

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING
A request for rezoning is made by the person named below; said request to go before the $\qquad$ Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission for recommendation to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Date: $1-5-24$
Property owner: Theodore $L$ Dougherty
Address: 3357 Rocky Springs rd Piney Flats TN 37686
Phone number: 423-340-2897 Email:
Property Identification
Tax Map: 123
Group:
Parcel: 090.20
Zoning Map:
Zoning District: $A-1$
Proposed District:
Property Location: 3357 Rocky Springs Rd, piney Flats Rd Commission District:
Purpose of Rezoning: To allow for $1 / 2$ are $10 t$

Meetings
Planning Commission: Sullivan County
Place: Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 3411 Hwy 126 Blountville TN
Date: 02-20.2024


Denied: $\qquad$

County Commission:
Place: Historic Courthouse $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Highway 126, Blountville TN
Date: $03 \cdot 14 \cdot 2024$
Time: 6:00 PM
APPROVED 21 YES, 3 ABSENT
Approved: $\qquad$ Denied: $\qquad$

DEED RESTRICTIONS
I understand that rezoning does not release my property from the requirements of private deed/Subdivision restrictions. The undersign, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.


## F1. Rezoning Request from A-1 (General Agricultural) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential)

## Findings of FAct -

Landowner: Theodore Dougherty
Applicants:
Representative:
Location:
Mailing Address of Owners:
Civil district of rezoning:
same
same
a portion of the farm off Allison Road - 3357 Rocky Springs Road, Piney Flats same
20th
Commission District of rezoning: 5th
Parcel ID:
Subdivision of Record:
PC1101 Growth Boundary:
Existing Land Use of Lot:
Utility District:
Public Sewer:
Lot/Tract Acreage:
Tax Map 123, a portion of Parcel 090.20
n/a
Sullivan County Rural Area
Farm/Open Space
Blountville Utility District
n/a
each $1 / 2$ acre lot proposed
Flood Plain:
n/a
Existing Zoning:
Surrounding Zoning:
A. 1

Proposed Zoning Request:
Surrounding Land Uses:
2006 Land Use Plan:
Neighborhood Opposition:
A-1, A-5, R-1
R -1 for $1 / 2$ acre lot and leave remaining farm A-1
single family/low density residential
Low Density Residential/Agricultural
none

## Staff Field Notes and Findings of Facts:

- The owner is requesting a rezoning of $1 / 2$ acre lot out of his farm in order to subdivide and build a new home.
- The surrounding land uses are single-family residential. The adjacent lots around this land are of similar size and use.
- Staff recommends in favor of this request:
- The proposed single-family land use is congruent with the surrounding land uses.
- Will not be out of character with the other lots sizes of existing homes on this road.
- Public water is available to serve this new lot as proposed.


## Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

- Staff read her report and findings. There was no one in opposition, nor did staff receive any opposition prior to the meeting. She reported she received one phone call from a neighbor just as soon as they put up the rezoning sign; however, the neighbor was calling to ensure it was for residential and not commercial.
- Mr. Dougherty was present.

Darlene Motioned to send a favorable recommendation to County Commission for this rezoning request. Mary Ann Hager seconded the motion and the vote in favor passed unanimously.






## Sullivan County - Parcel: 123090.20



Date: February 15, 2024

## County: Sullivan

Owner: DOUGHERTY THEODORE LEE
Address: ROCKY SPRINGS RD
Parcel Number: $123 \quad 090.20$
Deeded Acreage: 28.28
Calculated Acreage: 0
Date of TDOT Imagery: 2019
Date of Vexcel Imagery: 2023


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The property lines are compiled from information maintained by your local county Assessor's office but are not conclusive evidence of property ownership in any court of law.

Planning \& Codes Department
3425 Highway 126 | Historic Snow House
Blountville, TN 37617
Office: 423.323 .6440
Fax: 423.279.2886

## NOTICE OF REZONING REQUEST

February 8, 2024

## Dear Property Owner:

Please be advised that your neighbor, Theodore Dougherty has requested the property at 3357 Rocky Springs Road, Piney Flats be rezoned from General Agricultural (A-1) to Single Family Residential (R-1) so that he can subdivide off a lot along Allison Road for a new home. The A-1 zoning district requires a minimum lot size of one acre and the R-1 district allows for a minimum lot size of $1 / 2$ acre. The property ID is Tax Map 123 Parcel 090.20 and the proposed house lot is staked with surveying flags for your reference, along Allison Road at the intersection of Hamilton Trail Road. The following are the scheduled meeting dates for this request:

Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission - Tuesday, 6:00 PM on February 20, 2024
Sullivan County Commission's Work Session - Thursday, 6:00 PM on March 14, 2024

The public meetings shall be held in the Historic Sullivan County Courthouse, $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor Commission Hall at 3411 Highway 126, downtown Blountville. Please let me know if you need any special assistance for these public meetings. The meetings are open to the general public and you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns on this request, please contact me. You may call, email or stop by our office during normal business hours. My email address is planning@sullivancountytn.gov or you may call me directly at 423.279.2603.


Ambre M. Torbett, AICP
Director of Planning \& Community Development
Sullivan County Stormwater Coordinator


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Current Owner
3357 ROCKY SPRINGS RD
PINEY FLATS TN 37686
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Type Instrument
GB - GREENBELT APPLICATION

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Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission for recommendation to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Date: 01-09-2024
Property Owner: AMA Industrial Services, LuCE
Address: 3053 Hart Ra - Lebanon, OH 45036


Email: Billhall @bites. TV
Phone number: 513-836-3800

## Email: andrea@amaservicesllc.com

## Propertyldentification

Tax Map: 079
Zoning Map: 16
Property Location: 2017 HI Highway 75 South m Blountville, TN 37617
Purpose of Rezoning: New business sales and store flammable products

Civil District: 18 Commission District: $7^{\text {th }}$

Planing commission: SUllivan County Meetings
Place: Historic Courthouse, and Floor, 3411 Hwy 126 Blountvile TN
Date: 02-20-2024 $\qquad$

## County Commission:

Place: Historic Courthouse 2 ni Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Highway 126, Blountville TN
Date: 03-14.2024
Time: 6:00 PM


## DEED RESTRICTIONS

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Date: 11912024
My Commission Expires: $23 / 8 / 2028$

## F2. Rezoning Request from B-3 (General Business) to M-1 (General Manufacturing)

## FIndings of FACT-

Landowner:
Applicants:
Representative:
Location:
Mailing Address of Owners:
Civil district of rezoning:
Commission District of rezoning:
Parcel ID:
Subdivision of Record:
PC1101 Growth Boundary:
Existing Land Use of Lot:
Utility District:
Public Sewer:
Lot/Tract Acreage:
Flood Plain:
Existing Zoning:
Surrounding Zoning:
Proposed Zoning Request:
Surrounding Land Uses:
2006 Land Use Plan:
Neighborhood Opposition:

AMA Industrial Services, LLC
Andrea R N Licomomaco
Bill Hall, agent
2017 Highway 75 South, Blountville
3053 Hart Road, Lebanon, OH
$18^{\text {th }}$
$7^{\text {th }}$
Tax Map 079, Parcel 128.35
Brooks Property Division, Plat book 49, Page 77, lot 1
Sullivan County Planned Growth Area
Commercial building - vacant
Johnson City Public Water
Johnson City Public Sewer
Lot 1 | .96 of an acre
n/a
B-3
B-3, M-1, A-1
M-1
General Business, Industrial Business Park, Open Space/Agricultural
General Manufacturing and Future Commercial Corridor
none

## Staff Field Notes and Findings of Facts:

- The owner is requesting a rezoning of an existing commercial building and property to be rezoned from B-3 to M-1 so they can locate the AMA Industrial Services business on site.
- Staff recommends in favor of this request based upon the following:
- The Land Use Plan General Manufacturing and Commercial Corridor Growth;
- The surrounding lands uses are general retail, Industrial/Business Park and open space
- Public utilities are available to support this use;


## Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

Staff read her report and findings.

- Bill Hall, Realtor/Agent was present to represent the request. David Shinault, representative from Arc3Gases Inc. was also present. Mr. Shinault stated that Arc3 Gases was a distributer of gases for medical and welding services. This will be their 60th location and it is a family-owned company since the 1940s.
- Ms. Brittenham stated she appreciates when our businesses work closely with our offices to get approvals. She motioned to send a favorable recommendation to the County Commission for the rezoning request. Mary Rouse seconded the motion and the vote in favor passed unanimously.


