

Public Comments Regarding Proposed Ordinance Change- Family Care Homes  
By County Resident Joe Glasson on August 17, 2015

My name is Joe Glasson and I live at 11408 Governors Drive in Chatham County. I am here speaking in behalf of the Governors Club Property Owners Association, which represents over 2,000 residents of our community within Chatham County.

You have a packet, so let me capsule.

Amendment as proposed does the following:

- Aligns to NC State Statute 168-22
- Replicates the Town of Pittsboro ordinance
- Clarifies the intent and need of both: with a ½ mile radius from an existing facility will prevent clustering or concentration of Family Care Homes in residential neighborhoods, undermining the character of the neighborhood
- Provides for continued support of Family Care Homes throughout the County

Why the change? A Family Care Home organization has purchased two multi family residences with the intent of creating assisted living facilities to seniors within our community. They have an existing facility in the Duke Forest and they do their job well. The Duke Forest facility is on 3.5 acres, in a forested and serene setting. Their arrival in our neighborhood and their accompanying business model is welcome, as we see a few of our current residents signing up and living in their assisted living facility.

We are working with them as to related commercial traffic and safety issues.

While their Duke Forest facility is located on 3.5 acres, these two residences occupy less than an acre and have limited access to gardening areas and walking paths (as they advertise) as the residences are surrounded by a golf practice facility and a paved parking lot. Again, we are working with them to create a safe environment.

Possible expansion and the purchase of additional and adjacent residences are of major concern.

Therein lies a major safety issue for us as well as them. Simply, too little space to accommodate their business model with a golf course abutted to the possible purchases.

We don't want to exclude Family Care Homes in our community.

A fair market already exists for access to senior care facilities. While one may envision Ferrington Village's Galloway Ridge or Carolina Meadows, their original business models encompassed those services and were planned and executed accordingly. Ours did not, nor was it intended to. And, a new facility has opened very near to us, on 15-501 at Lystra Road, offering full care senior services in a wonderful facility sitting in a commercially zoned area. Solid options exist and others may well come. In behalf of our Property Owners Association, we request this change, which aligns the County with the North Carolina Statute (168-22) and is modeled after the effective and existing ordinance in the Town of Pittsboro. This is a common sense approach for our County.

Thank you, Joe Glasson