



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

**CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2026**

Council Meeting Room

Regular Session

7:00 PM

**7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 3. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS & ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**
 - A. National Black Business Month Proclamation**
 - B. National Golf Month Proclamation**
 - C. National Senior Citizen Day Proclamation**
 - D. Hurricane Preparedness Month Proclamation**
 - E. City Manager Update**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**
- 8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes- July 16, 2026**
- 9. CONSENT AGENDA**
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A.**
Resolution to Define Central Business District within Article 3 of City Code of Ordinances
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Litigation**
 - B. Personnel**
 - C. Real Estate**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**



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SCHEDULED

Meeting: 08/20/26
Department: Administration
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Zahnay Smoak
Department Head:

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

Resolution to Define Central Business District within Article 3 of City Code of Ordinances

Issue/Item:

Resolution regarding Article 3 of City Code of Ordinances

Background:

The City Code of Ordinance defines, restricts, and regulates the licenses in the City. The City continually monitors any changes in State law, along with continuing guidance from local residents and businesses, on revisions to bring the licenses into compliance and in harmony with documents like the Future Land Use Map, Zoning Ordinance, etc.

Sec. 3-56(b) sets limits of licenses with various distance restrictions. The current Ordinance allows City Council to establish areas exempt from these restrictions. Looking at the growth and development of the City, there are areas that warrant such exemption.

This is not permitting additional licenses, as pursuant to Sec. 3-56(a). This is specifically targeting licenses pursuant to Sec. 3-56(b).

Facts and Finding: The Resolution establishes and defines the "central business district" to comply with the Ordinance.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

**A RESOLUTION TO DEFINE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WITHIN
ARTICLE 3 OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council is tasked with the authority to adopt and provide for such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations which it deems necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Wentworth is granted the power by ordinance to license and regulate certain sales within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Wentworth desires to further clarify its Ordinance to remove ambiguity and allow for reasonable, structured, and managed development and growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that while in regular session THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

- I. With respect to Sec. 3-56(b)(6), the Mayor and City Council establish and define the “central business district” of the City of Port Wentworth as:
 - (a) Along and to include Highway 30;
 - (b) Along and to include Highway 21;
 - (c) Along and to include S. Coastal Highway and N. Coastal Highway;
 - (d) Along and to include Anchor Park Boulevard;
 - (e) Along and to include Meinhard Road;
 - (f) Along and to include Benton Boulevard; and
 - (g) Along and to include Effingham Parkway.
- II. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SO RESOLVED this the_____ day of _____, 2026.

Approved:

Tracy Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Zahnay Smiley, City Clerk