



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, DECEMBER 7, 2017

LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION, SHADING AND CANOPY REQUIREMENTS

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

The Planning Board would welcome an expansion of the options for infill lots to include other methods of greening, such as: vines and other trailing plants, green roofs, or vertical plantings. We also recommend that a clear definition of "infill lot" be included or referenced.

VOTE:

AYES: (8) Adamson, Clinton, Foushee, Gaylord-Miles, Poulton, Rosser, Tiemann, Whittemore

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (1) Rivera

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 Tiemann and seconded by Poulton that the Planning Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment, is consistent with adopted plans and policies, such as the following provisions in *Carrboro Vision 2020* and reference to downtown identity in *Downtown Carrboro New Vision*:

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.

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.

3.21 The town should develop a plan to govern the continuing development of downtown. Toward this end, the town should adopt the following goals:

- To double commercial square footage in the downtown from that existing in the year 2000. Attachment G- 2
- To accommodate additional square footage by building up, not out.
- To increase the density of commercial property in the downtown area.
- To improve the downtown infrastructure (e.g. parking facilities, sidewalks, lighting, tree shading) to meet the needs of the community.
- To develop transit and traffic initiatives which enhance the viability of downtown.

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

Furthermore, the Planning Board of the Town of Carrboro finds that the proposed text amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because of 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.

VOTE:

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NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (1) Rivera

Ralph F. Whittemore 1/19/18
(Chair) (Date)

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TRANSMITTAL DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

January 3, 2018

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SUBJECT: Joint Planning Review of Proposed Ordinance Amendments

Dear Tina:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the following Land Use Ordinance amendments received by us December 19, 2017 and proposed for town public hearing on January 23, 2018:

- *An Ordinance Amending Town of Carrboro Land Use Ordinance Provisions Relating to Tree Protection, Shading and Canopy Requirements.*
- *An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Carrboro's Land Use Ordinance to Comply with New Statutory Requirements for Zoning Consistency Statements.*

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 cursive script that reads "Perdita Holtz".

Perdita Holtz, AICP
Planning Systems Coordinator