

PRESENT: C. Bragg, Chairman
R. Harris, Vice Chairman
L. Howdysshell
K. Leonard
B. Schindler
R. Thomas

A. Vane, Planner II
E. Goodloe, Planner I
J. Wilkinson, Director of Community Development

ABSENT:

VIRGINIA: At the Called Meeting of the Augusta County Planning Commission held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

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The Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance amendment, which will be considered at the Public Hearing.

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DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mrs. Carolyn Bragg stated as there were six (6) members present, there was a quorum.

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Minutes

Mr. Larry Howdyshell moved to approve the minutes of the called and regular meeting held on December 13, 2022.

Mr. Robert Thomas seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Public Hearing

Mrs. Bragg stated that there one item on the agenda for the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodloe introduced an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division C. Single-Family Residential Districts. Article XII. Rural Residential (RR) Districts. Section 25-123. Uses permitted by Administrative Permit E. Domestic Chickens.

Amendment increases the number of chickens for lots two (2) acres but less than (5) acres to no more than six (6) chickens per parcel and will be an accessory to a single-family dwelling. Amendment increases the number of chickens for lots five (5) acres or more to no more than twelve (12) chickens per parcel and will be an accessory to a single-family dwelling. Amendment adds wording clarifying that the ordinance does not supersede restrictions by HOA's and deed restrictions. Amendment removes the requirement that chickens must be kept in coops or pens. Amendment adds, if chickens are kept in a coop or pen, no structure shall be in the front yard and no structure shall be nearer than twenty-five feet (25') from any property line. Amendment removes the requirement to report all unexplained bird deaths to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services prior to transport to the county landfill. Amendment updates the name for Virginia Office of Veterinary Services. Amendment removes the requirement to notify the adjacent landowners that they have twenty-one (21) days to file an objection to the permit. Amendment removes the requirement for the annual renewal of the permit. Amendment removes the requirement for each chicken to be tagged with an identification band. Amendment changes the number of years an applicant must wait to reapply if permit is revoked to two (2) years. Amendment removes the provision that issuance of permits is suspended during notice of outbreak of Avian Influenza or other poultry disease.

Mrs. Bragg opened the public hearing asking if anyone wished to speak.

With none to speak, Mrs. Bragg closed the public hearing.

Mr. Kyle Leonard recommended that the amendment which requires chickens to be kept in pens or coops should remain in the ordinance.

Mr. Randy Harris agreed with Mr. Leonard that the requirement of coops or pens should remain in the ordinance.

Mr. Leonard spoke on the amendment concerning notification to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to report all unexplained bird deaths. Mr. Leonard recommended that it would be acceptable to make notification when there were 3 or more unexplained bird deaths within a 48 hour time frame.

Mr. Leonard recommended adding language to the permit application for chickens a requirement to notify the county when the property owner no longer has chickens, to be able to keep a more accurate record of bird owners.

Mr. Leonard recommended leaving in the amendment to suspend the issuance of permits during an outbreak of Avian Influenza or other poultry disease.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to pass along to the Board of Supervisors all the mentioned recommendations concerning the ordinance amendment.

Mr. Robert Thomas seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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New Business

Mrs. Bragg reviewed the 2023 meeting schedule and Inclement Weather resolution with the commissioners.

Mr. Harris made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule and resolution.

Mr. Bill Schindler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Staff Reports

Ms. Goodloe reviewed with the commissioners the agenda items for the February 2023 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

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Adjournment

With there being no other business to discuss Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Schindler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary