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## Fire Comment

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**Thursday, March 26**

[2567 Athens Highway](#) | [Special Use](#) | to allow vehicle repair, major in GCOD | on a 4.17± acre tract located on the east side of Athens Highway approximately 312 feet from its intersection with Barrett Road | Zoned I-1; Tax Parcel [15023 000022](#) | [Proposed use: Vehicle Repair, Major](#) | [Commission District 3](#) | [Gerardo Vargas, applicant](#)

**Hall County Fire Marshal Comments:**

1. International Fire Code Section 102.3- A change of occupancy shall not be made unless the use or occupancy is made to comply with the requirements of the International Fire Code, International Building Code, and NFPA 101 Life Safety. If approved alterations, additions, changes to the structure and floor plan will require plans to be completed by a registered design professional and submitted for review and approval by the Hall County Fire Marshal's Office before permits for construction are issued. One area in particular that will require permitting is the paint booth which will have to meet all the applicable International Fire Code requirements of section 2404.3.3 Spray Booths.
2. International Fire Code Section 105.3.3 Occupancy Prohibited Before Approval – If approved the building shall not be occupied prior to the fire code official conducting associated inspections indicating the applicable provisions of the fire code have been met.

Regards,

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