

TOWN OF CARRBORO

Planning Board
301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

Land Use Ordinance Text Amendment Relating to Solar Arrays

Motion was made by Hunt and seconded by Poulton that the Planning Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the draft ordinance.

VOTE:

AYES: (7) Adamson, Hunt, Poulton, Foushee, Rosser, Gaylord-Miles, Rivera

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the Planning Board membership also indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Motion was made by Foushee and seconded by Rosser that the Planning Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment, is consistent with the goals and objectives of Carrboro Vision2020 to promote energy conservation and alternative and renewable energy, including passive and active solar.

Furthermore, the Planning Board of the Town of Carrboro finds that the proposed text amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it clarifies existing requirements and provides for the installation of small roof and ground mounted arrays as an accessory use subject to specific criteria.

VOTE:

AYES: (7) Adamson, Hunt, Poulton, Foushee, Rosser, Gaylord-Miles, Rivera

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

(Chair)

6/1/17

(Date)



TOWN OF CARRBORO

Environmental Advisory Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

Land Use Ordinance Text Amendment Relating to Solar Arrays

Motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Perera that the EAB recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the draft ordinance.

In addition, please add language substantially similar to the wording (below), modified from language for tree canopy requirements (Sec. 15-319(b)), to make sure that the screening requirement referred to in Sec. 15-150 (d)(3)(e)(1) provides flexibility to minimize shading of ground mounted arrays that otherwise are permissible for accessory use from required screening in certain circumstances.

“An application for a Solar Array that does not fully comply with screening requirements in Article XIX may still be approved when the application substantially complies with these standards and it is determined that such a deviation promotes solar access for renewable energy generation.”

VOTE:

AYES: (O'Connor, Patrick, Perera, Sinclair)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (Hoban, Skelton, Turner)

NOES: ()

ABSTENTIONS: ()

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the EAB membership also indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Motion was made by Perera and seconded by Patrick that the EAB of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives of *Carrboro Vision2020* to promote energy conservation and alternative and renewable energy, including passive and active solar. Furthermore, the EAB of the Town of Carrboro finds that the proposed text amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it clarifies existing requirements and provides for the installation of small roof and ground mounted arrays as an accessory use subject to specific criteria.


VOTE:

AYES: (O'Connor, Patrick, Perera, Sinclair)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (Hoban, Skelton, Turner)

NOES: ()

ABSTENTIONS: ()

for  6/5/2017
(Chair) (Date)

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TRANSMITTAL DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 26, 2017

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Planning Administrator
Town of Carrboro
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Carrboro, NC 27510

SUBJECT: Joint Planning Review of Proposed Ordinance Amendments

Dear Tina:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revisions to the following Land Use Ordinance amendments received by us May 24, 2017 and proposed for town public hearing on June 27, 2017:

- *An Ordinance Amending Provisions Related to Solar Arrays.*

We have reviewed the amendments and find no inconsistency with the adopted *Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan*.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Perdita Holtz".

Perdita Holtz, AICP
Planning Systems Coordinator