

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS

#### Section 801. Initiation of Amendments

This zoning ordinance, including the zoning map, may be amended only by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton, according to the procedures of this article. Proposed amendments may be initiated by the Board of Commissioners, Planning Board, or Board of Adjustment of the Town of Littleton. Proposed amendments to the text of the zoning ordinance may also be initiated by any resident or property owner within the jurisdiction covered by this ordinance, and any property owner within the jurisdiction covered by this ordinance may initiate a request for a change in the zoning classification of his property.

#### Section 802. Application

Except for amendments initiated by the town board, planning board, or board of adjustment, no proposed amendment shall be considered by the town board nor a public hearing held until an application containing the following information is submitted by the applicant: a statement of the present zoning regulation or district boundary, the name and signature of the applicant, and if an amendment to the zoning map is proposed, the tax parcel number of the lot proposed to be rezoned, the names and addresses of the owners of the lot in question, and the use of each adjacent property. The applicant shall provide any additional information related to the proposed amendment requested in writing by the planning board or board of commissioners. The zoning administrator shall transmit the original application to the town board, and a copy to the planning board. The original application shall be filed in the office of the zoning administrator after consideration by the town board.

#### Section 803. Public Hearing

No amendment shall be adopted by the board of commissioners until they have held a public hearing on the amendment, and shall have given the planning board at least thirty (30) days after the public hearing to make a recommendation concerning the amendment. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Littleton area at least once a week for two (2) successive calendar weeks prior to the hearing. The initial notice shall appear not more than twenty-five (25) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. In computing such period, the day of publication is not to be included but the day of the hearing shall be included.

#### Section 804. Protest Petitions

Should a protest petition as described in G.S. 160A-385 and 160A-386 be submitted, it shall be handled in accordance with the procedures in G.S. 160A-385 and G.S. 160A-386.