



## **City of Asheboro Extra-Territorial Planning Jurisdiction Reduction**

**January, 2013**

### **Introduction:**

On January 1, 2013, the City of Asheboro's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction (ETJ) was reduced as depicted on the City of Asheboro 2012 Revised Extra-Territorial Planning Jurisdiction Area map. The ETJ is an area outside of the Asheboro City Limits that is subject to the City's land development regulations. Parcels of land located in the ETJ are not subject to City property taxes and residents cannot vote in city elections.

The City of Asheboro first established ETJ in the 1970's in order to address growth and development adjacent to Asheboro's city limits. At that time, Randolph County had not yet adopted county-wide zoning and ETJ was a way to protect properties outside of the city limits from incompatible development.

### **Will my property be annexed as a result of the reduction?:**

The reduction does not affect whether a property will be annexed or not. Areas removed from the City's ETJ are those areas that currently do not receive full city services and are not projected to receive such services in the coming years. However, property owners in these areas still have the right to petition the City for annexation, as they do today, in order to receive the full range of city services. Voluntary annexation requests will be evaluated by the City Council on a case-by-case basis.

### **Will this affect my property taxes?:**

No changes to property tax rates are proposed as part of the ETJ reduction.

### **Will this affect the school district that my property is within?:**

School assignments are determined by the elected officials holding office on a school board (either Asheboro City Schools or Randolph County Schools). The ETJ reduction does not affect school assignments.

**Will this affect my voting district or polling location?:**

The reduction does not impact the voting district or polling location a resident is assigned.

**How will this will affect me?:**

The reduction changes who manages zoning and land development-related laws. Property located within Asheboro's ETJ must comply with Asheboro zoning and subdivision ordinances as administered by the City of Asheboro Planning and Zoning Department. Property removed from the City's ETJ no longer will be subject to City land development ordinances. Instead, such property will be regulated by Randolph County ordinances as administered by the Randolph County Planning and Zoning Department.

**How will my property now be zoned?:**

State law gives Randolph County sixty days to zone properties that have been released from the City's ETJ. The Randolph County Board of Commissioners will decide the final zoning applied to affected properties. Randolph County has indicated that it will seek to apply zoning designations that are comparable to the current City zoning designations. Randolph County will hold a public hearing prior to applying County zoning to affected properties.

The City of Asheboro's land development ordinances are available at [www.asheboronc.gov](http://www.asheboronc.gov) under the "Forms and Documents" link. You may also contact the City of Asheboro Planning and Zoning Department at 626-1201 ext. 223, 225, or 292 if you have questions. Randolph County's land development ordinances are available from the County's website at [www.co.randolph.nc.us/pz](http://www.co.randolph.nc.us/pz). The phone number for Randolph County Planning and Zoning is 318-6555.