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Planning Commission Report to the County Commissioners

Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #23-180

Cannabis

Summary:

Section 297-447 of the Charles County Zoning Ordinance requires the Planning Commission to first consider the proposed amendments and provide a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as to whether the requested Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) should be approved.

Designated as Zoning Text Amendment #23-180, this application is an internal request to amend the Charles County Zoning Ordinance to permit adult-use (“recreational”) cannabis dispensary and processing operations to facilitate the implementation of the Cannabis Reform Act in Charles County.

As summarized in the Staff Report, the proposed ZTA incorporates legal adult-use cannabis operations into the existing zoning regulations in place for legal medical cannabis operations. Changes are proposed to bring the County into compliance with the Cannabis Reform Act, as well as to address an effort to distribute the licensed operations evenly among the Commissioner Districts.

Public Hearing:

On November 6, 2023, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #23-180, Cannabis. There was one (1) written comment received prior to the hearing. There were no public speakers who provided testimony at the Public Hearing. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission held the record open until December 7, 2023. No additional public comments were received during the open record period.

Recommendation:

On December 18, 2023, after the conclusion of the Work Session, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #23-180, Cannabis, as presented, for adoption by the County Commissioners.

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Kevin Wedding, Chair