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This rendering shows what the proposed Clemson Brewery at the Astro could one day look like at the site of the former Astro Triple theater on College Avenue in Clemson. The sale of the property was finalized last month.

Clemson Brewery at the Astro project enters its next phase

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CLEMSON — Plans for the new Clemson Brewery at the Astro at the same site that housed the Astro Triple theater for 37 years continue to move forward, with the sale of the property finalized last month.

“The next step for the brewery is to work with (city utilities director Benjie McGill) to determine the sewer pre-treatment requirements necessary to facilitate the discharge of their brewing effluent into the city’s sanitary sewer system,” Clemson city adminis-

trator Rick Cotton said. “This step needs to be taken in coordination with their building remodeling plans so that any equipment required for the pre-treatment process can be incorporated into their construction plans.”

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Cotton added he doesn’t expect anything else on the redevelopment project to happen until that step is completed.

McGill said he is awaiting submittal of that information from officials with the brewery.

“We will go from there,” McGill said.

The building has been vacant since closing its doors in 2008. While other projects have been proposed for the site, none have come to fruition.

In September, developers presented the Clemson Brewery at the Astro proposal involving the purchase, renovation and transformation of the

former theater property into a 200-seat restaurant and brewery featuring up to 20 jobs. Clemson City Council subsequently passed a resolution saying it had no objection to the issuance of licenses for the project, a requirement due to regulations by the Alcohol Beverage Control Act based on its close proximity to Jaycee Park.

In addition, council approved plans for an enclosed freestanding parking structure and improvements to the existing parking lot on College Avenue. The majority of parking will involve surface spaces, but extra spaces would be installed to accommo-

date parking for a new hotel downtown.

A total of 125 parking spaces would be provided, including 14 for compact vehicles and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Plans say the site area is 54,034 square feet and that the accessory structure could not be higher than the existing Astro building.

Mayor J.C. Cook said he is glad to see the sale finalized so the project can officially begin.

“The brew pub is going in and the hotel is going to have valet parking there,” Cook said.