

July 9, 2024
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

**RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN UPDATE TO THE TOWN OF WARRENTON ZONING
ORDINANCE AND APPOINT A STEERING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance ("the Ordinance") was last fully updated in 2006 after the 2002 comprehensive plan update; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton updated its comprehensive plan in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council appropriated funding to update the Ordinance in Fiscal Year 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town staff procured a consultant team to help in the Ordinance update; and

WHEREAS, best practices call for a citizen led steering committee to help guide the update of the Ordinance as an advisory committee under Virginia Code § 15.2-1411, serving without stipend but eligible for reimbursement of expenses and training to the extent authorized in advance by the Town Manager (the "Steering Committee"), and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a work session on May 14th when the Mayor requested Town Council forward names of citizens who may be interested in serving on the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a work session on June 11th with the consultant team to discuss the process and priorities of the Ordinance update; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Town Council finds that per the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2286.A.7, amending, supplementing, or changing the regulations, district boundaries, or classifications of property through amendment of the Ordinance and its associated zoning maps is required by public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council this 9th day of July, 2024 hereby initiates the update to the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council believes the Steering Committee should reflect the contributing voices of the community and understand the final proposal will be a product representing varied and valued stakeholder input to deliver the best planning framework to ensure a healthy, resilient, and stronger future for all of Warrenton;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council expects the Steering Committee members to support the full Steering Committee recommendations once put forth in the final draft product and help engage and inform citizens about the Ordinance update;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council hereby appoints the following citizens to serve on the Steering Committee with the expectations they shall follow the Town's adopted Code of Ethics to earn and maintain the public's full confidence of integrity.:

1. Paul Mooney, Town Council At Large
2. Darine Barbour, Planning Commissioner
3. Taylor Boyd, Warrenton Arts Commission Vice-Chair/Business Owner
4. Bill Chipman, Commercial Real Estate/Business Owner/Local Resident
5. Keith Farrish, Local Business and Property Owner
6. Jay Heroux, Affordable/Attainable Housing, Former TC Member/Local Resident
7. Jim Hricko, Local Business Owner/Architect/Local Resident
8. Kevin Kask, PEC Employee
9. Sam Parker, VP Local Bank/Local Resident
10. Ben Rose, Landscape Architect, Local Resident

And

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council directs the Steering Committee to report to the Town Council on its efforts as part of the work of the consultant team and staff, after which the Town Council will take additional action to refer the draft Ordinance Update to the Planning Commission for its consideration and public hearing pursuant to the Code of Virginia.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder