

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPLETE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPEL HILL 2020 (2023-05-10/R-8)

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to update its long-range plans for the future of Chapel Hill in preparation for rewriting its Unified Development Ordinance, the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO); and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted a resolution on December 7, 2022 to accept the Complete Community Strategy and to implement the vision through an update to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, there has been a concern in the community that Chapel Hill does not have enough land to accommodate its future housing needs; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill currently has an unsustainable, land-intensive approach to growth; and

WHEREAS, better land use planning requires clearly identified and protected Natural Areas and a shift away from auto-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, better land use planning requires the protection of Natural Areas, a clear plan for the provision of local, community-based parks, denser housing forms and a high quality pedestrian public realm, and a greater mix of uses in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, dense housing that is designed around driving and with significant parking detracts from the longer term sustainability of Chapel Hill and is not desirable moving forward; and

WHEREAS, sustainable denser forms of growth need to be supported by active transportation options so that less land is allocated to vehicles, driving, and parking; and

WHEREAS, active transportation options such as walking and cycling require a safe, accessible, and interconnected network of high quality public realm infrastructure and Greenways; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Complete Community Strategy outlines a way to plan and grow in keeping with a larger vision and a broad set of shared objectives that have been generated through a consensus of building processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts the Complete Community Strategy, as described in the May 10, 2023 meeting materials, as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Chapel Hill 2020.

This the 10th day of May, 2023.