



**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

AGENDA HEARING

Public has five minutes per person to ask questions or comment on any agenda item.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call by Presiding Officer with Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. Minutes: August 12, 2026, Council Meeting
5. Presentations
 - a. Nick Patrick: Blight Blocks Program
 - b. Chief Gene Harley, Thunderbolt Police Department
 - Chief Awards:
 - Captain Brandon Runyon
 - Sergeant Jacob Thompson
 - Recognition of Valor
 - Officer Timothy Tabor
 - Officer Daniel Renz
 - c. Swearing In:
 - Jared Penny, Thunderbolt Police Department
 - d. Chief Odis Boyles, Thunderbolt Fire Department
 - Commendations:
 - Nicholas Bracken
 - Todd Horne
 - Josh Mohler
 - e. Recognition of the 4 Thunderbolt Businesses
 - American Legion 184
 - Hidden Square Concierge
 - Maricom Navigation
 - Johnson Extermination
 - f. Patriot Day Proclamation
6. Thunderbolt Museum

- [a.](#) Request to consider new construction in the Victory Drive District located in the area of Downing Street. PIN: 30002 02024 and 02025. Petitioner: Kirk Watson

7. Thunderbolt Museum

8. Finance Report: Shannon Brett

9. Consent Agenda

- [a.](#) Cedar Street Project: Approval to accept bid from Riverbend, \$22,006.00, Morgan Fraser

10. Discussion Agenda

11. Department Reports

- [Police](#) / Municipal Court / Neighborhood Watch - Gene Harley, Chief, Thunderbolt Police Department
- [Fire](#) - Odis Boyle, Chief, Thunderbolt Fire Department
- Public Works Department - Oscar Crosby, Manager, Department of Public Works

12. Town Clerk - Jan LeViner

13. Town Administrator Report – Matthew Walker

14. Legal Report

15. Mayor and Council

16. Executive Session

17. Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

a. Minutes: August 12, 2026, Council Meeting

Town of Thunderbolt
Council Meeting August 12, 2026
Minutes

Mayor Williams called the Public Comment portion of the meeting to order.

Thomas Johnson, 3212 Cragg, approached Mayor and Council to express his concerns over drainage issues.

Nick Patrick approached Mayor and Council to give a report on the Blight Block Program. Mr. Patrick reported they continue to address blight issues and are at 81% completion. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Patrick for all his hard work.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, August 12, 2026. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Larry Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, Dawn Williams, and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Attorney; Matthew Walker, Town Administrator; and Jan LeViner, Town Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Crenshaw made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Skipper-Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve 6-0.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8th and 15th. Councilmember Crenshaw seconded. Vote was unanimous, 6-0 to approve.

Mayor Williams recognized the following businesses, Go Local Program, for the month of September:

- Low voltage Services
- Seventh Heaven Antiques
- Piero's Auto Shop
- Victory Plumbing

Mayor Williams presented the World Humanitarian Day Proclamation to Chief Gene Harley and Chief Odis Boyle.

Mayor Williams presented a Proclamation for their 50th Anniversary of the Graduates from Sol C. Johnson High School.

Mayor Williams asked **Ben Wall of Atlantic Waste** to come forward to discuss waste collection and recycling. Mr. Wall discussed the benefits of recycling and how it reduces waste. He gave a presentation on the Material Recovery Facility in Charleston. The facility accepts single-stream recycling materials at a centralized location. By using this facility in Charleston, the Town is able to recycle more materials that might otherwise have been contaminated in local Savannah markets. Dr. Drohan reminded everyone of the sustainability area behind Town Hall, where there is a container for cardboard and other materials. Mr. Wall stated that he will provide an updated educational flyer regarding bulk waste and will assess and replace cracked or broken local waste carts.

Public Hearing

Dr. Drohan made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the second reading of the Comprehensive Plan. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Second Reading: Town of Thunderbolt Comprehensive Plan. **Chelsea Fernald**, Planning Manager, CRC, approached the Mayor and Council. Ms. Fernald stated that they have been working with Town Staff and the Stakeholders Committee to update the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. She continued that the Comprehensive Plan is a way for local governments to foster strong and healthy communities. It is a requirement set forth by the Department of Community Affairs to maintain the Town's Qualified Local Government status and remain eligible for State and Federal funding. The Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated every five years, and the Town's due date is 2026.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Councilman Crenshaw** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to approve.

Councilmember Crenshaw made a motion to return to the public meeting. **Councilmember Ward** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to approve.

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Anna Marie Thomas approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas reported their Facebook page has been restored and there are two upcoming sales, September 19th and October 24th. She reminded everyone that the Oyster Roast is November 8, 2026. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Thomas for her dedication to the Thunderbolt Museum.

Shannon Brett approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the financials. Ms. Brett reported that the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts confirmed that no changes were needed following their review of the 2025 Audit. Payroll is now 100% migrated to Springbrook software, with licensing modules up next. A brief discussion was held regarding the Sinking Fund and Georgia Fund One..

Consent Agenda:

- a. Second Reading: 2026-02 Section 5-304.G Standards for Subdivisions and Section 5-306 Definitions
- b. Second Reading: 2026-04 Rezone Property located on Whatley Ave and Shell Road within the Town of Thunderbolt, GA from Residential (R-1) to Two Family (R-2) Residential
- c. Combination of Lots, PIN 3000301018/3000301017. Petitioner: William Ferrell
- d. Application for Home Occupation Permit: Bennett Capobianco. Painting and Plastering
- e. Application for Home Occupation Permit, Southeastern Legal Services. Petitioner Donald Rhoden
- f. Approval: Alcoholic Beverage License, Retail Sales Beer, Liquor and Sunday Sales Wine and Liquor Only. Petitioner: Rickey Greer, Thunderbolt Dink Dome, LLC (pickleball)
- g. W.E. Honey Park Bathroom RFP For Approval

h. Disaster Debris Collection RFP Recommendation for Approval

Councilman Ward made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Councilman Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Discussion Agenda: None

Department Head Reports

Chief Harley approached Mayor and Council to answer questions or concerns regarding his monthly report. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining proactive policing, positive responses, and several community initiatives that were initiated throughout the month. Chief Harley stated that an audit was conducted on the Flock Cameras and that there were no findings. As there were no questions, Mayor Williams thanked Chief Harley for everything he is doing for the Thunderbolt Police Department.

Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works, approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Crosby asked if anyone had questions regarding his report. He reported the fluorides were good and asked if there were any questions. Being none, Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Crosby and his staff for all their hard work.

Jan LeViner, Town Clerk approached Mayor and Council to give an update. Ms. LeViner stated she is getting ready to launch the new STR software which is more user friendly. She then reminded everyone she would be on vacation for the upcoming week.

Matthew Walker, Town Administrator, approached Mayor and Council to give an update on projects going on in the Town. Mr. Walker reported that the Town Hall roof replacement construction will begin soon, storm damage repairs are being coordinated with insurance, and Thunderbolt Night Out is scheduled for September 15th at Cesarone Park (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM).

Legal Reports

No report.

Councilman Crenshaw asked all members of Council to submit what they think are the goals that we need to do for the Town Administrator and Clerk.

Being there was no further business, **Council Member Ward** made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, 6-0.

Councilman Crenshaw made a motion to go back into regular session. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order. **Councilman Crenshaw** made a motion to hire an attorney on behalf of Trey Williams in federal claim. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Jan LeViner, Clerk

Dana Williams, Mayor
Town of Thunderbolt

File Attachments for Item:

d. Chief Odis Boyles:

Commendations:

Nicholas Bracken

Todd Horne

Josh Mohler



MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Mission Statement

At Thunderbolt Fire Rescue, our mission is to **protect lives, property, and the environment** through dedicated service, rapid response, and professional excellence.

We are committed to serving the citizens and visitors of our community with **honor, integrity, and compassion**—providing fire suppression, emergency medical care, public education, and disaster response.

Through continuous training, teamwork, and community engagement, we strive to deliver the highest level of service, ensuring safety and resilience for all.

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a **leader in emergency services**, recognized for our **excellence, innovation, and commitment** to community safety.

We strive to build a department that is **highly trained, well-equipped, and deeply trusted**, always prepared to meet the evolving needs of the people we serve.

Through proactive outreach, progressive training, and a culture of respect and accountability, we aim to inspire **confidence, pride, and partnership** within our community.

Prepared by:

Odin Boyles

Chief of Thunderbolt Fire Department

Thunderbolt Fire Department

Monthly Report – August 2026

Call Volume

For the month of August, Thunderbolt Fire Department responded to a total of 28 calls for service.

- 20 EMS calls
- 7 fire calls
- 1 public service call

Monthly Training

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department personnel continued departmental training and professional development. Training topics included:

- Fire Stream Operations
- EMS Burn Management
- Ropes and Knots
- Fire Alarm Systems

These training sessions help ensure personnel maintain proficiency in both fire suppression and emergency medical response operations.

Renegade Rescue Donation Partnership

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department partnered with Renegade Rescue to establish the fire station as a drop-off location for donations.

This partnership provides the community with a convenient location to contribute needed items while allowing the department to continue supporting local organizations and community outreach efforts.

Fire and EMS Response-Time Review

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department reviewed response-time data, with particular attention given to the amount of time between the Fire Department arriving on scene and the arrival of an EMS transport unit.

The review showed that Thunderbolt Fire Department's average response time is under four minutes. However, the department is experiencing an average gap of approximately 12 to 20 minutes before an EMS unit arrives.

Because Thunderbolt firefighters are frequently providing patient care during this period, the department continues to evaluate equipment that can improve patient care and reduce the physical demands placed on personnel during prolonged medical emergencies.

Request for Automated CPR Device

The response-time findings further support the department's request to obtain a LUCAS or ZOLL automated chest compression device.

During a cardiac arrest, high-quality and uninterrupted chest compressions are critical. An automated chest compression device can provide consistent compressions while allowing firefighters to perform other necessary patient-care functions during the period before EMS transport personnel arrive.

With Thunderbolt Fire Department frequently arriving well ahead of an EMS unit, this equipment would provide an additional resource for our firefighters and could significantly improve our ability to manage cardiac arrest emergencies.

The estimated cost of an automated CPR device can range from approximately \$11,000 to \$20,000, depending on the specific model and whether the department purchases a brand-new or refurbished unit. The department will evaluate both options to determine the most cost-effective solution while ensuring the equipment meets our operational and patient-care needs.

Recognition from Chatham EMS

During August, the Chief of Chatham EMS recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department and specifically recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department employees Josh Molher, Nicholas Bracken, and Todd Horn for their excellent line-of-duty service.

This recognition reflects positively on these employees and the department as a whole. Their professionalism, dedication, and quality of service demonstrate the level of care Thunderbolt Fire Department strives to provide to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Summary

August was another productive month for Thunderbolt Fire Department. In addition to responding to 28 calls for service, personnel continued important fire and EMS training, participated in community outreach through the Renegade Rescue partnership, reviewed response-time data to identify opportunities to improve emergency medical care, and received recognition from Chatham EMS for excellent service.

The department will continue working to improve its capabilities, equipment, training, and overall level of service to the Town of Thunderbolt.

File Attachments for Item:

e. Recognition of the 4 Thunderbolt Businesses

American Legion 184

Hidden Square Concierge

Maricom Navigation

Johnson Extermination

Mayor's "Know Local- Go Local"

Initiative Thunderbolt Businesses

Spotlight Recognition

For October 2026

WHEREAS, The Mayor's "Know Local-Go Local" Business Spotlight Program was created to recognize and showcase local area businesses that are vital to the Town's identity. One of small-Town charm with local businesses that serve and support families in our community.

This recognition program is exclusive to none, for we all stand to benefit as a community via prosperity of our Town's businesses. Through this program, members of the community are exposed to a variety of businesses that have displayed their desire to be excellent stewards, not only of their business, but of the community, ensured to support diversity in their workplace, and a desire to continue to do the excellent work, service, or craft they perform.

It is with the forementioned values at the ready, I Mayor Dana Williams & Council proudly recognize and encourage all our citizens and visitors to visit these establishments, learn about them, view their websites, social media, and ultimately support these and all local businesses.

Hereby the following is recognized as the Thunderbolt Business Spotlight of the week...

The week of October 4th, 2026- "Know Local- Go Local" Spotlight is...

American Legion 184 – Veterans Organization

The week of October 11th, 2026- "Know Local- Go Local" Spotlight is...

Hidden Square Concierge- Personal Concierge Service

The week of October 18th, 2026- "Know Local-Go Local" Spotlight is...

Maricom Navigation – Marine Electronics Store

The week of October 25th, 2026 - "Know Local - Go Local" Spotlight is...

Johnson Extermination– Pest Control Company

We look forward to spotlighting all the businesses within the Town of Thunderbolt, as we continue to grow and develop as a Town and Community to support one another.



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Maricom Navigation

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Johnson Extermination

Pest Control Services

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Dana Williams, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

f. Patriot Day Proclamation



BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT

A PROCLAMATION

“PATRIOT DAY”

WHEREAS, on the 11th of September 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed thousands of innocent and brave people at the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, the United States Pentagon, and in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, these attacks not only targeted American citizens but the very values that bind our communities around the principles of freedom, justice, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution in December of 2001, the United States Congress designated September 11th as Patriot Day. Furthermore, on April 21st, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which includes language to officially establish September 11th as a recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance; and,

WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by heroic passengers, firefighters, police officers, EMTs, construction workers, colleagues, and strangers reminds us of the courageous and tenacious character of our citizens and our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, In remembrance and honor of the innocent victims and first responders who lost their lives, and of all the families left behind, let our Nation, our Community, our Town continue to emerge stronger and more resilient by serving to lift the lives of our fellow citizens, and

THEREFORE I, Dana Williams, Mayor of the Town of Thunderbolt do humbly proclaim September 9th, 2026, as PATRIOT DAY in the Town of Thunderbolt and I thank my and our fellow citizens that continue to contribute their time and energy in assisting others through community service and throughout the year to honoring those who died on September 11th, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of
Thunderbolt to be affixed this **9th day of**
September 2026.

Mayor Dana Williams Town of Thunderbolt

File Attachments for Item:

a. Request to consider new construction in the Victory Drive District located in the area of Downing Street. PIN: 30002 02024 and 02025. Petitioner: Kirk Watson

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

Refer to Article XV, Zoning Ordinance

Attach, hereto, a scaled or dimensioned map, plat, or sketch of tract, of property in question and all other adjoining lots or properties under the same ownership. Said map, plat, or sketch shall indicate the approximate location of all the properties in question with respect to the nearby public roads in common use.

Date Received: _____ Zoning Administrator: _____

Name and Address of Contractor(s) _____

The following is a list of the names and addresses of all adjacent property owners within approximately a two-hundred (200) foot radius of the property:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Please list additional names on a separate sheet)

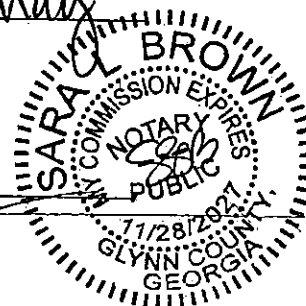
I hereby certify that the above stated facts are True to the best of my knowledge and belief And that I am the owner or authorized agent for the owner of the subject property.

Owner or Authorized Agent's Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 13 day of May

2011

Notary Public



Fee received and paid: _____

STATUS

Notice of hearing sent: _____ Date _____

Sign Posted: _____ Date _____ Address _____

Published Advertisement: _____ Date _____

**PLANNING AND ZONING
LAND USE REVIEW
Town of Thunderbolt**

APPLICATION TYPE: VDD Site Plan Approval - New Construction

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DATE: 4-18-2026

COUNCIL: 5-13-2025

NOTICE TO PAPER: 02-20-2026; 03-02-2026

PUBLISH DATE(s): 2-27-2026, 3-13-2026

Request: Request to consider new construction in the Victory Drive District (VDD) located in the area of Downing Street, Thunderbolt, GA

Owners/Applicants: Victory Drive Self Storage

Location: 2389 Downing Street

Parcel ID#: 30002 02024, 30002 02025

Approximate Lot Size(s): 3.21 ac

Zoning Designation: Victory Drive Mixed Use District [VDD]

SUMMARY:

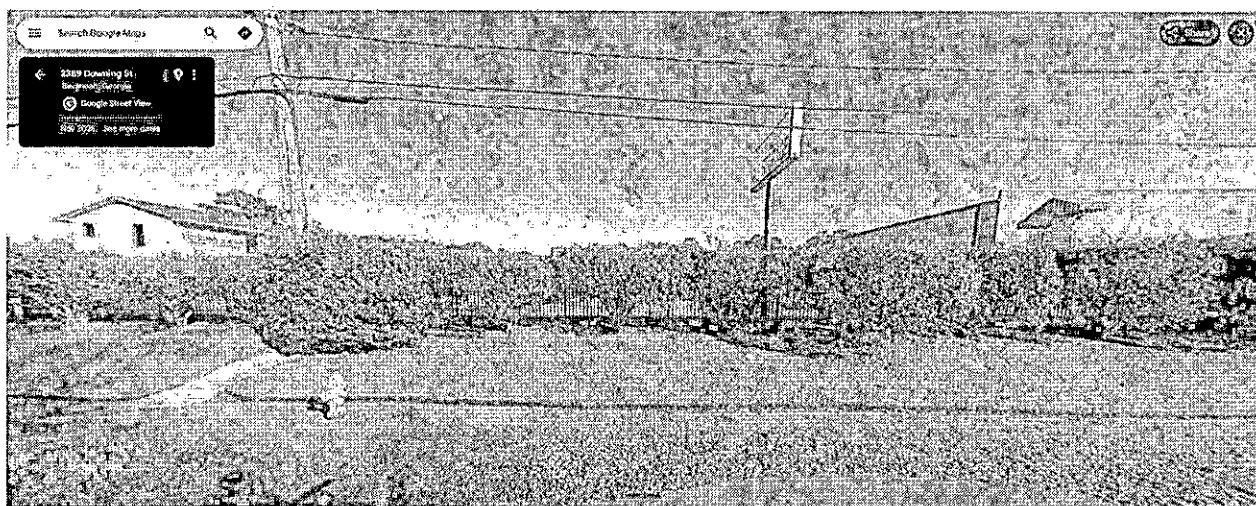
Summary of Review finds that the site plan requests Variance 1 – 3 Stories under 36 feet and Variance 2 – Building Width Maximum over 60 feet.

FINDINGS:

1. Overlay District—At the time a new use or structure is placed on any property within the Victory Drive District, the property owner shall bring the site and building into compliance with the standards set forth for the Victory Drive District.
2. It is the intent of the Thunderbolt Zoning Ordinance [the Code] to require all properties and structures within the Victory Drive District to comply with the Victory Drive District standards over time so that the district will at some point have a design and appearance consistent with the intent of the general principles set forth in the ordinance.
3. Upon review, this request is a replacing an existing storage facility comprising of three lots or less and not involving any new streets or change in existing street network.
4. Planning Commission review and Council/BZA approval is required because this request involves required site plan approval in the Victory Drive Mixed Use district.[VDD].
5. It is the duty of the Planning and Zoning Commission to inspect site plans and to suggest changes which should be made in the proposed design of the plan as per Code Sec. 15-801 and forward to Town Council with the recommendations.

6. As applicable, consistency to the Victory Drive District [VDD] is necessary for Site Plan development. Upon staff review the proposed structure is set to 32 feet, which is sufficient to accommodate the maximum height of the VDD district (36 feet).
7. As applicable, the application requests three (3) stories; of which the VDD district is limited to two (2) stories, 36 feet maximum according to the [CODE].
8. As applicable, the proposed structure is roughly 54,000 square feet with a width and depth of 130-140 feet square replacing 3 existing single-story structures.
9. As applicable, the maximum building width allowed in the VDD district is 60 feet.
10. The proposed site plan utilizes inter-parcel access around the existing structures of the facility, of which 24 feet minimum is required.
11. The proposed site plan meets the requirements for Lot Coverage staying at 60% of which 70% per the [CODE] is the maximum density.
12. Of similar land use, other existing storage facilities exist within a half mile radius, 2 of which contain 3 stories in the Town of Thunderbolt, all built prior to 2018.
13. The proposed site plan does not currently indicate where sidewalks are to be shown on Downing Street as there is no change requested to the boundary of the storage property or any changes to the existing landscaping.
14. A Place for All – Victory Drive should comfortably accommodate people of all ages, abilities, and mobility choices. The public realm and the adjacent development shall provide a comfortable and inviting environment through appropriate design, scale, infrastructure, and landscape.

Existing Property



SITE PLAN APPROVAL IN VICTORY DRIVE DISTRICT

Site plan approval: All land development activities regardless of the zoning district, must present a site plan of such development to the zoning administrator for review prior to the issuance of any land development permits. The site plan must also be reviewed by the planning and zoning

commission and forwarded to the mayor and council for approval once all comments are addressed.

This request aims to review and determine whether the style and design of a project is compatible with the established architectural designs and concepts for the Victory Drive District [VDD].

According to the Thunderbolt Zoning Code [the CODE] buildings along Victory Drive should be timeless and reflective of coastal architectural styles appropriate for the Thunderbolt area and recognize the "Main Street" prominence of Victory Drive.

Adjacent use and street setback lines and buffers must be identified in order to establish the extent of site features such as parking spaces and stormwater retention areas. These are not "build to" lines but simply define the area in which structures and other development are allowed and separate development from adjacent streets and adjacent development. Separation serves to ensure protection from street traffic as well as provide adequate air circulation and light between structures.

Architectural Standards: Applicant Proposal will provide Material Sample.

The proposed structure is a three-story storage building constructed with metal cladding on the sides and rear, with a front-facing stucco façade in a tan color. The stucco frontage provides a basic finished appearance toward the street, while the remaining elevations are utilitarian in design, using metal siding for durability and function. All colors must meet the coastal character as provided in town samples for the Victory Drive Mixed Use District [VDD].

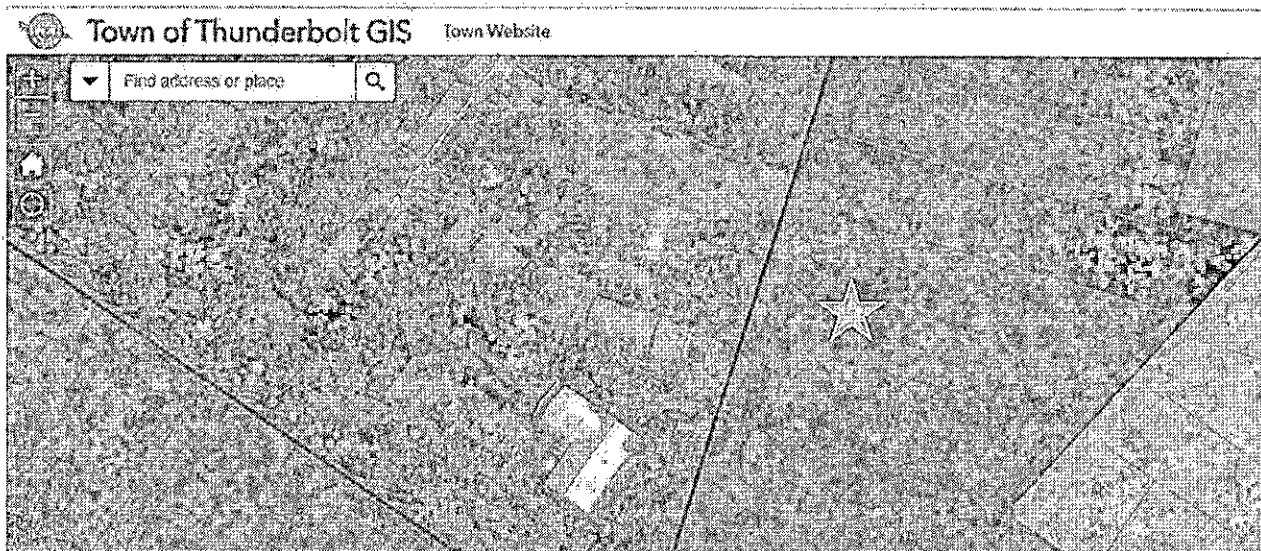
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

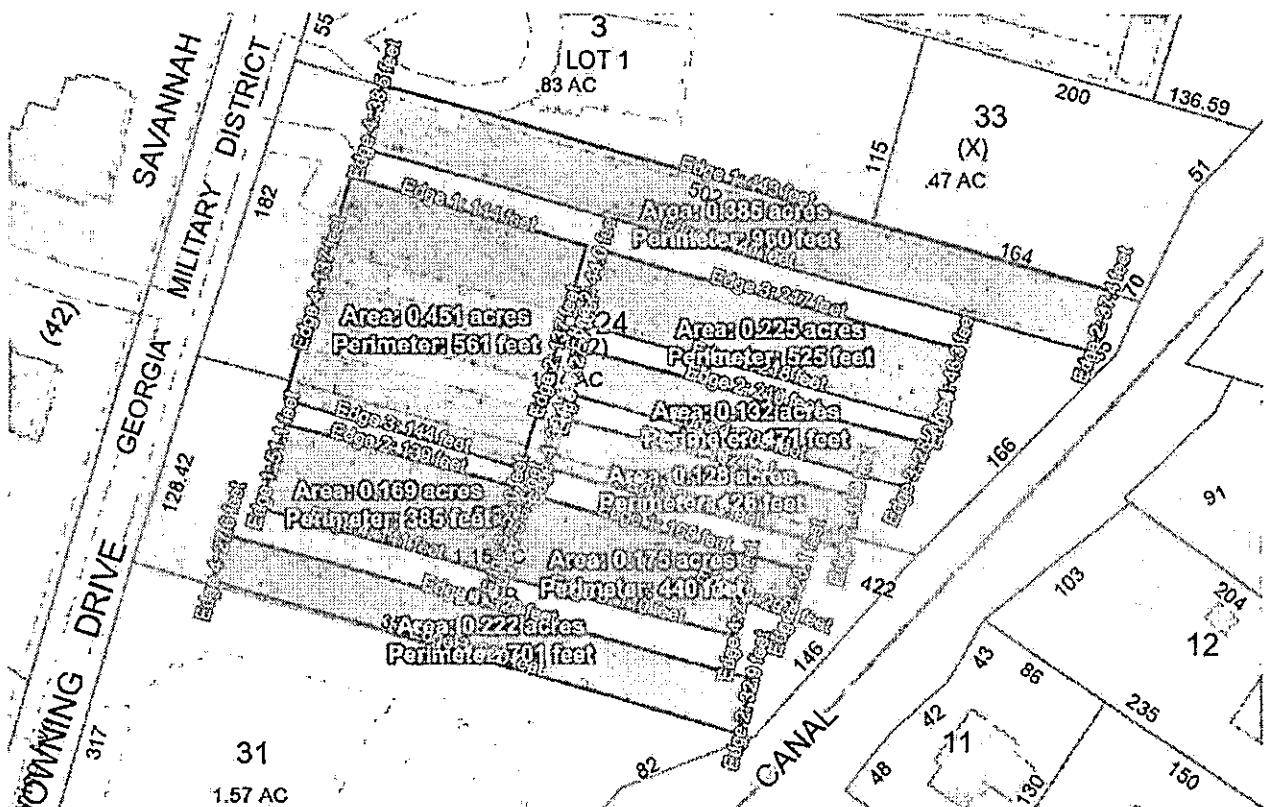
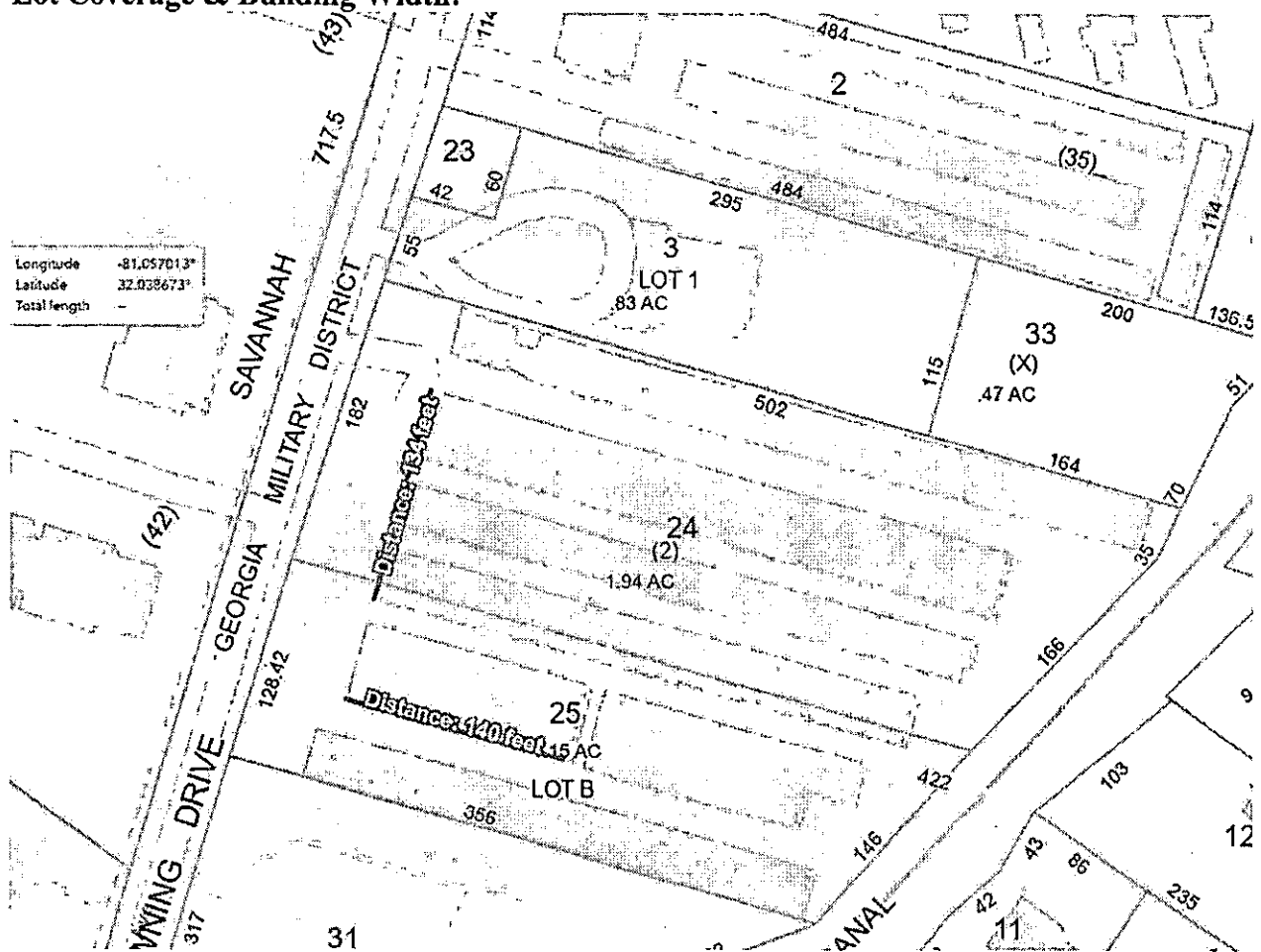
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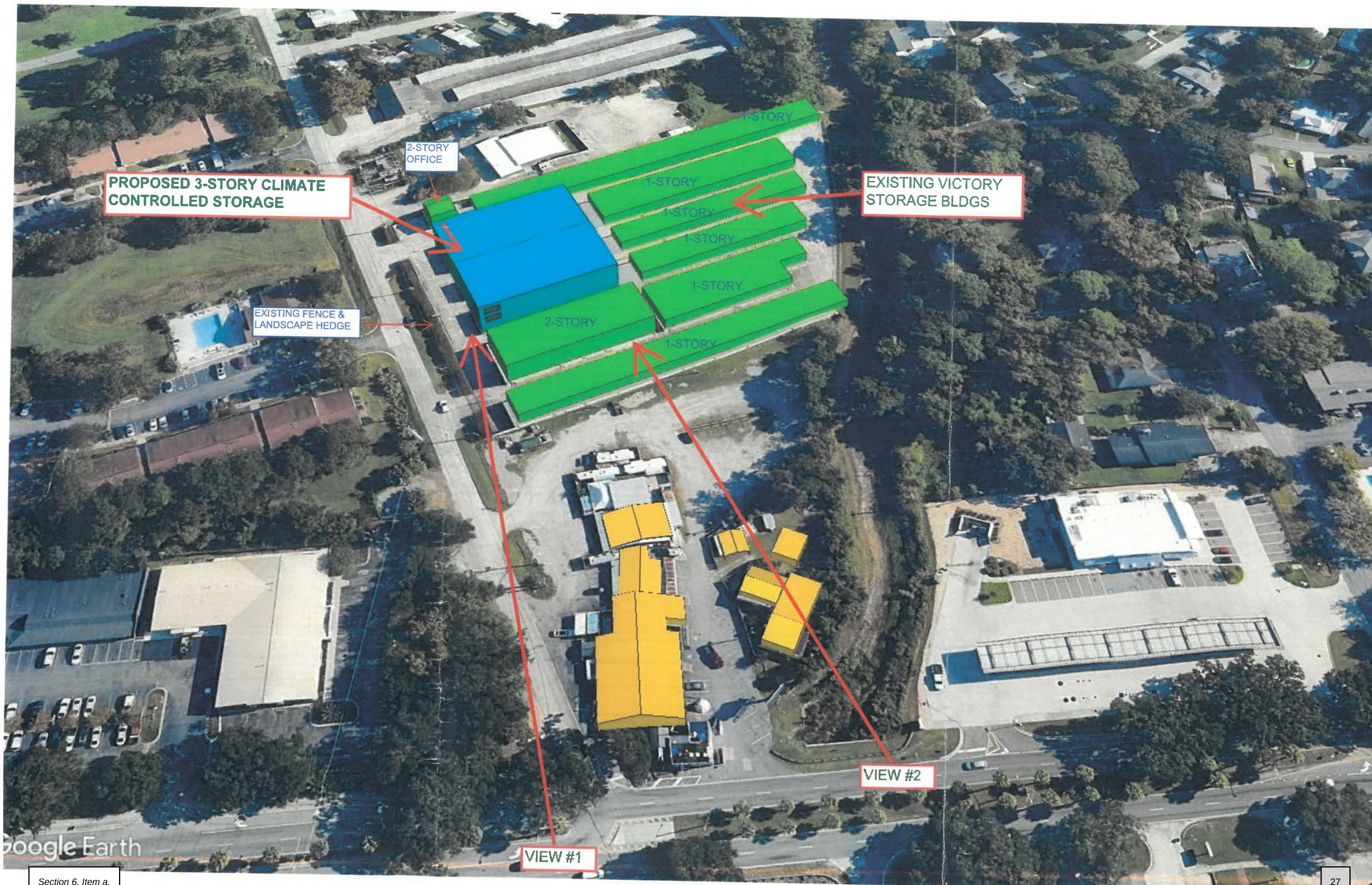
Map Vicinity

