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Public hearing to be held on zoning code proposals

February 5, 2010 – The Board of County Commissioners voted this week to hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the county’s zoning ordinance. The hearing will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, in Room 311 of the County Office Building. A pre-hearing workshop is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Room 105 so residents may meet with staff and ask specific questions about the proposals prior to the official public hearing. The following amendments to Chapter 223, Zoning, have been proposed:

§ 223-140, Article XIX, Mobile Homes – Mobile homes are currently allowed as a temporary use for living purposes when a fire or other natural disaster has destroyed a residence. The proposed amendment would expand the temporary use of a mobile home (camper or recreational vehicle) where a property owner is substantially rehabilitating or rebuilding an existing residence, provided the mobile home is located on the same site as the rehabilitation/rebuilding project. The temporary use will only be allowed on properties of at least one acre; the property owner will need to present documentation of the rebuild or rehab and of proper water supply and sanitation, the unit must be equipped with proper smoke detectors; the use may not exceed a period of one year; and the use must be removed 60 days after the rebuild is complete.

§ 223-23, Temporary/Seasonal Uses – The proposed amendment defines, with Zoning Administrator approval, the length of time dumpsters and other self-contained storage containers may remain on residential property to 60 days, with up to two 60-day extensions for good cause, approved by the Zoning Administrator, but no more than 6 months in any calendar year.

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§ 223-215, Standards for Small Wind Energy Systems – At present, § 223-215I allows two small wind energy systems per property and prohibits small wind energy systems from being attached to structures. The proposed amendment would allow the systems to be attached to structures provided the property owner provides documentation sealed by a licensed engineer showing the proposed connection of the system to the structure and whether any additional reinforcing is required. The proposed amendment would also allow up to three systems on properties at least 50 acres in size for an accessory structure only.

Copies of the proposed draft amendments will be available on the County's web site (<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/attorney/ordinance/>) and through the Department of the County Attorney at 410-386-2030.

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