



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

TO: Alamance County Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE: 03/2/20

FROM: Tonya Caddle

DATE SUBMITTED:

DEPT: Planning

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Alamance County currently has a requirement in the watershed ordinance that a Board of Adjustment be created to handle variance requests on watershed regulations.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Alamance County Inspections department administers the watershed protection ordinance. In that ordinance there is language that allows property owners to ask for a variance on a portion of the regulations in the ordinance. The Alamance County Watershed Ordinance Board of Adjustment is the group that is tasked with hearing these requests. The Board of Adjustment has not met in approximately 20 years. This Board needs to be appointed so that these requests can be heard.

The County is also looking to make required changes to the ordinances of the County. North Carolina State law has changed and the County has until January 1, 2021 to come into compliance with those required changes. As we move forward to make those ordinance changes, we plan to pull the County Ordinances together to make a Unified Development Ordinance. At that time we would look to make our code enforcement and other pieces more consistent across all of our enforcement policies handled currently under individual ordinances. We will need to look and see if the Board of Adjustment would be the group to hear all of these variance requests from all parts of the proposed Unified Development Ordinance as we move through the process of writing the UDO.

FISCAL IMPACT:

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

ACTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESULT:

INFORMATIONAL