

## Section 12.3 Procedure for Map Amendment by Petition<sup>25</sup>

### A. Map Amendments by Landowners

The procedure for processing a map amendment petition initiated by the owners of fifty percent or more of the real property to which the petition relates shall be as dictated in §8A-7-9 et seq of the West Virginia State Code, as amended.

The procedure for processing a map amendment petition to change the zoning map designation of a property to the Planned Neighborhood Development district shall also include the applicable requirements of Article 5.<sup>27</sup>

Petitions for a map amendment initiated by landowners shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the County Commission and shall contain the following information:

1. Substantiation for the request
2. Tax District, Map and Parcel number
3. Deed Book reference
4. Plat or sketch pursuant to Section 7.4B
5. Tract size
6. Discussion on:
  - a. Comprehensive Plan compatibility of the proposed change.
  - b. Any change of transportation characteristics and neighborhood from when the original ordinance was adopted.<sup>17, 21, 27</sup>
7. A petition for a map amendment to change the zoning designation for a property to the Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) district shall include a Preliminary PND Plan for the subject property. The submittal review process for a Preliminary PND Plan is described in Article 5 of this Ordinance.<sup>27</sup>

In accordance with §8A-7-9 et seq of the West Virginia State Code, the Planning Commission or the County 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 or to the County Commission at a Planning Commission or County Commission meeting, as relevant. If a public hearing is held by the Planning Commission, it shall be at the discretion of the County Commission whether an additional public hearing is required to be held by the County Commission.

If the petition is to be presented to the Planning Commission, a complete petition, and related fees, shall be submitted to the office of the Departments of Planning and Zoning for placement on a Planning Commission agenda at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting date at which the petition will be presented for the purpose of setting the public hearing date within 60 days of the date the petition is presented. Upon request, the Departments of Planning and Zoning staff can

present the petition to the Planning Commission on behalf of the applicant for the purpose of setting the public hearing date.

If the petition is to be presented to the County Commission, a complete petition and complete agenda request form shall be submitted to the office of the County Commission for placement on the County Commission agenda no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the requested meeting date. One copy of the petition along with relevant fees shall be submitted to the office of the Departments of Planning and Zoning prior to appearing at the County Commission to present the petition. Before amending the Zoning Ordinance map, 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 West Virginia State Code, as amended. To this end, the County Commission shall refer the petition to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation as to whether the amendment is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Such recommendation will be required to be sent to the County Commission prior to the County Commission's Public Hearing which shall be held within 60 days of the date the petition is presented.

One copy of the petition along with rthe County Commission Notice of the Planning Commission's or County Commission's Public Hearing shall be in accordance with Section 12.2 of this Ordinance. If heard by the Planning Commission, aAt 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 whether 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 West Virginia State Code, as amended approval or disapproval of the requested Map Amendment. This recommendation shall be forwardeded to the County Commission within four weeks of the final Planning Commission action. The County Commission shall take action to schedule their own public hearing, if desired, or take action to approve or disapprove the requested Zoning Map amendment within the next two regularly scheduled County Commission meetings. If heard by the County Commission, at the conclusion of the County Commission's Public Hearing, or at the next regular County Commission meeting, the County Commission shall, with the advice of the Planning Commission, determine if 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 West Virginia State Code, as amended. Upon making these findings, the County Commission shall approve or disapprove the petition.