

Option 3

Eliminate Term Limits for Only the At Large Member

Section 1. Appointment and Compensation. The Planning Board shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed as set forth herein. All members of the Planning Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board of Commissioners”).

A. Each Commissioner shall have the right to recommend two (2) appointments to the Planning Board. One (1) appointment shall reside in said Commissioner’s district. The other appointment may reside in said Commissioner’s district, or in any area within Chatham County. If a Commissioner determines that no qualified person residing in his or her district is willing to serve, and if the Board approves, then both appointments may be from outside a Commissioner’s district. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint one (1) at large member to the Planning Board who shall be a resident of Chatham County. ~~The Board of Commissioners shall establish the term of the at large member in the Appointing Resolution.~~ In order for any appointment to become effective the appointee must be approved by a vote of the majority of the Board of County Commissioners. Appointments shall be made in such a manner that Planning Board members shall represent insofar as practical, the geographical, socioeconomic, gender and racial makeup of the county.

B. All appointments, except those necessary to fill an unexpired term, shall be for a term that begins in January following the election of the appointing Commissioner and expires on the 31st day of the December following the expiration of the term of the appointing Commissioner. Appointments to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term shall be for the length of the unexpired term. The term of the at large member shall be four years. No member, other than an at large member, shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms without vacating Planning Board membership for a one (1) year waiting period. A member may serve an unexpired term and two (2) successive terms without a waiting period. Ex-officio members may from time to time be appointed by the Board of Commissioners to serve such terms as are fixed by the Appointing Resolution; however, ex-officio members shall not vote on matters before the Planning Board.

C. Notwithstanding the appointment to a fixed term, all members of the Planning Board serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Any Commissioner may recommend to the Board of Commissioners that any member who was recommended appointed by such Commissioner, or his or her predecessor in office, be removed from the Planning Board. No Commissioner may recommend removal unless the Planning Board member was recommended appointed by such Commissioner, or his or her predecessor in office, except that any Commissioner may recommend removal of the at-large member. In order for any removal to become effective it must be approved by a majority of the Board of Commissioners. Upon removal of a member, the Commissioner who recommended such removal, shall, with

the approval of a majority of the Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 1A of this Ordinance, appoint a successor member. Any such successor member shall serve for the unexpired term of the removed member whose place he or she was appointed to take. Such successor members shall thereafter be eligible for appointment to no more than two (2) successive terms in accordance with Section 1B of the Ordinance.