

# **Board of Zoning Adjustment**

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June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Pre-meeting – 3:30 p.m. (7<sup>th</sup> Floor)

Meeting – 4:00 p.m. (Council Chambers)

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#### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Delayne Dean, Mr. Chester Ayers, Mr. Jeremy Goforth, and

Mr. Tom Polk

**SUPERNUMERARIES:** 

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Ruth Priest, Assistant City Attorney

Mr. Tommie Williams, Planner

Mr. Josiah Harris, Planning Administrative Assistant II

Mr. Bob Sims, Building Inspector

Mr. John Waggoner, Inspector Manager and Recorder

Chair Delayne Dean called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the council chambers on the first floor at City Hall.

Chair asked that role be called. Present as noted above.

Chair asked if the April minutes required any corrections. There were no corrections made. Mr. Jeremy Goforth motioned to approve the minutes Mr. Tom Polk seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all yes, the motion carried. The minutes from the April 2024 meeting were approved.

#### CASE NO. 1

Application and appeal of Ronald Stokes for a four (4) feet side yard set-back variance from Section 25-10 (2) (e.) (2.) to construct a detached accessory structure one (1) foot from the side property line located at 1018 Sherman Street SE. The property is located in an R-3-H, Single Family Residential District.

Ronald Stokes presented this case to the Board. Mr. Stokes stated his name and address as 1018 Sherman St SE Decatur. Mr. Stokes stated he would like to build a detached garage at the rear of the property for additional parking. Mr. Stokes stated the neighbor's fence exists 8 feet inside of the neighbor's property line. Mr. Stokes stated if they set the garage back 5 feet from the property line he would be losing 13 feet of back yard. Mr. Stokes stated he would like to build 1 foot away from the property line so the garage would line up with the house.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the set-back variance. Chester Ayers made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

#### CASE NO. 2

Application and appeal of Don Merritt for relief from an administrative decision to deny a building permit and a variance from Section 25-10.8 (2) (f.) to construct a new single family dwelling located at 3814 Danville Road SW. The property is located in an AG-1, Agricultural District.

Don Merritt presented this case to the Board. Mr. Merritt stated his name and address as 4214 Old Moulton Road. Mr. Merritt stated he is requesting a variance for 3814 Danville Road SW.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the lot width variance. Tom Polk made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

#### CASE NO. 3

Application and appeal of Michael Taylor for relief from an administrative decision to deny a building permit and a variance from Section 25-2 (1) to construct a detached accessory structure in the side yard located at 2801 Wisteria Place SE. Property is located in an R-1, Residential District.

Michael Taylor presented this case to the Board. Mr. Taylor stated his name and as 2801 Wisteria Place SE. Mr. Taylor stated he is requesting a variance to build a carport in the side yard. Chair asked if there is currently a garage on site. Mr. Taylor stated yes. Chair asked if this variance is for a carport that will share the same driveway. Mr. Taylor stated yes.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the variance. Chester Ayers made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

#### CASE NO. 4

Application and appeal of River City Pentecostals for a use permitted on appeal from Section 25-10 to construct a new church located in the South East corner at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a parcel number of 02 06 13 1 006 002.000. Property is located in an R-4, Multi-Family Residential District.

Pastor Jones presented this case to the Board. Pastor Jones stated his name and address for the appeal as the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Pastor Jones stated the land was donated to the church and they would like a variance to construct a new church. Chair stated the request is for a use permitted on appeal. Chair stated if approved the church must still adhere to the requirements for parking and construction of the church.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. Tommie Williams stated to be mindful of the small lot. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the use permitted on appeal. Chester Ayers made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

#### CASE NO. 5

Application and appeal of Brandon Lopez for a ten and ninety eight one hundredths (10.98) feet front yard set-back variance from Section 25-10.10 (2) (c.) to construct a new single family dwelling nineteen and two one hundredths (19.02) feet from the front property line located at 1311 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Property is located in an R-3, Single Family Residential District.

Brandon Lopez presented this case to the Board. Mr. Lopez stated his name and address as 1311 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Mr. Lopez stated he is requesting a 10.98 feet front yard set-back variance. Mr. Lopez stated existing homes in the neighborhood are situated close to the road and the old house was even closer. Mr. Lopez stated he is planning to build a new house 19.02 feet from the road.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the front yard set-back variance. Tom Polk made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

### CASE NO. 6

Application and appeal of Coastal Oaks LLC dba Signarama for a forty seven (47) square feet sign area variance from Section 25-77 (e) (2) to install a sign for a thrift store located at 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Suite 1. Property is located in a B-2, General Business District.

Chris Lang presented this case to the Board. Mr. Lang stated he is the manager for Signarama. Mr. Lang stated the client is moving from their Madison location to Decatur and wants to relocate their sign. Mr. Lang stated he would like to ask for a sign area variance to install the sign at the new location. Routh Priest asked Mr. Lang if he had the authority to represent Signarama. Mr. Lang stated yes. Routh Priest stated that Mr. Lang would have to amend the application as representative.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the sign area variance. Tom Polk made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

#### CASE NO. 7

Application and appeal of Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Inc. for a use permitted on appeal for boarding houses from Section 25-12.2 to construct a sixteen (16) bed mental health facility located at 4204 Highway 31 South. Property is located in an I-D, Institutional District.

Chair stated Tom Polk must recuse himself from this case because of previous involvement with the architect as a City of Decatur employee, and therefore the case must be tabled until next month meeting due to lack of necessary votes.

#### CASE NO. 8

Application and appeal of Ming Commercial Real Estate Group for:

- (1) an off street parking variance for 3 parking spaces from Section 25-16 (2) (f) to provide a total of 30 parking spaces
- (2) a twenty one (21) feet sign set-back variance along McGlathery Lane SE Section 25-77 (e) (3)
- (3) a ten (10) feet sign set-back variance along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE from Section 25-77 (e) (3)
- (4) a seven (7) feet sign height variance for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue side from Section 25-77 (e) (3) and a nineteen and five tenths (19.5) feet sign height variance for the McGlathery Lane side from Section 25-77 (e)
- (5) a fourteen and six tenths (14.6) square feet sign area variance from Section 25-78 (d)

to install a sign and construct a new Starbucks restaurant located in the North East corner at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and McGlathery Lane SE. Property is located in an M-1, Light Industry District.

William Ming presented this case to the Board. Mr. Ming stated his name and address as 116 North Marion Street Athens Alabama and is with Ming Commercial Realty. Mr. Ming stated they are the developer for the new Starbucks. Mr. Ming stated this lot is adjacent to Culvers and has been vacant for a long time. Mr. Ming stated the lot started with .9 acres and was reduced to .7 after required right of ways were established for McGlathery Lane. Mr. Ming stated 30 parking spaces is all the parking that would fit on-site. Mr. Ming stated all of the sign variances are related to the pole sign and the only location it can be placed on the lot. Mr. Ming stated if they moved the sign to the other side it would block Culvers sign.

Chair asked for questions from the Board. None. Chair asked for questions or comments from the public. None. Chair asked for comments from the Building Department. None. Chair asked for comments from the Planning Department. None. Chair closed call for public testimony. Chair asked the Board for its ruling. Jeremy Goforth made a motion to vote on the parking and sign area variances. Chester Ayers made a second. Chair called for role. All yes, the motion was approved.

Chair asked for any new business. No	one	
Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.		
Delayne Dean, Chair		

#### **AGENDA**

#### CASE NO. 1

Application and appeal of Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Inc. for a use permitted on appeal for boarding houses from Section 25-12.2 to construct a 16 bed mental health facility located at 4204 Highway 31 South. The property is located in an I-D, Institutional District.

#### CASE NO.2

Application and appeal of Jason Pitts for a use permitted on appeal from Section 25-11 for on premise sale of alcoholic beverages to operate a lounge in The Little Cigar shop located at 110 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE. The property is located in a B-5, Central Business District.

#### CASE NO. 3

Application and appeal of Adam Weiger for a:

- (1) 12 feet rear yard set-back variance from Section 25-10.8 (2) (d.) to construct a covered porch
- (2) 2.67 feet side yard set-back variance from Section 25-10.8 (2) (e.) to construct a master bathroom addition,
- (3) variance from Section 25-2 (1) to construct a detached accessory structure in the side yard

located at 4403 Shawnee Circle SE. The property is located in an R-1, Single Family Residential District.

