COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Item No.5 | PD-5 | Meeting Date: September 15, 2014

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

To: Chairman Dill, Committee on Planning & Development

From: Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Department of Community Planning and Development

Department: Planning Department

Item Title: Discussion on Including Data Centers in the Use Table of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance/request approval to initiate Public Hearing

Action Taken by Committee previously (include dates when Item was discussed)**:**

Motion Requested Today: Approval to initiate a Public Hearing

Staff Recommendation:

Impact of Action:

Funding Amount/Source:

Requested by:

Staff Representative: Michael Forman, Zoning Administrator

List of Attachments:
Draft information for ordinance

9-11-14		various
Date Submitted	Approved by the County Administrator	Council District

Memorandum

To:	County Council
cc:	Paula Gucker, Michael Forman
From:	Eric Vinson
Date:	9/12/2014
Re:	Data Centers Zoning Text Amendment

The Greenville Area Development Corporation recently contacted staff to request that data centers be added as a use in the zoning ordinance. Data centers are growing in popularity and there is currently no provision for them in the zoning ordinance. As a result staff has worked with the GADC to draft a text amendment to add Data Centers to the table of uses in the zoning ordinance and allowing them as a use by right in the S-1, I-1, and I-2 zoning districts. We are requesting that County Council initiate a public hearing and consider the adoption of this text amendment.

Sincerely,

Eric Vinson, AICP

Data Centers

A large group of networked computer servers typically used by organizations for the remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data where the majority of the space is occupied by computers and/or related equipment and where information is processed, transferred, or stored.

Use	RR3	RR1	RS	R6 to R20	R-20A	RM2 to RM 20	R-MA	R-MHP	OD	POD	NC	C1	C2	C3	S1	I-1	I-2	ESD PM
Data Centers															P	P	P	

Minimum Parking subject to the same requirements as Warehousing and Flex Space: Minimum of one space per 500 feet of leasable floor area for the first 3,000 feet, then 1 space per 2,500 square feet of leasable floor space thereafter.