



**CHATHAM COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ABSTRACT**

**ITEM NUMBER:**  
**MEETING DATE:**  
1-16-07

**PART A**

**Subject:**

A public hearing to receive citizen input on proposed text amendments to the Chatham County Communications Tower Ordinance to Section 6-5, Remedies. The purpose of the amendment is to change the civil penalty from a flat fee to a graduated scale.

**Action Requested:**

Hold a hearing and receive public comment.

**Attachments:**

1. Text of the proposed ordinance is available on the Planning Department website.

**Submitted By:**

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Keith Megginson, Planning Director

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Date

**County Manager Review:**

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Charlie Horne, County Manager

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Date

**This abstract requires review by:**

**County Attorney**

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Date Reviewed

**Finance Officer**

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Date Reviewed

**Budget Officer**

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Date Reviewed

## PART B

*Re: Public Hearing – Communications Tower Ordinance*

### **Introduction & Background:**

During the drafting of the 2006-2007 county budget the Planning Department requested that the penalty schedule for land use violations be amended. The request was approved by the Board of Commissioners and the attached amendment to the Communications Tower Ordinance is required to make the new penalties effective.

### **Discussion & Analysis:**

Section 6-5 of the Communications Tower Ordinance currently allows for the Zoning Enforcement Officer to issue a civil penalty for violations in the amount of \$50.00. The revised penalty schedule that was requested by the Planning Department staff and ultimately approved by the Board of Commissioners allows for a graduated penalty schedule that ranges from \$50.00 to \$500.00. The county is authorized to issue civil penalties for violations of county ordinances through NC General Statute 153A-123 and the maximum fine is limited to \$500.00 per NC General Statute 14-4.

**Budgetary Impact: N/A**

**Recommendation:**