

AN ORDINANCE No. 21-98

AFD23-0004: Agricultural and Forestal Districts

To amend the Code of the County of Spotsylvania ("County Code") Chapter 21, Taxation, Article XII, Agricultural and Forestal Districts, Section 21-329, Approved Agricultural and Forestal Districts, to expand the Biscoe 1 District and renew it for ten (10) years.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** November 14, 2023

**WHEREAS**, a Spotsylvania County property owner has applied for expansion of the Biscoe 1 Agricultural and Forestal District ("District") to include Tax Map Parcel 41-A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, staff reviewed the proposed expansion and ordinance amendments and recommends approval as stated in the staff report and executive summary; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the District expansion application was duly noticed in accordance with the County Code Sec. 21-322(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee held a public meeting to consider the District expansion application on October 3, 2023,

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee recommends approval of the District expansion to include Tax Map Parcel 41-A-7 and renewal of the District for ten (10) years until November 14, 2033 with a vote of 7-0; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item on October 18, 2023, which was duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two (2) weeks, and interested citizens were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendments with a vote of 7-0; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on this item on November 14, 2023, which was duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two (2) weeks, and interested citizens were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors considered the expansion application in accordance with Sec. 21-230, Criteria for evaluating application, and find that the application satisfies the criteria for expansion of the District, as follows:

- (1) The agricultural and forestal significance of land within the district or addition and in areas adjacent thereto;
- (2) The presence of any significant agricultural lands or significant forestal lands within the district and in areas adjacent thereto that are not now inactive agricultural or forestal production;
- (3) The nature and extent of land uses other than active farming or forestry within the district and in areas adjacent thereto;
- (4) Local developmental patterns and needs;
- (5) The comprehensive plan and, if applicable, the zoning regulations;

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(6) The environmental benefits of retaining the lands in the district for agricultural or forestal uses; and

(7) Any other matter which may be relevant.

**WHEREAS**, good land use and taxation practice and general welfare are served by approval of the ordinance amendments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

§ 1. That Chapter 21, Article XII, Sec. 21-329, be and is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

**Sec. 21-329. Approved agricultural and forestal districts.**

- (a) Harris 1, 1087.87 acres, consisting of the following tax map parcels: 54 ((9)) 2; 54 ((A)) 15; 54 ((A)) 19A; 54 ((A)) 41; 54 ((A)) 42; 54 ((A)) 45; 54 ((A)) 45A; 54 ((A)) 46A; 54 ((A)) 47; 67 ((A)) 1A; 67 ((A)) 2; 67((A)) 3; 67 ((A)) 3A; 67 ((A)) 5; 67 ((A)) 5A; 67 ((A)) 5B; 67 ((A)) 5C; 67 ((A)) 5D; 67 ((A)) 6A; 67 ((A)) 7; 67 ((A)) 7A; 67 ((A)) 7B; and 67 ((A)) 8. The district is renewed for ten (10) years until March 12, 2033.
- (b) Harris 2, 1072.24 acres, consisting of the following tax map parcels: 40 ((A)) 7; 40 ((A)) 8; 40 ((A)) 9; 40 ((A)) 11; 41 ((A)) 33B; 41 ((A)) 33C; 41 ((A)) 34A; 41 ((6)) - A; 54 ((A)) 2; 54 ((A)) 6; 55 ((4)) A1; 55 ((A)) 5; 55 ((A)) 8; 55 ((4)) - A; and 55 ((4)) A1. The district is renewed for ten (10) years until March 12, 2033.
- (c) Biscoe 1, 750.81 acres, consisting of the following tax map parcels: 41 ((A)) 7; 41 ((A)) 8; 41 ((A)) 13; 41 ((A)) 14; 41 ((A)) 15; 41 ((A)) 15A; 41 ((A)) 39A; and 41 ((A)) 52. The district is renewed for ten (10) years until November 14, 2033.

(Ord. No. 21-79, 11-14-13; Ord. No. 21-95, § 1, 3-14-23; Ord. No. 21-98; 11-14-23)