

# City of Boiling Spring Lakes Planning Board September 9, 2025 City Hall – 6:30 P.M.

#### **AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Potential Conflict of Interest/Association Disclosure If any Board member knows of any conflict of interest or association with any item on this agenda, please so state at this time.
- Approval of Minutes
  - o August 12, 2025
- Public Comment
- Old Business
  - UDO Text Amendment TX-2025-04, Various Amendments Addressing Procedures, Clarifying Dimensional & Design Requirements, and Modifying the PRD District Standards
    - Staff Report & Plan Consistency
  - o UDO Text Amendment TX-2025-05, Amendment for the Inclusion of Conditional Zoning
    - Staff Report & Plan Consistency
- New Business
  - o Comprehensive Land Use Plan (LUP) Scope of Work, Survey Review, and Workplan Overview
    - LUP Timeline
    - LUP Community Survey
- Other Business
- Announcements
- > Adjourn



### Planning Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025 City Hall – 6:30 PM.

#### A. Call to Order

Chair Lucille Launderville called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Launderville welcomed new member Ms. Chris Sekula.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

#### Attendance:

Lucille Launderville
Sharon Zakszeski
Travis Cruse
Stephanie Bodmer
David Van der Vossen
Chris Sekula
Assistant Manager Nicole Morgan
City Clerk Tanya Shannon
Wes MacLeod, Anchorpoint Planning
Absent: Carrie Moffett (excused)

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Van der Vossen to approve the agenda, and seconded by Ms. Zakszeski. *Vote 5-0; Motion Carried*.

#### D. Potential Conflict of Interest/Association Disclosure

No Planning Board member indicated any conflict or association with any item on this evening's agenda.

#### E. Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Launderville pointed out an error in the vote count recorded in the minutes. She stated that all motions were listed as 6-0 when they should have been 5-0.

Mr. Van der Vossen made a motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025, with the amendment to reflect a vote tally of 5-0 for all counts. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zakszeski. *Vote 5-0; Motion Carried*.

#### F. Public Comment

None

#### G. Old Business

None

#### H. New Business

A. <u>UDO Text Amendment – TX-2025-04, Various Amendments Addressing Procedures, Clarifying Dimensional & Design Requirements, and Modifying the PRD District Standards.</u>

Mr. MacLeod announced that the City of Boiling Spring Lakes is requesting changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) with input from local developers and stakeholders, in response to new legislative activity. These updates aim to simplify the development review process, allow more design flexibility in residential projects, and align with proposed laws.

The amendments focus on fixing procedural issues, clarifying design requirements, and updating the standards for planned residential developments (PRDs) to better accommodate housing needs. Overall, these changes demonstrate the city's commitment to keeping land development regulations responsive and supportive of quality development. After recommendations are made, the proposed amendments will be sent to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Mr. MacLeod identified eleven topic areas that are currently under review, and amendments that have been suggested for these topics. He went through each of those proposed amendments.

1. Remove the requirement for a foundation survey due to duplicative efforts. An as-built survey is required following completion of a project. Remove the lake setback and foundation requirement for Patricia Lake. The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for oversight of the lake setback requirements. (Sec. 9-1. Purpose and applicability.

Mr. Van der Vossen asked why the city's requirements, related to Patricia Lake Regulations, wouldn't be kept alongside the Army Corps of Engineers' oversight of lake setbacks. Ms. Morgan explained that the Army Corps sets regulations for the lake and determines where bulkheads should be placed based on the high water mark. She mentioned the 31 feet referenced in the UDO, but the Army Corps ultimately decides the elevation for the bulkhead. Mr. Van der Vossen pointed out that the document specifically mentions "bulkhead" instead of "foundation footprint." He wanted to retain the existing language and not remove it. The

Board agreed to maintain the language and not eliminate it. It was also the consensus of the Board to remove the last sentence of Sec. 7-7 (M). The survey for the foundation footprint shall indicate that the minimum setback is based on the dam spillway elevation. An as-built survey is already required, alleviating the need for this provision.

2. Planned Residential Zoning District (PRD) modifications. Include flexibility for the location of housing types to be modified within an approved project, so long as there is no increase in density or unit counts. Reduce the minimum lot width to align with housing options more common in today's market. Allow for staff approval of subdivision plats following a duly approved PRD project. PRD projects require initial approval by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

Mr. MacLeod provided an overview of the proposed amendments. He explained that the amendments would apply only to plots of at least 10 acres for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) and that a state-engineered and approved stormwater management plan would be required. Mr. MacLeod noted that the current environment poses significant challenges, as much of the land has already been developed. Municipalities often lack the authority to prevent further construction. He also mentioned that there has been considerable pressure from the General Assembly, which feels that municipalities are being overly restrictive. Striking a balance in this situation is indeed difficult.

The Board's consensus was to leave the proposed amendment as is.

3. Subdivision plat review timeline and approval authority. Reduce plat review timelines to more closely align with proposals by the General Assembly. Require all final subdivision plats to be reviewed and approved by staff. Extend approval timeline from 24 to 36 months to allow for state and federal permits to be received prior to construction.

Mr. MacLeod reviewed the current approval process for subdivisions and proposed an amendment to extend the timeline. It was noted that obtaining permit approval can sometimes take up to a year before any construction can begin.

In Section 8-3-4 regarding Major Subdivision Plat Review (A) on page 5, there was a discussion about the language stating, "All approvals of improvement guarantees are at the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners and must be reviewed by the City Engineer and Attorney during the approval process."

The consensus for this section is to modify and clarify that improvement guarantees must be reviewed by the City Engineer and City Attorney "before approval by the UDO Administrator".

4. Technical Review Committee (TRC) clarifications. Provide additional information regarding the applicability of the TRC during the development review process.

Mr. MacLeod stated that the modifications in this section aim to clarify the definition and function of the TRC. Ms. Morgan pointed out that not all agencies need to review plans for every project. For instance, if a property is located in the Woodpecker Zone, Fish and Wildlife would have to be part of the review process. She emphasized that it is up to the discretion of the UDO Administrator to determine which agencies are required to review those plans.

However, some agencies, such as stormwater management, utilities, and Brunswick County engineering, will always be included in the review.

The Board was in consensus in approving these amendments.

5. Clarification for the definition of multi-family to include townhomes, condos, and apartments. In addition, clarify that the minimum acreage size is not applicable to multi-family projects that have been approved as part of a Master Development Plan.

Mr. MacLeod explained that this is a formality. It clarifies that a Planned Residential Development (PRD) would be a larger project, and within that framework, it is specified that there is no requirement to allocate a total of 5 acres for multi-family housing. He also mentioned that there is a separation requirement in place, ensuring that townhomes with zero lot lines or attached units are not subject to this separation requirement since they are attached. However, these townhomes will still need to comply with the North Carolina Building Codes.

There were no questions or concerns regarding this item.

6. Update language pertaining to dimensional requirements for easements. The specific requirements for utility easements are determined at the discretion of the provider, rather than the City.

Mr. Macleod stated that the dimensional requirements for easements depend on the utility provider, as they have their own specific requirements rather than those set by the city.

There were no concerns from the Board with this item.

7. Revise sidewalk requirements for subdivisions of 25 or more lots to only require installation on one side of the road. This will help reduce overall impervious surface coverage, while still allowing developers to construct sidewalks along both sides of the road at their discretion. In addition, it will reduce potential encroachment of vehicles parked in driveways that may extend into the sidewalk area.

Mr. MacLeod provided a brief overview. Ms. Morgan explained that the current Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) requires subdivisions with 10 or more lots to include sidewalks on at least one side, while those with 50 or more lots must include sidewalks on both sides. She noted that their proposed revision would not prevent a developer from installing sidewalks on both sides if they choose to do so. However, she pointed out that increasing the number of required sidewalks would also increase the amount of impervious surface coverage. Additionally, sidewalks can be placed in the right-of-way (ROW), which means that the City would then take responsibility for maintaining those sidewalks.

