



# Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No: **G-5**  
Meeting Date: **April 7, 2021**

**Item Title:** Discussion of various text amendments to update the Unified Development Ordinance as required by N.C.G.S. 160D; Request for Public Hearing

## Item Summary:

In 2014, the Zoning, Planning, and Land Use section of the North Carolina Bar Association initiated an effort to modernize the framework of the State's enabling statutes for planning and development regulations. After extensive review and revision from various entities, the legislation moved through the General Assembly, the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House and Senate with the Governor signing the legislation on July 11, 2019. The new Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes consolidates current city- and county- enabling statutes (now found in Chapters 153A and 160A, respectively) into a single, unified chapter, and pulls in related statutes previously scattered throughout the General Statutes. All city and county zoning, subdivision, and other development regulations, including unified development ordinances, will need to be updated by July 1, 2021 to conform to the new law. Planning Staff has been working on, and continues to work on, the required update of the Unified Development Ordinance for consistency and conformance with the new NCGS Chapter 160D laws.

## Staff Recommendation/Planning Board Recommendation

With the need to adopt amendments to the UDO to reflect Chapter 160D revisions no later than the Board of Commissioners regular meeting in June 2021, Staff intends to have the completed update to the Planning Board at their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for their review and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Staff is requesting that the Board of Commissioners act at their April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to schedule the Public Hearing for consideration the 160D Updates at their May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, noting the ability for staff to bring this back to the Board of Commissioners at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting should revisions be necessary prior to the required adoption of the 160D revisions before July 1, 2021.

Number of Attachments: 2

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## Specific Action Requested:

Schedule the Public Hearing for the Board's May 5, 2021 Meeting.

Submitted By: Planning and Development

Date: March 29, 2021

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## Finance Officer Comment:

Insufficient information to determine fiscal impact.

Signature: Amy Miller

Date: March 29, 2021

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## Town Attorney Comment:

I will participate in the discussion as necessary.

Signature: John Leidy

Date: March 29, 2021

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## Town Manager Comment and/or Recommendation:

I will participate in the discussion as necessary.

Signature: Greg L. Sparks

Date: March 29, 2021