

## Fairview Land Development Plan

### GUIDELINES

The Town of Fairview Land Development Plan combines the goals and objectives of its residents with sound planning principles in conjunction with the attached *Future Land Use Map* by way of the following general guidelines:

1. To provide a low-density, rural atmosphere allowing single-family residential and agricultural uses. Additionally, in select nodes small-scale office and retail developments will be allowed that serve the needs of the Fairview community. Light industrial uses that provide employment opportunities to residents will also be considered.
2. To avoid, where possible, destruction of trees and landscape.
3. To protect environmentally sensitive areas such as floodplains and watersheds and to promote and preserve open space.
4. To maintain the existing quality of residential neighborhoods through enforcement of land use and building codes.

The Land Development Plan provides an overall framework to guide operational decisions in planning and acts as a basis for rational decisions regarding zoning, subdivision control, redevelopment, and related issues. The Plan reflects an estimate of future land requirements. It indicates how and where development should proceed to ensure a desirable physical investment. The Plan adheres to the highest standards of health, safety, and welfare in a living environment.

For the purposes of this document “Land Development Plan” is defined as:

This plan serves as a guide to official decisions regarding the distribution and intensity of private development, as well as public decisions on the location of future public facilities and open spaces.

### Goals and Objectives

These goals and objectives are an essential element of this plan. The formulation of goals and objectives reflect sound planning principles and, most importantly, express the values of the community.

The Town of Fairview is viewed by its residents to be a friendly and safe place to live. Fairview treasures the absence of higher-density development, traffic congestion, and other related problems of larger cities in its jurisdiction. This development plan seeks to protect this quality of life as it represents the foundation upon which land use decisions will be based.

Goals supported by the community provide a sound basis for planning and subsequent action. Further, as Planning is a continuous process, periodic review of priorities will provide for later revisions of objectives and land development recommendations. The following goals of the community are distributed into these categories: *Quality of Life, Environment, Housing, Office/Commercial and Industrial*

#### Quality of Life

**Goal:** To maintain and promote the current high quality of life in the town of Fairview.

**Objectives:** To retain agrarian based development patterns, where desired, throughout the Town.

## **Environment**

**Goal:** To promote the preservation and management of open space and natural features of the environment in order to safeguard safety, health, and welfare.

**Objectives:** To avoid, where possible, destruction of trees, animal species, and landscapes.

To protect environmentally sensitive areas such as floodplains, creeks, and watersheds.

To develop land use regulations that provide for open space preservation.

## **Housing**

**Goal:** To provide an environment in which every resident within the Town's planning areas has an opportunity for adequate, decent, and safe housing.

**Objectives:** To maintain the existing quality of residential neighborhoods through enforcement of land use and building codes. Since housing demand is more likely on the western side of Fairview due to proximity to I-485 and the Charlotte Metro area, higher density housing would be considered in this area, but only with proper conditions, adequate sewer, adequate water, adequate open spaces, adequate recreational facilities and adequate transportation infrastructure.

## **Office/Commercial**

**Goal:** To provide small-scale office and retail developments that provide employment opportunities and serve the everyday retail needs of Fairview area residents.

**Objectives:** To designate specific and limited areas on the Fairview Future Land Use Map that are located along the Highways 601 and 218 Corridors as well as around select activity nodes. Such areas shall consist of small-scale office and retail developments that are well-planned, aesthetically pleasing and integrate well with surrounding residential areas.

To develop land use regulations that allow for a limited amount of office and commercial development that is in harmony with the goals and objectives of the Fairview Land use Plan.

## **Industrial**

**Goal:** To promote and expand the Town's industrial base with high-paying and environmentally friendly industrial, manufacturing and warehousing jobs.

**Objectives:** Promote new industrial development where adequate utility and transportation infrastructure is provided or could be provided in a cost-effective manner. Promote the adaptive reuse (for manufacturing AND OTHER USES) of any of the Town's existing industrial buildings, when and where feasible. Such sites should be compatible with surrounding land uses.

Coordinate the location of future industrial areas with the Town, County, and State utility and transportation infrastructure networks and with the Land Use Plans of the county and other neighboring jurisdictions.

New buildings and their siting on the property should be of such scale and design so as to improve the quality, character and livability of surrounding areas. Require that utility lines for all new industrial developments be placed underground. Create off-street parking policies that encourage quality design, pedestrian and vehicular safety, and are user-friendly in nature. Use increased parking lot landscaping as a means of improving the aesthetics of industrial developments. Create standards that limit the amount of off-street parking in front yards along major and minor thoroughfares.

Ensure adequate screening of industrial uses from adjacent non-industrial parcels and along the Town's major and minor thoroughfares in such a manner that these uses do not detract from the Town's overall image and that viewsheds from these thoroughfares are protected. Provide transitional land uses or buffers (including natural buffers such as vegetated areas, berms, etc., or commercial or institutional uses) between residential and newly developed industrial areas.

**General Policies:**

1. Conditional Use rezonings will be considered more favorably than general rezonings as a means to ensure compatibility of new development with surrounding areas.
2. The Town of Fairview encourages the reservation of land for parks and open space, and will seek the dedication of parkland or fees-in-lieu through the subdivision process.

**This Land Development Plan is adopted the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April and shall become effective the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019**