# **CHAPTER 160D** A NEW LAND USE LAW FOR NORTH CAROLINA

#### TOWN COUNCIL APRIL 21, 2021

### <u>Agenda:</u>

- Process for 160D Amendments
- Background on 160D
- Overview of 160D changes
- Staff Recommendation



### For LUMO Text Amendments:

That the Council open the legislative hearing, receive public comment, close the legislative hearing, and allow written public comment for twenty-four (24) hours at

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### BACKGROUND

Chapter 160D – new section of NC General Statutes containing rules for local land use authority

- Created by Session Law 2019-111
- Revised by Session Law 2020-25

### PART I

#### In effect now

Revisions to development review procedures – no text amendments required

### PART II

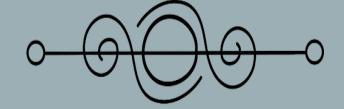
Compliance required by July 2021 Updates to LUMO and Town Code

## CHAPTER 160D LAND USE LAW FOR NORTH CAROLINA **ANFW**

MANY LUMO CHANGES ARE MINOR AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

### SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

- Advisory Board Review of Special Use Permits
- Elimination of Conditional Use District Zoning



- Define minor & modifications to approved plans and the approval process for consideration
- Permit variances for persons with a disability



- Update the Master Land Use Plan provisions to include conditional zoning
- Add definitions for clarity & as required by I60D



 Remove the minimum square footage requirement in the Inclusionary Zoning provisions



 Distinguish between administrative, legislative, & evidentiary hearings

 Distinguish between administrative, legislative, & quasi-judicial decisions

Mechanics of Land Use Decisions			
	Legislative	Quasi-Judicial	Administrative
Characteristics	<ul> <li>Decisions on Ordinances (Adoption, amendment, Repeal of regulations)</li> <li>Involves policy considerations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rules of evidence &amp; procedure apply</li> <li>Utilized for discretionary decisions</li> <li>Involves the finding of facts to make a decision on an application</li> <li>Discretion needed when applying regulatory rules</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Utilized for non-discretionary approvals</li> <li>Administration &amp; enforcement of regulations adopted by Council</li> <li>Application of objective standards</li> </ul>
Responsible Body	Town Council	<ul> <li>Board of Adjustment</li> <li>Town Council (Special Use Permits)</li> <li>Historic District Commission</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Staff</li><li>Planning Commission</li></ul>
Type of Hearing	Legislative	Evidentiary	Administrative
Decision Examples	<ul> <li>Consideration of Zoning Regulations (LUMO)</li> <li>Rezonings (General or Conditional Zoning Districts)</li> <li>Development Agreements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Special Use Permits</li> <li>Variances</li> <li>Appeals</li> <li>Certificates of Appropriateness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Site Plans</li> <li>Subdivisions</li> <li>Zoning Compliance Permits</li> </ul>

### CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The proposed text amendments promote the following *Chapel Hill 2020* Comprehensive Plan goals:

A community that welcomes and supports change and creativity (GPNS.6)

A development decision-making process that provides clarity and consistency with the goals of the Chapel Hill 2020 comprehensive plan (GPNS.3)

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