

PROPOSED AGRICULTURE ZONING DISTRICT
AN AMENDMENT TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the purpose of creating an Agriculture Zoning District?

The proposed zoning district was created in response to the public input requesting to preserve the rural character as part of the South Greenville County Area Plan planning process. Specifically, the preservation and protection of farming operations was identified as one the top three important issues that need to be addressed.

2. How was the draft Agriculture Zoning District created?

The Planning staff worked with volunteers - farmers, other agriculture stakeholders, and citizens to identify what issues needed to be addressed, and to research other agricultural zoning districts in South Carolina and the region. This committee reviewed and discussed this information and prepared the draft text.

3. Who determines if this zoning district is adopted?

This Agriculture Zoning District would be added to the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance and there is a legally prescribed process that would have to be followed. Greenville County Council would make the final decision whether to amend the zoning ordinance and allow the Agriculture Zoning District to be created. This process would include a public hearing that would give citizens of Greenville County an opportunity to provide their input.

4. If I have an agricultural operation, do I have to zone my property as an Agriculture Zoning District?

No, creating the Agriculture Zoning District does not require property owners to zone their property for this purpose. The Agriculture Zoning District provides an option to property owners if they believe zoning their property for this purpose is in their best interest.

If you have an agricultural operation and are zoned as another zoning district, you have the opportunity to rezone your property to this Agriculture Zoning District assuming that you meet the use, area, setback and height requirements and other provisions of the zoning district.