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..ABSTRACT

Action Requested:

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Introduction & Background:

A legislative public hearing was held January 21, 2014. Planning staff presented the request. There were no others signed up to speak.

In December 1990, the county completed the zoning process for the remainder of the Cape Fear Township south of US 1. The property in question received a partial zoning classification of B-1 Business with the remainder as residential. According to the recorded zoning map, there were other tracts that received the same type of zoning classification with no indication as to the reasons for not zoning the entire tracts. There is not a uniform distance off Old US 1 for the business zoning such as was done with the residential zoning on US 64, US 421, and the Pittsboro Moncure Rd. in 2007.

The Planning Board met at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 4, 2014. The Board asked general questions about surrounding uses and the development of the site, otherwise they had no other questions. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the rezoning, as well as the consistency statement provided below.

Discussion & Analysis:

This is a general rezoning request. Section 19 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance sets the standard for which a general rezoning map amendment is to be processed.

In response to any alleged error in the Ordinance, if any, which may be remedied by this proposed amendment, the applicant is claiming none.

The changed or changing conditions, if any, in the area or in the County generally, which make the proposed amendment reasonably necessary for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare. The applicants are able to utilize the entire tract for business purposes which brings revenue in the form of a tax base increase and employment opportunities to the area. The applicant states the majority of the adjacent or adjoining properties along Old US 1 are also zoned B-1 Business and the entire tract

is zoned that way, specifically parcel nos. 11447, 11318, 11449, 11319, 11321, and 11294 (**Attachment 2**).

The manner in which the proposed amendment will carry out the intent and purpose of the adopted Land Use Plan or part thereof would be in the promotion of the designated economic areas as noted on Page 34 of the Plan. The Moncure-Haywood area is specifically listed as an area that could take full advantage of the potential to industrial uses that would also encourage a range and variety of commercial enterprises to accommodate those uses. Page 32 states that these economic development centers should locate within the general areas shown on the map.

The promotion of economic growth, sustainable enterprise, employment opportunities, and tax revenue are also supporting factors to creating an entire business tract that can be used for business purposes.

Because this is a general use rezoning request there are no conditions to consider or request on this property. All development of the property shall follow the standards as required in the zoning ordinance and any other regulatory department or agency that may be involved in its development.

Recommendation:

The Planning Board, by unanimous vote, recommends adoption of a resolution approving the following **Consistency Statement**:

- **The request to rezone the remainder of Parcel No. 11515 from R-1 Residential to B-1 Business is consistent with the front portion of the tract, is consistent with the adopted land use plans and regulations of the County, and therefore is approved as requested.**

It is also Planning Board, by unanimous vote, and staff recommendation to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to rezone the remainder of Parcel No. 11515 from R-1, Residential, to B-1, Business.