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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT

Case Number: SUP2024-00010

Current Zoning: C-2 (General Business District) **Request:** Special Use Permit (Renewal)

Additional Request: Variance
Overlay District: Variance
Civic Center

Addresses: 1201, 1205 Old Peachtree Road, and 1200 Block of Old Peachtree

Road

Map Numbers: R7156 006, 007, and 212

Site Area: 1.61 acres
Square Feet: 4,459
Proposed Development: Car Wash

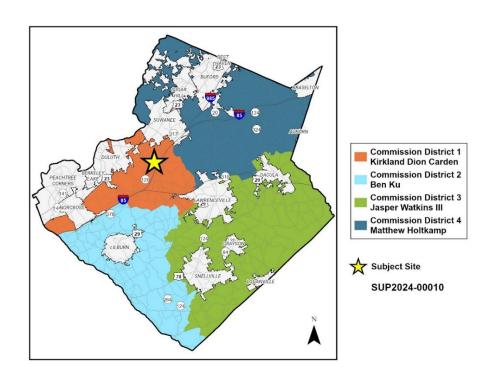
Commission District: District 1 – Commissioner Carden

Character Area: Vibrant Communities

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Planning Commission

Recommendation: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS



Planning Commission Advertised Public Hearing Date: 4/9/2024 Board of Commissioners Advertised Public Hearing Date: 4/23/2024 Applicant: CW Real Estate Development, LLC Owners: CW Real Estate Development, LLC

915 Cranberry Trail
Roswell, GA 30076
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Contact: Maher Budeir Contact Phone: 404.944.0058

Zoning History

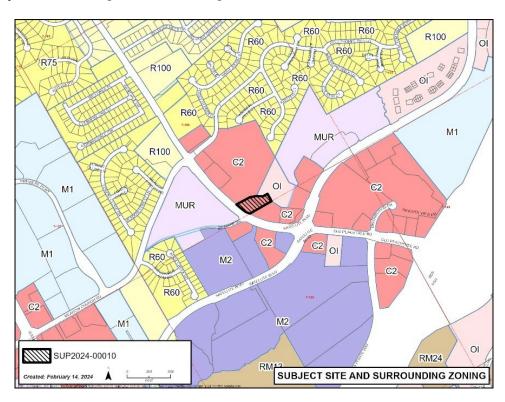
The subject property is zoned C-2 (General Business District). In 2022, a special use permit was approved for a car wash, pursuant to SUP2022-00008, with a two-year sunset clause. The subject property is located in the Civic Center Overlay District.

Existing Site Condition

The subject property is a 1.61-acre assemblage of three parcels located along Old Peachtree Road west of its intersection with Satellite Boulevard. The site is developed with a drivethrough car wash and vacuum stations. The nearest Gwinnett Transit stop is approximately 1.7 miles from the subject site.

Surrounding Use and Zoning

The subject site is surrounded by commercial and institutional uses. To the north is the Galleria at Sugarloaf shopping center, a large multi-tenant commercial center. East of the site is an assisted living facility, and to the south is a smaller multi-tenant commercial shopping center. Across Old Peachtree Road to the west is a mixed-use apartment development. The following is a summary of surrounding uses and zoning:



Location	Land Use	Zoning
Proposed	Car Wash	C-2
North	Commercial	C-2
East	Institutional	0-1
South	Commercial	C-2
West	Mixed-Use	MU-R

Project Summary

The applicant requests a special use permit renewal for a 1.61-acre property zoned C-2 for an existing car wash, including:

- A 4,459 square foot drive-through car wash with 20 vacuum stations with partial canopies.
- A total of 26 parking spaces, including 20 vacuum station spaces and 6 employee and customer parking spaces.
- Two pay stations are located near the rear of the site.
- An underground water reclamation system located at the front of the site near Old Peachtree Road and a retention area near the rear property line.
- A right-in/right-out driveway access on Old Peachtree Road.
- A 10-foot-wide landscape strip along the road frontage of Old Peachtree Road.
- A dumpster enclosure is located near the rear of the site.
- Building materials of brick, stone, stucco and glass.
- A monument sign along the property frontage of Old Peachtree Road.

