

July 25, 2023

Dear Chatham County Planning Board,

This letter is a public hearing request to submit a text amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance (ZO). This request involves the regulation requiring that a campground in the County must operate on a minimum of twenty (20) acres of land. The amended text proposed in this letter would **lower the land usage for a campground from twenty to ten (10) acres.**

There are three reasons we may justify reducing land use for a campground from 20 acres to 10 acres:

1. Currently there are numerous projects being considered or having already been approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Projects such as ReCode Chatham, Plan Moncure and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) are pillars of progress to manage the current and future commercial and economic development in our County. Hence, we are in a suitable time to implement this proposed text amendment.
2. Within Chatham County, and specifically in the Haw River Township, there already exist two campgrounds – the Chatham RV Park and the Jordan Dam RV Park, that are located on 10.01 acres and 10.35 acres, respectively. This text amendment would be consistent with a precedent already established and equally exercise a “one for all” policy to all residents in Chatham County.
3. Economic development in Chatham County is not limited to only the Vinfast Project and Chatham Park. With mega sites under current construction in nearby Randolph County (Toyota plant off Highway 421) and the Wolfsped mega site, Chatham residents in all geographic corners are personally connected to the expanding development in one way or another. Hence, approving the text amendment would offer equal and fair opportunity for residents to fill a diverse need to host the growing platform of workers operating in and close to Chatham County. In other words, we would be providing an imperative service to companies investing in our county.

In summary, we submit that the Planning Board assess this request and schedule the proposal for a public hearing, take the time to conduct a Planning Board Review and forward to the Board of Commissioners for a decision and vote on this matter.

Sincerely,

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