

**Rezoning Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map
of DeKalb County, Georgia**

Applicant Name: Marvin Gavins II

Applicant Email Address: Gavinsengineering@gmail.com

Applicant Mailing Address: 712 Lost Creek Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Applicant Phone Number: 404-542-9554

Owner Name: Marvin Gavins II
(If more than one owner, attach list of owners.)

Owner Email Address: Gavinsengineering@gmail.com

Owner Mailing Address: 712 Lost Creek Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Owner Phone Number: 404-542-9554

Subject Property Address: 447 Warren Ave., Scottdale, GA 30079

Parcel ID Number(s): 18 046 04 176

Acreage: 0.172 Commission District(s): 4 Super District: 6

Existing Zoning District(s): 18 Proposed Zoning District(s): 18

Existing Land Use Designation(s): R75/Tier 2 (TN) Proposed Land Use Designation(s): RSM/Tier 1 (NA) (if applicable)

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

Owner: X Agent: _____



Signature of Applicant:

To whom it may concern,

I am Marvin Gavins II, and I am the owner of 447 Warren Ave., Scottdale, GA 30079. This property is a vacant land parcel that I am seeking to rezone from Scottdale Overlay District Tier 2 to Scottdale Overlay District Tier 1. I am planning to build a duplex property on this parcel and rezoning this property would allow me to take advantage of this permitted use associated with the Tier 1 Overlay. You have received this notice because the Dekalb County Ga. Rezoning Application Checklist requires that all applicants conduct a publicized pre-submittal community meeting(s) with surrounding neighborhood association(s)/community groups within one-half (1/2) mile of the subject property and adjacent and nearby property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the subject property. I am writing to you to notify you of a Pre-Submittal community meeting scheduled for 7/3/2025 at 5:15 pm. In this meeting I will discuss why I am seeking to rezone this property and hopefully answer any questions that you may have. I look forward from hearing from you and receiving any helpful feedback that you may provide. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting and the link is below. You contact me at 404-542-9554 or email me at Gavinsengineering@gmail.com if you want to discuss the project prior to the meeting or you need me to email you the Zoom link.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9479788804?pwd=B7cAaN95DorrxY3NTTAEV87Cje1l6e.1&omn=81045700314>

Sincerely,



Audio file

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Transcript

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Good afternoon. I am Marvin Gavins and the purpose for the meeting for this meeting this evening is the pre submittal community meeting. The project location is 447 Warren Ave. Scottsdale, Georgia 30079.

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And the date is July the 3th.

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The objectives that we will identify in this.

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Presentation or I will introduce myself.

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I will detail the purpose for this meeting. I will identify the project location. I will specify the building standards. I'll answer the question of why I'm designed to rezone and I open the floor to any questions.

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So this is my background. I am Marvin Gavins junior and I am a graduate of the Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors in civil engineering.

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I've worked in the public and private sector as a civil engineer since 2006.

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And I've had my professional civil engineer license in the state of Georgia since 2013.

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So the purpose for this meeting is I'm seeking to rezone.

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447 Warren Ave. which is located in Scottdale, GA, ZIP code 30079 from Scottsdale Overlay District Tier 2 to Tier 1.

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And per the de Kalb County, Georgia, rezoning application checklist, a pre submittal community meeting must be held with surrounding HOA's within half a mile of the property and adjacent and nearby property owners within 500 feet of the property.

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This is the project location.

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This is the overlay map which is found on DeKalb County's property tax website. As you can see, the pink is overlay District Tier 2 and the adjacent property is Tier 1 which is in the brown.

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This is the existing project location.

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This is a wooded lot with vegetation on it and it has been undeveloped.

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This is the project location, an existing survey.

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This is a 0.172 acre lot, approximately 7500 square feet.

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It had it. The width is 50 feet and the depth is 150 feet. There are currently no impervious areas on the slot.

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This.

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Shows the building standards from Chapter 27 of the de Kalb County Muni code.

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And it shows you the differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2. As far as the the size of the House, you can develop the setbacks for the parcel.

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And the maximum height allowed of the building.

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Section 3. Point 36.5, which is specific to Scottsdale overlay it. This tells you all of the permitted uses which are allowed for Tier 1. You can use office and office in the institutional.

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Office distribution, local commercial general commercial light industrial.

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Neighborhood shopping. Local commercial.

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Medium density residential and mixed-use.

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So why I want to rezone it will allow for me to construct a duplex utilizing the the following MR-1 permitted uses.

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It could follow in the dwelling to family a live work unit, A dwelling with single family attached. It allows for me to reduce the building setbacks. It allows for me to increase the maximum allowable lock con.

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Which?

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It also allows me to build a taller building if need be, and it promotes the mission of DeKalb County, Georgia, which is blight removal, economic development and affordable housing development with the potential to partner with the Housing Authority of DeKalb County.

