

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS**

The City of Diamondhead represented by Ronald Jones, Building Official, has filed an application requesting a text amendment in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Article 2.8 Amendment (Rezoning) Procedure.

The proposed text amendments would add “no net fill” regulations for Article 14: Land alterations and disturbances. New language would be added to Article(s) 14.1, add the word “filling” to the first sentence; 14.1.1, add the paragraph “No development permit is required for the clearing, grubbing (as to clear by digging up by the roots) or clipping of underbrush.”; 14.1.2, add “Zoning Administrator/Building Official.” to the 2nd paragraph; 14.1.3, add “5. All temporary entrances to the site shall have limestone and/or gravel placed from the edge of the asphalt to the property line.”; and new Article 14.1.4 Filling, 1. *Fill permit require*. Excessive filling of land may cause detrimental drainage impacts, elevated grades that are out of scale with surrounding buildings and environment, soil erosion, and other negative community impacts. To mitigate these negative effects and ensure proper stormwater management, no fill may be placed on any parcel of land for the purpose of raising its elevation without first submitting an application for and obtaining a fill permit. 2. *Application to fill land*. An application to fill land shall contain the following: a) Plot plan, drawn to scale, showing the following: i) Existing site topography, elevations, and drainage flow, ii) Proposed site topography, elevation and drainage flow, iii) Volume, type, and area of proposed fill, iv) Distances from surrounding property lines and buildings, b) A statement expressing the purpose of the proposed fill c) Additional related information as may be requested by the Zoning Administrator, 3. *Fill requirements*. The fill permit application shall demonstrate that the following: a) The least amount of fill is proposed to achieve the purposes of the operation, b) The amount of fill shall be offset so as to achieve no net increase in soil volume on the site, c) Fill shall not exceed a height of 12 inches above adjacent grade, d) Fill standards shall not preclude the excavation and movement of soil from one area of a site to another to establish buildable grade consistent with section 14.1.2 above, e) Fill shall not encroach into any designated draining easements adjacent to side and rear lot lines, f) Fill shall not cause negative impacts to surrounding property, 4. An application to fill land shall be evaluated by the Zoning Administrator/Building Official for compliance with this section. The Zoning Administrator/Building Official shall either approve, approve with modifications, or deny the fill permit application.

In accordance with Article 2.8.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at a special called meeting on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626.