

**Item Title:** Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Amendment OA-01-26 to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance to Reflect the Reorganization of Wake County Development Services

**Specific Action Requested:**  
**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Holds a public hearing and adopts the draft statement finding that Ordinance Amendment OA-01-26 is consistent with the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and Wake County Unified Development Ordinance and is reasonable and in the public interest; and adopts the attached resolution;**

***And by a separate motion;***

- 2. Adopts the attached resolution to approve the proposed amendment to the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance as presented in Ordinance Amendment OA-01-26.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In accordance with N.C. General Statute, the Board of Commissioners must approve amendments to the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

**Background:** This proposed amendment to the Wake County UDO is initiated by staff. The proposed amendments bring the UDO in line with recent organizational changes to the County's development services, make the UDO consistent with State Statute, and are consistent with the purpose and intent of the UDO. The amendment makes no substantive changes to development regulations.

The Planning Board recommended, by unanimous vote, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the amendment request. County staff concurs with this recommendation.

**Strategic Plan:** This action aligns with the Board of Commissioners' land use and development regulatory authority under North Carolina General Statutes and does not relate to a specific Strategic Plan goal.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact.

**Additional Information:**

The proposed amendments have been prompted primarily by the departmental reorganization of Planning, Development & Inspections and Watershed Management into Planning and Development Services. The reorganization affected county functions

related to planning, development reviews, building inspections, watershed management, and erosion control.

No changes to regulations are proposed; however, department and division names and staff titles have changed. Staff determined updating names and titles were needed to provide clarity for users of the UDO.

In summary, the proposed text amendments do the following:

1. Amends county department names to reflect organizational changes. Several county departments have been reorganized and renamed in recent years. The proposed amendment updates all references to county departments throughout the entire document.

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
Planning, Development & Inspections	Planning and Development Services
Health & Human Services	Public Health
Housing and Community Revitalization Division of Wake County Human Services	Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization

2. Amends references to State Statute and state agency name. In a few instances in the UDO, the State Statue has been moved or renumbered. The UDO references are corrected. Additionally, North Carolina renamed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Environmental Quality in 2015.
3. Deletes references to “approve with performance reservations” in Article 10-30-3 related to erosion and sedimentation control plans. The language was deleted from State Statute.
4. Inserts text to Articles 10, 11, 14 confirming and reiterating the Wake County Stormwater Design Manual is adopted by reference.
5. Corrects typos, deletes or amends language “left over” from previous UDO amendments, standardizes formatting.

#### Stakeholder Feedback

Staff discussed proposed changes to the UDO with the Raleigh/Wake County Homebuilders Association. They had no comments or concerns.

#### Staff Findings:

1. There are no impacts to land use or development regulations or permits.
2. The text amendments bring the UDO into alignment with county operations.

#### Recommendations:

Planning Staff: Staff recommends approval of text amendments as presented.

Planning Board: The Planning Board recommended, by a unanimous vote at their April 1, 2026, meeting, that the Board of Commissioners finds that the proposed text

amendment OA-01-26 is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance, is reasonable and in the public interest, and approves the amendment as presented.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. Staff Report
3. Statement of Consistency
4. Ordinance Amendment Resolution
5. Planning Board Minutes
6. Motions Page
7. Text Amendment