

Rezoning (Map Amendment) and Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment Application

Please type or print legibly. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to fully answer any of the following sections. Incomplete applications will not be scheduled by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) until deficiencies are corrected. Additional instructions and information regarding the amendment process are attached. **SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC COMPLETED APPLICATION TO PLANNING@SAVANNAHGA.GOV.** Applicants are requested to contact the MPC staff at 912.651.1440 and the City Planning and Urban Design staff at 912.525.2783 prior to submitting an application.

I. Subject Property

Street Address(es): 1108 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Property Identification Number(s) (PINs) (Note: Attach a boundary survey, recorded or proposed plat, tax map or scaled plot plan to identify the property boundary lines.): 20044 34011

Total acreage of the subject property: 0.04 acres

Existing land use(s) for the subject property (e.g., undeveloped, restaurant, auto repair shop, multi-family): Vacant residentially zoned parcel

II. Action Requested

A. Type of Request.

- ☒ Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendment)
- ☒ Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map Amendment (If proposed rezoning does not fit the designated Future Land Use Map Category)

B. Application History. Have any previous applications been made to rezone the subject property (Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), Subdivision, Site Permit (General Development Plan), Business Location Approval, Text Amendment)?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide the Plan/Permit File Number(s): 25-001678-ZBA

C. Rezoning Information.

- Identify the existing zoning district(s) for the subject property: TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1)
- Proposed zoning district(s) for the subject property: TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1)
(Only one district should be proposed unless there is an extenuating circumstance. If more than one district is desired, please provide supporting rationale as part of this application. A zoning district must be identified or the application will not be processed.)
- List all proposed land use(s) in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. (Refer to Zoning Ordinance Article 5 Sec. 5.4 Principal Use Table. If your desired use is not listed, contact the Planning and Urban Design Department for a use determination. Planning and Urban Design by contacting 912.525.2783.) _____

Retail gift shop featuring artisan products, local artwork, handcrafted items, home décor, and Savannah-themed merchandise on the ground floor with one residential dwelling unit above.

**The petitioner will receive notification to obtain and post the Public Notice Sign(s)
from the City's Planning & Urban Design Office at least**

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION and CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

**Failure to timely post the signs shall result in the removal of the Petitioner's application
from the agenda.**

D. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment.

Sections 5.5 through 5.17, subsection 2 of the Zoning Ordinance titled Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Consistency list the permitted Future Land Use (FLU) Category(ies) for each Zoning District. Chapter 5 of the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan lists and defines these categories. If the proposed Zoning District is not allowed within the current FLU Category designated for the property, a Comprehensive Plan FLUM Amendment is required. As part of the application review process, the Planning Commission and City will evaluate and determine if the proposed Zoning District requires a FLU Map Amendment.

- What is the present Future Land Use Category designated for the property? Traditional Neighborhood
- What is the Future Land Use Category that allows the proposed Zoning District? Traditional Commercial

III. Rezoning Review Criteria

Describe the purpose of the requested rezoning. Please refer to [Sec. 3.5.8](#) for the review criteria that will be used when considering your petition.

The requested rezoning from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) is intended to allow a small neighborhood-oriented artisan gift shop on the ground floor with one residential dwelling unit above.

The proposal is based on a previously approved building concept, including existing off-street parking located behind the building. The proposed use is compatible with the mixed-use character found along portions of Abercorn Street and nearby commercial properties. The proposal is compatible with the character of the Victorian Neighborhood.

Is the subject parcel located within 3,000 feet of a military base, installation or airport, or within the 3,000 foot Clear Zone and Accident Prevention Zones Numbers I and II as prescribed in the definition of an Air Installation Compatible Use Zone that is affiliated with such base, installation or airport? ☐ Yes ☒ No

IV. Neighborhood Meeting

A neighborhood meeting is required as shown in [Table 3.2-1](#), Types of Required Public Notice for Applications, or indicated elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance. If an applicant fails to provide neighborhood notification consistent with the requirements, the public hearing will be postponed until after such notification has been made. Please complete the following information.

- Neighborhood Association: Victorian Neighborhoods Association
- Neighborhood President: Nancy Maia
- Method of Notification: Email
- Date Notification Sent: 06/05/2026
- Date of Neighborhood Meeting: Proposal under review by VNA Board
- Time of the Meeting: Not applicable (email review process)
- Location of the Meeting: Email correspondence with Victorian Neighborhoods Association
- Date Notification Sent to Planning Director of the Scheduled Date, Time, Place: VNA review conducted by email
- Date of Planning Commission Meeting: 07/14/2026

V. Property Owner Information

Name(s): Cemil Emre Yavas

Registered Agent: _____

(Or Officer or Authorized Signatory, if Property Owner is not an individual. Provide GA Annual Registration.)

Address: 732 E Waldburg Street

City, State, Zip: Savannah, GA 31401

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail address: _____

VI. Petitioner Information, if different from Property Owner (If the property owner(s) will have an agent serve on his or her behalf, the owner(s) must complete the attached Letter of Authorization. If the agent changes after submitting the application and the agent is not the property owner, a new authorization form will be required.)

Name(s): _____

Registered Agent: _____
(Or Officer or Authorized Signatory, if Petitioner is not an individual)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

VII. Agent, if different from Petitioner or Property Owner (A signed, notarized statement of authorization from the property owner is required and must be attached if this section applies. If the agent changes after submitting the application and the agent is not the property owner, a new authorization form will be required.)

Name(s): _____

Firm or Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contacts

Planning & Urban Design: 20 Interchange Drive, Administration Building, Savannah, GA, 31415
P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, GA, 31402 (Phone: 912.525.2783)

The Planning Commission: 110 E. State St, Savannah, GA, 31401 (Located at the State Street Garage)

VIII. Letter of Authorization

As fee simple owner of the subject property that is identified as Property Identification Number(s) (PIN) _____, I (we) authorize _____ (Agent Name) of _____ (Firm or Agency, if applicable) to serve as agent on my (our) behalf for the purpose of making and executing this application for the proposed request. I (we) understand that any representations(s) made on my (our) behalf, by my (our) authorized representative, shall be legally binding upon the subject property.

Property Owner(s)

Name(s): _____

Registered Agent: _____
(Or Officer or Authorized Signatory, if Property owner is not an individual)

Signature(s)

Date

Witness Signature Certificate

State of Georgia

County of _____

**NOT APPLICABLE –
PROPERTY OWNER IS THE PETITIONER
AND NO AGENT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED**

Signed or attested before me on _____
Date

by _____
(Printed name(s) of individual(s) signing document)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

____ Personally Known or ____ Produced Identification Type of ID _____

Signature of notary public

(Name of notary, typed, stamped or printed)

Notary Public State of Georgia

My commission expires: _____

IX. Disclosure of Campaign Contribution Form To be filed within 10 days of filing this application. This is required to be filled out by the Petitioner, Property Owner, and/or Agent per the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-67A).

- (a) When any applicant for rezoning action has made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of that applicant's application for the rezoning action, campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will consider the application, it shall be the duty of the applicant to file a disclosure report with the governing authority of the respective local government showing:
- (1) The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; and
 - (2) The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made by the applicant to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution.
- (b) The disclosures required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be filed within ten days after the application for the rezoning action is first filed.
- (c) When any opponent of a rezoning action has made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of the rezoning action being opposed, campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a local government official of the local government which will consider the application, it shall be the duty of the opponent to file a disclosure with the governing authority of the respective local government showing:
- (1) The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; and
 - (2) The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made by the opponent to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution.
- (d) The disclosure required by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be filed at least five calendar days prior to the first hearing by the local government or any of its agencies on the rezoning application.

