THE CITY OF DORAVILLE
AGENDA ITEM SHEET

Subject: **Ordinance to revise Homestead Exemption in the City Code**
Date of Meeting: May 21, 2012

Budget Impact: _X__Y ___ N

Budget Impact Amount: $_Unknown___

Funding Source:
(X)Annual
( )Capital
( )N/A

Council Meeting	(X)
Work Session	( )
Recommendation	(X)
Policy/Discussion	( )
Report	( )
Other	( )

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HB 545 was passed by the Georgia Legislature in 2011, revising the City's Homestead Exemption from $65,000 to $25,000. That Local Act was approved by the citizens in a Referendum presented at the 2011 General Election. Section 18-51 of the City Code currently defines the scope of the City's Homestead and lists the amount as $65,000, which was the past Homestead Exemption prior to the 2011 Act. In order to clarify the Code and make it work with the new Local Act and the new exemption, this Ordinance presents merely a clarification change of the Homestead Amount to match the authorization by the Legislature.

Options: To pass this Ordinance or to keep as is, which would still be overridden by the new law.

Recommended Action: The City Attorney's Office recommends adoption of this Ordinance.

Department: City Attorney Department Head: _Cecil G. McLendon, Jr.

Administrative Comments and Recommendation: _____

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Action Taken By Board: _____

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