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And this is a conceptual plan that I've created and I hope this shows y'all the vision that I have for this parcel.

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I'll open the floor up to any questions and I'll leave my contact information on the background.

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Does anyone have any questions?

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With that being said, I appreciate everybody's time. Thank you.

August 20, 2025

DeKalb County Dept. of Planning & Sustainability

1300 Commerce Drive

Decatur, GA 30030

Dear DeKalb County Planning Staff and Commissioners:

We are submitting this application to rezone the property at 447 Warren Ave., Scottdale, GA 30079 from Scottdale Overlay District Tier 2 to Scottdale Overlay District Tier 1. Rezoning to the Tier 1 Overlay would allow me to take advantage of the permitted uses of the RSM (Single-Family Attached) zoning classification and develop a duplex residence. This rezoning request is consistent with DeKalb County's updated zoning policies, which encourage more diverse and efficient housing types, such as multi-family housing, to address the growing need for affordable and accessible housing options.

The current use of the property is a lot of vacant land. By rezoning the property to RSM (Single-Family Attached), we are responding to DeKalb County's need for more diverse housing options. The proposed duplex development will complement the adjacent existing multi-family housing, such as the apartment townhome subdivision "Creekview", which is behind the subject property and the vacant land lot at 451 Warren Ave. that is currently in the Tier 1 Overlay District. This development offers the most beneficial use of a lot of land of this size.

The following are the characteristics of the proposed use:

Number of units: 2

Building Footprint Area – 40 ft. x 43 ft. – 1720 sf (Total)

Building Footprint Area – 20 ft. x 43 ft. – 860 sf (Each Unit)

Building Area – 4200 sf (Enclosed heated area – Total)

Building Area – 2100 sf (Enclosed heated area – Each Unit)

Building Height – 35 ft. (Max.)

We believe that the proposed development will provide a valuable housing option for DeKalb County and will contribute positively to the local community. I look forward to further discussions and I am willing to provide any requested information. Please contact me at 404-746-7226 or at mgavins@dot.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



IMPACT ANALYSIS

447 Warren Ave., Scottdale, GA 30079

Summary of Proposed Project

The proposed use of the site is the new construction of a single-family attached (duplex) residence. The zoning of this location will need to be rezoned from Scottdale Overlay District Tier 2 to Scottdale Overlay District Tier 1, to take advantage of the permitted uses of the RSM Zoning.

Ingress and Egress

- a. Is the zoning proposal in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan?

The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and the intent of the Comprehensive Plan in the following ways:

- 1. To preserve, protect and enhance the existing character of the Scottdale Community. This project would enhance the existing character of the Scottdale Community by converting a wooded lot into a modern new construction residence, assisting to deter the blight on the street.**
- 2. To encourage new development that is appropriate to the existing character of the Scottdale Community. This project will encourage new development on Warren Ave., encouraging other vacant landowners to construct along the road.**
- 3. To encourage mixed-use developments along appropriate corridors which have sufficient access and infrastructure to support such developments. The adjacent properties are zoned as mixed-use and this will continue to encourage mixed-use development along the North Decatur corridor.**

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- b. Will the zoning proposal permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties?

The adjacent properties are zoned as mixed-use, and this will continue to encourage mixed-use development along the North Decatur corridor.

- c. Does the property to be affected by the zoning proposal have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?

Yes, as currently zoned a single-family residence can be constructed, but that would not be maximizing the potential use of this property and would not encourage mixed-use development.

- d. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties?

The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the adjacent properties. One adjacent property is a vacant land lot within Tier 1 and the property to the rear are existing apartment buildings within Tier 1 and the other adjacent property is an existing single-family residence.

- e. Are there other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal?

There are no other known existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property.

- f. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect historic building, sites, districts, or archaeological resources?

The zoning proposal will not adversely affect historic building, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

- g. Will the zoning proposal result in a use which would or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools?

The zoning proposal will not result in a use which would or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

- h. Will the zoning proposal adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources?

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The zoning proposal will not adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources.

AUTHORIZATION

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

Date: _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

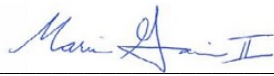
I/WE: _____
Name of Owner(s)

being owner(s) of the subject property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to:

Name of Agent or Representative

to file an application on my/our behalf.

Notary Public



Owner

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered.

Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in campaign contribution to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filling of this application?

Yes: _____ No: _____ *

If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:

1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
2. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.

The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

Notary

 8/12/2025

Signature of Applicant /Date

Check one: Owner _____ Agent _____

Expiration Date/ Seal

***Notary seal not needed if answer is "No".**

LAND SURVEYING - CONSULTING - COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR
THE CLERK OF COURT

DISTANCES ARE HORIZONTAL GROUND DISTANCES.

THE SURVEY DIMENSIONS ARE BASED ON THE U.S. FOOT
(39.37 INCHES = 1 METER)

EQUIPMENT USED:
THEODOLITE READING DIRECTLY TO 02 SECONDS,
ELECTRONIC DISTANCE METER READINGS DIRECTLY
TO .005 FEET.

THE FIELD DATA UPON WHICH THIS PLAT IS BASED
HAS A HORIZONTAL CLOSURE OF 1 FOOT IN 48,100 FEET.
THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN CALCULATED FOR CLOSURE
BY LATITUDE AND DEPARTURE AND IS FOUND TO BE
ACCURATE WITHIN 1 FOOT IN 4,00E+22 FEET.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN FIELD SURVEYED.

THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE
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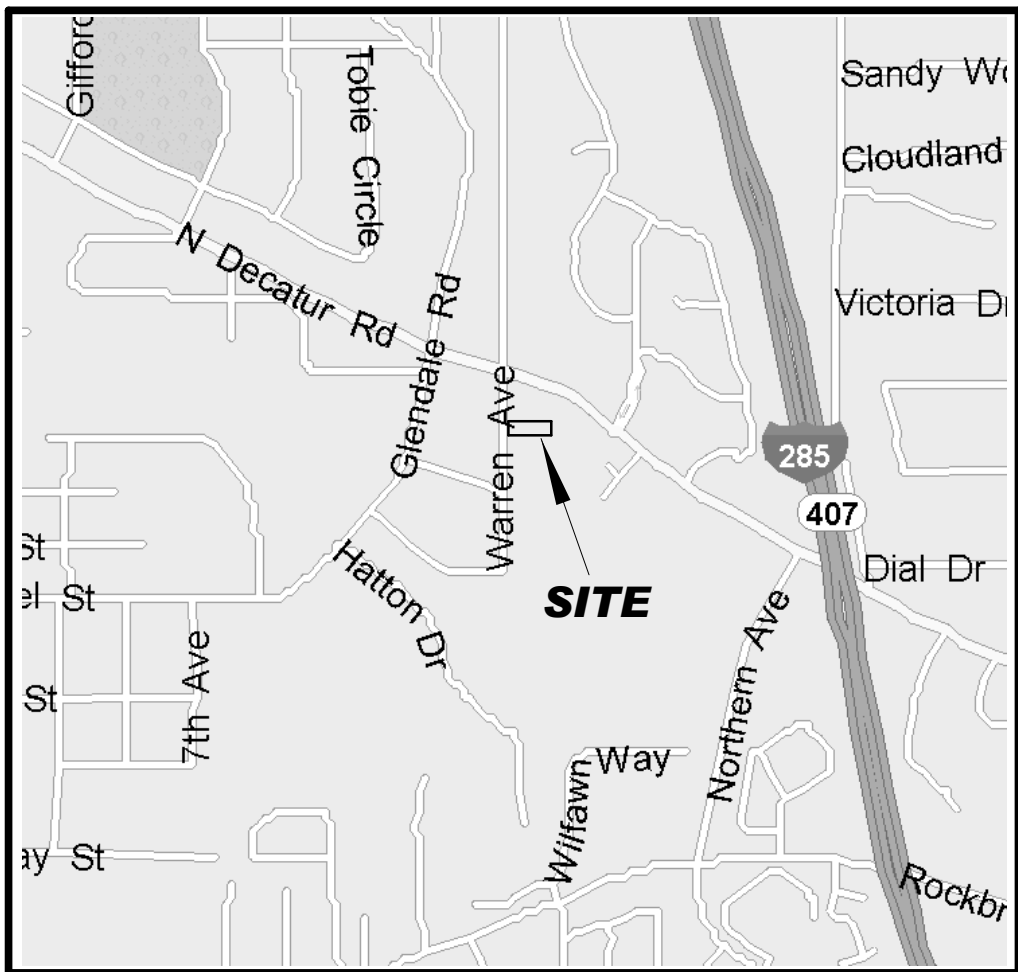
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- LIGHT POLE (LP) / POWER POLE (PP)
- WATER METER (WM)
- GAS METER (GM)

