



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/4/2021

#### Public Hearings

**Department:** Planning/Legal

**Presenter(s):** Nathan L. Pennington, CFM, Planning Director  
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**Subject:** Adoption of 160D – BC Code of Ordinances Integration

**Brief Summary:** Chapter 160D (“160D”) is the culmination of years of work to significantly recodify and modernize city and county development regulations (enabling legislation). Work on this effort began back in 2013. 160D was established under Session Law 2019-111, enacted by the General Assembly in June, 2019 and signed by the Governor in July, 2019. Session Law 2019-111 included two parts with different effective dates.

The Ordinance, with a few exceptions, contains only those changes that are mandatory. Optional (“Mays”) changes will be evaluated at later dates and in concert with the comprehensive planning process. It is important to note that many of the identified “musts” are already adhered to either because they are already in effect or because they were part of standards that were already codified in the County’s development ordinances. The 160D changes are statutorily required and must be adopted by Buncombe County by July 1, 2021.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Approve the attached 160D text amendments as submitted.

**County Manager’s comments and Recommendation:** Manager recommends approval as presented.