

For Immediate Release: Unified Development Code

The City of Tifton and Tift County are pleased to announce a public workshop to kick-off a joint project to create a new land development code. The new code, called a Unified Development Code, will consolidate all regulations pertaining to land development into one integrated code. Not only will all regulations be consolidated, but also the code will consolidate city and county requirements and procedures.

Tifton and Tift County have engaged consultants Gail Easley and Glenn Coyne to prepare the Unified Development Code. Easley and Coyne are specialists in the preparation of unified codes, having prepared codes for dozens of cities and counties.

The kick-off event will be held December 6, 2007, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Tift County Administration Building. Anyone interested in land development should attend. The workshop will include a brief slide show to explain the concept of a unified development code and provide an overview of the process. City Manager, Mike Vollmer, notes that the new code will make it easier for everyone in the development process to understand and apply the requirements. A short questionnaire will be provided to all workshop participants to gather important information about current regulations.

Jim Carter, Tift County Manager, has previously overseen the creation of a unified development code. He says that an important feature of a unified code is streamlining the procedures to create a "single path" for development application and review.

If you have any questions, call Tifton City Hall, 229-391-3937 or Tift County Commission at 229-386-7850.