

**ZONING ORDINANCE
TEXT AMENDMENT
APPLICATION
CITY OF CHARLOTTE**

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Section No. Chapter 9, Part 2, Section 9.203(7) and Section 9.303(10)
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Purpose of Change:

When the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted in January, 1992, stringent new requirements were placed on the location of elementary and secondary schools. These requirements stipulate that such schools must actually front on and have primary vehicular access from a collector street, minor thoroughfare, or major thoroughfare.

These requirements are justified where new school construction occurs after the date of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. However, schools which were built prior to those requirements being installed now experience considerable difficulty in being able to add buildings, modify the grounds, or perform major maintenance. With emphases being placed on upgrading older schools, the only means by which an addition or change can now occur in those non-conforming schools, is by applying to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance.

While the variance procedure is available, it is unwieldy and creates an unnecessary process which is both a burden to the Board of Education and to the members and staff of the Board of Adjustment.

This request, therefore, proposes to amend the Ordinance to recognize that those schools in existence prior to the adoption of the Ordinance can make changes without having to go through the variance process. This appears to be well justified and will be a considerable time and expense saver for everyone involved.

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