

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

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Whitfield County Board of Commissioners  
Robert Sivick  
Robert Smalley  
City of Dalton Mayor and Council  
Andrew Parker  
Jonathan Bledsoe  
City of Varnell Mayor and Council  
Mike Brown  
Terry Miller  
Jean Price-Garland

**FROM:** Jim Lidderdale  
Chairman

**DATE:** November 26, 2024

**SUBJECT: The request of the City of Varnell Mayor and Council to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance text.**

The most recent meeting of the Dalton-Varnell-Whitfield County Planning Commission was held on November 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitfield County Courthouse meeting room. A portion of the agenda included a public hearing concerning the above matter. A quorum of five members of the Planning Commission was present. All legal requirements for advertising and posting the public hearing were met. The petition was represented by Tyler White and Jean Price-Garland.

**Public Hearing Summary:**

Tyler White summarized the City of Varnell's desire to lower the maximum building height from 140' to 50'. Jean Garland also addressed a change in Georgia State Law that changed the requirements for advertisements for halfway houses as to no longer require two separate public hearings and therefore the UZO amendment would reflect the change in the state law in order to remain compliant.

Chairman Lidderdale asked if any buildings existed there that would meet that height requirement and there were not.

There were no further comments.

**Recommendation:**

Chairman Lidderdale sought a motion for the text amendments. **Chris Shifflett made a motion to approve, and Jody McClurg seconded the motion. There was a unanimous recommendation to approve the UZO text amendments (4-0).**