

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Chatham County has experienced explosive residential 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WHEREAS, the County's land use ordinances are out of date and not designed to control the rapid growth that has occurred, nor the problems associated with such growth and need to be rewritten to provide legal means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 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 believes that in order to update its land use ordinances to address the problems caused by this growth that it may be advisable to impose a temporary moratorium on new subdivisions containing twenty-five (25) or more residential lots or units in order to maintain the status quo while such ordinances are being rewritten; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that any moratorium imposed should be of brief duration, not to exceed twelve (12) months, or such shorter period as is necessary to provide the County an opportunity to address the problems caused by the rapid growth it is experiencing; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to call a public hearing in order to hear from the public on the question of whether a moratorium should be imposed on certain development in the County for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County that a public hearing is called for May 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Court Room in Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the question of whether an ordinance should be adopted imposing a moratorium on new subdivisions containing twenty five (25) or more residential lots or units in Chatham County for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date of adoption in order to provide the County 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.


Carl Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:


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