

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TREE COVERAGE CALCULATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE *UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE* (TC1300002)

WHEREAS, the Durham City Council received an application from Horvath Associates to amend certain provisions in the *Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO) regarding tree coverage calculations; and

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Durham City Council to have the UDO promote regulatory efficiency and consistency, and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Article 8, Environmental Protection, of the *Unified Development Ordinance* is amended to make the following changes set forth in the strikethroughs and underlining below:

PART 1

Sec. 8.3 Tree Protection and Tree Coverage

8.3.1 Tree Coverage Standards

C. Tree Coverage

5. For the purposes of calculating tree coverage requirements, the following shall be excluded from the total area of the development tract:
 - a. The water surface area of ponds, lakes and other water bodies (excluding stormwater control structures).
 - b. Right-of-way dedication for the widening of existing road right-of-way.
 - c. The area within utility easements of record (power, gas, water, or sewer) that measure a minimum of 50 feet in width and exist at the time of application submittal.

PART 2

That the *Unified Development Ordinance* shall be renumbered as necessary to accommodate these changes and clarifications.

PART 3

That this amendment of the *Unified Development Ordinance* shall become effective upon adoption.