

## MEMORANDUM

To: Northampton County Board of Commissioners  
From: Roger Waldon, Northampton Planning Consultant  
Date: April 12, 2021  
Subject: Public Hearing Overview for April 19, 2021

This memorandum provides an overview of upcoming Public Hearings to be conducted by the Northampton County Board of Commissioners on **Monday, April 19, 2021**, to consider adoption of recommended Planning documents.

Three draft documents have been recommended for adoption: (1) A Draft Comprehensive Plan; (2) Proposed Amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance; and (3) Proposed Amendments to Northampton County's Subdivision Regulations. Preparation of the documents was initiated in response to North Carolina General Statutes that require jurisdictions to have an adopted Comprehensive Plan in order to administer zoning regulations, and to make technical adjustments to existing zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations in order to achieve consistency with revised General Statutes. The Northampton County Planning Board has recommended adoption of all three documents by the Board of Commissioners.

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The three documents can be accessed on the Northampton County website at these three locations:

- Draft Comprehensive Plan:  
[http://www.northamptonnc.com/how\\_do\\_i\\_\(faq\)/ordinances\\_and\\_policies.php](http://www.northamptonnc.com/how_do_i_(faq)/ordinances_and_policies.php)
- Zoning Ordinance Proposed Amendments:  
<http://www.northamptonnc.com/ZO%20Technical%20Amendments%203-16%20Track%20Changes.docx>

- Subdivision Regulations Proposed Amendments:  
<http://www.northamptonnc.com/Subdivision%20Regulations%20Amendments%20Draft%203-16-2021.docx>

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