

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OA-02-22 AMENDING THE WAKE COUNTY UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160D-605, prior to adopting or rejecting a zoning text amendment, the governing board is required to adopt a statement as to whether the amendment is consistent with the comprehensive zoning plan and explaining why the board considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Planning Board has reviewed the proposed text amendments at their meeting on October 5, 2022, and recommended that the Board of Commissioners finds that the proposed text amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO); and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered the text amendments and has held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments, and this Board desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed text amendments are consistent with the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance and why the Board considers the proposed text amendments to be reasonable and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

This Board finds and determines that the adoption of text amendment OA-02-22 is consistent with the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and Wake County Unified Development Ordinance, and reasonable and in the public interest because:

1. Amendments to Section 5-12 *Cluster and Open Space Development* modify the subdivision open space requirements, provides incentive to locate open space adjacent to designated farms, and consolidates the subdivision options for development. The amendments advance the purpose of the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and the Wake County UDO by protecting more open space as part of the development process, incorporating incentives for farmland protection, and simplifying the options for residential subdivision development.
2. Amendments to Section 8-30 *Natural and Historic/Cultural Resources* incorporate the preservation and protection of “agricultural resources” when considering subdivision design. It also authorizes the Planning Director to require further measures that warrant protection and preservation of natural, agricultural, cultural,

and historic resources as part of subdivision design. The amendments advance the purpose of the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and the Wake County UDO by requiring due consideration for the protection and preservation of natural, agricultural, cultural, and historic resources as part of the development process.

3. Amendments to Section 8-33 *Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail* establish standards for off-road trail easements and trail connections within new subdivisions that require the development to accommodate future greenway trails and plan for connections to trails. The amendments advance the purpose of the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and the Wake County UDO by furthering recreation opportunities and increasing mobility options for residents within the community.
4. Amendments to various sections of the UDO advance the purpose of the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and the Wake County UDO by aligning both documents resulting from adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2021 and the changes adopted as part of this text amendment OA-02-22.

Adopted this 9th day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF WAKE

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Sig Hutchinson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Warren, County Attorney