

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Tracking Number: 16.

Date of Request: August 28, 2007

Date Request Received: August 28, 2007

Board Meeting Date Requested: September 4, 2007

Board Meeting Date Assigned: September 4, 2007

Short Title: Request For Moratorium On Special Use Permits In Hampstead

- Request Status:**
- Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners
 - More information is needed – see attached
 - Request on hold – no further information needed
 - Other:

Background: The Hampstead Greater Homeowners Association is requesting a moratorium on Special Use Permits in the Hampstead Area.

Planning staff is available to answer questions regarding options and process.

(Administrative Use Only)

Specific Action Requested: Consider referring this request to the Planning Board for consideration.

CONTRACT TYPE

Requested by: Lori Brill
Department: County Manager
Title:
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Contact Fax:

- Renewal
- For Service(s)
- Intergovernmental – County as Grantee
 - Federal Grantor
 - State Grantor
 - Grantor
- County as Grantor
 - County Funds
 - Other Funds:
- Revision
- For Equipment

PURCHASING Budgeted Item: Yes No
Date Rec'd: Reviewed and Approved
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

ATTORNEY Reviewed and Approved
Date Rec'd: Legal Problem(s)
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

FINANCE Sufficient Funds Available
Date Rec'd: Not Available
 Budget Amendment Necessary
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

CLERK Signature(s) Required:
 Board Chairman/County Manager
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board: Yes No
At meeting on

Greater Hampstead Homeowners Association Board
Endorses Moratorium on Special Use Permits
Pending Action on Overlay District

For Immediate Release:

August 24, 2007

Contact: Chuck Wilson- (910) 270-4893 chasdwil@aol.com

The Greater Hampstead Homeowners Association board (GHHA) has endorsed a moratorium on Pender County granting Special Use Permits in the Highway 17 commercial corridor until the county completes its proposed Overlay District for this area.

Representing ten homeowners associations in Hampstead, the GHHA action supports the identical recommendation made by County Planning Board Member Burt Millette of Hampstead. Millette gave a slide show presentation to the County Commissioners at their Monday meeting highlighting the degradation on the community caused by the issuance of Special Use Permits, particularly for facilities such as used car lots, boat dealers and energy tank sites.

GHHA President Al Freimark commented that "all one has to do is look at these commercial operations in what residents view as our downtown to know that further Special Use Permits should not be issued until the Overlay District for the highway 17 corridor is a done deal."

Planning Board Member Burt Millette advised that "not only has significant harm been caused by the casual issuance of Special Use Permits, but the county has not enforced the minimum standards for landscaping and other requirements that were initially placed on these facilities because of a previous lack of support within county government. This has made a bad situation worse. Frankly, some of the commercial entities don't seem to care about the homeowners who live here and the residents want and have a right to expect a better looking community."

GHHA Vice President Chuck Wilson noted that "GHHA is pleased with the professional direction the county is now taking both in their plans to initiate an Overlay District for the highway 17 corridor and to review Special Use Permit compliance on a quarterly basis."

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