

# Rezoning Petition 2011-004 PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS January 18, 2011

**REQUEST** Text amendment to Section 6.109 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**SUMMARY OF PETITION** The petition proposes to comply with the North Carolina General

Statutes 160A-384 and Session Law 2009-178 by adding new notification requirements for third-party rezoning petitions.

**STAFF** Staff recommends approval of this petition. The petition is consistent

**RECOMMENDATION** with adopted policy.

**PETITIONER** Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

**COMMUNITY MEETING** Meeting is not required.

#### PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

#### Background

- Zoning petitions to reclassify property to a conventional zoning district may be initiated by the City Council or Planning Commission, or by any owner with a legal interest in the property, anyone else authorized in writing to act on the owner's behalf, or by any non-owner.
- A "third-party" rezoning is defined as a conventional rezoning filed by a person(s) or entity that is not an owner with a legal interest in the property being petitioned for rezoning.
- The State has added a new notification requirement for third-party rezoning petitions.

#### Proposed Request Details

The text amendment contains the following provisions:

- Modifies the Zoning Ordinance to comply with Session Law 2009-178 and the North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 160A-384 by adding the following requirements for third-party rezoning applications:
  - Actual notice of a third-party rezoning petition and a copy of the notice of public hearing shall be delivered to the property owner of land subject to a rezoning petition if that person did not initiate the petition. The requirement for actual notice does not apply if the rezoning petition was initiated by the City;
  - The third-party requesting the rezoning will be responsible for ensuring delivery of the required notice;
  - The process for the required notice delivery is detailed in the North Carolina General Statutes, and includes personal delivery, registered or certified mail, or delivery by a designated delivery service.
  - A certification form must be submitted by the third-party petitioner to the Planning
    Department certifying to City Council that the property owner(s) of the parcel of land have
    received actual notice of the proposed rezoning petition and a copy of the notice of public
    hearing.

#### Public Plans and Policies

The petition is consistent with adopted policy.

## **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS** (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No comments received.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Transportation: No issues.
  - Vehicle Trip Generation: Not applicable.
  - Connectivity: Not applicable.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: Not applicable.

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: No comments received.

# **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN** (see full department reports online)

• Site Design: Not applicable.

## **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

No issues.

## Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Charlotte Department of Transportation Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review

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