Zoning and Development Standards

The applicant is requesting a special use permit renewal in C-2 for an existing car wash. Development permits were issued and subject to the previous Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The following is a summary of applicable development standards from the UDO:

Standard	Required	Proposed	Meets Standard?
Building Height	Maximum 45'	32'	YES
Front Yard Setback	Minimum 15'	15'	YES
Side Yard Setback	Minimum 10'	10'	YES
Rear Yard Setback	Minimum 30'	30'	YES
Parking	Minimum: 9 Spaces	26 Spaces	NO*
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Stacking Spaces	Minimum: 8 Spaces	< 20 Spaces	YES
Stacking Spaces	Maximum: 20 Spaces		ILS
Landscape Strip	10'	10'	YES

^{*}The applicant requests a variance to exceed maximum parking spaces.

The site is within the Civic Center Overlay District. The site complies with the requirements of the overlay district.

Variance Request

In addition to the special use permit request, the applicant is seeking a variance from the following provision of Title II of the UDO:

1. Table 240-20.2 Maximum Parking Requirements

Car wash, full service (including vacuum parking spaces); Minimum 9 spaces, maximum 18 spaces.

The applicant is requesting to exceed the maximum number of parking spaces from 18 spaces to 26 spaces. Additional spaces beyond the maximum permitted number were constructed during development of the site.

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 G). 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.

A special use permit for a drive-through car wash was approved in 2022 with a two-year sunset clause, and the car wash is currently in operation. There have been no code enforcement violations on the site. The special use permit is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

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

The cash wash is currently in operation, and the application request is for renewal of a special use permit. The existing use and usability of adjacent or nearby properties will not be negatively impacted by the continuation of special use.

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

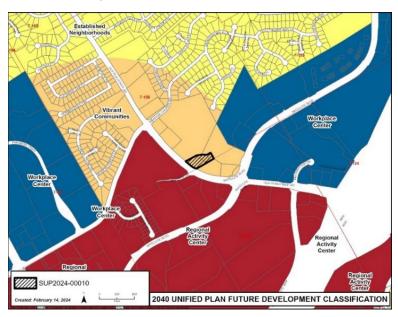
The property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

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.

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 G).

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 application was received prior to the adoption of the 2045 Unified Plan and was analyzed based on the 2040 Unified Plan. The Future Development Map indicates that the subject property lies within the Vibrant Communities Character Area. This character area encourages corner/neighborhood serving non-residential developments depending on the setting, zoning pattern, and intensity. Continuation of the special use for a car wash aligns with the policy and intent of the Unified Plan and Future Development Map.



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 conditions giving support for approval or disapproval of the proposal.

<u>Variance Request Analysis</u>: The standards for granting variances are outlined in Section 270-90.7 of the UDO. Staff makes the following findings related to the variance request:

The applicant is requesting a variance to increase the maximum parking limit for the existing car wash from 18 spaces to 26 spaces. The increase in the number of parking spaces is to accommodate the number of vacuum stations. The additional spaces were constructed during development of the site and approval of the variance would bring the property into compliance with the UDO. The spaces are located to the side of the building and allowing them to remain would not be opposed to the general spirit of the UDO. Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

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.

In addition, staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the following variance request:

1. To exceed the maximum number of parking spaces from 18 to 26.

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, as Amended)

Approval of a special use permit for a car wash, subject to the following conditions:

- No temporary tents, temporary canopies, temporary banners, temporary streamers, or temporary roping decorated with flags, tinsel, or other similar materials shall be displayed, hung, or strung on the site, except within 60 days of grand opening and during special events which shall occur no more than twice per calendar year, and last no longer than seven days each.
- 2. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 3. The applicant shall coordinate with the Gwinnett County Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Transportation if stacking and queueing onto Old Peachtree Road becomes an issue on the site.

