



Legislation Text

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Call a Public Hearing to Consider a Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 8.5 Revising Rules of the Community Design Commission for September 1, 2021.

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Overview: On [March 24, 2021 <https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4859463&GUID=49C67005-8580-4B6C-A9DA-C6B32FCC3F31&Options=&Search=>](https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4859463&GUID=49C67005-8580-4B6C-A9DA-C6B32FCC3F31&Options=&Search=>), the Council initiated a process to consider a text amendment to revise the membership, quorum, and/or voting rules of the Community Design Commission (CDC). This came in response to a recommendation from the Council Committee on Boards and Commissions and a petition from the CDC.

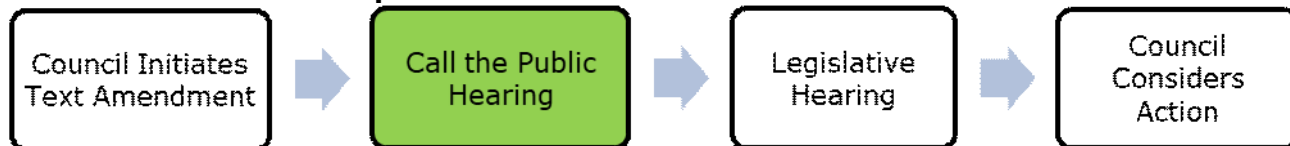
☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council adopt the resolution calling a public hearing on September 1, 2021 to amend the rules of the Community Design Commission in the Land Use Management Ordinance.

Key Issues:

- The CDC has nine (9) member seats, and three (3) are currently vacant. A limited number of candidates with design background has contributed to ongoing vacancies.
- At least seven (7) member seats are necessary to maintain compliance with North Carolina General Statutes.
- The vacancies can make it difficult to achieve quorum at meetings and to take official actions. A quorum of the CDC is defined as consisting of five (5) members. A concurring vote of five (5) members is necessary for the Commission to take any official action, such as an application approval.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Resolution to Call a Public Hearing
- Adopted Resolution to Initiate Text Amendment Process (2021-03-24/R-4)

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.5 REVISING RULES OF THE COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 (2021-06-23/R-7)

WHEREAS, the Community Design Commission petitioned the Town Council to consider reducing the membership of the Commission to seven seats; and

WHEREAS, the Council Committee on Boards and Commissions, after discussing the petition, determined that the reduction warranted consideration and further determined that another possible solution is to reduce the CDC thresholds for quorum and voting to four (4); and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, the Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to initiate a Land Use Management Ordinance text amendment process to revise membership, quorum, and/or voting rules on the Community Design Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council calls a public hearing to consider text amendments to the Land Use Management Ordinance revising rules of the Community Design Commission for membership, quorum, and/or voting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the location provided on the Town's web calendar.

This the 23rd day of June, 2021.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council calls a public hearing to consider text amendments revising rules of the Community Design Commission for September 1, 2021.