

Zoning Docket from September 20, 2021 Public Hearing

Docket Number	Applicant	CC DIST.	STAFF REC.	GCPC REC.	P&D REC.	COUNCIL ACTION
CZ-2021-91	Greenville County Council County-wide Text Amendment for AG District	All	Approval	Approval 9-22-21	No Vote 10-4-21 Approval 10-18-21	
Public Comments	<p>Some of the general comments made by Speakers at the Public Hearing on September 20, 2021 were:</p> <p><u>Speakers For:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Citizen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking Council the opportunity to zone their property in a manner that best suite its land use today • AG zoning supports the industry that provides 11% of the workforce • Wants to save the farms within Greenville County • What is being proposed is just an option for the citizens • AG zoning would be required to meet all rezoning regulations just like all other zoning classifications 2) Citizen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Ordinance is simple and clear 3) Citizen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking on behalf of the Greenville County Livestock Association • Realize that continued growth without proper tools will be a detriment to existing farmlands 4) Citizen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise beef cattle • Would like to keep the farmland in Greenville preserved <p><u>Speakers Against:</u> None</p> <p>List of meetings with staff:</p>					<p>Petition/Letter For: 1 - Letter</p> <p><u>Against:</u> None</p>
Staff Report	<p>REQUEST HISTORY</p> <p>Staff has been working with County Stakeholders to initiate a zoning text amendment creating a new use category for an AG, Agriculture Preservation District with associated regulations and definitions. This new use category will not zone any property within Greenville County, but will give citizens an opportunity to either rezone their property or initiate zoning on their property to the AG District.</p> <p>With this new use category, Staff also proposes adding new definitions, uses, and regulations for height, setbacks, minimum lot size, etc. that are associated with the proposed AG District. Please refer to the attached Ordinance to view the proposed changes and additions to the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance.</p> <p>This text amendment request went before the Planning and Development Committee on August 16, 2021, a Zoning Public Hearing on September 20, 2021, and then to First Reading before County Council on September 21, 2021.</p> <p>ANALYSIS</p> <p>It has been brought to Staff’s attention the need for an agricultural preservation zone to help preserve and protect Greenville County’s farmland and agricultural resources. The proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate this new zoning district and proposed uses will assist in this preservation effort.</p>					

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	<p>CONCLUSION Staff is of the opinion that the proposed amendments will provide a new zoning option for property owners who wish to zone land characterized by agricultural activities.</p> <p>Based on these reasons, Staff recommends approval of the proposed Text Amendment.</p>
P&D	<p>At the October 4, 2021 P&D Committee meeting, the Committee adjourned without a vote on this docket.</p> <p>At the October 18, 2021 P&D Committee meeting, the Committee recommended approval of the Text Amendment, after asking questions of staff for clarification on the specifics of the text amendment.</p>