

Charles County ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The process to update the Charles County Zoning Ordinance has begun.

Modernizing the Charles County Zoning Code is vital to improving permit process efficiency, creating a more user-friendly experience, and attracting and supporting commercial development in Charles County.

WHAT IS ZONING?

Zoning is a set of laws that govern how private land can be used and what types of buildings may be built. A zoning code may tell you how tall your house may be, whether or not you may use your property as a day-care center, or how big of a sign may be installed outside of your business.

WHY IS AN UPDATE NEEDED?

Charles County's Zoning Code can be difficult to navigate, read, interpret, and administer. This update aims to increase usability with consolidation of regulations, clarify ambiguous terms, streamline procedures, illustrate regulations with graphics, and use tables to display numeric standards.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE EFFECT?

The project is planned to begin the adoption process in fall 2025. This adoption process may take several months and consists of public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Charles County Commissioners.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- **ONLINE RESOURCES** at CharlesCountyZoning.com
- **SURVEYS & INFORMATION** available to provide input and comments at CharlesCountyMD.info/ZoningCodeUpdate
- **PUBLIC HEARINGS** provide opportunities for public input



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