



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Meeting Agenda

May 05, 2025, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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Vision - Dahlonega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlonega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Pine Tree Way Dedication
Doug Parks, City Attorney
2. Alcoholic Beverage License - Consumption on Premise - ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's
Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
3. Change to Open Container Footprint - Dahlonega Arts and Wine Festival
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
4. Change to Open Container Footprint - Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
5. Election of GMA's District 2 Officers for 2025-2026
Allison Martin, City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO FOUR MINUTES PER SPEAKER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting of April 7, 2025
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- b. Work Session of April 21, 2025
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Appointment of Robert Becker to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
2. Appointment of Valarie Green as a Voting Member to the Cemetery Committee
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY REPORTS

3. Financial Report - March 2025
Allison Martin, City Manager

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

OTHER ITEMS

4. Ratification of House Bill 92 (HB92) estimated Roll-Back Rate
Allison Martin, City Manager
- [5.](#) Request to use Easement - Floyd Wimpy
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer / Floyd Wimpy, Property Owner

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments

City Manager Comments

City Attorney Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlonaga will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlonaga commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ...for ALL!



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 4/21/2025
TITLE: Acceptance of Pine Tree Way Dedication
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Acceptance of Pine Tree Right of Way Dedication.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to approve at next available voting meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Right of Way Deed for Pine Tree Way between Lumpkin County and City of Dahlonega.

After recording return to:
City of Dahlonega
465 Riley Rd
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Re: **Pine Tree Way**

RIGHT OF WAY DEED

STATE OF GEORGIA,
LUMPKIN COUNTY.

THIS INDENTURE, made this 18th day of March, 2025, between **LUMPKIN COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, as Grantor, and **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, as Grantee.

WHEREAS, the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners approved the conveyance of the real property described herein to the City of Dahlonega at a regular meeting on December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following said meeting, a right of way deed was executed by Lumpkin County conveying said property to the City of Dahlonega; however, said deed was lost and never recorded; and

WHEREAS, this Right of Way Deed is given to replace the previously executed Right of Way Deed;

WITNESSETH that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, the Grantor does grant and convey unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, the following described property:

Page Two
Right of Way Deed
Re: Pine Tree Way

ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 998 & 1033 of the 12th District, 1st Section of Lumpkin County, being in the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning, a 5/8" iron pin set at the north east corner of the existing 40' right of way for Pinetree Way; thence North 70°48'35" West, a distance of 469.71 feet along the existing right of way of Pinetree Way; thence North 19°11'25" East, a distance of 20.00 feet; thence South 70°48'35" East, a distance of 469.83 feet; thence South 19°31'14" West, a distance of 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.2157 Acres, more or less.

To have and to hold the bargained premises unto Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, in Fee Simple.

Grantor will warrant and defend the title to the bargained premises unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, against all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this deed the day and year above written.

LUMPKIN COUNTY
BY:

Chris Dockery, Chairman

(SEAL)

Attest:

Melissa Z. Witcher
Melissa Z. Witcher, Lumpkin County Clerk

(SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public

Commission expires: 02/02/2026





City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 4/14/2025
TITLE: Alcoholic Beverage License - Consumption on Premise - ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's
PRESENTED BY: Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
PRIORITIES Strategic Priorities - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's, located at 16 Public Square #A, has recently been purchased by a new owner. They are requesting on-premises alcoholic beverage licenses for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink. The alcoholic beverage application meets all requirements.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

No prior history

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of a consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage license for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to approve a consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage license to the ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink.

ATTACHMENTS

Alcoholic beverage license consumption on-premises application



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 4/15/2025
TITLE: Change to Open Container Footprint - Dahlonega Arts and Wine Festival
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney, Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in a specific area at the Dahlonega Arts and Wine Festival so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages from Hancock Park to the food court area across North Park Street. This event will be held May 17 & 18, 2025.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The festival permit was previously approved and held in Hancock Park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to allow the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to Dahlonega Arts and Wine Festival, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

ATTACHMENTS

Dahlonega Arts and Wine Festival Special Event Alcohol Boundary Map



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 4/16/2025
TITLE: Change to Open Container Footprint - Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney & Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in the Hancock Park area at the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans event so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages around Hancock Park.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to allow the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans organizer, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

ATTACHMENTS

Temporary Special Event Permit & Alcohol Footprint

ELECTION OF GMA'S DISTRICT 2 OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

BALLOT

The nominating committee comprised of current District 2 officers and three additional elected officials nominated the following city officials as GMA's District 2 Officers for 2025-2026:

- President Matt Fields, Councilmember, Royston
- First Vice President Mark C. Reed, Commissioner, Cornelia
- Second Vice President Courtney, Umbehant, Mayor, Lavonia
- Third Vice President Josh Turner, Mayor, City of Cleveland

Is your city in favor of the nominees for positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Third Vice President

Yes ____ No ____

Please provide the following information:

City: _____

Name of person submitting ballot: _____

I affirm that I am authorized to vote on behalf of the city:

Signature: _____

Please mail or email ballot by May 23 to:

Pete Pyrzenski, Georgia Municipal Association, P.O. Box 105377, Atlanta, GA 30348; email at ppyrzenski@gacities.com .



