



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Resolution of Intent for Farmers Market ZTA

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Adoption of a resolution of intent to consider performance standards to make farmers' markets a by-right use in the Rural Areas zoning district

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Blair, Graham, Fritz

PRESENTER (S): Bill Fritz

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Douglas C. Walker

BACKGROUND: On August 9, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to simplify the site plan requirements for farmers' markets. At that meeting, the Board directed staff to develop performance standards that would allow some farmers' markets by-right in the Rural Areas zoning district.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Rural Area Character: Preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity

DISCUSSION: During the review of the most recent revisions to farmers' market regulations, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors indicated that it may be possible to develop performance standards that would allow farmers' markets by-right. Some of the possible standards include: changes to vendor definitions to insure that only products produced in Albemarle/adjacent counties are sold, hours, limitations on the days of the week and size of structures, limited number of vendors, size of the lot used, number of parking spaces, lighting, screening and relationship to adjoining properties.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget impact associated with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached resolution of intent.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Resolution of intent