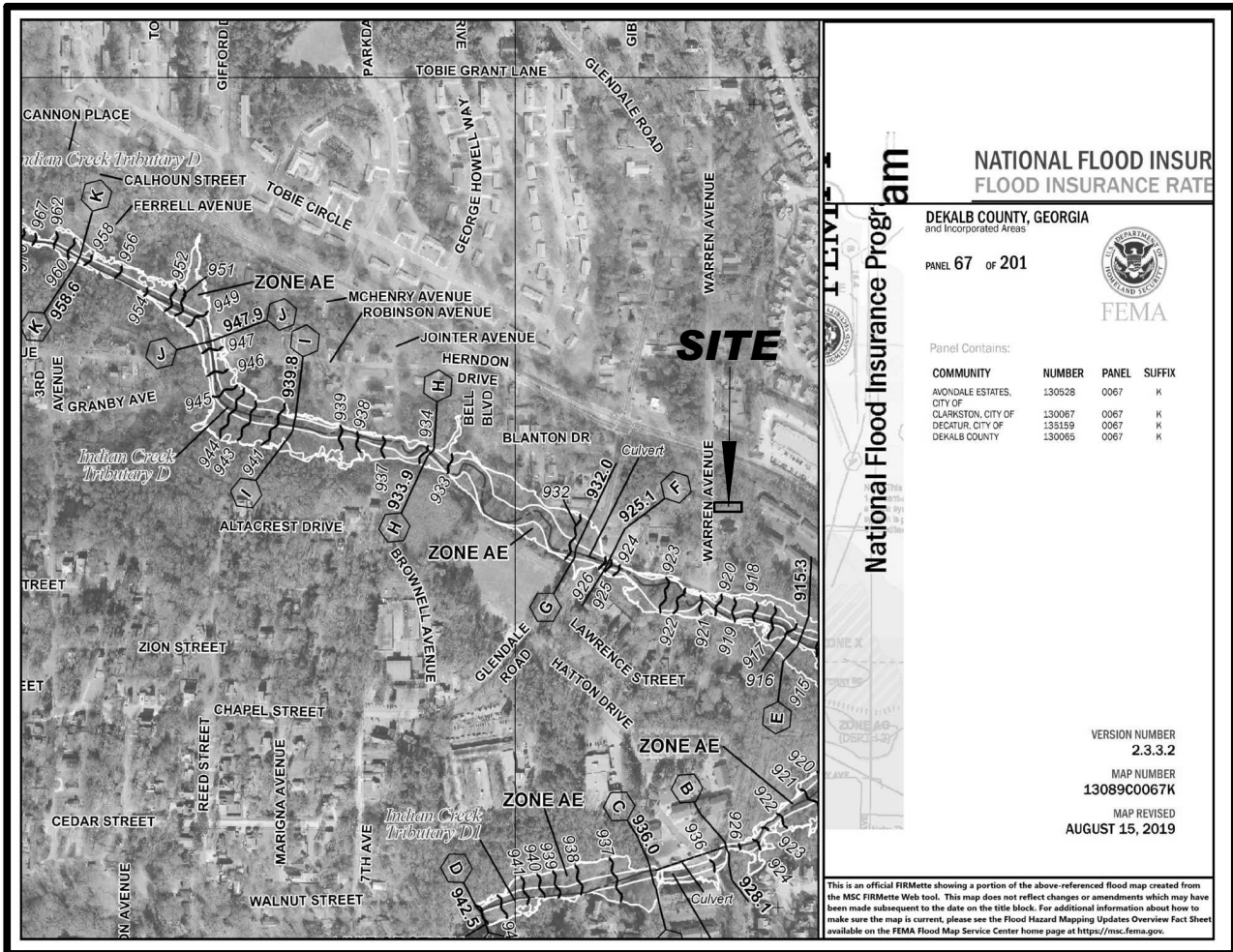
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ESKIMO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
AS RECORDED IN
PLAT BOOK 8 PAGE 63
TAX ID 18 046 04 176

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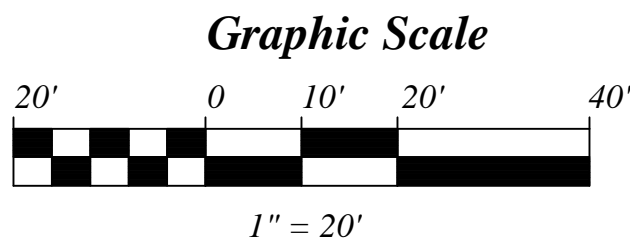
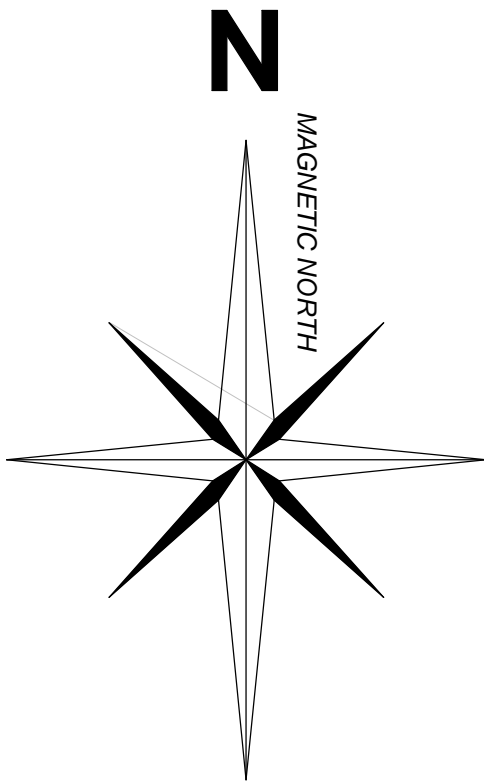
- 1) DEED BOOK 29635 PAGE 610
- 2) DEED BOOK 29012 PAGE 323
- 3) PLAT BOOK 8 PAGE 63
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ONLINE FROM THE DEKALB COUNTY
WEB SITE.