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Sullivan County - Parcel: 079128.35


Date: February 15, 2024

## County: Sullivan

Owner: AMA INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LTD
Address: HWY 752017
Parcel Number: 079128.35
Deeded Acreage: 0.96
Calculated Acreage: 0
Date of TDOT Imagery: 2019
Date of Vexcel Imagery: 2023
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## Ambre Torbett

| From: | Larry Magdovitz [Larry@harrimack.com](mailto:Larry@harrimack.com) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Friday, February 23, 2024 3:35 PM |
| To: | William Hall |
| Cc: | Eric Fleming; Ambre Torbett |
| Subject: | **EXTERNAL**RE: 2017 Hwy 75 Blountville, TN |

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Thanks Bill, I looked at Arc3's website and they look like a good company. I googled it as well looking for any explosions related to Arc3 and didn't find any of those either. I wouldn't have any objection to them being next door to the Dollar General.

Sincerely,
Larry Magdovitz
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From: William Hall [wrh4883@icloud.com](mailto:wrh4883@icloud.com)
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To: Larry Magdovitz [Larry@harrimack.com](mailto:Larry@harrimack.com)
Cc: Eric Fleming [Eric@harrimack.com](mailto:Eric@harrimack.com); planning@sullivancountytn.gov
Subject: Re: 2017 Hwy 75 Blountville, TN

Larry, I will be glad to talk with you. I'm attaching the company's website to give you additional information. This is family owned company with almost 60 locations. They have been in business $90+$ years. Please call after you review their website, if you have further questions. I can also refer you to one of their representatives if I can't answer your questions.

Thanks,
Bill Hall
Earl Webb Real Estate, Inc.
190 Bluff City Hwy
Bristol, TN 37620
423-764-4114 (work)
423-967-0227 (mobile)

On Feb 23, 2024, at 12:32 PM, Larry Magdovitz [Larry@harrimack.com](mailto:Larry@harrimack.com) wrote:

Dear Bill,
I got your information from Ambre Torbett at Sullivan County Planning \& Codes. My company owns the Dollar General building adjacent to the AMA Industrial Services building. I wanted to get some more information about what the potential use of the building is if the rezoning is approved. Given what I have been told so far, we would have concerns about customer safety and fire risk to our building given the close proximity of the building and the fenced in area on the AMA property. If you would please give me a call I would appreciate it.

Sincerely, Larry Magdovitz

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Text Amendment Process and Checklist:
Date: $1 / 30 / 2024$
Article Reference (Pg \#): $3-103.6$

Existing Zoning Resolution Text:
include Table 103C
Proposed Zoning Resolution Text Amendment:
delete table 103 C and replace with $5 \%$ Lot coverage
Purpose and Need / Background Information: (Staff Report Attached)
(see public comments AND Minutes)

Initiated by:
Planning Director $V$ strife $\&$ Count Commissioners
Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission $\square$
Landowner/Developer $\square$

Review and Recommendation Timeline:


1. Minimum Width or Depth - Yards having the minimum width or depth set forth for the various districts in TABLE 3-103B, shall be provided on all lots
2. Permitted Structures in Yards and Customary Residential Accessory Structures - In all agricultural and residential districts, the following shall not be considered obstructions when located within any yard except that these items shall comply with Subpart 3, of this section, (Obstructions Prohibited at Street Intersections).
a. In Any Yard:

