

BOARD OF ALDERMEN STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

The Town of Shallotte *Board of Aldermen* has reviewed the following amendment to the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and has taken into consideration the Town of Shallotte 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan in rendering the following decision:

ORDINANCE 25-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SHALLOTTE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY
ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10-3(G)

After review of the ordinance, staff report, and after consideration of any comments presented at the *Board* meeting, the *Board of Aldermen* hereby find the UDO amendment referenced above to be:

- Consistent with the Town of Shallotte 2018 Land Use Plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, AND is reasonable and in the public interest for the reason(s) stated below.

The proposed amendment to the Town's UDO updates ordinance language to create a zoning definition for "Data Centers" as a use and establishes supplemental regulations governing such use within the Town's zoning jurisdiction., which is in keeping with the zoning authority detailed in the Town's adopted plans.

Data centers are an increasingly sought-after land use due to the rise of artificial intelligence and other advanced technologies that require high levels of computer server capacity. These facilities require substantial utility resources and may pose health and environmental concerns when located in sensitive areas, such as zoning districts primarily designated for residential use. It is reasonable and in the public interest to allow such uses within appropriately zoned areas of the Town's jurisdiction, subject to supplemental standards that provide safeguards against potential negative impacts associated with this use.

OR

- Inconsistent with the Town of Shallotte 2018 Land Use Plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, AND YET is considered reasonable and in the public interest for the reason(s) set forth below.

OR

- Neither consistent nor inconsistent with the Town of Shallotte 2018 Land Use Plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, AND is considered reasonable and in the public interest for the reason(s) set below:

Date

Mayor
Town of Shallotte