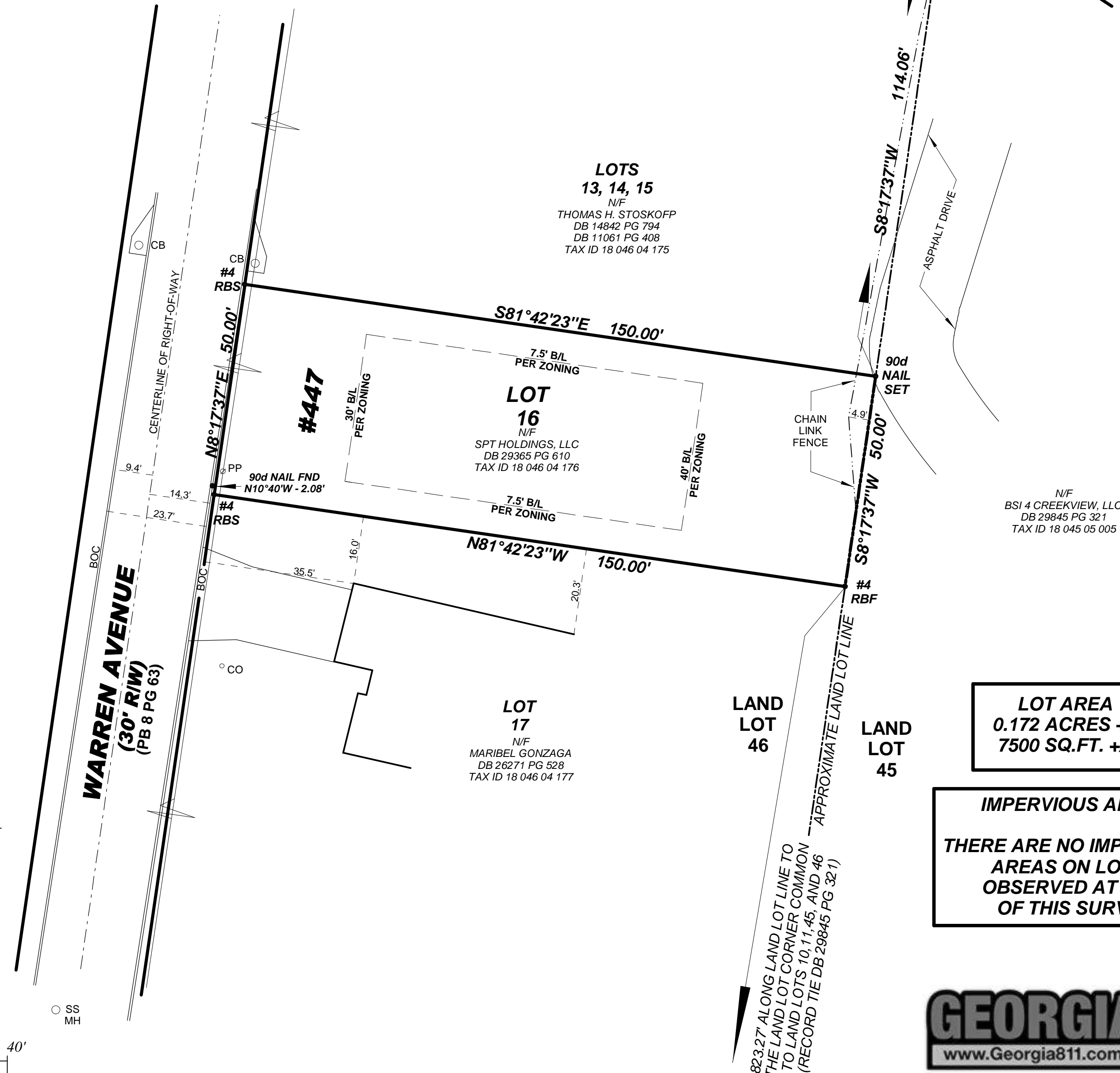
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NO PORTION OF THIS PARCEL IS IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA PER FEMA
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP NUMBER 13089C0067K PANEL 67 OF 201
COVERING DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA DATED AUGUST 15, 2019.