- Arbors and trellises not attached to the principal structure or accessory structure.
- Driveways subject to other specific provisions of this resolution related directly thereto.
- Flagpoles having only one structural ground member.
- Fountains.
- Mailboxes.
- Open terraces, including natural plant landscaping, not including decks (decks are subject to principal structure setbacks).
- Pet enclosures less than one hundred (100) square feet.
- Sculpture or other similar objects of art, which do not advertise any business or service.
- Street furniture such as, but not limited to, benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, ashtrays, or light standards.
- Vehicular parking areas, unless, otherwise, specifically prohibited by applicable sections of this resolution.
- Vents necessary for use of fallout shelters constructed below grade of such yards but excluding all other parts of such shelters.
- Privacy walls, or fences not exceeding eight (8) feet in height measured from finish grade level and not roofed or structurally part of a building. (amended 09.15.2022)
b. In Any Rear Yard: - There shall be a minimum setback requirement of (8) eight feet for all detached accessory structures including those that do not require a building permit such as:
- Clothes Poles or clotheslines.
- Private playground sets, swings/Recreational equipment.
- Small sheds or dog kennels
c. Customary Residential Accessory Structures provided such structures comply with the following criteria:
i. Structures placed in the rear yard behind the principal structure shall be setback a minimum of (8) eight feet from the sides and rear property line to avoid any utility and drainage easements (refer to survey or plat).
ii. Structures placed in the side yard, (to the side of the residence) shall meet the minimum principal building setback requirements for that particular zone in order to avoid any utility and drainage easements and to allow proper separation between neighboring structures.
iii. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner the structure cannot be located in the rear or side yards due to topographical constraints pursuant to Article XII, the Building Commissioner may allow such structure to be placed in the front yard with minimum building setbacks applicable for that particular zone, as required for the principal structure.
iv. The total maximum area coverage of all residential accessory structures cannot exceed five (5\%) percent of the total parcel (lot/tract) acreage. of exceed the maximum total-building footprint area-of structure(s) by zening district. (See-Table 3-1036 herein); whichever is less.
v. Prior to issuance of a permit, the property owner shall sign a statement affirming that the use of such structure is and will remain in compliance with the applicable zone.
vi. All structures less than 120 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground shall require no permit but shall adhere to the minimum setbacks and location as required above (amended on 12/19/2011 to comply with the 2006 IRC).
vii. All structures, regardless of size or permit requirement, shall conform to the above setback and use restrictions.
viii. For Planned Developments such as: patio homes, condominium, townhouse, mobile home park, apartment complexes, campgrounds and cabin developments, see Supplemental Regulations by district.
Zoning Map for Sullivan County, Tennessee


3-103.6
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## Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

- Staff shared the background report and discussed the need to change this zoning regulation by changing it to 5\% of lotttract size to ensure buildings are proportional to the land rather than restricted by zoning district. Discussion followed regarding the changes and how the county's needs have changed. Staff opined that since the pandemic more folks own RVs and boats then ever before, thus the influx of site plans for RV Storage Lots and larger garages. Dr. Rouse stated that the Zoning Code is a living document and must keep up with the changes of our community. Discussion continued regarding the changes as presented and the public comment from Commissioner Vanover in the beginning of the meeting.
- Mary Rouse motioned to send a favorable recommendation onto the County Commission.
- Steven Hobbs seconded the motion and the vote in favor of the motion to support the text amendment, passed unanimously.

| From: | McMurray, Jessica [JessicaMcMurray@KingsportTN.gov](mailto:JessicaMcMurray@KingsportTN.gov) |
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| Sent: | Friday, February 16, 2024 10:48 AM |
| To: | Ambre Torbett |
| Cc: | Luke Meade; Weems, Ken |
| Subject: | **EXTERNAL**RE: EXTERNAL: Amendment to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution on |
|  | Residential Accessory Structures $-3-103-5 \%$ of acreage |

Ambre,
The Kingsport Planning Commission voted 7-0 to send a positive recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission in support of the Amendment to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution on Residential Accessory Structures - 3-103-5\% of acreage.

Thanks, Jessica McMurray
Development Coordinator
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From: Ambre Torbett [mailto:planning@sullivancountytn.gov]
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To: Cherith Young; Heather Moore (hmoore@bristoltn.org); Weems, Ken; McMurray, Jessica
Cc: Luke Meade
Subject: EXTERNAL: Amendment to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution on Residential Accessory Structures - 3-103-

## $5 \%$ of acreage

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Good morning fellow planners,
The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners has requested staff to study the zoning regulations regarding the total square footage allowance for residential accessory structures. Several commissioners wanted to see more flexibility and square footage for larger tracts.

The Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission met last night (rescheduled meeting due to snow day on January $16^{\text {th }}$ ) and unanimously approved this minor text amendment to the Zoning Resolution regarding residential accessory structure regulations. This will thus delete the table entirely and use a $5 \%$ coverage of detached residential accessory structures (total of all structures if more than one) per the total land area.

For example: a 20,000 square foot lot (minimum lot on septic per TDEC) which is the minimum in R-1 and higher would allow a total square footage of 1,000
For a typical one acre lot ( $43,560 \mathrm{sq}$. ft ) that would equate to 2178 square feet.
For a 5 -acre tract this would allow up to a total of 10,000 square feet. Keep in mind, such a large tract might include a guest house, garage, carport, pool house, storage building.
However, most of our undeveloped parcels are much larger tracts. This amendment will not override the supplemental regulations for planned developments such as condos, townhouses, apartments, mobile home parks and campground/cabin developments. This regulation serves only single family residential.

Table 3-103C was added in 2020 and updated in 2022. Prior to Table 3-103C, the standard was a maximum of 2,000 square feet total for all parcels regardless of zoning district. The "one size fits all" had not met the needs of our rural residents. The Table was included to break it down by zoning district. The flaw in the table is that most of the county is zoned A-1 with varying lot sizes. This resulted in many requests for rezonings.

The county is experiencing "growing pains" with folks wanting larger tracts and to have more options to build garages and such. In the 1980s when zoning was adopted, the need for storing boats and RVs was not common. Post COVID, more folks have boats and RVs now and traditional two-bay garages are not enough. The county has approved many RV storage facilities in the last 5 years, more than ever before, to address these issues.

Please add this amendment to your upcoming Planning Commission meetings for PC review and hopefully recommendation.

Thank you so very much,

Ambre M. Torbett, AICP
Director of Planning \& Community Development Stormwater Administrator

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Planning \& Codes Department
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Blountville, TN 37617
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## Ambre Torbett

| From: | Heather Moore[hmoore@bristoltn.org](mailto:hmoore@bristoltn.org) |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, February 21, 2024 1:39 PM |
| To: | Ambre Torbett |
| Cc: | Cherith Young |
| Subject: | ${ }^{* * E X T E R N A L * * B r i s t o l ~ P l a n n i n g ~ C o m m i s s i o n ~ r e c o m m e n d a t i o n ~ t o ~ S u l l i v a n ~ C o u n t y ~}$ |
|  | Commission - SCZR residential accessory structure text amendment |
| Attachments: | Staff recommendation packet 2.19 .24 Bristol PC.pdf |

Good afternoon, Ambre. Bristol Municipal Regional Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Sullivan County residential accessory structure text amendment during their February 19, 2024 meeting. After discussion, they voted (8-1) to send an unfavorable recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission.

The staff recommendation is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Regards,

Heather Moore, AICP
Land Use Planner, City of Bristol, Tennessee
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MEMO

To: Bristol Tennessee Municipal-Regional Planning Commission<br>From: Heather Moore<br>Date: February 18, 2024<br>Subject: Residential Accessory Structure text amendment to Sullivan County Zoning Resolution

## BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2024, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission voted to forward a positive recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission for the attached text amendment to Section 3-103.6 Vard Regulations of the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution. This will amend standards for residential accessory structures.

The Bristol Municipal-Regional Planning Commission must make a recommendation on the proposed text amendment because it will affect property located within the city's Urban Growth Boundary. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Sullivan County Commission for final action on March 14, 2024. Draft minutes from the January 2024 Sullivan County Planning Commission meeting are included.

Ambre Torbett explained the impetus for the amendment is the regularity at which county residents desire larger tracts of land with more space to build garages and accessory structures. In the 1980s, when county zoning was adopted, the need for storing boats and RVs was not as common. Post-COVID, more people have boats and RVs now and traditional two-bay garages don't always provide the desired storage space. The county has approved many RV storage facilities in the last 5 years, more than ever before, to address these issues. Bristol staff has noted at least two occasions in the past five years in which we have processed an application within the Urban Growth Boundary for a rezoning request to an A-5 district specifically to accommodate more or larger accessory structures.

The Bristol Planning Commission has previously reviewed and recommended revisions related to this topic, in 2020 and 2022. The most significant action occurred in 2020 and was in conjunction with the creation of the A-5 (Large Tract Rural Residential and General Agricultural District) zone. The 2020 amendment established Table 3-103C Regulations for Detached Residential Accessory Structures by District. Before the creation of Table 3-103C, the standard was a maximum of 2,000 square feet total for all parcels regardless of zoning district. Table 3-103C was introduced in the Zoning Resolution to provide metrics per zoning district. The 2,000 square-foot cap for all residential districts was reduced to 1,000 square feet in residential zones, and a range from 2,400-3,000 square feet was introduced in the agricultural zones.

The 2022 amendment changed amended terms in the Zoning Resolution to replace "total square footage" with "area coverage" and "building footprint" in the measurement of detached residential accessory structures (and updated corresponding Table $3-103 \mathrm{C}$ ). As explained at the time, this was to clarify that footprint area was applicable in the measurement of detached structures rather than total square footage. Total square footage could penalize property owners with detached structures with multiple floors or finished attics if the "total area" was used as the applicable metric.

## PROPOSAL

The current proposal was requested by the Sullivan County Commission to provide more flexibility and square footage for residential accessory structures on larger tracts. The resulting edits provide for the deletion of Table 3-103C and introduce a $5 \%$ coverage allowance for detached residential accessory structures (total of all structures if more than one) per the total land area to apply across all residential and agricultural zones. The amendment will not override the supplemental regulations for planned developments such as condos, townhouses, apartments, mobile home parks and campground/cabin developments. This regulation serves only single-family residential.

Sullivan County staff provided examples in the attached email that for a 5 -acre tract this would allow up to a total of 10,000 square feet. Such a large tract might include a guest house, garage, carport, pool house, and storage building, and the 10,000 square feet would be divided among these detached structures as desired by the property owner. A typical one-acre lot ( 43,560 square feet) would allow 2,178 square feet in allowance for detached structures. A 20,000-square-foot lot (the minimum lot size in the R-1 zone and minimum lot allowed on a septic system per TDEC) would allow the total square footage for detached accessory structures of 1,000 square feet.

The City of Bristol Zoning Ordinance's residential accessory structure standards do not provide a maximum size in terms of square feet, but they must be subordinate in size and use to the primary residential structure. Size maximum is measured in percentage terms; the accessory structure may cover up to $25 \%$ of the affected required side yard and rear yard area, provided that the district "maximum lot coverage", which is assigned per zoning district, is not exceeded.

Staff sees no conflict with the Zoning Resolution update and supports these revisions as they provide more opportunity and flexibility based on parcel size. Ms. Torbett plans to attend the Planning Commission meeting on February $19^{\text {th }}$ to answer questions related to the proposed ordinance.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Bristol Tennessee Municipal-Regional Planning Commission forward a favorable recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission for the approval of this text amendment.

## REVIEW/APPROVAL PROCESS - NEXT STEPS

Staff will communicate the Bristol-Municipal Regional Planning Commission's recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission. The Sullivan County Commission is scheduled to hear this request on March 14, 2024, at 6 p.m.

# Sullivan County Zoning Resolution <br> Residential Accessory Structure Code 

## Original Text: 1988

Article: 202 - Definition
Accessory Use or Accessory Structure. A use or structure incidental and subordinate to the main use of the property and located on the same lot as the main use.

Article 603: Customary accessory buildings or structures, provided they are located in the rear yard and not closer than five feet to any lot line.

