

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
May 8, 2025 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Meeting
Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Presentation:** Principal Lyndsey Allen, Walnut Grove High School
- VI. Agenda Approval**
- VII. Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Minutes
 - a. April 3, 2025
 - b. April 24, 2025
 - 2. Financials
 - a. July 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
 - 3. Invoices Over \$5,000
 - a. Emerald Cove Paving Project - \$240,237.76
- VIII. Committee Reports**
 - 1. DDA – Rachel Davis
- IX. Planning & Zoning Commission – Joe Walter**
- X. Library Report – Dana Segar**
- XI. Public Comment**

XII. Old Business

1. Presentation: Aaron Wadley, LNCO: Magnolia Springs Stormwater Repair – Change Order
2. Vote: Church at the Grove Variance Request - CASE #WGV-25-01: SCB Construction Group, on behalf of Church at the Grove, has filed a variance application with the City of Walnut Grove requesting a variance from Section 911.D.9.D. (Downtown Overlay District Architectural Details) of the Walnut Grove Zoning Ordinance. The subject property is located at 1070 Walnut Grove Parkway (Parcel #WG010027) and contains 15.85 acres. The applicant requests a variance for alternate building exterior materials and also for increased height for glass storefront windows for a proposed new church building.
3. Vote: Stonehaven Site Plan Approval
4. Ordinance 2023-03 – Article XII (“Signs”) of the city zoning ordinance

XIII. New Business

1. Vote: Ballot for 2025-2026 Election of GMA’s District 5 Officers
2. Vote: Proclamation for Walton County Safe Digging Month
3. Presentation: Aaron Wadley, LNCO: Paving Schedule
4. Discussion/Presentation: 2025 Fiscal Budget
5. Vote: Acceptance of soil from Walnut Grove Public Library

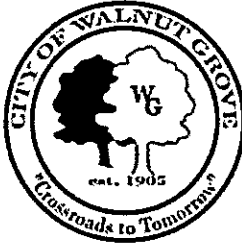
XIV. Reports

1. Public Works
2. City Clerk
3. Code Enforcement
4. Mayor

XV. Town Hall

XVI. Council Comments

XVII. Adjourn



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
April 3, 2025 6:00 PM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Called Council Meeting
Summary Minutes

- I. Call to Order** - Mayor Moncrief called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Invocation** – Given by Tony Powell
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** - The pledge was said by all in attendance
- IV. Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles, Council Member Maxine McClanahan, Council Member Rachel Davis, Attorney Tony Powell, City Clerk Lynn Heard. Absent: Council Member Linda Pilgrim
- V. Agenda Approval** – Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Consent Agenda** - Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member Rachel Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 1. Minutes
 - A. March 13, 2025
 - B. March 27, 2025
 2. Financials
 - A. July 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025
 - B. July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025
 3. Invoices Over \$5,000
 - A. GIRMA Insurance - \$29,454.00
- VII. Committee Reports**
 1. DDA – Rachel Davis - None
- VIII. Planning & Zoning Commission** – Joe Walter (see attached)
- IX. Library Report** – Dana Segar (see attached)

X. Public Comment - None

XI. Old Business

1. The city will be applying for a 10% increase GIFA loan to help with the sewer expansion if needed. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The hiring of the new City Administrator, Joe Morris. Council Member Rachel Davis motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. New Business

1. Proclamation – Child abuse prevention month

XIII. Reports

- A. Public Works – see attached
- B. City Clerk – see attached
- C. Code Enforcement – Report given by Greg Chapel
- D. Mayor – Report given by Mayor Moncrief about the exciting things happening in the city. The last Envision Workshop will be on April 4, 2025 at the Church at the Grove, Magnolia Springs is still in progress, Joy Prom is April 5, 2025, The Lunch Box ribbon cutting will be April 19, 2025 and the new flag pole that was donated to the library will be installed.

XIV. Town Hall – No comment

XV. Council Comments – Council Member Rachel Davis encouraged everyone to bring their recycling items to City Hall on Earth Day, April 22, 2025, to help support the WGES 3rd graders. #goinggreeninthegrove

XVI. Executive Session – No meeting for Executive Session

1. Personnel

XVII. Adjourn – Mayor Moncrief asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Miles motioned to approve. Council Member Maxine McClanahan seconded.

Lynn Heard, City Clerk **Date**

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor **Date**

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Erica Miles, Mayor Pro Tem **Date**

Linda Pilgrim **Date**

Rachel Davis **Date**

Maxine McClanahan **Date**



CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

April 24th , 6:00 PM

1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

- I. Call to Order- Meeting called to order by Mayor Moncrief @ 6:02 PM.**
 - II. Invocation – Given by Abernathy Townsend Thompson**
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance- All Participated**
 - IV. Roll Call- Mayor Moncrief, Erica Miles, Linda Pilgrim, Rachel Davis, Maxine McClanahan, Attorney Jay Crowley, Deputy Clerk, Sonya Cox & Joe Morrison**
 - V. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1.** Joe Walter presented to the council, on behalf of Church at the Grove a variance application requesting a variance from Section 911.D.9.D. (Downtown Overlay District Architectural Details) of the Walnut Grove Zoning Ordinance. The subject property is located at 1070 Walnut Grove Parkway (Parcel #WG010027) and contains 15.85 acres. The applicant requested that a variance for alternate building exterior materials and also for increased height for glass storefront windows for a proposed new church building.
 - 2.** Public Comments- None
 - 3.** Questions & Answers from the Commission- None
 - 4.** Recommendation to the Council to be placed on May 8th agenda to be voted on.
- Hearing Adjourned**

REGULAR MEETING

VI. Agenda Approval- Mayor Moncrief ask for the following change to the agenda: Item number 1 under VII old business be removed, Rachel Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes by Mayor, Maxine McClanahan seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- 1.** Stone Haven S/D Approval- To be placed on the May 8th agenda for a vote.

- a. Residential Development- The Section 7.01 of the land Development Ordinance (Trees and Landscaping) as it is currently constructed, considers residential development of single-family lots exempt for the requirements.
 - b. Amenity Area- The Amenity area construction plans include a Tree Protection Plan sheet which meets the City's requirements in Section 7.01.
2. Ballot for 2025-2026 Election of GMA's District 5 Officers to be placed on the May 8th agenda.

IX. Adjourn- Erica Miles made a motion to adjourn, Rachel Davis seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Lynn Heard, City Clerk Date

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor Date

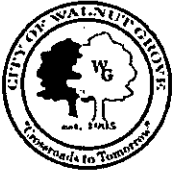
COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Erica Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Date

Linda Pilgrim Date

Rachel Davis Date

Maxine McClanahan Date



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: FY25 Budget by Department - FY25 P&L Classes

July 2024 - April 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
31.1000 General Property Taxes (25)	85,722.23	304,166.70	-218,444.47	28.18 %
31.1310 Motor Vehicle (25)	-4,198.01	1,250.00	-5,448.01	-335.84 %
31.1315 Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Fee (TAVT) (25)	55,424.35	41,666.70	13,757.65	133.02 %
31.1340 Intangible Tax (Recording) (25)	4,224.16	3,000.00	1,224.16	140.81 %
31.1600 Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,960.90		1,960.90	
31.1700 Franchise Taxes				
31.1710 Franchise Tax - Electric (25)		68,333.30	-68,333.30	
31.1730 Franchise Tax - Gas (25)	3,993.04	3,583.30	409.74	111.43 %
31.1750 Franchise Tax - Cable (25)	4,493.78	7,166.70	-2,672.92	62.70 %
31.1760 Franchise Tax - Telephone (25)	466.81	333.30	133.51	140.06 %
Total 31.1700 Franchise Taxes	8,953.63	79,416.60	-70,462.97	11.27 %
31.3100 Local Option Sales and Use Taxes (LOST) (25)	203,271.27	229,166.70	-25,895.43	88.70 %
31.4200 Beer/Wine Alcoholic Beverage Excise Tax (25)	60,753.71	64,166.70	-3,412.99	94.68 %
31.6200 Insurance Premium Taxes (25)	126,249.54	100,000.00	26,249.54	126.25 %
31.9000 Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Taxes (25)	291,159.58	1,250.00	289,909.58	23,292.77 %
32.1115 Alcohol Licenses - Beer & Wine Licenses (25)	4,028.96	625.00	3,403.96	644.63 %
32.1125 Alcohol Licenses - Wine Retail Sales (25)		625.00	-625.00	
32.1135 Alcohol Licenses - Liquor Retail Sales (25)	25,000.00	1,416.70	23,583.30	1,764.66 %
32.1200 General Business License (25)	7,350.00	9,166.70	-1,816.70	80.18 %
32.2000 Non-Business Licenses and Permits				
32.2200 Permits Building and Signs (25)	39,120.66	12,500.00	26,620.66	312.97 %
Total 32.2000 Non-Business Licenses and Permits	39,120.66	12,500.00	26,620.66	312.97 %
32.2990 Other Permits (25)	100.00	1,000.00	-900.00	10.00 %
32.4000 Late Fees-Permits & License (25)	475.00		475.00	
33.4000 State Government Grants (25)		20,833.30	-20,833.30	
34.7000 Cultural & Recreation Income (25)	5,650.00	2,500.00	3,150.00	226.00 %
34.9999 Other Charges	25,563.77	833.30	24,730.47	3,067.78 %
35.1000 Fines and Forfeitures (25)	42,426.00	43,333.30	-907.30	97.91 %
36.1000 Interest Revenue	815.29		815.29	
37.1000 Contribution	250.00		250.00	
38.9000 Other Miscellaneous Revenue (25)	620,117.34	833.30	619,284.04	74,417.06 %
39.2000 Proceeds of Sales of product Income		916.70	-916.70	
Sales of Product Income	85,007.88		85,007.88	
Total Income	\$1,689,426.26	\$918,666.70	\$770,759.56	183.90 %
Cost of Goods Sold				



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: FY25 Budget by Department - FY25 P&L Classes

July 2024 - April 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00		0.00	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,689,426.26	\$918,666.70	\$770,759.56	183.90 %
Expenses				
51.1100 Regular Employees-Salaries & Wages (25)	183,985.04	249,583.30	-65,598.26	73.72 %
51.1100 Salaries and Wages	-112.00		-112.00	
51.1110 Council-Salaries & Wages (25)	13,200.00	17,000.00	-3,800.00	77.65 %
51.1200 Temporary Employees - Wages (25)	5,232.45	7,500.00	-2,267.55	69.77 %
51.1300 Overtime- Salaries & Wages (25)		8,333.40	-8,333.40	
51.2000 Personal Services - Employee Benefits	1,512.00		1,512.00	
51.2110 Medical Benefit - People Keep	0.00		0.00	
51.2110 Medical Benefit - People Keep (25)	7,169.78	17,500.00	-10,330.22	40.97 %
51.2200 Payroll Taxes - Social Security - (FICA) Contributions	-68.55		-68.55	
51.2200 Payroll Taxes - Social Security - (FICA) Contributions (25)	18,950.12	17,541.70	1,408.42	108.03 %
51.2210 Payroll Taxes - Medicare		0.00	0.00	
51.2300 Payroll Taxes- Medicare (25)		4,125.00	-4,125.00	
51.2400 Retirement Benefits (25)		12,500.00	-12,500.00	
51.2600 Unemployment Insurance (25)		833.30	-833.30	
51.2700 Worker's Compensation (25)		7,916.70	-7,916.70	
52.1210 Municipal Court Judge (25)	8,100.00	12,500.00	-4,400.00	64.80 %
52.1220 Municipal Court Solicitor (25)	6,750.00	7,500.00	-750.00	90.00 %
52.1230 Code Enforcement (25)		21,666.70	-21,666.70	
52.1240 Engineering - City (25)	8,906.94	20,833.30	-11,926.36	42.75 %
52.1242 Engineering - Storm Water (25)	2,520.00	8,333.30	-5,813.30	30.24 %
52.1245 Zoning Administrator (25)		25,000.00	-25,000.00	
52.1246 Inspections (25)	22,680.00	1,000.00	21,680.00	2,268.00 %
52.1260 Accounting - Bookkeeping (25)	13,254.00	15,000.00	-1,746.00	88.36 %
52.1265 Accounting - Auditor (25)	43,000.00	12,500.00	30,500.00	344.00 %
52.1270 Legal - City Attorney (25)	20,970.82	20,833.30	137.52	100.66 %
52.1275 Professional & Legal Services - Other (25)	14,158.00	5,000.00	9,158.00	283.16 %
52.1280 Security (25)	480.00	1,666.70	-1,186.70	28.80 %
52.1310 IT Service (25)	11,599.50	10,833.30	766.20	107.07 %
52.1315 IT Service - Website (25)	360.00	1,666.70	-1,306.70	21.60 %
52.1320 Court Software (25)	1,661.52	3,500.00	-1,838.48	47.47 %
52.1330 Office Software (25)	3,713.00	3,333.30	379.70	111.39 %
52.1340 Other Software (25)		1,250.00	-1,250.00	
52.1390 IT-Other (25)	14,040.32	1,666.70	12,373.62	842.40 %
52.2100 Cleaning Services (25)	1,815.90	4,166.70	-2,350.80	43.58 %
52.2110 Disposal (i.e. Garbage Pickup) (25)	91,664.00	100,000.00	-8,336.00	91.66 %



