



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 18-272, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA DATE:** 4/11/2018

**TITLE:**

Ordinance to Amend County Code Chapter 3, Agricultural and Forestal Districts

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Work session to discuss specific issues related to an ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Agricultural and Forestal Districts

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Lynch, Clark

**PRESENTER (S):** Greg Kamptner, Scott Clark

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** The Board has directed the County Attorney's Office to conduct a comprehensive review and recodification of the County Code. Chapter 3 contains provisions related to the County's agricultural and forestal district ("AFD") program by which the County protects its agricultural and forestal lands of statewide and local significance. A current revised draft of Chapter 3 is Attachment A.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Quality Government Operations: Ensure County's government capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of this work session is to discuss the following three substantive issues as part of revising County Code Chapter 3 prior to scheduling public hearings. The sections in Chapter 3 applicable to the issues to be discussed at the work session are Attachment B. Staff's analysis of the three issues are Attachment C. The three issues that will be discussed at the work session are:

1. Whether the uses and activities allowed on a parcel in an AFD should be further restricted.
2. How parcels in an AFD with no development rights should be evaluated during district review.
3. Whether appointees to the Advisory Committee should be subject to term limits.

An ordinance reflecting the Board's direction at this work session will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its public hearing and recommendation in June. Staff will schedule the Board's public hearing on the ordinance soon thereafter.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no expected budget impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board provide direction to Staff on the three issues presented.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - Draft Ordinance
- B - Excerpts from draft Ordinance applicable to the work session
- C - Staff analysis of work session issues