



AIRPORT HAZARD DISTRICT LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENT UPDATE

STAFF REPORT

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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PROJECT LOCATION Airport Hazard District	MEETING DATE November 18, 2020
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STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this update. No further Council action is required.

OVERVIEW

The 2020 Carolina North Annual Report stated that the Horace Williams Airport is closed. Council received this report at its October 7, 2020¹ meeting. Staff has determined that the statement in the report meets the standards of the November 23, 2015 Ordinance as an official notice from the University of North Carolina. The Airport Hazard overlay district will be removed from the Town's zoning map, and Section 3.6.1 of the Land Use Management Ordinance shall be repealed.

BACKGROUND

At the November 23, 2015 ²Council meeting, Council enacted a text amendment removing the Airport Hazard District once the Horace Williams Airport closed. It states:

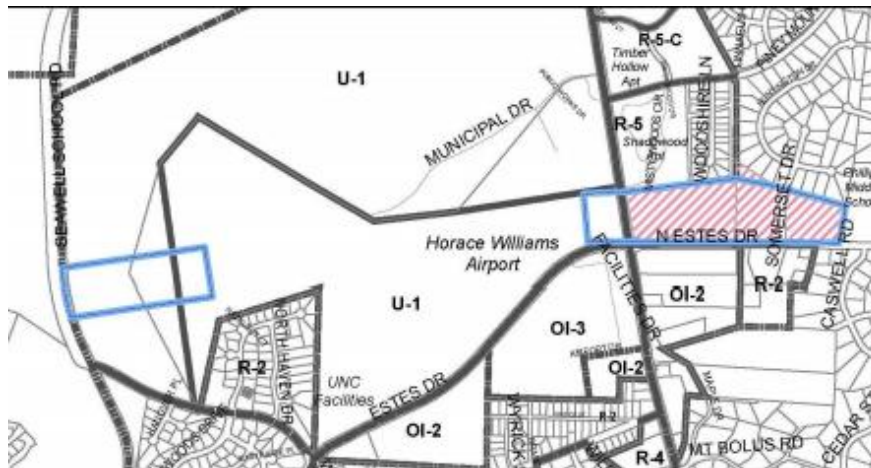
"Article 3.6.1 within the Chapel Hill Land Use Management Ordinance is hereby repealed.

The Ordinance shall be effective the first day of the first month following the effective date of the closure of the airport as indicated in official notice from the University of North Carolina with closure being defined as termination of all take-offs and landings of aircraft from said property."

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The Carolina North Development Agreement³ between the University and the Town of Chapel Hill, dated July 1, 2009, Section 5.16.9 requires that UNC install a temporary, non-paved central trail from Estes Drive Extension to Homestead Road within one year of the closing and deactivation of the airport runway. Although the airport is closed, deactivation of the airport runway has not yet occurred. The airport and runway remain enclosed for public safety as equipment and infrastructure are present on the ground.

AREA MAP



ATTACHMENTS

1. November 23, 2015 Land Use Management Text Amendment

¹ <https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4655918&GUID=5B2D555B-62A6-4457-BEDF-3D1A162AB541>

² https://chapelhill.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view_id=21&clip_id=2550&doc_id=7541ed78-92c8-11e5-8170-f04da2064c47

³ <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/communications-and-public-affairs/current-issues/carolina-north/development-agreement>