Application Request



Lot Coverage & Building Width:





PROPOSED 3-STORY CLIMATE
CONTROLLED STORAGE

2-STORY
OFFICE

EXISTING VICTORY
STORAGE BLDGS

EXISTING FENCE &
LANDSCAPE HEDGE

VIEW #2

VIEW #1



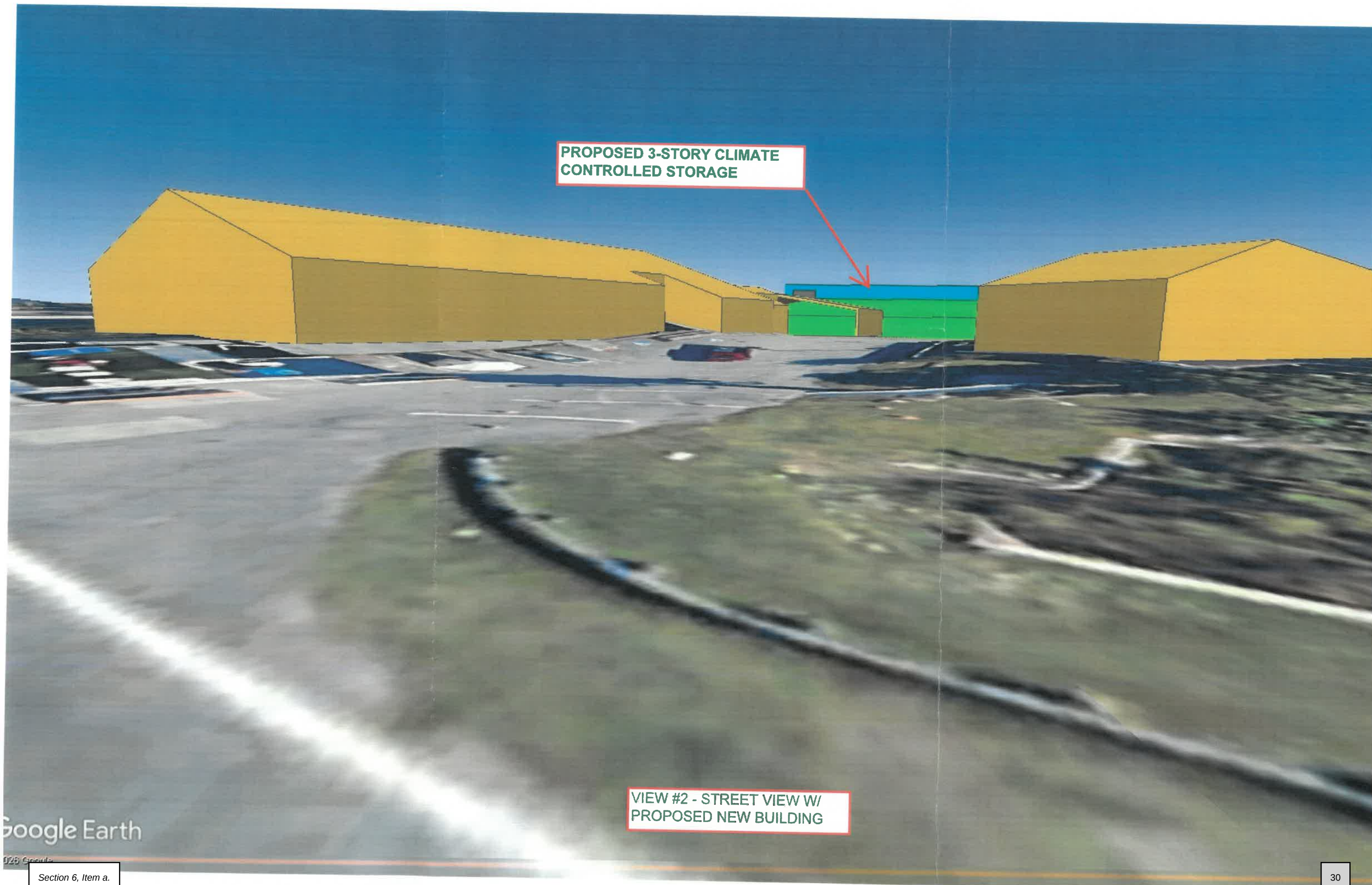
VIEW #1 - EXISTING STREET VIEW

PROPOSED 3-STORY CLIMATE
CONTROLLED STORAGE

VIEW #1 - STREET VIEW W/
PROPOSED NEW BUILDING

Google Earth

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PROPOSED 3-STORY CLIMATE
CONTROLLED STORAGE

VIEW #2 - STREET VIEW W/
PROPOSED NEW BUILDING

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VIEW #2 - EXISTING STREET VIEW

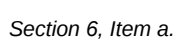
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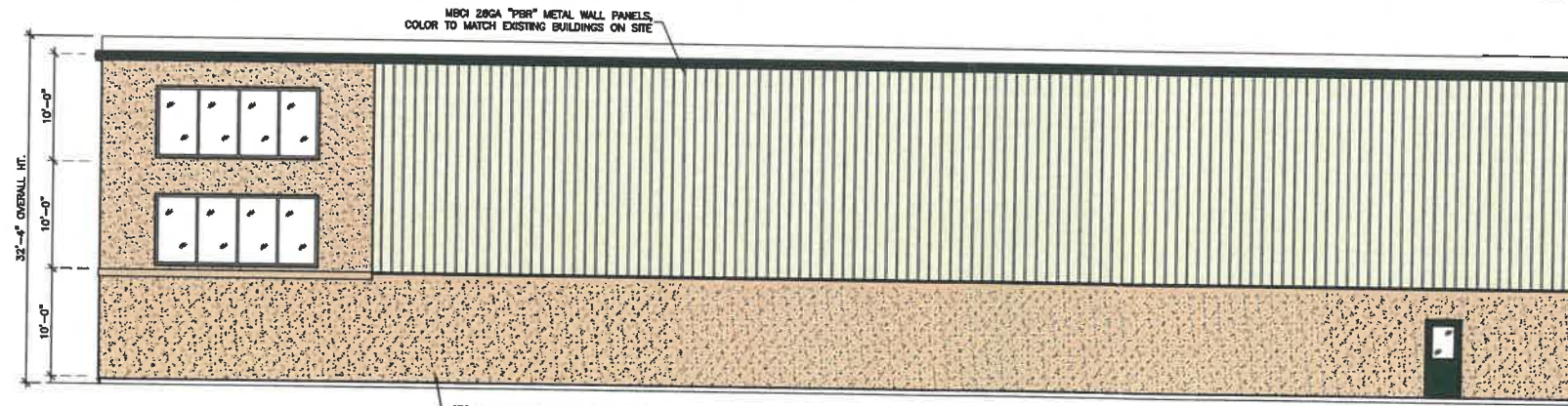
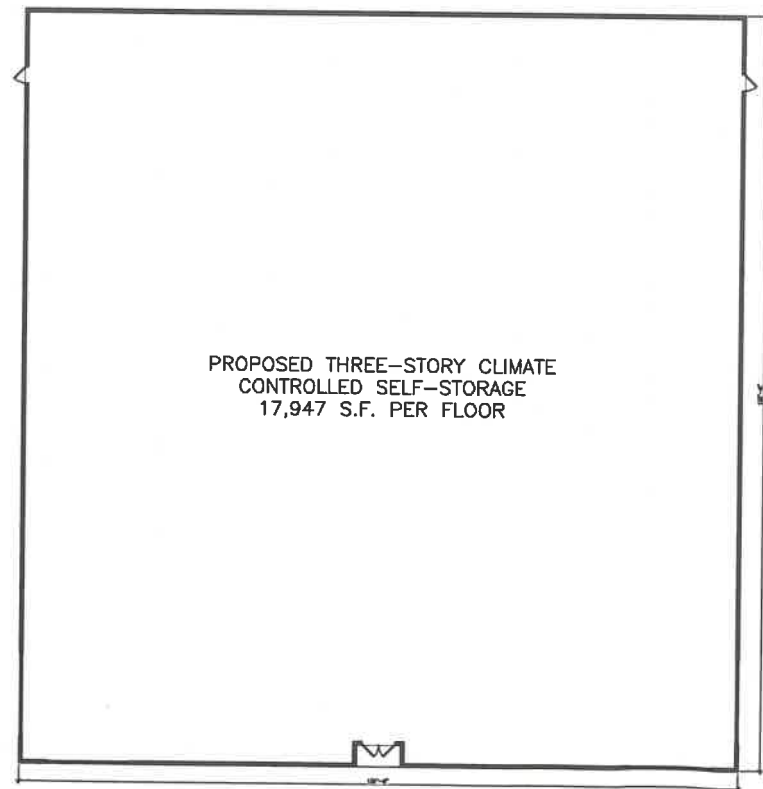
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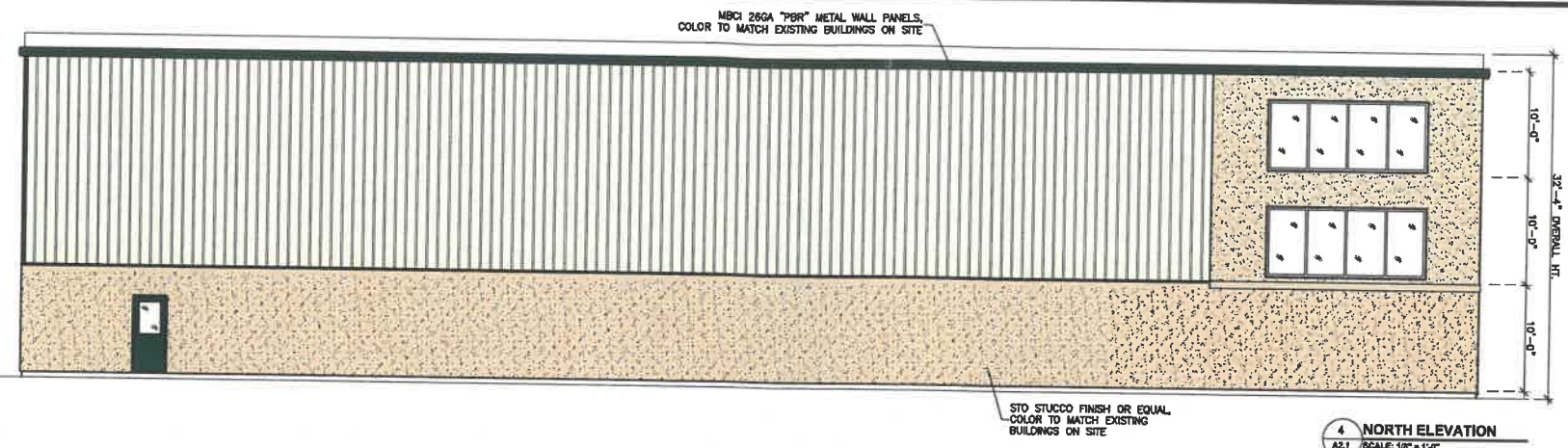
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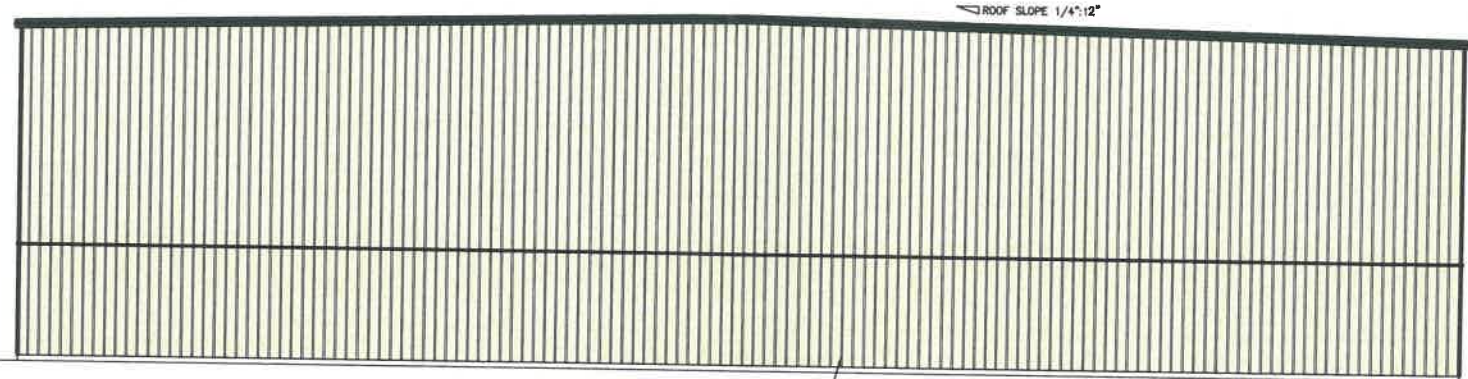




