

CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT Guide to Understanding



Public Hearing: October 29, 2024

- **Bill 2024-07 / Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 23-176:** To establish a new base zone called Aviation Business Park (ABP)
- **Bill 2024-08 / Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA) 23-02:** To rezone some properties in the vicinity of the Maryland Airport to ABP and some properties along Ray Drive to General Industrial (GI)

WHAT is the Purpose of the Rezoning?

The new zone and rezoning will allow for usage and development compatible with and in support of the Maryland Airport including research, aircraft maintenance/avionics, office and flex spaces, light industrial, as well as food and beverage.

WHO do These Amendments Affect?

This affects residents in the vicinity of the Maryland Airport and other surrounding neighborhoods.

WHEN are These Amendments Being Discussed and WHY is This on the County Commissioner Agenda?

The Charles County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a follow up Public Hearing to gather public comment on a rezoning map that has been revised based on previous public comments as well as County Commissioner and Planning Commission input. The revisions include a reduction in the area proposed to be rezoned (see maps below for reference). The County Commissioner Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 29th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, to discuss the revisions and promote further community participation.

WHERE can I go to Learn More?

You can view the proposed amendments, and other related documents/recommendations at:

<https://charlescountymd.info/AmendedZTA23-176ZMA23-02>. The Document Guide provides more detail on the history of the project. Additional questions or concerns may be directed to Amy Blessinger, Department of Planning and Growth Management: 301-645-0650 or BlessingA@CharlesCountyMD.gov.

HOW can I Share my Opinion and Hear from Other Residents and Speakers?

Individuals or representatives of groups wishing to make oral or written comments are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing and can submit comments in the following ways:

- **Comment In-person:** Speaker sign-up will begin at 5:30 pm **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, at the Charles County Government Building (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata), and will end at the commencement of the hearing. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak.
- **Comment Virtually:** Call 240-776-6709 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, to register to speak. Once registered, citizens will receive a virtual link to testify between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. after in-person speakers testify. If you are not available to speak when your name is called, the next caller will be taken. Each caller will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak.
- **Provide Written Comments:** Written or voicemail comments may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony, or to expand upon oral testimony, and will be accepted starting on **Friday, October 11, 2024**, at 8:00 a.m. through **Tuesday, October 29, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. Written comments can be mailed or dropped off to 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646, ATTN: Commissioners of Charles County; or submitted via web form at <https://charlescountymd.info/E-comments>. To leave a voicemail message, call 301-645-0652.

Note: Submissions are considered public information under the Maryland Public Information Act.

Individuals with special needs may call 301-645-0550 or Maryland Relay Service TDD 7-1-1 (1-800-735-2258).

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