TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
PLANNING BOARD

The Black Mountain Planning Board held a UDO Workshop on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with the following members present:

Joe Laudenslayer
Pam Norton
Kathy Phillips
Michael Churchman
Lauronda Teeple

Absent:

Chris Collins
Angela Levine

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin
Russell Cate, Planner I/Zoning Administrator
Craig Justus, Town Attorney

Discussion was made about sidewalks and requiring developers to provide sidewalks rather than just granting an easement. That led into a discussion about walkability as a whole.

Based on proposed policy changes changes in the UDO draft, more review and scrutiny will be needed. Because of the short timeline, Craig Justus suggested working off of the existing Land Use Code, adding teeth to trees, signs, and sidewalks and incorporating the new parking regulations. This was amenable to all of the board members present and staff.

Jennifer Tipton will send the Word version of the Land Use Code to Mr. Justus. There will be no policy changes and he will add meat to trees, signs, and sidewalks. After the adoption of the UDO, then staff and the board can look at potential policy changes.

The proposed workshop schedule is as follows:
September 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
September 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
October 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
October 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
October 26, 2026 – have a presentable draft ready
November – presentation to Council and Special Call Meeting for public hearing for adoption

With no further business, the workshop ended at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Chris Collins, Chair

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Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin