



**PB 26-05 CURRITUCK COUNTY
TEXT AMENDMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 1, 2026**

Request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 4 Use Standards to exempt Currituck County owned minor utility facilities from the dimensional, development and use-specific standards.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Currituck, North Carolina that the Unified Development Ordinance of the County of Currituck be amended as follows:

Item 1: That Chapter 4, Section 4.2.3. is amended by adding the following underlined language:

J. Utility, Minor

- (1) Minor utility facilities owned by a public utility as defined in Chapter 62 of the North Carolina General Statutes are permissible in all zoning districts with a zoning compliance permit.
- (2) The utility facility, storage of vehicles or equipment shall be fully screened on all sides by an opaque wall, fence, retained vegetation, or planted vegetation to a height of eight feet. If planted vegetation is used, it must satisfy the standard within three years after planting.
- (3) Continued maintenance of the screening (including replanting, if necessary) shall be a continuing condition of the permit.
- (4) Utility facilities of 16 square feet or less may be setback five feet from all side and rear lot lines. Utility facilities of between 16 and 100 square feet may be located as close as ten feet from all side and rear lot lines. All others utility buildings shall meet the minimum setback requirements for the district where they are located.
- (5) Driveways and parking areas shall be provided as required in this Ordinance, including the installation of concrete aprons where driveways abut public streets.
- (6) County-owned minor utility facilities shall be exempt from the dimensional standards of Chapter 3, development standards of Chapter 5, and the use-specific standards in this section but are encouraged to comply to the extent practicable as determined by the County.

Item 2: Statement of Consistency:

The request is in conformance with the general purpose and intent of the Unified Development Ordinance and is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan, including ICS Goals 1, 3, 8, and 9, as well as ICS Policies 8.1 and 9.1. And the request does not conflict with any other provisions of the Currituck County Code of Ordinances.

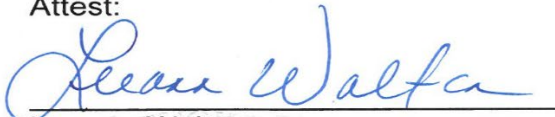
Item 3: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its provisions or any sentence, clause, or paragraph or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or violative of the Laws of the State of North Carolina by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Item 4: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect from and after the 1st day of June 2026.



Board of Commissioners' Chairman

Attest:



Leeann Walton
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

DATE ADOPTED: June 1, 2026

MOTION TO ADOPT BY COMMISSIONER: S. Jarvis

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER: Tony Angell

VOTE: 7 AYES 0 NAYS

PLANNING BOARD DATE 5/12/2026

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Approved

VOTE 4 AYES 0 NAYS

ADVERTISEMENT DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 5/20/2026 & 5/27/2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING: 6/1/2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTION: Approved

POSTED IN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE: 6/2/2026

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