DALTON-VARNELL-WHITFIELD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
503 WEST WAUGH STREET
DALTON, GA 30720

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Dalton Mayor and Council
           Andrew Parker
           Terry Miller
           Jean Garland

FROM: Jim Lidderdale
            Chairman

DATE: March 29, 2023

SUBJECT: The request of Omar Awad to rezone from Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) to Transitional Residential (R-6) a tract of land totaling 0.44 acres located at 843 McAfee St, Dalton Georgia. Parcel (12-218-27-004)
The most recent meeting of the Dalton-Varnell-Whitfield County Planning Commission was held on March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitfield County Courthouse meeting room.   A portion of the agenda included a public hearing concerning the above matter. A quorum of four members of the Planning Commission was present. All legal requirements for advertising and posting the public hearing were met. The petition was represented by Omar Awad.

Public Hearing Summary:
Chairman Lidderdale sought a motion on the requested R-6 rezoning. **Chris Shiflett then made a motion to approve the R-6 rezoning. Octavio Perez then seconded the motion and a unanimous recommendation to approve the R-6 rezoning followed, 3-0.**

Recommendation:
Mr. Calhoun summarized the staff analysis which recommended approval of the requested R-6 rezoning. There were no further questions for Calhoun.
Omar Awad stated that the subject property had been used as a mosque prior to its conversion into a residential quadplex. Awad noted the issue with the subject property's non-conformity and his frustration given that he received permits to carry out the remodel in 2015. It was then stated by Awad that the subject property had been occupied as a quadplex for at least 3.5-years and that electrical meters were also permitted and activated at that time. Chris Shiflett asked Awad when the quadplex remodel had been completed, and Awad stated that the remodel was completed in 2017.
With no other comments heard for or against, this hearing closed at approximately 7:00pm.