City of Walnut Grove

Budget vs. Actuals: FY25 Budget by Department - FY25 P&L Classes

July 2024 - April 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
52.2200 Repairs and Maintenance-NON-Employee Services (25)	25,705.58	12,500.00	13,205.58	205.64 %
52.2210 Repairs and Maintenance - Vehicles-NON Employee Services (25)	6,869.24	2,916.70	3,952.54	235.51 %
52.2220 Repairs & Maintenance-Streets, Roads & Bridges-NON-Employee Services (25)	499.40	10,000.00	-9,500.60	4.99 %
52.2240 Professional Services	979.00		979.00	
52.2241 Professional Services - Engineering				
52.2241 - Code Enforcement	340.00		340.00	
52.2241 - Engineering Services	38,030.54		38,030.54	
52.2241 - Zoning Administration	8,355.00		8,355.00	
Total 52.2241 Professional Services - Engineering	46,725.54		46,725.54	
52.2242 Professional Services - Accounting	4,977.49		4,977.49	
52.2243 Professional Services - Legal	1,464.75		1,464.75	
52.2244 Professional Services - Security	141.29		141.29	
52.2250 Facility & Grounds Maintenance-NON-Employee Services (25)	62,137.30	8,333.30	53,804.00	745.65 %
52.2260 Liability Insurance	30,454.00		30,454.00	
52.3100 Insurance, Other than employee benefits (25)	18,053.00	26,666.70	-8,613.70	67.70 %
52.3200 Communications (25)	6,583.40		6,583.40	
52.3200 Communications - Wireless Telephone	3,527.86		3,527.86	
52.3210 Telephone		9,166.70	-9,166.70	
52.3230 Postage (25)	618.84	2,083.30	-1,464.46	29.70 %
52.3300 Advertising (25)	810.99	2,083.30	-1,272.31	38.93 %
52.3400 Printing & Binding (25)	355.00	2,500.00	-2,145.00	14.20 %
52.3500 Travel (25)	200.00	5,833.40	-5,633.40	3.43 %
52.3510 Mileage reimbursement (25)	2,008.73	2,500.00	-491.27	80.35 %
52.3520 Per Diem or Meals (25)	414.00	1,666.70	-1,252.70	24.84 %
52.3530 Hotel & Parking (25)	5,985.25	12,499.90	-6,514.65	47.88 %
52.3540 Other Travel (25)	260.00	2,833.40	-2,573.40	9.18 %
52.3600 Dues and fees (25)	7,568.72	5,833.30	1,735.42	129.75 %
52.3610 Bank Charges (25)	794.42	416.70	377.72	190.65 %
52.3620 Membership Dues (25)	114.98	916.70	-801.72	12.54 %
52.3700 Training and Education (25)	1,139.00	3,333.40	-2,194.40	34.17 %
52.3710 Conference Fees (25)	1,919.00	5,416.70	-3,497.70	35.43 %
52.3850 Contract Labor (25)	4,400.00	833.30	3,566.70	528.02 %
52.3900 Contract Services - Other	150.00		150.00	
53.1105 Cleaning Supplies (25)	189.14	833.40	-644.26	22.69 %
53.1110 Office Supplies (25)	9,223.98	8,333.40	890.58	110.69 %
53.1115 Pavilion Rental Expenses (25)		416.70	-416.70	
53.1125 Facility & Grounds Supplies (25)	3,527.01	16,666.70	-13,139.69	21.16 %
53.1130 OTHER - General Supplies (25)	0.00	8,333.30	-8,333.30	0.00 %
53.1135 Employee Uniforms (25)	656.09	833.30	-177.21	78.73 %