There was a discussion about the minimum width of sidewalks, which currently stands at five feet. Mr. Vander der Vossen expressed a preference for a three-foot width on both sides of the road. Ms. Bodmer pointed out that previous discussions had emphasized encouraging the use of sidewalks to enhance health and safety. She mentioned ongoing efforts to advocate

for sidewalks on Fifty Lakes Drive and East Boiling Spring Road, emphasizing her commitment to protecting the safety of citizens. Ms. Morgan clarified that the proposed changes would not eliminate the requirements for sidewalks in commercial zoning districts; rather, they would only apply to subdivisions. However, she raised concerns about whether a three-foot width would comply with ADA requirements. Ms. Lauderville expressed her preference for maintaining the minimum sidewalk width at five feet.

The majority of the board was to remove 8.19 (B) and (C) and change (D) to read 8.19 (B) Sidewalks required shall consist of a minimum thickness to five (5) inches of concrete reinforced with stee concrete reinforcing wire. All sidewalks shall be placed in the right-of-way and shall meet ADA standards. All proposed standards are subject to review and recommendation by the TRC-

8. Remove the school site reservation provision as the City does not currently have school sites identified in the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, as part of the TRC process, the school district is notified of any large residential housing projects.

Mr. MacLeod explained that since this is not included in the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the Board of Commissioners for Brunswick County is responsible, this provision does not need to be included and is recommended for removal. The board agreed.

9. Update requirements for public and private streets. Allow private streets to be installed at the discretion of the developer. Allowance for private streets within subdivisions aligns with the requirements of similar jurisdictions in the area. There is potential for reduced maintenance expenses on behalf of the City due to privately maintained streets.

Mr. MacLeod stated that there is currently a limitation on the number of lots that can be served by a private street. However, if the streets are constructed to Department of Transportation (DOT) standards, they can be maintained privately by the homeowners' association (HOA) instead of being handed over to the city for maintenance. Mr. MacLeod mentioned that some developers prefer to have the streets managed by the HOA rather than being officially adopted by the government. Mr. MacLeod will add a clause under Section 8-17, Street, that will clarify the most recent standards.

10. Revisions to the Submission Requirements of Appendix B. Clarify wetlands may be delineated by an appropriate professional, rather than strictly the Army Corps of Engineers. Revise additional submittal standards to align with other local jurisdictions in the region.

Mr. MacLeod stated that there are just a couple of modifications to the submission requirements on this item. This includes eliminating duplicate engineering requirements and clarifying that the wetlands may be delineated by an appropriately qualified professional rather than strictly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

There were no concerns from the board on these proposed amendments.

#### 11. Revise plat certificates to align with proposed procedural amendments for subdivisions.

This provision will simplify the Certification of Approval for the Preliminary Plat and the Certificate of Performance Guarantee for Required Improvements.

The board was in agreement with this modification.

Mr. MacLeod expressed his gratitude to the Board for the opportunity to review the proposed amendments. He asked how they would like to move forward. The Board reached a consensus to bring the final draft of the proposed amendments back for review once all the recommendations and changes have been made.

#### B. UDO Text Amendment - TX-2025-05, Amendment for the Inclusion of Conditional Zoning.

Mr. MacLeod provided a brief overview highlighting the Board's interest in allowing more flexible proposals for combining commercial and residential uses in the City's development regulations. To broaden the types of proposals while balancing flexibility with the preservation of commercial areas for community needs, staff recommend adopting Conditional Zoning as a development tool. This approach uses site-specific standards and conditions guided by a legislative approval process, unlike the traditional special use approval process, which can be burdensome and confusing for both applicants and the public. The conditional zoning process allows all attendees to participate and provide feedback during public hearings, ensuring that community comments are considered by decision-makers. This contrasts with the quasi-judicial process, where only individuals with special legal standing can participate, often leaving the public feeling alienated and confused.

The board agreed to table the proposed text amendment until the next meeting for further review.

#### I. Other Business: None

#### J. Announcements:

Ms. Bodmer announced that on August 16th, a nature talk will be held at the Community Center, led by various conservationists and Venus Flytrap champions. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Bodmer made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Van der Vossen seconded it. **Vote 5-0; Motion Carried.** 

#### K. Adjourn – 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tanya Shannon, City Clerk



**To:** City of Boiling Spring Lakes Planning Board

From: Anchorpoint Planning: Wes MacLeod, AICP, ASLA

**Date:** August 28, 2025

**Re:** Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendments

#### INTRODUCTION

The following amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) have been initiated by the City of Boiling Spring Lakes in coordination with local development partners and stakeholders and as result of pending legislative activity in the General Assembly. These updates are the result of collaborative discussions aimed at identifying practical solutions to streamline the development review process, provide greater flexibility in residential project design, and align regulatory standards with the intent of proposed legislation.

The amendments address specific procedural inefficiencies, clarify dimensional and design requirements, and modify the planned residential development (PRD) district standards to better support market-responsive housing options. Collectively, these changes reflect an ongoing commitment to ensuring the City's land development regulations remain responsive, predictable, and supportive of high-quality development outcomes. Following review and recommendation, the proposed amendments will be sent to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

UPDATE: The amendments were thoroughly reviewed by the Planning Board during their meeting held August 12, 2025. Comments and revisions directed by the Planning Board have been incorporated into the updated draft contained herein.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Each proposed amendment is outlined below, including a brief summary of the proposal. Language proposed for removal is depicted by a red double strike through and language proposed for insertion is shown in black underline.

1. Remove the requirement for a foundation survey due to duplicative efforts. An as-built survey is required following completion of a project.

#### Sec. 9-1. Purpose and applicability.

(D) A foundation survey shall be submitted to the UDO administrator by the applicant upon completion of the building foundation to ensure that setbacks and building orientation match

the approved site plan. If the survey is not received within ten (10) days of the foundation inspection, and/or the survey shows that the placement of the building is incorrect, a stop-work order shall be issued, and all construction shall be halted until the problem is remedied. Prior to the issuance of a zoning compliance certificate and a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion by building inspections, the UDO administrator, or designee, shall conduct a final zoning inspection. A final as-built survey, completed by a licensed surveyor, shall also be required, and shall indicate the location of all site improvements and impervious square footage and percentage. Accessory structures greater than 400 square feet shall also provide a final as-built survey. If the final as-built survey shows that the placement of the building(s) is/are incorrect, as outlined in section 5-7 table of area, setback, living area and height requirements, then the provisions of article 4-4 and 4-5 shall be followed.

#### Sec. 7-7. Lake regulations.

- (M) Patricia lake (the big lake): The setback on this lake shall be from the normal water level. The normal water level for Patricia Lake is thirty-one (31) feet above sea level, i.e., the water level is at the top of the dam spillway. The <u>as-built</u> survey for the foundation footprint-shall indicate that the minimum setback is based on the dam spillway elevation.
- 2. Planned Residential Zoning District (PRD) modifications. Include flexibility for the location of housing types to be modified within an approved project so long as there is no increase in density or unit counts. Reduce the minimum lot width to align with housing options more common in today's market. Allow for staff approval of subdivision plats following a duly approved PRD project. PRD projects require initial approval by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

#### Sec. 5-3. Primary zoning districts.

(H) PRD planned residential development district: This floating zoning district allows for a single development operation or a definitely programmed series of development operations according to an approved master development plan. All PRDs require an amendment to the city's official zoning map, master development plan approval, followed by the major subdivision approval process as specified in this articlestaff review and approval of associated major or minor subdivision plats or site plans. The minimum amount of land (unified control to be planned and developed as a whole) required for a PRD district shall be at least ten (10) contiguous acres and shall include the creation of at least five (5) new lots. Single family, two (2) family, and multi-family residential housing types are permitted. The minimum living area per dwelling unit is seven hundred fifty (750) square feet (minimum square footage requirement does not apply to any structures subject to regulation under the North Carolina Residential Code for one (1) and two (2)-family dwellings).

#### Sec. 8-25. Purpose.

For purposes of this section, a planned residential development (PRD), is planned and developed as an integral unit, in a single development operation or a definitely programmed series of development operations and according to an approved master development plan. All PRDs require an amendment to the city's official zoning map, master development plan approval, followed by the major subdivision approval process as specified in this articlestaff review and approval of associated major or minor subdivision plats or site plans. Planning Board approval of subsequent plat or plan submittal is not required.

