

Draft Proposed Ordinance (Homestays)

ORDINANCE NO. 18-18(2)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ZONING, ARTICLE II, BASIC REGULATIONS, AND ARTICLE III, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 18, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions, Article II, Basic Regulations, and Article III, District Regulations, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

By Amending and Renaming:

Sec. 5.1.48 Bed and Breakfast

By Amending:

Sec. 3.1 Definitions
Sec. 4.12.6 Minimum Number of Required Parking Spaces for Scheduled Uses
Sec. 5.1.17 Tourist Lodging
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CHAPTER 18. ZONING

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1 DEFINITIONS

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~~*Tourist lodging:* A use composed of transient lodging provided within a single family dwelling having not more than five (5) guest rooms, where the single family dwelling is actually used as such and the guest rooms are secondary to the single-family use, whether or not the guest rooms are used in conjunction with other portions of the dwelling. (Amended 6-6-12)~~

Change to one common new use term, "homestay."

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~~Bed and breakfast: A use composed of transient lodging provided within a single family dwelling and/or one or more structures that are accessory to the single family dwelling, having not more than five (5) guest rooms in the aggregate, and which also may include rooms for dining and for meetings for use by transient lodging guests of the bed and breakfast provided that the dining and meeting rooms are accessory to the bed and breakfast use. (Added 6-6-12)~~

Change to one common new use term, "homestay."

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Homestay: An accessory residential use providing transient lodging and rooms for dining and meetings for use by homestay guests provided that the dining and meeting rooms are subordinate to the homestay use. A homestay use may offer no more than five (5) guest rooms for lodging.

Establish and define the new term, "homestay."

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Responsible agent: For a homestay use, an owner, manager, management company, rental agent or individual who is identified in the zoning clearance.

Establish and define the new term as used in §5.1.48.

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Whole house rental: A homestay use during which the owner or manager is not required to be present. (See § 5.1.48).

Define the limited use allowed in Rural Areas parcels greater than 5 acres.

ARTICLE II. BASIC REGULATIONS

4.12.6 MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR SCHEDULED USES

Except when alternative parking is approved as provided in section 4.12.8, the following schedule shall apply to determine the number of required off-street parking spaces to be provided in a particular situation. If a particular use is not scheduled, then section 4.12.7 shall apply.

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~~Bed and breakfast~~ Homestay: One (1) off-street ~~(4)~~ space per guest room in addition to the parking required for the dwelling unit ~~a single family dwelling~~. (Added 6-6-12)

Explicitly state that parking must be provided off-street. See also provision for special exception.

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Tourist lodging: One (1) space per guest room in addition to the parking required for a single family dwelling. (Amended 2-5-03, 6-6-12)

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5.1.48 ~~BED AND BREAKFAST~~ HOMESTAYS

Each ~~bed and breakfast~~ homestay is subject to the following regulations:

- a. Residency. The owner of the parcel or a manager of the ~~bed and breakfast~~ homestay must reside on the parcel for a minimum of 180 days in a calendar year.
- b. ~~Number of bed and breakfast uses~~. Any parcel may have up to two (2) bed and breakfast uses.

