# Zoning

Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement

**Business Development Section** 



## **Zoning Defined**

Zoning refers to the municipal regulations that determine how property can and cannot be used. For example, the zoning law (ordinance) limits commercial or industrial uses to prevent manufacturing or other types of businesses from building in residential neighborhoods.

Prince George's County adopted a new zoning ordinance in 2018. It developed novel and modern zones along with subdivision regulations to assist in the facilitation of the General Plan (2035) and other initiatives. The County is currently performing a countywide map amendment to depict the new zones. The map at the right is a section of the zoning map for the central area of the County.

For more information on the zoning code rewrite, visit:

http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com

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## **Zoning and Permitting**

Zoning review is part of the permit approval process. The review is performed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M–NCPPC), which is commonly referred to as Park & Planning. In addition to the zoned permitted use, M–NCPPC reviews the allowable lot coverage for property, which indicates the amount of land area and the location of a structure on a parcel.

It is recommended that businesses obtain a letter of use determination before signing a lease or buying property. The use determination allows the applicant to know whether they can utilize the property as intended. The letter can be obtained by contacting the M-NCPPC Information Services team by submitting the online request form. The form can be found on the <u>Planning Information Services</u> page of the M-NCPPC website.

## **Zoning Map**