#### Sec. 8-27. PRD review.

Planned residential development districts may hereafter be established by amendment to the city's official zoning map in concurrence with approval of a master development plan, according to the following procedures:

- (1) An application for a planned residential development shall be accompanied by three (3) hard copies and one (1) digital copy of a master development plan. The UDO administrator shall receive a complete application for a planned residential development, including a master development plan, a minimum of thirty 3021 calendar days prior to the meeting at which the PRD will be reviewed. The planned residential development master development plan shall include all items contained in appendix B.
- (2) The technical review committee, as needed, shall review the master development plan and provide any received written recommendation comments to the planning board prior to the planning board meeting at which the master development plan is to be reviewed.
- (3) The UDO administrator shall, in writing, provide a recommendation to the planning board within not more than sixty (60)45 days following receipt of the complete application for a PRD and associated master development plan. Copies of said master development plan will be included with the UDO administrator's recommendation.
- (4) Following receipt of recommendation from the planning board, the board of commissioners shall approve, conditionally approve, or deny the PRD master development plan.
- (5) The application for a planned residential development shall also be accompanied by an application to amend the zoning map (rezoning) to the planned residential development zoning district. The rezoning application shall be submitted concurrently with the prd master development plan. The procedure for such shall be followed as outlined in article 4. The approved master development plan shall provide the framework for development in the planned residential development.
- (6) Upon approval of the zoning map amendment and master development plan, an applicant may submit an application for a major <u>or minor</u> subdivision as provided in this article. The master development plan shall outline the dimensional standards and density for approval of the <u>major</u> subdivision. <u>Following approval of the master development plan</u>, all subdivision are to be approved administratively by staff, including major subdivision preliminary plats.

#### Sec. 8-29. PRD design standards.

- (A) All PRD development and subsequent subdivision shall substantially comply with part II transportation/street standards and part III, street lighting.
- (B) Density is the number of dwelling units per acre. Density shall be calculated based on net buildable area. Net buildable area is the total land area within the PRD project property boundary less <u>404</u> wetlands defined by the state coastal area management act and/or United States Army Corps of Engineers.
  - (1) The maximum allowable density for any PRD project shall be twenty (20) dwelling units per acre.
- (C) Dimensional requirements. Design and layout of lots within a PRD is intended to allow for flexibility beyond the minimum dimensional requirements of the city's conventional zoning districts.
  - (1) Yards forming the outer boundary of a planned residential development shall be in conformance with the minimum requirements of the applicable residential district. The following dimensional requirements apply to all single-family developments located in a planned residential.
  - (2) Minimum required lot width: sixty (60)40 feet. Cul-de-sac lots located in the PRD district shall not have less than forty (40)20 feet of frontage on the cul-de-sac and the minimum lot

width at the building setback line shall not be less than sixty (60)40 feet. Flag lot configurations are discouraged, but shall be considered on a case by case basis.

- (3) *Minimum lot frontage*: forty (40) feet, except on the radius of a cul-de-sac where such distance may be reduced to twenty (20) feet if the project uses zero lot line development.
- (4) Minimum required front yard setback: twenty (20)10 feet.
- (5) Minimum required rear yard setback: twenty (20) feet.
- (6) Side yard setback: Shall be a minimum of five (5) feet if not utilizing the zero lot line provision. Five (5) feet side yard setbacks are allowed only if the lot(s) are eight thousand (8,000) square feet or less. No above ground utility units shall be placed inside the five (5) foot side setback. Corner lot side yard setbacks shall be a minimum of twenty (20) 10 feet.
- (7) Maximum height: forty (40) feet.
- (8) Corner visibility: In a corner lot, within the area formed by a triangle twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of right-of-way lines, there shall be no obstruction to vision between a height of two (2) feet and a height.
- (D) Unit counts and residential use types. The location of residential use types within the PRD may be modified subject to developer desires without further approval; provided, however, in no case shall the total unit count, density, or development intensity be increased above the approved maximum number for the development. For example, if the developer desires to move an allotted number of multi-family or single-family units to a different location or phase within the development, then they may do so without further approval so long as the overall density or unit count is not increased.

Sec. 5-7. Table of area, setback, living area, and height requirements.

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area (SF) [1]	Minimum Lot Width (feet) [1]	Minimum Front Setback (feet) [2]	Minimum Side Setback (feet)	Minimum Rear Setback (feet)	Minimum Living Area per Dwelling (SF)	Maximum Building Height (feet)
PRD Planned Residential District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<del>750[3]</del>	40

3. Subdivision plat review timeline and approval authority. Reduce plat review timelines to more closely align with proposals by the General Assembly. Require all final subdivision plats to be reviewed and approved by staff. Extend approval timeline from 24 to 36 months to allow for state and federal permits to be received prior to construction.

#### Section 8-3-3 Major subdivision preliminary plat review.

(A) For every subdivision within the city's planning jurisdiction, which does not qualify for the minor subdivision procedure, the applicant shall submit a major subdivision application and preliminary plat which shall be reviewed by the technical review committee and approved by the planning board before any construction or installation of improvements may begin. The UDO administrator shall determine if the application is complete prior to initiating review. Three (3) hard copies of the preliminary plat one (1) digital copy shall be submitted to the UDO administrator at least thirty (30)21 days prior to the planning

board meeting at which the applicant desires the planning board to review the preliminary plat. Preliminary plats shall meet the specifications in appendix B.

- (B) The UDO administrator shall review the preliminary plat before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the planning board which follows at least thirty (30) days after the UDO administrator receives a complete application for a major subdivision preliminary plat.
- (C) The technical review committee, as needed, shall review the major subdivision preliminary plat and provide a written recommendation to the planning board prior to the planning board meeting at which the preliminary plat is to be reviewed.
- (D) The UDO administrator shall, in writing, provide a recommendation to the planning board within sixty (60)30 no later than 45 days following receipt of the complete application for a major subdivision preliminary plat. Copies of said plat will be included with the UDO administrator's recommendation.
- (E) Approval of the preliminary plat shall remain valid for twenty-four (24)36 months. Final plats can continue to be submitted for subsequent sections of the preliminary plat beyond the twenty-four (24)36 months provided the first phase receives final approval during the initial twenty-four (24)36 month period. The planning board may grant a one (1) year extension of the preliminary plat approval.
- (F) Preliminary plat review standards. A preliminary plat shall be approved only upon a finding that all of the following standards are met standards are met:
  - (1) The preliminary plat complies with all applicable standards in this article;
  - (2) The preliminary plat complies with all other applicable standards in this article;
  - (3) The preliminary plat complies with all requirements or conditions of any applicable development approvals; and
  - (4) The preliminary plat complies with all other applicable city regulations.

#### Sec. 8-3-4 Major subdivision final plat review.

- (A) Preparation of final plat and installation of improvements. Upon approval of the preliminary plat, the applicant may proceed with the preparation of the final plat, and the installation of or arrangement for required improvements (section 8-8) in accordance with the approved preliminary plat. Prior to approval of a final plat, the applicant shall have installed the improvements specified in this article, or guaranteed their installation as provided in section 8-3-5. No final plat will be accepted for review by UDO administrator by written notice by the city attorney and city engineer (or consulting engineer) acknowledging compliance with required installation of improvements. The final plat shall constitute only that portion of the preliminary plat which the applicant proposes to record and develop at this time; such portion shall conform to all requirements of this article. All approvals of improvement guarantees are in the sole discretion of the board of commissioners must be reviewed by the city engineer and attorney prior to approval by the UDO Administrator.
  - (See Section 8-3-5). NOTE: Approval for major subdivision final plats subject to financial guarantees shall be the responsibility of the board of commissioners. An advisory recommendation of the planning board is not required.
- (B) The applicant shall submit the final plat for the first stage of the subdivision to the UDO administrator not more than twenty four (24)36 months after the date on which the preliminary plat was approved; otherwise such approval shall be null and void. For subdivisions developed in stages, each successive final plat for a stage of the subdivision shall be submitted for approval within twenty four (24)36 months of the date of approval of the previous final plat for a stage of the subdivision. The UDO administrator shall determine if the application is complete prior to initiating review.

