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Town Council Votes to Amend Zoning Ordinance

At a special meeting tonight, the Vienna Town Council voted to amend the zoning ordinance in the Town Code to allow greater flexibility with lot coverage. The vote gives Vienna homeowners more options for upgrading outdoor living space.

The vote is the culmination of a two-year process to review and update lot coverage provisions in the Town's zoning ordinance. The goal was to develop an ordinance that accommodates modern living styles while addressing potential environmental concerns. After numerous community meetings, surveys, listening sessions, Council work sessions and public hearings, the Town Council approved one of five options presented at tonight's meeting. Option B as presented and approved gives homeowners the ability to put a roof over up to 400 square feet of a deck under the following conditions:

- Covered decks must be single-story and cannot be converted into conditioned, interior living space;
- Covered decks cannot be located in the front yard; and
- Covered decks must provide for stormwater management practices in accordance with the Stormwater Manual for Outdoor Living Areas and meet all criteria included in the manual.

This zoning ordinance change is the second amendment to residential standards this year. At the March 21, 2022 meeting, the Vienna Town Council approved and adopted the portion of the code dealing with front porch projections. This change enabled homeowners with homes built at or near the front setback line to construct a covered front porch on their property, providing another option for outdoor family space. The new structures still must conform with strict size requirements, but the added space may enhance curb appeal and provide an enjoyable option for family living.

By law, the Town Code amendments become effective 10 days after they are publicly advertised. For more information, visit www.codecreatevienna.com.

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