



Legislation Text

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ITEM:

Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Tree Coverage and Landscaping Revisions (TC1800005) (45min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: October 28, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing and receive public comments on the *Unified Development Ordinance* Text Amendment, Tree Coverage and Landscaping Revisions (TC1800005); and

First Motion: To adopt the appropriate Statement of Consistency pursuant to NCGS §153A-341; and

Second Motion: To adopt an ordinance amending the *Unified Development Ordinance*, incorporating revisions to amend Article 4, Zoning Districts; Article 8, Environmental Protection; Article 9, Landscaping and Buffering; and Article 17, Definitions.

Summary. Text amendment TC1800005 includes amendments to landscaping, buffering, and tree coverage standards for additional buffers for residential development sites that are mass graded, to establish or retain more tree canopy, to modify requirements for street trees, and to strengthen current specimen tree requirements.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Statement of Consistency Pursuant to NCGS § 153A-341

Attachment B: An Ordinance to Amend the *Unified Development Ordinance* Regarding Tree Coverage, Landscaping, and Buffer Revisions (TC1800005)

Attachment C: Tree Canopy Assessment

Attachment D: Sustainability Roadmap

Attachment E: Urban Forest Management Plan

Attachment F: *TreesDurham* October 2, 2018, requests

Attachment G: Planning Commission comments

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The text amendment emphasizes Goal 4 (Community Prosperity) by offering fair and reasonable regulations for the citizens and business community of Durham while adhering to Goal 5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government) by maintaining a transparent government and welcoming public input.

Resource Persons: Michael Stock, AICP, Senior Planner, and Patrick Young, AICP, Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed *Unified Development Ordinance* text amendment and, if appropriate based on the comments received during the hearing, adopt the appropriate Statement of Consistency and approve the amendment.

County Manager: _____