

Resident Letter – Property Values and Quality of Life

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Email / Phone Number]

[Date]

Moore County Board of Commissioners

Historic Courthouse

1 Courthouse Square

Carthage, NC 28327

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Changes to the Highway Corridor Overlay District

Dear Commissioners,

I am a Moore County resident and/or property owner, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the Highway Corridor Overlay District.

The existing overlay standards have helped protect the quality of life and visual character of Moore County for many years. The appearance of our major roadways creates an important first impression for residents, visitors, and prospective property owners. I am concerned that reducing the protected corridor from 400 feet to only 50 feet, along with removing specific land-use safeguards, could have significant long-term consequences for the character and attractiveness of our community.

While I understand the importance of allowing appropriate growth and development, reducing established protections simply to provide greater short-term flexibility for development could result in a pattern of uncoordinated, strip-style commercial development along our major highways.

The decisions made today will shape Moore County for many years to come. Protecting the character of our highways is not opposed to responsible growth; rather, it is an important part of ensuring that growth occurs in a way that preserves the qualities that make Moore County desirable.

I respectfully urge the Board of Commissioners to listen to the concerns being expressed by residents and community leaders and to vote against the proposed changes that would substantially weaken the Highway Corridor Overlay District.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Moore County.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Resident Letter – Rural Character and Tourism

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Email / Phone Number]

[Date]

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a Moore County resident and/or property owner to respectfully ask you to reject the proposed changes to the Highway Corridor Overlay District.

For nearly three decades, the County's highway corridor standards have helped maintain the rural character and visual appeal of our major thoroughfares. Roads such as NC 211 and US 1-501 are more than transportation routes—they are gateways into our communities and an important part of the identity visitors and residents experience.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal to reduce the protected corridor width from 400 feet to 50 feet and to remove important land-use safeguards. Such a significant reduction could make it much easier for development to occur in a fragmented and uncoordinated manner, potentially creating the type of strip commercial development that has diminished the character of other communities.

Moore County's appeal is closely connected to its scenic roads, rural surroundings, quality of life, and thriving tourism economy. We should be careful not to sacrifice these long-term assets for short-term development flexibility.

I support reasonable growth and recognize that regulations should be reviewed from time to time. However, changes should strengthen responsible planning rather than eliminate protections that have served the County for decades.

I respectfully urge you to preserve the existing Highway Corridor Overlay District standards and vote against the proposed changes.

Thank you for listening to the concerns of Moore County residents.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Resident Letter – Community Concerns and Responsible Growth

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to Moore County's Highway Corridor Overlay District.

I recognize that Moore County is growing and that development is an important part of our future. However, growth should be managed responsibly, with consideration given not only to what can be developed today but also to what kind of community we want Moore County to be for future generations.

The existing corridor standards have provided a framework for protecting the appearance and character of major highways for nearly 30 years. Reducing the protected area from 400 feet to 50 feet and eliminating certain land-use protections would represent a significant change in that approach.

I am concerned that weakening these standards could lead to development that is less coordinated and less compatible with the character of Moore County. Once major highway corridors become heavily developed, the resulting visual and community impacts can be difficult, if not impossible, to reverse.

Residents and community leaders throughout the County have expressed concerns about these proposed changes. I hope the Board will carefully consider those concerns before making a decision that could affect the County's appearance and identity for decades.

I urge the Board of Commissioners to maintain strong Highway Corridor Overlay District protections and to pursue a balanced approach that allows responsible development while preserving the character that makes Moore County special.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