## Amended Code: 2004 (original code was updated using State Model Ordinance)

- Customary Residential Accessory Structures provided such structures comply with the following criteria:
i. Structures placed in the rear yard behind the principal structure shall be setback a minimum of (8) eight feet from the sides and rear property line to avoid any utility and drainage easements (refer to survey or plat).
ii. Structures placed in the side yard shall meet the minimum principal building setback requirements for that particular zone.
iii. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner the structure cannot be located in the rear or side yards due to topographical constraints pursuant to Article XII, the Building Commissioner may allow such structure to be placed in the front yard with minimum building setbacks applicable for that particular zone, as required for the principal structure.
iv. All customary residential accessory structures located in the front, side or rear yard shall not be larger in area (total square footage) than the outside perimeter (footprint) of the principal structure.
v. The total area of all accessory structures shall not exceed ( $10 \%$ ) ten percent of the total area of the property.
vi. Prior to issuance of a permit, the property owner shall sign a statement affirming that the use of such structure is and will remain in compliance with the applicable zone.
vii. All structures less than 200 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground require no permit.
viii. All structures, regardless of size or permit requirement, shall conform to the above setback and use restrictions.
Accessory Use or Accessory Structure - Any use or structure in any zoning district, which meets the criteria set below:
A. Accessory Use - A use that is necessary, customary, incidental and subordinate to the main use of the property and located on the same lot as the main use.
B. Accessory Structure - A structure that is customarily designed and used as an accessory use; excluding singlewide mobile homes, tractor trailers, car trailers, buses, recreational vehicles, any other type of vehicle and the like.


## Amended Code: October 17, 2005

i. The total maximum size of all accessory structures cannot exceed ten ( $10 \%$ ) percent of the total parcel area or exceed 2000 square feet in total area; whichever is less (amended on August 15, 2005).

## Amended Code: December 19, 2011

All structures less than 120 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground require no permit, shall adhere to the minimum setbacks and location as required above famended on $12 / 19 / 2011$ to comply with the 2006 (iR).

## Amended Code: 2020

c. Customary Residential Accessory Structures provided such structures comply with the following criteria:
i. Structures placed in the rear yard behind the principal structure shall be setback a minimum of (8) eight feet from the sides and rear property line to avoid any utility and drainage easements (refer to survey or plat).
ii. Structures placed in the side yard shall meet the minimum principal building setback requirements for that particular zone.
iii. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner the structure cannot be located in the rear or side yards due to topographical constraints pursuant to Article XII, the Building Commissioner may allow such structure to be placed in the front yard with minimum building setbacks applicable for that particular zone, as required for the principal structure.
iv. The total maximum square footage of all accessory structures cannot exceed ten (10\%) percent of the total parcel area or exceed the maximum total square footage of structure by zoning district. (See Table 3-103C herein); whichever is less.
v. Prior to issuance of a permit, the property owner shall sign a statement affirming that the use of such structure is and will remain in compliance with the applicable zone.
iv. All structures less than 120 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground require no permit, shall adhere to the minimum setbacks and location as required above (amended on 12/19/2011 to comply with the 2006 (IRC).
vii. All structures, regardless of size or permit requirement, shall conform to the above setback and use restrictions.

TABLE 3-103C

## REGULATIONS FOR DETACHED RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES BY DISTRICT

District Zoning District Name $\quad$ Maximum Total Square Footage for Detached Accessory Buildings \%
Area

| A-5 | Agricultural/Large Tract <br> Residential | 3000 | $10 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A-2 | Rural Estate Residential | 2600 | $10 \%$ |
| A-1 | Rural Residential | 2400 if on lots 1 acre or larger and 1500 if less than an acre | $10 \%$ |
| AR | Rural Single Family / Outdoor <br> recreational | 2000 if for individual single-family lot 1 acre or larger or SUP regs for <br> campground developments subject to PC approval | $10 \%$ |
| R-1 | Low Density/Single Family <br> Subdivision | 1200 | $10 \%$ |
| R-2 | Medium Density/Singlewide | 1000 | $10 \%$ |
| R-2A | Medium Density/Duplex/Single <br> Family | 1000 | $10 \%$ |
| R-3 | High Density/Mobile Home <br> Park | 1000 for single-family *See Mobile Home Park Standards | $10 \%$ |
| R-3A | High Density/Apartments | 800 for single-family and only one accessory storage building for apartment <br> complex at 1000 max | $10 \%$ |
| R-3B | High Density/Condos | 800 for single-family detached or 1000 max for HOA -one only | $10 \%$ |
| PUD | Planned Development | 800 for single-family detached or 1000 max for HOA -one only | $10 \%$ |

(Table 3-103C was added on February 20, 2020)

