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Town Council Sets Public Hearings on Updated Zoning Code

At a special called meeting tonight, the Vienna Town Council approved the next steps for the first major update on the Town zoning code in nearly 60 years. The Council voted to set two joint public hearings in front of the Town Council and the Planning Commission. The first public hearing will be held on **Monday, July 10, 2023, at 8 p.m.** and the second public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** Both public hearings will take place at **Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, Va. 22180.**

The zoning code regulates how land can be used within the Town of Vienna. It stipulates permitted building heights, parking requirements, lighting standards and land uses for commercial, public, and residential property. Portions of the code regarding residential lot coverage and front porch setbacks were approved last year. The overall goal of the proposal is to revise the code to meet modern-day needs and lifestyles with a plan that is written in common language that is easily understandable to all audiences, all while maintaining the small-town feel that Vienna residents value.

The proposed plan is available for review on the Town website: www.viennava.gov/zoningdraft. In addition to the public hearings, residents and businesses may provide feedback on the proposed zoning code update via email to the Town Clerk, Melanie Clark, at mclark@viennava.gov or via phone call at 703-255-6304 through Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

The draft plan is the result of a years-long process known as Code Create involving planning and zoning staff, community members, businesses, and elected leaders. The process involved multiple face-to-face and electronic engagement opportunities to learn about the plan and provide feedback. After considering feedback from the July public hearings, emails and phone calls, the Planning Commission will review the proposal and provide final recommendations to the Town Council. A final Council vote is expected to take place this fall.

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