

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM:

Amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the creation of a Conference Center/Resort District and related standards

MEETING DATE:

February 4, 2014

REQUESTED BY:

County Planning Department

Background information

The proposed amendment language was generated in response to recommendations developed in the most recent Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update regarding the creation of a resort/conference center zoning district. For specific language in the Land Use Plan update, please refer to Section 6 of the 2013 Update, or the statement of consistency located on pages one and two of the Planning Board's January 6th resolution. The Planning Board recommended approval of the language at their January 6, 2014 meeting in a vote of 6 to 0.

Pros

- The proposed district will account for the unique needs of conference centers and resorts by providing flexibility while still ensuring the protection of surrounding residential properties
- The language promotes a balance between public safety interests, community interests, and the unique type of development encompassed by the proposed District.
- *See Planning Board Resolution recommending approval*

Cons

None

Funds required

No funds are required

Alternatives

If the Board of Commissioners resolves to revise the language provided, it must be sent back to the Planning Board for review and hearing prior to a vote by the Board.

Action recommended:

Staff has recommended the approval of the language.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the request at their January 6, 2014 meeting in a vote of 6 to 0.