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FORSYTH COUNTY SEEKS INPUT ON RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS

Two listening sessions to be held in March

Forsyth County, Georgia – Forsyth County is seeking citizen input on residential design standards for the single-family Res2, Res3, and Res4 zoning districts. The county is beginning the process of creating new design standards for these zoning districts and wants public input to assist in formulating a vision for future residential development in the county. Design standards under consideration include exterior materials, windows, building orientation to street, building scale and disposition on lot, parking configuration, site design, connectivity and walkability, landscaping, open space, lighting and accessory structures.

Two listening sessions will be held to gather feedback on preferred design, which will include a dialogue on design concepts so community priorities can be established and integrated into the draft requirements. The public is invited to offer their perspective on residential design and preferences at either session.

The sessions will be held on Thursday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central Park Recreation Center banquet room (2300 Keith Bridge Road) and on Wednesday, March 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fowler Park Recreation Center community room (4110 Carolene Way). The content and format at both will be the same, with two sessions offered to accommodate citizens' schedules.

Development of new design and performance standards for Res2, Res3 and Res4 zoning districts was an identified task within the Comprehensive Plan's Community Work Program, adopted by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in 2017.

The upcoming listening sessions are the first component of a two part pre-hearing engagement process on the new standards. Following the listening sessions, the next step will be an open house which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the Forsyth County Administration Building (110 E. Main Street).

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