

	CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary	COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Work Session: 11/3/25 Public Hearing: 11/10/25
Requesting Agency (Initiator) Max Kovtoun (Applicant)		Sponsor(s) Interim Community Development Director Faith Akuta
Item Title:	Council to discuss Variance Application #25-VAR-001 submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels #06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks relief from the Gateway South District's exterior architectural design and material standards specifically related to porches and balconies.	
Requested Action Council to discuss variance from exterior architectural design and material standards specifically related to porches and balconies.		
Requirement for Board Action Sec. 86-118(k)(1)(g) <i>Porches and balconies.</i>		
Is this Item Goal Related? Yes.		
Summary and Background Zoning History: On September 16, 2024, the applicant received Conditional Use approval (24-CU-09B) for parcels 06032A B002 and 06032A B002Z, subject to conditions, to permit a multifamily development consisting of three four-story buildings, a central amenity area, and approximately 200 residential units. That approval was conditioned on compliance with Section 86-205 (Multifamily – Apartments), Section 86-101 (R-M Multifamily District Standards), and Section 18-118 (Gateway South Overlay District Standards). Table 1.0 (following page) illustrates the zoning and current land uses for the adjacent properties.		

Current Zoning		Current Land Use
North	C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) and A (Assembly Rights); M-1 (Light Industrial District) and G (Gateway Overlay District); R-2 (Single Family Residence)	Office, Single Family Residential, and, Commercial
East	M-1(Light Industrial District) and G (Gateway Overlay District)	Industrial
South	M-1(Light Industrial District) and G (Gateway Overlay District)	Industrial
West	O-I (Office and Institutional District) and G (Gateway District)	Government

Table 1.0 Adjacent Zoning/Land Use

Summary and Staff Analysis

The subject property is zoned MX (Mixed Use) and is located within the Gateway South (G) Overlay District. According to the applicant's site plan dated August 15, 2025, the total project area encompasses approximately 29.14 +/- acres.

The applicant is now requesting a variance from Section 86-118(k)(1)(g), which mandates architectural design standards for porches and balconies. Specifically, the ordinance requires exterior porches (ground floor) and balconies (upper floors) to be a minimum of six (6) feet deep and to provide direct access via sliding doors. The request is for relief from interior-facing facades of the multifamily buildings, allowing reduced or altered porch/balcony designs where they would normally be required.

Additionally, the site plan now includes parcels 06032A B006 and 06032A B003, which were not part of the original Conditional Use approval. A concurrent Conditional Use permit has been submitted to include these parcels and ensure compliance with applicable MX zoning and Gateway South Overlay District standards.

Fiscal Impact (Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)

- **Private Developer**

Exhibits Attached (Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively.)

- **Application Packet**
- **Supporting Documents**

- **Sign Photo**
- **Site Photos**
- **Maps**

Staff Recommendation (Type name, Title, Agency and Phone number.)

Staff recommends denial of the applicant's request to limit porches and balconies solely to the exterior of the buildings. However, staff recommends **approval** of a modified approach allowing porches and balconies to be evenly distributed throughout the development, while not requiring them on every individual unit.

1. Community Development shall provide final approval for all elevations before final plat submittal.

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Clerk)

Typed Name and Title	Date	
Signature	City Clerk's Office	