



COUNTY'S SOUTH-END PUBLIC INPUT FORUM INVITES RESIDENTS TO WEIGH IN ON DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

BRYAN COUNTY, GA – April 5, 2019 – Bryan County will hold a public input forum for south-end residents, giving those who are interested the opportunity to help shape the county's new zoning and development regulations, which will be consolidated into a unified development ordinance (UDO).

The workshop, slated for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at the County Administration Building, 66 Captain Matthew Freeman Drive, Richmond Hill. Residents' guidance is sought as the County updates its regulations.

The existing codes were last amended in the 1990s, and Bryan County has experienced significant change since then. In 2018, the County adopted an interim development ordinance (IDO) to temporarily address some of the codes' most significant shortcomings.

This facilitated workshop will provide residents with opportunities to learn about existing regulations, discuss alternative ways to address the county's growth, and express their concerns and opinions, according to Bryan County consultant, Michael Lauer, and the County's Community Development staff. Key growth challenges identified in the county's 2018 Comprehensive Plan priorities are:

- Preserving our natural heritage while providing for quality growth by creating higher standards for all types of development;
- Continuing our commitment to sustaining a family-friendly community through exceptional educational opportunities;
- Continuing economic development through job creation and attracting wealth building enterprises; and
- Increasing recreational options and affordable housing.

The May 2 forum will include an overview of the UDO process and illustrations of some of the key challenges related to each of the above priorities. Lauer will facilitate discussions of these issues and

provide the opportunity for residents to ask questions, make suggestions and identify other concerns not addressed in the presentation.

The County held a public forum in North Bryan County in March, and if anyone missed that forum, they can still provide input at the meeting in South Bryan County. Two more sets of community workshops will be scheduled, at a later date, to focus on more specific code issues before the county begins the adoption process next fall. For more information on the forums, call Amanda Clement at 912-756-3177 or email aclement@bryan-county.org.

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