



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Public Hearing on a Land Use Ordinance Amendment to Align References to the State Environmental Agencies and Nutrient Load Accounting Tool in the Town's Stormwater Volume Control Provisions.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen consider to an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance. No substantive changes to the regulations are proposed as the purpose is to update the specific references to the names of the North Carolina agencies and analytical tools in the LUO so that the LUO is current and in alignment with the state. The Board must receive public input before reaching a decision on the draft ordinance.

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INFORMATION: At the April 16th Board of Aldermen meeting, the Board set a public hearing to consider a text amendment to update the Land Use Ordinance volume control provisions referencing state environmental agencies and associated stormwater management tools (agenda materials may be found at the following link: <https://carrboro.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=678575&GUID=D1903920-6614-456A-8277-65BD80F24C9E&Options=&Search=>>). A draft ordinance has been prepared, which if adopted, would amend the Land Use Ordinance to reflect changes in state agency organization: the establishment of two agencies, DEQ and DEMLR, replacing the role of NCDENR, and the renaming of the BMP manual to the SCM manual. The draft ordinance would also remove the reference to the Jordan Lake Accounting Tool (JLAT) which is no longer used. Rather than replace the JLAT with Stormwater Nitrogen and Phosphorus v4.1 (SNAP), the new project-scale modeling tool, the proposed ordinance includes more generic references to the state's agencies and tools to avoid having to do future amendments because of state administrative reorganizations or changes to the name of software (*Attachment B and Attachment C*).

The draft ordinance was referred to Orange County, and presented to the Planning Board, Economic Sustainability Commission and Stormwater Advisory Commission for their May meetings. Comments are provided (*Attachment D*).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Public hearings involve staff and public notice costs associated with advisory board and Board of Aldermen review.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider adopting the attached resolution for consistency (*Attachment A*) and the draft ordinance (*Attachment B*).