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Bluffton Enhances Public Information Requirements Regarding New Developments

Starting in August, the Town requires a public notice sign for each new development project at the beginning of the application process. This requirement is among the text amendments approved during the April 9, 2019 Town Council meeting to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to enhance public notification and information regarding new projects in Bluffton.

“This requirement will help more people be informed about the development process and will enable town staff members to gather input and feedback at the beginning and during the application process,” Town Manager Marc Orlando said.

The sign is required to be erected within 15 days of the submittal of the completed development application.

The signs will have a permit number which will correspond to the project on the Town of Bluffton’s Permit Application Finder Map where residents can track a specific project. The map is located on the Town of Bluffton website, within the Map Gallery. The link is: <http://www.townofbluffton.us/permit>. Those who are interested can track the project via this map as information is updated at every stage of the application process.

“This interactive map makes some of the most requested information readily available to the public,” said Town Manager Marc Orlando. “We are proud to be able to provide this tool, which make our operations more transparent. This is one more way to keep residents informed of where proposed developments are being invested in the community.”

In addition, the developer will also be required to send certified letters to the adjacent neighbors (commercial and residential) of the proposed project. Receipts of these certified letters must be provided to the Town seven (7) days before the application is reviewed by the Town’s Development Review Committee, which is the first step in the Town’s approval process.

About the Town of Bluffton Permit Application Map:

The Permit Application Map provides information about private development anywhere within town limits, to include some of the faster growing areas such as Buckwalter Parkway and the New Riverside area. The Permit Application Map also contains a description of the project as well as a status update. If residents click on a specific location on the map, an information box will populate with the project information. The permit status will be described as: submitted, pending, approved or under construction.

The Permit Application Map provides information on a variety of Town permits for site development such as grading and clearing, subdivisions, highway corridor overlay and historic district certificates of appropriateness (site lighting, landscaping and architecture) as well as building permits which are required to construct, alter, repair, move or demolish a residential or commercial building. Users can search for permits by address, permit number, parcel number or by simply clicking on a blue pin on the map.

Directions to Maps:

- Go to the Town of Bluffton website: <https://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/>
- Click on the “I Want To” Box on the front of the homepage
- Click on “Find a Map” and it will direct you to the Map Gallery Page

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