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 4/14/2025
TITLE: Request to Use Easement – Floyd Wimpy
PRESENTED BY: Mark Buchanan, City Engineer; Floyd Wimpy, Property Owner
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Request to Use Easement – Floyd Wimpy

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Parcel 060B 089 has a recorded easement which grants the City of Dahlonega access to cross the southern end of the parcel to access the former water works infrastructure. The original easement does not connect to Sky Country Road as it was originally intended for use only by the City. The property owner would like to have an easement that connects to Sky Country Road that would run in the general area of the words "L-93". This general area provides the safest and easiest access to the parcel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to grant the easement to the property owner with the property owner covering all costs associated with the removal of guard rail and construction of the easement.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Letter, Property Record Card, Plat

FLOYD
WIMPY

706-265-9700

455 Miller Calhoun Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to be put on the City Council agenda to be heard about parcel 060B 089 I own in the Sky Country Subdivision which is adjoining to a parcel that the City of Dahlonega owns, Parcel Number - 078 122. Part of that property which has a pond located on it, was once owned by me, and years ago I sold to the city. Both properties were given easement to an old road bed that is accessible by both Parcels of property. The road bed is the clear and safe entry onto the property as it gives the best view to enter and exit the property on and off of sky county road. The road old bed is also the most efficient way to access both of the properties as the road would only need minor grading and excavating compared to other parts of the property. As to the guardrail currently in the curve, I am sure that we can safely re-design it with an entry to access the road bed as a driveway. This would also allow easier access to the parcel in which the city owns. I am asking to be heard at the next city council meeting on this issue.

Sincerely,

Floyd Wimp

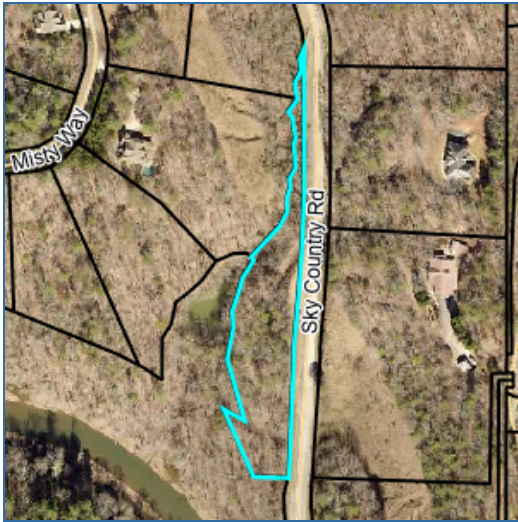
Lumpkin County, GA

Summary

Parcel Number 060B 089
Location Address SKY COUNTRY ROAD
Legal Description SKY COUNTRY S/D PHASE 5 LOT #150 1.70 AC
(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)
Class R3-Residential
(Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)
Character Area R1
Tax District Dahlonega (District 02)
Millage Rate 28.825
Acres 1.7
Neighborhood SKY COUNTRY LAKE (00693)
Homestead Exemption No (S0)
Landlot/District 980 / 12

[View Map](#)

Map



Owner

[WIMPY FLOYD](#)
 455 MILLER CALHOUN ROAD
 DAHLONEGA, GA 30533

Land

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Square Footage	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Lots
Residential	SKY COUNTRY LAKE	Lot	0	0	0	1.7	1

Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
12/2/2004	U34 737	1-88 147	\$20,000	Developer	CENTURY PROPERTIES & DEVELOPME	WIMPY FLOYD
1/3/2001	X20 318	28 65	\$200,000	Improved Since Sale	GREENWAY J D	CENTURY PROPERTIES & DEVELOPMENT

Area Sales Report

Sale date range:

From:04/14/2022

To:04/14/2025

Sales by Neighborhood

Sales by Area

Distance:1500

Feet

Sales by Distance

Valuation

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Previous Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Land Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
+ Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Current Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000

Tax Collector

Tax Collector Website

Mailing Labels

Distance:

100

Feet

Use Address From:

☒ Owner

☐ Property

Select export file format:

Address labels (5160)

☒ Show All Owners

☐ Show Parcel ID on Label

Skip Labels

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No data available for the following modules: Rural Land, Conservation Use Rural Land, Residential Improvement Information, Commercial Improvement Information, Mobile Homes, Prebill Mobile Homes, Accessory Information, Permits, Photos, Sketches.

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