

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026

Case #: HPC-55-26

Site Address:	518 19 th Ave
Parcel ID:	31-05-22-1-107-037.000
Applicant:	Joe Shirley
Owner:	Charles Spurlin

Proposed Work:	Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a wall sign on the property located at 518 19th Avenue in the Druid City Historic District (Council District 4)
Current Zoning:	DHE-H

Historic District:	Druid City Historic District
Architectural Style:	Commercial
Year Built:	1946
Contributing:	No
Historic Survey:	Druid City Historic Survey

Resource 248. 518-520 19th Avenue. Stinson Motor Company (1946)-Stephenson Riggs Motors Inc. (1950)-Hull & Associates Inc.-State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Circa 1946. One story, brick commercial building with flat composition roof, parapet, stucco covered wood frame canted vestibule with double leaf plate glass door, two off center single leaf plate glass doors with transom, window bands with fixed single pane windows.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner proposes installing a 10' by 3' 9" wall sign at the subject property. The metal-composite sign will be illuminated by metal gooseneck lighting. Metal is identified as an appropriate material for signs under the Design Guidelines.

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

E. Signs

- Design and install all signs to a size and scale and of types that conform to the historic context of the district and its structures and in a manner to focus only on the intended audience.
- Retain and preserve original signs that contribute to the overall historic character of the building or district.
- Introduce new signage that is compatible in material, size, scale and character with the building or the district. Design signage to enhance the architectural character of a building.
- If desired install small identification signs and historic plaques for residential buildings so that no architectural features or details are obscured or damaged.
- Construct new signs of traditional sign materials:

Examples of Appropriate Materials:

- Stone
- Brick
- Vinyl lettering and/or sign face
- Wrought iron or metal
- Canvas awning
- Wood
- Stucco
- High Density Urethane (HDU) sign board (or equivalent) resembling wood or metal for lettering or logo

Examples of Inappropriate Materials:

