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ORDINANCE NO. 31A-221BOARD 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 VIII, APPEALS, DIVISION 3, REGULATIONS GOVERNING APPEALS, SECTION 24-666, PETITION FOR CERTIORARI TO REVIEW DECISION OF BOARD.

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 24-666, Petition for certiorari to review decision of board.

Article VIII. Appeals

Division 3. Regulations Governing Appeals

Sec. 24-666. Petition for certiorari to review decision of board.

(a) *Petition to circuit court.* Any person or persons jointly or severally aggrieved by any decision of the board of zoning appeals or any taxpayer or any officer, department, board or bureau of the county may present to the Circuit Court of James City County a petition specifying the grounds on which aggrieved within 30 days after the ~~filing of the decision in the office of the~~ *final decision of the board. A "final decision" is the decision that resolves the merits of the action pending before the board or effects a dismissal of the case with prejudice.*

(b) *Allowance of writ of certiorari.* Upon the presentation of such petition, the court will allow a writ of certiorari to review the decision of the board of zoning appeals and will prescribe therein the time within which a return thereto must be made and served upon the petitioner's attorney, which will not be less than ten days and may be extended by the court. The allowances of the writ will not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from, but the court may, on application, on notice to the board and on due cause shown, grant a restraining order.

(c) *Board required to return papers and other facts.* The board of zoning appeals shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof or of such portions thereof as may be called for by such writ. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

(d) *Taking of testimony; finding of facts and conclusions of laws.* If, upon the hearing, it shall appear to the court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take evidence or appoint a commissioner to take such evidence as it may direct and report the same to the court with his findings of fact and conclusions of law, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made. The court may reserve or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the decision brought up for review.


(e) *Costs.* Costs shall not be allowed against the board unless it shall appear to the court that it acted in bad faith or with malice in making the decision appealed from. In the event the decision of the board is affirmed, the court may order the person or persons who requested the issuance of the writ of certiorari to pay the costs incurred in making a return of the record pursuant to the writ of certiorari.



Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MCLENNON	AYE
BRADSHAW	AYE
HARRISON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
GOODSON	AYE

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 10th day of January, 2006.