



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 7

Application of Stark Haus to rezone property from R-75 (Single-Family Residential) District to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District to allow six urban single-family detached homes at 2043 Columbia Drive.

PETITION NO: N12. Z-20-1243977 2020-0609

PROPOSED USE: Six urban single-family detached homes

LOCATION: 2043 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia

PARCEL NO. : 15-154-12-003

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PURPOSE:

Application of Stark Haus to rezone property from R-75 (Single-Family Residential) District to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District to allow six urban single-family detached homes. The property is located on the west side of Columbia Drive, opposite Hyland Drive, 2043 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia. The property has approximately 132 feet of frontage along Columbia Drive and contains 0.7 acre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Denial.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Full cycle deferral.

PLANNING STAFF: Approval with conditions.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The zoning proposal is consistent with the following policies and strategies of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan: “Enhance the County’s existing supply of housing.” (HP3) and “Ensure that new development and redevelopment is compatible with existing residential areas.” (LUP6) Construction of the proposed development would replace an overgrown, blighted property with a development that would add to the vitality of the surrounding neighborhood and provide housing for people who prefer to live in the urban single-family detached housing type. The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties, and under the current zoning there appears to be little incentive for construction of one single-family house on this lot that is surrounded on three sides by multifamily residential

development. Therefore, the Department of Planning and Sustainability recommends “Approval, with Staff’s recommended conditions”.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Full cycle deferral, 8-0-0. V. Moore moved and J. West seconded for full cycle deferral to allow for more dialogue between the applicant and the neighbors.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: Denial 6-1-1. Community Council Board members commented that the proposal is inconsistent with the character of the surrounding community.