

**STATEMENT OF THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO G.S. 160D-605(a) ADDRESSING ACTION ON THE VERIDEA ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PLAN OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

Pursuant to G.S. §160D-601 and Secs. 2.2.11.E and 2.3.16.F.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance, the Planning Director for the Town of Apex, Dianne Khin, caused proper notice to be given (by publication and posting), of a public hearing on the Veridea Environmental Enhancement Plan before the Town Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

The Apex Town Council held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023. Amanda Bunce, Current Planning Manager, presented the Planning Board's vote to recommend approval by a vote of 7-0 at the public hearing.

All persons who desired to present information relevant to the Environmental Enhancement Plan were allowed to present evidence at the public hearing before the Apex Town Council. No one who wanted to speak was turned away.

The Town Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 by a vote of 5-0 approved the Ordinance for the Veridea Environmental Enhancement Plan.

The Apex Town Council finds from information and testimony provided at the public hearing that the approval of the Veridea Environmental Enhancement Plan of February 28, 2023 is consistent with the Advance Apex: The 2045 Plan and reasonable and in the public interest for the following reason(s):

1. The Sustainability Standards included in the Environmental Enhancement Plan are intended to protect natural resources and the environment in light of this development pattern and to address secondary and cumulative impacts associated with the infrastructure required for Veridea.
2. The Environmental Enhancement Plan sets additional or modified standards for sustainable development of the Veridea Sustainable Development-Conditional Zoning (SD-CZ) district.
3. Approval of the Environmental Enhancement Plan is required by Article 3 of the Veridea SD Plan prior to any site plan approval, subdivision approval, construction or grading within such SD-CZ district.

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Jacques K. Gilbert  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Allen Coleman, CMC, NCCCC  
Town Clerk

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Date