

STAFF REPORT

To: Southern Shores Town Council
Date: July 1, 2021
Case: ZTA-21-07
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Town of Southern Shores

Requested Action: Amendment of the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 36-95, Lot Access Requirements

ANALYSIS

At the May 17, 2021 Planning Board meeting, the Board recommended conditional approval of PSP-21-01, a preliminary subdivision plat to subdivide the property located at 279 Hillcrest Dr. At the June 1, 2021 Town Council meeting, Council conditionally approved SPA-21-01 and instructed the Planning Board to recommend a Town Code amendment that would eliminate the possibility of subdividing property that does not have frontage on a public or private street. The proposed amendment to Section 36-95 is suggested by Town Staff which removes the possibility of creating a new lot or lots that only have frontage on an easement.

The Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan contains the following Policy that is applicable to the proposed ZTA:

- **Policy 2:** The community values and the Town will continue to comply with the founder's original vision for Southern Shores: a low-density residential community comprised of single-family dwellings on large lots (served by a small commercial district for convenience shopping and services located at the southern end of the Town. This blueprint for land use naturally protects environmental resources and fragile areas by limiting development and growth.

RECOMMENDATION

Town Staff has determined that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan and Town Staff recommends approval of the proposed ZTA. The Town Planning Board unanimously (5-0) recommended approval of the application at their June 21, 2021 meeting.