Exhibits:

- A. Site Visit Photos
- B. Site Plan
- C. Building Elevations
- D. Previously Adopted Resolution (SUP2022-00008)
- E. Letter of Intent and Applicant's Response to Standards
- F. Application and Disclosure of Campaign Contributions
- G. Internal and External Agency Review Comments
- H. Maps

Exhibit A: Site Visit Photos



View of site from Old Peachtree Road



View of driveway access to the site from Old Peachtree Road



View of building from Old Peachtree Road



View of driveway access from Old Peachtree Road

Exhibit B: Site Plan

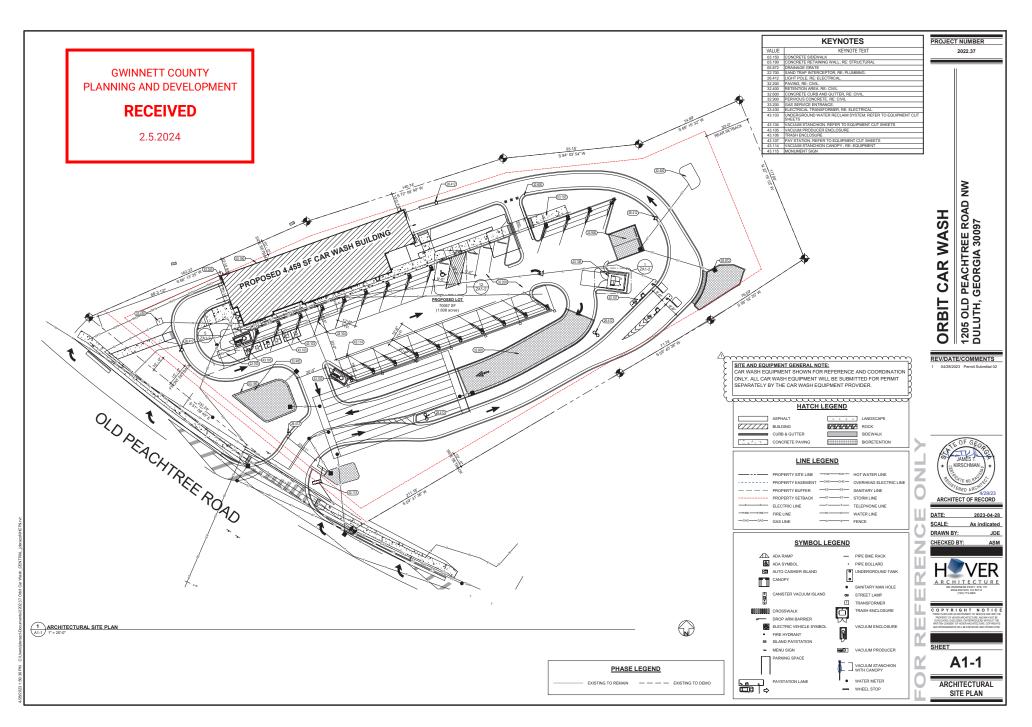


Exhibit C: Building Elevations

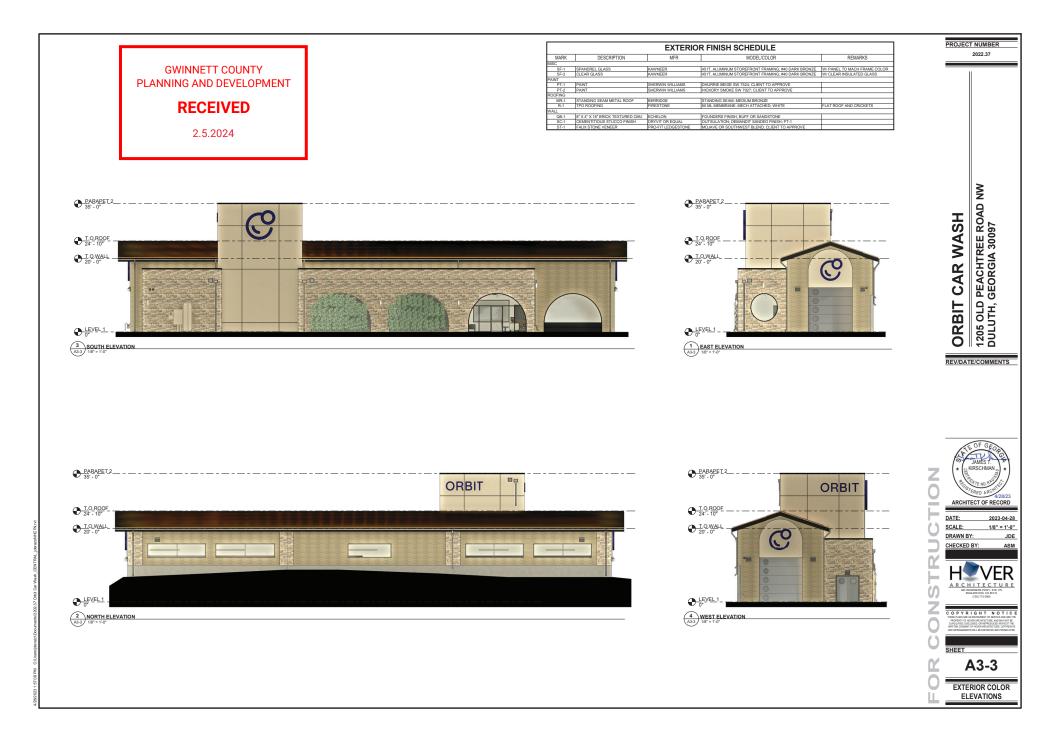


Exhibit D: Previously Adopted Resolution (SUP2022-00008)

GWINNETT COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION ENTITLED: GRANT OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT

ADOPTION DATE: MARCH 22, 2022

At the regular meeting of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Nicole L. Hendrickson, Chairwoman Kirkland Carden, District 1 Ben Ku, District 2 Jasper Watkins, III, District 3 Marlene Fosque, District 4	<u>Present</u> Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	<u>Vote</u> Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye
Manene Fosque, District 4	res	Aye

On motion of Commissioner Carden, which carried a 5-0 vote, the following Resolution was:

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL USE PERMIT

WHEREAS, the Municipal-Gwinnett County Planning Commission has held a duly advertised public hearing and has filed a formal recommendation with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners upon an Application for a Special Use Permit by CW Real Estate Development, LLC for the proposed use of a Car Wash on a tract of land described by the attached legal description, which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, notice to the public regarding said Special Use Permit Application has been duly published in the Gwinnett Daily Post, the Official News Organ of Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on March 22, 2022, and objections were not filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, on this the 22nd day of March 2022, that the aforesaid application for a Special Use Permit is hereby **APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- The proposed development shall be constructed in general conformance with Exhibit B: Site Plan dated received February 14, 2022, and Exhibit C: Letter of Intent received January 6, 2022, with revisions required by conditions of approval and the Unified Development Ordinance as reviewed and approved by the Department of Planning and Development.
- 2. All mechanical equipment including compressor units on or around the building and excluding vacuum hoses shall be screened from view of exterior roadways. Screening design shall be subject to review and approval of the Department of Planning and Development.
- 3. Parking shall not be located between the street and front plane of the building.
- 4. An access easement shall be granted and recorded with the property located at 1291 Old Peachtree Road, prior to the issuance of a development permit.
- External building materials shall be limited to brick, stone, and glass with minor accents of stucco or fiber cement siding subject to the review and approval of the Department of Planning and Development.
- 6. No temporary tents, temporary canopies, temporary banners, temporary streamers, or temporary roping decorated with flags, tinsel, or other similar materials shall be displayed, hung, or strung on the site, except within 60 days of grand opening and during special events which shall occur no more than twice per calendar year, and last no longer than seven days each.
- 7. The special use permit shall be valid for no more than a two-year period, at which time the special use permit must be reapplied for and approved by the Board of Commissioners to continue the use.
- 8. Parking may be located to the side of the building as indicted on Exhibit B: Site Plan dated received February 14, 2022.

GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

By: Dina M. Kina County Clerk/Deputy County Clerk

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



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Letter of Intent for Special Use Permit 1205 Old Peachtree Road Suwannee, Gwinnett County, Georgia Tax Parcel ID: R7156 006/R7156 007/R7156 212

CW Real Estate Development, LLC (CW) submits this application to extend the Special Use Permit for this property as a, Express Car Wash.

CW has worked with the County staff closely and completed the design and construction under site development Permit and Building Permit:

Commercial Building Permit: Record: EPN2023-00279

Retaining Wall Permit: Record: EPN2023-00056

Commercial Development Site Permit: Record: EPN2022-02299

And Combination Plat: Record: PLAT2023-00067

The building and site are more than 95% complete and are in the final inspection process as of today 1/9/2024.

In addition, I am requesting concurrent variance from Table 240.1 in the UDO for the parking spaces. Parking spaces as shown in the permitted site plan offer over 20 vacuum spaces that can accommodate all additional parking needs.

We appreciate considering the Special Use Permit renewal and the variance. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Maher Budeir,

CW Real Estate Development, LLC

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SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWER

PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENT OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS ARE RELEVANT IN BALANCING THE INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALITY OR GENERAL WELFARE AGAINST THE RIGHT TO THE UNRESTRICTED USE OF PROPERTY AND SHALL GOVERN THE EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWER.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED OR USE AN ATTACHMENT AS NECESSARY:

(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:

Yes, the property is bordered by commercial retail properties on both sides and a large mixed use development that includes retail is under constrution directly across the street. Additionally, a gas station is located on the same block. A modern express car wash will be an excellent complement to existing commercial establishments that serve the surrounding neighborhoods

(B) WHETHER A PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EXISTING USE OR USABILITY OF ADJACENT OR NEARBY PROPERTY:

No. On the contrary the proposed carwash will comoliment the other commercial properties that are designed to serve the community. A modern subscription-based carwash normally serves local repeat customers who will enjoy the service without having to travel several miles.

(C) WHETHER THE PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT HAS REASONABLE ECONOMIC USE AS CURRENTLY ZONED:

The current C-2 zoning is approporiate and compatible. The proposed use is permitted with the current zoning given that the SUP is extended. The proposed use will make an excellent use of the value of the property without rezoning.

The property development as a car wash will enhance the value and bring jobs to the community

(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:

The proposed car wash use will have negligible burden and is likely to positively impact the infrastruture. The availability of the high quality car wash to serve the community as they use the other services and products offred in the neighboring properties mean that less miles will be traveled to find a car wash. The proposed development will net maintaining clean and well kept vehicles with less travel time and fewer miles traveled on the area roads.

(E) WHETHER THE PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY AND INTENT OF THE LAND USE PLAN:

According to Section 230-100 permitted and special uses, a car wash is included within the C-2 zoning district special use. This application is in accordance with 270-30 which gives the Board of Commissioners the authority to take final action.

(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:

Since the last application there has been no change in the conditions. The area continues to grow and has been developed all along the corridor. The subject lot was one of few, if not the only lot, that has not been developed and realized its potential. Now the property has been developed and a high quality building was designed and built on the property. Final CO is anticipated to be issued by sometime in January 2024

Exhibit F: 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: CW Real Estate Development, LLC	NAME: SAME as Applicant	
ADDRESS: 915 Cranberry Trl,	ADDRESS:	
CITY: Roswell	CITY:	
STATE: GA ZIP: 30076	STATE:ZIP:	
PHONE: 404-944-0058	PHONE:	
EMAIL: mbtoday@gmail.com	EMAIL:	
CONTACT PERSON: Maher Budeir PHONE: 404-944-0058		
CONTACT'S E-MAIL: mbtoday@gmail.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: C-2 _ BUILDING/LEASED SQUARE FEET: 4109		
PARCEL NUMBER(S): R7156 006/R7156 007/ ACREAGE: 1.6		
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1205 Old Peachtree Road, Suwannee, GA		
SPECIAL USE REQUESTED: Renewal of Special Use Permit for Express Carwash		

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER OF INTENT EXPLAINING WHAT IS PROPOSED

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Gwinnett County Planning Division Special Use Permit Application Last Updated 10/2021

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.

