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**DRAFT – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN –
LAND USE ELEMENT**

The following amendments will be added in their entirety under **FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND NARRATIVE**

Business Technology Park

This category designates properties where the Business Technology Park (BTP) zoning district is appropriate. The purpose of the BTP zoning district is to provide a business/employment center in a planned campus setting with internal streets serving individual lots that contain single business or multi-tenant buildings.

Special Development District

A purpose of a Special Development District is to designate an area where specific land use policies and regulations will apply to achieve a specific development pattern. The Special Development District will be depicted as a hatched pattern over a land use designation.

SR 74 North East Side Special Development District: The purpose of this Special Development District is to promote planned office development along the eastern frontage of SR 74 to a depth of approximately 800 feet to fulfill the stated goals for the future development of the corridor as stated in the SR 74 North Overlay District.

The following amendments will be added in their entirety under **Transportation Corridors**

Other Transportation Corridors: Section 7-6 Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone of the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance establishes Overlay Zones on state highways that traverse Fayette County. Regardless of the underlying zoning, any new nonresidential development along these corridors must meet the requirements of the particular Overlay Zone. The Zoning Ordinance establishes Overlay Zones on SR 54 West, SR 74 **North South**, SR 85 North, and a General State Route Overlay Zone on all other state routes.

SR 74 North Overlay District: This District identifies the county's goals and recommendations for SR 74 North north of Sandy Creek Road and sets out the preferred development pattern for this area. SR 74 runs north/south through the western side of the County and is the main connection to Interstate 85. It also connects the communities of Peachtree City and Tyrone. The SR 74 North Overlay District lies in the jurisdictions of both unincorporated Fayette County and Tyrone. The SR 74 North Overlay District is also adjacent to Fairburn in Fulton County where substantial development in the form of commercial, industrial, and higher density residential is taking place.

Existing Development

Unincorporated Fayette County: Individual parcels fronting SR 74 North range in size from small one acre parcels to large parcels of approximately 80 acres. Smaller residential parcels range in size from one acre to ten acres and the majority are clustered in the area of Sandy Creek Road and Thompson Road. The large parcels vary in size from approximately 13 to 80 acres. The majority of these large parcels are located north of Kirkley Road. These parcels may or may not contain a single-family residence. Currently, all parcels in the unincorporated area are zoned for residential uses.

Tyrone: Parcels in Tyrone fronting on SR 74 are zoned for residential, office, commercial and light industrial per the Tyrone Official Zoning Map. There are two residentially zoned parcels fronting SR 74 North, one contains a single-family residence, the other contains a church. Two residential subdivisions are located in this area, River Oaks and Rivercrest. River Oaks contains two acre lots and Rivercrest contains one-half acre lots. One parcel zoned for office uses contains a small multi-tenant building and is located on the western side of SR 74 North just north of Kirkley Road. Other parcels zoned for office uses are vacant at this time. The commercially zoned parcel contains a golf recreation facility on the east side of SR 74 North. One of the parcels zoned for light industrial contains a single-family residence and the other is vacant at this time.

Fairburn: Plans for SR 74 North in Fairburn indicate commercial on both sides of the road from the County line to Interstate 85 as depicted on Fairburn's Community Character Areas map. The area outside of this commercial area is indicated as residential. The area beside Interstate 85 along Oakley Industrial Boulevard is indicated as industrial.

Future Development: As SR 74 North lies in the jurisdictions of both unincorporated Fayette County and Tyrone, it is essential that both jurisdictions work together to develop a plan for the corridor. SR 74 North is first and foremost a transportation corridor providing critical access to Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and the City of Atlanta via Interstate 85. The maintenance of an efficient flow of traffic is essential. While the design, construction and maintenance of SR 74 is the responsibility of Georgia Department of Transportation, local governments have the responsibility of the control of land development through land use planning and zoning. Land use decisions on the local level will have an impact on the operational efficiency of roadway. For example, numerous curb cuts reduce the roadway capacity and safety due to the number of vehicles entering and exiting the road in multiple locations. For the purpose of maintaining a higher level of operational efficiency and safety it is recommended that a system of new roads and service drives be pursued to provide interconnectivity and reduce the number of individual curb cuts.

The goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District are: (1) to maintain the efficient traffic flow of SR 74 North as the County's main connection to Interstate 85; (2) to enhance and maintain the aesthetic qualities of the corridor, as it is the gateway into Fayette County; (3) to provide for economic expansion and jobs commensurate with the educational and skill level of Fayette's labor force; and (4) to protect existing and future residential areas in the SR 74 North corridor.

Recommendations:

SR 74 North West Side: The area from Kirkley Road north to the County line on the west side of SR 74 North is designated as Business Technology Park. This land use designation will correspond to the Business Technology Park Zoning District and the SR 74 North Overlay Zone in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. The Business Technology Park Zoning District consists of office and high tech light industrial uses with a limited amount of commercial support services.

Presently, there are three large parcels that make up the majority of the area. Two of these parcels are in unincorporated Fayette County (72 acres and 28 acres) and the other parcel is in Tyrone (37 acres). The 72 acre parcel is the northern most parcel and a portion of it is in Fulton County, City of Fairburn. The 28 acre parcel is the southern most parcel and has frontage on both SR 74 and Kirkley Road. Both of these parcels are zoned Agricultural-Residential. The 37 acre parcel in Tyrone separates these two parcels. The front 400 feet of this parcel is zoned Office-Institutional and the remainder is zoned M-1 (Light-Industrial).

