



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-1781, **Version:** 1

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### **Subject:**

Referral to the Planning Commission of proposed amendments relating to Chapter 18 - Zoning, Article 19. - Nameplates and Signs, Sec. 18-185. - Special regulations for certain uses and signs, Subsection E. *Temporary signs* and other related amendments under Article 19 based on the model sign ordinance prepared by the Local Government Attorney's Association of Virginia, and the setting of a public hearing for September 14, 2020, to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 18-Zoning, Article 19, related to signs.

### **EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY :**

The Town's last significant zoning code changes occurred more than 50 years ago in 1969; a significant portion of the current code includes regulations that date back to the 1956 zoning ordinance. The July 6 Town Council meeting agenda includes consideration of a contract award to a land use planning consulting team to clarify, simplify, reorganize, and update the Town's subdivision and zoning ordinances, Chapters 17 and 18 of the Town Code. The update is necessary to ensure that the Town's zoning regulations are in compliance with state statutes and, more specifically, that temporary sign regulations are compliant with recent Supreme Court decisions. It is proposed that the temporary sign regulations in the Town's Code be updated immediately based on provisions from the model sign ordinance. The model sign ordinance also will be considered as part of the more comprehensive zoning update process.

### **Strategic Plan Initiative:**

*Vienna is an influential and well-governed community.*

**Departmental Recommendation :** Staff recommends setting a public hearing and referring model sign ordinance provisions specific to the temporary sign regulations to the Planning Commission for consideration.

**Finance Recommendation :** N/A

**Purchasing Recommendation :** N/A

**Town Attorney Recommendation :** The Town Attorney recommends referral of possible amendments to the Town's temporary sign regulations to the Planning Commission. Following receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations, Town Council may conduct a public hearing on any proposed amendments in its discretion.

**Town Manager's Recommendation :** I recommend the Town Council refer to the Planning Commission for consideration, amendments to Chapter 18 - Zoning, Article 19, as presented and that the Town Council set a public hearing for September 14, 2020, as presented.

Cost and Financing: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Decision Needed by This date: N/A

#### PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION

"I move to refer to the Planning Commission for consideration amendments to Chapter 18 - Zoning, Article 19. - Nameplates and Signs, Sec. 18-185. - Special regulations for certain uses and signs, Subsection E. *Temporary signs* and other related amendments under Article 19 based on a model sign ordinance prepared by the Local Government Attorney's Association of Virginia."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by Council.

And

"I move to set a public hearing for September 14, 2020 to receive the Planning Commission's recommendations as well as public input on proposed amendments to Chapter 18 - Zoning, Article 19. - Nameplates and Signs, Sec. 18-185. - Special regulations for certain uses and signs, Subsection E. *Temporary signs* and other related amendments under Article 19 based on a model sign ordinance prepared by the Local Government Attorney's Association of Virginia."

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