

Climate Action Pocket Questions

Title: New Carrboro Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Worksession

Purpose: *This agenda item is designed to provide the Town Council with an opportunity to receive an update from CodeWright, the consultant team preparing the New Carrboro UDO, and to ask questions and provide comments in an informal setting.*

Department: Planning

1. How will this action impact the Town's or the community's greenhouse gas emissions?

- a. Will REDUCE greenhouse gas emissions
- b. Will not reduce or increase greenhouse gas emissions
- c. Will INCREASE greenhouse gas emissions
- d. **Not applicable**

2. Please explain.

- The goal of this project is to create a new Unified Development Ordinance that aligns with the Comprehensive Plan.
- The worksession is designed for the consultant to report on findings from the current Land Use Ordinance and discuss strategies for the new development code.
- More information about rewriting the ordinance and benefit and impacts offered by changes the project will seek to implement will be clearer as the project moves to the drafting phase.

3. Does this action impact:

- a. **Water quality**
- b. **Erosion and Surface run-off**
- c. **Flooding**
- d. **Air quality**
- e. **Heat islands or extreme heat**
- f. **Biodiversity**
- g. **Solid waste**
- h. **Hazardous waste**
- i. Other
- j. This action does not impact the environment

4. Please explain.

- The new UDO will create regulations that, pursuant to state statute, control and set forth requirements for developments to mitigate environmental impacts.
- More information about rewriting the ordinance and the impacts of changes the project will seek to implement will be clearer as the team begins drafting.

5. How is your department planning to mitigate any climate or environmental impacts?

NOTE: This does not reflect a formal commitment by the Town of Carrboro.

- The project currently includes scoped work that specifically highlights climate analyses and impacts that drive, in part, the draft of the new document.
- Staff and the Consultant team will continue to prepare materials for community members and council members that effectively distill technical information and connections among this project and other ongoing work.
- Staff will continue to monitor land development patterns and usage of the ordinance after the adoption of the rewritten code, to understand where there may still be opportunities for improvement.