



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 03 Super District 07

Application of Harold Buckley, Jr. for Caliber Car Wash for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a drive-through car wash in a C-1 (Local Commercial) District, at 3644 Memorial Drive.

PETITION NO: D6. SLUP-22-1245321 2021-3519

PROPOSED USE: Drive-through car wash.

LOCATION: 3644 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032

PARCEL NO. : 15-217-04-024

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PURPOSE:

Application of Harold Buckley, Jr. for Caliber Car Wash for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a drive-through car wash in a C-1 (Local Commercial) District, in accordance with Section 27-4.1.3, Table 4.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located on the northwest side of Memorial Drive, approximately 1,045 ft. from the northeast corner of Memorial Drive and Columbia Drive, at 3644 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia. The property has approximately 278 feet of frontage on Memorial Drive and contains 1.44 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: (Feb. 9, 2022) Approval. (Dec. 15, 2021) Approval.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (March 1, 2022) Full Cycle Deferral. (Nov. 4, 2021) Denial.

PLANNING STAFF: (March Cycle) Full Cycle Deferral (revised from Denial). (January Cycle) Denial.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The staff recommendation to the Planning Commission was denial of the proposed car wash, primarily because it is not compatible with the policies of the Town Center character area in which it would be located. The Board of Commissioners, at their hearing of January 27, deferred the application full cycle to allow time for the applicant to consult with Planning staff about options to resolve the incompatibility of the proposal with the Town Center. Commissioner Johnson has suggested that the car wash site also be developed with a café or other eating establishment, and Staff supports this recommendation insofar as it would create a mixed use development that would be compatible with Town Center policies. To allow time for Caliber Car Wash to incorporate an eating establishment into its proposal, Staff amends its recommendation to that of “Full Cycle Deferral”.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (March 1, 2022) Full Cycle Deferral 9-0-0. Jana Johnson moved, Vivian Moore seconded for a full cycle deferral to the May 2022 zoning agenda. **(November 4, 2021) Denial 6-0-2.** Jon West moved, Gwendolyn McCoy seconded for Denial, per Staff recommendation. Tess Snipes and Vivian Moore abstained.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: (Feb. 9, 2022) Approval 5-2-1. Discussion included a comment that the car wash was not pedestrian-oriented, and a question about the location of the nearest existing car wash establishment. **(Dec. 15, 2021) Approval 9-0-0.** Applicant answered board member's question about mitigation of noise from customer radios to her satisfaction.