

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT OA-02-18 AMENDING THE WAKE COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

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WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 153A-341, 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;

WHEREAS, the Wake County Planning Board has reviewed the proposed text amendments to the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance;

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 Land Use 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:

1. This Board finds and determines that the adoption of text amendment OA-02-18 is consistent with the Wake County Land Use Plan and Wake County Unified Development Ordinance because:
  - a. The purpose of the Wake County Land Use Plan, and of the Unified Development Ordinance as seen in Article 1-11, is to provide a guide for the physical development of the County, preserve and enhance the overall quality of life of residents, and establish clear and efficient development review procedures. These purposes are advanced by the proposed text amendments' mandate that native plants must be used where plantings are required to meet the UDO's requirements for landscaping and bufferyards in connection with the development of land in Wake County, and by the replacement of the outdated list of non-native invasive plants in Appendix A with references to the most current lists of invasive plants published by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the North Carolina Invasive Plant Council.
2. This Board finds and determines that it is reasonable and in the public interest to adopt the proposed text amendment OA-02-18 because:

- a. The proposed text amendments are reasonable and in the public interest because they provide a clear and consistent guide for physical development, and because they were developed in consultation with a broad spectrum of professionals and organizations including the NC Botanical Gardens, NC Native Plant Society, and landscape architects and contractors. In addition, the impact of these proposed changes is minor because the UDO only requires landscaping in limited instances, and the current UDO bufferyard requirements already do not allow non-native or invasive plants to be used in bufferyards.

Adopted this 22nd day of January 2019.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF WAKE

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Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica N. Holmes, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Scott Warren, County Attorney