



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Regional Planning Committee

June 25, 2025

Mr. Frank DeFelice, Chairman
Durham Planning & Zoning
Commission 30 Town House Road
P.O. Box 428
Durham, CT
06422

SUBJECT: Revised Regulations Concerning Food Service
Drive Throughs
Petitioners: DHI Enterprises, LLC

Dear Mr. DeFelice:

The Durham Planning & Zoning Commission has submitted an amendment to the zoning regulations to the RiverCOG Regional Planning Committee for review for intermunicipal impacts pursuant to Section 8-3b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The amendment was submitted to the Durham P&Z by DHI Enterprises, LLC in an effort to allow for drive-throughs in the C, HI, LI, & DD zones. These comments are offered for the consideration of the Durham Planning & Zoning Commission at the public hearing scheduled to commence on July 16, 2025.

Finding

After review of the proposed text amendment, staff of the Regional Planning Committee of the RiverCOG find that there would be no significant adverse intermunicipal impacts if adopted.

Comments

Please see the attached table that includes requested information on which other RiverCOG towns allow drive throughs for food service. Although not all towns in the region allow drive throughs for food service, most do as it's become such a common part of today's food service strategy. The majority of towns in Connecticut allow drive-through restaurants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revised regulations. If the Commission has any questions regarding this review or any other land use issue, please don't hesitate to contact us at 860-581-8554.

For the Committee,

Eliza LoPresti,
Community Planner

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