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Public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider amendments to Section 12.3 Housing of the Compact Communities Ordinance to modify the allowable uses for funds provided through the payment-in-lieu of providing lots for affordable housing option.

**..ABSTRACT****Action Requested:**

Hold a public hearing and receive public comments

**Introduction & Background:**

During the September 16 Commissioners meeting, the Board scheduled a public hearing to consider amendments to the Moderately Priced Dwellings Option of the Compact Communities Ordinance.

**Discussion & Analysis:**

In July 2012, the Board adopted an amendment to the moderately priced dwelling provision of Section 12.3, Housing of the Compact Communities Ordinance to allow a payment-in-lieu of providing of affordable housing option. The amendment includes that the payment be used to “fund construction of affordable housing or land for construction of affordable housing to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and families.” Subsequent to adoption, the Board entered into a contract with Newland Communities to accept a payment-in-lieu of providing the remaining affordable housing lots in Briar Chapel. It is the Board’s desire to allocate a portion of the Newland payment to projects that may not fit the standards of the ordinance. The County Attorney advised that the Compact Communities Ordinance needs to be amended for the release of those funds.

**Recommendation:**