

**Henderson County
Technical Review Committee Minutes
February 5, 2008**

The Henderson County Technical Review Committee met on February 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville, NC. Members present were Anthony Starr, Chair; Seth Swift, Wally Hollis, Marcus Jones, Natalie Berry, and Toby Linville. Others present were Mark Gibbs, District Engineer, NCDOT, Matt Cable, Planner II, Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner, Parker Sloan, Planner and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Committee member Sam Laughter was absent.

Land Development Code Amendments – Removal of Signs in Right-of-Way – Planning Department. Mr. Starr stated that at the Board of Commissioners meeting Monday, February 4, 2008, the Commissioners directed Planning Staff to add language in the Land Development Code to allow County Staff to remove signs that have been placed in the road right-of-way. The Land Development Code prohibits the placement of signs in the ROW and in a sight visibility triangle, but the code does not have a provision for the removal of signs that are placed in the ROW. Mr. Starr stated that the recommended solution is to add language in the section of the Land Development Code regarding Sign Placement, Section 200A-176, which reads: *Signs shall be placed a minimum of 15 feet from edge of pavement or from back of curb (as applicable), and shall be located out of the road right-of-way. Signs are not permitted in a sight visibility triangle.* Suggested addition: Signs that are in the road right-of-way shall be removed without notice by any authorized County personnel and disposed of. Mark Gibbs said that he is in favor of this, but that permanent signs may need different enforcement steps. Mr. Linville stated that as present, permanent signs required both zoning and building permits. He added that this amendment is only for signs that are temporarily in the ground that are in the road right-of-way. Mr. Starr suggested that the wording be changed to read: *Signs that are in the road right-of-way shall be removed and disposed of* without notice by authorized County personnel. Mr. Starr stated that this will be discussed along with other text and map amendments by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2008 and will also go to the Planning Board.

Toby Linville made a motion that the Technical Review Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the amendment, with the change in wording as mentioned by Mr. Starr, to the Land Development Code to allow County personnel to remove any signs, and dispose of them, that have been placed in a right-of-way. All members voted in favor.