COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Buildings Permits and Inspections	Presenter(s):	Joe Scarbrough / Pete Frisina
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 5, 2010	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

The Permits and Inspections Department will present information to the Board about the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) evaluation recently completed.

Background/History/Details:

Insurance Services Office, Inc., (ISO) provides a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) evaluation to Fayette County approximately once every five years. The ISO collects information on a community's building code adoption and enforcement services, analyzes the data, and then assigns a Building Code Effectiveness Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary commitment to building code enforcement and is the most favorable classification commitment to the adoption and enforcement of building codes.

On March 9, 2010 the ISO surveyed Fayette County for its current BCEGS evaluation. The evaluation reviews three elements of building code adoption and enforcement: Administration of Codes, Plan Review Division, and Field Inspection.

THE BCEGS classified Fayette County as a " Class 3" for 1 and 2 family dwellings, and a "Class 3" for all other construction.

Additional supporting material will be provided at the meeting.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

No action is required.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Peter A. Frisina

Date: April 21, 2010

Subject: Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) Grading of Building Permits and Inspections Department

The Building Permits and Inspections Department recently went through an ISO analysis of the County's building codes and the enforcement of these codes in terms of two categories, residential property (one and two family dwellings) and commercial and industrial property (all other buildings). ISO is an insurer-supported organization with the mission of providing advisory and rating information to insurers.

The last such ISO analysis was done in 2000. With a grading range of one (best) to ten (worst), Fayette County improved its score in both categories from a 5 to a 3 (see attached letters, 2000 and 2010). No communities in Georgia have received a grade higher than a 3. Presently, Fayette County is one of seven communities with a grade of 3 for residential and one of nine communities with a grade of 3 for commercial (see attached Georgia table). Nationally, out of 8,392 communities, only 140 scored better than Fayette County in the residential category and out of 6,451 communities, only 160 scored better than Fayette County in the commercial category (see attached Countrywide table).

The improvement in the County's grade is due to the staff of the Building Permits and Inspections Department and improvements made under the direction of Joe Scarborough. The improvements that had the biggest impact on our scores were the adoption of additional codes, the high level of certifications attained by the staff and the creation of a dedicated Plan Reviewer position. It is a pleasure to share this news with you and if need any additional information please contact me or Joe Scarborough.

INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE, INC.
4 B EVES DRIVE SUITE 200 MARLTON, NJ 08053 (856) 985-5600 FAX (856) 985-6464

November 27, 2000

Mr. Chris Lofty, Interior County Manager
Fayette County
140 Stonewall Avenue, West
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Dear Mr. Lofty:

We wish to thank you and David Mundt for the cooperation given to our representative, Jill Thomason, during our recent survey. We have completed our analysis of the building codes adopted by your community and the efforts put forth to properly enforce those codes. The resulting Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification is 5 for 1 and 2 family residential property and 5 for commercial and industrial property.

The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. There is no requirement that insurers use our advisory material. Insurers may have adopted, or may be in the process of adopting, an ISO insurance rating program that will provide rating credits to individual property insurance policies in recognition of community efforts to mitigate property damage due to natural disasters. These insurers may use the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification we have recently developed for your community as a basis for the credits used. While individual insurers may use different credits or different effective dates, the ISO program will apply credits to new construction within Fayette County that has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy in the year 2000 and forward.

We have attached a copy of our report which provides additional information about our classification process and how we have graded various aspects of your community's building codes and their enforcement.

We want to highlight the fact that the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule is an insurance underwriting and information tool; it is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive building code enforcement program nor is it for purposes of determining compliance with any state or local law or for making property/casualty loss prevention and life safety recommendations.

If you have any questions about the Classification that was developed, please let us know. Additionally, if you are planning on any future changes in your building codes or their enforcement, please advise us as these changes may affect our analysis and your community's grading classification.

Sincerely,

Building Codes Dept.
(856) 985-5600 Ext. 490

Enclosure

cc: David Mundt w/enclosure

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April 6, 2010

Mr. Jack Krakeel, County Manager
Fayette County
140 Stonewall Avenue; Suite 100
Fayetteville, GA 30214

RE: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule
Fayette County, GA

Dear Mr. Krakeel:

We wish to thank you and Joseph R. Scarborough for the cooperation given to our representative, Paul Randall, during our recent survey. We have completed our analysis of the building codes adopted by your community and the efforts put forth to properly enforce those codes. The resulting Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification is 3 for 1 and 2 family residential property and 3 for commercial and industrial property.

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Sincerely,

BCEGS Building Codes Department
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Enclosure

cc: Joseph R. Scarborough, Interim Director of Permits and Inspections w/enclosure

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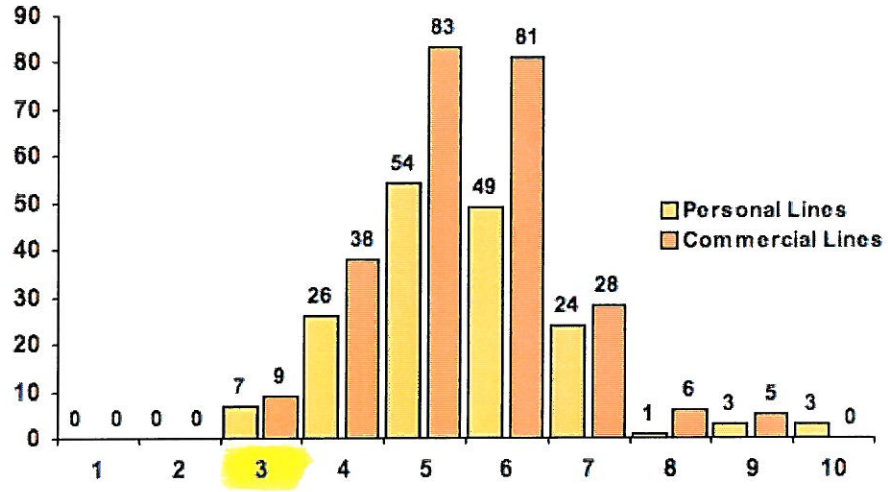

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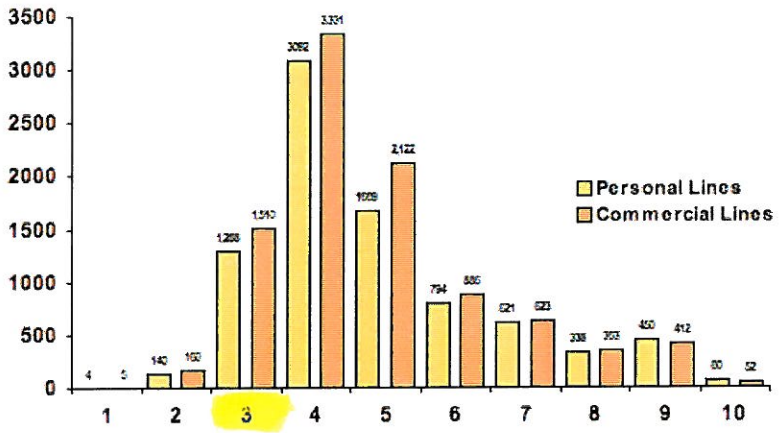

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