

Planning & Zoning Department



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TO: Hall County Planning and Development Department

RE: Amend Zoning Condition Number 15 for 3902 Belmont Hwy., Gainesville, Ga. 30507

To whom it may concern,

Mr. Gus Simpson, the Owner of 3902 Belmont Hwy., Gainesville, Ga. 30507, formally request that zoning condition number 15, as stated in a letter from the Hall County Board of Commissioners dated November 13, 2023, be amended.

Condition number 15 states that, "There shall be a decel lane and turning lane added in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOT) specifications. "

To address condition 15, on February 27, 2024, a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Jason Dykes, PE., District Traffic Engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT criteria for turning lanes and deceleration lanes were reviewed and it was determined that this project proposed daily traffic flow is well below GDOT's specifications that would require a turning lane and even a deceleration lane. Design specifications were provided and discussed with concerns that construction may exceed outside of the existing Right-of-way. Mr. Dykes suggested that a preliminary layout and grading design be done to determine any conflicts.

Field run topography was obtained along Belmont Hwy. and a preliminary layout and grading design for a turning lane and deceleration lane was provided by Mr. James Irvin with Foothills Land Design. A copy of these drawings is provided with this request. These drawings show that in order to adhere to GDOT Specifications, the proposed grading for both the turning and deceleration lanes do in fact encroach outside the existing R/W onto the neighboring properties. The neighboring property owners are not willing to sale any land for additional Right-of-way. Without the additional R/W, the turning lane and deceleration cannot physical be constructed,

Due to these conflicts, it is formally requested that condition 15 verbiage be revised to state that the proposed entrance must be permitted with the Georgia Department of Transportation per GDOT specifications.

Thank You in advance for considering this request.