



## Agenda Abstract

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Aug. 26, 2024
Department:	Stormwater and Environmental Services
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	Yes
Date of public hearing:	Aug. 15, 2024

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Terry Hackett, Stormwater and Environmental Services Manager

#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Unified Development Ordinance text amendments (staff-initiated):

- Section 6.1 *Development Standards – Purpose and Intent*
- Section 6.20.16 *Development Standards: Stormwater Management – Riparian Buffers*

#### Attachments:

1. Proposed text amendment to UDO section referenced above
2. Consistency Statement
3. Ordinance

#### Summary:

Stormwater and Environmental Services previously proposed text amendments to the following UDO sections:

- Section 3.10.3 *Variance – General Standards/Findings of Fact*
- Section 3.10.6 *Variance – Procedure*
- Section 6.20.16 *Stormwater Management – Riparian Buffers*

Those amendments were adopted by the town board on Feb. 12, 2024. Since that time, the NC Division of Water Resources has requested some minor revisions, which are shown in red in the attached amendment.

The Joint Public Hearing for this amendment was held on Aug. 15, 2024. No residents signed up to speak on the item, and the boards did not request any changes. After the hearing closed, the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the text amendment with a vote of 7-0. Minutes for the hearing will be posted on the town's website once they are approved by the Planning Board.

#### Comprehensive Sustainability Plan goals:

Environment and Natural Systems Goal 1: Employ an integrated ecosystem approach and stewardship mentality to protect, conserve, and restore critical environmental areas and natural systems.

Strategy: Develop and participate in programs that contribute to sustained ecological health of the environment and natural systems (delegated local authority from the state to enforce the Neuse Riparian Buffer Rules)

**Financial impacts:** None

**Staff recommendation and comments:** Staff recommends approval of the text amendment as written.

**Action requested:** Approve the text amendment as written.