- Vinyl sign structure or vinyl awning
- Internally illuminated signs
- Plastic

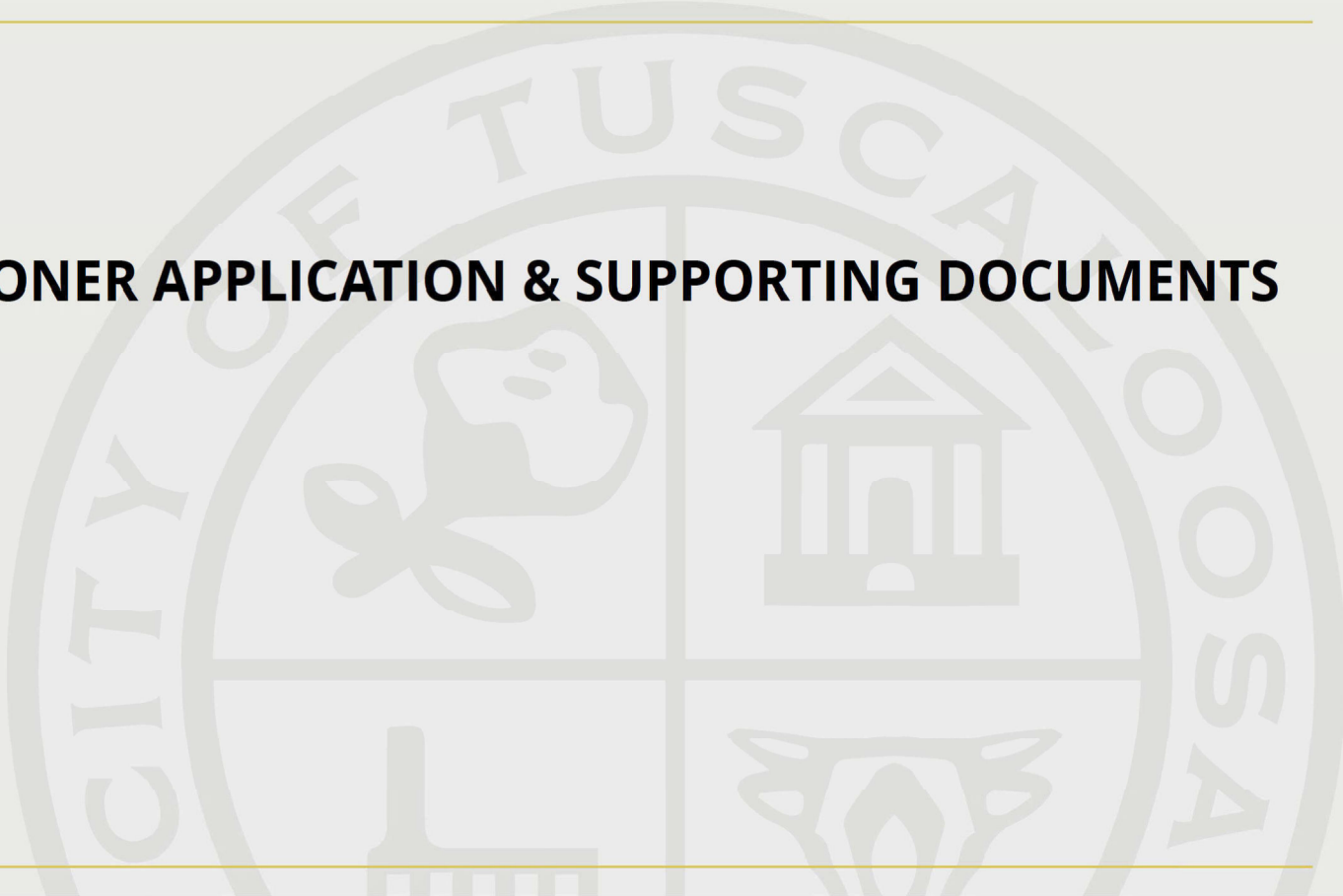
- Install freestanding signs in appropriate locations on low standards or grown bases. Screening the base of ground signs with plantings to enhance its appearance is required.
- Mount flush signboards in appropriate locations on façades so that no architectural details or features are obscured or damaged. On masonry buildings, holes for fasteners should be placed in the mortar joints, not the masonry units.
- Light signs in a manner compatible within the historic character and the pedestrian scale of the historic district.
- For commercial and institutional buildings, design signs to be integral to the overall building façade. Avoid covering a large portion of the façade, front yard, or any significant architectural features with signage.
- Temporary signs, including sales advertising, and real estate signs should be located so as not to damage or obscure significant architectural features, and shall be removed

- upon completion of work, sale, campaign, etc. The maximum number of allowable signs shall be one per street frontage.
- Signs directing users to an accessible entrance or parking space should be installed to avoid damaging or obscuring significant architectural features, while conforming to Accessibility Standards (ADAAG).

C. Exterior Lighting

- Design, install, and maintain exterior lighting to focus only on intended areas within the property, and to avoid invading surrounding areas.

PETITIONER APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Property Information:

Site Address:

518 19th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Historic District:

Pinehurst

Estimated Cost of Construction:

3000

Detailed Description of the Proposed Work:

Building sign mounted above awning with 2 gooseneck lights. As described in attached drawing.

Detailed Description of the Proposed Materials:

Steel or aluminum frame with Maxmetal sign with acrylic or maxmetal 3 dimensional letters

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:

Joe Shirley

Is the applicant also the property owner?

No

Property Owner Information:

Owner 1**Property Owner Name:**

Charles Spurlin

Supporting Documents:

Site Plan:

Storefront with sign.gif

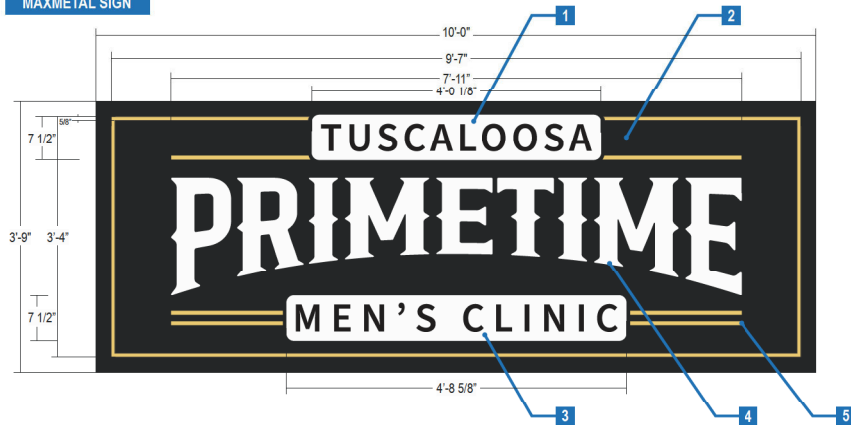
Elevation Drawings:**Proposed Materials Documents:**

Knight Signs Drawing.jpg

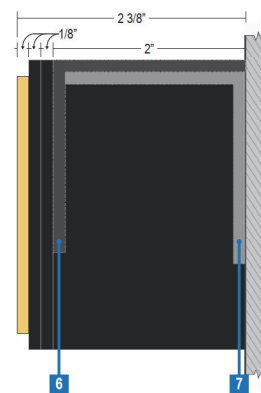
Additional Documents:

Once submitted, a staff member will contact the applicant using the email provided on this form. If more documents are required, the staff member will clarify what is required in that email. By submitting this application, you recognize the city will send public notification and place a sign on the property with information for the public.

MAXMETAL SIGN



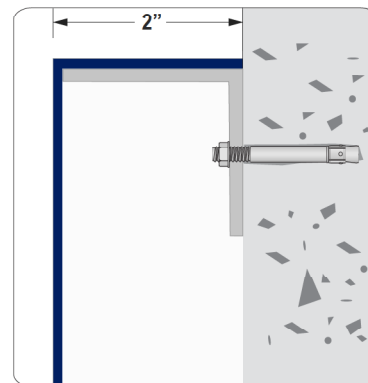
FRONT VIEW
SCALE: 3/4" = 1'



SIDE VIEW
SCALE: NTS



ELEVATION PHOTO | PROPOSED
SCALE: 1:72



KSI mounting method, with 2" angle to wall.

MOUNTING DETAIL | SIDE VIEW
SCALE: NTS



NOTES:

1. 1/8" MaxMetal panel with face painted White and sides painted Black.
2. 1/8" MaxMetal panel with face and sides painted Black, with negative cut rounded rectangles. Applied to face of the White panel using VHB Tape and Silicone.
3. 1/8" MaxMetal copy with faces and sides painted Black for "Tuscaloosa" and "Men's Clinic". Applied to face of the White panel using VHB Tape and Silicone.
4. 1/8" MaxMetal copy with faces painted White and sides painted Gold for "Primetime". Applied to face of the Black panel using VHB Tape and Silicone.
5. 1/8" MaxMetal accent bars with faces and sides painted Gold. Applied to face of the Black panel using VHB Tape and Silicone.
6. 2" Aluminum Angle to form the "rabbet". Painted black and applied to back of panels using VHB Tape and Silicone.
7. Mounted flush to brick wall using KSI mounting method.

QTY: 1
SQ FT: 24

- Gold
- White
- Black
- Font Name

RENDERINGS ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. CONSULT YOUR SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR COLOR / MATERIAL / FINISH / LIGHTING SAMPLES OF ACTUAL PRODUCTS.

Date: September 4, 2026
Job Name: Primetime Men's Clinic
Job Location: Tuscaloosa, AL
Salesperson: H. Jones
Original Designer: D. Johnston
Revision Designer: J. Tuley
Drawing Number: 265250
REV#: 1

THIS SIGN IS INTENDED TO BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 600 OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND/OR OTHER APPLICABLE LOCAL CODES. THIS INCLUDES PROPER SIGN BRACING AND DESIGN OF THE SIGN. SIGNS DESIGNED FOR SIGN SERVICE PLEASE NOTIFY KSI IF POWER SOURCE IS DIFFERENT.







Product Specification Data

Description

Maxmetal is an aluminum composite material comprised of two, pre-painted .15mm aluminum panels bonded to a solid polyethylene core. It's lighter in weight and more durable than both MDO and aluminum, plus it resists scratching and denting better than wood panels. The finish is ready for vinyl, screen print inks, paint, cutting, or routing.

