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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Jason Thompson, Director  
Department of Planning and Development

**DATE:** April 11, 2018

**CASE NO.:** #ZOA 18-02

**RE:** Portable Accessory Structures (“PAS”)

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The use of portable storage containers commonly referred to by the trademarked brand name “PODS” (Portable on-Demand Storage) but referencing all similar portable outdoor storage containers has gained popularity since the late 1990’s. Cities throughout the United States, including the City of Snellville, have found themselves dealing with this very popular storage concept and the resulting issues when these storage containers are placed in residential neighborhoods.

The Snellville Zoning Ordinance allows use of portable accessory structures for commercial properties, but prohibits them in the residential zoning districts. Although prohibited, they continue to be used by residents moving in and out of the City and for the temporary storage of construction materials and equipment associated with a major house remodel, renovation or restoration project.

The proposed text amendment provides a way to allow use of these temporary storage containers in the residential zoning districts with regulations to limit the number, location, and duration of use.