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Re: Zoning Text Amendment No: 09-01  
Concerning: Sandy Spring/Ashton Overlay Zone – Prohibited uses

Dear Councilmembers,

I regret that I am unable to attend the hearing on the above-referenced issue; however, I would like you to consider the following comments.

1. I fully support the proposed amendment. There are clearly many specific uses that are not appropriate for the Sandy Spring-Ashton Rural Village Overlay Zone that need to be spelled out, as this amendment does.
2. Line 33: I assume the intent of this is to prohibit dry cleaning and laundry establishments that are more than 3000 square feet, so the word “no” should be stricken.
3. Line 47: I suggest that above-ground parking garages should be prohibited without regard to whether they serve off-site or on-site uses. If they are to be permitted at all, they should be prohibited adjacent to residentially zoned property, as is done with certain uses in other overlay zones. Above-ground parking structures are patently incompatible with a rural village, and there should really be no need for parking garages to serve our small-scale commercial uses.
4. Line 36: I question how it is possible to prohibit electric distribution lines.

Thank you for your attention to the above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification of any of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Alan Wright