

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 (N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-383)

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 PROVISIONS RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION, SHADING AND CANOPY REQUIREMENTS.

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

Section 1. The Board has reviewed the draft amendment to the text of the Land Use Ordinance and concludes that the proposed amendment is:

_____ *Consistent* with current adopted plans, Carrboro Vision2020 (provisions 2.23 & 2.43) and the Downtown Carrboro New Vision, for the following reason(s):

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. Carrboro Vision2020

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.

Downtown Identity – The Town should develop and adhere consistently to a streetscape and landscape master plan that establishes a planting scheme, etc.

_____ *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 Board of Aldermen’s approval shall also be deemed an amendment to the existing adopted plan, _____, as described below.

Changed circumstance(s):

Amendment to current adopted plan:

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

The benefits that trees, shrubs and other plants provide to the community such as, providing oxygen and improving air quality, reducing heat island effect, maintaining the hydrologic cycle, providing pollen and nectar for pollinators and contributing to the vitality and character of the Town making it a more aesthetic and emotionally satisfying place in which to live, work and spend leisure time.

Section 3. Therefore, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has: approved / denied the proposed amendment to the text of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance.

Section 4. This resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen this the 27th day of March 2018.