

Stakeholder Outreach

Email to Stakeholders

Subject: Albemarle County Proposed Zoning Text Amendment – Rural Areas Landscape Contractors as a Special Use Permit Use

Good Morning,

Albemarle County is reaching out to you as a stakeholder in the County's regulation of Landscape Contractors in the Rural Areas. The County is currently working on a proposed zoning text amendment that addresses adding Landscape Contractors as a use permitted by Special Use Permit in the Rural Areas Zoning District and would like any feedback you may have on our proposed definition below.

This zoning text amendment proposes two changes: (1) adding “Landscape Contractor” as a use permitted by Special Use Permit to Section 10 of the Zoning Ordinance and (2) defining “Landscape Contractor” in Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Landscape contractor. “Landscape contractor” means an establishment providing landscaping services. For the purposes of this definition, “landscaping” means the modification of the landscape for an aesthetic or functional purpose.

We are seeking your input on these potential changes via email, scheduled phone call, or video conference call. If you have comments or feedback or would like to schedule a phone call or meeting, feel free to contact me or Francis MacCall, at fmaccall@albemarle.org.

There will be a Planning Commission Public Hearing on July 21, 2020, to further discuss this proposed zoning text amendment. You are welcome to attend this meeting and provide any comments there as well.

Please feel free to share with your members or any other potential stakeholders.

Attachments: Executive Summary of the Resolution of Intent, a signed copy of the Resolution of Intent, and related Comprehensive Plan Information

Thank you,

Landscape Contractors ZTA – Stakeholders

From Resolution of Intent:

“We can contact local professional organizations representing arborists and landscape contractor businesses such as the Virginia Society of Landscape Designers.”

From Amelia/Bill

1. Roger Baber – [Roger Baber Enterprises](#)
baber.rogerl@gmail.com

Professional Organizations

1. Virginia Society of Landscape Designers
 - a. <https://www.vslld.org/>
 - b. Contact - <https://www.vslld.org/contact-us/>
 - c. members@vslld.org
 - d. membership@vslld.org
2. Landscape Contractors Association
 - a. <https://www.lcamddcva.org/>
 - b. <https://www.lcamddcva.org/general/?type=CONTACT>
 - c. lca@lcamddcva.org
3. Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association
 - a. <https://www.vnla.org/>
 - b. Contact - info@vnla.org
 - c. President - brenthunsinger@gmail.com
 - d. VP - chrisbjr@lancasterfarms.com
4. National Association of Landscape Professionals
 - a. <https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/>
 - b. info@landscapeprofessionals.org
5. Central Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association
 - a. contactcvnla@gmail.com

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From: Roger Baber

Sent: Tue, 16 Jun 2020 11:46:37

To: Kevin McCollum

Subject: Re: Albemarle County Proposed Zoning Text Amendment – Rural Areas Landscape Contractors as a Special Use Permit Use

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Kevin,

Thank you for including me in the zoning for Landscape contractors in the Rural Areas. In regards to the definition of Landscape contractor I feel that as an arborist I would prefer to have language that includes the term arboriculture. Often people do not think of tree care as part of the landscape so I would be concerned that this ordinance could exclude my business in the event that someone had opposition to my location etc.

Thanks

Roger Baber

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 9:24 AM Kevin McCollum <kmcollum@albemarle.org> wrote:

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Kevin McCollum

Planner, Certified Zoning Official

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