

ARTICLE 7. ENFORCEMENT AND REVIEW

Section 7.1 Notices of Violation.

When the UDO Administrator determines work or activity has been undertaken in violation of the Unified Development Ordinance or other local development regulations or any State law delegated to the Town for enforcement purposes in lieu of the State or in violation of the terms of a development approval, a written notice of violation may be issued. The notice of violation shall be delivered to the holder of the development approval and to the landowner of the property involved, if the landowner is not the holder of the development approval, by personal delivery, electronic delivery, or first-class mail and may be provided by similar means to the occupant of the property or the person undertaking the work or activity. The notice of violation shall be posted on the property. The UDO Administrator shall certify to the Town that the notice was provided, and the certificate shall be deemed conclusive in the absence of fraud. Except as provided by NCGS 160D-1123 or GS 160D-1206 or otherwise provided by law, a notice of violation may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Section 5.1, Appeals. *(Amended 9/14/2021)*

Section 7.2 Stop Work Orders.

Whenever any work or activity subject to regulation pursuant to this Ordinance or other applicable local development regulation or any State law delegated to the Town for enforcement purposes in lieu of the State is undertaken in substantial violation of any State or local law, or in a manner that endangers life or property, staff may order the specific part of the work or activity that is in violation or presents such a hazard to be immediately stopped. The order shall be in writing, directed to the person doing the work or activity, and shall state the specific work or activity to be stopped, the reasons therefor, and the conditions under which the work or activity may be resumed. A copy of the order shall be delivered to the holder of the development approval and to the owner of the property involved (if that person is not the holder of the development approval) by personal delivery, electronic delivery, or first-class mail. The person or persons delivering the stop work order shall certify to the Town that the order was delivered, and that certificate shall be deemed conclusive in the absence of fraud. Except as provided by NCGS 160D-1112 and 160D-1208, a stop work order may be appealed pursuant to Section 5.1. No further work or activity shall take place in violation of a stop work order pending a ruling on the appeal. Violation of a stop work order shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. *(Amended 9/14/2021)*

Section 7.3 Remedies.

(a) Any development regulation adopted pursuant to NC General Statutes Chapter 160D may be enforced by any remedy provided in NCGS 160A-175. If a building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, or land is used or developed in violation of this UDO or of any development regulation or other regulation made under authority of NCGS Chapter 160D, the town, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent the unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, use, or development; to restrain, correct, or abate the violation; to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business, or use in or about the premises. *(Amended 9/14/2021)*

(b) When a development regulation adopted pursuant to authority conferred by NCGS Chapter 160D is to be applied or enforced in any area outside the planning and development regulation jurisdiction of the town, the town and the property owner shall certify that the application or enforcement of the town UDO is not under coercion or otherwise based on representation by the

town that the town's development approval would be withheld without the application or enforcement of the town UDO outside the jurisdiction of the town. The certification may be evidenced by a signed statement of the parties on any development approval. *(Amended 9/14/2021)*

(c) In case any building, structure, site, area, or object designated as a historic landmark or located within a historic district designated by the Town of Edenton is about to be demolished whether as the result of deliberate neglect or otherwise, materially altered, remodeled, removed, or destroyed, except in compliance with the UDO, the town or other party aggrieved by such action may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful demolition, destruction, material alteration, remodeling, or removal, to restrain, correct, or abate such violation, or to prevent any illegal act or conduct with respect to such building, structure, site, area, or object. Such remedies shall be in addition to any others authorized by this UDO for violation of this Ordinance. *(Amended 9/14/2021)*