

Staff Report

Subject: Ordinance Revision
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Department: Development Services
Meeting Date: September 3, 2024 – 2nd Reading
Item Description: Consideration to **approve** an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code, Appendix C –Article IX- Section 9.3 Procedure for calling a public hearing** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.

Summary Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of the amendment for the reason that the current ordinance is not aligned with the state zoning procedure law's timeline for advertising a public hearing.

Executive Summary/Background

- According to House Bill 1405: Revisions to Zoning Procedures Law- Section 36-66-4, it states that at least 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing, the local government shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of hearing. As opposed to the County's current ordinance which reads at least 16 but not more than 44 days...

Alternatives

1. **Approve** an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code, Appendix C –Article IX- Section 9.3 Procedure for calling a public hearing** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.
2. **Deny** an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code, Appendix C –Article IX- Section 9.3 Procedure for calling a public hearing** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Development Services

FUNDING: N/A

Attachments: 1. Draft of Code of Ordinances **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code, Appendix C –Article IX- Section 9.3 Procedure for calling a public hearing** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.