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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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YES NO Maher Bude	YOUR NAME		
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)	
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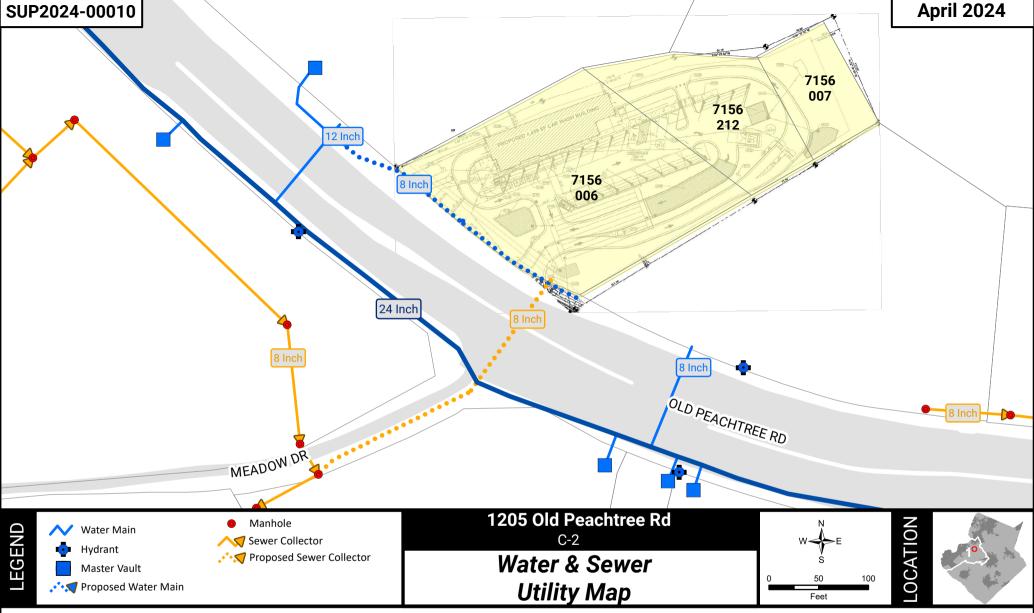
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Exhibit G: Internal and External Agency Review Comments [attached]

TRC	Meeting Date:	03.01.2024	
Depa	rtment/Agency Name:	Transportation	
Revie	wer Name:	Brent Hodges	
Revie	wer Title:	Construction Manager 1	
Revie	wer Email Address:	Brent.Hodges@gwinnettcounty.com	
Case	Number:	SUP2024-00010	
Case	Address:	1205 Old Peachtree Road, Suwanee, 30024	
	Comments:	X YES NO	
1	Old Peachtree Road is a minor arteria	I. ADT = 20,695.	
	1.7 miles to the nearest transit facility (#2335244) located at Satellite Boulevard and Chick-Fil-A.		
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	wer Name:	Mike Pappas	
Revie	wer Title:	GIS Planning Manager	
Revie	wer Email Address:	Michael.pappas@gwinnettcounty.com	
Case	Number:	SUP2024-00010	
Case	Address:	1205 Old Peachtree Road	
	Comments:	X YES NO	
1	Water: The development is under construction along the northern right-of-way of Old Peacht	n and plans to connect to an existing 12-inch water main ree Road.	
2	Sewer: The development is under construction and plans to connect to an existing 8-inch gravity sewer located within the right-of-way of Meadow Drive. A Sewer Capacity Certification (C2022-266-09) was approved for a car wash facility.		
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Water Comments: The development is under construction and plans to connect to an existing 12-inch water main along the northern right-of-way of Old Peachtree Road.

Sewer Comments: The development is under construction and plans to connect to an existing 8-inch gravity sewer located within the right-of-way of Meadow Drive. A Sewer Capacity Certification (C2022-266-09) was approved for a car wash facility.

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 respectively. It is the respectively. It is the respectively.

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 development with private roads must comply with the Standard Policy Requirement for the Installation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Mains within Private Developments. This policy stipulates minimum easement requirements and location of public mains and appurtenances, among other requirements.

Exhibit H: Maps