- (C) The final plat shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor currently licensed and registered in the state of North Carolina by the North Carolina state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors. The final plat shall conform to the provision for plats, subdivisions, and mapping requirements set forth in NCGS 47-30 and the standards of practice for land surveying in North Carolina.
- (D) Three (3) hard copies one (1) digital copy of the final plat shall be submitted, one (1) of these shall be on reproducible material, two (2) shall be in accordance with NCGS 47-30, where applicable, and the requirements of the Brunswick County register of deeds.
- (E) The final plat shall meet the specifications in appendix B of this article.
- (F) The technical review committee, as needed, shall review the final plat at least thirtywithin (30)21 days after the UDO administrator receives a complete application for a major subdivision final plat and shall provide a written comments to the UDO administrator.
- (G) The UDO administrator shall approve or disapprove the major subdivision final plat within sixty (60)no later than 45 days following receipt of the complete application. If the UDO administrator approves the final plat, such approval shall be shown on each copy of the plat.
- (H) If the final plat is disapproved by the UDO administrator, the reasons for such disapproval shall be stated in writing, specifying the provisions of this article with which the final plat does not comply. If the final plat is disapproved, the applicant may make such changes as will bring the final plat into compliance and resubmit the same for reconsideration by the technical review committee and UDO administrator.
- (I) The applicant shall file the approved final plat with the register of deeds of Brunswick County within thirty (30) days of the UDO administrator's approval; otherwise, such approval shall be null and void.
- (J) A final plat shall be approved only upon a finding that all of the following standards are met:
  - (1) The final plat is in substantial conformity with the approved preliminary plat (if applicable);
  - (2) The final plat complies with all applicable standards in this article;
  - (3) The final plat complies with all other relevant provisions of this article;
  - (3) The performance guarantee, where applicable, is approved by the city attorney and city engineer;
  - (4) The final plat complies with all other relevant city regulations; and
  - (5) The final plat includes all required certificates

#### Sec. 8-3-5 Performance guarantee review.

(A) Agreement and security required. In lieu of requiring the completion, installation and dedication of all required improvements prior to final plat approval or approval, the city may enter into an agreement with the applicant whereby the applicant shall agree to complete all required improvements. The cost of completing the improvements should be estimated under seal by an engineer for the applicant and submitted to the city's engineer for review and approval at least thirty (30) days before the final plat is reviewed by the board of commissioners within 21 days of receipt of a complete application. Once said agreement is signed by both parties, and the security required herein is provided, the final plat may be approved by the board of commissioners subject to review and recommendation by the technical review committee and UDO administrator, if all other requirements of this article are met. To secure this agreement, the applicant shall provide, subject to the approval of the board of commissioners, either one (1) or a combination of the following guarantees equal to one and twenty-five one-hundredths (1.25) times the entire cost as provided herein:

- (1) Surety performance bond(s). The applicant shall obtain a performance bond(s) from a surety bonding company authorized to do business in North Carolina. The bond(s) shall be payable to the city of Boiling Spring Lakes, and shall be in the amount equal to one and twenty-five one-hundredths (1.25) times the entire cost of installing all required improvements, as determined through cost estimates provided by the applicant, and approved by the board of commissioners reviewed by the city engineer. The duration of the bond(s) shall be until such time as the improvements are approved by the city engineer and/or accepted by the board of commissioners or appropriate agency. If a performance guarantee is likely to expire prior to the completion of the required improvements, the performance guarantee shall be extended, or a new performance guarantee issued. Such extension shall only be issued for the duration necessary to complete the required improvements. If a new performance guarantee is issued, the amount shall be one and twenty-five one-hundredths (1.25) times the cost of incomplete improvements as determined through cost estimates provided by the applicant. All cost estimates shall be signed and sealed by a licensed engineer.
- (2) Cash or equivalent security. The applicant shall deposit cash or an irrevocable letter of credit, either with the city of Boiling Spring Lakes or in escrow with a financial institution designated as an official depository of the city. The use of any instrument other than cash shall be subject to the approval of the board of commissioners city manager's office. The amount of deposit shall be equal to one and twenty-five one-hundredths (1.25) times the cost, as estimated by the applicant and approved by the city's engineer and board of commissioners, of installing all required improvements.
- (B) If cash or other instrument is deposited in escrow with a financial institution as provided above, then the applicant shall file with the board of commissioners an agreement between the financial institution and himself guaranteeing the following:
  - (1) That such escrow account shall be held in trust until released by the board of commissioners city, and may not be used or pledged by the applicant or applicant in any other matter during the term of the escrow; and
  - (2) That in the case of a failure on the part of the applicant to complete said improvements, the financial institution shall, upon notification by the board of commissionerscity, and submission by the board of commissionerscity to the financial institution of an engineer's estimate of the amount needed to complete the improvements, immediately either pay to the city the funds estimated to complete the improvement, up to the full balance of the escrow account, or deliver to the city any other instruments fully endorsed or otherwise made payable in full to the city.
- (C) The developer/applicant for a project shall make a cash payment to the City for the costs of any and all off-site roadway improvements as a fee before a building permit will be issued for such project, unless the developer/applicant elects to make the improvements as part of the project's costs or other required bond and, in such case, developer/applicant shall bond the costs of such roadway improvements at one and twenty-five one-hundredths (1.25) times the total off-site roadway costs in favor of the city.
- (D) Default. Upon default, meaning failure on the part of the applicant to complete the required improvements in a timely manner as spelled out in the performance bond or escrow agreement, then the surety, or the financial institution holding the escrow account, shall, if requested by the board of commissioners city, pay all or any portion of the bond or escrow fund to the city of Boiling Spring Lakes, up to the amount needed to complete the improvements based on the city engineer's estimate. Upon payment, the board of commissioners, in its discretion, may expend such portion of said funds as it deems necessary to complete all or any portion of the required improvements. The city shall return to the applicant any funds not spent in completing the improvements.

- (E) Release of guarantee security. The board of commissionerscity may release a portion of any security posted as the improvements are completed, not to exceed once per month. If the board of commissionerscity engineer approves said improvements, then it shall immediately release any security posted.
- 4. Technical Review Committee (TRC) clarifications. Provide additional information regarding the applicability of the TRC during the development review process.

#### Sec. 3-3. Powers and duties.

The UDO administrator or designee may convene the TRC to review and provide recommendations on applications for site-specific development approval including, but not limited to, special use permits, subdivision plats, variances, development agreements, and rezoning's. No staff member shall make a recommendation on an administrative, legislative, or quasi-judicial decision if the outcome of that decision would have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the staff member, or if the applicant or other person subject to that decision is a person with whom the staff member has a close familial, business, or other associational relationship. When TRC review is required in accordance with development approval, such review shall be mandatory subject to the discretion and the responsibility of the UDO administrator.

#### Sec. A.3 Definitions.

#### Technical review committee

The purpose of the Technical Review Committee is to facilitate communication and coordination between departments responsible for development review A committee established to review technical aspects of proposed development. The Technical Review Procedure may-be used to review all applications for any application for development approval. Such procedure shall consist of a review by the appropriate technical staff and departments at the discretion of the UDO Administrator. Any findings or recommendations shall be provided to the applicant and applicable approval authority for review purposes. The UDO Administrator may request the participation of professional experts or a representative from consulting agencies, county, regional, or state agencies if the UDO Administrator determines that such entities can provide expertise concerning the proposed development. Such committee may provide recommendations through digital communications or during a scheduled in-person meeting at the discretion of the UDO Administrator.

5. Clarification for the definition of multi-family to include townhomes, condos, and apartments. In addition, clarify that the minimum acreage size is not applicable to multi-family projects that have been approved as part of a Master Development Plan.

#### Multi-family residential

A tract or tracts of land containing one or more multi-family dwellings.

