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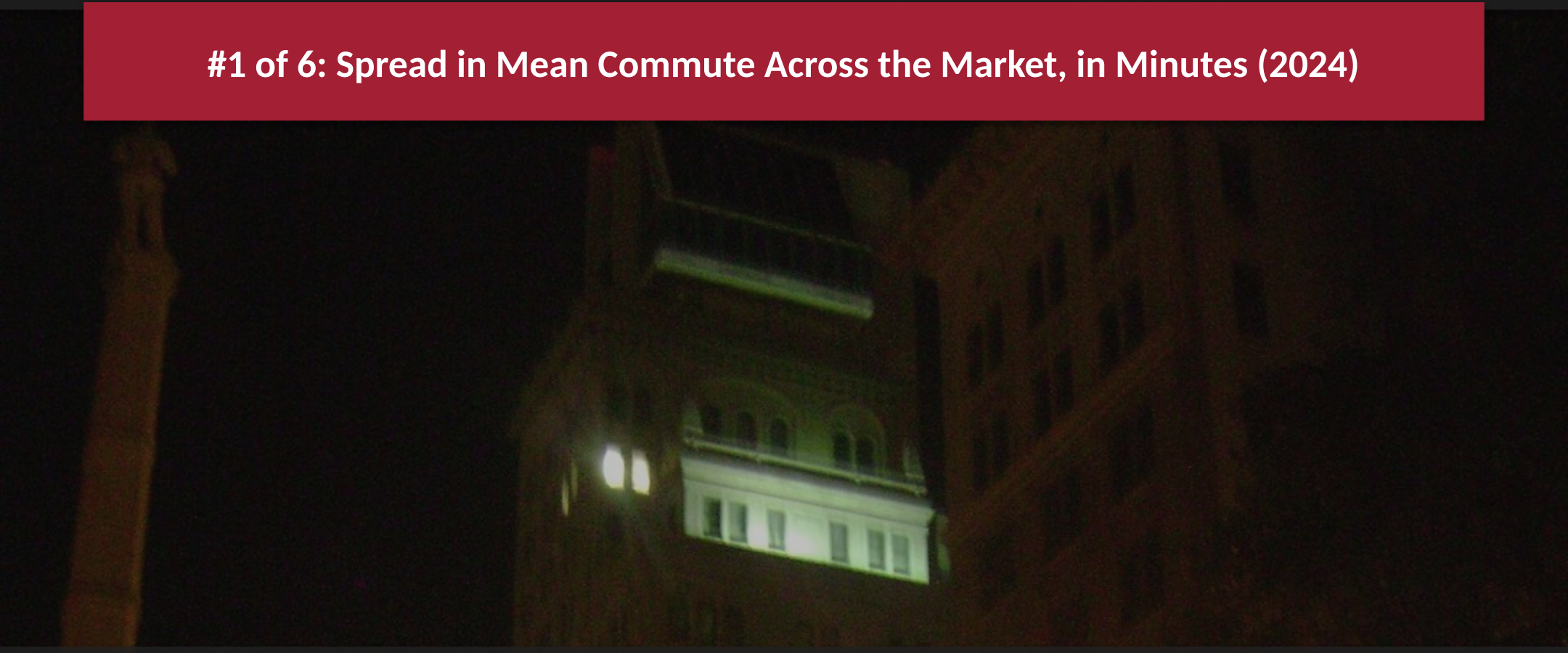

Grovetown leads Augusta-Aiken in commute time

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The 9.4-minute spread between Grovetown and Thomson reflects a growing disparity in daily travel time across the Augusta-Aiken metro.

This gap is not a statistical anomaly—it reveals how infrastructure, employment concentration, and urban planning shape lived experience. The 9.4-minute difference is the largest in the region, with Grovetown at 26.2 minutes and Thomson at 16.8 minutes. This is not just about time; it's about access to opportunity and quality of life.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Commute time is a proxy for equity

This imbalance may explain why some areas in the metro are seeing slower housing appreciation—residents are not just buying homes; they are buying time, and the cost is rising.

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Commuting patterns shape future growth

This dynamic suggests that real estate strategy in Augusta-Aiken must include mobility planning as a core component, not an afterthought.

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