

**COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE  
TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION**

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| <b>AGENDA TITLE:</b><br>ZTA 2018-04 Beekeeping                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>AGENDA DATE:</b><br>September 5, 2018    |
| <b>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:</b><br>This amendment would allow beekeeping on residentially zoned property subject to performance standards. This amendment does not impact beekeeping in the Rural Areas zoning district. | <b>STAFF CONTACT(S):</b><br>Kamptner, Fritz |
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**BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution of intent on March 3, 2018 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow beekeeping in residential districts.

**DISCUSSION:**

On June 26, 2018 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the zoning text amendment by a 4:1 (Keller) vote.

During the Planning Commission discussion, it was noted that the ordinance is similar to others around the Commonwealth and that the City of Charlottesville does not have limitations on beekeeping. It was also stated that bees could be an attractive nuisance and may harm other pollinators.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of ZTA 2018-04

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Staff report for 6/26/2018 Planning Commission Public Hearing  
Attachment B – Action letter for 6/26/2018 Planning Commission Public Hearing  
Attachment C – Meeting minutes for 6/26/2018 Planning Commission Public Hearing  
Attachment D – Proposed ordinance for adoption