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4 NORTH ELEVATION
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3 EAST ELEVATION
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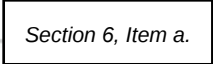
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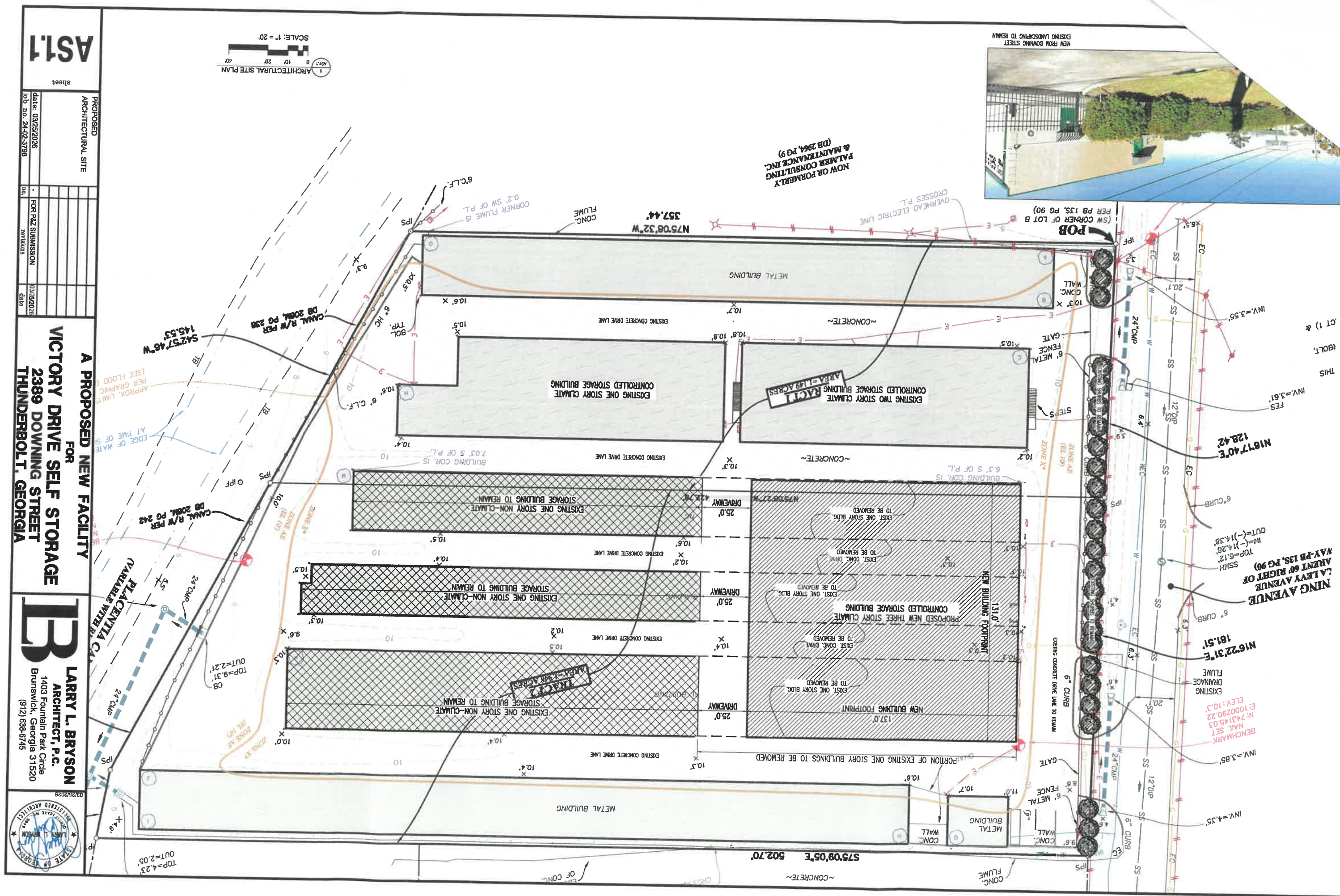
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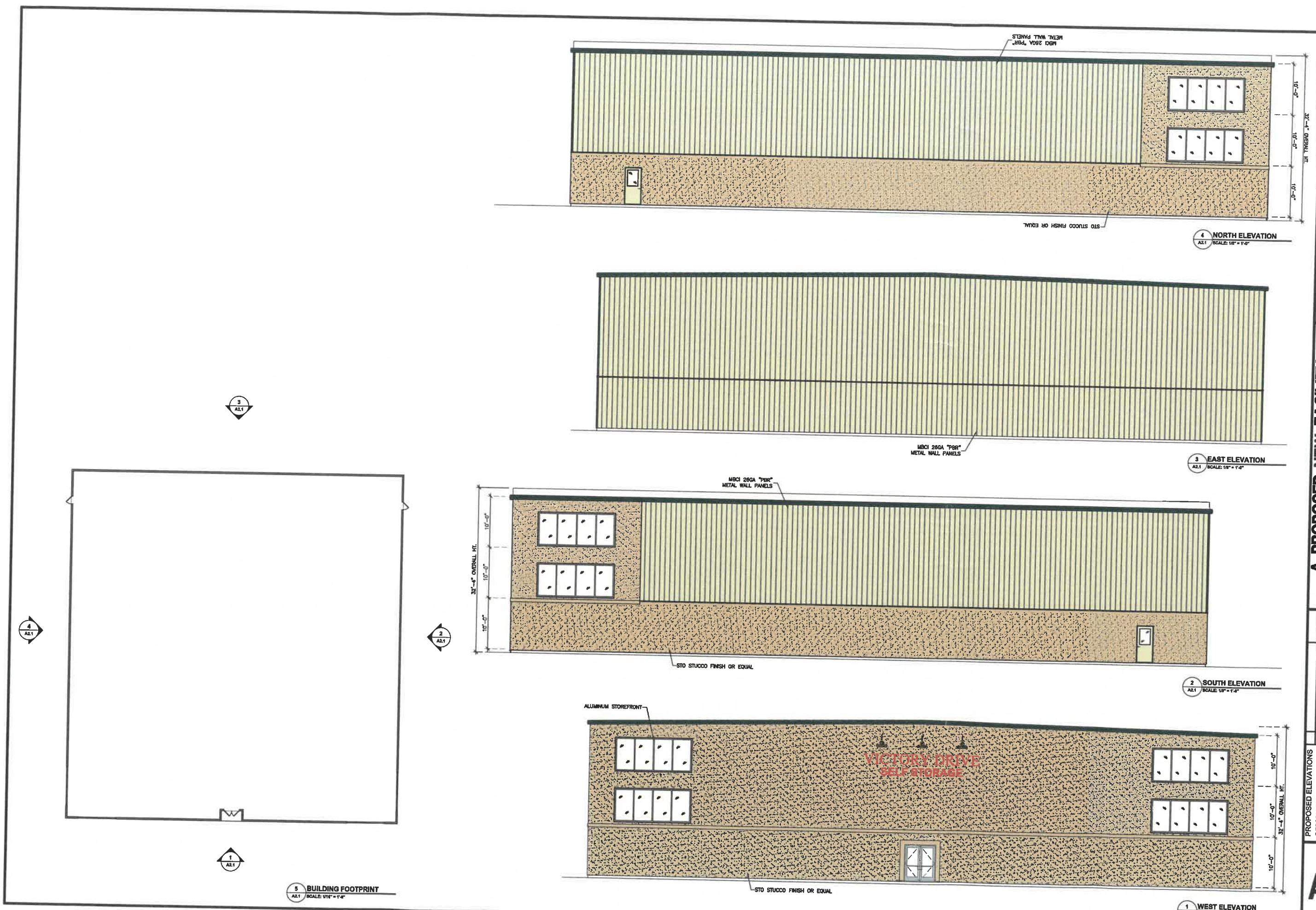
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PROPOSED ELEVATIONS OPTION "B"	NO.	DATE	BY	REVISED
1	02/10/2025	02/10/2026		
2	02/10/2025	02/10/2026		
3	02/10/2025	02/10/2026		
4	02/10/2025	02/10/2026		
5	02/10/2025	02/10/2026		

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File Attachments for Item:

- a. Cedar Street Project: Approval to accept bid from Riverbend, \$22,006.00, Morgan Fraser

Bid Form

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Town of Thunderbolt Drainage Improvements

CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION AND NUMBER: 25-589.000

THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO: Town of Thunderbolt

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with OWNER, to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Construction Plans for the Bid Price and within the Bid Times indicated in this Bid.
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 - (h) This bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over OWNER.
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Bid Form

Lot 8/ Cedar Street Drainage Improvements

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4	Final Grading & Dressing	184	SY	\$14.00	\$2,576.00
5	15" RCP Pipe	56	LF	\$76.00	\$4,256.00
6	Select Backfill Material	24	CY	\$32.00	\$768.00
7	Stone Bedding	8	TN	\$165.00	\$1,320.00
8	Inspection	1	LS	\$800.00	\$800.00
9	Connect to 15" RCP to existing GI #1	1	LS	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
10	Erosion Control including Grassing	1	LS	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
PROJECT TOTAL					\$22,006.00

TOTAL BID FOR ALL ESTIMATED PRICING

Twenty-two thousand and six _____ Dollars
(typed)

(\$ 22,006.00 _____)
(figures)

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1480 Chatham Parkway, Suite 100
Savannah, GA 31405

Attn: Donald Brown, P.E.
Dbrown@colemancompanyinc.com

SUBMITTED on _____ August 20th, 2026.

Riverbend Enterprises

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

ADDRESS:

PO Box 76

Midway, GA 31320

BY: _____



Morgan Fraser

State Contractor License No. _____

State Bidder License No. _____

20-8091614

State Utility Contractor No. _____

UC302406

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3	Clearing and Grubbing (haul off site)	0.038	AC	122,550	\$4656.90
4	Final Grading & Dressing	184	SY	7.80	\$1435.20
5	15" RCP Pipe	56	LF	81.00	\$4536.00
6	Select Backfill Material	24	CY	62.75	\$1506.00
7	Stone Bedding	8	TN	165.00	\$1320.00
8	Inspection	1	LS	975.00	\$975.00
9	Connect to 15" RCP to existing GI #1	1	LS	2570.00	\$2570.00
10	Erosion Control including Grassing	1	LS	1930.00	\$1930.00
PROJECT TOTAL					\$25,607.10

TOTAL BID FOR ALL ESTIMATED PRICING

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Dollars

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SUBMITTED on August 20, 2026.

Gregory A Hall dba Groundworks

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

ADDRESS:

P O Box 652

Pooler, GA 31322

BY: Gregory A Hall

Gregory A Hall

State Contractor License No. _____

State Bidder License No. _____

State Utility Contractor No. _____

UC302589

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Project Name: Lot 8/ Cedar Street Drainage Improvements
 Bid Abstract
 CCI Project No.: 25-589

ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Groundworks	Riverbend Enterprises	
					Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Mobilization & Supervision	1	L.S.	\$ 5,628.00	\$ 5,628.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2	Staking	1	L.S.	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00
3	Clearing and Grubbing (haul off site)	0.038	AC	\$ 122,550.00	\$ 4,656.90	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 1,216.00
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7	Stone Bedding	8	TN	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,320.00
8	Inspection	1	L.S.	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
9	Connect to 15" RCP to existing GI #1	1	L.S.	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
10	Erosion Control including Grassing	1	L.S.	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Bid Totals					\$ 25,607.10		\$ 22,006.00

File Attachments for Item:

Police / Municipal Court / Neighborhood Watch - Gene Harley, Chief, Thunderbolt Police Department

THUNDERBOLT

POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF'S REPORT

AUGUST 2026

Trust Earned Through Service



SERVICE • INTEGRITY • COMMUNITY

Gene Harley
Chief of Police
Town of Thunderbolt, Georgia

Welcome Officer Jared Penny

NEW OFFICER • EXPERIENCED PUBLIC-SAFETY PROFESSIONAL

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT



OFFICER JARED PENNY

Official Start Date: September 18, 2026

Officer Penny joins TPD with more than a decade of experience in law enforcement, public safety, and emergency response.

EXPERIENCE & CREDENTIALS

- Georgia Forestry Commission Ranger and wildland firefighter
- Georgia State Patrol and Motor Carrier Compliance
- Certified Police Officer and Field Training Officer
- Patrol, investigations, emergency response, and interagency coordination

SERVICE BEYOND THE BADGE

An Eagle Scout since 2004, Jared remains active with the National Eagle Scout Association and volunteers with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

Please join us in welcoming Officer Penny to the Thunderbolt Police Department.



New Officer Spotlight

Evan Parker

» Started the **GA POST Academy** on August 27, 2026

Originally from Virginia, Evan graduated from Radford University before moving south to build his career here in Savannah, Georgia. He has spent the majority of his professional life in education as a teacher and coach. Outside of work, he enjoys the outdoors, living an active lifestyle, and spending time with his wife, son, and dog. Thunderbolt has been his family's home for the last 10 years, and they love the town and community.



We are proud to welcome **Evan Parker** to the **Thunderbolt Police Department** and wish him success as he attends the GA POST Academy.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Captain Brandon Runyon Completes GACP Chief's School

The GACP Chief's School is a mandatory 60-hour executive training program for newly appointed law enforcement leaders in Georgia.

Arson Investigation Moves to Federal Prosecution

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

CHIRIYA'S THAI CUISINE • AUGUST 2026



Sergeant Jacob Thompson led the August investigation into the arson at Chiriya's Thai Cuisine.

INVESTIGATIVE OUTCOME

- Developed a lead through his established partnership with the Savannah Police Department
- Identified and located the previously unknown suspect
- Obtained a confession and completed the arrest without incident



CASE STATUS

The investigation is being adopted by ATF for federal prosecution by the United States.

Strong investigative work. Effective partnerships. Accountability pursued.

PEEPING TOM ARREST

Rapid Response • Neighborhood Safety • Repeat-Offender Awareness



During the early morning hours, officers responded to a report of a person looking into the windows of an occupied residence in the 300 block of Bonaventure Road.

Officers quickly canvassed the area and located the suspect on Victory Drive.

01

QUICK IDENTIFICATION & APPREHENSION

The suspect was located nearby on Victory Drive shortly after officers responded to the complaint.

02

CHARGES FILED

Gillis was charged with Peeping Tom and Criminal Trespass and transported to the Chatham County Detention Center.

03

PRIOR CONTACT / AREA AWARENESS

The suspect had recently been banned from the area following a previous incident. Officers were able to act on that local knowledge.

04

REPEAT-OFFENDER AWARENESS

Gillis has an extensive local booking history, with approximately 25 prior bookings in Chatham County.

COUNCIL TAKEAWAY

A fast response, familiarity with repeat offenders, and strong area awareness allowed officers to quickly locate the suspect and address a direct neighborhood safety concern.

HIT-AND-RUN INVESTIGATION

EMILY McCARTHY | INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOW-UP

- Officers investigated a hit-and-run involving a customer who struck a parked vehicle at Emily McCarthy and left the scene without making the required notifications.
- Through investigative follow-up, officers were able to identify the driver and establish her involvement in the incident.
- The driver was subsequently charged in connection with the crash.



DRIVER IDENTIFIED • CHARGED



PROPERTY CRIME / TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



EMILY McCARTHY



PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING

★ THE TARA INVESTIGATION ★

Ongoing Enforcement at the Former Tara Nursing Home



AUGUST ARREST AT FORMER TARA NURSING HOME

Former Tara Nursing Home • 3223 Falligant Avenue • Thunderbolt, Georgia



VACANT SINCE JUNE 2025

ARRESTED: AUGUST 27, 2026



CASE SUMMARY

Michael Cataldo was arrested after unlawfully being on the property and taking various items located on the outside of the building.



Unlawful presence on the property



Items taken from the exterior of the building



Site remains under proactive enforcement and investigation



CHARGES

Charged with
3 MISDEMEANORS

SUSPECT



MICHAEL CATALDO

ARRESTED: AUGUST 27, 2026



Continued proactive enforcement is helping protect the vacant property and support long-term problem-solving efforts.





THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT

TARA NURSING HOME INVESTIGATION – LINK ANALYSIS CHART

3223 FALLIGANT AVENUE, THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA

AS OF: JULY 21, 2026

CASE STATUS:
ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATIVE TIMELINE (JULY 2026)

- **Early July** TPD notified of possible entries; unlocked doors located; no contact; facility secured
- **Mid July** Extra patrols – doors unlocked again; window forced; copper and items stolen
- **July 15** Contact made with Catherine Helmken walking from property; arrested on outstanding contempt warrant
- **July 17** Surveillance images released to public; suspects identified as Houston Taner Schlernitzauer and "Chris Mills"
- **July 20** Schlernitzauer and Christian Leigh Shuman arrested at hotel in Richmond Hill; stolen items recovered; full confessions
- **July 21** Matthew Ryan Hankey arrested at residence in Richmond Hill; search conducted; full confession
- **Ongoing** Extra Patrols continue; working with GoJoe Patrol Security and Town on facility security and lawn maintenance plan



TARA NURSING HOME (Former)

3223 Falligant Avenue, Thunderbolt, GA
PERMANENTLY CLOSED – JUNE 2025

- Abandoned by previous owners; items left behind (beds, wheelchairs, electronics, meds, office equipment, clothing, etc.)
- Multiple unlawful entries during July 2026
- Copper stripped from walls, HVAC units; items stolen; property damage
- Doors and windows unsecured/forced
- Covert cameras installed; extra patrols ongoing

INVESTIGATIVE OUTCOMES TO DATE

- Three (3) primary suspects arrested
- Stolen property recovered from hotel room
- Confessions obtained
- Vehicles and Flock data documented
- Scrap metal sales at SA Recycling identified
- Investigation ongoing – possible additional offenses in Chatham, Effingham & Bryan Counties

CURRENT STATUS / PROPERTY SECURITY

- TPD continues Extra Patrols
- Recently established contact with facility's new security company – GoJoe Patrol Security
- Town of Thunderbolt developing plan to professionally secure facility and contract lawn maintenance
- Goal: deter further criminal activity and preserve property while vacant

PRIMARY SUSPECTS (ALL GAVE FULL CONFESSIONS)

