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### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT

Case Number: SUP2023-00065

**Current Zoning:** R-100 (Single-Family Residence District)

**Request:** Special Use Permit

Address: 1307 Webb Gin House Road

Map Number:R5087 146Site Area:10.01 acresSquare Feet:18.802

**Proposed Development:** Daycare Facility (Renewal)

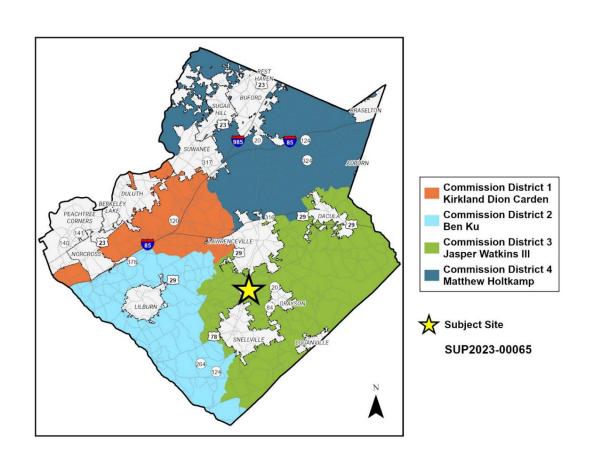
**Commission District:** District 3 – Commissioner Watkins III

Character Area: Community Mixed-Use

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

**Planning Commission** 

Recommendation: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS



1302 Grayson Highway 1307 Webb Gin House Road Lawrenceville, GA 30045 Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Contact: Jeremiah Schmiege Contact Phone: 770.713.9666

#### **Zoning History**

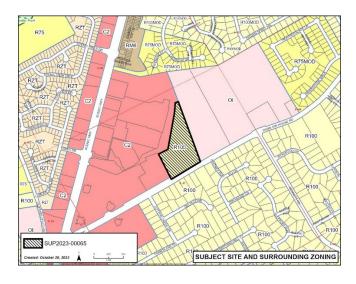
The subject property is zoned R-100 (Single-Family Residence District). In 1997, a special use permit was obtained for the proposed use of a private school, pursuant to SUP-97-122. In 2002, an additional special permit with a change in the conditions for the reduction of the setback of the recreational field to the adjacent residences was approved, pursuant to SUP-02-101. In 2021 the subject property was approved for a special use permit for a daycare facility, pursuant to SUP2021-00074. This special use permit request is a renewal of the previously approved special use permit in 2021.

#### **Existing Site Condition**

The subject site is a 10.01-acre developed parcel located along Webb Gin House Road, east of its intersection with Scenic Highway. The site contains a one-story, 9,126 square foot place of worship with an additional one-story, 9,676 square foot education building. A playground and recreational field are located along the eastern property line. Surface parking is located throughout the site including 71 paved parking spaces. An existing detention pond is located north of the education building. The site is accessed via a full-access driveway on Webb Gin House Road. There is an existing sidewalk along the frontage of Webb Gin House Road. The site slopes downward approximately 30 feet from the road frontage to the rear of the property. The nearest Gwinnett County Transit stop is approximately 2.4 miles from the subject property.

#### Surrounding Use and Zoning

The subject property is surrounded by commercial, residential, and institutional uses. The Shoppes at Webb Ginn, a multi-tenant shopping center is located to the north and west. Cotton Creek, a single-family detached subdivision and a single-family detached residence on a large lot are located south of the site across Webb Gin House Road. A large parcel containing a vacant single-family residence is located to the east of the property. The following is a summary of surrounding uses and zoning:



Location	Land Use	Zoning	Density
Proposed	Daycare Facility	C-2	N/A
North	Commercial	C-2	N/A
East	Single-Family Residential	O-I	N/A
South	South Single-Family Residential		1.69 units per acre
West	Senior Apartments	C-2	N/A

#### **Project Summary**

The applicant requests renewal of a special use permit for a 10.01-acre property zoned R-100 (Single-Family Residence) for a Daycare Facility, including:

- A preschool program for three and four-year-old students within the existing private school and place of worship campus.
- A 9,126 square-foot place of worship containing a sanctuary, offices, restrooms, and two classrooms. The place of worship contains the existing preschool classrooms.
- A 9,676 square-foot education building containing a gathering space, office, kitchen, restrooms, and five classrooms.
- A playground and recreational field to the east of the education building.
- Surface parking lot with 71 parking spaces.
- No changes were made to the existing building to accommodate the preschool.
- Hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 19 enrolled pre-school students with a capacity for 24 students.
- The preschool will comply with Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning licensure regulations.
- No code enforcement violations are recorded for the site. Therefore, an additional sunset period
  is not included in the staff recommended conditions.

#### **Zoning and Development Standards**

The applicant is requesting renewal of special use permit for a daycare facility in R-100, (Single-Family Residential District). The following is a summary of applicable development standards from the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):

Standard	Required	Proposed	Meets Standard?
Building Height	Maximum 35'	<35'	YES
Front Yard Setback	Minimum 50'	>50'	YES
Side Yard Setback	Minimum 25'	>25'	YES
Rear Yard Setback	Minimum 40'	>40'	YES
Off-street Parking	Off-street Parking Minimum 58 spaces		YES
	Maximum 144 spaces		
Landscape Strip	Minimum 10'	10'	YES

#### **Internal and External Agency Review**

In addition to these Development Standards, the applicant must meet all other UDO requirements related to infrastructure improvements. Internal and External agency review comments are attached (Exhibit E). Standard site and infrastructure improvements will also be required related to stormwater,

transportation, water, and sewer utilities. Recommended improvements not already required by the UDO have been added as staff recommended conditions.

#### **Staff Analysis**

Special Use Permit Analysis: According to the UDO, the staff analysis and recommendation on each application for a Special Use Permit shall follow the same procedures as those contained in Section 270-20. Emphasis shall be given to the evaluation of characteristics of the proposed use in relationship to neighboring properties and the compatibility of the proposed use with its surroundings. For Special Use Permits, the Department shall evaluate the request and make a recommendation with respect to the standards governing exercise of zoning power as defined in Section 270-20.5. After the evaluation, staff makes the following findings based on the standards of the UDO:

A. Whether a proposed special use permit will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

The site is surrounded by commercial developments to the north and west, a vacant residence to the east, and single-family detached subdivisions to the south. The building is existing and has an established use as a place of worship. The site is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The preschool has been in operation for two years without any violations and exists in conjunction with an existing K-8 private school.

B. Whether a proposed special use permit will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The existing use and usability of adjacent or nearby properties would not be impacted by the zoning change. A private K-8 school exists on the property and the continuation of a preschool will not change the nature of how the site is currently used.

C. Whether the property to be affected by a proposed special use permit has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The property has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

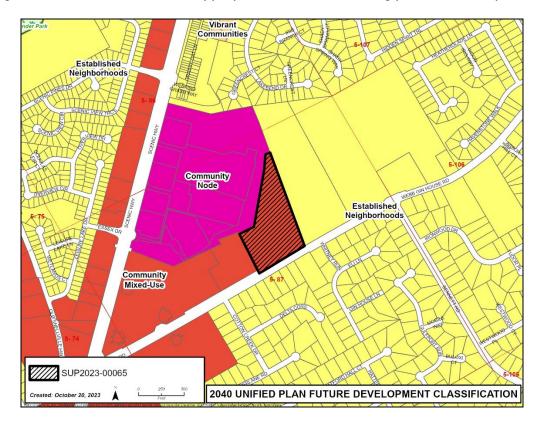
D. Whether the proposed special use permit will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

Minimal impacts on public facilities would be anticipated in the form of traffic, utility demand, and stormwater runoff; however, these impacts would be mitigated with appropriate conditions, site development requirements, and planning. No impact is anticipated on school enrollment. Agency review comments related to any potential improvements concerning this special use permit request are attached (Exhibit E).

E. Whether the proposed special use permit is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Unified Plan and Future Development Map; and

The 2040 Unified Plan and Future Development Map indicates that the subject property lies within the Community Mixed-Use Character Area. This designation is characterized by mixed use developments incorporating mostly commercial uses with some smaller office tenants, and medium to high density residential uses concentrated at major intersections. Since the property

is located within the Community Mixed-Use Character Area, a daycare facility in an established building with a similar use would be appropriate within the existing place of worship.



F. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed special use permit.

The subject property requests renewal of a previously approved special use request for a daycare facility. The special use is an accessory use to an established primary use as a place of worship. Since 2021, no violations exist for the previously approved conditions of approval since 2021. The continuation use of a daycare facility within a place of worship is appropriate at this location as it complements the existing private school and supports neighborhood residents.

#### Staff Recommendation

Based on the staff's evaluation of the request and the standards governing the exercise of zoning power, the Department of Planning and Development recommends **APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS** of the special use permit request.

#### **Planning Commission Recommendation**

Based on staff's evaluation of the request, information presented at the public hearing, and the Planning Commission's consideration of the standards governing the exercise of zoning power related to this application, the Planning Commission recommends **APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS** of the special use permit request.

#### **Planning Commission Recommended Conditions (includes Staff Recommended Conditions)**

Renewal of the Special Use Permit for a daycare facility, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proposed daycare shall meet all state-licensed requirements.
- 2. The total number of preschool students shall not exceed 24 students.
- 3. Preschool hours of operation shall not occur outside of the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Exhibits:**

- A. Site Visit Photos
- B. Site Plan
- C. Letter of Intent and Applicant's Response to Standards
- D. Application and Disclosure of Campaign Contributions
- E. Internal and External Agency Review Comments
- F. Maps