- ~~c. *Required development rights, density and limitation.* Each single family dwelling to which a bed and breakfast homestay use is accessory shall comply with the following: (i) on any parcel less than twenty-one (21) acres in size, the single family dwelling shall be authorized by a development right as provided in section County Code §18-10.3; (ii) on any parcel, regardless of size, the single family dwelling shall comply with the permitted density; and (iii) no single family dwelling shall have more than one bed and breakfast homestay use accessory to it.~~
- ~~d. *Minimum yards.* Any accessory structure used for a bed and breakfast homestay use shall comply either with the applicable minimum yard requirements for a primary structure or a lesser yard approved by the zoning administrator that is not less than the minimum yard required for an accessory structure that would otherwise be applicable, if the zoning administrator finds that: (i) the distance between the accessory structure and the closest primary structure on the closest abutting parcel is greater than the applicable minimum yard requirement for a primary structure; and (ii) written consent has been provided by the owner of the abutting lot consenting to the alternative minimum yard. The minimum yard for any parking area shall be twenty-five (25) feet.~~
- b. *Notice.* The owner of a parcel conducting a homestay use must provide the name, telephone number, and emergency contact information of the owner and of any manager or other designated agent to abutting property owners on an annual basis. The owner must retain and provide a copy of the notice to the Zoning Administrator within five (5) business days upon request.
- ec. *Parking.* In addition to the parking required for a single-family dwelling, the number of off-street parking spaces required by section County Code §18-4.12.6 must be provided on-site.
- fd. *Information and sketch plan to be submitted with request for zoning clearance.* The following documents must be submitted to the zoning administrator with each request for a zoning clearance under section 31.5:
1. *Information.* Information pertaining to the following: (i) the proposed use; (ii) the maximum number of guest rooms; (iii) the provision of authorized on-site parking; (iv) the location, height and lumens of outdoor lighting; and (v) two (2) forms of verification of the permanent residency of an owner or manager. Acceptable proof of permanent residence includes: driver's license, voter registration card, U.S. passport, or other document(s) that the zoning administrator determines provide equivalent proof of permanent residence at the subject property.
 2. *Sketch plan.* A schematic drawing of the premises with notes in a form and of a scale approved by the zoning administrator depicting: (i) all structures that would be used for the homestay bed and breakfast; (ii) the locations of all guest rooms; and (iii) how access, on-site parking, outdoor lighting, signage and minimum yards will be provided in compliance with this chapter.
 3. *Signatures.* The responsible agent and the property owner must sign the application.
- ge. *Building code, fire and health approvals.* Before the zoning administrator approves a zoning clearance under section 31.5, the owner of the parcel or a manager of the homestay bed and breakfast must obtain approval of the use from the building official, the fire official, and the Virginia Department of Health.
- hf. *Uses prohibited.* The following uses are not permitted as uses accessory to a homestay use: 1) Restaurants; 2) Special events serving attendees other than homestay guests.

- g. *Responsible agent.* Each applicant for a homestay must designate a responsible agent to promptly address complaints regarding the homestay use. The responsible agent must be available within 30 miles of the homestay at all times during a homestay use. The responsible agent must respond and attempt in good faith to resolve any complaint(s) within sixty (60) minutes of being contacted. The responsible agent may initially respond to a complaint by requesting homestay guest(s) to take such action as is required to resolve the complaint. The responsible agent also may be required to visit the homestay if necessary to resolve the complaint.
- h. *Lawfully pre-existing uses.* Any bed and breakfast or tourist lodging use approved prior to (Board's adoption date), may continue, subject to conditions of the prior approval(s).
- i. *Special exception.*

(1) Waiver or modification of this section is prohibited except to permit:

(i) More than two (2) guest rooms and/or the use of an accessory structure in association with a homestay on parcels in Residential, Planned Development Zoning Districts or on Rural Areas Zoning Districts parcels of less than five (5) acres;

(ii) Reduction in minimum applicable yards for a structure or parking used in whole or in part for a homestay.

(2) Special exceptions may be granted after notice to abutting property owners upon consideration of the following:

(i) there is no detriment to any abutting lot;

(ii) there is no harm to the public health, safety, or welfare; and

j. *Parcel-based regulations*

1) Each homestay located on a) a parcel of less than 5 acres in the Rural Areas Zoning District or b) a parcel of any size that allows residential use in the Residential Zoning Districts or Planned Development Zoning Districts is subject to the following regulations:

(i) *Number of homestay uses.* Any parcel may have only one (1) homestay use. An accessory apartment may not qualify as a dwelling unit for a homestay use.

(ii) *Dwelling types.* Homestay uses may only be conducted in a single-family dwelling.

(iii) *Number of guest rooms.* A maximum of two (2) guest rooms may be permitted with each homestay use.

(iv) *Owner or resident manager occupancy.* The owner or resident manager of a parcel with a homestay use must reside on and be present at the subject parcel during the homestay use.

(v) *Minimum yards.* 1) In the Residential or Planned Development Zoning Districts, the minimum applicable front, side, and rear yard requirements for primary structures apply to all structures used for homestays; 2) In the Rural Areas district, the minimum front, side, and rear yard shall be one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from any abutting lot not under the same ownership as the homestay, for parking and for structures used in whole or in part to serve a homestay.

2) Each homestay located on a parcel of five (5) acres or more in the Rural Areas Zoning District is subject to the following regulations:

- (i) Number of homestay uses. Any parcel may have up to two (2) homestay uses, provided all other applicable requirements are met.
- (ii) Accessory structures. Homestay uses may be conducted in accessory structures.
- (iii) Number of guest rooms. A maximum of five (5) guest rooms may be permitted with each homestay use.
- (iv) Required development rights, density and limitation. Each single-family dwelling to which a homestay use is accessory must comply with the following regulations:
 - (i) on any parcel less than 21 acres in size, the single family dwelling shall be authorized by a development right as provided in County Code § 18-10.3;
 - (ii) on any parcel, regardless of size, the single family dwelling shall comply with the permitted density; and (iii) no single family dwelling may have more than one accessory homestay use.
- (v) Minimum yards. Any accessory structure used for a homestay use shall comply either with the applicable minimum yard requirements for a primary structure or a lesser yard approved by the zoning administrator that is not less than the minimum yard required for an accessory structure that would otherwise be applicable, if the zoning administrator finds that: (i) the distance between the accessory structure and the closest primary structure on the closest abutting parcel is greater than the applicable minimum yard requirement for a primary structure; and (ii) written consent has been provided by the owner of the abutting lot consenting to the alternative minimum yard. The minimum yard for any parking area shall be 25 feet.
- (vi) Owner or resident manager occupancy. The owner or resident manager of a parcel conducting a homestay use must reside on and be present at the subject property during the homestay use except during approved whole house rentals. The owner or resident manager of a parcel conducting a homestay use that is approved for whole house rental may be absent during the rental period for up to seven (7) days in any calendar month and up to 45 days in any calendar year. The owner shall maintain a log of all homestay uses including the date of each rental for which the owner is absent. This log shall be provided within five (5) business days to the Zoning Administrator upon request.

SECTION 10. RURAL AREAS DISTRICT, RA

10.2 Permitted Uses

10.2.1 By right

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14. ~~Bed and breakfast~~ Homestays (reference 5.1.48).

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SECTION 12. VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL - VR

12.2 Permitted Uses

12.2.1 By right

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10. Tourist lodgings Homestays (reference 5.1.1748).

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SECTION 13. RESIDENTIAL - R-1

13.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses SES

13.2.1 ~~By~~ RIGHT right

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10. Tourist lodgings Homestays (reference 5.1.1748).

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SECTION 14. RESIDENTIAL - R-2

14.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses SES

14.2.1 ~~By~~ RIGHT right

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10. Tourist lodgings Homestays (reference 5.1.1748).

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SECTION 15. RESIDENTIAL - R-4

15.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses SES

15.2.1 ~~By~~ RIGHT right

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12. Tourist lodgings Homestays (reference 5.1.1748).

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SECTION 16. RESIDENTIAL - R-6

16.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses SES

16.2.1 ~~By~~ RIGHT right

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8. Tourist lodgings Homestays (reference 5.1.1748).

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SECTION 17. RESIDENTIAL - R-10

17.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses ~~SES~~

17.2.1 ~~BYy RIGHT~~ right

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8. ~~Tourist lodgings~~ Homestays (reference 5.1.47 ~~48~~).

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SECTION 18. RESIDENTIAL - R-15

18.2 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses ~~SES~~

18.2.1 ~~BYy RIGHT~~ right

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8. ~~Tourist lodgings~~ Homestays (reference 5.1.47 ~~48~~).

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SECTION 19. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - PRD

19.3 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses ~~SES~~

19.3.1 ~~BYy RIGHT~~ right

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14. Homestays (reference 5.1.48).

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SECTION 20. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - PUD

20.3 ~~Permitted~~ ERMITTED Uses ~~SES-Residential~~

20.3.1 ~~BYy RIGHT~~ right

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14. Homestays (reference 5.1.48).

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SECTION 20A. NEIGHBORHOOD MODEL – NMD

20A.6 ~~Permitted~~ **ERMITTED Uses** ~~SES~~

The following uses shall be permitted in an NMD, subject to the regulations in this section and section 8, the approved application plan and code of development, and the accepted proffers:

- a. *By right uses.* The following uses are permitted by right if the use is expressly identified as a by right use in the code of development or if the use is permitted in a determination by the zoning administrator pursuant to subsection 8.5.5.2(c)(1)

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13. Homestays (reference 5.1.48).

SECTION 20B. DOWNTOWN CROZET DISTRICT - DCD

20B.2 ~~Permitted~~ **ERMITTED Uses** ~~SES~~

The following uses shall be permitted in the DCD, subject to the regulations in this section

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- D. *By right uses; residential.* The following residential uses are permitted by right, provided that the first floor of the building in which the residential use exists is designed for and occupied only by a use permitted by subsections 20B.2(A), (B), (C) or (E):

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9. Homestays (reference 5.1.48)