ARTICLE XIV
AMENDMENTS

Section 1400. Amendments.

This zoning ordinance, including the zoning map, shall be amended by the Town Council in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Section 1401. Initiation of Amendments.

Proposed changes or amendments may be initiated by the Town Council, the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, or one or more owners of property within the area proposed to be changed or affected.

Section 1402. Application.

Before any action on a proposed change or amendment is taken, an application shall be submitted to the office of the Zoning Administrator at least ten (10) days prior to the Planning Board's meeting at which the application is to be considered. The application shall contain the name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the property in question, the location of the property, and a description and/or statement of the present and proposed zoning regulation or district as shown on the application forms supplied by the Town. All applications requesting a change in the zoning map shall include a description of the property in question. The Planning Board and the Town Council will not consider an application for property or any part thereof that was denied within the preceding twelve (12) months by the Town Council.

Section 1403. Planning Board Action.

Before taking any action on a proposed amendment to the ordinance, the Town Council shall consider the Planning Board's recommendations on each proposed amendment. The Planning Board shall have forty-five (45) days after the first consideration of the application within which to submit its recommendations to the Town Council. Failure of the Planning Board to submit recommendations within the forty-five (45) days period shall constitute a favorable recommendation.
Section 1404. Public Hearing.

Before enacting any amendment to the zoning ordinance or zoning map, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-364 or G.S. 160A-384.

Section 1405. Protests.

In the case of a protest petition against an amendment or revision to the zoning ordinance or zoning map, the Town Council shall adhere to the provisions and procedures of G.S. 160A-385.

Section 1406. Decision.

The Town Council shall make a decision on the proposed amendment within sixty (60) days following the public hearing.

Section 1407. Effective Date.

Any amendment to the zoning ordinance or zoning map is effective on the date of adoption by the Laurel Park Town Council in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-75.