

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) AND FACT SHEET POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL SURETY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA**

Development projects within Orange County are required to complete all aspects of a land use development project (i.e. landscaping/lighting installation; roadway/parking lot development; etc.) prior to final approval being granted by the Planning Department.

In instances where completion of work may not necessarily be able to be completed in a timely fashion allowing for the commencement of a proposed land use or the division of property as part of a project (pursuant to Orange County Unified Development Ordinance Sections 2.5, 6.8, and 7.4).

To address these situations the County does will allow property owners and developers to post a financial surety designed to ensure the completion of site development work while allowing for occupancy and/or transfer of property with minimal delay, pursuant to Orange County Unified Development Ordinance Sections 2.5, 6.8, and 7.4.

This document outlines the required procedure(s) associated with the posting of a financial surety for various land development projects as managed by the Orange County Planning Department.

**Please note this process does not include addressing erosion control/stormwater surety requirements. Procedures for such items are administered and processed exclusively by the Engineering and Erosion Control Division. For information on these processes please call (919) 245-2575.**