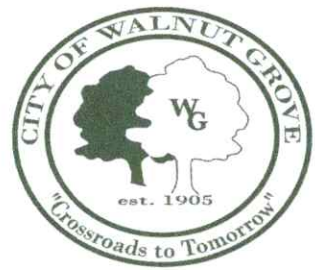
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July 2024 - April 2025

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53.1140 Community Events (25)	7,502.19	6,250.00	1,252.19	120.04 %
53.1210 Water/Sewerage - ENERGY (25)	1,229.42	2,083.30	-853.88	59.01 %
53.1220 Natural Gas - ENERGY (25)	572.44	833.30	-260.86	68.70 %
53.1230 Electricity - ENERGY (25)	41,889.60	37,500.00	4,389.60	111.71 %
53.1235 Cable - ENERGY (25)		6,666.70	-6,666.70	
53.1270 Gasoline - ENERGY (25)	6,551.98	5,833.30	718.68	112.32 %
53.1300 Food (25)	926.75	2,916.70	-1,989.95	31.77 %
53.1600 Small Equipment (25)	14,129.02	2,500.00	11,629.02	565.16 %
53.1700 Other Supplies (25)	1,086.50	416.70	669.80	260.74 %
53.9999 Miscellaneous Expenditures (25)	1,688.68	1,250.00	438.68	135.09 %
54.2100 Machinery (25)		4,166.70	-4,166.70	
54.2300 Furniture and Fixtures (25)	350.00	1,666.60	-1,316.60	21.00 %
57.1000 Intergovernmental (25)		416.70	-416.70	
57.1100 Walton County Board of Commissioners (25)	9,442.49	10,833.30	-1,390.81	87.16 %
57.3100 Library (25)	70,000.00	58,333.30	11,666.70	120.00 %
57.3300 Peace Officer Annuity/Benefit Fund (25)	1,090.34	3,333.30	-2,242.96	32.71 %
57.3320 Crime Lab Fees (25)		41.70	-41.70	
57.3340 Drivers Ed/Training Fund (25)		41.70	-41.70	
57.3370 Drug Abuse Treatment and Education (25)		833.30	-833.30	
57.3375 County Jail Fund (25)	824.44	1,250.00	-425.56	65.96 %
57.3380 Peace Officer - Prosecutor's Fund (25)		1,250.00	-1,250.00	
57.3385 Local Victim Assist. Fund (25)	889.30	1,666.70	-777.40	53.36 %
57.3390 GA Crime Victims Assist. Program (25)		416.70	-416.70	
57.3391 Peace Officer - Prosecution Indigent Fund (25)		416.70	-416.70	
57.3392 Sheriff's Retirement Fund of GA (25)	262.00	500.00	-238.00	52.40 %
57.3393 GSCCCA Payouts (25)	6,247.59	10,000.00	-3,752.41	62.48 %
58.1000 Debt Service - Principal (25)	32,940.71	27,666.70	5,274.01	119.06 %
58.2000 Debt Service - Interest (25)		2,333.30	-2,333.30	
Payroll Expenses	50.00		50.00	
Wages	17,875.55		17,875.55	
Total Payroll Expenses	17,925.55		17,925.55	
Payroll Taxes - Social Security	1,924.58		1,924.58	
Reimbursements	2,353.60		2,353.60	
Total Expenses	\$963,823.02	\$966,250.40	\$ -2,427.38	99.75 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$725,603.24	\$ -	\$773,186.94	-1,524.90 %
		47,583.70		%
NET INCOME	\$725,603.24	\$ -	\$773,186.94	-1,524.90 %
		47,583.70		%



