

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON'S 2006  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH 41 TO ARTICLE FOUR  
"GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES" TO PROVIDE THAT ANY  
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TOWN'S BOUNDARIES BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE POLICY SET FORTH AS A NEW ATTACHED APPENDIX A

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Washington, Virginia that the Town's Comprehensive Plan of 2006, duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Washington, Virginia on April 12, 2006 is hereby amended as follows:

Article Four "Goals, Objectives and Policies", is hereby amended to add a new number 41 under the subtitle, "Areas in the County Adjacent to the Town Boundaries", as follows:

"41. Ensure that any adjustments to the Town's boundaries be in accordance with the policy for boundary line adjustments set forth in Appendix A."

Adopted by roll call vote of the Town Council of Washington, Virginia on the 13th day of June, 2007 after due advertisement and the holding of public hearings, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission and in accordance with the statutes made and provided for such matters.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

BY:   
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk

Voting aye: Mitchell, Goodine, Benson, Leggett, Goebel, Butler, and Sullivan.

Voting nay:

None  
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Absent:

None  
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Abstaining:

None  
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**APPENDIX "A"**  
**Policy for Boundary Line Adjustments ("BLA")**

1. Any BLA shall promote the goals of the comprehensive plan and shall protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens and promote good zoning practice.
2. The Town shall cooperate with the County in assisting with the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of citizens adjacent to the Town and to promote good zoning practice.
3. The Town may consider providing wastewater treatment service to properties that need such service in order to better ensure public health and safety, but only to areas within the Town or within a defined service area that meet all zoning, subdivision and development standards of the Town or County as the case may be, and only in accordance with the then existing Town ordinances and policies, and only within the physical and fiscal limitations of the Town's service capacity, and consistent with its priority of ensuring service to existing town properties.
4. The Town may consider accepting gradual, incremental additions of adjacent and contiguous land, as may be hereafter identified or set forth in its amended Comprehensive Plan, into the Town in order to achieve the goals of protecting the public health, safety and welfare, and to promote good zoning practice, provided that any such addition does not cause adverse impacts on existing Town citizens, property owners or the fiscal well-being of the Town.
5. The Town affirms that the future well-being of the Town requires that any changes in its boundaries or the creation of any service area and any land use be orderly, incremental, gradual, and in keeping with good zoning practice.
6. Any future proposed BLA to be approved by the Town must meet the purposes and requirements set forth in numbers one through five, inclusive, set forth above, and upon incorporation into the Town corporate limits, the added property:
  - A. shall be reclassified into a new Town Zoning District which will be consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan, and will have either the same or more restrictive standards than the existing County Zoning District.
  - B. shall not be further subdivided unless and until such time as the Town Council may decide to change the zoning of the property.
  - C. shall become part of the Town's Historic Overlay Zoning District, subject to the provisions for architectural review and within the jurisdiction of the Architectural Review Board.
  - D. shall be required to connect any existing habitable structures to the Town's water and wastewater treatment systems as soon as such service is available to the property, including the payment of connection fees and in-town rates, on the same basis as existing in-town properties.
  - E. any non-conforming use or condition under either the County or Town ordinances in an area added to the Town shall remain non-conforming after inclusion within the Town.



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- F. commercially zoned areas in the County shall be accepted into the town boundaries only under one of the existing Town zoning classifications or a new zoning classification, either of which shall ensure compliance with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of this Comprehensive Plan and shall ensure that no public funds would be expended for infrastructure or improvements occasioned by the build out of any such commercial property.

