

Plenary: Telecommunications Law Update - Georgia and National Trends and Changes

This plenary will focus on recent changes to law and regulatory policy affecting local decisions relating to the placement of wireless facilities in Georgia. Included in the session will be a discussion of the Federal Communications Commission's recent Declaratory Ruling establishing a "shot clock" for local decisions on telecommunication facility applications, Georgia's newly enacted "Advanced Broadband Collocation Act," which establishes a new procedural framework for modifying and adding antennas to existing telecommunication facilities, and a discussion of recent federal court decisions addressing local government efforts to regulate technological and operational standards for wireless facilities through zoning.

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The Zoning Clinic

No presentations - just ANSWERS from a panel of experts to your most pressing, vexatious or beguiling questions about zoning law, practice, regulation, administration, enforcement, etc.

CM : 1.25

Impact Fees, Development and You

This hands-on workshop will discuss the major affect of the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act on funding, zoning and development practices of local governments (are you legal?), and present a primer on impact fee programs. The session will include a discussion of the pros and cons of adoption during a slow economic period, with special focus on how development is affected by fees and taxes. Since DIFA applies to every city and county in the state, whether or not they adopt impact fees, this session will also explore the ramifications of the law on other local practices.

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Getting the Best out of Government: Reorganizing and Revitalizing a City Government

During the last two years, a new City Manager and Planning department staff have worked with the Mayor and City Council to adopt new ordinances, reorganize Planning & Zoning functions, initiate new projects to improve quality of life, and effectively manage the budget to better serve the City of Euharlee, a small community of 4,200 residents in Northwest Georgia. Ron Goss, consulting Zoning Administrator for the City of Euharlee who has experience in historic preservation and is a well-respected developer, will lead a presentation on the improvement efforts.

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Death by Public Meeting- Have our efforts to involve the public gone too far?

Over the last decade the planning profession has updated many of its processes with an emphasis on public input and public involvement. Public meetings provide an opportunity for public education, allow citizens to ask questions, and create an opportunity to build public support or at least reduce public opposition. But, have our efforts gone too far? Are our public meetings effective? Or are we meeting citizens to death?

CM : 1.25

Ethics Bowl

The ethics bowl returns!

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Interested, but not Invested: Public Involvement in Transient Communities

In any planning process, effective public involvement is essential to ensure that the plan reflects the vision of the community. This session identifies techniques to engage stakeholders in transient communities, including communities with a high percentage of renters or military personnel, where active public involvement can be particularly challenging.

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Professional Development Through Efficient Day-to-Day Productivity

Efficiency is probably the most overlooked area of business; and yet it is so simple. Teach people how to organize and work efficiently and they will get more done in less time and experience less stress in the process. This seminar is packed full of practical tips and tricks you can use to increase your productivity. Every tip in this seminar can be implemented the same day by anyone. You will learn what needs to be done but more importantly you will learn how it is done. This session will highlight efforts to use technology and tools to better manage an office, day-to-day tasks and those things that seem to get in the way of making our lives run more smoothly. Audience members will be able to implement lessons learned immediately and cost effectively to improve their personal and office productivity.

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