Town Council
Regular Meeting
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Agenda Item: **Resolution 25-G-58 to initiate consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #25-05 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article XV (Decision-Making Authorities, Application Review and Permitting), to update sections for conformance with the Code of Virginia, to clarify certain processes and make other housekeeping amendments as deemed necessary and appropriate**

Meeting Date: September 23, 2025

Category: Consent

Prepared by: David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator

Description:
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #25-05 will update sections for conformance with the Code of Virginia. The amendment includes other housekeeping changes to clarify administrative processes.

Background:
Staff initiated a review of the Herndon Zoning Ordinance after the passage of Senate Bill 974, which amended and reenacted Section 15.2-2241 and several other sections of the Code of Virginia. The adopted changes to the Code of Virginia removed the planning commission and governing body approval authority from the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigned such authority solely to a designated agent. In addition, the revisions to the Code of Virginia clarified the authority that governs the review process of plats, site plans and plans of development. The changes to the State Code became effective July 1, 2025. During its review of the Zoning Ordinance, staff found some sections of Chapter 78 in need of amendment to bring the Herndon Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the Code of Virginia, and to clarify administrative processes.

Timing Impact:
The changes to the State Code became effective July 1, 2025.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Legal Impact:
Adoption of this zoning ordinance text amendment will bring the Herndon Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the changes made to the Code of Virginia.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Adopt the resolution.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)