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ORDINANCE NO. 31A-319

Board of Supervisors  
James City County, VA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 24, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE V, DISTRICTS; DIVISION 8, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, R-8, SECTION 24-348, PERMITTED USES; SECTION 24-349, USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT ONLY; AND SECTION 24-354, HEIGHT LIMITS.

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 Article V, Districts; Division 8, Rural Residential, R-8, Section 24-348, Permitted uses; Section 24-349, Uses permitted by special use permit only; and Section 24-354, Height limits.

**DIVISION 8 - RURAL RESIDENTIAL, R-8**

**Sec. 24-348. Permitted uses.**

In the Rural Residential District, R-8, structures to be erected or land to be used shall be for the following uses:

Accessory apartments, attached, in accordance with section 24-32.

Accessory buildings and structures.

Accessory uses, as defined herein.

~~Communication towers and tower mounted wireless communication facilities, up to a height of 35 feet.~~

*Communications facilities (public or private), including, but not limited to, antennas, towers and support structures, that utilize alternative mounting structures; or multi-antenna systems up to a height of 35 feet. All facilities shall be in accordance with article II, division 6 of this chapter.*

Farmers' markets, limited in area to 2,500 square feet.

General agriculture, dairying, forestry, general farming and specialized farming, excluding the raising of hogs, but not commercial livestock or poultry operations which require a special use permit in the General Agricultural District, A-1.

Home occupations, as defined herein.

Horse and pony farms of less than 50 animals (including the raising and keeping of horses), riding stables.

House museums.

Nurseries.

Off-street parking as required by section 24-54.

Petroleum storage on a farm as an accessory use and not for resale.

Preserves and conservation areas for protection of natural features and wildlife.

Rest homes for fewer than 15 adults.

Site-built single-family detached dwellings and modular homes.

Slaughter of animals for personal use, but not for commercial purposes.

Storage and repair of heavy equipment as accessory use to a farm.

Timbering in accordance with section 24-43.

Water impoundments, new or expansion of, less than 20 acres and with dam heights of less than 15 feet.

Wayside stands for seasonal sale of agricultural products, limited in area to 500 square feet.

Wineries, as herein defined, including a shop for retail sale of wine, but not including other commercial accessory uses.

~~Wireless communications facilities that utilize alternative mounting structures and comply with division 6, Wireless Communications Facilities.~~

**Sec. 24-349. Uses permitted by special use permit only.**

In the Rural Residential District, R-8, structures to be erected or land to be used for the following uses shall be permitted only after the issuance of a special use permit approved by the board of supervisors in accordance with the procedures, guides and standards of sections 24-9 and 24-10 and such other guides and standards as may be contained in this chapter:

Accessory apartments, detached, in accordance with section 24-32.

Adult day care centers.

Airports and landing fields, helistops or heliports and accessory uses.

Barber and beauty shops.

Business, governmental and professional offices.

~~Camouflaged wireless communications facilities that comply with division 6, Wireless Communication Facilities.~~

Campgrounds.

Cemeteries and memorial gardens, not accessory to a church or other place of worship.

Child day care centers.

Commercial livestock or poultry operations for more than 100 slaughter or feeder cattle, 70 dairy cattle, 250 swine, 1,000 sheep, lambs, goats or similar animals, 50 horses, 10,000 chickens, or 5,500 turkeys or ducks.

*Communications facilities (public or private), including, but not limited to, antennas, towers and support structures, that are camouflaged; or multi-antenna systems greater than a height of 35 feet. All facilities shall comply with article II, division 6 of this chapter.*

~~Communication towers over 35 feet in height.~~

Community recreation facilities, public or private, including parks, playgrounds, clubhouses, boating facilities, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts and other similar recreation facilities, but not those approved as a part of a planned unit development.

Convenience stores; if fuel is sold, then in accordance with section 24-38.

Drug stores.

Electrical generation facilities (public or private), electrical substations with a capacity of 5,000 kilovolt amperes or more and electrical transmission lines capable of transmitting 69 kilovolts or more.

Excavation or filling, borrow pits, extraction, processing and removal of sand and gravel and stripping of topsoil (but not farm pond construction, field leveling or stripping of sod for agricultural purposes and excavations in connection with development which has received subdivision or site plan approval, which activities do not require a special use permit).

Family care homes, foster homes or group homes serving physically handicapped, mentally ill, intellectually disabled or other developmentally disabled persons for more than five such persons.

Farm equipment sales and service establishments.

Farmers' markets over 2,500 square feet.

Feed, seed and farm supplies.

Fire stations or rescue squad stations, volunteer or otherwise.

Fish farming and aquaculture.

Flea markets, temporary or seasonal.

Food processing and storage, but not the slaughter of animals.

Food processing and storage in a residence.

Gift shops, antique shops.

Golf courses and country clubs.

Greenhouses, commercial.

Group quarters for agricultural workers.

Home care facilities.

Horse and pony farms with 50 or more animals.

Horse show areas, polo fields.

Hospitals.

Hotels and motels.

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Houses of worship and cemeteries accessory thereto.

Hunting clubs.

Kennels.

Lodges, civic clubs, fraternal organizations and service clubs.

Manufacture and sale of wood products.

Manufactured home parks.

Manufactured homes in accordance with section 24-107 and section 24-108 not located within the primary service area.

Medical clinics or offices.

Neighborhood Resource Centers.

Nursing homes and facilities for the residence and/or care of the aged.

Photography, artist and sculptor studios.

Photography sales and arts and crafts shops.

Post offices and public buildings generally.

~~Radio and television stations or towers.~~

Railroad facilities including tracks, bridges, switching yards and stations. However, spur lines, which are to serve and are accessory to existing or proposed development adjacent to existing railroad rights-of-way, and track and safety improvements in existing railroad rights-of-way, are permitted generally and shall not require a special use permit.

Raising of hogs.

Rental of rooms to a maximum of three rooms.

Rest homes for 15 or more adults.

Restaurants, taverns.

Retail shops associated with community recreation facilities.

Retreat facilities.

Sanitary landfills in accordance with section 24-40, waste disposal or publicly owned solid waste container sites.

Schools, libraries, museums and similar institutions.

Seminaries.

Telephone exchanges and telephone switching stations.

Tourist homes.

~~Tower mounted wireless communications facilities in accordance with division 6, Wireless Communications Facilities, over 35 feet in height.~~

Transmission pipelines (public or private), including pumping stations and accessory storage, for natural gas, propane gas, petroleum products, chemicals, slurry coal and any other gases, liquids or solids. However, private extensions or connections to existing pipelines, which are intended to serve an individual residential or commercial customer and which are accessory to existing or proposed development, are permitted generally and shall not require a special use permit.

Two-family dwellings.

Utility substations.

Veterinary hospitals.

Water facilities (public or private), and sewer facilities (public), including, but not limited to, treatment plants, pumping stations, storage facilities and transmission mains, wells and associated equipment such as pumps to be owned and operated by political jurisdictions. However, the following are permitted generally and shall not require a special use permit:

- a) private connections to existing mains that are intended to serve an individual customer and are accessory to existing or proposed development, with no additional connections to be made to the line;
- b) distribution lines and local facilities within a development, including pump stations.

Water impoundments, new or expansion of, 20 acres or more or with dam heights of 15 feet or more.

Wayside stands for sale of agricultural products over 500 square feet in area.

Yacht clubs and marinas and commercial and service facilities accessory thereto.

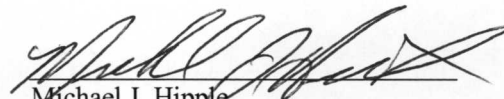
#### **Sec. 24-354. Height limits.**

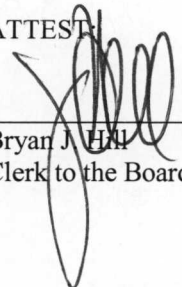
Structures may be erected up to two stories and shall not exceed 35 feet in height from grade, except that:

- (1) The height limit for buildings may be increased to 45 feet and to three stories; provided, that the two side yards for the building are increased to a minimum of 15 feet plus one foot for each additional foot of the building's height over 35 feet.
- (2) A public or semipublic building such as a school, church or library may be erected to a height of 60 feet from grade, provided that the required front, rear and side yards shall be increased one foot for each foot in height above 35 feet.
- (3) Church spires, belfries, cupolas, monuments, water towers, athletic field lighting, chimneys, flues, flagpoles, home television antennas, home radio aerials, silos and other structures normally associated with and accessory to farming operations ~~and accessory and nonaccessory wireless communications facilities that utilize alternative mounting structures in accordance with division 6, Wireless Communications Facilities,~~ may be erected to a total height of 60 feet from grade ~~and camouflaged wireless communications facilities may be erected to a total height of 120 feet from grade.~~ Upon application for a height limitation waiver, the payment of appropriate fees, notification of adjacent

property owners and following a public hearing, the board of supervisors may grant a height limitation waiver for these structures to exceed 60 feet in height but not to exceed 100 feet, from grade to the top of the structure, ~~and for wireless communications facilities that utilize alternative mounting structures or are building mounted to exceed 60 feet in height but not to exceed the maximum approved height of the structure to which it is mounted,~~ upon finding that:

- a. Such structure will not obstruct light to adjacent property;
  - b. Such structure will not impair the enjoyment of historic attractions and areas of significant historic interest and surrounding developments;
  - c. Such structure will not impair property values in the surrounding area;
  - d. Such structure is adequately designed and served from the standpoint of safety, and the county fire chief finds that the fire safety equipment to be installed is adequately designed and that the building is reasonably well located in relation to fire stations and equipment, so as to offer adequate protection to life and property; and
  - e. Such structure will not be contrary to the public health, safety and general welfare.
- (4) No accessory building which is within 15 feet of any lot line shall be more than one story high. All accessory buildings shall be less than the main building in height; provided, however, the height of an accessory building may exceed the height of the main building if the grade of the lot is such that the elevation of the main building exceeds the elevation of the accessory building. The elevation of the main building and accessory building shall be measured from the level of the curb or the established curb grade opposite the middle of the main building. In no case shall an accessory building be more than 45 feet in height; except that silos, barns and other structures normally associated with and accessory to farming operations are controlled by subsection (3) above and may exceed the height of the main structure and may exceed 45 feet in height.
- (5) ~~Heights of C~~communications towers permitted by a special use permit by the board of supervisors may be in excess of 35 feet in height facilities shall be permitted in accordance with division 6, communications facilities, antennas, towers and support structures.

  
 Michael J. Hipple  
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST  
  
 Bryan J. Hill  
 Clerk to the Board

	VOTES		
	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
MCGLENNON	✓	—	—
LARSON	✓	—	—
ONIZUK	✓	—	—
SADLER	✓	—	—
HIPPLE	✓	—	—

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 8th day of November, 2016.