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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mike Tuller, Community Development Director

Date: October 19, 2009

Subject: Sustainability Commission Term Length

In December, Mayor and Council formed the Sustainability Commission, by Resolution 2008-12-31, to promote measures that encourage Dunwoody to work towards reducing the environmental footprint of the government through refinements to our policies, practices, buildings, and fleets.

Per Resolution 2008-12-31, “selection and membership of this board shall conform to SB-82, Section 2.14, and to Chapter 2, Article 4, of the code of the City of Dunwoody.” Section 4 of Chapter 2, Article 4 covers terms and has been excerpted below for reference.

Section 4: Terms

- (a) Each member shall serve a specified term of not more than 4 years. Consecutive terms are permissible, and terms may be staggered. Each member, but the Mayor and Council members that may serve on a Board, shall have equal terms of an amount to be specified by the Mayor.
- (b) The Mayor and Council members may serve as ex-officio members without a vote on a Board or Commission so long as they remain elected to office. A former Council member or former Mayor may serve on a Board.
- (c) Members filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed. A consecutive appointment is permissible.
- (d) Any member may be removed for cause by the Mayor and a majority of the Council.

Because no terms were specified when the Sustainability Commission was established, per Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 4, each member has a de facto four year term. **The Sustainability Commission requests two year, staggered terms.** Shorter, staggered terms will allow for increased participation while maintaining continuity and the valuable experience already present on the Sustainability Commission.

If the Sustainability Commission’s request pleases the Mayor and Council, two year, staggered terms could be established by resolution.