

STAFF REPORT

To: Southern Shores Town Council
Date: June 1, 2021
Case: ZTA-21-05
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Town of Southern Shores

Requested Action: Amendment of the Town Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 36-89, Use, Occupancy and Construction.

ANALYSIS

At the April 19, 2021 Planning Board meeting, the Board unanimously recommended approval of ZTA-21-04 (Prohibited Uses) with amendments to the Town Council. At the May 4, 2021 Town Council meeting, the Town Council unanimously adopted ZTA-21-04. Following Council adoption, Town Staff determined that Section 36-89 should have been included in ZTA-21-04 to establish that permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses can be found in Article VII, Schedule of District Regulations and to remove the requirement that any use not specifically designated as a permitted or conditional use shall be deemed to be prohibited.

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 (6-0) recommended approval of the application at the May 17, 2021 Planning Board meeting.