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Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan Zoning Map Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning Deferral

7, August, 2015 – The Board of County Commissioners voted on Thursday August 6, 2015 to defer zoning map amendment and comprehensive rezoning requests in the Freedom Area until the Adoption of the Freedom Area Community Comprehensive Plan. This process is similar to what was utilized for the countywide Master Plan in 2014.

Property owners who wish to request a rezoning of their property in advance of the comprehensive plan update process, are asked to schedule a preliminary meeting with the Carroll County Bureau of Comprehensive Planning prior to October 8th. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the possibility of submitting a rezoning petition to the County for an individual zoning map amendment. The zoning map amendment process requires the property owner (i.e., petitioner) to submit a separate application for each individual property. The cost of this process will be borne by the petitioner. A detailed explanation of this process can be found on the Bureau's website at: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/compplan/rezonings/>. Go to the link "*Petition for Zoning Map Amendment and Guide for the Preparation of Rezoning Petitions and Procedure for Rezoning*". This document will provide step-by-step instructions.

It is the Bureau's preference to handle these requests in a comprehensive manner via the comprehensive plan; however, some property owners may have more immediate needs. There is no guarantee in either circumstance, that the request will be granted, but each case will be processed fully, fairly and in accordance with the direction chosen.

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