#### CASE NO. 4

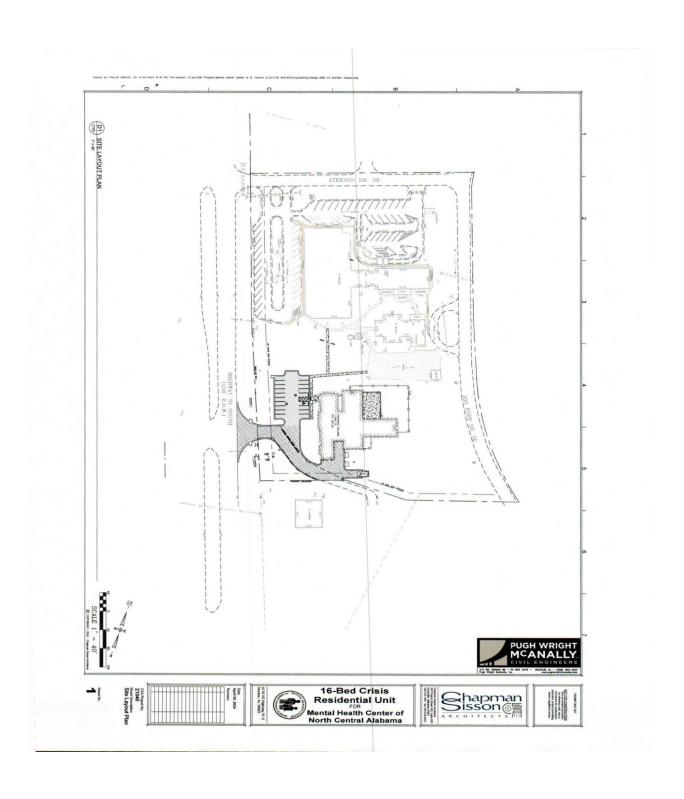
Application and appeal of John Mizell for a 13 feet rear yard set-back variance from Section 25-10.9 (2) (d.) to construct a pergola with a metal roof located at 702 Appaloosa Lane SW. The property is located in an R-2, Single Family Residential District.

#### CASE NO. 5

Application and appeal of Burney & Burney LLC for a 10 feet set-back variance from Section 25-77 (e) (3) to install a 33.04 square feet sign located at 433 Johnston Street SE. The property is located in a B-2, General Business District.

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402 Lee St NE 1st Floor Council Chamber	Board of Zoning Adjustment
APPLICANT: MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF NORTH	
MAILING ADDR: 1316 SOMERVILLE ROAD SE, SU	TE 1
CITY, STATE, ZIP: DECATUR, AL 35601	
PHONE: (256) 260-7324	
PROPERTY OWNER: MENTAL HEALTH CENTER C	F NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA INC.
OWNER ADDR: 1316 SOMERVILLE ROAD SE, SU	TE 1
CITY, STATE, ZIP: DECATUR, AL 35601	PHONE: (256) 260-7324
ADDRESS FOR APPEAL: 4204 HIGHWAY 31 SOUTH	1
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## CASE NO.1 4204 HIGHWAY 31 SOUTH



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#### ORDINANCE NO. 24-4581

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ALABAMA as follows:

#### Zoning Text Amendment 249-24

The effect of the proposed amendment will be to amend Section 25-11.

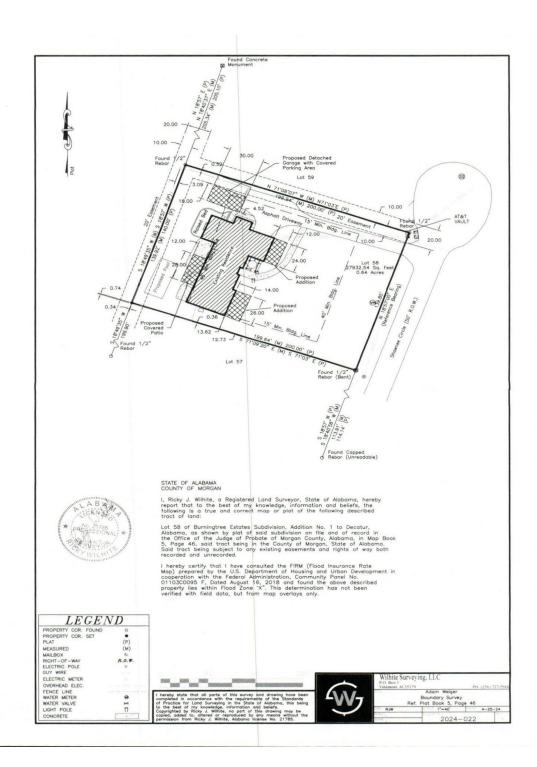
Section 1: That the paragraph entitled uses permitted and uses permitted on appeal of the subsection entitled B-5 (Central business district) of section 25-11 business district requirements is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 25-11 - Business district requirements; B-5 (Central Business District)

