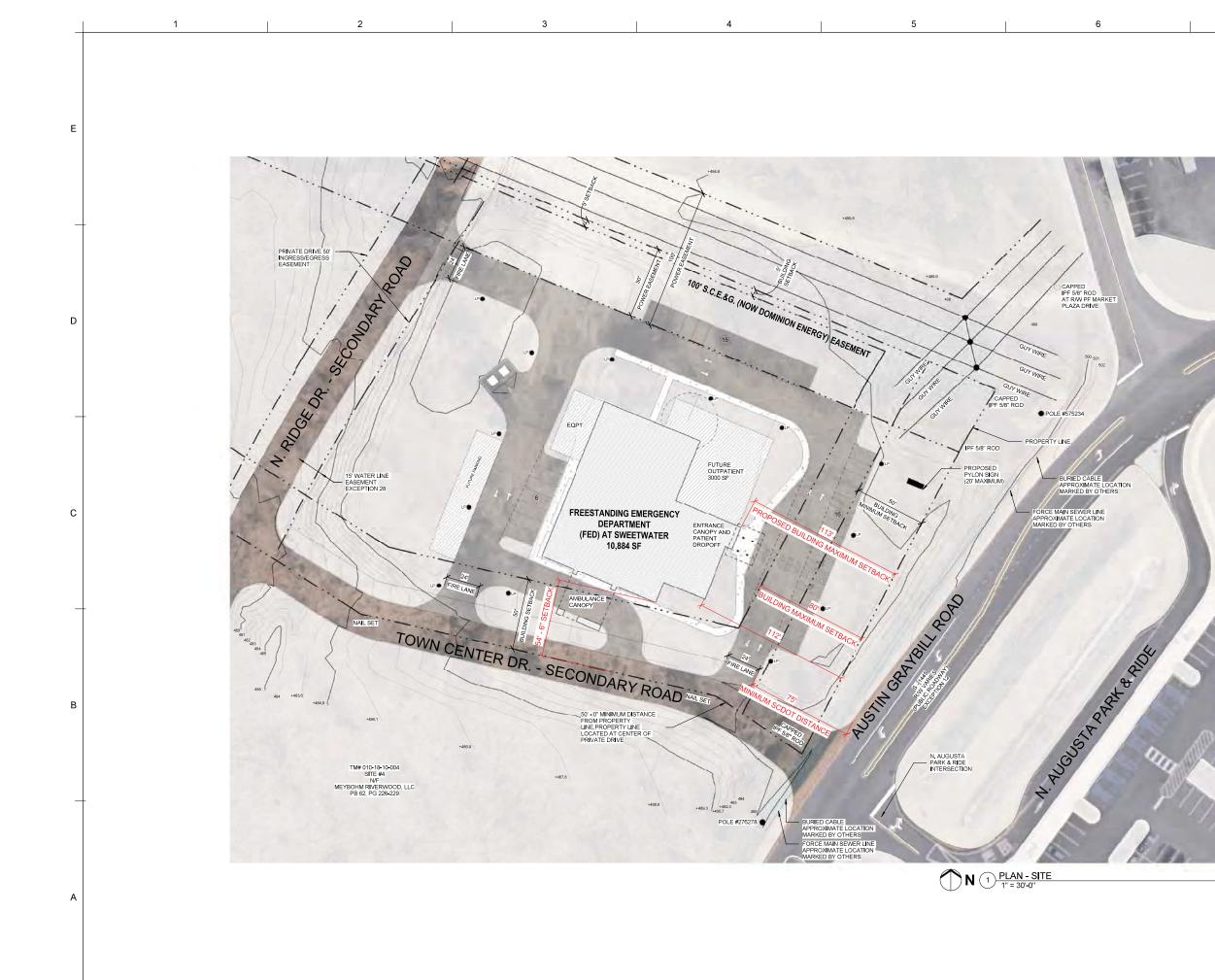
a. Access to the subject property is determined by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). For this development, the specific SCDOT requirements will not allow direct access to the site from Austin Graybill Road. The secondary roads onto this development are there to allow access to all sites fronting Austin Graybill Road. In this case, access to this site would be directed to the secondary road at the (new) intersection across from N. Augusta Park & Ride.

2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;

- a. Since SCDOT requires entrance to the property from the secondary road, it also requires a safe deceleration distance before a turn-in onto the site from the intersection. SCDOT standards require a minimum 75' distance from front of curb at Austin Graybill Road to front of curb onto the property. This requirement is determined by SCDOT safety practices for vehicles decelerating and turning onto a property. Once this vehicular site access is established, this is dictating the location of the front of the Freestanding Emergency Department's entrance.
- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
 - a. Where adjacent property owners can access their site directly from Austin Graybill Road, these criteria would not apply to them. The SCDOT safety guidelines dictate site access to this development being from a secondary road.
- 4. Because of these conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property;
 - a. The first possible access to the site on the secondary road per SCDOT guidelines is very close to the 80' maximum building setback, the irregular shape of the site at this area adjacent to Austin Graybill Road, the Fire Marshal's 24 foot fire truck lane surrounding the property requirement, Dominion Energy's 50 foot power easement to the north of the site not allowing the fire truck lane to be in that easement, the Facilities Guideline Institute (FGI) for Outpatient & Hospital Facilities requirement for clearly marked and covered ingress for patients from the parking lot directly into the main entry of the building and the smaller lot width caused by the power easement all contribute to not being able to shift the building further than shown in relationship of the 80' maximum building setback and keep all the access requirements for the FED.
- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed. The authorization of a variance will create no undue potential for excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18);
 - a. The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed. The authorization of this variance will not create undue potential for excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity that is not already allowed.

Please refer to Exhibit 2 Site Plan illustrating the proposed building and site configuration with the 80' Maximum Setback and as referenced showing dimensions in RED.

In conclusion this package is prepared for consideration by the BZA for an additional 33' variance to the 80' Maximum Setback, increasing it to 113' with the building as shown on the proposed site drawing submitted due to the hardships listed above.



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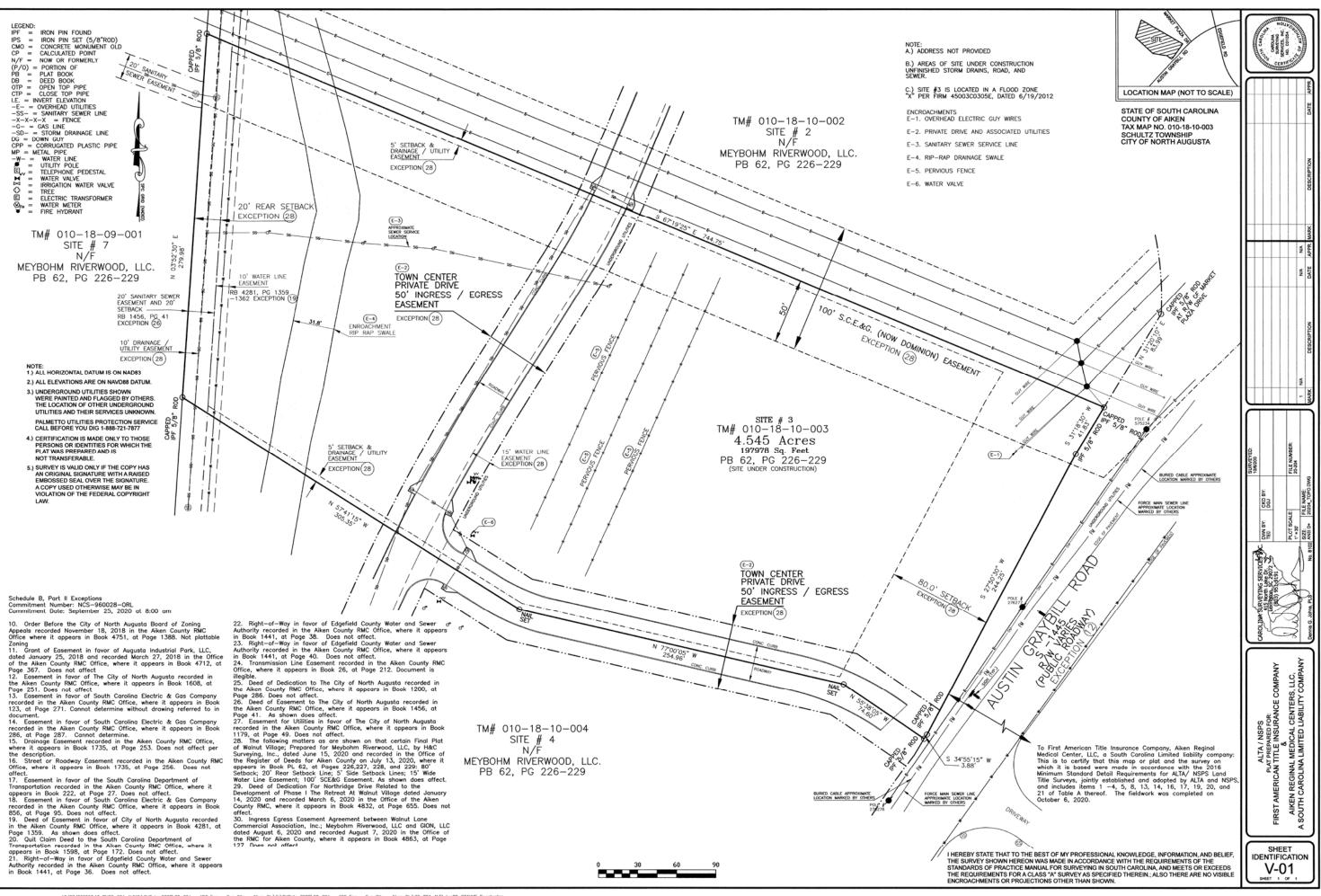
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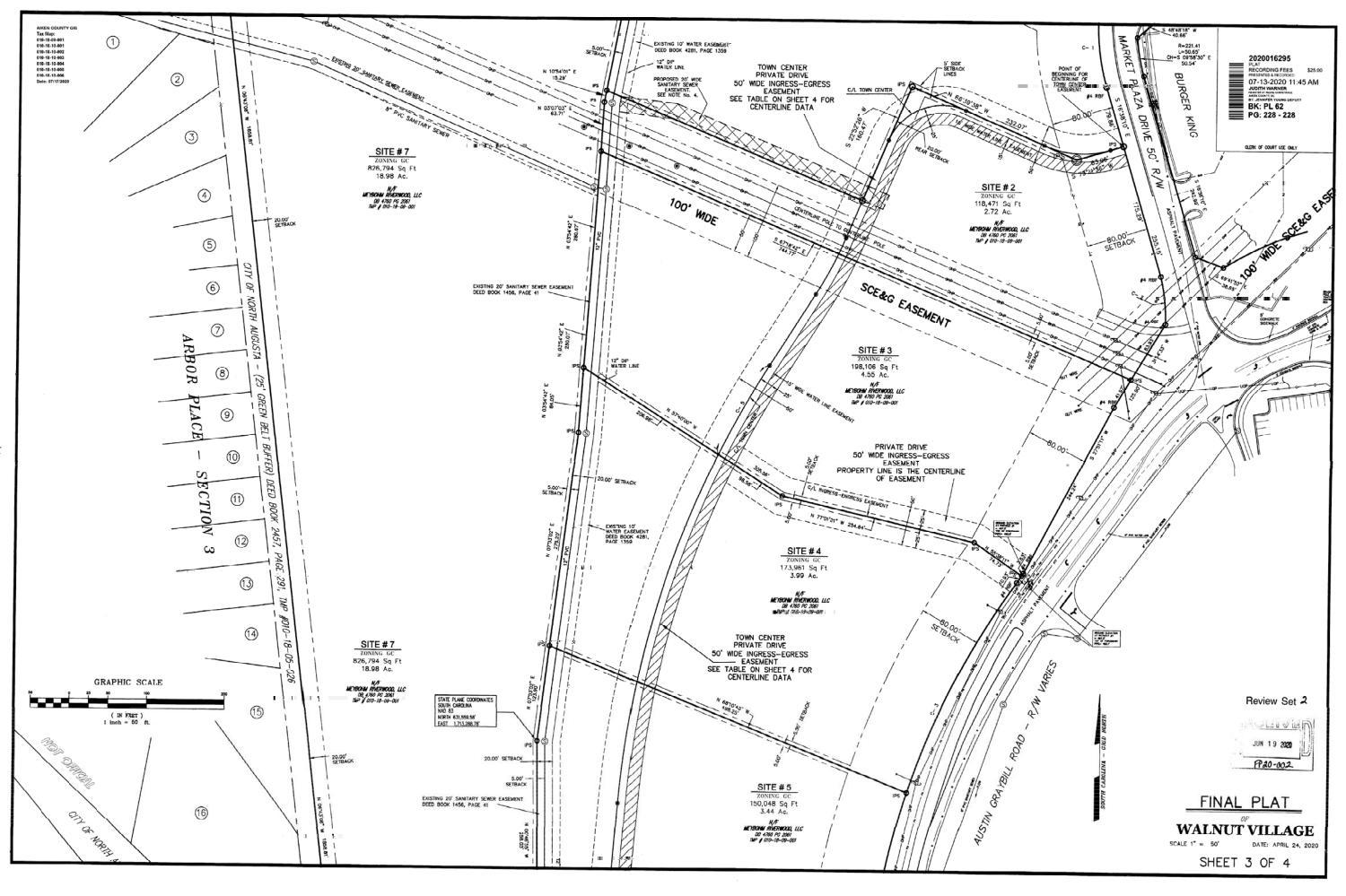
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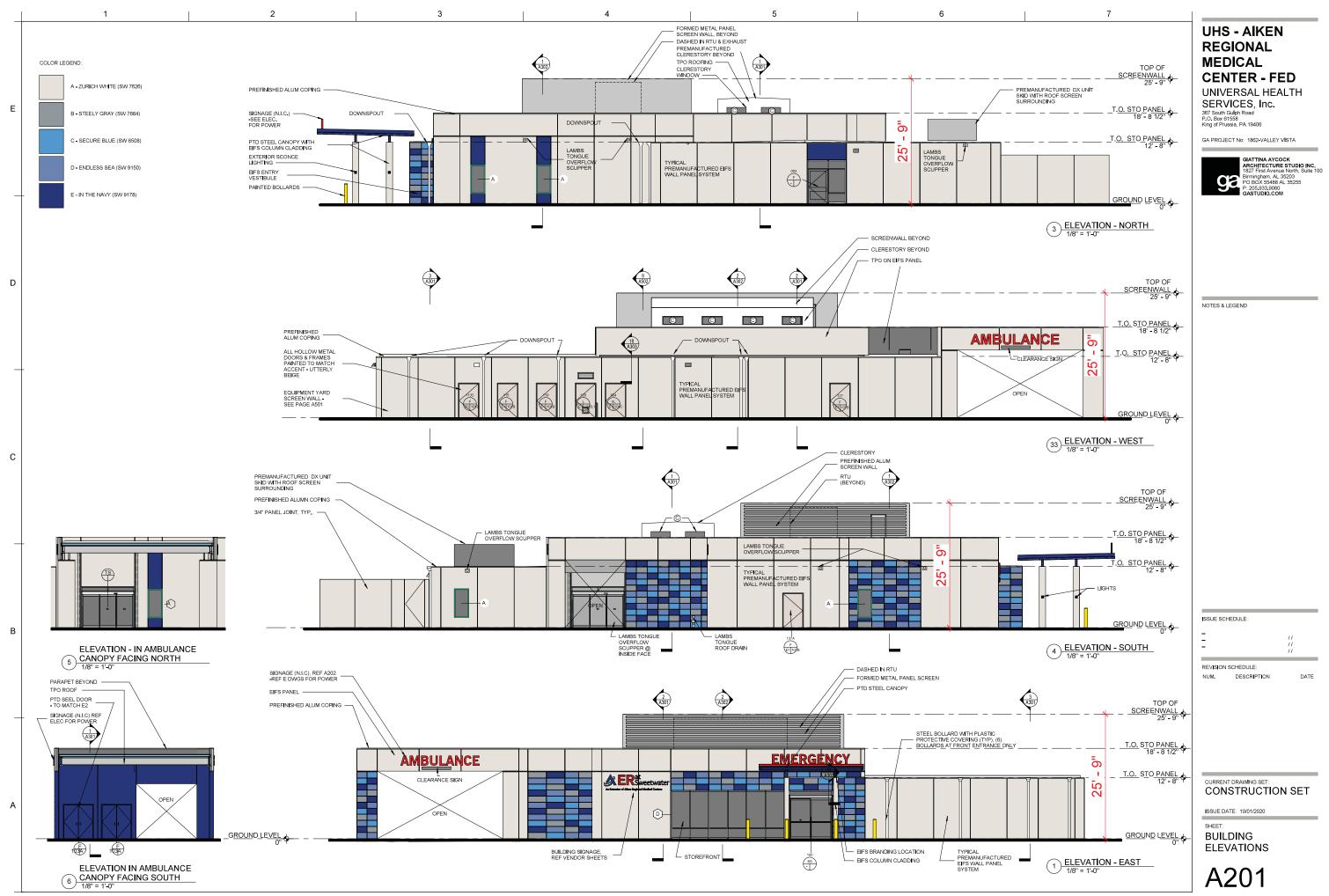
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