

CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE ORDINANCE RELATED TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Town Council Public Hearing – September 16, 2025



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Legislative Public Hearing Process

- Open Public Hearing
- Staff Presentation
- Public Comment
 - Anyone can address the Council
 - No "swearing in" needed
- Council Questions/Deliberation
- Close Public Hearing
- Council Action
 - Consider Consistency Statement (Attachment A)
 - Consider Land Use Ordinance (Attachment B)

Overview

- October 15, 2024, Town Council adopted amendments to the Land Use Ordinance & Town Code to
 - Consolidate certain advisory boards and commissions
 - Revise language relating to attendance policies and procedures.
- Staff have identified a few additional updates to further refine the language in Article III of LUO.
- A draft ordinance for the LUO has been prepared that, if adopted, would:
 - Add annual training requirement for the Planning Board and Board Adjustment
 - Increase membership of the Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee from four to six
 - Update criteria for SRTS subcommittee membership to require an association with one of the five schools in Carrboro
 - Modify criteria for membership of the Climate and Environmental Advisory Commission
 - Modify powers and duties of the Climate and Environmental Advisory Commission to include sustainability, resilience, tree protection and urban forests, heat resilience and biodiversity.

Consistency with Adopted Plans/Policy

Comprehensive Plan, *Carrboro Connects*

- Advancing the Town's efforts toward Climate Action, a foundational element of the Comprehensive Plan, and the strategies and projects outlined in the Climate Action Chapter.

- **LAND USE**

Goal 5: Expand appropriate development opportunities that meet the goals of the comprehensive plan

Strategy 5.2: Improve the development approval process to be more predictable and efficient while continuing to offer vibrant community participation.

5.2 a) Update and clarify the roles of each commission or advisory board.

- **TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

Goal 2: Continue to expand the transportation system to provide at least one non-automobile option (walking, biking and transit) for every neighborhood to be useable for a variety of trip purposes

Strategy 2.2: Continue to create safe streets and trail networks for pedestrians, bike riders, and transit riders.

2.2 h) Continue to implement the Safe Routes to School Action Plan.

Local Authority

- Section 15-2 of the Land Use Ordinance which specifies the authority granted to the Town through state enabling legislation.

Procedural Notes

- Text amendments are legislative decisions
- Town Council must hold a public hearing before making a decision
- Comments from Orange County, the Planning Board, and other advisory boards are provided (*Attachment D*)
- Town Council Deliberation
- Action
 - Consideration of Consistency (*Attachment A*)
 - Section 1. Statement of whether the action is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
 - Section 2. Statement of whether the action is reasonable and in the public benefit
 - Section 3. Action – Approve/Deny
 - Consideration of the draft ordinance (*Attachment B*)

Public Comment

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- ✓ Open Public Hearing
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- ✓ Council Questions/Deliberation
- ✓ Close Public Hearing
- Council Action
 - Motion to Adopt/Deny Consistency Statement (*Attachment A*)
 - Motion should speak to each of the three sections of the consistency statement:
 - Section 1. Statement of whether the action is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
 - Section 2. Statement of whether the action is reasonable and in the public benefit
 - Section 3. Action – Approve/Deny
 - Consideration of the draft ordinance (*Attachment B*)

Consistency with Adopted Plans/Policy

Comprehensive Plan, *Carrboro Connects*

- Land Use
 - Goal 5, Strategy 5.2: Improve the development approval process to be more predictable and efficient while continuing to offer vibrant community participation.
 - A. Update and clarify the roles of each commission or advisory board. Develop clearly defined roles for each commission and board, their duties and focus areas, and how they interrelate to other commissions and boards.
- Transportation & Mobility
 - Goal 2, Strategy 2.2: Continue to create safe streets and trail networks for pedestrians, bike riders, and transit riders.
 - H. Continue to implement the Safe Routes to School Action Plan.
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