

July 8, 2026

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing both as a petitioner and as the only homeowner who lives full-time on 40th Street between Bull and Drayton.

Not only am I fully in support of a zoning change from TN-2 to TC-1, I initiated this process.

Our petition is asking the Commission to recognize that this street is not a residential one, it's already a key commercial corridor in Savannah's Starland District.

Early in the morning, the street is filled with food and alcohol delivery trucks. Workout classes at F45, just around the corner, begin at 5:30 am. Sola Salons begin filling up around 10 am. The shops and restaurants on Bull Street—places like Vintage Vortex, Cha-Dels, and Flora & Fauna—are in full swing by 11 am. And by 5pm, once restaurants like Brochu's and Garden Square open, our stretch of 40th Street is packed. The two parking lots are full, and rideshare drivers are lining up. Our street is the corridor between Starland Yard on Whitaker and Sobremesa and Moodright's on Abercorn. We are a center point of Savannah's dining and nightlife scene.

A TC-1 designation would bring my property in line with the rest of the street— it is an appropriate and consistent designation. I plan to continue to live in my home, but as the neighborhood grows and changes, I want the flexibility and opportunity to transform my home. That might mean opening a small, first-floor shop or cafe. It would add to the neighborhood's vibrancy without impacting the character of the surrounding residential streets.

Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of this zoning change.

Thank you,

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