



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – 2:30 pm
TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

DRAFT AGENDA

Please note there will be an opportunity during the meeting for citizens to address the Town Council when the Mayor declares public comments open. We request that anyone addressing the Council sign up, approach the podium when called, state your first and last name, and provide your complete mailing address.

- A. WELCOME** – *Mayor Pillion*
- B. ROLL CALL** – *Kim Kingsley, Clerk*
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Councilmember Donna Quetsch*
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Mayor Pillion*
- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.
 - Town of Abingdon residents
 - Other public comments (e.g. property owners, organizations)
- F. PROCLAMATIONS**
- G. PUBLIC HEARING** - Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.
- H. RESOLUTIONS**
 - 1. Proposed special use permit for a comprehensive sign program located at 370 E. Main St. Abingdon, VA, Tax Map 013-1-82. Comprehensive sign at the property of 370 E. Main St. advertising the entryway to the shared parking area of Sweet Bay Brewing Company, a bike shop, an adventure retail store, and The Girl & The Raven.
- I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**
- J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. Consideration of proposed zoning test amendment to Chapter 44. Article 6. Section 6-1-1 through 6-1-5 - *Mayana Rice, Asst. Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

Special Limitations for Specific Uses. The following uses shall be subject to the limitations as specified:

Recreational Substances, Retail. Recreational Substances uses (both Retail, Off-Site and Retail, On-Site) shall be subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- a. Must be located at least 2,000 linear feet from the property line of any public or private school (pre-K through Grade 12);
- b. Must be located at least 2,000 linear feet from the property line of an existing Recreational Substances use (both Retail, Off-Site and Retail, On-Site);
- c. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8am to 8pm, Monday through Sunday;
- d. Are not allowed in the Old & Historic District or Entrance Corridor;
- f. May be permitted as a special use in parcels zoned B-2 unless visible from the Entrance Corridor road segments of Main Street and Cummings;
- g. Are permitted by right in M-1 (Limited Industrial) zones; and
- h. This does not apply to grocery stores, gas stations or pharmacies where greater than 75% of sales are non-recreational substances.

Recreational Substances: Recreational Substances includes the following:

- Any product made of tobacco including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and pipe tobacco.
- Any noncombustible product containing nicotine or vaping fluid that employs a heating element, power source, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from a solution or other form.
- Any product, including any raw materials from hemp that are used for or added to a food or beverage product, that contains hemp and has completed all stages of processing needed for the product.
- Kratom, and any product including any raw materials from Kratom that are used for or added to a food or beverage product, that contains Kratom and has completed all stages of processing needed for the product.
- Any pipe, vaporizer, other type of device, wrappings, or accessories associated with the consumption or inhalation of the abovementioned substances and materials.

Recreational Substances, Retail, Off-Site Use: Any establishment, facility, or location whose business operation involves (i) the retail sale of Recreational Substances and (ii) includes Recreational Substances as 25% or more of its total inventory or 15% or more of its total display shelf area.

Recreational Substances, Retail, On-Site Use: Any establishment, facility, or location whose business operation allows the on-site use of Recreational Substances.

K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

If Council so desires, Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on various boards.

Q. CLOSED SESSION
R. ADJOURNMENT