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Request Summary

- Petitioner: Planning and Development Services staff
- Request: extend the timeframe in which the HRC shall act upon complete applications for COAs.

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Summary

- The UDO requires the HRC to act on COA applications within 120 days of submission.
- The emergence of COVID-19 has limited the HRC's ability to hold regular, in-person meetings.
- The State Legislature recently enacted a new rule requiring all parties with standing agree to holding a virtual public hearing.

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- The NC General Statutes already allow the HRC up to 180 days to review COA applications.
- As a consequence of meeting cancellations related to COVID-19, two COA applications were automatically approved in June.

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Recommendation

- Zoning Text Amendment: Approval