**Exhibit A: Site Visit Photos** 



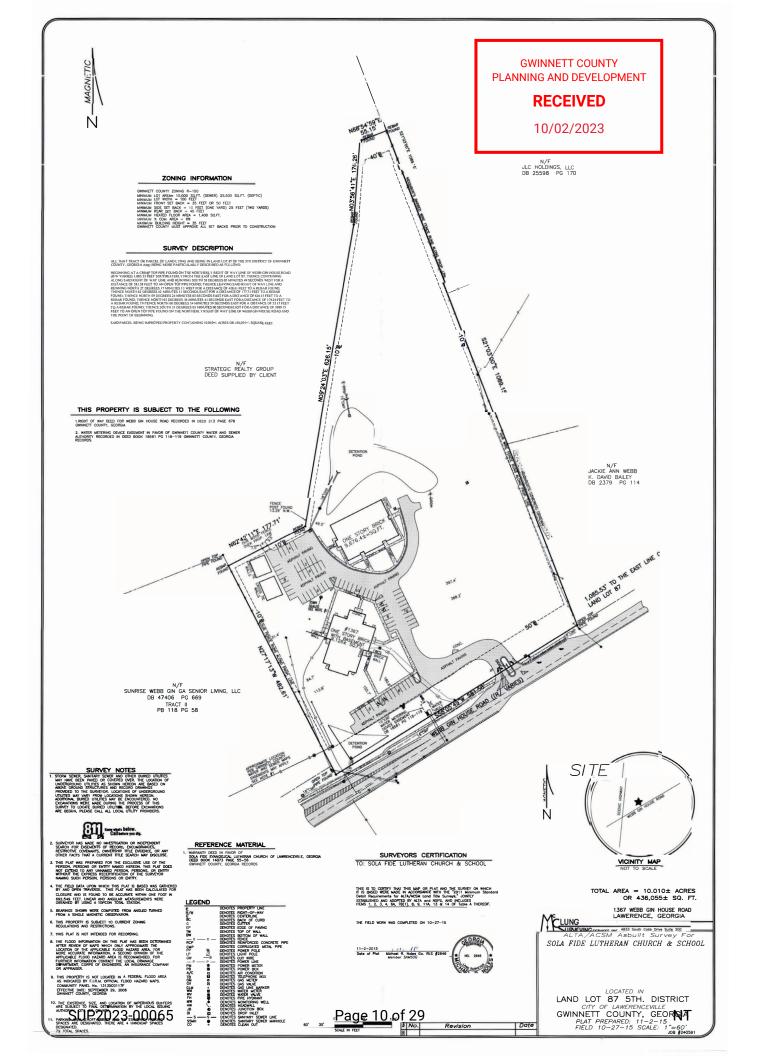
**View of Education Building** 

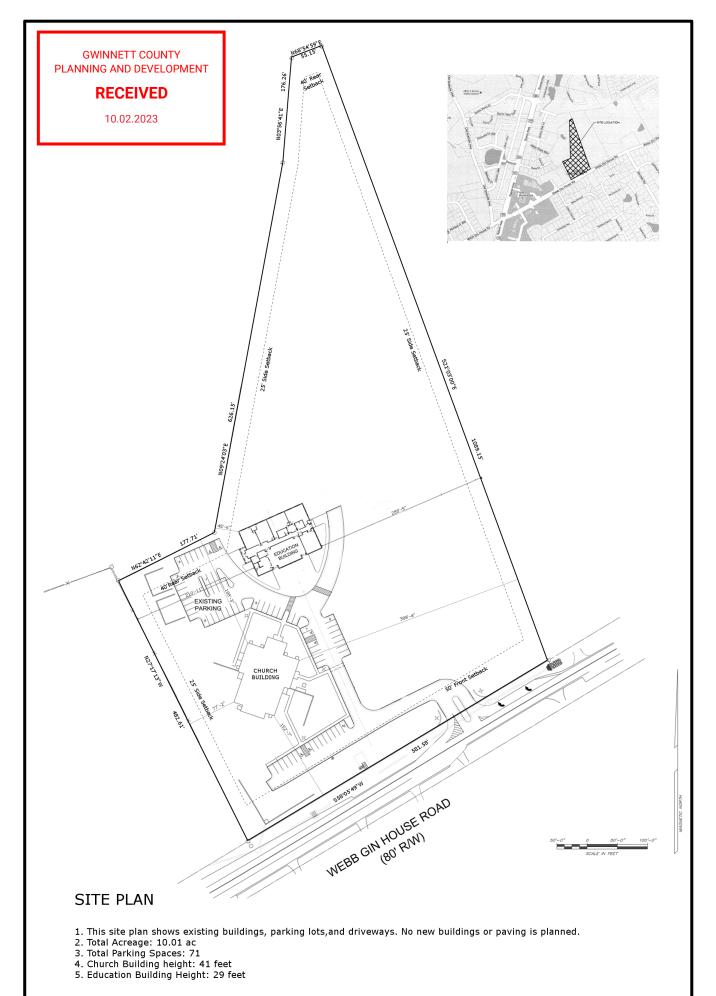


View of Site from Webb Gin House Road

#### **Exhibit B: Site Plan**

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# Exhibit C: Letter of Intent and Applicant's Response to Standards [attached]

#### Standards Governing the Exercise of the Zoning Power - Renewal of SUP 2021-00074

- (A) WHETHER A PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL PERMIT A USE THAT IS SUITABLE IN VIEW OF THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADJACENT AND NEARBY PROPERTY:
  - A church, school, and preschool are all suitable uses for a property right at the boundary of a commercial zone and a residential zone. Allowing Sola Fide to operate a preschool on its property is consistent with other churches in the area that are also zoned R-100 and operate a preschool. Sola Fide's church, school, and preschool are an excellent component of the transition from commercial properties to the west and the residential properties further east on Webb Gin House Road.
- (B) WHETHER A PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EXISTING USE OR USABILITY OF ADJACENT OR NEARBY PROPERTY:
  - Operating a preschool in addition to Sola Fide's K-8 school will not change the nature of the property, the outward appearance of the property, or the impact on neighboring properties.
- (C) WHETHER THE PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT HAS REASONABLE ECONOMIC USE AS CURRENTLY ZONED:
  - The economic use is reasonable. We are not requesting any changes to the zoning of the property.
- (D) WHETHER THE PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL RESULT IN A USE WHICH WILL OR COULD CAUSE AN EXCESSIVE OR BURDENSOME USE OF EXISTING STREETS, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, UTILITIES, OR SCHOOLS:
  - Our parking lots and driveways have space to accommodate the pickup and drop-off lines. Our request for a special use permit will not change the expected capacity of the property.
- (E) WHETHER THE PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY AND INTENT OF THE LAND USE PLAN:
  - A preschool as an accessory to a place of worship is included in the Gwinnett UDO under the following section: 230-130.3.GG.
- (F) WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER EXISTING OR CHANGING CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY WHICH GIVE SUPPORTING GROUNDS FOR EITHER APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT:
  - There are no other condition, use, or development changes that affect this property.