Product Properties

Weight (Kg/m ²)	3.55
Sound Absorbption NRC	0.05
Sound Attenuation Rw db	24
Water Absorbption % by volume	0.01
Thermal Performance R Values	0.0057
Core Composition	Polyethylene
Flammability BS476	Part 6: Class 0, Part 7: Class 1

Panel Dimensions

Panel Thickness (mm)	3
Aluminum Thickness (mm)	0.15
Standard Sizes:	4' x 8', 4' x 10', 5' x 10'

Product Code

MM843MW
MM843MW1S

Dimensional Tolerances

Thickness (mm)	-0 + 0.2
Width (mm)	±2
Length (mm)	±3
Diagonal (mm)	±5
Thermal Expansion	2.4mm/m @ 100°C Temp Difference
Aluminum Thickness (mm)	±0.02

Surface Properties

Paint Thickness (micron)	20
Pencil Hardness	>HB
Toughness of Coating	3T
Temperature Resistance	-50°C to +90°C
Impact Strength (kg cm ²)	42
Boiling Water Resistance	Boiling for 2 hours without change
Acid Resistance	Immersed surface in 2% HCl for 24hrs without change
Alkali Resistance	Immersed surface in 2% NaOH for 24hrs without change
Oil Resistance	Immersed surface in 20# engine oil for 24hrs without change
Solvent Resistance	Cleaned 100 times with Dimethylbenzene without change
Cleaning Resistance	>1000 times without change
Peel Strength	>5 Newton/mm

Statement of Practical Use

We believe the information on this product to be accurate. However, since we cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which this information or our products may be used, we cannot guarantee results obtained through their use. Tests of our products should be made by users to determine the suitability of these products for a specific purpose. The products are sold without warranty, either express or implied. The purchaser should refer to Grimco, Inc's price list for terms and conditions or sale, including disclaimer of warranties and limitation of liability.



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The new Gooseneck Light is a unique decorative lighting fixture that allows you to update the look of your building. Elegant and curved goose neck arm, simple and low-key appearance design, can be well applied to a variety of architectural styles. Installation is quick and easy, and the 50W has a strong function that can support 3 color temperature adjustment



PART #: RGI-GN-50W-TT

PRODUCT FEATURES & COMMON USE APPLICATIONS

- UL cUL Premium certificate.
- IP65 driver, input voltage
- 120-277VAC.
- No UV or IR in the beam.
- Easy to install and operate.
- Energy saving, long lifespan.
- Light is soft and uniform, safe to eyes.
- Instant start, NO flickering, NO humming.
- Green and eco-friendly without mercury.
- Outdoor basketball court, tennis court.
- Badminton court, the football field.
- The school playground, stadium.
- Community leisure entertainment plaza,
- Warehouse, factory and workshops ;
- Highway toll station ;
- Meeting room, exhibition hall ;
- Gymnasium and supermarkets, etc.

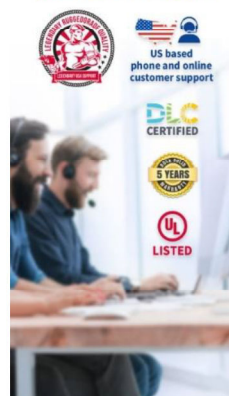
PRODUCT DIMENSIONS



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Industrial Grade Solutions



LEGENDARY USA SUPPORT



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sales@ruggedgrade.com



PRODUCT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

OPTICAL	Input Power (Tolerance : $\pm 10\%$)	50W/40W/30W (Wattage Selectable)
	Color Temperature (Color Tunable)	3000K/4000K/5000K(ColorSelectable)
	Lumen(Tolerance: $\pm 10\%$)	5500LM/4400LM/3300LM
	Efficacy(Tolerance : $\pm 3\%$)	110 LM/W
	CRI	>80
	Beam Angle (50%) (Tolerance : $\pm 15\%$)	100 degree
	Input Voltage and Frequency	120-277VAC, 50/60Hz
	PF (Tolerance : -3%)	≥ 0.9
	THD (Tolerance : +5%)	$\leq 20\%$
ELECTRICAL	Flicker Percent	< 35%
	Driver Brand	RuggedGrade X Driver
	Driver Model	RG-50W-120V
	Dimming	0-10V dimming standard
	Sensor Type	Photocell
	Optional Accessory	Photocell / Surge protector
	LED Brand	Lumileds
	LED Type	SMD2835
	LED QTY	NA
MATERIALS	Housing	Die-cast aluminum
	Housing Color	Black/Bronze/White
	Waterproof Rating	WET (IP65)
	Operating Temperature	-30C (-22F) to +50C (+122F)
	Storage Temperature	-30C (-22F) to +50C (+122F)
	Operating Humidity	20% - 90% RH
	Storage Humidity	10% - 95% RH
	Warranty	5 years

