

ORDINANCE NO. 17-18(6)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ZONING, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 18, Zoning, Article I, General Regulations, is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

By Amending:

Sec. 1.7 Zoning map

By Amending and Renaming:

Sec. 1.3 Effective date; repeal of prior zoning ordinance.

Sec. 1.4 Purposes

By Amending, Renumbering, and Renaming:

Old Number	New Number
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Sec. 1.6	Sec. 1.5 Implementation of the comprehensive plan
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By Adding:

Sec. 1.1 Short title

Sec. 1.2 Authority

Sec. 1.6 Territory and airspace subject to this chapter

By Repealing:

Sec. 1.1 Authority and enactment

Sec. 1.2 Amendment to adopt

Sec. 1.5 Relation to environment

Sec. 1.8 Certified copy, filing

Chapter 18. Zoning

Article I. General Provisions

Section 1. Authority, Establishment, Purposes and Zoning Map

Sec. 1.1 Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Albemarle County Zoning Ordinance” or the “Zoning Ordinance.”

(§ 18-1.1, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

State law reference – Va. Code § 15.2-2280, 15.2-2286.

Sec. 1.2 Authority.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2200 *et seq.* and other titles of the Virginia Code enabling the County to regulate through its zoning regulations.

(§ 1.1, 12-10-80, § 18-1.2, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

State law reference – Va. Code §§ 15.2-2108, 15.2-2200 *et seq.*, 15.2-2280, 15.2-2286.

Sec. 1.3 Effective date; repeal of prior zoning ordinance.

This chapter shall be effective at and after 5:15 P.M. on December 10, 1980. The zoning ordinance adopted December 22, 1969, as amended, was simultaneously repealed at 5:15 P.M. on December 10, 1980.

(§ 1.3, 12-10-80, § 1.3, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

State law reference – Va. Code § 15.2-2286.

Sec. 1.4 Purposes.

The purposes of this chapter are to promote the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare and to accomplish the objectives of Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2200 and 15.2-2283. To these ends, this chapter is intended to:

- A. Provide for adequate light, air, convenience of access, and safety from fire, flood, impounding structure failure, crime and other dangers;
- B. Reduce or prevent congestion in the public streets;
- C. Facilitate creating a convenient, attractive and harmonious community;
- D. Facilitate providing adequate police and fire protection, disaster evacuation, civil defense, transportation, water, sewerage, flood protection, schools, parks, forests, playgrounds, recreational facilities, airports and other public requirements;
- E. Protect against destroying or encroaching upon historic areas;
- F. Protect against one or more of the following: overcrowding of land, undue density of population in relation to the community facilities existing or available, obstruction of light and air, danger and congestion in travel and transportation, or loss of life, health, or property from fire, flood, impounding structure failure, panic or other dangers;
- G. Encourage economic development activities that provide desirable employment and enlarge the tax base;
- H. Provide for preserving agricultural and forestal lands and other lands of significance for the protection of the natural environment;
- I. Protect approach slopes and other safety areas of licensed airports, including United States government and military air facilities;
- J. Promote creating and preserving affordable housing suitable for meeting the current and future needs of the County as well as a reasonable proportion of the current and future needs of the planning district within which the locality is situated;
- K. Provide reasonable protection against encroachment upon military bases, military installations, and military airports and their adjacent safety areas, excluding armories operated by the Virginia National Guard; and
- L. Protect surface water and ground water as defined in Virginia Code § 62.1-255.

(§ 1.4, 12-10-80, § 1.4, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

Sec. 1.5 Implementation of the comprehensive plan

The regulations in, and the districts established by, this chapter are intended to implement the policies, goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan. (Amended 11-1-89)

(§ 1.6, 12-10-80, 11-1-89; § 18-1.5, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

State law reference – Va. Code §§ 15.2-2200, 15.2-2283, 15.2-2284.

Sec. 1.6 Territory and airspace subject to this chapter.

