
Fire Comments

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TUESDAY, September 2, 2025 Hall County Planning Commission Meeting

1. [1604 & 1608 Whiting Drive, & 1790 Browns Bridge Road | Variance to Section 5.3.1 | to reduce the minimum yards | on a combined 0.90± acre tract located on the northeast side of Whiting Road at its intersection with Browns Bridge Road | Zoned R-1 & H-B; Tax Parcels 00123 007016, 007015 & 007017 | Proposed use: Commercial addition & to bring an existing structure into compliance | * Commission District 4 | Gerardo Vargas, applicant](#)

1. Hall County Fire Marshal comments: The existing structure according to GIS has an aggregate square footage of 10,556 SF, the applicant wants to add an additional 1445 SF onto the building which will total 12,001 SF. Depending on the construction type, area, and height a fire protection system might have to be installed in vehicle repair and storage occupancies as required by the International Building Code. See State Modification Chapter 42 Section 42.3.5.2

2. If approved all commercial buildings greater than 12,000 SF or 2 stories or greater in height will be required to have an emergency responder radio frequency test completed to determine the radio signal strength inside the building, any building failing the test will be required to have a bi-directional antenna system designed, installed, and certified.

Regards,

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