#### Dwelling, multi-family

A building containing three (3) or more dwelling units, except where permitted as an accessory use. Multi-family dwellings shall include townhomes, condos, or apartments where three (3) or more dwelling units are located in a building.

#### Sec. 6-40. Multi-family residential (including townhouses).

- (A) In the C-1 and C-C zoning district, multi-family residential uses are only permitted on a contiguous tract or tracts of land consisting of five (5) or more contiguous acres. <u>Development subject to an approved Master Development plan is exempt from this requirement.</u>
- (B) A multi-family residential use shall be located on a tract or tracts of land under single, individual, corporate, firm partnership, or association ownership, or under common control evidenced by duly recorded contracts or agreements; planned and developed as an integral unit in a single development operation or in a definitively programmed series of development operations. The development shall have a unified or coordinated design of buildings and/or a coordinated organization of service areas and common open space.
- (C) Any multi-family residential use having more than one hundred (100) dwelling units shall be equipped throughout with two (2) separate and approved fire apparatus access roads. However, multi-family residential projects having up to two hundred (200) dwelling units may be allowed to provide a single approved fire apparatus access road when all buildings (including nonresidential occupancies) are equipped throughout with approved automatic sprinkler systems installed in compliance with state and local fire codes or deviations approved by the North Carolina state fire marshall.
- (D) The maximum allowable density for any multi-family residential use shall be twenty (20) units per acre.
- (E) *Design standards*. Multi-family residential uses shall meet the all applicable design and performance standards or requirements as noted in <u>articles 7</u>, 8 and 9, in addition to the following:
  - (1) Any group of buildings forming a courtyard shall provide adequate access for emergency vehicles to enter such courtyard in compliance with state and local fire codes or deviations approved by the North Carolina state fire marshal.
  - (2) The use of features such as plazas, patios and courtyards should be used when practical. The features and spaces should enhance the development's role as an integral part of the community.
  - (3) Sidewalks and/or paths shall be constructed within the development to link the interior of the development with residential buildings within the development and to other destinations such as, but not limited to, adjoining streets, mailboxes, trash disposal areas, onsite amenity areas and the like.
  - (4) There shall be maintained at least fifteen (15) feet of separation between individual and unattached buildings. Townhomes shall be exempt from this requirement and shall be subject to the most current version of the North Carolina Building Code.
- 6. Update language pertaining to dimensional requirements for easements. The specific requirements for utility easements are determined at the discretion of the provider, rather than the City.

#### 8-6-4 Easements.

(A) Easements for underground utilities shall be provided, where necessary, across lots or centered on rear or side lot lines and shall be at least twenty (20) feet minimum width for water and sanitary sewer lines and as required by the companies involved for telephone, gas, power lines, and cable TV. The technical review committee (TRC) will determine whether one (1) easement is sufficient or whether

several easements are necessary to accommodate the various facilities, and the subdivider shall provide the required easements.

- (B) Where a subdivision is traversed by a stream or drainage way, an easement shall be provided conforming with the lines of the stream and of sufficient width as will be adequate for the purpose. regulations of the authority having jurisdiction at the time of development. All easements, including width, shall conform with all state and federal requirements. A professional engineer shall design all major drainage networks. A registered surveyor may design all incidental drainage.
- 7. Revise sidewalk requirements for subdivisions of 10 or more lots to only require installation on one side of the road. This will help reduce overall impervious surface coverage, while still allowing developers to construct sidewalks along both sides of the road at their discretion. In addition, it will reduce potential encroachment of vehicles parked in driveways that may extend into the sidewalk area.

#### Sec. 8-7. Required improvements.

- (A) Each subdivision of this article shall contain the following improvements, where applicable:
  - (8) For subdivisions of ten (10) or more lots, sidewalks as provided in section 8-1819.

#### Sec. 8-19. Sidewalks.

- (A) Sidewalks shall be required on one side of the street for all subdivisions that cumulatively propose the creation of ten (10) or more lots.
- (B) Sidewalks shall be required on both sides of the street for all subdivisions that cumulatively propose the creation of more than fifty (50) lots.
- (C) Where residential developments have cul-de-sac or dead-end streets, such streets shall be connected to the closest local or collector street or to cul-de-sac in adjoining subdivisions via a sidewalk or multi-use path, except where deemed impractical by the UDO administrator.
- (<u>DB</u>) Sidewalks required shall be constructed to a minimum width of five (<u>5</u>) feet, and shall-consist of a minimum thickness of five (<u>5</u>) inches of concrete reinforced with steel concrete reinforcing wire. All sidewalks shall be placed in the right-of-way and shall meet ADA standards. All proposed standards are subject to review and recommendation by the TRC.
- 8. Remove the school site reservation provision as the City does not currently have school sites identified in the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, as part of the TRC process, the school district is notified of any large residential housing projects.

#### Sec. 8-12. Reservation of school sites.

When a preliminary subdivision plat is submitted for approval, in which according to the comprehensive plan a school site should be reserved, the board of commissioners shall notify the county board of education that the subdivision has been submitted for approval and that under the article a school site may be reserved therein. In reviewing the subdivision and giving approval thereto, the board of commissioners shall consult the board of education in determining the exact size and location of any school site to be reserved therein. Before the preliminary plat of the subdivision is approved, the board of education shall determine whether or not it wishes to have a school site reserved in the subdivision. If the board of education wishes to have a school site reserved in the subdivision, the subdivision as finally approved shall reserve a school site of a size and location agreeable to the board of education and the board of commissioners. The board of education shall then have eighteen (18) months beginning on the

date of final plat approval of the subdivision within which to acquire the site. If the board of education has not either purchased or begun proceeding to acquire the site within eighteen (18) months after the subdivision is finally approved, the subdivider shall be immediately notified that he may proceed with the disposition of the land in question in accordance with the subdivision procedures and provisions of this Article

9. Update requirements for public and private streets. Allow private streets to be installed at the discretion of the developer. Allowance for private streets within subdivisions aligns with the requirements of similar jurisdictions in the area. There is potential for reduced maintenance expenses on behalf of the City due to privately maintained streets.

#### Sec. 8-14. Applicability.

New streets will generally be dedicated to the city or NC department of transportationshall be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance. Public or private streets may be utilized at the discretion of the applicant. Private streets are generally only permitted in minor subdivisions or within attached dwelling developments and are also regulated by this section.

#### Sec. 8-16. Conformance with the comprehensive transportation plan (CTP).

The location and design of streets shall be in conformance with the adopted city of Boiling Spring Lakes comprehensive transportation plan (Brunswick County CTP). Where conditions warrant, right of way width and pavement width in excess of the minimum street standards may be required.

#### Sec. 8-17. Street standards-public streets.

- (A) All streets within the proposed subdivision and any street upon which any lot within the proposed subdivision has its required frontage and which is not a city or state maintained street shall be graded and paved by the developer in accordance with the most recent version of the NCDOT subdivision roads minimum construction standards. The standards of construction shall be per NCDOT requirements. A certified letter from a registered professional engineer qualified in the work shall be submitted to the city prior to placement in stone base and prior to installation of asphalt. The letter shall certify the results of a NCDOT quality proof roll as witnessed by that professional engineer. Proof rolling identifies areas of poor compaction, high moisture content that is indicated by the truck tires "pumping" as it passes over the soil and areas where organic material may be present.
- (B) All streets must comply with applicable state and local fire codes or deviations approved by the North Carolina state fire marshall.
- (C) The proposed street layout within a subdivision shall be coordinated with the existing street system of the surrounding area, and where possible, existing principal streets shall be extended. No street shall be created which does not provide continuous connection to the existing public street system.
- (D) Where, in the opinion of the planning board, it is necessary to provide for street access to an adjoining property, proposed streets shall be extended by dedication to the boundary of the property and a temporary turnaround shall be provided.
- (E) Any development of more than one-hundred (100) residential units or additions to existing developments such that the total number of units exceeds one-hundred (100) shall be required to provide vehicular access to at least two (2) public streets unless such provision is deemed impractical by the UDO administrator or city engineer due to topography, natural features, or the configuration of adjacent developments.