PRODUCT MOUNTS & ACCESSORIES



(1) Mounting Bracket

(2) M4*12
Round Head Screw

(2) M4 Screw Cap

(1) Threaded
Nut

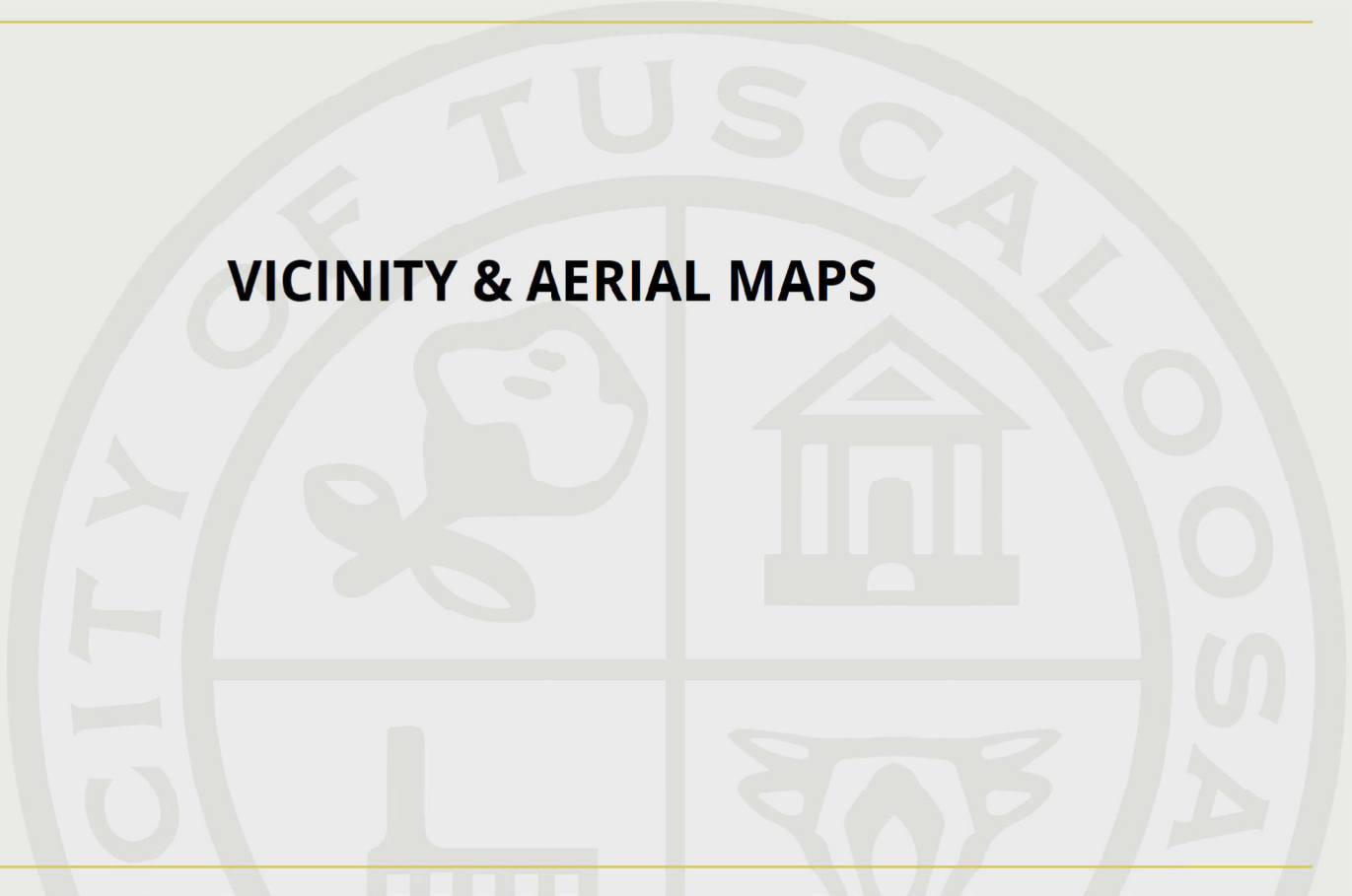
(1) Round Base

(3) M4*6
Round Head Screw(1) $\phi 124 \times 5\text{mm}$
Gasket A
(For Internal Junction Box)

