

TA #18-08

Amend Article 14, Sections 14.2.1(a) *Traffic Impact Analysis, General Applicability* to raise TIA thresholds.

PART 1: DESCRIPTION

Text Amendment, TA #18-08, is a request by the Town of Huntersville to amend Section 14.2.1(a) *Traffic Impact Analysis, General Applicability* of the Zoning Ordinance to raise the threshold to require a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA).

PART 2: BACKGROUND

Town staff proposes to modify the threshold to require a Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) from 50 peak hour/500 daily trips to 100 peak hour/1000 daily trips to reduce the developer's need to provide TIA scoping for projects that due to their trip distribution, the impacted intersections typically do not meet the thresholds set forth in Article 14.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for study. Additionally, Staff reviewed several other municipalities in this part of the state (see Attachment C) and found the 100 peak hour trip threshold is more in-line with their criteria. It is also important to note the provision in Article 14.2.1.d., which allows the Town Engineer to require the scoping where intersection impacts are anticipated, regardless of threshold number.

PART 3: RELEVANT HUNTERSVILLE 2030 COMMUNITY PLAN AND APPLICABLE LONG RANGE PLAN SECTIONS

ED-14.1 Development Review Process: Support efforts to improve efficiency and responsiveness of development review process for development proposals.

PART 4: STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposal to amend Article 14.2.1(a) of the Zoning Ordinance to raise the threshold to require a TIA is supported by staff for the reasons outlined in Part 2, above.

PART 5: HUNTERSVILLE ORDINANCES ADVISORY BOARD

On September 6, 2018, the Huntersville Ordinance Advisory Board recommended to increase the threshold to require a TIA from 100 hourly trips and 1000 daily trips, per Staff recommendation, by 5-1 vote.

PART 6: PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2018.

PART 7: PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board is scheduled to hear this text amendment on December 18, 2018.

PART 8: ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Text Amendment Application
- Attachment B: Proposed Ordinance
- Attachment C: Municipality Study

PART 8: STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY – TA #18-08

| Planning Department | Planning Board | Board of Commissioners |
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| <p>APPROVAL: In considering the proposed amendment, TA 18-08, amending Sections 14.2.1(a), of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning staff recommends approval based on the amendment being consistent with ED 14.1 of the Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan.</p> <p>It is reasonable and in the public interest to amend the Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with state law and to acknowledge road improvements within the NCTIP in preparing a traffic impact analysis.</p> | <p>APPROVAL: In considering the proposed amendment, TA 18-08, amending Sections 14.2.1(a), of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board recommends approval based on the amendment being consistent with <u>(insert applicable plan reference)</u> of the Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan.</p> <p>It is reasonable and in the public interest to amend the Zoning Ordinance because...<i>(Explain)</i></p> | <p>APPROVAL: In considering the proposed amendment, TA 18-08, amending Sections 14.2.1(a), of the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Board recommends approval based on the amendment being consistent with <u>(insert applicable plan reference)</u> of the Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan.</p> <p>It is reasonable and in the public interest to amend the Zoning Ordinance because...<i>(Explain)</i></p> |
| | <p>DENIAL: In considering the proposed amendment, TA 18-08, amending Sections 14.2.1(a), of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board recommends denial based on the amendment being <u>(consistent or inconsistent)</u> with <u>(insert applicable plan reference)</u> of the Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan.</p> <p>It is not reasonable and in the public interest to amend the Zoning Ordinance because...<i>(Explain)</i></p> | <p>DENIAL: In considering the proposed amendment, TA 18-08, amending Sections 14.2.1(a), of the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Board recommends denial based on the amendment being <u>(consistent or inconsistent)</u> with <u>(insert applicable plan reference)</u> of the Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan.</p> <p>It is not reasonable and in the public interest to amend the Zoning Ordinance because...<i>(Explain)</i></p> |



Text Amendment Application

Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

Applicant Data

Date of Application 9-1-18

Name Town of Huntersville

Address 105 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28070

Phone Number (home) _____ (work) 704-766-2220

Email strott@huntersville.org

Fee

Text Amendment to the Zoning/Subdivision Ordinance Fee \$400.00

Type of Change

New Addition to text of Zoning Ordinance / Subdivision Ordinance / Other

Revision/Modification to text of Zoning Ordinance / Subdivision Ordinance / Other

Description of Change (If possible, please provide a Word document of the proposed text change)

Proposed text amendment will affect the following:

Ordinance: Zoning Ord. Article: 14 Section: 2.1.a

Current Text: _____

"A TIA is required for any development or portion thereof, which is expected to create fifty (50) or more peak hour trips or five hundred (500) or more daily vehicle trips..."

Proposed Text: _____

"A TIA is required for any development or portion thereof, which is expected to create ~~fifty (50)~~ **one hundred (100)** or more peak hour trips or ~~five hundred (500)~~ **one thousand (1,000)** or more daily vehicle trips..."

Reason for requested change (attach additional sheets if necessary): _____

To be discussed in staff report.

NOTE: If the proposed text amendment effects property located along Hwy 73; is 2000 feet from an adjoining municipality, and/or the Mountain Island and Lake Norman Watersheds, additional peer review is required.

Signatures

I hereby certify that the information presented by me in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant Signature: Stephen Trott, Town Transportation Engineer Date: 9-1-18

Contact Information

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND Section 14.2.1(a) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville that Section 14.2.1(a) of **Zoning Ordinance** is hereby amended as follows:

- a) A TIA is required for any development, or portion thereof, which is expected to create ~~fifty (50)~~ **one hundred (100)** or more peak hour vehicle trips or ~~five hundred (500)~~ **one thousand (1,000)** or more daily vehicle trips except as provided in subsections (c) through (g) below or when road improvements are excluded by North Carolina State Law. Daily trips are those occurring on peak days on the roadway adjacent to the proposed development, based on the current edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, with the exception of public and private schools which will be based on NCDOT's most recent MSTTA School Traffic Calculator. Alternative trip generation rates/equations for non- standard uses may be utilized subject to Town Engineering staff approval.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

HUNTERSVILLE ORDINANCE ADVISORY BOARD: September 6, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 17, 2018

PLANNING BOARD MEETING: (Recommendation TBD) on December 18, 2018

TOWN BOARD DECISION: Approved/Denied (TBD) on January 7, 2019.

Threshold to require a TIA

| Agency | Hourly | Daily |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| NCDOT | - | 3,000 |
| Huntersville | 50 | 500 |
| Cornelius | 100 | 1,000 |
| Davidson | 100 | 500 |
| Charlotte | - | 2,500 |
| Greensboro | 100 | 1,000 |
| High Point | 150 | - |
| Cary | 100 | |
| Mint Hill | 200 | 2,000 |
| Matthews | 150 | - |
| Winston Salem | - | - |
| Chapel Hill | - | 500 |

Also, 50 or more dwelling units requires one

Can be waived or one required at director discretion

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150 vehicle increase on an intersection approach, LOS E, LOS F on an intersection approach

6/26/2018