

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE EXISTING MORATORIUM IMPOSED ON THE CREATION OF CERTAIN MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS IN CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD BE EXTENDED

WHEREAS, Chatham County has experienced explosive residential and commercial growth in recent years as the eastern part of the County has rapidly changed from rural to urban; and

WHEREAS, this growth has (i) caused overcrowding in the County's public schools, (ii) strained the County's financial resources by requiring large expenditures for water and other County services, and (iii) threatened the County's impaired watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the County's land use ordinances are out of date and not designed to control the rapid growth that has occurred, nor the problems associated with such growth and need to be rewritten to provide legal means for the County to control its growth in a manner consistent with recognized planning principles for the benefit of current and future residents of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, in order to update the County's land use ordinances to address the problems caused by this growth, on June 4, 2007, adopted an ordinance imposing a moratorium until June 3, 2008 on subdivisions containing more than twenty-five (25) residential lots or units ("Certain Development") in order to maintain the status quo while such ordinances were being rewritten; and

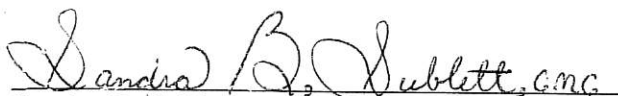
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the County has taken all reasonable and feasible steps to rewrite its land use ordinances prior to the expiration of the moratorium on June 3, 2008, but that despite the reasonable best efforts of its citizens, staff, and consultants, the County will not be able to complete the needed rewrite of its land use ordinances prior to June 3, 2008 and that the moratorium should be extended; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to call a public hearing in order to hear from the public on the question of whether the moratorium imposed on June 4, 2007 on Certain Development in the County should be extended for an additional period not to exceed six (6) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County that a public hearing is called for Monday, May 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom in Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the question of whether an ordinance should be adopted extending the moratorium adopted on June 4, 2007 on Certain Development in Chatham County for a period not to exceed six (6) months from date of adoption in order to provide the County additional time to rewrite and update its land use ordinances;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk of Chatham County shall publish notice of the public hearing as required by law.

Adopted this, the 5th day of May 2008.


Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners


George Lucier, Chairman