

**ZONING DOCKETS FROM THE JUNE 18, 2012 P AND D MEETING**

<b>Docket Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>CC DIST.</b>	<b>STAFF REC.</b>	<b>GCPC REC.</b>	<b>P&amp;D REC.</b>	<b>COUNCIL ACTION</b>
<b>CZ-2012-14</b>	Greenville County Council Text Amendment to add additional public comment during the rezoning process	19	A	A	A  6/18/12 Held	Return to Committee at the June 5, 2012 meeting
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Some of the general comments made by Speakers at the Public Hearing on April 16, 2012 were:</b></p> <p><u>Speakers For</u> (1) None</p> <p><u>Speakers Against</u> (1) None</p>					Petition/Letter  For –  Against –
<b>Staff Report</b>	Planning Commission and P & D Committee have, in the past, had dockets for their review needing additional public comment for various reasons. This amendment would give Planning Commission the authority to allow additional public comment on a zoning docket at their regularly scheduled meeting. It would also allow Planning Commission to request to have a docket returned to them from P & D Committee for additional public comment if a decision cannot be reached at the initial meeting. The P & D Committee may send a docket back to Planning Commission based on this request or based on their determination for needing an additional public comment session. This amendment also changes the time frame that Planning Commission may review a docket initially before forwarding it to P & D Committee from 60 days to 30 days to meet the requirements of the state law.					
<b>County Council</b>	County Council approved the text amendment at second reading, but on June 4, 2012, third reading, County Council returned to Committee for discussion on how the public would be informed of the opportunity for additional comment. In addition how the Planning and Development Committee fits into the process.					
<b>P and D Committee</b>	Planning and Development Committee held the item in order to allow staff to come up with ways to notify the public when an additional comment opportunity has been granted. In addition, how the items are differentiated on the agenda from items that have already had a Public Hearing and are not allowed additional comments.					

**Planning Report**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** CZ-2012-14

**APPLICANT:** Greenville County Council

**TEXT AMENDMENT:** Proposed Text Amendment to Allow for Additional Public Comment During the Rezoning Process

**BACKGROUND:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**GCPC RECOMMENDATION:** To be made 4/25/12

**ATTACHMENT:** Proposed Amendment

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Planning & Development Committee

FROM: Dean Campbell, Assistant County Attorney  
Kelli McCormick, Deputy Zoning Administrator

RE: Zoning Public Hearings

DATE: July 13, 2012

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At the last Planning & Development meeting, staff was asked to come up with a way to ensure interested parties would know about any “additional public comment session” held on a zoning docket. Staff believes this could be best accomplished through a policy, which would allow for flexibility in the methods used to publicize the event. Therefore, we are requesting the Planning and Development Committee to consider an amendment to the ordinance, as follows:

### **3:2.7 Action by County Council**

After conducting a duly advertised public hearing, The Planning and Development Committee County Council shall consider information presented at the public hearing and the staff review and recommendation received from the Greenville County Planning Commission before making a recommendation to County Council. In its recommendation, the Planning Commission may request an additional comment session. The Planning and Development Committee may return the zoning docket to the Planning Commission and require an additional public comment session on the zoning docket based on the Committee’s determination or based on the request by the Planning Commission. Should the docket be returned to the Planning Commission for comment purposes, the public comment session shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. Staff shall develop a policy to publicize an additional comment session on a zoning docket.

The policy, as currently envisioned, would direct staff to let interested parties who attended the regular public hearing on the docket be notified about any additional public comment sessions. Staff could provide a sign up sheet at the public hearing for anyone interested in being notified of any future public comment sessions.

The policy also would require notification of the additional comment session on the County website. Of course, the additional comment session will be placed on the Planning Commission agenda as well. Other methods of notification could be developed through the policy.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.