

STATUS OF PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

Petitions submitted during the Town Council meetings are added to the list below, typically within five business days of the meeting date.

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Public Initiated	Council Initiated	Closed			
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01/12/2022	Burwell Ware	Request to Regulate Fast-food Drive-Throughs.	Planning & Development Services	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.	
01/12/2022	Joel Hornstein	Request for Underground Electric Lines on East Franklin Street.	Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.	
01/12/2022	Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board	Request to Adopt New Electrification Policies for Chapel Hill.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Staff will seek to incorporate information related to this request in the next Climate Action and Response Plan update to Council, in the first quarter of 2022..	
11/17/2021	Kendall Page and Paul Dubbeling	Request to Assign Executive Planning Jurisdiction to Orange County for an Old Lystra Property.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707 Planning & Development Services	At their 01/12/22 meeting, Council adopted a resolution assigning the exclusive planning and development regulation jurisdiction for PINs 9787-32-6186 and 9787-42-0000 to Orange County.	
11/17/2021	Will Raymond	Request Regarding Ethical Rules Guiding Council, Staff and Advisory Board Conduct.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707 Mayor Pam Hemminger , Mayor Phone: 919-968-2714	The Council referred the petition to the Mayor and Manager for follow-up.	
11/17/2021	Pristine Onvoha	Request to Prioritize Bolin Creek Restoration.	Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100 Stormwater	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.	

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10/27/2021	John Shearer	Request to Amend the April 14, 2021 Columbarium Request.	<p>Town Manager Ross Tompkins, Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Phillip Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director Phone: 919-968-2785</p>	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
10/27/2021	Joseph Patterson III	Request to Ban Through Traffic by Trucks and Buses on Henderson Street and North Street.	<p>Town Manager Ross Tompkins, Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707</p> <p>Public Works Lance Norris, Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100</p>	At their 01/12/22 meeting, Council enacted an ordinance prohibiting "through trucks" on Henderson Street between Rosemary St. and North St., and North St. between Henderson St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
10/13/2021	Savannah Bowers	Request Regarding Operational Transparency for Town Government	<p>Town Manager Ross Tompkins, Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707 Council Committee on Boards and Commissions</p>	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
10/13/2021	Joe Patterson	Request Regarding Cobb Terrace and North Street Construction Traffic	<p>Town Manager Ross Tompkins, Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707</p> <p>Public Works Lance Norris, Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100</p>	Staff has addressed this with the construction team.
10/13/2021	Tara Kachgal	Request Regarding 110 Jay Street.	<p>Housing & Community Sarah Vinas, Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079</p>	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.

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09/22/2021	Joan Rehm and Karin Nelson	Request Regarding Downtown Exhaust Noise.	Police Chris Blue , Police Chief Phone: 919-968-2766	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
09/22/2021	Makeda Ma'at	Request Regarding Community Home Trust.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
09/22/2021	Barry Nakell	Request to Rename Dixie Lane	Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100	Staff will work with the Council to respond to this request.
09/22/2021	Kate Sayre	Request To Build A Splash Pad in Chapel Hill	Parks & Recreation Phillip Fleischmann , Parks and Recreation Director Phone: 919-968-2785	The Council discussed this at their 10/20/2021 work session. Staff will continue to evaluate locations, specifications, and costs for further Council consideration.
09/01/2021	Tamra Finn	Request to Amend Town Code to Permit Golf Cart Use on Neighborhood Streets.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
09/01/2021	Joe Patterson	Request for Modifications to the Town of Chapel Hill Noise Control Code.	Police Chris Blue , Police Chief Phone: 919-968-2766	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
06/23/2021	Robert Beasley	Request Regarding Affordable Housing at Trinity Court.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	Staff provided information about the project to the petitioner via email. In 2022, the Town will apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the Council will consider a development application for the project.
06/23/2021	Molly McConnell	Request Regarding Amending the LUMO to Allow 30 Feet Buffer from Roadway.	Planning & Development Services	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
06/16/2021	Robert Beasley	Request Regarding Proposed Jay Street Apartments and Affordable Housing Development on Public Land Planning Process.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	The feasibility of developing affordable housing on Town properties, including Jay Street, was evaluated several times against a number of factors, dating back to 2017. Staff will continue to work with legal experts to adhere to all relevant statutes.