1" = 20'



N. DECATUR ROAD
(85' R/W)
DB 1551 PG 760

#5
RBF

ASPHALT DRIVE

N/F
BSI 4 CREEKVIEW, LLC
DB 29846 PG 321
TAX ID 18 045 05 005

LOT AREA
0.172 ACRES +/-
7500 SQ.FT. +/-

IMPERVIOUS AREAS

THERE ARE NO IMPERVIOUS
AREAS ON LOT 16
OBSERVED AT TIME
OF THIS SURVEY



Contact 811 before you dig.

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISCLAIMER

Information regarding the reputed presence, size, character and location of existing underground
utilities and structures is shown hereon. There is no certainty of the accuracy of this information
as it relates to underground facilities and it shall be considered in that light by those using this
drawing. The location and arrangement of underground utilities and structures shown hereon
may be inaccurate and such underground utilities and structures not shown may be encountered.
The Owner, his employees, his consultants and his contractors shall hereby distinctly understand
that the surveyor is not responsible for the correctness or sufficiency of the information shown
hereon as it relates to underground utilities and structures. The limitations as to accuracy
contained in this paragraph shall not apply to the utilities and/or structures of any kind which are
visible from the surface. All such above ground utilities and/or structures have been field located
and are accurately depicted hereon.

PLAT CERTIFICATION NOTICE

THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE
PERSON, PERSONS OR ENTITY NAMED HEREON. THIS PLAT DOES NOT
EXTEND TO ANY UNNAMED PERSON, PERSONS OR ENTITY WITHOUT
EXPRESS RECERTIFICATION BY THE SURVEYOR HEREON. RENAMING
THE PLAT TO SAID OTHER PERSON, PERSONS OR ENTITIES.

STATE WATERS NOTE

THIS SURVEYOR HAS MADE NO DETERMINATION OR JUDGEMENT AS TO
THE EXISTENCE OF ANY STATE WATERS THAT MAY BE ON OR
ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY. PRIOR TO ANY
CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER WORK THE PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR
THEIR CONTRACTOR SHOULD VERIFY WITH THE LOCAL AND/OR STATE
AGENCIES AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF STATE WATERS THAT MAY IMPACT
THIS PROPERTY. AN INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MAY
BE REQUIRED.

ACCORDING TO THE DEKALB COUNTY RECORDS THIS
SITE IS ZONED R75.

THIS LOT IN NON-CONFORMING IN WIDTH AND SIZE.

NOTE THAT ANY BUILDING SETBACKS SHOWN ARE
SUBJECTIVE AND HAVE BEEN INTERPOLATED FROM
ZONING INFORMATION OR PLATS OF RECORD. THESE
BUILDING SETBACKS MAY CHANGE WHEN REVIEWED
BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

PURSUANT TO THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED
SECTION 44-1-15 IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON WILLFULLY
AND KNOWINGLY TO REMOVE, DESTROY, INJURE, OR DISPLACE
ANY PROPERTY CORNER MONUMENT EXCEPT UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR.

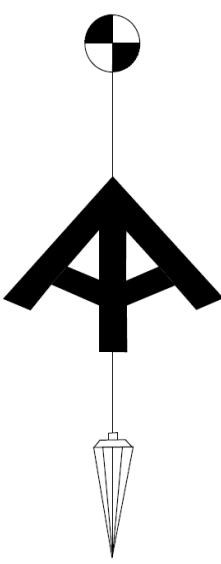
SURVEYORS CERTIFICATION

This plat is a retracement of an existing parcel or parcels of land and does
not subdivide or create a new parcel or make any changes to any real
property boundaries. The recording information of the documents, maps,
plats, or other instruments which created the parcel or parcels are stated
hereon. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY
APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF
PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR
REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY USE OR PURPOSE
OF THE LAND. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that
this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property
surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia
Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and
as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.



Lamar K. Burkhalter
LAMAR K. BURKHALTER GA. R.L.S. #2581 3/11/2022
DATE

MATTERS OF TITLE ARE EXCEPTED
© COPYRIGHT AARROW SURVEYING 2022



AARROW SURVEYING

LICENSE NO. LSF000595

2245 COUNTRY WALK
SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA 30039
PH. AND FAX 770-982-9900

SHEET 01 OF 01

REVISIONS:

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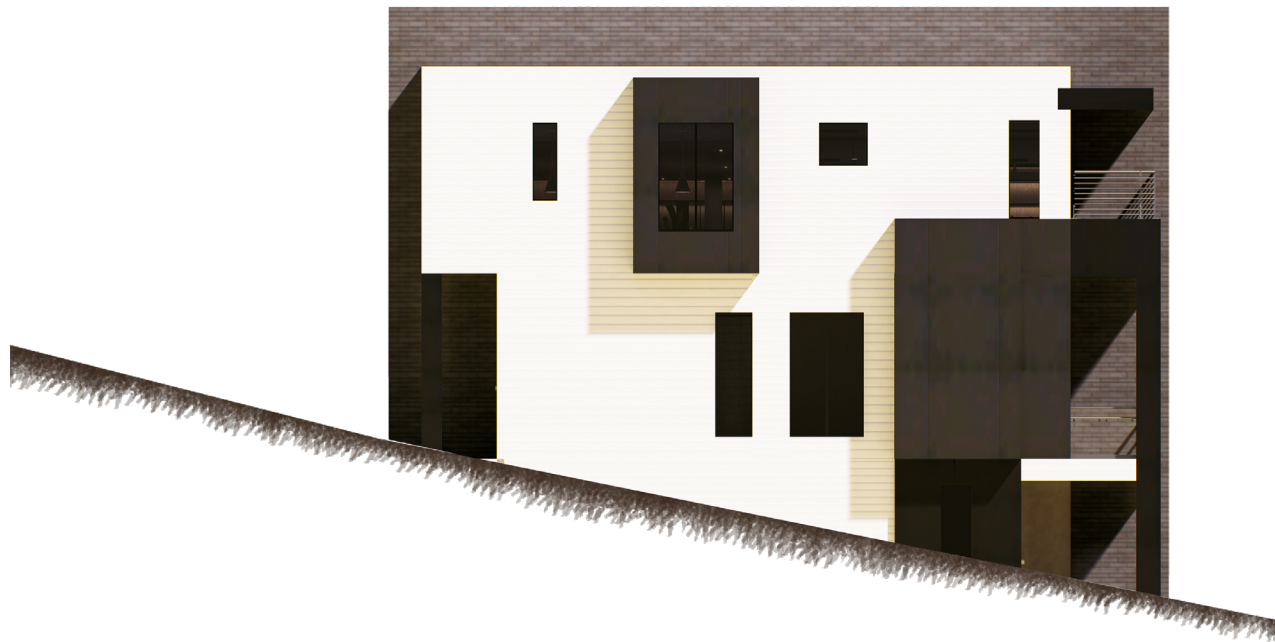
MARVIN GAVINS

LOCATED AT:

**#447 WARREN AVENUE
LAND LOT 46 OF THE 18TH DISTRICT
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

JOB NUMBER: 220011
SCALE: 1" = 20'
DATE: 03/10/22
DRAWN BY: KB
PC: KB LP: KB
CHECKED BY: KB
STATE: GEORGIA

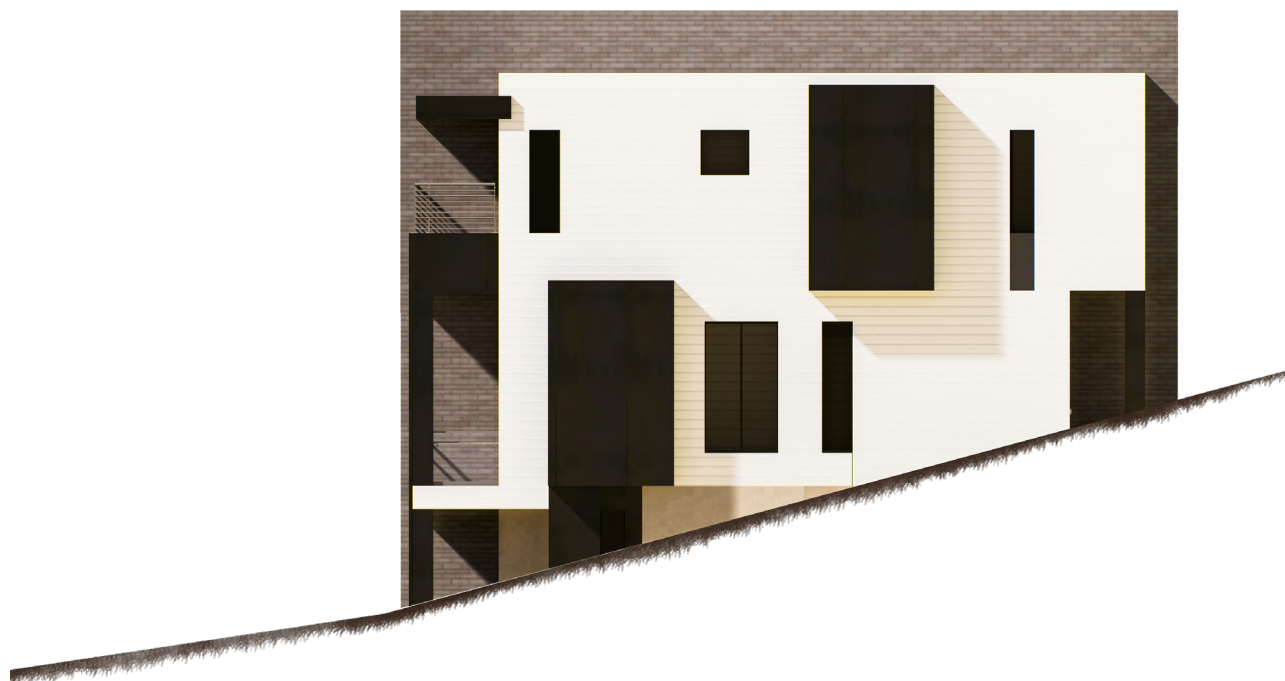
AARROW PLOT DATE: 03/11/2022



LEFT ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION



RIGHT ELEVATION



BACK ELEVATION

447 Warren Ave, Scottdale, GA 30079, USA

Chief Executive Officer
Michael Thurmond

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Interim Director
Cedric Hudson

PRE-APPLICATION FORM
REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE
(Required prior to filing application: signed copy of this form must be submitted at filing)

Applicant Name: Marvin Gavins, Jr. Phone: 404-542-9554 Email: gavinsengineering@gmail.com
Property Address: 447 Warren Avenue, Scottdale 30079
Tax Parcel ID: 18 046 04 176 Comm. District(s): 4 & 6 Acreage: 0.17
Existing Use: _____ Proposed Use: Rezone-Tier 2 to Tier 1
Supplemental Regs: _____ Overlay District: Scottdale DRI: NA
Rezoning: Yes ☒ No _____
Existing Zoning: R-75/Tier 2 Proposed Zoning: R-75/Tier 1 Square Footage/Number of Units: _____
Rezoning Request: Requesting to revise 447 Warren Ave. 30079 from Scottdale Overlay District Tier 2 to Tier 1 to allow duplex or office

Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes _____ No ☒
Existing Land Use: TN Proposed Land Use: NA Consistent _____ Inconsistent _____
Special Land Use Permit: Yes _____ No ☒ Article Number(s) 27- _____
Special Land Use Request(s): _____

Major Modification:

Existing Case Number(s): N/A
Condition(s) to be modified:

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

Pre-submittal Community Meeting: _____ Review Calendar Dates: _____ PC: 7/8/25 BOC: 7/24/25
Letter of Intent: X Impact Analysis: X Owner Authorization(s): _____ Campaign Disclosure: _____
Zoning Conditions: _____ Community Council Meeting: 6/17/25 Public Notice, Signs: _____
Tree Survey, Conservation: _____ Land Disturbance Permit (LDP): _____ Sketch Plat: _____
Bldg. Permits: _____ Fire Inspection: _____ Business License: _____ State License: _____
Lighting Plan: _____ Tent Permit: _____ Submittal Format: NO STAPLES, NO BINDERS PLEASE

Review of Site Plan

Density: X Density Bonuses: _____ Mix of Uses: _____ Open Space: X
Enhanced Open Space: _____ Setbacks: front _____ sides _____ side corner _____ rear _____
Lot Size: _____ Frontage: _____ Street Widths: _____ Landscape Strips: _____
Buffers: _____ Parking Lot Landscaping: _____ Parking - Auto: _____ Parking - Bicycle: _____
Screening: X Streetscapes: X Sidewalks: X Fencing/Walls: _____
Bldg. Height: X Bldg. Orientation: _____ Bldg. Separation: _____ Bldg. Materials: _____
Roofs: _____ Fenestration: _____ Façade Design: _____ Garages: _____ Pedestrian Plan: _____
Perimeter Landscape Strip: _____
Possible Variances: due to narrow lot width variances may be required.

Comments: applicant will need to decide which land use is desired (duplex or office) prior to submission of their rezoning application

last day for community meeting with 15 days notice to make july agenda cycle is 4/14/25. Filing deadline is April 21, 2025. Please verify you

have filed rezone application with John Reid and confirm he has recieved your application by filing deadlines.

Planner: John Reid, Sr. Planner Date: 02/11/2024

FILING FEES

REZONING:	RE, RLG, R-100, R-85, R-75, R-60, MHP, RSM, MR-1	\$500.00
	RNC, MR-2, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, MU-1, MU-2, MU-3, MU-4, MU-5	\$750.00
	OI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2	\$750.00
LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT		\$500.00
SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT		\$400.00



Marvin Gavins <gavinsengineering@gmail.com>

completed pre app form see attached 447 Warren AVenue

Reid, John <jreid@dekalbcountyga.gov>
To: Marvin Gavins <gavinsengineering@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 11:49 AM

 **Pre Application Conference Form - 447 Warren Avenue.pdf**
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