

Wake County Unified Development Ordinance Amendment OA-02-25



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Background

- The Board held a public hearing on this item at their April 7th meeting.
- Pursuant to state law, the hearing was advertised in the News and Observer (legal ad).
- Also on April 7th, the County issued a press release inviting feedback on the proposed amendments.
- The County has received no resident feedback.

Proposed Amendments

1. *Bed and Breakfast Residence*: Eliminate the requirement that the dwelling be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a minimum of 3,500 square feet.
2. *Short-Term Rentals*: Change the title of UDO Section 4-74 from "Bed and Breakfast Homestays" to "Short-Term Rentals", increase the maximum stay from 7 consecutive days to 30 days, and remove the requirement that the operator live on site.

Purpose

- Remove development requirements that are outdated and unnecessary.
- Increase opportunities for supplemental income in the short-term rental market.
- Align UDO use standards with national online platforms that manage short-term rentals.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Commissioners adopt OA-02-25 as presented.

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board recommended, by a unanimous vote at their March 5, 2025, meeting that the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopt the text amendment as presented.