



## Agenda Abstract

### JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting Date: February 20, 2025  
Department: Planning & Economic Services Division  
Agenda Section: 5G  
Public hearing: Yes  
Date of public hearing: February 20, 2025

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Text amendment to Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 3.7.8, *Unified Development Ordinance and Map Amendments - Public Hearing* (staff-initiated)

#### Attachments:

1. Draft text amendment (mark-up)
2. Draft text amendment (clean)

#### Summary:

This text amendment clarifies the posted notice requirements for legislative hearings for UDO and map amendments. Subsection 3.7.8.4, *Posted Notice*, currently states, “The posted notice shall remain in place until after a final decision is rendered on the application.” This suggests that the posted notice should stay on site until after the Town Board’s vote. These posted notices advertise legislative hearings pursuant to [NC GS § 160D-602\(c\)](#), *Posted Notice*. Leaving a posted notice on site for weeks after a hearing has closed may confuse the public.

The amendment also proposes changes in grammar and syntax throughout the section, as well as some minor additions to better conform to NC GS § 160D-602, *Notice of hearing on proposed zoning map amendments*. However, the only substantive change is the clarification regarding posted notices.

#### Comprehensive Sustainability Plan goals:

- Land Use and Development Goal 1: Ensure that future growth and development, including infill and redevelopment, are aligned with smart growth principles and consider infrastructure constraints such as water and wastewater system capacity.
  - Strategy: Improve and streamline the development review approval and acceptance process.
    - Action: Update the Unified Development Ordinance to ensure development review processes are clear, responsive, predictable, and equitable while ensuring flexibility within design. Include requirement to obtain capacity assurance and Water and Sewer Extension Contract prior to rezoning or annexation requests.

**Financial impacts:** None.

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

**Action requested:** Hold the public hearing. After the public hearing is closed, the Planning Board may make its recommendation if prepared to do so.