

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

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Whitfield County Board of Commissioners  
Mark Gibson  
Robert Smalley  
Jean Price-Garland  
City of Dalton Mayor and Council  
Kim Witherow  
Jason Parker  
City of Varnell Mayor and Council  
Mike Brown

**FROM:** Jim Lidderdale  
Chairman

**DATE:** January 29, 2019

**SUBJECT: The staff recommendation to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance to permit Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries, Brewpubs, Micro-wineries, Micro-distilleries and Micro-breweries in the City of Varnell as well as to update the definition of Boutique Hotel mirroring the current text for the City of Dalton. (*Dalton, Whitfield, Varnell*)**

The most recent meeting of the Dalton-Whitfield County Planning Commission was held on January 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitfield County Administrative Building #2, 214 West King Street. 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 Ethan Calhoun, the secretary of the Dalton, Whitfield and Varnell Planning Commission.

**Public Hearing Summary:**

Mr. Calhoun began the public hearing with opening remarks to inform the members of the reasoning for the proposed text amendment. He stated that this change is proposed in order to create consistency among the two cities within the Unified Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Calhoun made note that this amendment would simply mirror the current text for the City of Dalton in order to permit the previously mentioned uses within the City of Varnell. He went on to clarify that this amendment would in no way alter the definitions of Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries, Brewpubs, Micro-wineries, micro-distilleries and micro-breweries the previously stated uses or affect the permitted use table in regards to the City of Dalton or Whitfield County.

With no other comments heard for or against this public hearing closed 6:19p.m.

**Recommendation:**

Chairman Lidderdale sought a motion on the staff's suggested amendments. **Mr. DeLay made a motion to accept the proposed amendments as written. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and a unanimous recommendation followed, 4-0.**