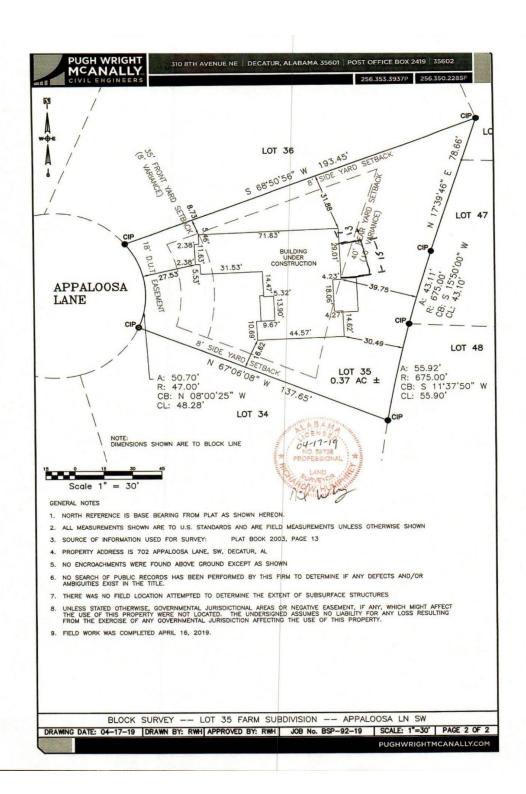
Uses permitted: Off premises sale of alcoholic beverages; On premises sale of table wine; restaurants; On premises sale of alcoholic beverages by the Princess Theatre Center for the Performing Arts and any other valid responsible organization of good reputation, if duly licensed as a special retail licensee; on premises sale of alcoholic beverages by duly licensed restaurants; and on premises sale of alcoholic beverages by lounges located in and constituting an integral part of a restaurant licensed by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to sell alcoholic beverages as a restaurant; and on premises sale by a lounge located in, and constituting an integral part of a hotel or motel having fifty (50) or more rooms for rent to the public; residential dwellings (multiple family or single family); provided that such dwellings conform to all requirements set forth in the residential zoning requirements (section 25-10) other than the maximum height provision, setback requirements, lot size, and parking set forth therein, which shall not be applicable. Retail stores and markets, including the following types: food, general merchandise; apparel; furniture; household and hardware; radio and T.V.; drugs and sundries; jewelry and gifts; florists; sporting goods; and similar types. Services including the following types: dry cleaning and laundry pickup stations; event venues, filling stations, provided however that gasoline storage above ground is prohibited; barber shops and beauty shops; shoe repair; offices; hotels; motels; post offices; banks; theaters and similar services. Public buildings, including public schools and libraries; public utilities; semi-public buildings; municipal, county, state and federal buildings; gardens; playgrounds and parks.

Uses permitted on appeal: Class 1 restaurants; On premises sale of alcoholic beverages with the intent that possible impacts on nearby citizens who live or have businesses should be addressed during the board of zoning adjustment hearing process; clubs; on premises and off premises sale of alcoholic beverages by clubs when duly licensed as a class I club by the City of Decatur and the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board under and pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Code; and on premises and off premises sale of beer and table wine by food establishments other than any classification of restaurant which have monthly gross receipts from the serving of meals and food that constitute at least sixty (60) percent of the monthly gross receipts of the business; architecturally compatible accessory structures may be permitted as a use permitted on appeal for a residential use; brewpubs as defined by Chapter 4A of Title 28 the Code of Alabama (Alabama Brewpub Act) and subject to all requirements of that chapter, as last amended; dry cleaners and laundries; manufacturing incidental to a retail business where articles are sold at retail on the premises, for only those uses specifically permitted.

	Case #3
402 Lee St NE 1st Floor Council Chamber	<b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b>
APPLICANT: Adam Weiger	
MAILING ADDR:4403 Shawnee Cir Se	
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Decatur, AL 35603	
PHONE:256-836-4473	
PROPERTY OWNER: Adam & Linda Weiger	
OWNER ADDR: "Same as above" 4403 Shawnee	Cir SE
CITY, STATE, ZIP:Decatur, AL35603	PHONE: 256-836-4473
ADDRESS FOR APPEAL: 4403 Shawnee	Cir. SF
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402 Lee St NE 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Council Chamber		<b>Board of Zoning Adjustment</b>
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CITY, STATE, ZIP: Toney &	16 35773	
PHONE: 256-656-3809		
PROPERTY OWNER: Cordon	Dunn	
OWNER ADDR: 702 Appar	Loss a LN	
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Decadur 1		NE: 256-834-1543
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Signature John C MA	representative for the	Zone R-2
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Date 6/10/21/		



	Case #5
402 Lee St NE 1st Floor Council Chamber	Board of Zoning Adjustment
APPLICANT: Burney & Burney	
MAILING ADDR: PO Box 1474	
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Decatur, Al 35602	
PHONE: _256-350-9988	
PROPERTY OWNER: Burney Properties	
OWNER ADDR: 433 Johnston st SE	
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Decatur, Al 35601	PHONE: 256.350.9988
ADDRESS FOR APPEAL: 433 Johnster	ast SE Decator AL 3564
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