## Amended Code: October 20, 2022 (When Appendix D was amended to include A-

## RV and RRC districts)

c. Customary Residential Accessory Structures provided such structures comply with the following criteria:
i. Structures placed in the rear yard behind the principal structure shall be setback a minimum of (8) eight feet from the sides and rear property line to avoid any utility and drainage easements (refer to survey or plat).
ii. Structures placed in the side yard shall meet the minimum principal building setback requirements for that particular zone.
iii. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner the structure cannot be located in the rear or side yards due to topographical constraints pursuant to Article XII, the Building Commissioner may allow such structure to be placed in the front yard with minimum building setbacks applicable for that particular zone, as required for the principal structure.
iv. The total maximum area coverage of all accessory structures cannot exceed ten (10\%) percent of the total parcel area or exceed the maximum total building footprint area of structure(s) by zoning district. (See Table 3-103C herein); whichever is less. (amended 05/19/2022)
v. Prior to issuance of a permit, the property owner shall sign a statement affirming that the use of such structure is and will remain in compliance with the applicable zone.
iv. All structures less than 120 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground shall require no permit but shall adhere to the minimum setbacks and location as required above (amended on 12/19/2011 to comply with the 2006 IRC).
vii. All structures, regardless of size or permit requirement, shall conform to the above setback and use restrictions.

TABLE 3-103C
REGULATIONS FOR DETACHED RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES BY DISTRICT

District Zoning District Name
Maximum Total Building Footprint Area
Maximum Area Coverage

| A. 5 | Agricultura/Large Tract Residential | 3000 | 10\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A.2 | Rural Estate Residential | 2600 | 10\% |
| A. 1 | Rural Residential | 2400 if on lots 1 acre or larger and 1500 if less than an acre | 10\% |
| AR and A-RV RR-C | Rural Single Family / Outdoor recreational / Camping/Cabin Developments | 2000 if for individual single-family lot 1 acre or larger, or *SUP regs for campground developments subject to PC approval | 10\% |
| R-1 | Low Density/Single Family Subdivision | 1200 | 10\% |
| R-2 | Medium Density/Singlewide | 1000 | 10\% |
| R-2A | Medium Density/Duplex/Single Family | 1000 | 10\% |
| R-3 | High Density/Mobile Home Park | 1000 for single-family lot *See Mobile Home Park Standards | 10\% |
| R-3A | High Density/Apartments | 800 for single-family and only one accessory storage building for apartment complex at 1000 max | 10\% |
| R-3B | High Density/Condos | 800 for single-family detached or 1000 max for HOA - one only | 10\% |
| PUD | Planned Development/Overlay District | 800 for single-family detached or 1000 max for HOA - one only | 10\% |

(Table 3-103C was added on 02/20/2020 \& amended 10/20/2022)

## Proposed amendment: 2024 (Delete Table 3-103C and amend 10\% to 5\% lot coverage

c. Customary Residential Accessory Structures provided such structures comply with the following criteria:
i. Structures placed in the rear yard behind the principal structure shall be setback a minimum of (8) eight feet from the sides and rear property line to avoid any utility and drainage easements (refer to survey or plat).
ii. Structures placed in the side yard, (to the side of the residence) shall meet the minimum principal building setback requirements for that particular zone in order to avoid any utility and drainage easements and to allow proper separation between neighboring structures.
iii. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner the structure cannot be located in the rear or side yards due to topographical constraints pursuant to Article XII, the Building Commissioner may allow such structure to be placed in the front yard with minimum building setbacks applicable for that particular zone, as required for the principal structure.
iv. The total maximum area coverage of all residential accessory structures cannot exceed five (5\%) percent of the total parcel (lot/tract) acreage. or oxeoed the maximum total building feotprint area of structure(s) by zoning district. (See-Table-3-103G herein); whichever is less.
v. Prior to issuance of a permit, the property owner shall sign a statement affirming that the use of such structure is and will remain in compliance with the applicable zone.
vi. All structures less than 120 square feet and not having a fixed base to the ground shall require no permit but shall adhere to the minimum setbacks and location as required above famended on 12/19/2011 to comply with the 2006 IRC).
vii. All structures, regardless of size or permit requirement, shall conform to the above setback and use restrictions.
viii. For Planned Developments such as: patio homes, condominium, townhouse, mobile home park, apartment complexes, campgrounds, and cabin developments, see Supplemental Regulations by district.

