

**TOWN OF HENNIKER  
PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
January 11, 2012**

Notice is hereby given that the Henniker Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, beginning at 7PM in the Town Hall on proposed Zoning Amendments to Chapter 133 Zoning Regulations, for the 2012 Town Meeting.

- 1) **Amendment 1:** Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, Article VIII Commercial District Regulations, Section 133- 29 Commercial Uses in CH Heavy Commercial District, by deleting all residential uses as Permitted uses in the District and delete those allowed by Special Exception (thereby prohibiting the establishment of new residential uses in the CH District), thereby prohibiting the following: single and two-family dwellings, home rental of up to 2 apartments, manufactured housing, home rental of 3 or more apartments and manufactured housing parks. As well as amending Article XX, Manufactured Housing Parks, section 133-82 Permitted Uses, paragraph A, by deleting manufactured housing parks in the CH Heavy Commercial District as a use allowed by special exception.
  
- 2) **Amendment 2:** Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, Article VIII Commercial District Regulations, Section 133- 28 Regulations for all commercial districts, G, by amending it as follows: ~~No commercial retail buildings~~, as defined as any building for commercial retail use, with a building footprint greater than 35,000 square feet ~~will be allowed within any of the zoning districts in the Town of Henniker.~~ shall be prohibited from all zoning districts, except for the CH Heavy Commercial District.
  
- 3) **Amendment 3:** Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, Article XXIX Historic District, by amending Section 133-162 District areas, Paragraph B, by adding the following properties to the Historic District Overlay Map: Lot 413 (The Grange), Lot 242-B (The Community Center) and Lot 203 (Academy Hall). All properties are owned by the Town of Henniker.
  
- 4) **Amendment 4:** Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, Article XI, Signs, by amending the Ordinance in numerous places, with the goal to clarify and streamline the permitting process, along with other amendments that: 1) Remove the current requirements for sign permits for many types of signs, including temporary signs, window signs, flags and banners, while still maintaining existing size and lighting requirements. 2) Remove restrictions on when temporary signs can be displayed. 3) Remove requirements for sign setbacks, unless there is a safety issue. 4) Permit projecting signs. 5) Clarify that sign sizes exclude the sign framework. 6) Clarify that the Ordinance applies only to business type signs and not homeowner signs. 7) Allow for service organization signs (like Rotary or Farmer's Markets) which are presently allowed under the current regulations. 8) Ensure that externally lighted signs may use energy saving compact fluorescent lights (which currently are not allowed) and that these signs will be designed to avoid excessive glare. And 9) Authorizes the Board of Selectmen to designate a town staff person to issue sign permits instead of requiring the approval of a sign permit at a Board meeting. (The full texts of proposed changes are available at the Town Hall – Planning Office.)