

Zoning Ordinance Open House

Zoning Administration Division July 22, 2019

Where do ideas come from?

- Board of Supervisors
- Citizens
- Staff
- Developers
- General Assembly



Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program

Adopted for a two-year period by the Board of Supervisors

Amendment process includes staff research, analysis, and public outreach to stakeholders

Public hearings: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors





In-Process Amendments

Agritourism

The Zoning Ordinance has existing agritourism related definitions for agriculture, farm winery, limited brewery and limited distillery. Additionally, agritourism is permitted in association with a primary agricultural use. Agriculture is permitted by-right in the following zoning districts.

- R-A, Rural Agricultural District
- R-P, Residential Preservation District
- R-C, Residential Conservation District
- R-E, Residential Estate District
- R-1, Residential District, One Dwelling Unit/Acre

Agritourism

- The Zoning Ordinance amendment would define unique terms related to agritourism and establish related use limitations.
- Stakeholder outreach began this month. We anticipate public hearings by the end of 2019.



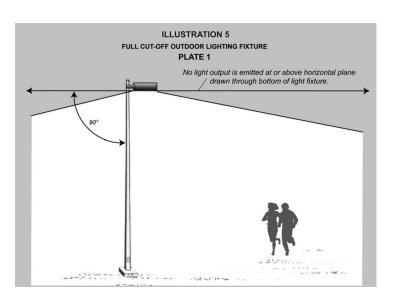




Lighting

- The current regulations were adopted in 2003.
- This analysis will review single family exemptions, security lighting, outdoor sports facility lighting, "color temperature," and other topics.
- Research and outreach are underway with plans for discussion with Board's Development Process Committee this fall.

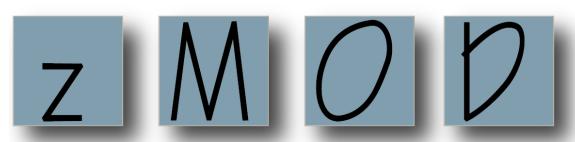




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Scope

- Improve format and structure of the Zoning Ordinance
- Categorize and modernize land uses
- Changes in readability (plain English)
- Limited content changes that will be highlighted along the way



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Uses













zMOD Timeline



Kickoff and format Use modernization

Board of Supervisors endorsement of use regulations

Plain language and other revisions of remaining articles Creation of figures, charts, and graphics

Release of new consolidated Zoning Ordinance
Public hearings with Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors



Recently Adopted Amendments

Short-Term Lodging (STL)

Adopted July 2018

- Transient occupancy of a dwelling for less than 30 consecutive days
- Often advertised & processed through online platforms







Permitted with approval of an STL Permit subject to certain limitations



Signs

Adopted March 2019

- Re-written regulations in a user-friendly format
- New regulations apply to signs, including:
 - Minor signs (including yard signs, banners, window signs)
 - Prohibited signs (moving signs, feather flags, flashing signs, rooftop

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signs)

• Electronic display signs

Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, & Gardening

Adopted June 2019

- Permits community gardens throughout the County
- Farmers markets can now sell any farm products and operate yearround
- Residents are permitted to grow gardens in front yard







Community Outreach

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Websites
Facebook
Listserv
Surveys

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Open houses

Community meetings

Meetings with local civic and industry groups

WORK GROUPS

Citizens

Land Use Attorneys Industry and Builders

Land Use Aides Staff Outreach



Fairfax County Zoning Facebook



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