

CCNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ON CITY ZONING CODE PRINCIPLES

Adopted May 16, 2018

We have identified several areas of the City of Sarasota's zoning code that require changes in order to address known safety, compatibility, and public participation gaps.

These issues require immediate attention. They should not be deferred until the Form-Based Code initiative is restarted.

Resolution of the CCNA Executive Committee to Adopt A Position on Zoning Code Principles

1. The current Administrative Approval process for the downtown does not provide adequate opportunity for public input during the site plan process and must be changed.
2. The practice of approving site plans through an administrative review process conducted by City staff should not be expanded for the areas outside downtown.
3. City construction site policies and procedures do not adequately protect pedestrians and adjoining properties from falling debris and other safety hazards. Fines should be meaningful and inspections frequent.
4. City policies and procedures do not adequately incentivize developers to minimize street and sidewalk closures for the briefest period of time possible and should be strengthened.
5. Minimum and maximum setback footage should be increased for the downtown zones. Sidewalk width, especially on arterial streets should be reviewed for the entire city.
6. Development projects should be compatible with the surrounding community: City staff should be proactive in implementing the compatibility standards already in the City Zoning Code.