Besides these parcels there are five smaller parcels that make up the remainder of this area. In Tyrone these parcels include two five acre Agricultural-Residential parcels that contain a church located beside the aforementioned 37 acre parcel, a four acre parcel zoned M-1 that contains a single-family residence and a two acre Office-Institutional parcel that contains a multi-tenant building. Also included in this area is a two acre R-40

parcel on Kirkley Road in the unincorporated County that must be assembled with the aforementioned 28 acre parcel for purposes of rezoning to Business Technology Park.

The greatest development potential is in the three large parcels. Because these parcels are contiguous to each other, they create the potential for a continuous development pattern, as they can all be linked. To promote this continuous development pattern and connection, a connecting road from SR 74 North through these properties to Kirkley Road will be required. The purpose of this road is to allow internal circulation through these properties. The road would be aligned with Thompson Road where a median break exists on SR 74 North; this will serve as the curb cut for the 72-acre parcel, and will run south through the three properties to Kirkley Road. Another median break is located where Kirkley Road intersects SR 74 North. The other large parcel in the unincorporated county will be allowed one curb cut for the construction of a street that will be right in/right out only, as no median break on SR 74 North is located in this area. Curb cuts for individual properties created in the development of these parcels would not be allowed on SR 74 or Kirkley Road. In addition, a multi-use path system will be required to allow for pedestrian, bicycle, and golf cart connectivity between these aforementioned properties.

SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District: The area along the east side of SR 74 North is designated as a Special Development District. The purpose of this Special Development District is to promote planned office development along the frontage of SR 74 to a depth of approximately 800 feet to fulfill the aforementioned goals for the future development of the corridor. As an incentive the Office-Institutional Zoning classification will allow a limited amount of commercial uses in conjunction with office uses when the minimum requirements for acreage (ten acres) and road frontage (600 feet) are met. This minimum requirement for acreage and frontage will achieve a reduction in individual curb cuts on SR 74, consistency and coordination in architectural design, and capacity to develop a required service drive where applicable. The assemblage of parcels in some areas will be necessary to meet the minimum requirements of the SR 74 North – East Side Special Development District in the Office-Institutional Zoning classification.

The property located beyond 800 feet from SR 74 will remain designated for Low Density Residential (1 unit/1 to 2 acres). This would include the area along Thompson Road where residential lots exist ranging in size from two to nine acres and undeveloped large parcels where it is anticipated that residential subdivisions could be developed in the future. It is anticipated that the entrance to some of these residential areas, both exiting and future, will be through the planned office development along the frontage of SR 74. It is recommended that curb cuts on these roads be minimized, landscaping be enhanced, and a multi-use path connection between these residential areas and the planned office developments be established. This will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

Area 1: North of Thompson Road extending approximately 700 feet north to the Fulton County line. This area contains seven parcels totaling approximately 19 acres in the Special Development District. Five of the seven parcels have frontage on SR 74 and the other two parcels front on Thompson Road. Of the five parcels fronting SR 74, three contain single-family residences and two are vacant. The two parcels fronting Thompson Road each contain a single-family residence. The existing boundaries of most of these parcels are in the range of 800 feet from SR 74. However, one of these parcels is ten acres in size and is approximately 1,400 feet in depth, well beyond the 800-foot depth of the Special Development District.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels will achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required as applicable for parcels in Area 1 that are zoned for non-residential uses. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions put in place at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval. Individual curb cuts for nonresidential uses should not be allowed on Thompson Road.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, those parcels within the Special Development District, Area 1 with frontage on SR 74 can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning. This would include the aforementioned ten acre parcel. If the entire ten acres were rezoned to O-I it is recommended that the front 800 foot portion of the property be targeted for the O-I development and rear portion of the property be limited to parking and/or stormwater facilities. This could be accomplished through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning.

Parcels that do not have frontage on SR 74 that are within the Special Development District, Area 1 should not be given individual consideration for O-I zoning as they only have frontage on Thompson Road. Consideration for O-I zoning should not be given to these parcels until they are assembled with adjacent properties to meet the requirements of the SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District in the O-I Zoning classification.

Area 2: South of Thompson Road extending south approximately 800 feet. This area contains four parcels totaling approximately 10.4 acres in the Special Development District. Two of the four parcels have frontage on SR 74 and the other two parcels front on Thompson Road. Of the two parcels fronting SR 74, one contains a single-family residence and the other is vacant. The two parcels fronting Thompson Road each contain a single-family residence. The existing boundaries of these parcels are in the range of 800 feet from SR 74.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels will achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required

as applicable for parcels in Area 2 that are zoned for non-residential uses. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval. Individual curb cuts for nonresidential uses should not be allowed on Thompson Road.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, those parcels within the Special Development District, Area 2 with frontage on SR 74 can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning. Parcels that do not have frontage on SR 74 that are within the Special Development District, Area 2 should not be given individual consideration for O-I zoning as they only have frontage on Thompson Road. Consideration for O-I zoning should not be given to these parcels until they are assembled with adjacent properties to meet the requirements of the SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District in the O-I Zoning classification.

Area 3: This area starts approximately 800 feet south of Thompson Road and extends approximately 1,300 feet to the south from this point. This area contains approximately 24 acres in the Special Development District. These 24 acres are part of an 81 acre parcel which contains a single-family residence. The single-family residence is not within the 24 acres contained in the Special Development District.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels is not necessary to achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required if this property is zoned for non-residential uses. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

Area 4: North of Sandy Creek Road extending north approximately 1,400 feet. This area contains four parcels totaling approximately 24 acres in the Special Development District. All four parcels have frontage on SR 74 and one parcel also has frontage on Sandy Creek Road. Of the four parcels, three parcels each contain a single-family residence and one is vacant. The existing boundaries of these parcels are in the range of 700 feet from SR 74.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels is necessary to achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn would not be required. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, the four parcels can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning.