

Zoning 'Scale' To Balance Community

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Zoning may be compared to a delicate scale which holds on one pan the rights of the individual property owner and on the other his responsibility to adjoining property owners and the town. This instrument is a sensitive device, but when properly contrived, will evenly balance the rights and responsibilities of all citizens.

However, if one citizen violates the rights of his neighbor or the legislative body does not act in the interest of the entire community, the scale is thrown out of balance.

When a town is small, the balance is maintained by private agreements between neighbors. However, as a town grows as

Edenton is now, outsiders with no concern for the interests of the community may be attracted to the area and develop land without regard for the rights of the residents. These people, who are not going to live in Edenton and who have no concern for the development of the town, are the reason that the scale must be adjusted.

The proper machinery to maintain the proper balance between the freedom and responsibility of the property owner was granted to the Town Council in 1923. In that year the State of North Carolina granted power to the towns of North Carolina "... for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community ..."

same statute stated further that the Council has the power "... to regulate and restrict the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open

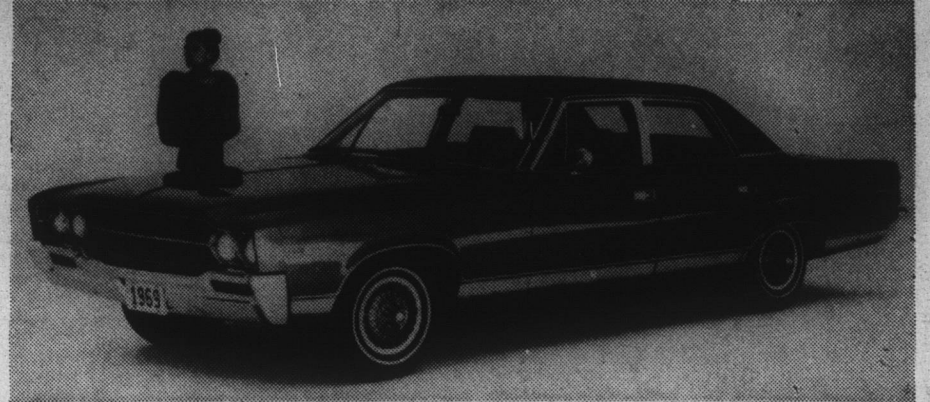
spaces, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes." Our forefathers were saying that it is sensible to regulate the use of land and provided towns with the power to protect

the interests of the property owners.

North Carolina courts have generally supported zoning in the state. When challenged as unconstitutional because it deprived an "... appellant of his property without due process of law—in contravention of Article I, Section 17, of the State Constitution ...", zoning was upheld as a legitimate use of the police power. The same court stated further that "... the enabling act authorizing cities and towns to enact zoning ordinances expressly recognizes the established principle of constitutional law that zoning measures must find their justification in some aspect of the police power of the state exerted in the interest of the public"

Zoning, according to this and other rulings, must promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community. If a town's zoning ordinance deviates from promotion of the community's general welfare, it is unconstitutional and will be struck down by the courts.

If zoning does not promote the general welfare, it will not stand in the courts or be supported in the community. If it is properly formulated, zoning is the proper balance which must be maintained between the right of the property owner to develop his land and his responsibility to his neighbors.



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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Donald Morris, Field Representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday from 9 A. M., to 1 P. M., and is located in the Court House.

There is a party operating in the Albemarle area who is representing himself as a Medicare worker or employee of the Social Security Administration. This information was recently reported to Robert Alford, officer in charge of the Elizabeth City Social Security office by residents of Currituck County. It appears that the intent of this party is to collect money from elderly people for Medicare or a fee will get them an increase in social security benefits. Alford said we have representatives operating out of Elizabeth City social security office who are authorized to accept money, but the representatives always carry identification or people have been notified a social security representative will call on them.

Alford cautions people of the Albemarle area not to give any cash to anyone who says they are a Medicare worker or a representative of the Social Security Administration. While it is necessary for some people to pay premiums for their medical insur-

ance benefits, these premiums should always be paid by check or money order. For the added protection of the people, Alford advises that the check or money order should be made payable to "Social Security Administration, Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefits."

If anyone is approached by a person who cannot properly identify himself as a representative this should be reported to the social security office. In addition, it would be very helpful to the social security office to receive a very good description of the person, including the type of car they are driving and the license number of the car. Also, people should call the social security office immediately when approached by a person who cannot properly identify himself as an employee of the Social Security Administration. This will assist the Social Security Administration and the local authorities in apprehending the parties who are illegally collecting funds.

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to save a nation or a national way of life, but it will be our personal privilege to counsel and guide the young entrusted to our care in a Godly way of life; to take an adamant stand against injustice, where we see an injustice being done.

God uses faithfulness and loyalty wherever he finds it—even in very imperfect some conversations.

Chatter is a very expressive word when applied to conversations.

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