



CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
10/5/26 Work Session
10/13/26 Regular Meeting

Requesting Agency (Initiator):
City of Jonesboro

Sponsor(s): Councilwoman Chelsey Curney,
David Allen, Faith Ajuta, Derry Walker

Agenda
Language:

Council to discuss a more business-friendly process for Jonesboro restaurants, including grease trap requirements.

Requested Action/Recommendation:

Review of City grease-trap “brochure”

Requirements for Mayor & Council Action:

Review of City grease-trap “brochure”

Is this Item Goal Related?

Yes

Summary and Background:

Staff Report

At a meeting on September 17th, Troy Usry of the CCWA, Councilwoman Curney, City Manager Cole, Economic Development Director Faith Akuta, Community Development Director David Allen, and Code Enforcement Officer Derry Walker met to discuss grease trap requirements for Clayton County and its cities, how to make the process more user-friendly for future restaurants, and grease trap options for Broad Street restaurants. The first exposure for proposed restaurants is through the zoning office. If they are an approved use, then the Community Development Director informs them of needing a grease trap permit. The attached document acts as a bridge between the zoning document and the actual grease trap permit, by being a user-friendly guide to point would-be restaurant owners in the right direction.

Broad Street Notes

- Shared / Community / Grease Traps are not allowed; there are problems with shared maintenance, and, if one or more restaurants goes out of business and their part of the tank is dormant for an extended period of time, it can produce a gas buildup which can damage the whole system.
- Grease Traps would be allowed in the Broad Street right-of-way with City approval; This would allow more room for multiple grease traps (instead of the cramped areas behind the buildings. They can withstand truck traffic if they are “H2O rated.”
- Also discussed possible economic incentives for periodic pumping of the grease traps for the businesses.

Dumpster Notes

- Shared / common dumpster location was also discussed during the meeting.
- There is a possibility of using the landscape island in the middle of the Broad Street parking lot.



However, there are transformers on the sides and power lines going through the middle, thus limiting the space for a dumpster pad.



- Another possibility was brought up to locate a shared dumpster on top of four existing parking spaces along Church Street (in the same Broad Street area). This area would likely be free of utilities, but you would lose four parking spaces.



Parking Garage

- A parking garage is a much needed item in Jonesboro and has for several years been proposed for the City-owned parking lot across from Nouveau.

**Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

Exhibits/Supporting Documents Attached:

- Grease Trap Brochure
- CCWA requirements

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Date Submitted:

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION

Typed Name and Title:

Date:

Signature:

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