

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CARRBORO DOWNTOWN AREA PLAN

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council seeks to implement the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Economic Sustainability priority projects for a Small Area Plan for the Downtown and Jones Ferry Road corridor, and;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Area Plan further refines the visions, goals, and strategies of the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan, and sets forth guidance for the development of downtown and;

WHEREAS, since July of 2024, the Town has worked with a contracted consulting team to draft the Downtown Area Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Area Plan is a community-driven effort that prioritized equitable engagement over the course of a year of outreach and provided a variety of opportunities for the community to participate, and;

WHEREAS, the Town's advisory boards and commissions participated in multiple reviews of the Downtown Area Plan to provide feedback and confirm consistency with the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council held a public hearing on adopting the Downtown Area Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council adopts the Carrboro Downtown Area Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council finds the plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as described below:

Section 1. The Council has reviewed the draft plan and concludes that the Downtown Area Plan is:

 Consistent with the Town of Carrboro 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan, as noted below, and Section 15-2 of the Land Use Ordinance which specifies the authority granted to the Town through state enabling legislation.

Land Use Chapter, and in particular Goal 2, Strategy 2.1: Pursue concerted land use planning/small land use plans for high priority/high potential areas.

- A. Develop small land use plans for strategic nodes that promote Carrboro Connects principles including more affordable housing, land conservation, and improved walkability.

Economic Sustainability Chapter, particularly Goal 2, Strategy 2.1: Support well-planned and designed, higher density and mixed-use development in the downtown.

- A. Develop a small area plan for the downtown.

Advancing the Town's efforts toward Climate Action and Racial Equity, foundational elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

_____ *Inconsistent* with current adopted plans. The proposed action is *inconsistent* with the comprehensive plan for the following reason(s):

_____ *Inconsistent* with the current adopted plans; however, because of the following changed circumstance(s), the Council's approval shall also be deemed as amendments to the existing adopted plan, as described below.

Changed circumstance(s):

Amendment to current adopted plan:

Section 2. The Town Council's action is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reason(s):

The Town seeks to implement the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan, which sets forth guidance for the physical and social development of Carrboro based on analyses of present and future needs, and to develop plans and policies through extensive engagement and public input.

Section 3. This resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the Carrboro Town Council this is the 18th day of November in the year 2025.