

## **County Ordinance to Implement Land Records Modernization Program**

Section 1. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 161-30.

Section 2. The register of deeds shall not accept for registration any deed, deed of trust, map or plat or any other instrument containing a description of the real property affected by the instrument unless the parcel identifier numbers of all parcels affected have been assigned and written on the instrument by the County Land Records Office in accordance with the county procedures manual for creating and assigning parcel identifier numbers.

Section 3. The Land Records Office shall have exclusive authority to create and assign parcel identifier numbers and shall maintain a procedures manual for that purpose. The procedures manual shall include provisions to insure that no two parcels of property will be assigned the same parcel identifier number.

Section 4. Every map (including a map incorporated by reference in a deed), subdivision plat, or land survey plot that creates or more fully defines one or more parcels of land must have a parcel identifier number written on it before it can be registered. This requirement shall not apply to flood plain maps, annexation and municipal boundary maps, and similar maps prepared by governmental agencies.

Section 5. All instruments pertaining to the same parcel or to related parcels shall be assigned parcel identifier numbers and processed strictly according to the date and time when they were presented to the Land Records Office.

Section 6. (a) Any deed, deed of trust, map, plat or other instrument that contains a description of a parcel or parcels not previously plotted on the county large-scale cadastral maps and for which a parcel identifier number does not exist must contain a description of the parcel or parcels of sufficient accuracy and detail that the Land Records Office is able to locate and plot the parcel or parcels on the county maps from the description standing alone, or with the aid of supporting maps or other documents furnished by the person presenting the instrument.

(b) The description contained in any map or plat that is to be registered and that creates or more fully defines a parcel or parcels not previously plotted on the county large-scale cadastral maps and for which a parcel identifier number does not exist must be sufficiently precise to create a consistent closed parcel boundary within a plotting accuracy of 1/40 (one fortieth) of an inch.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 1980