House Bill 186

By: Representatives Lim of the 99th, Mainor of the 56th, Lopez of the 86th, and Thomas of the 65th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

2 zoning procedures, so as to require local governments to compile all notice of hearings on

3 actions resulting in zoning decisions; to require the placement of such compilation on the

4 local government's website; to provide for updates of such compilation; to provide for related

5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7   **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning

9 procedures, is amended in Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning

10 decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated

11 actions, and procedure on zoning for property annexed into municipality, by revising

12 subsection (a) as follows:

13   "(a) A local government taking action resulting in a zoning decision shall provide for a

14   hearing on the proposed action. At least 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the date of

15   the hearing, the local government shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general

16   circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of the hearing.

17   The notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. <u>The local government</u>

18   <u>shall also compile all such notices in a document that shall be placed on the local</u>

19   <u>government's website, and such document shall be updated, at a minimum, on the first</u>

20   <u>and sixteenth day of each month; provided, however, that if a unit of local government does</u>

21   <u>not maintain a website, then the local government shall only be required to have copies of</u>

22   <u>such document at its main administrative office.</u>"

23   **SECTION 2.**

24   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.