AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY:

PRIVATE CITIZEN

PLANNING COMMISSION DECIDED IF AMENDMENT IS WORTHY OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING COMM. GOVERNING BODY

PLANNING COMMISSION HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTS A RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNING BODY

GOVERNING BODY APPROVES OR DENIES PROPOSED AMENDMENT
B. Subdivision Regulations Amendment Procedure. Proposals for an amendment of the text of the Subdivision Regulations are customarily initiated by either the Commission or the Governing Body. However, a private citizen may initiate the amendment process by submitting a proposed change to the Commission. The procedures for either approval or denial of such proposals are outlined below.

1. If a private citizen requests the change, the Commission shall permit the individual to present the proposed amendment and the reasons for it at a regular meeting of the Commission. Based on the information presented at the meeting, the Commission shall determine whether the proposal is worthy of consideration as an amendment. If it is determined that the proposal has merit, the Commission shall set a date for the public hearing. The Planning and Zoning Department shall be responsible for having an official notice of public hearing published in a newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. This notice shall fix the time and place of the hearing and describe in general terms the proposed change. At the public hearing, citizens and parties of interest shall have an opportunity to be heard.

2. If either the Commission or the Governing Body initiates the text amendment, a public hearing shall be scheduled by the Commission. The Planning and Zoning Department shall be responsible for having an official notice of public hearing published in a newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. This notice shall fix the time and place of the hearing and describe in general terms the proposed change. At the public hearing, citizens and parties of interest shall have an opportunity to be heard.

3. The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and upon its conclusion, the Commission shall prepare and adopt its recommendation to the Governing Body. This recommendation shall be submitted along with an accurate record of the public hearing. For action on subdivision amendments, a quorum of the Commission must be present. A quorum is more than one-half (½) the total membership of the Commission. A vote either for or against an amendment by a majority of the quorum constitutes a recommendation of the Commission. When neither a vote for nor a vote against the amendment has a majority of the quorum, it constitutes a "failure to recommend". Consequently, another recommendation must be made.

4. After a second (2nd) duly advertised public hearing, the Governing Body may:
   
a. Approve the recommendations of the Commission;

b. Approve the recommendations contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions;

c. Deny the recommendations; or

d. Take other action deemed appropriate.