

**OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, November 17, 2025
6:00 PM CITY HALL
110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia
A G E N D A**

The Oxford City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The purpose is to consider two variance applications: #2025-01, a request to exceed the 3-story/35' building height restriction with a 4-story 68'8" dorm (see City Code Sec. 40-347) and #2025-02, a request to reduce the stream buffer from 100' to 25' for the same dorm construction (see City Code Sec. 14-134 (15)). The applicant is James Johnson, of Emory University. The location is in the vicinity of the parking lot at 1501 Wesley Circle.

Following this Public Hearing, the City Council will discuss these items at the Work Session at 6:30 PM and the final vote will be held on Monday December 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor David S. Eady
 - a. **Planning Commission Review** – The Oxford Planning Commission reviewed these applications on October 14, 2025. Variance Applications #2025-01 (building height) was approved by the Planning Commission by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention, with the caveat that Emory determine the Newton County Fire Department did not have an issue with this building height and the reach of their ladder truck. Variance Application #2025-02 (stream buffer) was approved by the Planning Commission by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention. On the whole, support derived from the following:
 - While the stream setback is being significantly curtailed, the new underground water quality facility will be designed to a higher standard.
 - The proposed site is largely devoid of vegetation due to most of the area being currently in use as a parking lot.
 - Arguably, the building will only be affecting the trail's viewshed and due to the city's unopened ROW and land use in the area, the building height will have a minimal impact on the area.
2. **Review of Variance Application #2025-01** – a request to exceed the 3-story/35' building height restriction with a 4-story 68'8" dorm (see City Code Sec. 40-347).
3. **Review of Variance Application #2025-02** – a request to reduce the stream buffer from 100' to 25' for the same dorm construction (see City Code Sec. 14-134 (15)).
4. Questions/Public Comment
5. Adjourn