



UDO Update

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission

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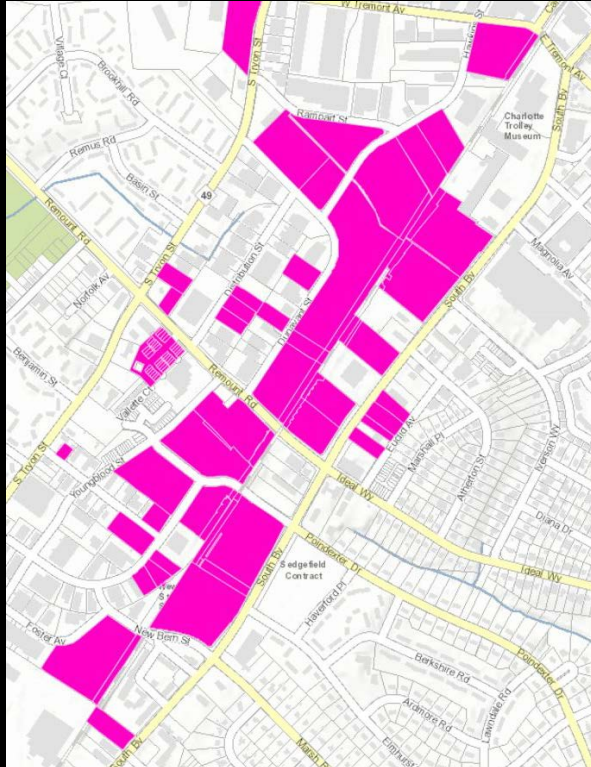
Near-Term UDO Initiatives



CITY OF CHARLOTTE
CHAPTER 15. TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS
PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT

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**TOD Districts
Text Amendment**



**TOD
Mapping**



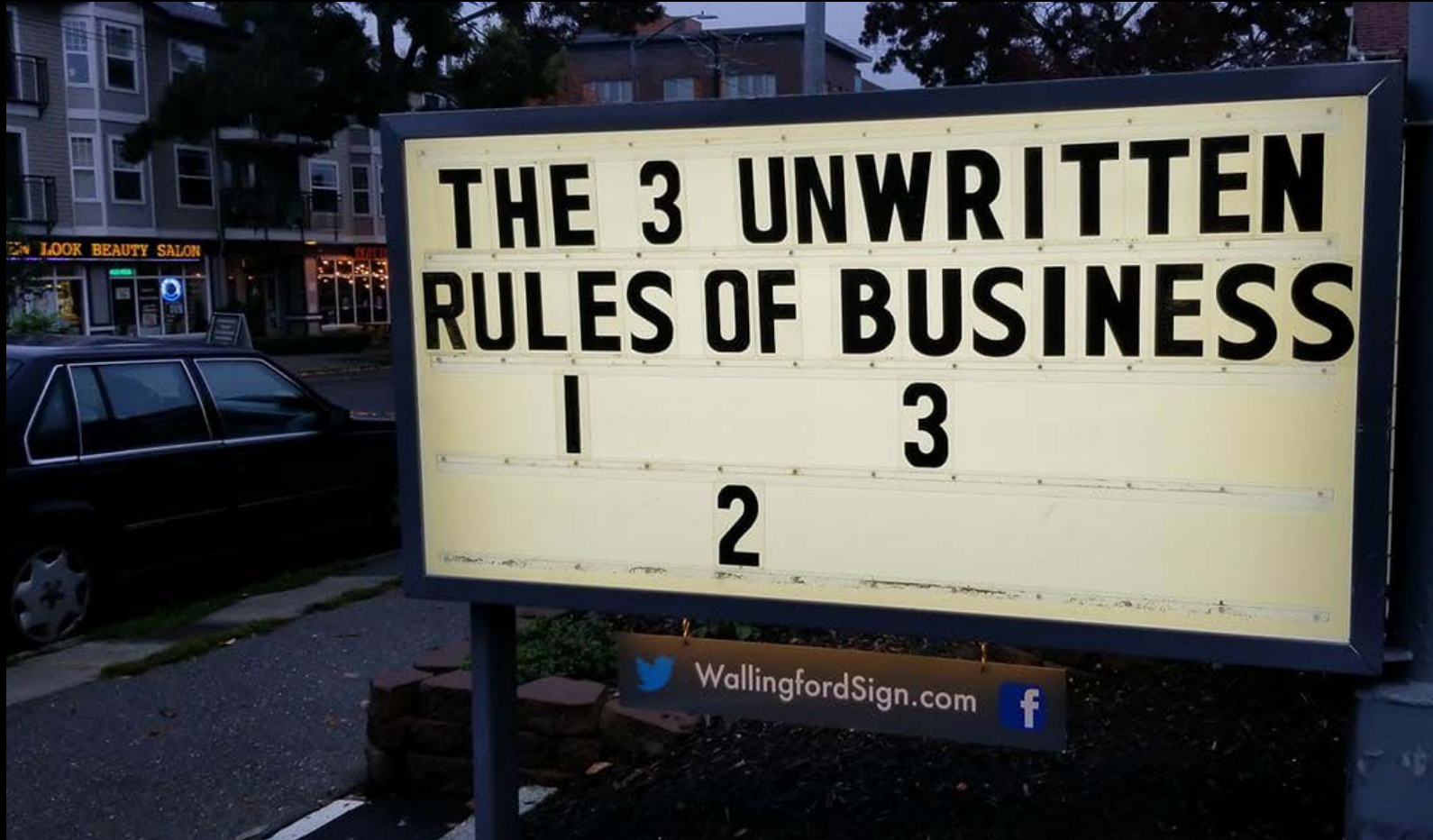
**Sign Ordinance
Revisions Text
Amendment**