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06/16/2021	Pamela Cooper	Request Regarding Stormwater Study for Jay Street Site.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079 Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100	Once the site plan is finalized, the development team will create a stormwater management plan. Although not required, the development team plans to present the plan to the Stormwater Advisory Board before submitting a Conditional Zoning Application.
06/16/2021	Rachel Gray	Request Regarding West Chapel Hill Cemetery.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707 Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	Staff reviewed the 2011 report with its author and does not recommend conducting an investigation of whether there are unmarked or undocumented burials on the 110 Jay Street parcel.
06/09/2021	Elizabeth Youseff on Behalf of the Borgen Project	Request to Send Letter to State Leaders Regarding Global Development Programs.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	The Council received and referred this request to the Mayor and Town Manager for consideration.
06/09/2021	Robert Beasley	Request Regarding Jay Street Land Tract Development Project Funding.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	110 Jay Street was one of five parcels purchased in 2005 with open space bond funding. Town Attorneys and outside counsel have advised there is no legal conflict with repurposing the site for affordable housing after this purchase.
06/09/2021	Deborah Fulghieri	Request that Town Staff Bring Forward Historical and Environmental Information for the Town-Owned Property at Mt. Carmel Church Road and Bennett Road.	Housing & Community Sarah Vinas , Interim Director Phone: 919-969-5079	The Town used open space bond funds to pay closing costs for the land donation. There is no legal conflict with considering alternate uses of a site the Town acquired in this way. Council prioritized the parcel for affordable housing in September 2019.
05/26/2021	Mary Cummings	Request to Ban Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.

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05/26/2021	Edson Freeman	Request to Allow Miniature Pigs as Pets	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
05/19/2021	Phil Post	Request to Refer the April 21 Petition Related to 160D to the Planning Commission.	Planning & Development Services Planning Commission	Staff is reviewing this request.
05/19/2021	Chapel Hill Public Library Advisory Board	Request for a Working Group on Equitable Library Funding.	Mayor Pam Hemminger , Mayor Phone: 919-968-2714 Library Susan Brown , Library Director Phone: 919-969-2034 Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Staff will reach out to Orange County to follow up on this request.
04/21/2021	Brown & Bunch, PLLC	Request for Permission to Proceed with Presentation of Proposal for a Columbarium at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.	Parks & Recreation Phillip Fleischmann , Parks and Recreation Director Phone: 919-968-2785	The attorney who submitted this petition is no longer representing the plot owner.
04/07/2021	Paul Snow and others	Request Regarding Traffic Model in the Area of Estes and MLK.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	On 05/03/21, the Town Council held a public information meeting on this topic. The public hearing for the Aura development project closed 05/26/21. The Council's final vote on the project was 06/28/21.
02/24/2021	Linda Brown	Regarding 101-111 Development on Erwin Road.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	The project applicant voluntarily submitted a request to receive feedback from the Stormwater Mgmt Utility Advisory Board. The project was discussed at the 04/27/2021 and 05/25/2021 SMUAB meetings.
02/24/2021	Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission	Request Regarding Facilities Repair.	Business Management Amy Oland , Business Management Director Phone: 919-969-5017	This request will be evaluated during the upcoming two-thirds bond issuance and the FY22 budget development process.

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11/04/2020	Residents in the area of Mason Farm Rd., Whitehead Circle, and Purefoy Rd	Request Improvements to Neighborhood Infrastructure to Promote Safe Walking and Biking and Improved Connectivity to Adjacent Neighborhoods and Campus.	Planning & Development Services Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100	Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.
10/28/2020	Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board	Recommendations Regarding the Development Review Process.	Planning & Development Services Public Works Lance Norris , Public Works Director Phone: 919-969-5100	At their 09/01/21 meeting, the Council adopted a resolution approving this request.
06/10/2020	Community Design Commission	Request to Create a Downtown Design District.	Planning & Development Services	The Town's partnership with UNC on the Downtown Together initiative will help inform the future of downtown development and the role that design standards may have in achieving Downtown Together objectives.
05/20/2020	Elaine McVey	Request to Amend the Land Use Management Ordinance Related to Deer Fencing.	Planning & Development Services	Staff will work to bring forward a LUMO Text Amendment for Council consideration at a future date.
05/20/2020	Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission	Request to Designate all 36.2 Acres of the American Legion Property for Use as a Community Park.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	This request will be incorporated into the public engagement process for the future use of the site.
02/26/2020	Carlisle Willard	Request Regarding Proposed Anti-Corruption Resolution.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	The Council received and referred this request to the Mayor and Town Manager for consideration.
02/19/2020	Steve Moore	Request Regarding Cemetery Needs.	Parks & Recreation Phillip Fleischmann , Parks and Recreation Director Phone: 919-968-2785 Communications & Public Affairs Sabrina Oliver , Communications & Public Affairs Director Phone: 919-968-2757	Staff is in contact with the petitioner and is working to respond to the items raised in the petition. The driveways in Old Chapel Hill Cemetery were resurfaced in July 2021.

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01/08/2020	Renuka Soll	Request for an Improved Petition Process.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Additional effort is being made to track and update petition status on this website so that the public has access. Petitioners can contact the Mgr.'s office or responding department if they have questions after reviewing updates.
11/20/2019	John Morris	Request Regarding Local & Regional Transit Planning.	Transit Brian Litchfield , Transit Director Phone: 919-969-4908	The Town continues to work with its transit partners and neighboring agencies to keep community goals at the forefront of local transit planning efforts.
10/02/2019	Daniel Dunn	Request Regarding Government Transparency.	Technology Solutions Scott Clark , CIO Phone: 919-968-2735 Communications & Public Affairs Sabrina Oliver , Communications & Public Affairs Director Phone: 919-968-2757	This information is readily available via a public records request in order to assure accuracy and maintain the security of personally identifiable information.
09/11/2019	East Franklin Neighborhood Steering Committee & Neighbors	Request Regarding Neighborhood Preservation.	Police Chris Blue , Police Chief Phone: 919-968-2766 Planning & Development Services	While this request did not fall within the scope of the Short Term Rental Task Force, staff will continue to work with residents, the University, and other community members on concerns related to student rental housing.
06/26/2019	Julie McClintock	Request Regarding the Blue Hill Form Based Code.	Planning & Development Services	The Council and staff continue to evaluate and update the Blue Hill Form Based Code.
06/26/2019	Community Design Commission	Request for Modifications to the Concept Plan Review Process.	Planning & Development Services	The Council most recently discussed this at their 09/16/2020 work session. Staff is piloting new ways to present Concept Plans to boards, using Town projects as subjects.
04/24/2019	Board of Adjustment	Request Regarding Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinances.	Planning & Development Services	The Town is currently in the process of updating its Land Use Management Ordinance. This idea is under consideration as a part of this process.
04/17/2019	Amy Ryan for Planning Commission	Commission Regarding Site Plan Review Process.	Planning & Development Services	Staff will coordinate with the Council Committee on Boards and Commissions to consider this request.

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02/13/2019	Citizens	Request Regarding Coal Use and Coal Ash.	Town Manager Ross Tompkins , Assistant to the Town Manager Phone: 919-968-2707	Remediation work is almost complete along the Bolin Creek Trail near the Police Department. UNC is expected to release their Climate Action Plan in 2021, which is expected to address UNC coal use in the future.

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