(5) Wire Nuts



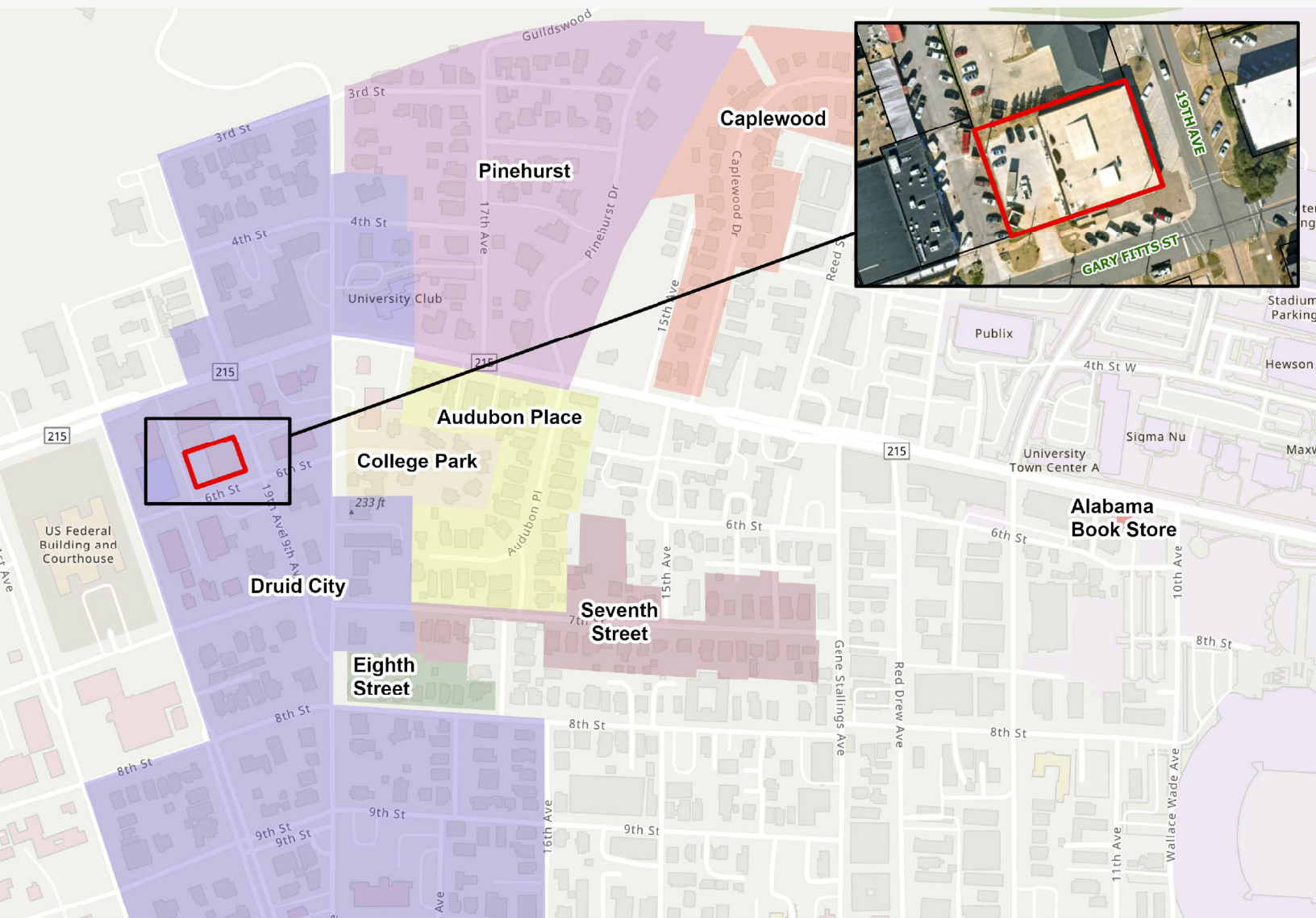
VICINITY & AERIAL MAPS





518 19th Avenue

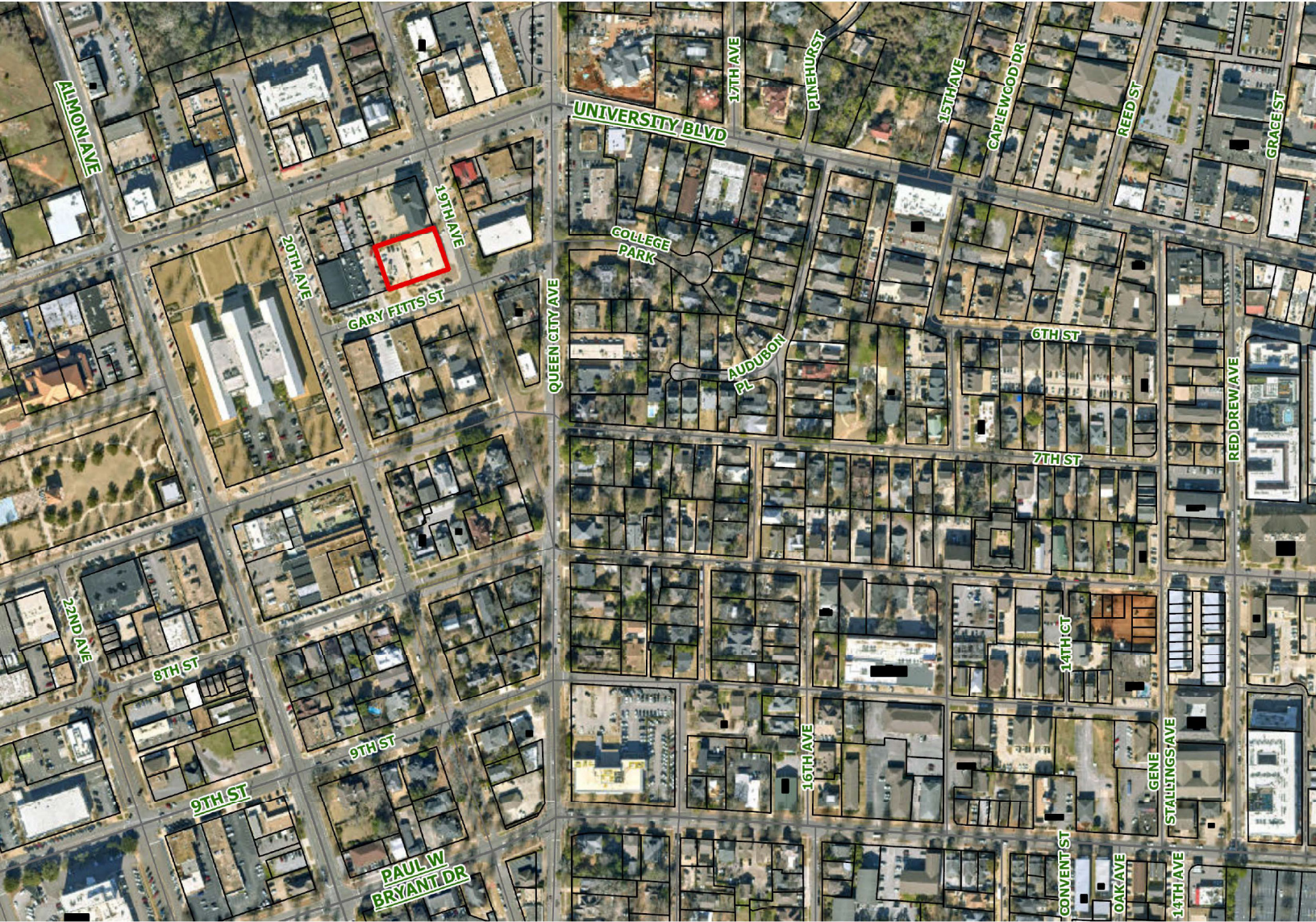
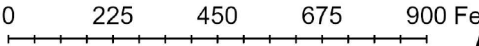
1 inch = 384 feet
0 190 380 570 760 Feet





518 19th Avenue

1 inch = 320 feet



ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY





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