**Tree Ordinance
Text Amendment
for Urban Sites**

Sign Ordinance Text Amendment

(Chapter 13)





Why Update Signs Chapter Now?

- Alignment with Legal Rulings
- Generally stands alone from other sections of Zoning Ordinance
- Opportunity to build on signs section of new TOD Districts
- Moving the UDO effort forward



NO HIPSTERS!!

Don't be coming in
here with your
hairy faces, your vegan
diets, your tiny
feet, and your
sawdust bedding!

No, WAIT...
HAMSTERS...
NO HAMSTERS!

Highlights of Update

- Remove emphasis on content
- Best practices on sign regulations
- TOD sign standards as a starting point, including graphics and format
- Simplified standards
- All standards in one location in ordinance
- Greater consistency between similar districts

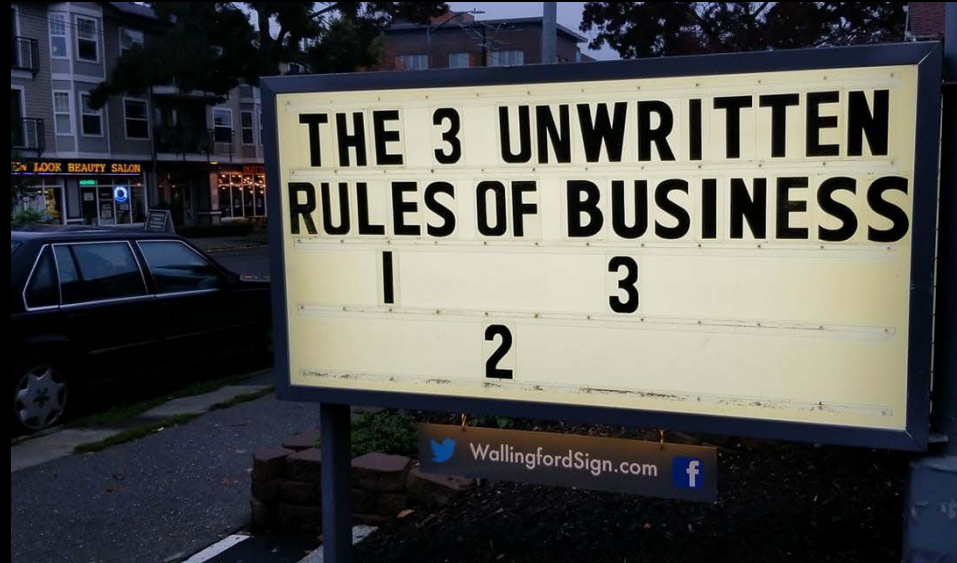


Sign Update Process

- Initial OAC draft prepared by Camiros with extensive staff input
- Ordinance Advisory Committee review and feedback
- Community review and feedback
- Periodic input and feedback from Planning Commission
- Adoption Process including Planning Committee recommendation and City Council adoption in 2019

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Discussion

Tree Ordinance Text Amendment

for Urban Sites



Why Update Tree Ordinance for Urban Sites?

- 🌿 The current tree standards are more favorable for low intensity, suburban sites. Compliance is more challenging for intensely developed urban sites.
- 🌿 It is difficult to find a good location for internal trees on urban sites as there frequently isn't adequate room.
- 🌿 This challenge is exacerbated by the limitations on what can go into the tree planting areas.



Limited Scope

- 🌿 Increase flexibility in the Tree Ordinance for development in urban districts.
- 🌿 Promote better integration of trees into urban sites.
- 🌿 Urban districts are:
 - UMUD (Uptown Mixed-Use District)
 - MUDD (Mixed-Use Development District)
 - TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
 - TS (Transit Supportive Overlay District)
 - PED (Pedestrian Overlay District)
 - UR (Urban Residential)
 - NS (Neighborhood Services)
- 🌿 No net loss of **CODE REQUIRED** trees.



Current Standards for Urban Sites

🍁 Perimeter Trees

🍁 Internal Trees

🍁 Tree Save Areas



Purpose and Process

- ❖ Stakeholder Group to work with staff to develop basic framework of text amendment.
- ❖ City staff prepares draft Tree Ordinance text amendment
- ❖ Ordinance Advisory Committee review and feedback.
- ❖ Periodic input and feedback from Planning Commission and Tree Advisory Committee.
- ❖ Adoption process including Planning Committee recommendation and City Council adoption in 2019.



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