HOUSTIN TANER SCHLERNITZAUER

DOB: 02/12/1995



- Priors: Burglary, Drugs
- Admits multiple entries to facility in July 2026
- Saw public release, shaved beard to conceal identity
- Arrested: 07/20/2026
- Held: CCDC

CHRISTIAN LEIGH SHUMAN

DOB: 02/25/1989



- Used Facebook name "Chris Mills"
- No prior hx in Phoenix
- Acted as lookout (bicycle)
- Admits multiple entries
- Arrested: 07/20/2026
- Held: Bryan Co. Detention (to be transferred to CCDC)

YAN HANKEY

2/11/1980



- Extensive history in Phoenix
- Admits involvement
- Dispute over who recruited whom
- Arrested: 07/21/2026
- Residence: 13822 GA Hwy 144, Richmond Hill, GA

POSSIBLE / UNCONFIRMED ASSOCIATION

CATHERINE HELMKEN

DOB: 09/18/1989



- Contacted near property 07/15/2026
- No lawful reason to be on property
- Could not provide friend's name/address
- Arrested on outstanding Contempt of Court warrant
- Involvement in thefts UNCONFIRMED

VEHICLES / TRANSPORTATION

2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO (White)

GA Tag: AAA8GY



- Primary vehicle used by Schlernitzauer & Shuman
- Regularly on Flock
- Items taken from facility observed in truck bed
- Bicycle observed in truck bed (lookout)

U-HAUL (RENTAL)

Arizona Tag: AH13401



- Rented by Schlernitzauer 07/10/26 – 07/11/26
- Flock does not show as POI in known incidents
- Further analysis requested

KIA SUV

GA Tag: SBK3669



- Registered to Hankey's wife
- Regularly operated by Hankey
- In Thunderbolt during timeline
- Recent citation (CCPD) while Hankey was operator

2016 DODGE RAM 1500

GA Tag: DEZ2234



- Primary vehicle previously used by Hankey
- Regular Flock hits
- Not used for ~30 days (Hankey states vehicle caught fire)

STOLEN PROPERTY / ITEMS TAKEN



- Copper from walls, HVAC units
- Electronics
- Medications
- Office equipment
- Wheelchairs, beds, clothing, etc.

SA RECYCLING

2820 Tremont Road, Savannah, GA



- Regularly used to sell copper and other items
- Hankey states he likes location (gets paid and uses gambling machines)
- Analyze transactions, dates, weights, amounts, IDs, vehicle info, surveillance

LOCATIONS OF INTEREST



RICHMOND HILL HOTEL
Near Hwy 17 & I-95
Arrest location: 07/20/2026
Stolen property recovered



HANKEY RESIDENCE
13822 GA Hwy 144
Richmond Hill, GA
Search 07/20/2026



BICYCLE (LOOKOUT)
Used by Shuman while acting as lookout during entries

LEGEND

- Known Association
- - - Possible / Unconfirmed Association
- Vehicle / Transportation
- Disposition / Flow of Stolen Property
- - - Related To / Supports

POI = Person of Interest
CCDC = Chatham County Detention Center

Rocket Found His Furever Home!

K9 FOR A DAY • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT



Rocket's adopter saw TPD's social-media post—showing the direct impact of this community partnership.



WEDNESDAY

Rocket rode with TPD

THURSDAY

Featured on social media

FRIDAY

Adopted after his person saw the post



★ COMMUNITY CONTACTS ★

Monthly Patrol Contacts Outside Calls for Service

Examples of community engagement, assistance, and relationship-building by patrol officers during the month.

1



OFC Tabor

Assisted Ms. LaPreard after CRN 260824002 by removing a window A/C unit and ensuring her window was secured.

2



Cpl. Foran

Helped a deaf man at Marathon by purchasing a phone charger so he could charge his phone and pay for gas.

3



OFC Tabor

Conducted a follow-up welfare check at 3214 Gilreath; the resident shared medical challenges and appreciated the visit.

4



Sgt. Jones

Spoke with John Moore of Chirya's Thai Cuisine, who expressed appreciation after the quick arrest in the arson case.

5



Ofc. Boutarath

Spoke with Victory Adcock near TARA, who thanked the department for its efforts addressing recent burglaries.

6



Officer Renz

Spoke with Miguel on Rowland Ave, a GSU business remagement student walking from Parker's to work at Target.

7



Officer Renz

Advised Bryson at Enmarket about safely replacing side mirrors while his vehicle parts were being painted.

8



OFC Tabor

Made friendly contact with late-evening fishers while closing Honey Park; the group packed up and left cooperatively.

9



Sgt. Thompson

Advised Piero of Piero's Auto Repair regarding options for removing vehicles left on his property.



These contacts reflect proactive service, visibility, and community trust-building.



CHATHAM COUNTY MARINE PATROL PARTNERSHIP

Professional Development • Regional Cooperation • Community Readiness



A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WITH A REGIONAL IMPACT



Marine Patrol is based here in Thunderbolt, making this a natural partnership for a waterfront community.

The partnership gives our officers meaningful exposure to marine law enforcement while strengthening our working relationship with CCPD.

01 OFFICER DEVELOPMENT

Hands-on exposure to vessel operations, marine enforcement, waterborne response, and a different side of law enforcement.

02 RETENTION WITHOUT RECRUITING RISK

Officers gain new experiences while remaining with TPD. Marine Patrol openings are filled internally by CCPD, so this does not create a direct recruiting pathway away from Thunderbolt.

03 INTERAGENCY READINESS

Builds relationships, communication, and familiarity before a real waterfront emergency, search, rescue, or enforcement operation occurs.

04 LOW-RISK, HIGH-VALUE OPPORTUNITY

Participation is limited, controlled, and scheduled around TPD needs—giving officers a professional-development opportunity without compromising our daily operations.

COUNCIL TAKEAWAY A locally based partnership that develops our officers, strengthens regional cooperation, and adds capability to Thunderbolt without creating a staffing threat.

Participating officers may work available Marine Patrol assignments on scheduled days off, up to 8 overtime hours per month, subject to operational needs and funding.



OFFICER WELLNESS PROGRAM

FITNESS & PROFESSIONAL STRETCHING INITIATIVE



ON-DUTY FITNESS



PROFESSIONAL STRETCHING



THUNDERBOLT TEAM

1 ON-DUTY FITNESS

- ✓ Encourages officer health, readiness, and resilience
- ✓ Supports regular physical fitness and overall wellness
- ✓ Provides officers an opportunity to work out as part of the wellness initiative

2 PROFESSIONAL STRETCHING PROGRAM

- ✓ Partnering with Tiffany Taylor, PsychFit of Georgia
- ✓ Bi-weekly block appointments for participating personnel
- ✓ 90-day trial period to evaluate program effectiveness
- ✓ Focus on mobility, recovery, injury prevention, and physical readiness



GOAL: IMPROVE OFFICER WELLNESS, REDUCE INJURIES, AND SUPPORT LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE.

THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Introducing our department chaplains



Pastor Steven Saxton
Islands Christian Church



Pastor Sam Martin
Gateway Church



Our Chaplains. Our Community.

The Thunderbolt Police Department Chaplain Program provides spiritual and emotional support to those who serve and protect our community.

- ✓ Provides confidential support to officers and staff
- ✓ Assists with death notifications, critical incidents, and other department needs
- ✓ Strengthens officer wellness, compassion, and community connection
- ✓ Supports the internal and external growth of the department

OFFICER SUPPORT • COMMUNITY CARE • WELLNESS • OUTREACH



IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY

Electronic warrant workflow

MODERNIZING OUR WARRANT PROCESS

CloudGavel eWarrants

Moving from an in-person warrant process to a secure, web-based electronic workflow.

CURRENT PROCESS

**In-person completion
with the judge**



NEW PROCESS

**Electronic submission
& judicial approval**

WHAT CLOUDGAVEL ADDS



CREATE + SUBMIT

Warrants can be created and routed electronically.



DIGITAL APPROVAL

Judges can digitally approve warrants within the system.



TRACK + RECORD

Real-time process tracking and electronic recordkeeping.



SHARE + MANAGE

Document sharing and user management in one workflow.

OUTCOME: A more efficient, trackable warrant process that aligns Thunderbolt with modern regional law-enforcement practices.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION | FLOCK TRANSPARENCY PORTAL



Maintaining the **trust** of our community requires both effective public-safety tools and **transparency** regarding how those tools are used.



The Thunderbolt Police Department has added a **Flock Transparency Portal** to the Police Department page on the Town's website.



The portal gives residents **direct access** to clear, factual information about the technology and how it is used by our agency.



Residents with questions are encouraged to review the portal by selecting "**Flock Transparency Portal**" under "**Related Links**."



Making this information readily available reflects our continued commitment to **responsible policing**, **accountability**, and **community trust**.

The screenshot shows the Thunderbolt Police Department website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Government, Departments, Community, and How To, along with a 'Pay Here' button and a search bar. The main content area features a 'RELATED LINKS' section on the left with a list: Officers, Records, Flock Transparency Portal (highlighted with a yellow box and a mouse cursor), and Chatham County Animal Control. The central section is titled 'Thunderbolt Police Department' and includes the department's logo and a mission statement: "THE MISSION OF THE THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO STRENGTHEN AND MAINTAIN THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES." On the right, there is a sidebar for the 'THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT' with its logo, hours of operation (Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M.), phone number (912)-354-3818, and an email link.



TRANSPARENCY • ACCOUNTABILITY • COMMUNITY TRUST

[Home](#)[Government](#)[Departments](#)[Community](#)[How To](#)[Pay Here](#)

CHIEF'S REPORT | WEBSITE UPDATES



1



Updated Department Webpage

Refreshed and more informative page with easier public access to key information.

2



Flock Transparency Portal

Residents can directly access the Flock Transparency Portal through the Police Department page.

3



Online Fillable Police Application

Applicants can now complete a fillable police application online.

4



Dedicated Department Email

A dedicated department email improves communication with citizens, and the department has already begun receiving emails through it.

