



MOTION: Michael Driskill
SECOND: Janice N. Wheaton

Regular Meeting
October 11, 2023
Ord. No. 231011B

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF AMHERST CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD PROVISIONS TO CHAPTER 24 – ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR FLAG LOTS.

WHEREAS, Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-1433 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as may be amended from time to time, enable a local governing body to adopt, amend, and codify ordinances or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, Sections 15.2-2280, 15.2-2285, and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, enables a local governing body to adopt and amend zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, this amendment of the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance is required to serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice pursuant to Section 15.2-2286(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the proper advertisement and public hearing was conducted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the full text of this amendment was available for public inspection in the Town Hall located at 174 S. Main Street, Amherst, Virginia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL that the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance is amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. xx.xx Flag Lots


The creation of flag lots will only be considered in those instances where topographic constraints or unusual existing lot lines make this type of arrangement the only feasible way to develop the tract.

Flag lots must meet the following criteria:

- a. Each flag lot must have a minimum of 25 feet of frontage on the street.
- b. The required minimum lot area shall meet the zoning ordinance requirement of the district

- in which it is located and shall not include the area of the long narrow “flagpole” portion.
- c. The development of one flag lot behind another flag lot shall be prohibited.
 - d. A home on a flag lot must meet all setbacks within the “flag” portion of the lot, not including the “pole” portion of the lot.
 - e. Additional prohibitions regarding lots apply to the Ambriar Access Area, as outlined in Section 24-435.

This ordinance was adopted on October 11, 2023



D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Council