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### RE: LETTER OF INTENT - SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR DAY CARE AS AN ACCESSORY TO A PLACE OF WORSHIP

To whom it may concern:

Sola Fide Lutheran Church and Academy endeavors to operate a preschool program for three and four-year-old students as an extension of our K-8 private school. Sola Fide Lutheran Church already has a special use permit for our private school and was issued SUP 2021-00074 in December of 2021. Sola Fide seeks to renew this special use permit for a day care as an accessory to a place of worship. (Gwinnett UDO 230-130.3.GG) This preschool will operate out of existing classrooms and will not require any new construction. The church's property will remain zoned as R-100.

Our K-8 school currently has 79 students. Our preschool has 19 enrolled students. The programs operate (including before and after school care) from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Our preschool operates in compliance with Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning. The preschool could accommodate approximately 24 total students. Our maximum capacity for the campus and its current buildings is approximately 125 students.

The property currently includes these elements:

- 10.01 acres
- More than 2 acres of grass-covered athletic field
- More than 3 acres of wooded area
- Approximately 5,000 square feet of playground space
- 9126 square foot church building with a sanctuary, offices, restrooms, and two classrooms; building height 41 feet.\*
- 9676 square foot education building with a gathering space, office, kitchen, restrooms, and five classrooms; building height: 29 feet\*\*
- 71 parking spaces to accommodate the capacity of both buildings

Since Sola Fide already has classrooms on campus that can accommodate preschool students, the operation of this preschool program will not require any changes to the existing buildings or green spaces on campus. As such, we do not anticipate any changes to driveways, sidewalks, parking, buffers, setbacks or storm water management.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah D. Schmiege, School Principal

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Principal Jeremiah Schmiege Pastor Michael Kober

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# Exhibit D: Application and Disclosure of Campaign Contributions [attached]

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#### **SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GA.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION*		
NAME: Jeremiah Schmiege	NAME: SOLA FIDE EV. LUTHERAN CHERCA		
ADDRESS: 1302 GRAYSON HWY	ADDRESS: 1307 Webb GIN House ROAD		
CITY: LAWRENCEVILLE	CITY: Lawrence VILLE		
STATE: <b>GA</b> ZIP: <b>30045</b>	STATE: GA ZIP: 30045		
PHONE: 770-713-9666	PHONE: 770-972-1771		
EMAIL: jereminh. Schmiege @ solafide.com EMAIL: office @ solafide.com			
CONTACT PERSON: Jereminh Schmiege PHONE: 170-713-9666			
CONTACT'S E-MAIL: jeremiah. Schmiege @ solafide.com			

\*Include any person having a property interest and any person having a financial interest in any business entity having property interest (use additional sheets if necessary).

APPLICANT IS THE:			
OWNER'S AGENT PROPERTY OWNER CONTRACT PURCHASER			
EXISTING/PROPOSED ZONING: R-100 BUILDING/LEASED SQUARE FEET: Total 18802			
PARCEL NUMBER(S): 5087-146ACREAGE:			
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1307 Webb Gin House Road, Lawrenceville,			
SPECIAL USE REQUESTED: DAY CARE AS AN ACCESSORY			
TO A PLACE OF WORSHIP			

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER OF INTENT EXPLAINING WHAT IS PROPOSED

10.02.2023

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#### SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED BELOW IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION. THE UNDERSIGNED IS AWARE THAT NO APPLICATION OR REAPPLICATION AFFECTING THE SAME LAND SHALL BE ACTED UPON WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF LAST ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNLESS WAIVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IN NO CASE SHALL AN APPLICATION OR REAPPLICATION BE ACTED UPON IN LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF LAST ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Signature of Applicant

9/27/23

Date

Jeremiah D. Schmiege - PRINCIPAL

Type or Print Name and Title

Jenny Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC
Gwinnett County

Notary State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires October 26, 2023

