

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 2, 2024  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** 2024 Retreat Update



As a follow-up to your February 2024 retreat, several requests were made that I would like to update you on. They are as follows:

- 1. Conduct a staff and organizational assessment:** Berkley Group is in the process of finalizing its report. Staff has made arrangements with Berkley to present their findings at your work session in February.
- 2. Develop a plan to review the County's land use development ordinances:** The Board requested that a plan be developed by April 1, 2024. Subsequently, the Board has approved revised ordinances for Stormwater, Home-Based Businesses, and Green Belt Buffers, as well as a policy document for Short-Term Rentals. Future discussions may include data centers, parking, planned development, and cluster development.
- 3. Conduct a citizen survey in Calendar Year 2025:** Planning and Development Services is the lead on this initiative which will include collaboration from IT and County Administration. A requisition was approved this week for POLCO, a data and surveying company that partners with the Alliance for Innovation, the International City /County Managers Association, and the National Research Center.
- 4. As an ongoing practice, research and identify and propose information technology investments to improve County operations:** In collaboration with IT and Emergency Communications, new software has been launched, as well as AI-enhanced technology features. Mr. Hall's Emergency Communications technology team has launched Next Generation 911, which will include the use of video and transcription software. Mr. Wyatt's Business Application Team has launched two new software products and supported County Administration's launch of a Chatbot on the County website. Public Affairs launched a second social media platform, Instagram.
- 5. Develop a business advocacy approach and process.** The business advocacy team continues to meet with Planning and Development Services, the Commissioner of Revenue, and Economic and Tourism Development. The business advocate position has been discussed at a work session.

In general, all retreat action items have been accomplished in the requested/modified timeframes. Should there be additional questions, please share those with me. Please note that recently, CIP and operational accomplishments were shared during the October 1 and December 17 meetings. Additionally, this information was communicated through the Citizens News Quarterly Winter 2024 edition.

Attachment:

- Zoning Amendments 2024-2025

## Zoning Amendments

2024-2025

### The following amendments were discussed or adopted in 2024:

- I. June 18, 2024, BOS public hearing – **Home Occupations** (Earl) – Continued to September 17, 2024, BOS public hearing;
- II. September 11, 2024, PC public hearing – **Data Centers** (Jeanne), continued to November PC hearing
- III. August 6, 2024, BOS work session – **Landscaping, Buffers and Greenbelts** (Caitlin) continued to December BOS work session, and **Home Occupations** (Earl)
- IV. August 20, 2024, BOS public hearing – **Housekeeping Amendments** (Elgui), continued to September BOS hearing
- V. September 3, 2024, BOS work session – **Housekeeping Amendments** (Elgui) and **Home Occupations** (Earl)
- VI. September 17, 2024, BOS public hearing – **Housekeeping Amendments** (Elgui), Amendments Adopted by BOS, and **Home Occupations** (Earl), continued to October BOS hearing
- VII. October 15, 2024, BOS public hearing – **Home Occupations** (Earl), Amendments Adopted by BOS
- VIII. November 13, 2024, PC public hearing, cont. – **Data Centers** (Jeanne)
- IX. December 3, 2024, BOS work session, cont. – **Landscaping, Buffers and Greenbelts** (Caitlin)
- X. December 11, 2024, PC public hearing – **Cruise Ship Docking** (Jeanne) and **Sexually-oriented businesses** (Caitlin)

### The following amendments are scheduled to be discussed in 2025:

- XI. January 8, 2025, PC public hearing – **Landscaping, Buffers, Greenbelts** (Caitlin)
- XII. January 21, 2025, BOS public hearing – **Sexually oriented-businesses** (Caitlin)
- XIII. February PC work session -**Parking** (Elgui), **Planned Development recreation requirements**, and **Cluster subdivision** (Caitlin)

- XIV. February 12, 2025, PC public hearing – **Chicken keeping** (Jeanne)
- XV. February 18, 2025, BOS public hearing –**Landscaping, Buffers, Greenbelts** (Caitlin), and **Cruise Ships** (Jeanne)
- XVI. March 4, 2025, BOS work session – **Data Centers** (Jeanne)
- XVII. March 12, 2025, PC public hearing– **Parking** (Elgui)
- XVIII. March or April PC public hearing – **Planned Development recreation and Cluster subdivision** (Caitlin)
- XIX. June/July PC public hearing – **2025 Housekeeping Amendments** (Planning Staff)
- XX. Future BOS public hearing- **Data Centers** (Jeanne), **Parking** (Elgui)
- XXI. Future BOS work session– **Planned Development (recreation requirements) and Cluster subdivision** (Caitlin)

PC= Planning Commission

BOS= Board of Supervisors