


STAFF REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING: November 10, 2022

DATE: November 6, 2022
TO: Thomson City Council
FROM: Chase N. Beggs, Planning & Zoning Director 
ISSUE: Consideration to approve a sign variance request for Thomson Presbyterian Church, 607 Jackson Street, Thomson, GA 30824, Parcel OT250077.

CURRENT ZONE: R-1 (Single-Family Residential)

ACREAGE: 4.5 Acres

BACKGROUND: Thomson Presbyterian Church submitted an application requesting a variance to the sign ordinance to replace their existing monument sign with a new monument sign which will have an LED message portion.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Thomson Presbyterian Church is zoned R-1 which is the same zoning classification as the lots surrounding the church to the south.
2. The church is in a mixed-use area as most parcels to north are in the business district and parcels to the south are residential.
3. The House of God Church of God in Christ, a couple parcels up the road, has a similar sign which is allowed by ordinance in that zone.

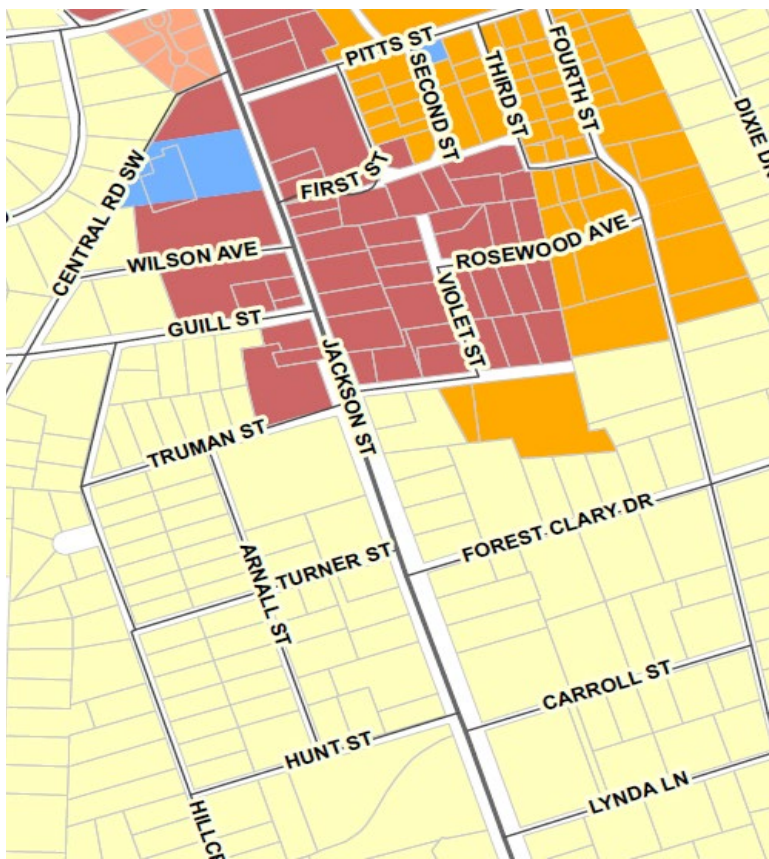
ALTERNATIVES:

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

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Tax map aerial of subject property
2. Zoning Map of the area
3. Picture of proposed sign



Legend

County Roads

ROUTE

- Roads
- State Hwy
- US Hwy
- Rivers
- Thomson City Limits
- Tax Parcels

Thomson Zoning

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- B-1 Highway Business
- B-2 Central Business
- I-1 Light Industry
- OUT
- P Professional
- R-1 Light Density Single Family
- R-1A Medium Density Single Family
- R-1B High Density Single Family
- R-2 Multi-Family
- S Special



6' Man

TekStar 10mm 64x224 5'x8'

Cabinet: 5' x 8'
Mount: 1 Custom (2' 6" x 8')

Cabinet Color: Spartan Bronze
Face Color: White

Logo: screenshot20220907111156



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