Memorandum for Record



TO: WALNUT GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FROM: THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE

SUBJ: DONATION OF POTTING AND PLANTING SOIL

CC: JOE MORRIS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF WALNUT GROVE 
DANA SEGAR, MANAGER OF WALNUT GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY 

The Walnut Grove Public Library has graciously donated the following items to the City of Walnut Grove, GA:

67 Bags of pine nugget mulch;

87 Bags of organic indoor potting soil; &

93 Bags of organic raised bed soil.

Walnut Grove City Ordinance Art. VIII Sec. 3-803.

E. The Library Board shall act in such capacity as to allow the public the means to appeal or challenge any library rules, policies, fines or acquisitions made to the books, magazines, pamphlets, and other types of material that make up the library collection.

F. The Library Board shall be authorized to accept donations, gifts, and bequests from individuals, firms, or companies, other than library-related materials, for the general use of the library system. Monetary contributions shall be deposited to the City in a separate general fund Library Board account in accordance with established City policies and procedures and shall be subject to regular City audit and budgetary procedures. All donations made to the library are limited to expenditures made by and for the library in accordance with City purchasing policies and restrictions.

G. The Library Board shall make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for the acceptance, use or expenditure or any real or personal property or funds donated to the library under subparagraph E above, and make recommendations for the purchase, control, or disposal of real and personal property necessary for the purposes of the library.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF WALNUT GROVE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ARTICLE XII (“SIGNS”) OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE, TO CREATE ITS REGULATIONS RELATED TO SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City put moratoriums on accepting sign application in place in order to study and update its sign ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that by updating its sign ordinance, it will: Promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare; Protect the character of the city's historic commercial district and residential neighborhoods; Enhance the economy of the city by promoting the reasonable, orderly and effective display of signs; Balance the rights of persons to convey their messages through signs and the right of the public to be protected against the unrestricted proliferation of signs; Restrict signs and lights which increase clutter or which increase the probability of traffic accidents by obstructing vision; Promote signs compatible with their surroundings; Protect property values by minimizing the possible adverse effects and visual blight caused by signs; and Improve pedestrian and traffic safety and reduce traffic and pedestrian hazards.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia deem such ordinance to be for the betterment and general welfare of the City of Walnut Grove and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council previously approved this at their May 11, 2025 Meeting after a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the formal ordinance was never signed;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this is to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this Ordinance;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANIED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Article XII of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Walnut Grove is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the language attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 2. The following definitions currently found in Article III: Definitions of the City Zoning Ordinance are hereby deleted to not conflict with the definitions found in this Sign Ordinance:

“95. Sign. Shall mean and include every outdoor advertising device, billboard, poster panel, statuary, free-standing ground sign, sign painted on a wall, window, marquee, awning or canopy, and shall include any announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, ribbon, banner, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote any interests when the same is in view of the general public.

96. Sign, Animated. A sign with action, motion or changing colors. This definition does not include signs which indicate only time, temperature and date.

97. Sign, Area of. The area of a sign shall be computed as including the entire area within a regular geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms, comprising all of the display area of the sign and including all of the elements of the matter displayed. Structural frames and members not bearing advertising matter shall not be included in computation of surface area.

98. Sign, Directional. A sign located within a development at a street intersection or private drive (other than an entrance) on which the name of a street and/or the institutionalized corporate/business names or other building identification with addresses indicating direction to their location. The purpose of this sign is to provide directions to the tenants.

99. Sign, Directory. A sign which is located within the boundary of a development, as defined by the approved Plat on which the address and name of the businesses, tenants and/or occupants of the development is placed. Directional information may also be placed on the sign (e.g., map of the project showing streets, etc.). 18

100. Sign, Double Faced. A sign which has two display areas against each other or where the interior angle formed by the display areas is 60 degrees or less, where one face is designed to be seen from one direction and the other face from another direction.

101. Sign Face. The part of a sign that is or can be used for display purposes.

102. Sign, Ground. A permanently affixed sign which is wholly independent of a building for support.

103. Sign, Ground; Height. The height from the elevation of the adjacent dedicated public street, edge of pavement, to the highest point of the sign structure. The height shall be measured from ground level at base of sign to the highest point of the sign structure. The ground shall not be altered for the purpose of additional sign height.

104. Sign, Illuminated Direct. A sign illuminated by an internal light source.

105. Sign, Illuminated Indirect. A sign illuminated by an external light source directed primarily toward such sign.

106. Sign, Marquee. A business sign painted on, attached to, or hung from a marquee.

107. Sign, Number. For the purposes of determining number of signs, Ground signs shall be equal to the number of sign structures. All other non-ground signs shall be considered to be a single display surface or display device containing elements organized, related and composed to form a unit. Where matter is displayed in a random manner without organized relationship of elements, such element shall be considered to be a single sign.

108. Sign, Planned Center. A serial sign which identifies the businesses, offices, professionals, or other entities in a planned center.

109. Sign, Political. Signs identifying or urging voter support for a particular election issue, political party or candidate for public office.

110. Sign, Portable. Signs attached to vehicles, trailers, movable structures, or attached to sign structures not securely anchored into the ground, or any sign which may be transported or is designed to be transported. Such signs include, but are not limited to, "A" and "T" type, sidewalk, sandwich, trailer signs, curb-type signs, banners or other commercial advertisement attached to vehicles and trailers which offer products or services "For Sale" or announce when the "Sale" is to occur. Exceptions: Signs which are painted or attached to a vehicle stating only the name, address, business logo and telephone number of a business. Signs which are placed in the bed of a truck or trunk of an automobile, or a banner attached to the vehicle regardless of the information contained thereon or method of attachment are not included in this exception. (Note: All vehicles must be parked in locations consistent with this Ordinance.)

111. Sign, Projecting. A sign projecting more than six inches from the outside wall of a building.

112. Sign, Real Estate. A temporary sign advertising the real property upon which the sign is located for rent or sale.

113. Sign, Roof. A sign projecting over the coping of a flat roof, or over the ridge of a gable, hip or gambrel roof, and supported by or attached to said roof.

114. Sign, Sidewalk or Sandwich. A moveable A-frame sign.

115. Sign Structure. Poles, posts, foundations, and the like, which provide structural support of the sign.

116. Sign, Surface Area. Includes all of the display area of the sign: structural frames and members not bearing advertising matter shall not be included in computation of surface area.

117. Sign, Temporary. A sign of a non-permanent nature.

118. Sign, Trailer. Any sign which is mounted on wheels and which may be moved from one location to another.

119. Sign, Wall. A sign applied to or mounted to the wall or surface of a structure, the display surface which does not project more than six inches from the outside wall. The total lettering on one side of a building or structure shall constitute one wall sign."

SECTION 3. Authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute this document.

SECTION 4. Except as provided otherwise herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared that if any phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be found or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining phrases, sentences and paragraphs hereof shall remain in full force and effect as if enacted without the phrase, sentence, or paragraph declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SO ORDAINED this 11th day of May 2023.

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Heard, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John J. Crowley, City Attorney
Powell & Edwards, Attorneys at Law P.C.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular called meeting on May 11, 2023.

_____ Council members voting in favor

_____ Council members voting against

_____ Council members abstaining