

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee

From: Hannah Mulroy, Senior Planner

Date: May 22, 2019

Re: Proposed Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendments

The Planning, Building and Development Department staff periodically recommends changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to streamline processes, improve regulatory flexibility, respond to new trends, and clarify technical matters. Between July 2017 and August 2018, staff engaged the Planning, Building and Zoning (PB&Z) Committee in a series of discussions and sought its initial feedback on a number of proposed Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) amendment topics. As a result of these topical discussions, staff developed a set of draft amendments to the UDO which is structured into six main sections: "Rural Business", "Local Food", "Parking Regulations", "Landscaping", "Other Substantive", and "Housekeeping."

Following a recommendation by the PB&Z Committee, the County Board adopted a resolution on August 14th, 2018 directing the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to conduct a public hearing on the proposed text amendments. On December 10th, 2018, the ZBA held a public hearing on the proposed amendments which resulted in minor recommended edits to the text.

Due to changes in Committee composition and membership since 2018, staff is reintroducing the proposed amendments with a high-level overview of the content to the PWPT Committee. This will be followed by an in-depth discussion at a subsequent committee meeting once members have had an opportunity to review the amendment packet. Finally, staff will return to the committee with a resolution to move the proposed amendments to the full County Board for action.