COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Allen McCarty
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Commissioner McCarty's request for an ordinance modification allowing for up to one dozen (12) female chickens in all zoning districts except in those neighborhood associations that do not allow chickens.

Background/History/Details:

This request is in response to citizens in both Peachtree City and Fayette County desiring to have chickens on their property.

Chickens provide major insect control, eggs for family and neighbors consumption, can be kept as pets, and often provide chicken dinners which helps families control their food budgets. Allowing chickens will also help maintain Fayette County's rural character.

This modification essentially allows for what is already approved for A-R zoning districts, albeit limiting the number of chickens to twelve.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Date: August 5, 2013

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Pete Frisina

Subject: Consideration of Commissioner McCarty's request for an ordinance modification allowing for up to one dozen (12) female chickens in all zoning districts except in those neighborhood associations that do not allow chickens.

Chicken are defined as livestock in the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

> *Livestock*. Animals including, but not limited to: horses, cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, pot bellied pigs, **chickens**, ducks, geese, mules, rabbits, emu/ostrich, buffalo, chinchilla, fox, mink or other fur-bearing animal, and llamas. This term shall be deemed to specifically exclude animals (see *Animal*) and household pets (see *Household Pet*.) (Amended 12/13/12)

Only the A-R (Agriculture- Residential) zoning district allows chickens as follows:

> **Sec. 6-1. A-R Agricultural - Residential District.**
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> **B. Permitted Uses. The following Permitted Uses shall be allowed in the A-R Zoning District:**
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> 5. Raising of livestock; aquaculture, including pay fishing; apiary (all beehives shall comply with the required setbacks); and the sale thereof. (Amended 07/28/11)

The number of chickens is not limited in the A-R zoning district.

Staff needs direction from the Board of Commissioners on whether to study and consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to this matter.