

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN'S REASONS FOR ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE

Draft Resolution No.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the text of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance has been proposed, which amendment is described or identified as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SITE SPECIFIC, FLEXIBLE ZONING DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro Resolves:

Section 1. The Board concludes that the above described amendment is consistent with the Facilitated Small Area Plan for Carrboro's Northern Study Area and Carrboro Vision2020, particularly the provisions relating to floating zones, mixed-use developments and balanced and controlled growth with public input as described below:

Goals and Objectives – Carrboro's Northern Study Area

- 1.B** Endorse the concept of a "floating zone" for future residential village developments in the Transition Area.
- 1.G.** Provide for modest community-scale commercial and office uses in mixed-use areas.
- 7.B** Through the encouragement of cluster development and village-scale development, foster the creation of new pedestrian-scaled neighborhoods to enhance the variety and character of Carrboro's neighborhoods.
- 8.A.** Provide for adequate commercial space such that citizens are able to conduct commercial transaction within walking distance of their homes.
- 8.C.** Provide adequate walkways, sidewalks, and pedestrian networks to enable people to walk to nearby residences, parks, schools, and neighborhood commercial centers.

Provisions in Vision 2020

2.0 DEVELOPMENT

Carrboro's development should take place in a manner consistent with a set of adopted values. Growth should occur in a balanced fashion, and at a rate that does not jeopardized the values set forth by Vision 2020. The interests of all members of the community, including property owners, neighbors, and other interested citizens should be considered when making development decisions.

2.5 Balanced and Controlled Growth

2.51 The town should support the implementation of our Small Area Plan.

3.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With the population of Carrboro expected to increase during the Vision 2020 period, additional commercial development should be anticipated both downtown and in peripheral areas.

3.1 Nature of Development

In the interest of environmental preservation, new commercial development must minimize negative environmental impact, it must emphasize appropriate buffers, and it must not compromise the integrity of established neighborhoods.

Section 2. The Board further concludes that the above described amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it creates a process that allows rezonings to occur, only after significant public input including a site specific planning study by the Town to determine the most appropriate potential development options for the property.

Section 3. This resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

This the 13th day of October 2015