- (FD) Where new development is adjacent to vacant land likely to be divided in the future, all streets, bicycle paths, and access ways in the development's proposed street system shall continue through to the boundary lines of the area under the same ownership as the subdivision, as determined by the UDO administrator or the city engineer, to provide for the orderly subdivision of such adjacent land or the transportation and access needs of the community. In addition, all redevelopment and street improvement projects shall take advantage of opportunities for retrofitting existing streets to provide increased vehicular and pedestrian connectivity.
- (<u>GE</u>) In general, permanent culs-de-sac and dead-end streets are discouraged in the design of street systems,. Where culs-de-sac or dead-end streets are used, a turnaround at the closed street end shall be provided which meets or exceeds fire code requirements.
- (HF) Where a tract of land to be subdivided adjoins a major thoroughfare, the subdivider may be required to provide a marginal access street parallel to the major thoroughfare or reverse frontage on a local street for the lots to be developed adjacent to the major thoroughfare. Where reverse frontage is established, private driveways shall be prevented from having directing access to the major thoroughfare.
- (4<u>G</u>) Street Names. Proposed streets which are obviously in alignment with existing streets shall be given the same name. In assigning new names, duplication of existing names shall be avoided, and in no case shall the proposed name be phonetically similar to existing names irrespective of the use of a suffix, such as street, road, drive, place, court, and the like. Street names shall be subject to the approval of the UDO administrator after review by the Brunswick County GIS department and the Brunswick County sheriff's office.
- (J) Minimum street right-of-way widths shall not be less than the following:

Street Type	Right-of-Way Width
Major Thoroughfares	120 feet
Minor Thoroughfares	80 feet
Collectors	50 feet
Local streets and cul-de-sacs	50 feet

- (K) Pavement widths and grade standards shall be in accordance with the standards of the NCDOT subdivision roads minimum construction standards for the street type.
- (L) Bicycle lanes and/or wide outside lanes shall be incorporated in the design of all minor collectors. On local streets low traffic speeds and volumes allow bicyclists and motorists to safely share the road. Sidewalks are not acceptable as substitutes for bike lanes. Bike lanes shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in width (excluding adjacent curb and gutter, if applicable).
- (M) Streets shall be laid out so as to intersect as nearly as possible at right angles, and no street shall intersect any other street at an angle less than sixty (60) degrees. Intersections which cannot be aligned should be separated by a minimum length of two hundred (200) feet between survey center lines.
- (N) Property lines at street intersections shall be round with a minimum radius of twenty (20) feet. At an angle of intersection of less than seventy-five (75) degrees, a greater radius may be required. Where a street intersects a highway, the design standards of the NCDOT, division of highways shall apply.
- (O) Alternative street designs may be approved by the UDO administrator with plans and street specifications prepared by a licensed professional engineer and reviewed by the appropriate TRC member(s). In no case shall right-of-way widths be less than twenty-six (26) feet and pavement widths less than twenty (20) feet.

#### Sec. 8-18. Street standards-private streets Additional Private Street Standards.

- (A) Any private street within an attached dwelling or multi-family development must meet the design standards for public streets street standards of Section 8-17.
- (B) Any private street within a minor residential subdivision must have a minimum right of way width of twenty (20) feet which includes the travel way and associated drainage facilities. Any underground utilities may be located within the road right of way or a separate utility right of way. NOTE: A private street within a minor residential subdivision may be required to provide a right of way of fifty (50) feet if the land and lots are arranged to allow the potential conversion of the road to a public road. If the lot arrangement, surrounding development pattern, zoning, and existing city plans indicate conversion is unlikely, the UDO administrator may allow a private road to reduce the right of way width to no less than twenty (20) feet. Future development will not be permitted to use the private street and will be required to upgrade such to the public street standards outlined herein. For this reason, it is encouraged that a minimum fifty (50) right of way be provided.
- (C) Lots for single family detached dwellings may be created with access to a private street provided that:
  - (1) No more than four (4) lots may have their sole access to the private street;
  - (2) A new private street shall not be an extension of any existing public or private street; and
  - (3) A new private street shall not be aligned with an existing public road in such a way as may interfere with any planned extension of the public road.
- (D) The intent of this subsection is primarily to allow the creation of not more than four (4) lots with frontage on a private street for single-family development. Therefore, the city may not approve any project served by a private street authorized by this subsection in which one (1) or more of the lots thereby created is intended for:
  - (1) Two (2)-family or multi-family residential use; or
  - (2) Any other residential use or nonresidential use that would tend to generate more traffic than that customarily generated by four (4) single-family residences.
- (E) To ensure that the intent of this subsection is not subverted, the UDO administrator may, among other possible options, require that the approved plans show the types and locations of buildings on each lot or that restrictive covenants limiting the use of the subdivided property in accordance with this section be recorded before final plat approval.
- (F) No final plat that shows lots served by private streets may be recorded unless the final plat contains the following notation: "Further subdivision of any lot shown on this plat as served by a private street may be prohibited by the city of Boiling Spring Lakes unified development article".
- (CG) The recorded plat of any development that includes a private street shall clearly state that such road is a private street and must be accompanied by a private street maintenance agreement that is also recorded.
- 10. Revisions to the Submission Requirements of Appendix B. Clarify wetlands may be delineated by an appropriate professional, rather than strictly the Army Corps of Engineers. Revise additional submittal standards to align with other local jurisdictions in the region.

# **Appendix B. Submission Requirements**

# Section B.1 Table of plan/plat requirements

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	Landscape Plan	Minor Site Plan	Major Site Plan	Preliminary Plat	Major Final Plat	Minor Final Plat	Master Development Plan
Proposed or approved name of development, project, subdivision, and/or phase.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	1	<b>\</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Location, including township, county, and state.	✓	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	
Developer/applicant name(s), including mailing address(es) and telephone number(s).	<b>√</b>	1	✓	✓			<b>√</b>
Property owner name(s), including mailing address(es) and telephone number(s).	1	<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>	1			<b>√</b>
Name(s) of person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plat/plan, including mailing address(es) and	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Name, registration number, and seal of a professional Land Surveyor, Engineer, Landscape Architect, and/or Architect. (If Applicable)	<b>✓</b>	1	<b>✓</b>	1	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<
Date of plat/plan preparation and of surveys.	1	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Sketch vicinity map showing the relationship between the proposed property or properties and the surrounding area.		✓	✓	✓	√	✓	<b>√</b>
Exact existing and proposed or pending property boundary lines by bearings and distances and the location of intersecting boundary lines of adjacent lands.				✓	<b>√</b>	✓	
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<sup>11.</sup> Revise plat certificates to align with proposed procedural amendments for subdivisions.

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**PLANNING BOARD ACTION** 

- (A) The Planning Board hereby recommends <u>approval</u> of the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance and finds that it (i) is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan (2017 Land Use Plan), which states "The City shall update the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to address legislative changes, site plan review standards, subdivision regulations, dimensional standards, and other items deemed necessary by the Planning Board, Board of Commissioners, and City staff" and (ii) that it is in the public interest because it will advance the public health, safety, and/or welfare of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes.



**To:** City of Boiling Spring Lakes Planning Board

From: Anchorpoint Planning: Wes MacLeod, AICP, ASLA

**Date:** August 28, 2025

**Re:** Conditional Zoning Amendment

#### INTRODUCTION

As part of a larger conversation regarding City's development regulations, the Board has indicated an interest in providing an avenue for considering more flexibility in future proposals that may wish to incorporate commercial and residential uses within the same tracts.

In order to broaden the types of proposals that may be presented while allowing the City the discretion to balance additional flexibility with preservation of commercial areas to serve the current and future needs of the community, staff recommend the inclusion of Conditional Zoning as a tool for future development requests.

#### WHAT IS CONDITIONAL ZONING?

Conditional zoning utilizes site specific standards and conditions to regulate future development based upon a legislatively approved rezoning. In North Carolina, traditionally, any conditions imposed on a development approval came as a result of a special use approval process. That process utilizes a quasi-judicial procedure for applicants seeking approval. While this process is still available to potential applicants, it can be burdensome for staff and decision makers to navigate. In addition, development applicants can be weary of the process and the requirements associated with the quasi-judicial hearing. Because of the complex hearing process, neighbors, who are notified of the hearing by statute, may be confused as to their rights for participating in the decision making process. By law, only the attendees who have special standing per statute are allowed to participate in the deliberations. This inevitably results in some level of alienation and confusion among the attending public.

