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4 **Ordinance Summary**
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6 Current regulations applying to public hearings before County boards and committees
7 specify that an applicant can request one continuance at least 10 days prior to a public
8 hearing. In practice, applicants have frequently been unable to determine whether they
9 need to request a continuance until a point in time closer to the actual hearing date.
10 Accordingly, in the past, applicants have requested continuances within the 10 day
11 timeframe and then appeared at the public hearing in order to hear the presiding
12 board's decision on the continuance, which creates uncertainty for the interested public
13 as to whether to attend the hearing. This ordinance reduces the 10 days to five (5) days
14 which will allow staff to administratively postpone the hearing. Five days would allow
15 2-3 business days to inform the interested public that the hearing has been continued
16 and allow them to change their plans, providing they had provided their contact
17 information.

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19 Changes are shown as follows: Strikethrough for deletions, Underline for additions.

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24 **ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 13**

26 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE**
27 **COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING LAKE COUNTY CODE, APPENDIX E, LAND**
28 **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 14.00.06, ENTITLED "PROCEDURES**
29 **GOVERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS; AMENDING PROCEDURES FOR**
30 **CONTINUANCES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY ALLOWING A REQUEST FOR A**
31 **CONTINUANCE TO BE MADE FIVE DAYS INSTEAD OF THE TEN CURRENTLY**
32 **REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR**
33 **SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

35 **WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") desires to
36 create a predictable standard for the continuance of public hearings; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to establish administrative procedures that are
39 streamlined and appropriate for Lake County; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the Planning & Zoning Board, in its capacity as the Local Planning
42 Agency, has reviewed this Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163,
43 Florida Statutes; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of this Ordinance are consistent with the Comprehensive
46 Plan;

