REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2026

11.C. Lake Norman Social District Amendment

To: Mayor Bilodeau and Board of Commissioners

From: Wayne Herron, Deputy Town Manager

Action Requested:
Consider Amending the Ordinance governing the boundaries and rules associated with the Lake Norman Social District. This ordinance amendment expands the boundaries of the district to encompass a larger portion of Downtown Cornelius, including the Cain Center Pottery Studio, Mills Market development, and Oak Street Mill complex, as well as the Live/Work units on Catawba Ave. The purpose of this expansion is to accommodate current and future businesses that may be interested in obtaining a permit to serve in the district. Additionally, this amendment establishes a 12-month expiration for permits, requiring licensed businesses to re-apply annually. The purpose of this change is to ensure that Certificates of Insurance remain up to date and to ensure permit holders remain in good standing.

The Operations and Maintenance Plan associated with the district, which governs licensing and public health and safety elements will also be updated to reflect the new boundaries and permit requirements. A draft of this document is attached for reference.

Manager's Recommendation:
Adopt an Ordinance to amend the Lake Norman Social District as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:
3-16-2026 LKN Ops-Maint Social_District (Amended).pdf
Social District Ordinance Amendment 2026 Revised.pdf
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Social & Ent Dist Expansion - Staff Presentation