ZTA22-02 Accessory Structures

Zoning Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Applicant: Gaston County Planning Board

Proposed Text Change: Chapter 9 (General Provisions): Section 9.9



Background

- Goal: Simplify the staff review process for permitting Accessory Structures
- Remove formula for calculations and use one factor: whether the subject lot is less than or greater than two acres.



Proposed Amendments

	Lots less than 2 acres in size	Lots greater than 2 acres in size
Number of Structures allowed on lot	2 in addition to a detached garage OR carport	3 in addition to a detached garage OR carport
Total square footage of all accessory structures on site	Less than or equal to 3% of the lot acreage	Less than or equal to 4% of the lot acreage

Proposed Amendments

Maximum square footage allowed for each individual accessory structure	Shall not exceed 50% of the building footprint of the primary residential structure	
Height of each accessory structure	Max height of 20' for each structure	Max height of 45' for each structure
Location of garage/carport	May not be located in the front yard	May be located in the front yard as long as structure is set back 30' from the road right-of-way