

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold public hearings on December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chambers located at 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to consider the following

Special Use Permit – 2101 Deyerle Avenue (To Allow Walls And Fences Greater Than Permitted in R-3)

Public hearing to consider a request from Emerihrt Harrisonburg LLC for a special use permit per Section 10-3-48.4(8) to allow walls and fences greater than the height otherwise permitted. The +/- 3.26 acre site is addressed as 2101 Deyerle Avenue and is identified as tax map parcels 80-F-1.

Sign Ordinance Comprehensive Update

Public hearing to consider relocating the City's sign regulations from within the City's Building Code (Title 11 of the City Code) and placing them within the Zoning Ordinance (Title 10, Chapter 3). Along with relocating them within the code, the sign regulations were comprehensively amended, which included removing content-based language in response to the Supreme Court of the United States determination in the case *Reed v. Town of Gilbert (2015)*, while also adjusting the ordinance to be more reader friendly, adding and amending definitions, changing signage allowances in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-6, R-7, U-R, MH-1, and M-2 zoning districts from 24 square feet to 32 square feet to match Building Code regulations and increasing the allowed sign height in those districts from 6-ft. to 8-ft., providing new opportunities for temporary signage, allowing comprehensive sign plans to be reviewed administratively instead of requiring approval by City Council, and changing penalties for illegal signage from criminal to civil court. The purpose of the Sign Ordinance is to regulate the size, illumination, movement, materials, location, height, and condition of all signs placed on private property for exterior observation, thus ensuring the protection of property values, the character of neighborhoods, the creation of a convenient, attractive and harmonious community, and the safety and welfare of pedestrians and wheeled traffic, while providing convenience to citizens and encouraging economic development.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG
Eric D. Campbell, City Manager

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