The conditional zoning procedure utilizes a legislative approval process, allowing any attendees to participate and provide feedback to the development applicants. Moreover, during the required public/legislative hearing any and all comments by the public may be taken into account by the decision makers. This is a stark difference between the quasi-judicial zoning process whereby only the testimony by individuals with standing that meet the requirements for competent, material, and substantial evidence may be taken into

consideration. A few key differences between the conditional zoning and special use approval process are provided below.

Conditional Zoning	Special Use
Legislative Decision based on citizen input.	Quasi-judicial decision based upon
	substantial, competent, and material
	evidence and citizens with standing.
Broad discretion to approve or deny a	Must approve a proposal if burden of proof
proposal.	is met.
Limited recourse following decision on a	Decision commonly appealed to Superior
proposal – elected board's wisdom is not	Court.
questioned.	
No limit on discussion of the proposal.	No undisclosed ex parte communication.
Limited conflict of interest concerns –	Stringent conflict of interest provisions –
financial and familial.	financial, familial, ex parte, and impartial
	decision maker.

Conditional zoning strives for "win-win" development solutions. This is due to the negotiated conditions attached to a potential project. Such scenarios result when the development applicant may be able to seek an approval that otherwise would not be permitted in favor of providing some additional benefits to the community based upon public feedback. An example may be the permitting of reduced setbacks in favor of providing a more robust stormwater facility than would otherwise be required.

Key downsides of conditional zoning include the staff time required for administration, approvals which may become null and void due to inactivity.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

The proposed amendment is outlined below. Language proposed for removal is depicted by a red double strike through and language proposed for insertion is shown in black underline.

#### Sec. 4-6. Conditional Zoning Procedure

#### 4-6-1 Application and Conditional Zoning Review Procedure

(A) The application for a conditional rezoning approval shall also be accompanied by an application to amend the zoning map (rezoning) to the conditional development zoning district. The rezoning application shall be submitted concurrently with the conditional zoning master development plan. The approved master development plan shall provide the framework for development in the conditional zoning district. All applications must include a master development plan, supporting information and text which specifies the use or uses intended for the property, dimensional standards, and any development standards to be approved concurrently with the rezoning application. Development standards include such things as parking, landscaping, design guidelines, and buffers.

- (B) Applications and proposals for conditional zoning approval within the following nonresidential zoning districts (C-1, C-1A, C-C, and I-1) shall not be subject to a minimum size threshold. No conditional zoning proposals shall be considered within the CON or REC zoning districts. Within residential districts (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-5, R-6), a minimum 10-acre contiguous tract is required for any conditional zoning request. Such tract may consist of individually-owned parcels under single site control through a duly established agent agreement.
- (C) An application for conditional zoning approval shall be accompanied by 3 hard copies and one (1) digital copy of a conditional zoning master development plan.
- (D) The master development plan shall be prepared by and sealed by a licensed land surveyor, landscape architect, or engineer registered to practice in the state of North Carolina. The master development plan shall include the submission requirements contained in Appendix B. For nonresidential projects, the master development plan may be prepared in accordance with the requirements for major site plans to satisfy the site plan approval process thus necessitating only the issuance of a zoning permit following approval.
- (E) The UDO Administrator or his/her designee will review the conditional zoning master development plan and may require a Technical Review Procedure. Comments and review statements shall be included in the UDO Administrator's staff report to the Planning Board which shall be provided no later than 45 days following receipt of a complete application.
- (F) The Planning Board shall provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners within 30 days following receipt of the application for a conditional zoning district proposal and associated master development plan.
- (G) Following receipt of recommendation from the Planning Board, the Board of Commissioners shall approve, conditionally approve, or deny the conditional zoning master development plan.
- (H) When evaluating an application for the creation of a conditional zoning district, the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners shall consider the following:
  - (1) The application's consistency to the general policies and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan, any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, and the Unified Development ordinance.
  - (2) The potential impacts and/or benefits on the surrounding area, adjoining properties.
  - (3) The report of results from the public input meeting.
- (I) The Board of Commissioners may not vote to rezone property to a conditional zoning district during the time period beginning on the date of a municipal general election and concluding on the date immediately following the date on which the Board of Commissioners holds its organizational meeting following a municipal general election unless no person spoke against the rezoning at the public hearing.

#### 4.6.2 Public Input Meeting

- (A) Prior to the Planning Board meeting on the rezoning application, the applicant must conduct one (1) public input meeting and file a report of the results with the UDO Administrator.
- (B) The report for the Planning Board meeting will include a summary of the public input meeting.
- (C) The applicant shall mail a notice for the public input meeting to the owners of all properties located within 200 feet of the perimeter of the project bounds not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- (D) The notice shall include the time, date, and location of the meeting as well as a description of the proposal.

- (E) The applicant's report of the meeting shall include:
  - (1) A copy of the letter announcing the meeting
  - (2) A list of adjoining property owners contacted
  - (3) An attendance roster
  - (4) A summary of the issues discussed
  - (5) The results of the meeting including changes to the project's proposal, if any.

#### 4.6.3 Conditions to Approval of Petition

- (A) In approving a petition for the reclassification of property to a conditional zoning district, the Planning Board may recommend, and the Board of Commissioners may request that the applicant add reasonable and appropriate conditions to the approval of the petition.
- (B) Any such conditions shall be in accordance with NCGS § 160D-703 and should relate to the relationship of the proposed use to the impact on city services, surrounding property, proposed support facilities such as parking areas and driveways, pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems, screening and buffer areas, the timing of development, street and right-of-way improvements, water and sewer improvements, stormwater drainage, the provision of open space, and other matters that the participants in the public input meeting, staff, Planning Board, and Board of Commissioners find appropriate or the petitioner may propose. Such conditions to approval of the petition may include right-of-way dedication, easements for streets, water, sewer, or other public utilities necessary to serve the proposed development.
- (C) The petitioner shall consider and respond to any such conditions after the Planning

  Board meeting and within seven (7) days prior to the staff report for the Board of

  Commissioner meeting being published. If the applicant does not agree with the

  Planning Board or staff's recommendations of additional conditions, the Board of

  Commissioners shall have the authority to accept any or all of the conditions forwarded

  from the review process. All conditions shall be consented to in writing by the applicant.
- (D) If for any reason any condition for approval is found to be illegal or invalid or if the applicant should fail to accept any condition following approval, the approval of the site plan for the district shall be null and void and of no effect and proceedings shall be instituted to rezone the property to its previous zoning classification.

#### 4.6.4 Effect of Approval

- (A) If a petition for conditional zoning is approved, the development and use of the property shall be governed by the predetermined ordinance requirements applicable to the district's classification, the approved master development plan for the district, and any additional approved rules, regulations, and conditions, all of which shall constitute the zoning regulations for the approved district and are binding on the property as an amendment to these regulations and to the zoning maps.
- (B) Following the approval of the petition for a conditional zoning district, the subject property shall be identified on the zoning map by the appropriate district designation. A parallel conditional zoning shall be identified by the same designation as the underlying general district followed by the letters "CZ" (for example "C1-CZ").
- (C) No zoning or building permit shall be issued for any development activity within a conditional zoning district except in accordance with the approved petition and applicable site plan and/or subdivision plat. Residential projects shall follow the subdivision approval process of Article 8 following the approval of conditional zoning request. Staff review and approval of associated major or minor subdivision plats

- following conditional zoning approval shall be required. Planning Board approval of subsequent plat submittal is not required Nonresidential projects may comply with the site plan requirements of Article 9 by including said requirements on the approved master development plan. Accordingly, resubmittal of a minor or major site plan is not required.
- (D) Any violation of the approved regulations and conditions for the district shall be treated the same as any other violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to the same remedies and penalties as any such violation.

