

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Economic Development-Overlay, Official Catawba County Zoning Overlay Map Amendment

1. Q: What is the Economic Development-Overlay district?  
A: It is a district within another district (overlying) that does not impact residential subdivisions, but requires non-residential development (except for churches and schools) to meet additional standards.
2. Q: Why is an amendment to this district being proposed?  
A: To reduce more restrictive regulations, as well as eliminate redundancy in regulations.
3. Q: How will the zoning overlay map amendment benefit me?  
A: If you own commercial or industrial property (nonresidential), the amendment will benefit you by reducing development standards. The benefit would be minimal if your property is residential since the overlay district does not impact residential subdivisions. Overall, there will be less regulations for you as the property owner.
4. Q: When was the Economic Development-Overlay district created?  
A: It was adopted as part of Catawba County's Unified Development Ordinance effective February 6, 2007.
5. Q: Is there a map available illustrating where the Economic Development-Overlay is proposed to be removed?  
A: Yes, select: <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/planning/ProposedOverlay.pdf>
6. Q: Where can I learn more about the Economic Development-Overlay?  
A: The Economic Development-Overlay is discussed in Section 44-436 of the Catawba County Unified Development Ordinance. It may be viewed at: <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/planning/udo/a4.pdf> (starting on page 124).
7. Q: What is the process for approving the overlay amendment?  
A: The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse located at 30 North College Avenue, Newton, NC 28658. The Planning Board will forward its recommendation to the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for consideration at a second public hearing on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., also in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse located at 30 North College Avenue, Newton, NC 28658.
8. Q: Where can I get more information regarding this proposed amendment?  
A: You may call the Catawba County Planning, Parks, and Development Department at 828-465-8380 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.