## **STAFF REPORT**

## **COUNCIL MEETING:** November 10, 2022

DATE:	November 6, 2022
то:	Thomson City Council
FROM:	Chase N. Beggs, Planning & Zoning Director
ISSUE:	Consideration to approve a conditional use request for a barber shop at 648 Ellington
	Avenue, Thomson, GA 30824, Parcel 0T210001.

# CURRENT ZONE: R-1B (High-Density Single-Family Residential) ACREAGE: 0.25 Acre

**BACKGROUND:** John Griffin submitted an application requesting a conditional use to open a barber shop in an existing commercial building at the corner of MLK JR Street and Ellington Avenue.

All public notice requirements were met prior to the public hearing held by the planning board. No public input was received to the staff before the planning board meeting.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Yays 6, Nays 0 -- The Planning Board made a recommendation to approve the conditional use request unanimously.

### FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The commercial building was historically used as a barber shop.
- 2. The business closed down a number of years ago and would require rezoning or a conditional use to reopen.
- 3. Because the area is residential and there are issues with setbacks, a conditional use was recommended to the applicant by staff rather than rezoning to commercial.
- 4. The applicant's family lives in the house behind this parcel.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. City Council approves the Planning Board's recommendation to **approve** the conditional use request.
- 2. City Council **denies** the conditional use request.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends council adopt alternative #1 and approve the conditional use request as recommended by the planning board.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Tax map aerial of subject property
- 2. Zoning Map of the area
- 3. Picture of subject building



