

## ALLIANCE FOR CAPE FEAR TREES

### Action Alert - Make your voice heard in New Hanover County

Partners from across New Hanover County are working to encourage our board of commissioners and planning board to work together to provide our community with the opportunity to help determine which heavy-manufacturing industries are compatible with the region's economy, public health, natural assets and quality of life. Will you join us?

New Hanover County is updating its Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The UDO is a set of development and land use standards for the county. Before us is a rare opportunity to ensure this update reflects today's economic, cultural and environmental realities.

**We need you to reach out to the New Hanover County Planning Board and Commissioners** to ask for thoughtful county-wide ordinances that promote environmentally sustainable economic development, recruitment and business practices that will maintain our public health and quality of life.

Here is some suggested language for you to use or edit, as you wish.

*Dear New Hanover County Commissioners and members of the New Hanover County Planning Board,*

*I write to encourage you to update the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) so that it better guides intensive industrial growth in a way that both improves our economy while protecting our coastal environment as well as public health and well-being.*

*Please:*

- 1. Require a **Community Information Meeting** before any light industry (I-1), heavy industry (I-2), or airport industry (A-1) application is submitted. This will provide the applicant the opportunity to describe the nature and scope of the proposed project's operation, manufacturing process, products, regulatory requirements and historic compliance, and anticipated impacts on environment and public health while at the same time establishing an open dialogue between applicants and the public for mutual benefit.*
- 2. Require a "**Review of external effects**" (for uses classified as Intensive Manufacturing) wherein the applicant provides a report describing potential external effects from the proposed project on air and water quality, wetlands, surface waters and discharges, endangered species, stormwater runoff, and private and public water supplies.*
- 3. Engage a heavy-manufacturing industry expert to perform an **independent analysis** to determine which industries are appropriate and should be listed in the UDO as light industry (I-1), heavy industry (I-2), and airport industry (A-1) zoning districts. It is important that this highly technical vetting process, which has not yet been completed, be included in this UDO update.*

To send one email to all Commissioners and Planning Board members and staff collectively,  **click here.**

In addition to emailing the Commissioners and Planning Board members, you can go to the County's website and provide input about the UDO update through their online participation page here:

<https://planning.nhcgov.com/participate>

For more information, please visit [www.nccoast.org/udo](http://www.nccoast.org/udo)