

# EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2023

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a Work Session at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Effingham County Administrative Complex located at 804 South Laurel Street Springfield, Georgia 31329.

## **STAFF PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Edward Newberry – County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Ms. Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Ms. Alison Bruton – Purchasing Agent, Ms. Chelsie Fernald - Planner, Ms. Katie Dunnigan – Zoning Technician, Mr. Stephen Candler – Director of Development Services, Ms. Marie Todd – Executive Assistant and Mr. Chris Reed – Director of IT.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Craig Johnson, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Murray Marshall, Mr. Joe Marshall, and Mr. Tre' Wilkes.

## **I- CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Corbitt called the session to order at 4:11pm. Commissioner Deloach arrived at 4:37pm.

## **II – WORK SESSION**

### **ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.4-BUFFERS OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

#### **1. Discussion of proposed revisions to County buffer ordinance**

Director of Development Services Candler open the discussion with a revision of Section 3.4, title buffers. The table provides a description of buffer requirements per zone, as well as a better setback for the buffers. The numbers do not necessarily reflect any change. According to the layout, it is easier to follow and go by zoning district. The numbers are not necessarily reflective of any change.

Adjacent commercial institutions and industrial properties are discussed for vacant properties. If the permitted uses are changed in the table, this will impact the buffer in the future. As part of the ordinance, berms are officially described and how they should be utilized within the general zoning district in which they reside.

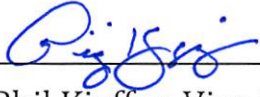
A discrepancy between the zoning section of the ordinance and the building code limits fences to six feet in residential areas. The building code allows up to seven feet in the near-tier limit, whereas the zoning code only permits six feet.

Further discussion between the Board and Candler pertained to the use of elaeagnus

Further discussion between the Board and Candler pertained to the use of elaeagnus in front of residential areas, Planned Development (PD), multifamily, future land use map, discharging of firearms


### III - ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 pm, being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



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Phil Kieffer, Vice Chairman



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Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk

APPROVED BY THE BOC SEPTEMBER 5, 2023