

Ordinance No. 2016-06-03

**An Ordinance
Amending the Camden County
Code of Ordinances**

Camden County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 151 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances of Camden County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the County Commissioners on December 15, 1997, and subsequently amended and as otherwise incorporated into the Camden County Code.

Article II. Construction

For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Ordinance language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. New language of proposed ordinance shall be shown in italics (*italics*) and underlined.

Article III. Amend Chapter 151 as amended of the Camden County Code which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 151: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT

COMMON OPEN SPACE SUBDIVISIONS

§ 151.291 APPLICABILITY AND LOT SIZES.

(A) In any single-family residential subdivision, a developer may create open space subdivision lots that have or contain the minimum lot sizes as specified below, subject to Health Department approval, if the developer complies with the provisions of this subchapter.

(1) 20,000 square feet minimum, if there is no centralized water or sewer available to all of the lots;

(2) 15,000 square feet minimum, if there is either centralized water or centralized sewer available to all lots; or

(3) 10,000 square feet minimum, if there is both centralized water and centralized sewer available to all lots.

(B) The intent of this section is to authorize the developer to decrease lot sizes and leave the land “saved” by so doing as open space, thereby lowering development costs and increasing the amenity of the project without increasing the density beyond what would be permissible if the land were subdivided into lots using conventional subdivision standards as provided in §§ 151.060 through 151.068.

(C) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

OPEN SPACE. Those areas, as defined in §§ 151.195 through 151.200, except that subsurface waste water disposal fields and subsurface septic tanks, may, at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, be counted as open space.

(D) ~~All setbacks, building height and lot coverage standards established in §§ 151.060 through 151.068 for development on lots, shall apply in common open space subdivisions.~~
Setbacks for Open Space Subdivisions shall be no less than 25 feet front/rear structural, 10 feet side structural, and 5 feet vehicular setback.

(E) (1) Previously approved subdivisions having valid sketch plan approval, may, at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, request to develop the property in accordance with the common open space provisions at the density originally approved.

(2) Density bonuses shall not apply to subdivisions where the number of lots originally approved exceed current county density requirements.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden this day of July, 2016.

County of Camden

P. Michael McLain, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Angie Wooten
Clerk to the Board