



**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 Zoning Ordinance to Section 19, Penalty For Violations. 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:

Keith Megginson, Planning Director

Date

County Manager Review:

Charlie Horne, County Manager

Date

This abstract requires review by:

County Attorney

Date Reviewed

Finance Officer

Date Reviewed

Budget Officer

Date Reviewed

PART B

Re: Public Hearing – Zoning 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 Zoning Ordinance is required to make the new penalties effective.

Discussion & Analysis:

Section 19 of the Zoning 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: