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Planning & Zoning Invites Public Feedback on Site Development and Design Standards

Public comment period open Dec. 8 through Dec. 29; public forum set for Dec. 14

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 5, 2023 – The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning invites county residents to participate in the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance update process. Citizens are invited to participate through public comment, a public forum and observing work sessions and meetings, to have a voice in shaping local development and land use policies and actively contribute to the well-being and future of the community.

The next phase of events will receive and consider feedback and recommendations from residents on the following article:

- **Article 25 – Site Development and Design Standards** ([view draft Article 25](#)): This article emphasizes safe pathways through site circulation standards for both residential and non-residential development. Regulations in this article focus on standards for residential development including single-family dwellings to multi-family and mixed residential development. This article also covers standards and design criteria for non-residential developments, requirements for age-restricted housing, manufactured home communities and historic significance.

Public Comment Period, open Dec. 8 through Dec. 29: The public comment period will be open Friday, Dec. 8, through Friday, Dec. 29. Comments may be submitted by email to ZOupdate@calvertcountymd.gov or by mail to Attn: ZO Update, 205 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Public Forum, Dec. 14: A public forum will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center located at 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick. Doors

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open at 6 p.m. During the forum with zoning staff, members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions. The public may attend in-person or virtually through Zoom by calling 888-475-4499, enter meeting ID 870 4870 1285 and passcode “#.”

Joint Work Session, Jan. 17: A joint work session with the Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center located at 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

The schedule for each phase and draft articles can be viewed online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ZoningOrdinanceUpdate. These dates may be subject to change.

The Calvert County Zoning Ordinance regulates land usage, public facilities and overall county development as part of the effort to promote health, safety and welfare of Calvert County residents, as mandated in the Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2019 and amended in 2022). For questions or further information, contact Rachel O'Shea at 410-535-1600, ext. 2339, or by email at rachel.oshea@calvertcountymd.gov, or Will Hager at 410-535-1600, ext. 8553, or by email at will.hager@calvertcountymd.gov.

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