

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 1760 Williams Road
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for granting a variance to Section 7.10.1- Required Sidewalk of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), excusing the requirement to install sidewalks in all residential, commercial and industrial developments.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested for granting a variance for this development to Section 7.10.1. of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) excusing the requirements to install sidewalk in all residential, commercial and industrial developments.

Background: Ryan Davis, Moon, Meeks & Associates, Inc. representing the owner of Woodruff Storage, has requested a variance to the sidewalk requirement. The development is located at 1760 Williams Road.

Analysis: There is limited shoulder available adjacent to Whitesville Road, and construction sidewalk will negatively impact existing mature city trees within the Right of Way. There is currently a sidewalk on the west side of Whitesville Road across from the project, and an established crosswalk at Williams Road for pedestrians to cross Whitesville Road. There are improvements planned for the Whitesville Road and William Road corridors including sidewalks and Trails/Paths.

Financial Considerations: The City or others would be required to construct a sidewalk if added in the future.

Legal Considerations: Council has the authority to grant variances to Design Standards.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for granting a variance for this development to Section 7.10.1. of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) excusing the requirements to install sidewalk in all residential, commercial and industrial developments.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, GRANTING A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO), SECTION 7.10.1. -REQUIRED SIDEWALK, EXCUSING THE REQUIREMENT TO INSTALL SIDEWALK ALONG 1760 WILLIAM ROAD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property at 1760 Williams Road is developing an existing lot; and,

WHEREAS, the owner being represented by Moon, Meeks & Associates, has requested a variance to the UDO requirement to construct sidewalk along the street frontage; and,

WHEREAS, there are other sidewalks that currently exist on the Whitesville Road corridor and other pedestrian improvements planned for Whitesville Road and Williams Road in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That a variance be granted to Sunsouth under construction at 1760 Williams Road to the UDO requiring sidewalks as part of a development of residential, commercial, and industrial developments.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____day November, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor