

Article 20. Amendments and Rezoning

Sec. 22-20-1. Power of governing body; initiation of change; fees.

The regulations, restrictions and boundaries established in this ordinance may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed, modified or repealed by the governing body pursuant to Section 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia as follows:

- (a) By the filing with the zoning administrator of a petition by owners or the contract purchaser, with the owner's permission, of land proposed to be zoned, which petition shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by a fee schedule adopted by the governing body; or
- (b) By the adoption of the Board of County Supervisors of a resolution of intention to amend which resolution upon adoption shall be referred to the Planning Commission; or
- (c) By the adoption by the Planning Commission of a resolution of intention to propose an amendment.
- (d) Any such resolution by such governing body or commission proposing the rezoning shall state the above public purposes therefor.

Sec. 22-20-2. Planning commission -- Public hearing; recommendations¹⁵.

The planning commission shall hold at least one public hearing on such proposed amendment after notice as required by Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, and may make appropriate changes in the proposed amendment as a result of such hearing. Upon the completion of its work, the commission shall present the proposed amendment to the governing body together with its recommendations and appropriate explanatory materials.

Sec. 22-20-3. Governing body -- Public hearing¹⁶.

Before approving and adopting any amendment, the governing body shall hold at least one public hearing as required by Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, after which the governing body may make appropriate changes or corrections in the proposed amendment; provided, however, that no land may be zoned to a more intensive use classification than was

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contained in the public notice without an additional public hearing after notice required by Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia. An affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members of the governing body shall be required to amend the zoning ordinance.

Sec. 22-20-4. Limitation on reconsideration.

Except as the governing body may permit in a particular case, substantially the same petition shall not be reconsidered for a period of one (1) year from the date of the original decision by the governing body.