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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kimberly Greer, Assistant to the City Manager

Date: June 14, 2010

**Subject: Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Ordinance**

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In May 2009, to fulfill the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Measure 15: Outdoor Lighting Efficiency, the Mayor and Council initiated a text amendment to modify the Zoning Ordinance section 1324 "Lighting" by adding provisions for an Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Ordinance. The Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Ordinance would require efficient operation of outdoor lighting by limiting misdirected, excessive, or unnecessary outdoor lighting.

This text amendment was reviewed by the Community Council and the Planning Commission. Upon being placed on the agenda for the Mayor and Council in July 2009, the Sustainability Commission asked for postponement to allow the Commission to re-orient its direction toward government-only measures. The Mayor and Council honored this request, deferring the ordinance change until the Sustainability Commission requested their renewed consideration.

The Sustainability Commission has since accomplished the majority of the government-only measures and is now focusing on community-oriented measures such as Outdoor Lighting Efficiency. At this time, the Sustainability Commission requests the Mayor and Council reconsider this text amendment.

Due to the length of time between when this text amendment was first heard by the Community Council and Planning Commission, staff recommends re-initiating this text amendment. If this recommendation pleases the Mayor and Council, the text amendment may be reviewed by the Community Council in July, the Planning Commission in August.