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MEMORANDUM

To: City of Dunwoody, Georgia – Mayor and City Council

From: Howard J. Koontz, City Planner

Date: February 15, 2010

Subject: Wintercrest Drive street renaming and house number changes

It has been called to the attention of city staff that there are four streets in the Wintercrest Townhome development all named “Wintercrest Drive”. The Wintercrest Townhome development is located on the east side of the City of Dunwoody, off of the west side of Winters Chapel Road, north of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Additionally, it has been noted that along three secondary streets in the development, house numbers on both sides of the street are odd numbers. This situation needs to be corrected. Each individual City street needs to have its own unique name, and each side of the street has to be segregated by even- or odd-numbered address numbers.

A meeting with the residents and the homeowners association was held January 6, 2010, to make the residents aware of the condition, and its deleterious effects on public safety response time due to the confusion of multiple streets having the same name and like-numbered addresses. Staff proposed to the residents a change to the street name suffixes, to add clarity while yet making only the most modest change necessary. Some of the house addresses would need to be renumbered to signify which side of the street they exist, and a plan to re-number the west side parcels to even numbers has been proposed. The residents noted at that meeting that they are supportive of the changes and would like to move forward with the proposal.

City Staff recommends the three secondary streets be renamed Wintercrest Way, Wintercrest Place, and Wintercrest Trace from west to east. Staff also proposes renumbering houses on the western side of each of these secondary streets to even numbers. See the attached maps that highlight existing and proposed conditions. Each of these changes is proposed in the interest of public safety and conforms to procedures outlined in Chapter 23, Section 1 of City Code.

This action before you this evening is to be undertaken in conjunction with a Public Hearing. Planning Commission heard and discussed this item at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 9, 2010. Discussion involved which side of the street was to affect the change in street number and what criteria staff should consider in making this change. A motion was made to approve the changes

with the condition that staff researches and confirms appropriate standards for street numbering. The motion carried 7-0.

Staff reasoning for the numbering change follows suit with the past policy of addressing developed for Clayton, DeKalb and Fulton Counties; the same system used by the DeKalb County GIS department, which is responsible for parcel addressing today. Addressing is facilitated by establishing a “geographic center” somewhere in the jurisdiction. For the purposes of addressing parcels in Clayton, DeKalb and Fulton Counties, the geographic center is located roughly at Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta. Beginning at that point and moving away from the park, address numbers get larger and streets sometimes carry the designation NE, SE, SW or NW. Additionally, each road is addressed with numbers that are assigned first by relating the direction of travel of the road from the geographic center, then establishing that even numbered addresses are located on the left side of the road as you head away from the geographic center, and odd numbered addresses are located on the right side of the road as you travel away from the geographic center. This is the procedure that staff has used to re-number the parcels on the west sides of the three affected stub streets in the Wintercrest subdivision, as indicated on the two attached maps.

Both the DeKalb GIS and Planning Departments have been contacted, and the USPS will be notified through these DeKalb Departments if a change is authorized by the Council.