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**From:** Randi Doveton, Director

**Date:** December 13, 2022

**Subject:** **Section 17.20.300 | Text Amendment, Official Code of Hall County, GA | Amend the Definition of Community Residence | 17.20.300, (“pregnant or parenting youth who are displaced and /or in State custody.”) by amending the definition of a Community Residence. The intent of the proposed change is to expand the type of care facility allowed as a Community Residence. | Crystal F. Toombs, applicant.**

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The request before you is the application of Crystal F. Toombs for a text amendment to expand the type of care allowed as a Community Residence. **This item applies to all zoning districts and Commission districts.**

During the Planning Commission meeting the applicant clarified that “in State custody” **meant under the care of DFACS and not the juvenile justice system.** GA Code requires 2 public hearings held at least 6 months apart and not more than 9 for any transitional housing from the judicial system or drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

As defined by DHS, a [maternity home](#) is “any place in which any person, society, agency, corporation or facility receives, treats or cares for, within any six-month period, more than one (1) pregnant woman whose child is to be born out of wedlock, either before, during or within two (2) weeks after childbirth. For purposes of these rules, services provided include full-time residential care, support and supervision for more than one (1) pregnant youth through 21 years of age who is either admitted during pregnancy or within two (2) weeks after delivery and who is not related to the owner by blood or marriage. For purposes of these rules, a maternity home may only provide such services to youth admitted to the home for a maximum period of eight (8) weeks following delivery unless providing second chance home services.”

At their December 5, 2022 meeting, the Hall County Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the text amendment **(5-0)**.

There were no written comments submitted in advance of the Planning Commission meeting and no one spoke during the public hearing.

There have been no changes to the request since the Planning Commission took action.