

TO: City of Dacula Mayor, City Council Members, and
Planning Commission Members

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SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mayor and Members of City Council and Members of Planning Commission:

Recent changes in State law regarding zoning procedures has prompted City staff to review the City's Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment attached adds additional objective criteria for the review of variance, waiver and Special Use Permit applications. It also defines the appeals process consistent with the State law revisions. The draft provides for appeals to Superior Court by a standard which recognizes the most deference to City decisions allowed under current law. For these reasons, staff recommends approval of these amendments.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let us know.