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Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)

Pursuant to Article 12, a Zoning Map Amendment is a procedure to amend the official Zoning Map of the County by changing the zoning designation of a property. In order for a proposed amendment to be approved, the County Commission, with the advice of the Planning Commission, must find that the amendment is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan, or if it is inconsistent, must make findings in accordance with the requirements of 8A-7-8 et seq of the WV State Code. All Amendments to the Zoning Map require a recommendation from the Planning Commission to the County Commission. Subsequently, all recommended map amendments require a Public Hearing before the County Commission prior to a final determination.

Property Owner Information

Owner Name: _____
 Business Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____ Same as owner:
 Business Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Consultant Information

Name: _____
 Business Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Physical Property Details

Physical Address: _____ Vacant Lot:
 Tax District: _____ Map No: _____ Parcel No: _____
 Parcel Size: _____ Deed Book: _____ Page No: _____

Current Zoning District

Proposed Zoning District

Substantiation for the Request

For a Zoning Map Amendment (rezoning) request, the "burden of proof" is on the applicant to show why the proposed zoning is more appropriate than the existing zoning. Accordingly, please explain how the following factors support your proposal.

Describe your proposed use/project and describe why this Zoning Map Amendment is necessary for the proposed use (and/or project) described.

Describe how this Zoning Map Amendment will be consistent with the objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discuss any change(s) of transportation characteristics (i.e. type and frequency of traffic, adequacy of existing transportation routes), and neighborhood characteristics from when the original Ordinance was adopted.

Do you request that the Planning and Zoning Staff present the petition to the Planning Commission for the purpose of setting the public hearing date?

- Yes, I request that the Planning and Zoning Staff present the petition
- No, I prefer to present the petition

A plat or sketch shall include the entire original parcel as it appeared on the date this Ordinance took effect. The property proposed for development shall be drawn to a reasonable scale (eg. 1" = 50', 1" = 100', or 1" = 200'). The sketch plan shall show, in simple form, the proposed layout of lots, parking areas, recreational areas, streets, building areas, and other features in relation to each other and to the tract boundaries. Contour lines, as shown on the appropriate U.S.G.S. Topographic Quadrangle Map or other data source approved by the Department, should be superimposed on the sketch plan. The source of all contour lines shall be noted on the plan. Natural features such as woods, watercourses, prominent rock outcroppings, sinkholes, and quarries shall be delineated.

The information given is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Property Owner Signature*

Date

Property Owner Signature*

Date

*The **original** signature of the property owner is required. A copy of the signature will not be accepted.

The Planning Commission is required to set a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Map Amendment within 60 days of the date upon which a complete petition is presented to the Planning Commission at a Planning Commission Meeting. A complete petition, and related fees, shall be submitted to the Office of Planning and Zoning for placement on the Planning Commission agenda at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting date at which the petition will be presented. Upon request, Planning and Zoning staff can present the petition to the Planning Commission on behalf of the applicant for purpose of setting the public hearing date. At the conclusion of the Planning Commission's Public Hearing, or at the next regular Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission shall make a recommendation to the County Commission regarding approval or disapproval of the requested Map Amendment. This recommendation shall be forwarded to the County Commission within four (4) weeks of final Planning Commission action.