

Item 8 - Correspondence

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am a Silver Spring resident writing in support of the staff amendments to ZTA 22-10, SRA 22-01 and 24-22, as included in the staff report dated September 8, 2022.

In addition, I make the following recommendations:

For Bill 24-22 on Chapter 49, Streets and Roads:

- At line 1054, add Rustic and Exceptional Rustic, and at line 1056, delete Rustic and Exceptional Rustic. Justification: Country roads are recommended for having maximum target speeds between 20 and 35 mph. To assure that Rustic and Exceptional Rustic roads continue to meet the safety requirement for designation, their target speeds should likewise be between 20 and 35 mph.
- Following line 1514, please add a new item to amend Sec. 49-80 (f) as follows:
Advocacy. The [Commission] committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations. Justification: A minor text error was made several years ago that calls the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee a "Commission." A small correction at this time would be appreciated.
- This bill is intended to reflect the Montgomery County Complete Streets Guide. There is no reflection of Chapter 7, Green Streets, in Chapter 49. Please add a section. Justification: This information may ultimately be incorporated into another section of code. If that should occur, there could be a conflict where one section of code requires conformance with Green Streets, but Chapter 49 does not. Including it here assures that the recommendations are implemented now.
- Also in the CSDG, Figure A-3, Street Design Features, street trees and landscaping in medians where present are required on all streets except Neighborhood Yield Streets. This requirement must be added to Chapter 49. Justification: As above, including these requirements in Chapter 49 resolves any potential conflict with other requirements or code sections. In addition, MCDOT Design Standards (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/common/standards.html>) must be promptly amended to reflect this requirement in the CSDG.

For ZYA 22-10 on Chapter 59, Zoning Ordinance:

- At line 21, add Exceptional Rustic
- Add the amendments from lines 1054, 1056 and following 1514 from Bill 24-22, as above.

As necessary, add Chapter 7 and street tree requirements, also above.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on these items.

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