This chapter applies to the following:

- A. *Unincorporated territory.* All of the unincorporated land area of the County, subject to subsections (B), (C), and (D).
- B. *Airspace of privately owned and certain publicly owned land.* The superjacent airspace of any unincorporated land area in the County that is not owned by the Commonwealth.
- C. *Airspace of any public travelways.* The superjacent and subjacent airspace of any public highway, street, lane, alley, or other public travelway in the County owned by the Commonwealth that is not required for the purpose of travel or other public use.
- D. *Airspace of privately occupied but publicly owned lands.* The superjacent airspace of any land area in the County not provided for in subsection (C) owned by the Commonwealth or any county, city, or town, that is occupied by an entity or person other than the Commonwealth or any county, city, or town.

State law reference – Va. Code §§ 15.2-2281, 15.2-2293.

Sec. 1.7 Zoning map.

The zoning map is identified, and shall be interpreted, as follows:

- A. *Zoning map identified.* The zoning map is composed of the several maps and digital source files, and all dimensions, symbols, notations, and designations shown on the maps and in the digital source files, is maintained by the Department of Community Development, and is incorporated by reference as part of this chapter. The zoning map is the digital form of the zoning map adopted on December 10, 1980, as amended by all zoning map amendments after that date. The zoning map also may exist in an analog zoning map book.
- B. *Zoning map establishes the location and boundaries of districts.* The location and boundaries of the districts created by this chapter are hereby established as shown on the zoning map. The zoning map also includes symbols that represent the existence of conditions, including proffers, attaching to the zoning of a parcel on the zoning map.
- C. *Interpretation.* The zoning map shall be interpreted as follows:
 - 1. *District lines follow lot lines and center lines; boundaries designated.* The district boundaries shown on the zoning map are intended to follow the lot lines and the center lines of streets or alleys as they existed on December 10, 1980 and as hereafter amended; provided that where a district boundary obviously does not follow any lot line or center line, and is not depicted on an approved subdivision plat or site plan or described by dimensions or other means, the district boundary shall be determined by measurement using a scale.

2. *Waterways, roads, streets, alleys, highways, railroads, and other rights-of-way; boundary not designated.* All waterways, roads, streets, alleys, highways, railroads, and other rights-of-way (collectively, “features”), if not otherwise specifically designated and if not part of a parcel abutting the feature, shall be deemed to be in the same district as the immediately abutting parcels, and the departing boundary lines from those abutting parcels shall be deemed to extend to the centerline of the feature. If the center line of a feature serves as a parcel boundary, the zoning of the feature, if not otherwise specifically designated, shall be deemed to be the same as that of the parcel to which it is a part.
3. *Superjacent and subjacent airspace.* The superjacent and subjacent airspace of any unincorporated territory within the County shall be deemed to be within the same district as the parcel to which it pertains unless the superjacent or subjacent airspace is zoned otherwise by a zoning map amendment.
4. *Areas not otherwise designated.* The intent of this chapter is to have the entire unincorporated territory of the County within a district. Except for those features identified in subsection (C)(2), any area shown on the zoning map having a white background shall be deemed to be in the Rural Areas (RA) district.
5. *Inconsistencies.* If there is an inconsistency between any information shown on the zoning map and any decision made by the Board of Supervisors or an interpretation of the zoning map made by the Board of Zoning Appeals after December 10, 1980, then the decision of the Board of Supervisors or the interpretation of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall govern.

D. *Alterations and amendments.* The zoning map shall not be altered or amended in any way except in compliance with the procedures and standards established by this chapter for a zoning map amendment.

(§ 1.7, 12-10-80; Ord. 12-18(7), 12-5-12, effective 4-1-13; § 1.6, Ord. 15-18(6), 10-11-17)

State law reference – Va. Code §§ 15.2-2285(A), 15.2-2286(A)(7), 15.2-2300.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Mr. Randolph	_____	_____
Mr. Sheffield	_____	_____