

**UDO-CC21
STAFF REPORT**

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REQUEST

Text amendment to Section 3 and 11 of the *Unified Development Ordinances* to reflect current North Carolina General Statute language regarding sight distance triangles.

BACKGROUND

In 2021 as part of House Bill 489, the North Carolina legislature adopted new language in Section 160A-306 specifying that measurements for sight distances at intersections, including sight triangles, must begin within the right-of-way or edge of pavement. Prior to the adoption of this new language, municipalities handled sight triangles at their own discretion through various methodologies.

ANALYSIS

The current UDO language states that measurements for sight triangles shall begin at the edge of right-of-way. To comply with the new State Statute, the amendment will revise the definition of a sight triangle, as listed in Section 11, to state that measurements shall begin at edge of pavement. Furthermore, staff propose changing the definition from a City-only definition to a County-wide definition to promote regulatory consistency across the City and County jurisdictions. Section 3 will be amended to remove the current graphic and add a new graphic depicting the State-mandated measurement.

This amendment will have no impact on current development review practices as staff has already incorporated the statutory changes into our processes.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval