



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Foote, AICP
Community Development Director

Date: September 22, 2014

Subject: Resolution to support transmitting Building Code changes to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

HISTORY

On September 8, 2014 the City Council discussed modifications to Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations. Upon conclusion of the discussion a majority of the City Council expressed to staff that the proposed amendments should be sent to the Department of Community Affairs for review and comment.

DISCUSSION

Prior to the City being able to forward Building Code changes to the Department of Community Affairs, a Resolution must first be adopted supporting the transmission of the amendment. Attached is a Resolution for City Council consideration and approval. Following approval of the Resolution staff will transmit the discussed building code changes to the DCA.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2014-XX-XX

**A RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT CODIFICATION OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 8,
BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE CITY OF DUNWOODY**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody was incorporated and created by Charter granted by the State of Georgia, effective December 1, 2008, after a positive referendum vote; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is subject to O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-25; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Codes Act provides that the City of Dunwoody, Georgia may, under certain conditions adopt local amendments to the state minimum standard codes; and

WHEREAS, the requirements in the proposed amendment cannot be less stringent than the requirements in the state minimum standard code; and

WHEREAS, the local requirements must be based upon local climate, geologic, topographic, or public safety factors; and

WHEREAS, the legislative findings of the City of Dunwoody must identify the need for the more stringent requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody, in accordance with DCA requirements, would like DCA to review and comment in regards to the potential adoption of a local amendment that would require all construction greater than three (3)-stories in height and more than 200,000 sq. ft. in GFA, for individual buildings or in aggregate, to be constructed of metal or concrete framing effectively prohibiting wood framing which is currently allowed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody must submit the proposed amendment to DCA 60 days prior to the proposed adoption of such an amendment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby transmits the attached proposed local amendment to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review and recommendation.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this 22nd day of September, 2014.

Approved:

Mike Davis, Mayor

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**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2014-XX-XX

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

(Seal)

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CHAMBLEE DUNWOODY/MOUNT VERNON APPLICATION FOR THE
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION
PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** the Atlanta Regional Commission accepted the Dunwoody Village Master Plan as having been completed in accordance with LCI standards and as adequately reflecting the goals and intent of an LCI study; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is committed to the implementation of this Master Plan and has already begun work on catalytic projects, including improvements to Dunwoody Village Parkway; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody seeks to further invest in the Dunwoody Village area through corresponding transportation projects and public investments; and
- WHEREAS,** the City recognizes the importance of the public realm, made up of street improvements, bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and aesthetic treatments in the fostering of a vibrant and livable community; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody intends on pursuing the concept, design, and construction phases of streetscape improvements prioritized along Chamblee Dunwoody Road in the Dunwoody Village Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody looks forward to working with the Atlanta Regional Commission on the City's implementation pursuits.

NOW, THEREFORE the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby Resolves that the City of Dunwoody supports the application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative implementation funds program and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 22nd day of September, 2014.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk