REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2025

8.A. TA 04-25 Sign Standards

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Rox Burhans, Planning Director

Action Requested:
Proposed amendments to Land Development Code Chapter 10 (Signs), with minor amendments to Chapters 2 (Definitions) and 3 (General Standards). The proposed amendments will:

- Clarify existing standards related to quantity and illumination of building-mounted signage.
- Create decision standards for administrative sign variances.
- Reduce the number of sign illumination types allowed along Catawba Ave in Old Town Cornelius.
- Allow both wall and blade sign types along Catawba Ave in Old Town Cornelius.
- Create standards and additional allowances for temporary construction fence wraps.

The intent of these amendments is to improve the sign review and approval process, enhance the aesthetic character and visitor experience of Old Town Cornelius, and support existing and future businesses.

The Planning Board reviewed the proposed amendment at its October 13, 2025 meeting and unanimously recommended approval. There were no public comments.

A public hearing was opened on November 17, 2025, and continued to this date in order to provide revisions related to the temporary construction fencing requirements.

Manager's Recommendation:
Approve an Ordinance amending the Land Development Code - Chap. 2, 3 and 10 as presented and a Resolution declaring TA 04-25 is consistent with the Town's Land Use Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:
PB Consistency Statement TA 04-25.pdf
ORD TA 04-25 Signs.pdf
Resolution of Consistency Statement TA 04-25.pdf
TA 04-25 Signs - Staff Presentation.pdf