MEET OUR TEAM



THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT

THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA



Committed to Service, Protection, and Community



OPERATIONAL DASHBOARD

★ AUGUST 2026 ★

KEY ACTIVITY SUMMARY



15

INCIDENT REPORTS



5

MISCELLANEOUS
REPORTS



1

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
REPORTS



1

BURGLARIES



9

ARRESTS

• 2 FELONY
• 7 MISDEMEANOR



3

AGENCY ASSISTS



8

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
WORKED



96

TRAFFIC TICKETS



39

WRITTEN WARNINGS



COURT REVENUE

\$11,942.00

Total revenue collected
through court for
August 2026

ACTIVITY COMPARISON



TRAFFIC TICKETS



WRITTEN WARNINGS



INCIDENT REPORTS



ARRESTS



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WORKED



MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS



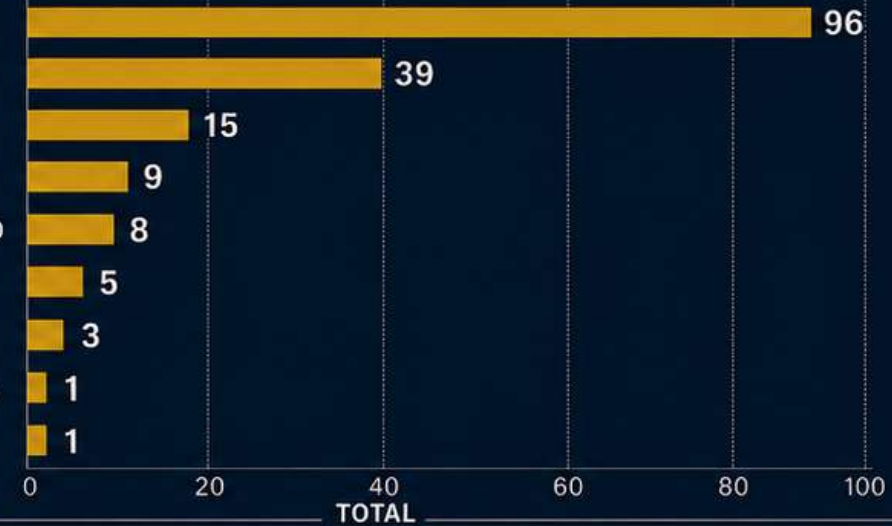
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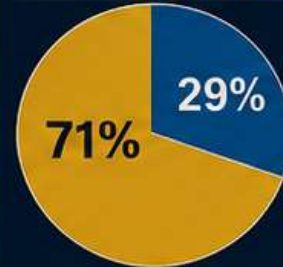
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS



BURGLARIES



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT BREAKDOWN



71%
TRAFFIC TICKETS
(96)

29%
WRITTEN WARNINGS
(39)

135

TOTAL TRAFFIC
CITATIONS WRITTEN



WHAT THIS MEANS

Thunderbolt officers maintained proactive enforcement and steady response activity throughout August. A total of 135 traffic citations were issued, while officers also handled 15 incident reports, 9 arrests, 8 vehicle accidents, and 3 agency assists.



EVERY STATISTIC REPRESENTS A PERSON, A CALL FOR SERVICE,
OR AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD PUBLIC TRUST.

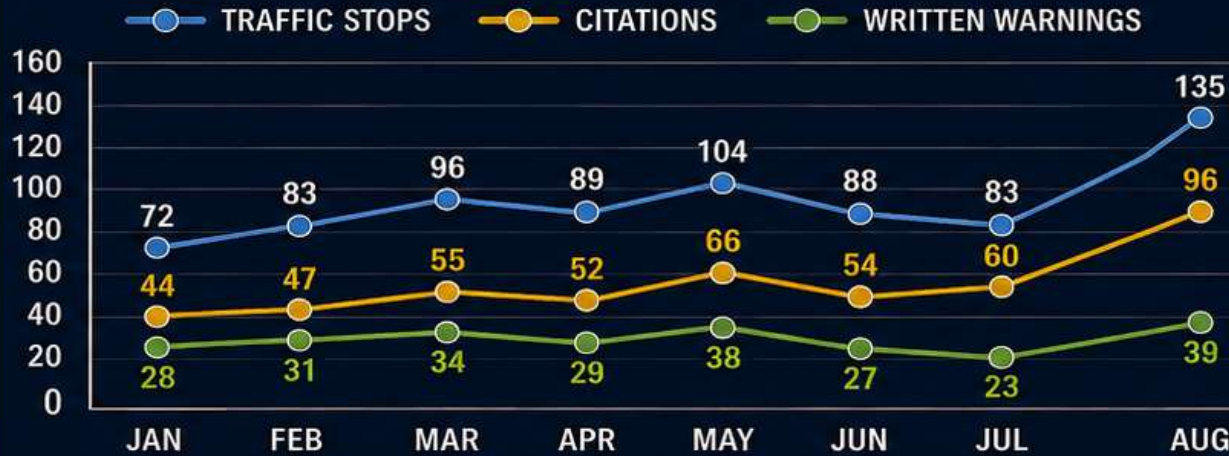


YEAR-TO-DATE TRENDS

★ JANUARY – AUGUST 2026 ★

BUILDING A SAFER
THUNDERBOLT
TOGETHER

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY



YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (JAN–AUG)



TRAFFIC STOPS

750



CITATIONS

474



WRITTEN
WARNINGS

CITATION vs. WARNING (YTD)

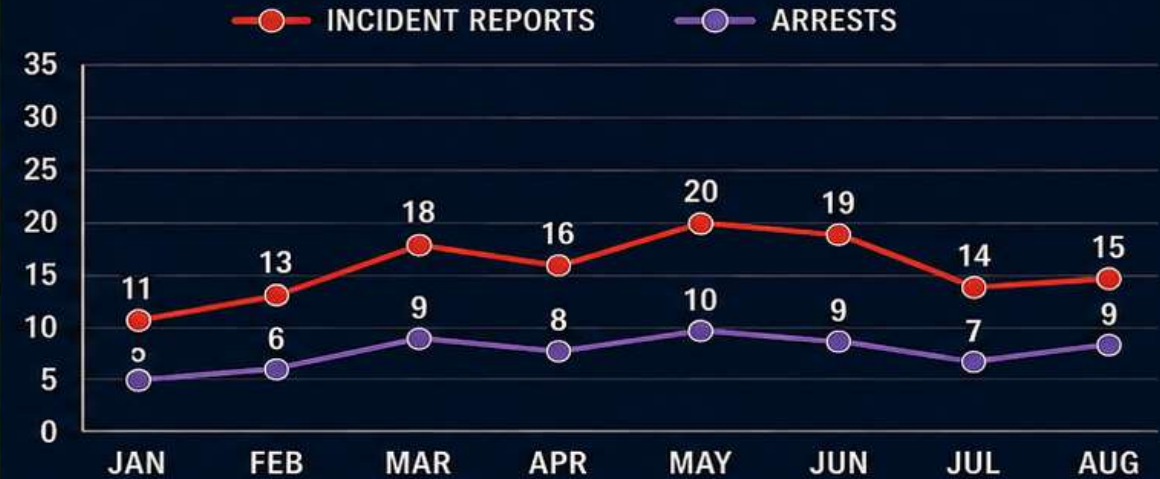
66%
CITATIONS
(474)



34%
WARNINGS
(249)

Focused on **education** and
enforcement throughout the year.

INCIDENT ACTIVITY



YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (JAN–AUG)



INCIDENT REPORTS

126



ARRESTS

63

• 33 FELONY
• 30 MISDEMEANOR

AUGUST SNAPSHOT

MISCELLANEOUS
REPORTS



5

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
REPORTS



1

BURGLARIES



1

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
WORKED



8

AGENCY ASSISTS



3

TOTAL TRAFFIC
CITATIONS WRITTEN



135



CONSISTENT ACTIVITY. MEASURABLE RESULTS. STRONGER COMMUNITY.



THANK YOU



*Serving Thunderbolt with
Professionalism, Integrity,
and Constitutional Policing.*



BUILDING A STRONGER THUNDERBOLT TOGETHER



HIRING &
DEVELOPING
PEOPLE



ACTIVELY
SOLVING
PROBLEMS



PURSUING
MEANINGFUL
CASES



BUILDING
COMMUNITY
RELATIONSHIPS



PARTNERING
WITH OTHER
AGENCIES



INVESTING IN
EMPLOYEE
WELLNESS



MODERNIZING
OPERATIONS



INCREASING
TRANSPARENCY



PRODUCING
MEASURABLE
ACTIVITY

★ *“Trust is earned every day through service.”* ★

— QUESTIONS? —

File Attachments for Item:

Fire - Odis Boyle, Chief, Thunderbolt Fire Department



MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Mission Statement

At Thunderbolt Fire Rescue, our mission is to **protect lives, property, and the environment** through dedicated service, rapid response, and professional excellence.

We are committed to serving the citizens and visitors of our community with **honor, integrity, and compassion**—providing fire suppression, emergency medical care, public education, and disaster response.

Through continuous training, teamwork, and community engagement, we strive to deliver the highest level of service, ensuring safety and resilience for all.

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a **leader in emergency services**, recognized for our **excellence, innovation, and commitment** to community safety.

We strive to build a department that is **highly trained, well-equipped, and deeply trusted**, always prepared to meet the evolving needs of the people we serve.

Through proactive outreach, progressive training, and a culture of respect and accountability, we aim to inspire **confidence, pride, and partnership** within our community.

Prepared by:

Odin Boyles

Chief of Thunderbolt Fire Department

Thunderbolt Fire Department

Monthly Report – August 2026

Call Volume

For the month of August, Thunderbolt Fire Department responded to a total of 28 calls for service.

- 20 EMS calls
- 7 fire calls
- 1 public service call

Monthly Training

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department personnel continued departmental training and professional development. Training topics included:

- Fire Stream Operations
- EMS Burn Management
- Ropes and Knots
- Fire Alarm Systems

These training sessions help ensure personnel maintain proficiency in both fire suppression and emergency medical response operations.

Renegade Rescue Donation Partnership

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department partnered with Renegade Rescue to establish the fire station as a drop-off location for donations.

This partnership provides the community with a convenient location to contribute needed items while allowing the department to continue supporting local organizations and community outreach efforts.

Fire and EMS Response-Time Review

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department reviewed response-time data, with particular attention given to the amount of time between the Fire Department arriving on scene and the arrival of an EMS transport unit.

The review showed that Thunderbolt Fire Department's average response time is under four minutes. However, the department is experiencing an average gap of approximately 12 to 20 minutes before an EMS unit arrives.

Because Thunderbolt firefighters are frequently providing patient care during this period, the department continues to evaluate equipment that can improve patient care and reduce the physical demands placed on personnel during prolonged medical emergencies.

Request for Automated CPR Device

The response-time findings further support the department's request to obtain a LUCAS or ZOLL automated chest compression device.

During a cardiac arrest, high-quality and uninterrupted chest compressions are critical. An automated chest compression device can provide consistent compressions while allowing firefighters to perform other necessary patient-care functions during the period before EMS transport personnel arrive.

With Thunderbolt Fire Department frequently arriving well ahead of an EMS unit, this equipment would provide an additional resource for our firefighters and could significantly improve our ability to manage cardiac arrest emergencies.

The estimated cost of an automated CPR device can range from approximately \$11,000 to \$20,000, depending on the specific model and whether the department purchases a brand-new or refurbished unit. The department will evaluate both options to determine the most cost-effective solution while ensuring the equipment meets our operational and patient-care needs.

Recognition from Chatham EMS

During August, the Chief of Chatham EMS recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department and specifically recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department employees Josh Molher, Nicholas Bracken, and Todd Horn for their excellent line-of-duty service.

This recognition reflects positively on these employees and the department as a whole. Their professionalism, dedication, and quality of service demonstrate the level of care Thunderbolt Fire Department strives to provide to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Summary

August was another productive month for Thunderbolt Fire Department. In addition to responding to 28 calls for service, personnel continued important fire and EMS training, participated in community outreach through the Renegade Rescue partnership, reviewed response-time data to identify opportunities to improve emergency medical care, and received recognition from Chatham EMS for excellent service.

The department will continue working to improve its capabilities, equipment, training, and overall level of service to the Town of Thunderbolt.