

Staff Report

Subject: Ordinance Revision
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Meeting Date: 03/18/2025
Item Description: Consideration to discuss an amendment to the Code of Ordinances-
Part II- Official Code, Appendix C- Article IX- 9.5- Effingham County Zoning Impact Analysis

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends a discussion to revise the current rezoning checklist.

Executive Summary/Background:

The Planning Board currently utilizes the Effingham County rezoning checklist as a criterion for evaluating requested zoning changes.

- Both staff and Planning Board members have identified that the current checklist is outdated and does not align with the county's present needs or future growth.
- After conducting research on practices from other counties and municipalities, it has been observed that many have transitioned to a zoning impact analysis. These updated questions are more closely aligned with the rationale behind zoning decisions.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Discuss the preliminary draft of the ordinance revision and provide feedback.

Recommended Alternative: Staff recommends Alternative #1

Other Alternatives: N/A

Department Review: Development Services

Funding Source:

N/A

Attachments:

1. **Part II- Official Code, Appendix C- Article IX- 9.5- Effingham County Zoning Impact Analysis**