Please answer the following questions:

- A.** Within two years immediately preceding the filing this application, have you and your agent (if applicable) made a campaign contribution in the amount of \$250 or more to any of the local government officials listed below? ☐ Yes ☒ No If you answered "Yes", please complete Question 2.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah	
Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor	Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Carolyn Bell, At-Large (Post 1)	Nick Palumbo, District 4
Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large (Post 2)	Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5
Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1	Kurtis Purtee, District 6
Detric Leggett, District 2	

Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Laureen Boles, Secretary	Traci Amick	Joseph Welch
Travis Coles, Chairman	Coren Ross	Amanda Wilson
Stephen Plunk	Joseph B. Ervin	Jay Melder, Ex-Officio
Jeff Notrica, Treasurer	Dwayne Stephens	Michael Kaigler, Ex-Officio
Karen Jarrett	Tom Woiwode, Vice Chairman	

- B.** If you checked "Yes" to Question 1, complete the section below:

Contribution			
Name of Official to Whom Contribution was Made	Official Position at Time of Contribution	Date of Contribution	Description & Dollar Amount of Contribution

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Cemil Emre Yavas

06/16/2026

Signature of Petitioner or Petitioner's Agent

Printed Name

Date

X. Application Fee

The non-refundable filing fee is based on the type of use for which relief is requested. Make check payable to City of Savannah.

- ☒ Rezoning/Comprehensive Plan Amendment: \$3,500.00 + \$50.00 per acre
- ☐ Planned Development: \$1,100 + \$155.00 per acre

XI. Application Checklist

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26, this checklist must be completed and submitted with each permit application. Please check every item as either "Y" for items that are included with the application or "N" for items that are not included with the application. Items without an "N" checkbox are minimum requirements initially due with the application if applicable.

Yes No

- ☒ Part I. Subject Property
- ☒ Part II. Action Required
- ☒ Part III. Rezoning Review Criteria Form
- ☒ Part IV. Neighborhood Meeting
- ☒ Part V. Property Owner Information
- ☒ ☐ Part VI. Petitioner Information
- ☐ ☒ Part VII. Agent
- ☐ ☒ Part VIII. Letter of Authorization
- ☒ Part IX. Disclosure of Campaign Contribution Form
- ☒ Part X. Application Fee
- ☒ Part XI. Complete Application Checklist
- ☒ Part XII. Certified Application (Signed application)
- ☒ Survey. A scaled or dimensioned boundary survey, tax map, plot plan, or sketch showing the subject property (Original not scanned if produced electronically and not recorded).
- ☒ Legal Description. A legal description of the land by lot, block, and subdivision designations, or if none, by metes and bounds (Electronic or digital Word document).
- ☒ ☐ Concept Plan of the proposed development if applicable

Please note: Supplemental information may be required during plan review to address deficiencies.

XII. Certified Application

By my signature below, I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of the application. I acknowledge that I understand and have complied with all of the submittal requirements and procedures, and that this application is a complete application submittal. I further understand that an incomplete application submittal may cause my application to be deferred to the next posted deadline date. I understand that the approval of an application for Special Use Permit by The Mayor and Aldermen does not constitute a waiver from any applicable local, state, or federal regulations.

Cemil Emre Yavas 06/16/2026

Signature of Petitioner or Petitioner's Agent

Printed Name

Date

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Instructions

1. Applicants are requested to contact the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and the City's Planning and Urban Design Office (City) prior to submitting an application.
2. If the project is a Development of Regional Impact (DRI), the project must first be found "in the best interest of the State" before a rezoning application can be reviewed by the Planning Commission. MPC staff will notify the petitioner or agent when a request qualifies as a DRI.
3. The application form must be complete according to [Sec. 3.1.4](#) including the appropriate fee and all required supplemental materials before it will be processed and scheduled for a hearing. If the property has been purchased within the last 12 months, please provide a copy of the Deed.
4. **All applications must be submitted electronically to planning@savananhga.gov.** If the document size is larger than 20 MB, please contact 912-525-2783.
5. The petitioner or agent may include exhibits (e.g., letters or photos) to support the request.
6. A schedule of the application deadlines as well as the Planning Commission and City Council meeting dates are part of this application.

Rezoning and Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map Amendment Process (After the Application is Submitted)

1. All rezoning applications will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing prior to the Mayor and Aldermen holding the zoning hearing.
2. Once an application submittal is determined to be complete according to [Sec. 3.1.4](#), the MPC will schedule the petition for review by the Planning Commission and prepare a staff recommendation.
3. The MPC will notify the petitioner of the public hearing date and time as well as publish a public notification in the newspaper.
4. The petitioner will receive notification to obtain a Public Notice Sign(s) announcing the petition from the City's Planning and Urban Design Office at located at 20 Interchange Drive, Administration Bldg. The petitioner must post the sign(s) at least **15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** according to [Sec. 3.2.6](#). If the signs are not posted at least 15 days before the public hearing, the petition will be rescheduled.
5. The Planning Commission meeting will be held in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room at the MPC, 112 E State Street doorway.
6. Digital presentations must be provided to MPC staff at least two days prior to the hearing. To ensure the protection of its network, the MPC does not allow Petitioners to use thumb drives on its computers. Copies of any materials used to support your petition must be submitted for the record at the time of the hearing. The Petitioner shall provide a sufficient number of copies for the Board and the Board Secretary.
7. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Aldermen regarding the petition. The Planning Commission's recommendation may be to approve, approve with conditions, continue or deny the petition.
8. Once the Planning Commission has made a recommendation, the petition will be forwarded to Mayor and Aldermen for consideration. The City will notify the petitioner of the date and time of the City Council meeting and publish the public notice for the zoning hearing in the newspaper. In addition, the petitioner will receive notification from the City's Planning and Urban Design Office to obtain a Public Notice Sign(s) announcing the petition. The petitioner must post the sign(s) at least **15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** according to [Sec. 3.2.6](#). If the signs are not posted at least 15 days before the zoning hearing, the petition will be rescheduled.
9. The Mayor and Aldermen must have at least two meetings to consider the petition and Planning Commission's recommendation; a zoning hearing and then the first and second readings of the petition. The first and second readings may be held at the same meeting as the zoning hearing.
10. Once the Mayor and Aldermen hear the petition, they make a decision to approve, approve with conditions, deny, continue the petition to the next meeting or a date certain, or remand the petition back to the Planning Commission for further study.
11. Notification of Mayor and Aldermen's final decision will be sent to the petitioner by the City.
12. The petitioner or agent should be in attendance at all Planning Commission and City Council meetings. If no one is present to represent the petition, the petition may still be discussed.

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2026 Application Submittal Deadlines for Planning Commission Meetings with City Council Meetings

Application Submittal Deadline <i>(Application submittal deadlines are on Fridays unless otherwise noted.)</i> Submittal Due: 5:00 p.m. Submittal Location: planning@savananhga.gov	Planning Commission Meeting Date <i>(All meetings are scheduled for every three weeks on Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. Contact MPC at 912-651-1440.)</i> Meeting Location: MPC 112 E State St Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room	City Council Meeting (Zoning Hearings and 1st & 2nd Readings) <i>(All meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of every month unless otherwise noted. Contact 912-525-2783.)</i> Meeting Location: City Hall, 2 E Bay St, Council Chambers on the 2 nd Floor.	
	Pre-meeting: 12:30 p.m. Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.	Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.	
DEC 13, 2025	JAN 6	JAN 8	JAN 22
JAN 2	JAN 27	FEB 12	FEB 26
JAN 23	FEB 17	MAR 12	MAR 26
FEB 13	MAR 10	APR 9	APR 23
MAR 6	MAR 31	MAY 14	MAY 28
MAR 27	APR 21	JUN 11	JUN 25
APR 17	MAY 12	JUL 9	--
MAY 8	JUN 2	AUG 13	AUG 27
MAY 29	JUN 23	SEP 10	SEP 24
JUN 18	JUL 14	OCT 8	OCT 22
JUL 10	AUG 4	NOV 12	TUES, NOV 24
JUL 31	AUG 25	DEC 10	--
AUG 21	SEP 15		
SEP 11	OCT 6		
OCT 2	OCT 27		
OCT 23	NOV 17		
NOV 20	DEC 15		
DEC 11	JAN 5, 2027		

NOTE O.C.G.A. § 36-66-4(a). A local government taking action resulting in a zoning decision shall provide for a hearing on the proposed action. At least 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing, the local government shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of the hearing. The notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the hearing.