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Planning Commission Hearing Date: July 8, 2021

Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: July 29, 2021

TEXT AMENDMENT ANALYSIS

AGENDA NO.: D1 **ZONING CASE NO.:** TA-21-1244279 **COMMISSION DISTRICTS:**
Countywide

APPLICANT: Department of Planning & Sustainability

SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE AFFECTED BY AMENDMENTS: CHAPTER 27, SECTION 4.2.60 (SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS) TO ADD REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES, SECTION 9.1.3 (DEFINED TERMS) TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORE, AND TO AMEND SECTION 4.1.3 (USE TABLE) PERTAINING TO SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

Moratoria passed by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners in December 2019, January 2020, October 2020, and January 2021, temporarily prohibits the establishment of any new, small box discount stores in the unincorporated areas of DeKalb County. The initial moratorium—and subsequent extensions—initiated the process of studying the effects of small box discount stores on the health, safety, and welfare of County residents and businesses. Staff contracted with Georgia State University to perform the requisite study. Examination of the research findings continues.

Based on the findings along with receipt of policy direction from the Board of Commissioners, the text amendment process will be initiated with the Board of Commissioners in March. Further consideration by the public, community councils, and Planning Commission will be arranged in March/April, followed by adoption by the Board of Commissioners this spring.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Planning Department:

Planning Commission: (March 2021) Two full cycle deferrals with the condition that the small discount box store study from Georgia State University be sent to all Community Council, Planning Commission and Board of Commission members and made available to the public once it has been received.

Community Council:

- CC-1: Approval (of proposed timetable) 3-0-0.
- CC-2: No action taken.
- CC-3: Deferral 8-0-0.
- CC-4: Deferral 11-0-0.
- CC-5: Deferral 9-0-0.