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# **Board of Supervisors Completes Review of Draft Zoning Ordinance; Public Hearing Scheduled Dec. 13**

During a final work session on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project October 30, 2023, the Board of Supervisors completed its review of the Draft Zoning Ordinance that was sent to them by the Planning Commission in July. The Board held eight work sessions in September and October and passed more than 150 motions to edit the ordinance text and proposed regulations. The Board's final version of the ordinance will now be prepared for a public hearing in December.

## **Next Steps**

In the coming weeks, all of the edits to the Draft Zoning Ordinance that were approved by the Board will be incorporated to produce a final Zoning Ordinance. The final version of the ordinance will be available for the public to review prior to the upcoming public hearing and will be posted on the county's website when available. The public hearing will also be publicly advertised in November in accordance with Virginia law.

The Board of Supervisors may vote to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance following public input at the December 13 public hearing. Once adopted, the new ordinance will replace the current ordinance, the <u>Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance</u>.

# **Public Hearing Dec. 13**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday**, **December 13**, **2023**, **at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held in the Board Room at the Loudoun County Government Center located at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg.

Members of the public can sign up in advance to speak to the Board in person or by phone regarding the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. Instructions for signing up to speak are posted on the county's website at <a href="loudoun.gov/signuptospeak">loudoun.gov/signuptospeak</a>.

## **Submit Comments to the Board of Supervisors**

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

## Watch the Public Hearing

The Board's December 13 public hearing will be televised on the county's cable channel, Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FIOS 40, and livestreamed online at loudoun.gov/meetings.

# **About the Zoning Ordinance**

The zoning ordinance regulates land use throughout the county and is the primary implementation tool for the <u>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 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 <a href="loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite">loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite</a>.