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ORDINANCE NO. 31A-201

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 24, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 24-10, PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED; SECTION 24-11, SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL USES; EXEMPTIONS; SECTION 24-13, AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 24-23, SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 24, Zoning, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 24-10, Public hearing required; Section 24-11, Special use permit requirements for certain commercial uses; Exemptions; Section 24-13, Amendment of chapter; and by adding Section 24-23, Submittal requirements.

Chapter 24. Zoning

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 24-10. Public hearing required.

Prior to issuance of a special use permit a public hearing shall be held by the planning commission and by the board of supervisors; provided, however, that a special use permit for a manufactured home, temporary classroom trailer, a family subdivision may be issued after a public hearing is held by the board of supervisors only. Whenever the planning commission is not required to hold a public hearing, it need not consider the permit nor make a recommendation to the board of supervisors for such permit. The fee for a special use permit shall be in accordance with section 24-7 of this chapter.

Sec. 24-11. Special use permit requirements for certain commercial uses; exemptions.

(a) *General requirements.* A special use permit issued by the board of supervisors shall be required for:

- (1) Any convenience store;
- (2) Any commercial building ~~or group of buildings~~ which exceeds 10,000 square feet of floor area; or
- (3) Any commercial building ~~or group of buildings~~, not including office uses, which generates, or would be expected to generate, ~~150 a total of 100~~ or more additional trips to and from the site during the peak hour of the operation, based on the application of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) traffic generation rates contained in the latest edition of its book entitled *Trip Generation*. The applicable trip generation rate shall be determined by the planning director. The planning director may permit other traffic generation rates to be used if an individual or firm qualified to conduct traffic engineering studies documents that the use would not reasonably be expected to generate the amount of peak hour traffic projected by application of ITE traffic generation rates, provided the documentation is acceptable to the planning director.; ~~or~~
- ~~(4) *Automobile and gasoline service stations.*~~

(b) *New buildings, additions or expansions.* A special use permit shall be required for a new building, addition or expansion when:

- (1) In combination with the existing structure, it exceeds the thresholds set forth in paragraph (a);
- (2) It adds 5,000 square feet or more of commercial floor area or, in combination with other new buildings, additions or expansions, generates 75 or more peak-hour trips than generated by the existing or approved use on May 21, 1990, or than approved in a special use permit, whichever is greater; and
- (3) It is located on the same property as the existing structure or other parcel which is a logical component of such property. Factors to determine whether a parcel is a logical component include:
 - a. Common ownership or control of the parcels under consideration by the same person(s) or entity(ies), or similar or related entities;
 - b. Regardless of factor a. above, shared access to public roads, shared parking arrangements, shared traffic circulation or shared service areas; and
 - c. Proximity. For the purpose of this paragraph, "proximity" means adjacent parcels, parcels separated by property under common ownership or control by the same

person(s) or entity(ies) or similar or related entities, or parcels separated by a public or private right-of-way.

(c) *Design and submittal requirements.* Any building or use and addition or expansion thereto requiring a special use permit under this section shall comply with the following regulations ~~requirements of section 24-23.~~

- (1) ~~Any use requiring a special use permit under this section for which the existing and proposed use is five acres or more in area shall include a binding master plan prepared in accordance with section 24-484(b)(1)-(5). The master plan shall depict and bind the approximate boundaries and general location of all principal land uses and their building square footage and height, roads, right-of-ways, accesses, open spaces, public uses and other features to be located on the site for which approval is sought. The planning director may require other features, including general location and approximate boundaries of buildings, structures or parking areas, to be incorporated into the master plan where deemed necessary due to the size of the development, access to or location of public roads, distance from residential areas, presence of environmentally sensitive areas or availability of public utilities. The master plan shall be reviewed and approved and thereafter become binding upon approval of the special use permit by the board of supervisors. Thereafter, all amendments to the master plan shall be in accordance with section 24-13 of this chapter. Final site plans may be approved after approval of a master plan by the board of supervisors. All final site plans shall be consistent with the master plan, but may deviate from the master plan if the zoning administrator concludes, after reviewing written comments from the planning director, the site plan does not alter the basic concept or character of the development or conflict with any conditions placed on the special use permit. If the zoning administrator determines that a proposed change would deviate from the approved master plan, the amendment shall be submitted and approved in accordance with section 24-13.~~
 - (2) ~~A traffic impact study shall be submitted with any such special use permit application prepared by an individual or firm qualified to conduct traffic engineering studies in a manner and form acceptable to the planning director. Such study shall address projected traffic generation, internal and external traffic, turning movements and distribution at each access point, traffic distribution, capacity of surrounding roads, and road and access improvements.~~
 - (3) ~~Vehicular access points and drives shall be designed to encourage smooth traffic flow, with controlled turning movements and minimum hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Buildings, parking areas and drives shall be arranged in a manner that encourages pedestrian access and minimizes traffic movement. No more than one access point on each abutting public street shall be permitted unless specifically approved by the board of supervisors after reviewing the applicant's traffic impact study.~~
- (d) *Exemptions.* The following shall be exempt from the requirements of this section:

- (1) Any use or building and expansion or addition thereto with preliminary site plan approval prior to May 21, 1990;
- (2) Any use or building and expansion or addition thereto for which the start of construction began prior to May 21, 1990, in accordance with a site plan approved prior to that date;
- (3) Any use or building and expansion or addition thereto shown on a proffered binding master plan that binds the general location of all of the features on the plan as required under this section;
- (4) Any building located in a mixed use district, residential planned community district or planned unit development district; or
- (5) Any building predominantly used as a warehouse, distribution center, office, or for other industrial or manufacturing purposes. *For purposes of this exemption only, the term "predominantly" shall mean 85 percent of the total square feet of the building or more.*

Sec. 24-13. Amendment of chapter.

As provided for by section 15.2-2286(7) of the Code of Virginia, the board of supervisors may from time to time amend, supplement or change by ordinance the boundaries of the districts or the regulations herein established; any such amendment may be initiated by resolution of the board of supervisors or by motion of the planning commission or by petition of any property owner, contract purchaser with the owner's written consent, or the owner's agent therefor of the property which is the subject of the proposed zoning map amendment, addressed to the board of supervisors. Petitions for change or amendment shall be on forms provided by the county and filed with the application fee established by section 24-7 of this chapter *comply with the requirements of section 24-23.* These changes may be made, provided:

- (1) The planning commission and the board of supervisors shall each hold at least one public hearing in relation thereto at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.
- (2) That notice shall be given of the time and place of such hearing by publication as a box advertisement in at least two issues of some newspaper having a general circulation in the jurisdiction. Such notice shall specify the time and place of hearing at which persons affected may appear and present their views, not less than six days nor more than 21 days after final publication. After enactment of any such plan, ordinance or amendment, further publication thereof shall not be required.
- (3) When a proposed amendment of the zoning ordinance involves a change in the zoning classification of 25 or less parcels of land, then, in addition to the advertising as required above, written notice shall be given by the planning commission at least five days before the hearing to the owner or owners, their agent or the occupant of each parcel involved and to

the owners, their agent or the occupant of all abutting property and property immediately across the street from the property affected. When a proposed amendment of the zoning ordinance involves a change in the zoning map classification of more than 25 but less than 500 parcels of land, then, in addition to the advertising as above required, written notice shall be given at least five days before the hearing to the owner, owners or their agent of each parcel of land involved. One notice sent by first class mail to the last known address of such owner as shown on the current real estate assessment books shall be deemed adequate compliance with this requirement; provided, that a representative of the local commission shall make affidavit that such mailings have been made and file such affidavit with the papers in the case. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as to invalidate any subsequently adopted amendment or ordinance because of the inadvertent failure by the representative of the planning commission to give written notice to the owner, owners or their agent of any parcel involved. Such notice shall be sent in accordance with section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia.

- (4) No plan, ordinance or amendment shall be enacted, amended or re-enacted unless the board of supervisors has referred the proposal to the planning commission for its recommendation or has received the planning commission recommendation. Failure of the planning commission to report 90 days after the first meeting of the commission after the proposed plan, amendment or reenactment has been referred to the commission shall be deemed approval. After the public hearing required in subsection (1) above, the board may make appropriate changes or corrections in the ordinance or proposed amendment.
- (5) A petition for a plan or amendment substantially the same as one previously considered shall not be reconsidered within a one-year period from the date the similar petition was decided.

Sec. 24-23. Submittal requirements.

(a) The following shall be submitted with any request for an amendment of this chapter, as provided for in section 24-13, or for any building or use and addition or expansion thereto which requires a special use permit under this chapter, provided however, applications for family subdivisions, manufactured homes and temporary classroom trailers shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

(1) Community impact statement containing:

a. Infrastructure information:

- 1. A traffic impact study for all projects that expect to generate 100 or more weekday peak hour trips to and from the site during the peak hour of the operation, based on the application of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) traffic generation rates contained in the latest edition of its*

book entitled Trip Generation, or those projects with an entrance or exit onto a roadway with a level of service "D" or lower. The applicable trip generation rate shall be determined by the planning director. The planning director may permit other traffic generation rates to be used if an individual or firm qualified to conduct traffic engineering studies documents that the use would not reasonably be expected to generate the amount of peak hour traffic projected by application of ITE traffic generation rates, provided the documentation is acceptable to the planning director. Vehicular access points and drives shall be designed to encourage smooth traffic flow, with controlled turning movements and minimum hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Buildings, parking areas and drives shall be arranged in a manner that encourages pedestrian access and minimizes traffic movement. No more than one access point on each abutting public street shall be permitted unless specifically approved by the board of supervisors after reviewing the applicant's traffic impact study; and

2. A water and sewer impact study for all projects with an anticipated average daily flow greater than 30,000 gallons, and/or for proposed residential projects containing 100 lots or more; and

3. A conceptual stormwater management plan showing approximate location, footprint, and type of BMP; and

4. An adequate public facilities report in accordance with Board of Supervisors policy.

b. Quality of life information

1. A Phase IA historic and archaeological study if the property is identified as being a highly-sensitive area on the James City County archaeological assessment. If the property is identified as a moderately-sensitive area on the assessment, studies shall be provided in accordance with the currently adopted archaeological policy; and

2. An environmental inventory in accordance with the James City County Natural Areas policy; and

3. A fiscal impact analysis when the proposal includes residential dwelling units.

(2) Master plan prepared in accordance with section 24-484(b)(1)-(5). The master plan shall depict and bind the approximate boundaries and general location of all principal land uses and their building square footage and height, roads, right-of-ways, accesses, open spaces, public uses and other features to be located on the site for which

approval is sought. The planning director may require other features, including general location and approximate boundaries of buildings, structures or parking areas, to be incorporated into the master plan where deemed necessary due to the size of the development, access to or location of public roads, distance from residential areas, presence of environmentally sensitive areas or availability of public utilities. The master plan shall be reviewed and approved and thereafter become binding upon approval of a rezoning or a special use permit by the board of supervisors. Thereafter, all amendments to the master plan shall be in accordance with section 24-13 of this chapter. Final site plans may be approved after approval of a master plan by the board of supervisors. All final site plans shall be consistent with the master plan, but may deviate from the master plan if the zoning administrator concludes, after reviewing written comments from the planning director, the site plan does not alter the basic concept or character of the development or conflict with any conditions placed on the special use permit. If the zoning administrator determines that a proposed change would deviate from the approved master plan, the amendment shall be submitted and approved in accordance with section 24-13.

(3) Any other submittal requirement which may be required by this chapter.

(4) An application and fee in accordance with section 24-7 of this chapter.

(b) Supplemental information should be submitted in accordance with the "Supplemental Submittal Requirements for Special Use Permits and Rezoning" policy as adopted by the board of supervisors.

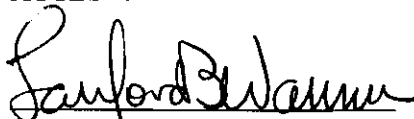
(c) Unless otherwise required by this chapter, upon written request by the applicant, the director of planning may waive any requirement under (a)(1) or (a)(2) above after finding that such information would not be germane to the application.

Secs. 24-2324 - 24-31. Reserved.



Jack D. Edwards
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
NERVITT	AYE
SISK	AYE
MCGLENNON	AYE
BRADSHAW	AYE
EDWARDS	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 1st day of December, 1999.