

MORATORIUM IMPOSED

Rules Considered For Subdivisions, Mobile Home Parks

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In an effort to get a handle on future development, Varnamtown officials are considering two sets of rules on the establishment of subdivisions and mobile home parks.

Public hearings on the proposed ordinances are scheduled Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in town hall. Approval of the regulations is expected following the hearings.

In the meantime, town officials aren't going to allow any more mobile homes in town for the next month. Aldermen voted Monday to suspend issuance of manufactured home permits for 30 days.

The moratorium was prompted by a landowner who recently told Varnamtown's mobile home permit officer, Maurice Galloway, that he plans to set up two mobile homes in the community and rent them for profit.

Aldermen agreed at their meeting Monday night that putting a moratorium on mobile homes for the next month would give the town board time to adopt the mobile home park rules.

Varnamtown's planning board has recommended approval of both ordinances so officials can better control future growth, said planning board and town board member Ada McDonald.

"I think you'll find that the restrictions are such that they would benefit the town if someone put in a mobile home park," McDonald told the town board Monday.

"If we have a mobile home park we want one we can be proud of and that will not take away from the town but add to it," she said.

The mobile home park ordinance would set minimum design and construction standards for utilities, pavement, easements, parks, buffer zones and drainage.

"It addresses everything from garbage can receptacles to mailboxes," McDonald said. "It's quite thorough."

Any landowner interested in creating a mobile home park would be required to get a "conditional use permit" from the board of aldermen. The owner would have to

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get the permit renewed every two years to continue operating the park.

If the park isn't operated in compliance with the regulations, the town board could revoke the permit. The owner would then have six months to stop operating the park.

"This would be a good safeguard," McDonald said. "We can guarantee this community that this will be kept up to standard."

Developers would be required to submit to the town a park plan prior to construction showing the location of streets, driveways, storm drainage, building lines and other pertinent information.

Parks couldn't be built on less than two acres of land. Minimum lot sizes would be 20,000 square feet, or 7,200 square feet if the park is served by public water and sewer systems.

The proposed subdivision ordinance is intended to "establish procedures and standards for the development and subdivision of land" and "provide for the orderly growth and development" of Varnamtown.

Plans would have to be approved by both Varnamtown and Brunswick County officials before construction permits could be issued or services extended to the property.

Most property that is divided into two or more lots would fall under the subdivision regulations. Tracts di-

vided into five lots or less would be considered minor subdivisions, and others would be major subdivisions.

The proposed regulations would set standards for utilities, erosion and sediment control, drainage and streets. Major subdivisions would have to have graded streets and adequate storm drainage systems. Where fea-

sible, they also would have to be connected to public water and sewer systems.

Under the ordinance, the town planning board would be able to grant variances from the subdivision regulations when compliance with the rules would create "extraordinary hardships" or "practical difficulties."

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Sea Level Rise Would Displace Half Of Brunswick

Brunswick County is one of nine coastal counties which would have at least half its population displaced if a major rise in sea level occurs, an East Carolina University graduate student told professional geographers at a recent conference.

Melissa L. Tollinger, a graduate student in the Department of Geography and Planning at East Carolina University, said coastal management agencies should consider the possibility of a major rise in sea level and its impact on North Carolina. She said coastal managers should consider the sea level rise issue "despite the uncertainty surrounding the actual predictions of sea level rise, and the fact that the effects may not be felt for several years."

In her presentation to the 1993 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, she said 22 coastal counties in North Carolina would experience at least some de-

gree of inundation if the sea level rises. She said the Environmental Protection Agency's estimate of a two- to six-foot rise over the next 100 years would submerge half of the land area in four counties.

"Nine coastal counties would have at least 50 percent of their population displaced," she said.

In addition to the loss of land and the displacement of coastal residents, Tollinger said "rising sea level would result in accelerated coastal erosion, intensified storm damage, and the intrusion of salt water into estuarine waters, disturbing fragile ecosystems and destroying valuable wetlands."

Tollinger noted that the prediction of sea level rise is based on the theory held by many scientists that global warming is occurring. This warming is called a "greenhouse effect" because more of the sun's rays are penetrating the Earth's atmosphere and melting polar ice caps, causing

the oceans to expand.

In her presentation she used maps of North Carolina's coastal counties to show where sea level rise would cause the most damage. The counties which would lose the most land from a five-foot sea level rise are Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Currituck. Those are followed closely by Carteret, Pamlico and Camden.

The highest population displacement would also occur in those seven counties and in Washington and Brunswick counties, she said.

The title of her presentation was "Effects of Potential Sea Level Rise on Coastal North Carolina." Tollinger is from Rocky Mount.

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