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Date: October 23, 2023

Subject: Public Hearing to **Amend sections 17.410**, Standards for Telecommunication Antennas and Towers, and **17.412**, Standards for Small Wireless Facilities Placed in the County Right-of-Way, Title 17 of the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia; to repeal conflicting ordinances and resolutions; and for other purposes.

The request before you is the request of the Hall County Planning Staff to amend sections 17.410 and 17.412 of Title 17 of the official code of Hall County, Georgia.

At their October 2, 2023 meeting, the Hall County Planning Commission voted to recommend approval **(5-0)**.

There were **no 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.

Telecommunications facilities are highly regulated by both the federal and state laws; this proposed amendment will ensure that Hall County's regulations are compliant with the state and federal regulations while providing grounds on which telecommunication antennae or tower applications may be denied.

- Chapter 17.410 – This rewrite will establish guidelines for the siting of all wireless, cellular, television and radio telecommunications towers and antennas, encourage location of towers in non-residential areas, minimize the total number of towers within the community commensurate with needs, encourage joint use of new and existing tower sites (co-location), locate towers where adverse impacts are minimal, encourage design and construction of towers and antennas to minimize visual impacts, and enhance the ability of providers to deliver telecommunications services to the community effectively and efficiently.

- Chapter 17.412 – This rewrite on small wireless facilities and antennas will take into account federal and state law and will establish requirements, specifications, and reasonable conditions regarding placement of small wireless facilities and poles in the public right-of-way.
The goal is to reasonably manage and protect the public rights-of-way and its uses in the County, implement Georgia’s Streamlining Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act, ensure the use of public rights-of-way is consistent with the design, appearance, and other features of nearby land uses, protect the integrity of historic, cultural, and scenic resources, and prevent harm to residents’ quality of life