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Final Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Session is October 30

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is currently scheduled to hold its final work session on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite (ZOR) project Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This is the final in a series of eight work sessions the Board has held in advance of a second public hearing on proposed revisions to the county's Zoning Ordinance, which is scheduled for December 13, 2023.

The October 30 work session is currently scheduled to cover the following topics:

- Chapter 9: Attainable Housing
- Chapter 12: Definitions

In addition, the Board will consider any additional motions to amend text in all chapters of the July 6, 2023, Draft Zoning Ordinance. To date, the Board has approved dozens of amendments to the Draft Zoning Ordinance that was recommended by the Planning Commission earlier this year.

Documents prepared for the October 30 meeting are posted online here.

The dates and times of all Board of Supervisors public meetings are posted <u>at loudoun.gov/calendar</u>. Meeting documents for all of the Board's meetings are posted on the county's website at least three days prior to the meeting date at <u>loudoun.gov/bosdocuments</u>.

Next Steps

Following the October 30 work session, county staff will update the Draft Zoning Ordinance to include all of the amendments approved by the Board during the recent work sessions.

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., during which members of the public may provide input on the proposed ordinance in person and by phone. The final version of the Zoning Ordinance that will be proposed by the Board of Supervisors for adoption will be available for review on the county's website in advance of the December 13 public hearing.

Submit Comments to the Board of Supervisors

Members of the public may provide input to the Board of Supervisors any time through <u>this</u> <u>online comment form</u>. Anyone who does not have access to the internet may call 703-777-0246 to submit comments.

Attend or Watch the ZOR Work Session

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The Board's work sessions and public hearings are held at the Loudoun County Government Center, located at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg. The Board's meetings are televised on the county's cable channel, Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FIOS 40, and livestreamed online at <u>loudoun.gov/meetings</u>.

Review the Draft Zoning Ordinance

The complete text of the July 6, 2023, Draft Zoning Ordinance currently under review by the Board of Supervisors is available on the county's website at <u>loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite</u>. Note that the Board has passed dozens of motions to amend the draft text during its work sessions in September and October. The final version of the ordinance proposed for adoption will be available for review prior to the December 13, 2023, public hearing.

The county's existing zoning ordinance, the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance, is posted at <u>loudoun.gov/zoningordinance</u>. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the new zoning ordinance will replace the existing ordinance.

Action Reports

Following each work session, an "Action Report" is prepared that summarizes the action the Board took during the work sessions. The action reports are <u>posted online</u> with the other documents for each work session.

About the Zoning Ordinance

The zoning ordinance regulates land use throughout the county and is the primary implementation tool for <u>the Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan</u>, a policy document that provides guidance for elected officials and other governmental decision-makers as to where and how the community will grow over many years.

An update to the zoning ordinance is necessary following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2019. The new zoning ordinance is intended to be more modern and user-friendly, with new district regulations that reflect the land use policies in the Comprehensive Plan.

More Information

Detailed information about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project, including a history of the process and a link to sign up for email and text updates on the project, is available on the county's website at <u>loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite</u>.