

TOWN OF CARRBORO

Planning Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION AND REPLANTING STANDARDS

Motion was made by **Clinton** and seconded by **Poulton** that the **Planning Board** recommends that the Board of Aldermen **approve** the draft ordinance, with the addition of a third land use category in Section 15-319, Table 1: Minimum Tree Canopy Coverage Standards for the downtown commercial area, and to assign that area a minimum canopy coverage of 15%.

VOTE:

AYES: (7) Adamson, Clinton, Cohen, Davis, Foushee, Hunt, Poulton

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the **Planning Board** membership also indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Furthermore, motion was made by **Adamson** and seconded by **Clinton** that the **Planning Board** of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment, is consistent with adopted plans and policies, such as the following provisions in Carrboro Vision 2020:

2.21 The Town should continued to require the preservation and maintenance of open space when land is developed, to enforce restraints on clear-cutting, and to require adequate buffers.

2.23 The town encourages the planting of native plant species, as well as non-native species that are not invasive. Removal of invasive species is encouraged. The town supports education on this topic and encourages the public to become aware of the list of invasive plant species found in Appendix E-17 of the Town of Carrboro Land Use Ordinance.

2.43 Carrboro should plan and encourage the growth of tree canopies over roads to mitigate the heat and smog effect caused by superheated pavement. Carrboro should strongly encourage the electric utilities to put their lines underground to allow for full canopy coverage.

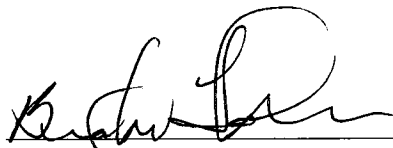
VOTE:

AYES: (7) Adamson, Clinton, Cohen, Davis, Foushee, Hunt, Poulton

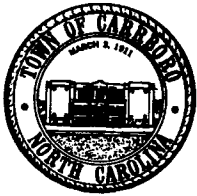
ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)


(Chair)

6/19/14
(Date)



TOWN OF CARRBORO

Environmental Advisory Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION AND REPLANTING STANDARDS

Motion was made by Matthew Arnsberger and seconded by Michelle Holder that the Environmental Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the following recommendations for the proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance:

- 1) add Atlantic White Cedar to the definition of uncommon species;
- 2) move beech and red cedar from the definition of 6-inch specimens to 12-inch specimens;
- 3) identify 12-inch specimen trees as native canopy trees;
- 4) include in the Ordinance a definition of the word habitat that includes specifications for food, nesting sites, and shelter.

The EAB wishes to express its support for town staff's work on this issue. We believe that canopy coverage is an important Town issue, and we appreciate staff's extensive work to update the tree provisions in the LUO.

The EAB also encourages the Town to develop town-wide tree canopy cover goals that meet or exceed the minimum recommendations for urban forest canopy issued by the organization American Forests.

VOTE:

AYES: Arnsberger, Rivin, Holder

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Crook, Reddy, Sinclair

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the Environmental Advisory Board membership also indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Furthermore, motion was made by Matthew Arnsberger and seconded by Gabe Rivin that the Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment is consistent with adopted plans and policies, such as the following provisions in Carrboro Vision 2020:

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VOTE:

AYES: Arnsberger, Rivin, Holder

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Crook, Reddy, Sinclair

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

for  6/20/14
(Chair) (Date)

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TRANSMITTAL DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

June 18, 2014

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SUBJECT: Joint Planning Review of Proposed Ordinance Amendments

Dear Tina:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the following Land Use Ordinance amendments received by us on June 4, 2014 and proposed for town public hearing on June 24, 2014:

- *Provisions Regulating the Retention and Planting of Trees.*

We have reviewed the amendments and find no inconsistency with the adopted *Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan*. However, we have the following general comment:

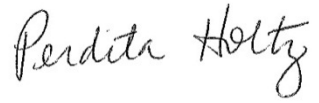
1. The Town may wish to consider defining the word “tree stands” which is proposed to be added on page 15 of the materials.

Additionally, I noticed the following typographical errors as I was reviewing the materials:

- On Page 16 for the definition of “Dripline,” there is an extra period after the word and a stray “)” at the end of the sentence.
- On Page 17 for the definition of “Tree canopy,” there is a stray “)” at the end of the sentence.
- On Page 21, #5, the first sentence does not read right if the words proposed for deletion are removed.
- On Page 2 of Appendix E, in section (c), there is an extra period after the word “trunk.”

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perdita Holtz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Perdita Holtz, AICP
Planning Systems Coordinator