

Orange County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) **First Draft Released for Public Comment**

Who: The Orange County Planning and Inspections Department is providing an opportunity for public review and comment on the first draft of its Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Comments received will be considered as the next draft is prepared for formal public hearing in November of this year.

What: A UDO compiles property development regulations into one cross-referenced document. Examples of existing ordinances to be included in the UDO are: zoning, subdivision, flood damage, and erosion control.

Where: The first draft UDO can be found on the Planning Department's website (www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/UDO.asp). A CD copy can also be obtained at the Department located on the second floor of the Orange County West Campus Office Bld., 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough.

How: Comments can be submitted in writing or through attending the Public Input Session on September 8th.

Written Comments – The County will be accepting written comments until 9:00 AM on Monday, September 20, 2010. Additional instructions on submitting comments can be found at the webpage above.

Public Input Session - September 8, 2010, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Orange County West Campus Office Bld., Lower Level, 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough.

Why: The primary purpose of creating a UDO is to create a more user-friendly, understandable document by incorporating all land use development regulations into a central document and eliminate inconsistencies among ordinances.

Next Steps: Following receipt of public, County advisory board, and Board of County Commissioners' comments on the first draft UDO, staff and Consultant will begin preparing the second draft scheduled for formal public hearing on November 22, 2010. Additional public notice will be forthcoming.