



Planning Commission
County of Louisa
Thursday, April 10, 2025
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Disosway called the April 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Louisa County Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	7:00 PM
Gordon Brooks	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
Ellis Quarles	Commissioner	Remote	7:00 PM
George Goodwin	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
John Disosway	Chairman	Present	7:00 PM
Matthew Kersey, Jr.	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
James Dickerson	Vice Chairman	Present	7:00 PM
Troy Painting	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
John J Purcell	Town of Louisa Representative	Present	7:00 PM

Others Present: Linda Buckler, Director of Community Development; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; Tom Egeland, Deputy Director of Community Development; and Deborah Johnson, Administrative Assistant.

INVOCATION

Mr. Dickerson led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Painting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Kersey, which carried a vote of 7-0, the Planning Commission voted to approve the agenda of the April 10, 2025, meeting without changes.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Planning Commission - Regular Meeting – February 13, 2025 7:00 PM

On the motion of Mr. Kersey, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, which carried a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Goodwin abstained, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025, meeting without changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Chairman Disosway opened the public address period.

Mr. Duane Sergent, Mineral District, asked for the consideration to adopt an ordinance to allow religious organizations to shelter people during hypothermia months.

Mr. David McWilliams, Green Springs District, asked for the consideration to adopt an ordinance to allow religious organizations to shelter people during hypothermia months.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Disosway closed the public address period.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD 2025-02; Proposed Amendments to Chapter 86. Land Development Regulations; Article II. Zoning Ordinance and Maps

Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator, presented the proposed amendments in response to changes in state legislation and the increasing presence of retail establishments selling legally authorized controlled substances.

Chairman Disosway opened the public comment period.

Mr. Brydge Hamilton, Cuckoo District, encouraged the Planning Commission members to be open minded and research the benefits of hemp and cannabis.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Disosway closed the public comment period and brought it back to the Planning Commission for discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, which carried a vote of 7-0, the Planning Commission voted to forward a recommendation of approval to the Louisa County Board of Supervisors on the proposed amendments to Chapter 86. Land Development Regulations; Article

II. Zoning Ordinance and Maps, with the proposed changes.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION

ORD2025-01 Draft Amendments, Chapter 86 Land Development Regulations (Phase III)

Linda Buckler, Director of Community Development, along with Tom Egeland, Deputy Director of Community Development, presented phase three of the proposed amendments to Chapter 86. Land Development Regulations. The discussion included changes to the Telecommunications tower regulations, Sign Regulations, and Interim Road Maintenance Agreement and Performance Agreement.

Discussion took place within the Planning Commissioners and staff regarding the proposed amendments.

Chairman Disosway proposed for staff to research the definitions of emergency and homeless shelter within a religious assembly and asked to add the discussion item to the May work session agenda. The remaining amendments will be added to the public hearing items on the May regular meeting agenda.

On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, which carried a vote of 7-0, the Planning Commission voted to add ORD2025-01 Draft Amendments, Chapter 86 Land Development Regulations (Phase III) to the May meeting without the emergency shelter, homeless shelter, and religious assembly definitions.

REPORTS

Mr. Quarles stated he is attending the meeting remotely due to an out-of-town business trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Brooks, which carried a vote of 7-0, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the April 10, 2025, meeting at 7:38 PM.

BY ORDER OF:

JOHN DISOSWAY, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA