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Public Service Announcement

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Site Plan Review

At their April 20, 2021 Board Meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance change for the site plan review process.

The zoning ordinance now allows County staff to review and approve of “by-right” site plans and eliminates the additional requirement for Planning Commission approval. The Planning Commission recommended the change for approval at its March public hearing.

By-right refers to a property owner’s use of property and structures in a way that is already a permitted use in the zoning district in which a property is located. The permitting process has thus been streamlined to allow staff to approve what the ordinance already allows without the extra step of obtaining Planning Commission approval. This is another example of Amherst County’s initiative to make itself ever more business friendly.

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