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MEMORANDUM

TO: Henderson County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anthony Starr, Planning Director

DATE: December 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Planning Board Recommended Draft Land Development Code

The Planning Board and Planning Staff are pleased to present to you a draft Land Development Code (LDC). This draft was unanimously recommended by the Planning Board (9-0 vote) on November 15, 2006. The proposed LDC incorporates several existing County Ordinances into one user friendly document. Creating a document that is simple and user friendly was a high priority. That is evident by the fact that the draft LDC is 42 pages less in length than the current Ordinances.

The Planning Board and Staff met numerous times to develop the current draft. A summary of each section is included to give you an initial overview of the document. The draft LDC provides for better review processes to improve customer service. It also provides new standards that give flexibility to developers to reduce infrastructure costs while also implementing new measures to protect existing neighborhoods and communities.

The Planning Staff will present a brief overview of the draft LDC at the December 18, 2006 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Should you have any questions or concerns, I am available to meet with you to discuss the LDC.