



Development Advisory – 56: Public Hearing Sign posting requirements

The City of Chesapeake is proposing a revision to Article 16, Section 16-105 of the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance, to modify requirements regarding maintenance of posted signs and to amend procedures related to the failure to properly post and maintain a sign.

The proposed amendment responds to issues that have been raised regarding the sign posting requirements for public hearing applications. The amendments clarify and more fully detail an applicant's responsibility for maintenance and accuracy of the posted sign through the public hearing process before the Planning Commission and City Council.

The amendment also clarifies due process issues that might arise if a property is not properly posted,

Changes include:

- Applicant responsibility for updating the sign to ensure that it accurately reflects the current status of the public hearing as either before the planning Commission or City Council.
- Endeavoring to protect the sign from vandalism and theft, maintain each sign in an erect position in its posted location and ensure that each sign remains legible.
- Continually maintaining the sign on the property to the conclusion of the public hearing by City Council.
- If the Planning Commission or City Council determines that the requirements of this section are not met and that the failure materially deprived the public of reasonable notice of the public hearing, then the hearing on the application may be continued at the discretion of the Commission or Council; provided that the City Council may, for any other appropriate legal basis, deny such application.
- The applicant will have the option of purchasing the required number of signs from either the Planning Department or an outside vendor.

Any questions or concerns regarding this advisory should be directed to Gil Bostwick, at 382-6176 or gbostwick@cityofchesapeake.net. All input received prior to May 4, 2021 will be considered before City Council adoption tentatively planned for adoption by City Council in late May or June, 2021.