

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Waynesville has the authority, pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, to adopt land development regulations, clarify such regulations, and may amend said regulations from time to time in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waynesville must comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on August 19, 2021 and maintain legal authority to enforce the stormwater program through up-to-date ordinances.

WHEREAS, the Town of Waynesville Planning Board has reviewed the proposed text amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance 12.5 of the Land Development Standards (LDS) and recommends that they are consistent with the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and that they are reasonable and in the public interest because:

- The Town of Waynesville will continue to “promote smart growth in land use planning and zoning;” (Goal #1);
- The amendment will “protect and enhance Waynesville’s natural resources,” (Goal #3);

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed and recommends the proposed text amendments for enactment by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen find this Ordinance is consistent with the Town’s 2035 Comprehensive Plan and that it is reasonable and in the public interest to “make decisions about resources and land use in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes.” and

WHEREAS, after notice duly given, a public hearing was held on April 26, 2023 at the special called meeting of the Waynesville Planning Board, and on _____, 2023 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON _____ AND WITH A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THE FOLLOWING:

Section 12.5- Stormwater Management of the Land Development Standards (LDS) be amended as follows:

Amend the section 12.5.7.A- General Requirements as follows:

7. (...)
8. No stormwater structure, or part thereof, shall project into the property setbacks as established for each zoning district in section 2.4- Dimensional Standards. If there is no setback or setback is less than 10 ft, then use a minimum distance of 10 feet from the perimeter lot line to a stormwater structure or any part thereof.
9. **Fencing:** All sections of stormwater structures shall be surrounded with a permanent, continuous fence or vegetation barrier at the top of the embankment with no opening wider than two (2) inches if a stormwater structure contains:
 - a proposed retaining wall higher than 4 feet, and/or
 - a 3:1 slope, and/or
 - a height greater than 5 feet.

Any stormwater structure with a continuous fence around the entire perimeter shall provide ingress and egress for SCM/pond maintenance but restricted by lockable gates of adequate size to allow for the easy passage of necessary maintenance equipment. **Fences shall be shown on all as-built plans.**

10. **Signage:** Any pond must have warning signs posted on all sides of a pond and at any major approach to the pond, such as a path identifying the area as a stormwater management site and raises public awareness of potential hazards of the site (i.e. no swimming, boating, skating, unsafe to enter, etc.).
11. **Conversion to Stormwater Management Structure:** After permanent stabilization of all disturbed contributory drainage areas and flushing of the storm drains, temporary sediment basins, if initially built and certified to meet permanent standards, may be converted to permanent stormwater management structures. To convert the basin from temporary to permanent use, the outlet structure must be modified in accordance with approved stormwater management design plans and inspected for watertight connections. Sediment and other debris should be removed to a contained spoil area. Regrading of the basin may be necessary to achieve the final design grades and to provide an adequate topsoil layer to promote final stabilization. **Final elevations and a complete description of any modifications to the riser structure's geometry should be shown in the approved plans.**

ADOPTED this _____ Day of _____, 2023.

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

J. Gary Caldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Martha Bradley, Town Attorney