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Subject: Urgent Request to Protect the Character of Corolla: Support the Proposed UDO Rules

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ATTN: Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Dear Currituck County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Fruitville Beach Civic Association, to express our strong support for the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) rules recommended by the County Planning Commission. These rules are crucial for preserving the character and safety of the Corolla area, and we urge you to adopt them without delay.

The proposed rules, which include a public hearing requirement for large developments in Corolla, are essential for several reasons:

1. **Traffic Safety:** The proposed 172-room hotel at Herring and Route 12, along with the 127-unit multi-family complex at the same location, poses a significant risk to traffic safety. The increased traffic congestion could lead visitors to use Corolla Drive, a residential street that runs parallel to Route 12, as an alternative route. This would endanger the pedestrians who frequently use this street to access the beach during the summer months. The new UDO rules would ensure that a thorough traffic impact analysis is conducted, allowing for expert review and community input to address these concerns.
2. **Stormwater Retention:** Large developments can have a substantial impact on stormwater management in this area. The proposed rules would require developers to assess and mitigate the effects of their projects on stormwater retention, protecting the environment and the community from potential flooding and other water-related issues.

3. **Community Impact:** The scale of the proposed developments threatens the family-friendly and safe vacation atmosphere that Corolla is known for. The public hearing requirement would give the community an opportunity to present expert analyses and voice their concerns, ensuring that any new development aligns with the values and needs of the residents and visitors.
4. **Adherence to the Land Use Plan:** The County's land use plan calls for a traffic impact analysis for developments that significantly increase vehicular activity. Unfortunately, this directive has not been implemented. Adopting the proposed UDO rules would rectify this oversight and provide a structured process for evaluating the impact of large developments on our community.

We believe that adopting these rules is essential for maintaining the integrity and safety of Corolla. High-density projects, such as the proposed hotel and multi-family complex, could irreparably harm the character of our community. The proposed UDO rules will ensure that any new developments are thoroughly reviewed and that their impacts are carefully considered.

We respectfully urge you to adopt the new UDO rules in your upcoming meeting on June 3, 2024. Protecting the unique character of Corolla is of utmost importance, and your decision will have a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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