



## **Chatham County Planning Board Agenda Notes**

**Date: April 3, 2012**

**Agenda Item: IX. 2.**

**Attachment: # 8**

☐ **Subdivision**

☐ **Conditional Use Permit**

☐ **Rezoning Request**

☒ **Other: Countywide Lighting Ordinance Amendments**

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| <b>Subject:</b>          | Request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for text amendments to sections 11 and 22 of the Countywide Lighting Ordinance to allow internally-illuminated signs and delete the amortization requirement for vehicular canopy lighting. |
| <b>Action Requested:</b> | See Recommendations  |
| <b>Attachments:</b>      | Application packet distributed at March 6, 2012 Planning Board meeting.  |

### **Introduction & Background**

Staff prepared amendments for Sections 11 and 22 of the Countywide Lighting Ordinance to correspond with changes made to the Lighting section of the Zoning Ordinance as directed by the Board of Commissioners. These changes include permitting internally-illuminated signs meeting the requirements in the Ordinance and removing the amortization clause requiring vehicular canopy lighting that does not meet the Ordinance standards to be replaced within five (5) years of the adoption date of the Ordinance.

### **Discussion & Analysis**

A public hearing was held on these proposed amendments at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting. No one from the public spoke on the proposed amendments. Commissioner Kost asked if it was possible to replace non-compliant lighting in vehicular canopies without replacing the vehicular canopy. Staff responded that it is possible to come into compliance with the Ordinance standards without replacing the canopy.

### **Recommendation**

Planning staff recommend approval of the proposed amendments to Sections 11 and 22 of the Countywide Lighting Ordinance.