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AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CITY-COUNTY PLANNING STAFF TO UPDATE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE *UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES* (UDO) WHICH REFERENCE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY.

Be it ordained by the _____, that the Unified Development Ordinances are amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the UDO is amended as follows:

2.2 PURPOSE

2.2.1 DEFINITIONS ORDINANCE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a set of definitions applicable to the Zoning Ordinance, the Environmental Ordinance, and the Subdivision Regulations of the adopting jurisdiction.

2.2.2 ZONING ORDINANCE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within the zoning jurisdiction of the adopting jurisdiction through the stated regulations of this Ordinance. An additional purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of ~~Legacy, A Legacy for~~ **Forward 2045, the comprehensive plan for** Forsyth County, North Carolina, as amended, including any specifically related land use plans, development guides, and the Transportation Plan.

2.2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem through the stated regulations of this Ordinance. An additional purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of ~~Vision 2005, A Comprehensive Plan~~ **Forward 2045, the comprehensive plan** for Forsyth County, North Carolina, as amended, including any specifically related land use plans, development guides, and the Transportation Plan.

Section 2. Chapter 4 of the UDO is amended as follows:

4.2 GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

4.2.3 WHERE AVAILABLE

NOTE: Items to be removed are indicated with a ~~strike through~~; items to be added are shown as **highlighted**. Items with a single underscore are applicable to Forsyth County only, and *italicized* items are applicable to Winston-Salem only.

Copies of Legacy are available in the office of the Planning
Forward 2045 are available online at www.Forward2045.com.

Section 3. Chapter 8 of the UDO is amended as follows:

8.2 SALEM LAKE WATERSHED PROTECTION

8.2.1 AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

B. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of these standards is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the State of North Carolina, including residents of the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and residents who live within the Salem Lake Watershed, a public water supply watershed, as established by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.
2. An additional purpose of these standards is to establish regulations which protect drinking water quality in the Salem Lake Watershed and which meet or exceed the minimum regulations established by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission under the provisions of the Water Supply Watershed Protection Act of 1989.
3. A further purpose of these standards is to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of Legacy, A Legacy for Forward 2045, the comprehensive plan for Forsyth County, North Carolina, as amended, including any specifically related land use plans, development guides, and the Transportation Plan.

8.3 WATERSHED PROTECTION (F)

8.3.1 AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of these standards is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the State of North Carolina, including residents of the Forsyth County, and residents who live within areas designated as public water supply watersheds, as established by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.
2. An additional purpose is to establish regulations which protect drinking water quality in Forsyth County and which meet the minimum regulations established by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission under the provisions of the Water Supply Watershed Protection Act of 1989.
3. A further purpose is to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of Legacy, A Legacy for Forward 2045, the comprehensive plan for Forsyth County, North Carolina, as amended, including any specifically related land use plans, development guides, and the Transportation Plan.

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Section 4. Chapter 11 of the UDO is amended as follows:

TABLE 11.2.2: DEFINITIONS	
FORWARD 2045	The adopted comprehensive plan for Winston-Salem since 2024 and Forsyth County since 2025 (replaced the previously adopted comprehensive plan, Legacy, which replaced Vision 2005). Forward 2045 and its subsequent amendments guide decisions concerning the physical, economic, and social development of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Within Forward 2045, the Growth Management Plan designates Growth Management Areas (GMAs) including City/Town Centers (GMA 1), Urban Neighborhoods (GMA 2), Suburban Neighborhoods (GMA 3), the Future Growth Area (GMA 4), and the Rural Area (GMA 5), plus special designations for areas of concentrated mixed-use development called activity centers. Adopted small area plans provide greater detail and supplement Forward 2045 with parcel-specific guidance related to land use and development.
LEGACY	The adopted comprehensive plan for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County since 2001 (replaced the previously adopted comprehensive plan — Vision 2005). Legacy and its subsequent amendments guide decisions concerning the physical, economic, and social development of Forsyth County and its municipalities. Within Legacy, there is a Growth Management Plan and Map which designate Growth Management Areas (GMA) within the County or City/Town Centers (GMA 1), Urban Neighborhoods (GMA 2), Suburban Neighborhoods (GMA 3), Future Growth Area (GMA 4), and Rural Area (GMA 5), plus special designations for concentrated mixed-use development called Metro Activity Centers (MAC). Adopted small area plans provide greater detail and supplement Legacy concerning guidance for specific land uses and properties.

Section 5. The UDO is amended as follows:

Except as otherwise indicated in the previous Sections of this amendment, the specific words “Forward 2045” shall replace the specific words “Legacy” and “Legacy 2030” wherever they currently exist in the UDO. The specific words “Activity Center(s)” shall replace the specific words “Metro Activity Center(s)” and “Community Activity Center” wherever they currently exist in the UDO.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

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