City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 22, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

Chris Murphy, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services

Council Action Requested:

Request for Public Hearing on Ordinance Amending Chapters 6, 8, And 10 Of The Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) In Response To The NC General Assembly's Passage Of SB300 Part XIII, Decriminalization Of Certain Ordinances (UDO-CC16)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In September 2021, the North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 300 (SB300), a wide-ranging criminal justice reform bill. Part XIII, Decriminalization of Certain Ordinances, lists specific instances where City and County development ordinances may not impose criminal penalties. The Planning Department and Attorney's Office staff reviewed the UDO to determine areas where criminal penalties would need to be removed and identified four sections that would need modification to comply with SB300 (Sections 6.2.B.8.b; 8.6.12.C; 10.2.1; and 10.2.2). Language that references criminal penalties was modified or removed in these instances. Staff believes this text amendment will have minimal impact on staff's ability to enforce the UDO, as it has been over 20 years since any criminal penalties have been used here.

| Committee Action: | | | | |
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| Committee | CDHGG 3/22/22 | Action | Approval | |
| For | Unanimous | Against | | |
| Remarks: | | | | |