

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

The July 20, 2020 7:05 p.m. public hearing considering comments regarding Text Amendment #TC-20-01 was held at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Jeff Broadway, Ken Brown, and Gene Price were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Jaren Simpson was absent.

Mayor Baucom called the public hearing to order and welcomed everyone at 7:05 p.m.

Next, Mayor Baucom asked Sonya Gaddy, Town of Unionville's Land Use Administrator, to introduce the Text Amendment #TC-20-01. Land Use Administrator Gaddy stated that this amendment is to add Gunsmith and Gun Repair to the list of accessory uses in Section 164 and to amend the Table of Uses to include Gunsmith/Gun Repair Shops allowed in RA-40 zoning with a Special Use Permit. This request was submitted by Jon, Patricia, and Mark Arrowood. Currently, Gunsmith and Gun Repair is only allowed in business zoning. Mr. Arrowood would like to open a Gunsmith and Gun Repair in a shop at his house, zoned RA-40. Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend making the change in the ordinance to allow Gunsmith and Gun Repair Shops in RA-40 with a Special Use Permit. The Special Use Permit will come back to the Board of Adjustment for approval.

Mayor Baucom invited Jon Arrowood to speak about this text amendment. Mr. Arrowood stated that he was looking to open the business behind his home and would be happy to answer any questions. He would be doing general gun repair and heirloom gun safety/repair. Mr. Arrowood has certificates from Montgomery Community College in gunsmithing, metal refinishing, gunsmithing technology, and so on. Mr. Arrowood stated that one of his certifications included Smith and Wesson Model 2.0 armor, which grants him the ability to fix that particular gun without voiding the warranty on it. He also stated that he was hoping to do coating and painting on some of the firearms. Mr. Arrowood then passed around the certifications he currently has to share with Council. Mr. Arrowood stated that he was not looking to have a range behind the house; due to housing density, it would be unsafe. He did advise that he has a membership to a private range to test fire the firearms he is working on. He also stated that there was no guarantee that he would be able to operate his business, even with this text amendment. He stated that he would still have to go through Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) after getting Unionville's permission. Mayor Baucom asked him if he would be working out of a shop behind his home. Mr. Arrowood stated that he would. He offered to answer any questions the public may have. Land Use Administrator Gaddy stated that in an effort to clarify, the proposed text amendment would apply to the entire town, not just one parcel. A text amendment applies to the entire town.

There being no additional comments, Mayor Baucom declared the public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody S. Braswell
Deputy Clerk