10.02.2023

#### SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROPERTY OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED BELOW, OR AS ATTACHED, IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY CONSIDERED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE UNDERSIGNED IS AWARE THAT NO APPLICATION OR REAPPLICATION AFFECTING THE SAME LAND SHALL BE ACTED UPON WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF LAST ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNLESS WAIVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IN NO CASE SHALL AN APPLICATION OR REAPPLICATION BE ACTED UPON IN LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF LAST ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Signature of Property Owner Date

Jeremiah D. Schmiege - PRINCIPAL

Type or Print Name and Title

Signature of Notary Public

9/21/23 Date Jenny Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC
Notary State of Georgia

My Comm. Expires October 26, 2023

### SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

(Only submit with Special Use Permit Application for a use within a residence)

I, the undersigned applicant, understand and agree that the Special Use Permit, if approved, shall automatically terminate in the event that this property is sold, transferred or otherwise conveyed to any other party, or the business which operates the special use is sold, transferred, otherwise conveyed or discontinued.

Signature of Applicant

Jeremiah D. Schniege

Type or Print Name

Date

Signature of Notary Public

7/21/23

Jenny Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC
Gwinnett County
Notary Saglof Georgia

My Comm. Expires October 26, 2023

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

The undersigned below, making application for a Special Use Permit, has complied with the Official Code of Georgia Section 36-67A-1, et. seq, <u>Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions</u> , and has submitted or attached the required information on the forms provided.				
LDS.	9/27/23	Jeremian Schmiege		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE '	TYPE OR PRINT NAME AND TITLE		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE	DATE	TYPE OR PRINT NAME AND TITLE		
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SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	7/21/23 DATE	Jenny Meyer NOTARY PUBLIC NOTAR (County		
SIGNATURE OF THE TAIL TO BEIG	YAIL	State of Georgia  My Comm. Expires October 26, 2023		
DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS				
Have you, within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, made campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a member of the Board of Commissioners or a member of the Gwinnett County Planning Commission?				
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If the answer is yes, please complete the following section:

NAME AND OFFICAL POSITION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTIONS (List all which aggregate to \$250 or More)	DATE CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE (Within last two years)

Attach additional sheets if necessary to disclose or describe all contributions.

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All taxes PRIOR to 2023 paid

#### VERIFICATION OF CURRENT PAID PROPERTY TAXES FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

THE UNDERSIGNED BELOW IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT ALL GWINNETT COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES BILLED TO DATE FOR THE PARCEL LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL TO THE TAX COMMISSIONER OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA. IN NO CASE SHALL AN APPLICATION OR REAPPLICATION FOR REZONING BE PROCESSED WITHOUT SUCH PROPERTY VERIFICATION.

\*Note: A SEPARATE VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH TAX PARCEL INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST.

PARCEL I.D. NUMBER:		07	770	
(Map Reference Number)	District	Land Lot	Parcel	
Signature of Applicant  Jecenial D.  Type or Print Name and Title  ***PLEASE TAKE THIS FORM GWINNETT JUSTICE AND AD APPROVAL BELOW.***		/MISSIONERS OFF		
TAX COMMISSIONERS USE ONLY				
(PAYMENT OF ALL PROPERTY TAXES BILLED TO DATE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PARCEL HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AS PAID CURRENT AND CONFIRMED BY THE SIGNATURE BELOW)				

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### Exhibit E: Internal and External Agency Review Comments

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## Gwinnett Department of Planning and Development TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

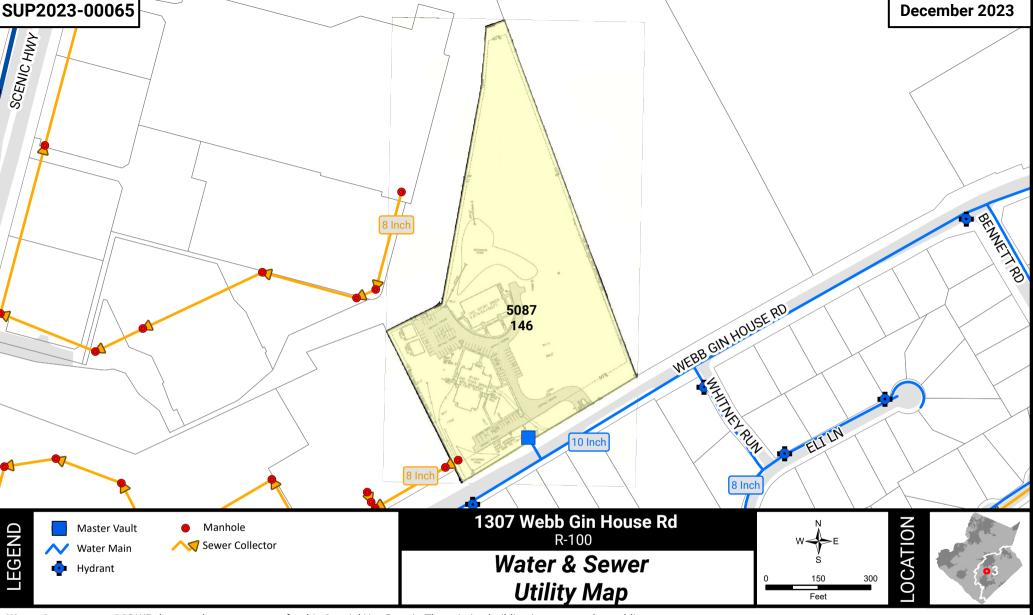
TRC Meeting Date:		11.08.23		
Department/Agency Name:		Transportation		
Revie	ewer Name:	Brent Hodges		
Revie	ewer Title:	Construction Manager 1		
Revie	wer Email Address:	Brent.Hodges@gwinnettcounty.com		
Case	Number:	SUP2023-00065		
Case	Address:	1307 Webb Gin House Road, Lawrenceville, 30045		
	Comments:	X YES NO		
1	Webb Gin House Road is a major colle	ector. ADT = 14,012.		
	2.4 miles to the nearest transit facility Plaza.	(#2335042) Johnson Road and Sugarloaf Landing		
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## **Department of Planning and Development TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

TRC Meeting Date:				
-	rtment/Agency Name:	DWR		
Revie	wer Name:	Mike Pappas		
Revie	wer Title:	GIS Planning Manag	ger	
Revie	wer Email Address:	Michael.pappas@gv	winnettcounty.com	
Case	Number:	SUP2023-00065		
Case	Address:	1307 Webb Gin Ho	use Rd	
	Comments:	YES	X NO	
1	Water: GCDWR does not have comments for public water.			
2	Sewer: GCDWR does not have comments for this Special Use Permit. The existing building is connected to sewer.			
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	Recommended Zoning Conditions:	YES	X NO	
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Note: Attach additional pages, if needed



Water Comments: GCDWR does not have comments for this Special Use Permit. The existing building is connected to public water.

Sewer Comments: GCDWR does not have comments for this Special Use Permit. The existing building is connected to sewer.

Water Availability: Water demands imposed by the proposed development may require upsizing or extensions of existing water mains in order to meet Gwinnett County Standards and fire flow demands. Any cost associated with such required improvements will be the responsibility of the development. Current Gwinnett County Standards require a minimum of 12" pipe size for commercial developments and a minimum of 8" pipe size for residential developments. Additionally, connection to a minimum of 12" and 8" mains are required for commercial and residential developments. It is the responsibility of the developments are available for the development.

Sewer Availability: A Sewer Capacity Certification must be obtained from Gwinnett County to confirm the existing system can serve the development. Sewer demands imposed by the proposed development may require upsizing and/or extensions of existing sewer mains, and/or installation of a new pump station. Any cost associated with such required improvements will be the responsibility of the development. The developer shall provide easements for future sewer connection to all locations designated by Gwinnett County during plan review.

Water and Sewer Design and Construction Requirements: Extensions of the water and/or sanitary Sewer Systems within the subject development must conform to this department's policies, Gwinnett County's ordinances, and the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Design and Construction Standards and Specifications, dated April 5th, 2016. Subsequent to design, construction, inspection, and final acceptance of the required utilities, service would then become available under the applicable utility permit rate schedules.

Private Road Developments: Any developments: This policy stipulates minimum easement requirements and location of public mains and appurtenances, among other requirements.

#### **Exhibit F: Maps**

[attached]



