



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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TO: Amherst County Planning Commission

FROM: Jeremy S. Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning JSB

DATE: October 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Business Unfriendly Examples

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As you are aware, the County Administrator send a letter (dated, 8/25/17) to all Planning Commission members at the September meeting regarding examples of business unfriendliness. Please review the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan or any other policy or regulation that you believe can be addressed that would promote a business friendly environment in Amherst County. These responses need to be in final format by the November Planning Commission meeting so they can be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their first December meeting.

Attachment: Letter from Dean Rodgers (County Administrator), dated 8/25/17



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### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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Planning Commission  
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Dear Planning Commissioners:

At its planning workshop on the 7th of August, the Board of Supervisors took up the matter of the County's reputation for being unfriendly to business. It discussed many types of complaints and examples and found a fair amount of inconsistency and half-truth to the allegations. Nevertheless, it was apparent that a holistic approach would be needed to move public perception in a more positive direction. Additionally, the Supervisors felt the need to obtain your expert assistance.

The Board of Supervisors solicits your proposals to change County ordinances, processes, policies or procedures to improve the business environment for both existing and new businesses in Amherst County. The Supervisors seek to have a reputation that Amherst County is truly "open for business." It needs concrete proposals that can be implemented and publicized that will demonstrate a new reality.

Please develop such proposals you think will have the greatest and quickest impact. It would be most helpful if the proposals are fully coordinated with stakeholders and staff and be presented in a final form, ready for implementation. Please provide your proposals to me and be prepared to help advocate them to the Supervisors at the first meeting in December. The County staff and County Attorney are prepared to assist you in any way possible.

If you have additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (434)946-9400 or by e-mail at [dcroders@countyofamherst.com](mailto:dcroders@countyofamherst.com).

Sincerely,

Dean C. Rodgers  
County Administrator