

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ZONING PUBLIC HEARING



DECEMBER 21, 2010



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Tuesday, December 21, 2010

7:00 P.M.

**2020 Hampton Street
2nd Floor, Council Chambers
Columbia, South Carolina**

STAFF:

Anna Almeida, AICP Planning Director
Amelia R. Linder, Esq. Attorney

CALL TO ORDERHonorable Paul Livingston
Chairman of Richland County Council

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

TEXT AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES;
SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION THAT PERMITS THE SUBDIVISION OF
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[SECOND READING]

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ADJOURNMENT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. ___-11HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 26, LAND DEVELOPMENT; ARTICLE X, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION THAT PERMITS THE SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY TO HEIRS OF A DECEASED PROPERTY OWNER.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article X, Subdivision Regulations; is hereby amended by the addition of a new section, to read as follows:

Sec. 26-224. Division of real property to heirs of a decedent.

- (a) *Purpose.* Real property held by a deceased person is frequently devised to other family members, and a probate estate is opened. Probate judges will oversee the division of all property of the deceased, including real property. However, probate judges sometimes see the heirs' difficulty in transferring real property of the deceased due to the county's land development regulations, especially as they apply to subdivisions and the need to construct paved roads and install sidewalks. The purpose of this section is to ease the burden of Richland County citizens and to reduce the expenses that heirs may be required to expend in settling the deceased's estate. It also provides a means for real property to be subdivided and transferred to heirs of deceased property owners.
- (b) *Applicability.* The provisions of this section shall apply to all zoning districts.
- (c) *Special requirements for private road subdivisions.*
 - (1) *Review.* Subdivision of heir property is subject to the minor subdivision review procedure found at Sec. 26-54(c)(2). All Planning Department subdivision plan review fees shall be waived; provided, however, all fees charged by DHEC (and collected by the Richland County Public Works Department) shall be paid by the applicant.
 - (2) *Roads.* Roads in subdivisions of heir property shall be exempt from the road paving requirements of Sec. 26-181 of this chapter, but shall not be exempt from any other road design requirement. Roads in subdivisions of heir property shall not be eligible or accepted for county maintenance, which is otherwise provided pursuant to Section 21-5 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, until they meet the road construction

standards provided in Chapter 21 of the Richland County Code. The roadway shall have a minimum right-of-way width of sixty-six (66) feet and minimum twenty (20) foot wide passable surface, which meets the standards established and set forth by the county engineer. The subdivision documents shall include a conspicuous statement stating that improvements to the roadway without the approval of the county engineer are prohibited.

- (3) *Sidewalks.* Subdivisions of heir property shall be exempt from the sidewalk requirements of Sec. 26-179 of this chapter.
 - (4) *Size of lots.* Any and all lots created in a subdivision of heir property shall conform to the zoning district's requirements.
 - (5) *Number of dwelling units.* Only one (1) dwelling unit shall be permitted on each lot.
 - (6) *E-911 requirements.* The road, and each lot, shall conform to the county's E-911 system addressing and posting requirements.
- (d) *Legal documents required.* An applicant for a subdivision of heir property shall submit:
- (1) A copy of the certificate of appointment from the probate court.
 - (2) A copy of the probate court's order that divides the property amongst the heirs, if there is one.
 - (3) A copy of the will, if there is one.
 - (4) The necessary legal documents that:
 - a. Clearly provide permanent access to each lot.
 - b. State that the county shall not be responsible for either construction or routine (i.e. recurring) maintenance of the private road.
 - c. Clearly state that the parcels created by this process shall not be divided again, except in full compliance with all regulations in effect at the time.
 - (5) A "Hold Harmless Agreement" as to Richland County.

All legal documents shall be provided in a form acceptable to the county legal department.

Secs. 26-225 – 26-250. Reserved.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after _____, 2011.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: _____
Paul Livingston, Chair

Attest this the _____ day of
_____, 2011

Michielle R. Cannon-Finch
Clerk of Council

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approved As To LEGAL Form Only
No Opinion Rendered As To Content

First Reading: October 5, 2010
Public Hearing: December 21, 2010 (tentative)
Second Reading: December 21, 2010 (tentative)
Third Reading:

PROCEDURES FOR SENDING REZONING MATTERS ‘BACK’ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COMMISSION	PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION AT THE ZONING PUBLIC HEARING	Goes back to PC and is reviewed	Goes back to PC and starts over	Does not go back to PC
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	APPROVE	APPROVE			X
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	DENY	APPROVE			X
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	APPROVE	DENY			X
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	DENY	DENY			X
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	APPROVE	Zoning District X to Zoning District Z		X	
Zoning District X to Zoning District Y	DENY	Zoning District X to Zoning District Z		X	
Zoning District X to PDD	APPROVE	Zoning District X to PDD with less restrictions	X		
Zoning District X to PDD	APPROVE	Zoning District X to PDD with more restrictions			X
Zoning District X to PDD	DENY	Zoning District X to PDD with less restrictions	X		
Zoning District X to PDD	DENY	Zoning District X to PDD with more restrictions			X