

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	August 7, 2023
Action Required:	Approve
Presenter:	James Freas, Director of NDS
Staff Contacts:	James Freas, Director of NDS
Title:	<b>Referring the Zoning Ordinance rewrite to the Planning Commission (1 reading)</b>

**Background**

Cville Plans Together has been a multi-year effort to plan for the future of the City, with a focus on equity. This three-part project included an Affordable Housing Plan (Mar, 2021) and a new Comprehensive Plan (Nov, 2021). The final part of this project is a new Development Code, incorporating a new zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. This Development Code implements the recommendations of both the Affordable Housing Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

**Discussion**

Section 15.2-2285 A and B of the Virginia Code and section 34-41 of the Charlottesville City Code require that the City Council refer an amendment or reenactment of a zoning ordinance to the planning commission for their recommendation. The Planning Commission will have 100 days from this referral to provide their recommendation back to the City Council. The Planning Commission is required to conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance before providing their recommendations.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

The proposed zoning ordinance touches on all aspects of City Council's current vision and strategic plan.

**Community Engagement**

There has been extensive community engagement over the entire time period of the Cville Plans Together process as well as specifically in relation to the Zoning Ordinance. Engagement has taken the form of public meetings, online comments, and focus groups among other methods. A complete accounting of comments received will be published with the release of the draft Development Code document (zoning and subdivision).

**Budgetary Impact**

**Recommendation**

Adopt resolution referring the Charlottesville Development Code (Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances) to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

**Alternatives**

**Attachments**

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