#### Sec. 5-3. Primary zoning districts.

CZ conditional zoning district: A conditional zoning district is intended for a specified use or uses on small- and large-scale projects. All uses listed as part of any application must be in the same format and description as listed in the table of uses. All applications to establish a conditional zoning district must follow the regulations prescribed in Section 4-6 in addition to the standard zoning map amendment (rezoning) process as described in Section 4-1.

#### PLANNING BOARD ACTION

(A)	The Planning Board hereby <u>recommends approval</u> of the proposed amendments to
	the Unified Development Ordinance and finds that it (i) is consistent with the City's
	comprehensive plan (2017 Land Use Plan), which states "The City shall update the
	Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to address legislative changes, site plan review
	standards, subdivision regulations, dimensional standards, and other items deemed
	necessary by the Planning Board, Board of Commissioners, and City staff" and (ii) that it
	is in the public interest because it will advance the public health, safety, and/or welfare of
	the City of Boiling Spring Lakes.
(B)	The Planning Board hereby <u>recommends denial</u> of the proposed amendment to
the	Unified Development Ordinance and finds that (i) it is not consistent with the City's
	comprehensive plan (2017 Land Use Plan) and all other applicable plans and policies
	adopted by the City for the following reasons:and/or (ii) it is
	not in the public interests for the following reasons:



**To:** City of Boiling Spring Lakes Planning Board **From:** Anchorpoint Planning: Wes MacLeod – Principal

Date: September 3, 2025

**Re:** Land Use Plan – Scope of Work, Survey Review, and Workplan Overview

#### **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

Anchorpoint Planning has been engaged to prepare and update the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The process typically begins with the initiation of the public engagement process, which includes a community survey. The plan will address land use, transportation, housing, environmental resources, community facilities, and related issues that will help shape the City's future. Major components of the project include:

- **Public Involvement:** Multiple opportunities for residents, property owners, and business owners to participate through public meetings, surveys, and online engagement.
- **Background Analysis:** Review of existing conditions, development trends, and environmental factors to identify opportunities and challenges.
- **Plan Content:** Development of policies, maps, and strategies addressing land use, housing, transportation, utilities, and community design.
- **Implementation:** Preparation of an action-oriented implementation matrix with goals, policies, and timing for future steps.

The Planning Board will play a central role in guiding the process and reviewing draft materials. Up to six meetings with the Board are anticipated.

#### **Survey Review**

A *draft* community survey has been prepared to solicit input from residents and stakeholders on growth, housing, transportation, recreation, and environmental priorities. Please review the attached *draft* survey in advance of the Planning Board meeting and be prepared to provide feedback on clarity, completeness, and any additional items you feel should be included prior to public distribution.

#### **Workplan Overview**

A project workplan has been developed that outlines deliverables and Planning Board review at each stage. Highlights include:

- September 9, 2025: Review planning process and survey.
- Fall 2025 Winter 2026: Sequential review of draft chapters (Demographics, Natural Systems, Community Facilities, Land Use and Growth Management).
- Spring 2026: Public engagement session and review of final draft plan.
- **Summer–Fall 2026:** Board of Commissioners review, followed by Coastal Resources Commission certification.

A copy of the full workplan and timeline is attached for your reference.

#### **Next Steps:**

Please review the draft survey and come prepared to discuss at the September 9, 2025 meeting. This will allow us to finalize the survey for public release and keep the project on schedule.

We look forward to working with the City on this important project. I will serve as the project manager and primary point of contact for the City. If at any time you should have questions about the project please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

Wes MacLeod, AICP, ASLA



Principal

**Anchorpoint Planning** 

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City of Boiling Spring Lakes 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Timeline				
Meeting Date	Agenda	Deliverables		
September 9	Review Planning Process and Survey	Survey		
November 11 (No October meeting for land use plan)	Review Demographic Information & Chapter 1 & 2. Chapter 1 & 2 provided in October.	Chapter 3		
November/December	Public Engagement Session	N/A		
December 9	Review Chapter 3 - Natural Systems	Chapter 4		
January 13	Review Chapter 4 Community Facilities	Chapter 5		
February 10	Review Chapter 5 - Land Use and Growth Management	Chapter 6/Revisions		
April 14 (No March meeting for land use plan)	Review Final Draft/Chapter 6	Final Draft with Revisions		
April 14 or May 12	Planning Board Approval	None		
April - June 2026	DCM Review	None		
lune to August 2026	Board of Commissioners Review/Approval	None		
August to October 2026	CRC Certification/Approval	None		



## City of Boiling Spring Lakes Comprehensive Land Use Plan Survey

The City of Boiling Spring Lakes is updating our Land Use Plan. The plan will address land use, transportation, and a variety of issues that will shape our community's future. Please participate by completing this short survey!

\* 1. What do you think are the most important growth and development issues facing City of Boiling Spring Lakes? (Please select as many as three)

Age-friendly development (ability to age in place)
Current transportation and roadway network
Density of development
Environmental protection
Parks and recreation facilities
Over-burdensome growth management and regulation
Stormwater runoff and flood prevention
Other (please specify)

* 2.	Please	e rank the following statements by how much		
you	u agree	with them. (1 means highest level of		
agr	eemer	nt.)		
8-9 8-9 8-9	<b>\$</b>	I want future development in Boiling Spring Lakes to follow a low density pattern.		
9-9 9-9 8-9	<b>‡</b>	I want future development in Boiling Spring Lakes to minimize the tax burden for each household in the Town.		
9-9 9-9 9-9	•	I want future development in Boiling Spring Lakes to support investment in community-wide services and infrastructure.		
* 3. If <b>privately-owned</b> undeveloped land is to be built on, what kind of new development would you most like to				
S	ee in B	oiling Spring Lakes? (Please select as many as		
tł	nree)			
Manufacturing, light industrial development, and commerce centers				
[	Recreation and entertainment			
	Residential: Multi-family housing (condos, townhomes, apartments, etc.)			
	Residen	tial: Single-family homes and subdivisions		
[	Restaurants			
[	Retail stores			
[	Small bu	usinesses		
[	Other (p	please specify)		

* 4. Which of the following housing characteristics are			
most important for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes?			
(Please select as many as three)			
Affordable for rent or purchase housing			
Housing for seniors/elderly			
☐ Housing located within walking distance of community facilities and businesses			
☐ Housing that is clustered together to preserve natural areas			
Minimizing development of new housing			
More diverse mix of housing types (single-family, duplex, apartment, etc.)			
Preservation of existing housing			
Other (please specify)			
* 5. Which of the following environmental issues are most			
important for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes? (Please			
select as many as three.)			
select as many as three.)			
select as many as three.)  Air quality			
select as many as three.)  Air quality  Drinking water quality			
select as many as three.)  Air quality  Drinking water quality  Industrial contamination			
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* 6. Which of the following transportation concerns and
needs are most important for the City of Boiling Spring
Lakes? (Please select as many as three)
Adequate street lighting
Proper signage
Road drainage
Road maintenance
Roadway widening
Sidewalks and bike lanes
Traffic and congestion on local roads
Other (please specify)
* 7. What do you consider to be the most important in
creating recreational opportunities? (Please select as
many as three)
Constructing sidewalks and on-road bike lanes
Constructing walking trails and cycling greenways
Establishing more ball fields, sports courts, playgrounds, etc.
Establishing more events (festivals, food truck rodeos, etc.)
Establishing more public open space, picnic areas, etc.
Expanding organized recreational programs
☐ Maintaining existing offerings and infrastructure
Other (please specify)
8. What is your favorite thing about Boiling Spring Lakes?

* 9. Which of the below best describes your relationship to the City of Boiling Spring Lakes?
Full-time resident - property owner
Full-time resident - renter
Part-time/seasonal resident
○ Non-resident property owner
○ I work here
○ I own a business here
○ I visit from out of the area
Other
Other (please specify)
10. Please provide additional comments based on
previous questions or other concerns.
Thank you for participating in our questionnaire! Your feedback is vital in helping us update our Land Use Plan. If you have any questions please feel free to contact City Hall at 910-363-0025.