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Action Requested:

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Introduction & Background:

Planning Board Information is Noted in BOLD

The Board held a preliminary discussion of the draft ordinance at the September 16th meeting and held two public hearings October 21st and November 18th. This abstract outlines the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance to align with the proposed wireless telecommunications ordinance. **The Planning Board reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance amendments at the December 3rd meeting and provided a unanimous recommendation for approval.**

Discussion & Analysis:

The following list encompasses the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance required to align with the draft telecommunications ordinance:

- Amendment of Section 10.3 Zoning Table to Permitted Uses, which breaks out the various types of wireless facilities permitted within the zoned portions of the county. **Staff has included the term “Wireless Support Structures” along with Wireless Telecommunications Facilities for further clarification in the use table.**
- Amendment to Section 12.6 Applicability, which excludes wireless facilities from the zoning ordinance landscaping requirements and references the draft wireless facilities ordinance landscaping requirements which are outlined in Section 2-4 (11).
- Amendment to 7.2 Definitions, which adds definitions for Wireless Facilities and Concealed Wireless Facilities.

The Planning Board provided no comment on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Recommendation:

The Planning Board unanimously recommended adoption of a Resolution approving a Consistency Statement for the Zoning Ordinance text amendment:
The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the adopted Land Use Conservation and Development Plan.

The Planning Board by unanimous vote recommends adoption of an Ordinance amending Sections 7.2, 10.3, and 12.6 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.