



Legislation Text

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Item:

Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Affordable Housing Dwelling Unit Definition (TC1900005) (15min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: July 13, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing and receive public comments on the *Unified Development Ordinance* Text Amendment, Affordable Housing Dwelling Unit Definition (TC1900005); 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 17, Definitions.

Summary. Text amendment TC1900005 would amend the current definition of an “affordable housing dwelling unit” within Sec. 17.3, Defined Terms, of the *Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO). The purpose of the amendment is to reflect differences between rental and for-sale units and allow for residents to remain in units as their income increases, while keeping the definition consistent with the federal definition of low-to-moderate income housing. The amendment will also coincide with new rules and procedures, developed by the City Community Development Department, which are to be adopted by City Council, for tracking affordable housing units built under the UDO’s Affordable Housing Bonus Program (Sec. 6.6) and other incentives within the UDO.

Attachments:

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

Attachment B: An Ordinance to Amend the *Unified Development Ordinance* Regarding the Definition for Affordable Housing Dwelling Unit (TC1900005)

Attachment C: Planning Commission comments

Attachment D: City of Durham Community Development Department Rules and Procedures

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: _____