

**Meeting #1 Open House Forum Date: May 8, 2006 Time: 5:00 p.m.**

Informal meeting with the petitioner and interested parties.

Location: 8th Floor Conference Room, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East Fourth St.

**Meeting #2 City Council PUBLIC HEARING Date: June 19, 2006 Time: 6:00 p.m.**

Proponents and opponents of proposed rezoning petition present comments before the Charlotte City Council. **To sign up to speak at the hearing, please call the city clerk prior to 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing, if possible, at (704) 336-2248.**

Location: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Meeting Chambers on 600 East Fourth St.

**Meeting #3 Zoning Committee Work Session Date: June 28, 2006 Time: 4:30 p.m.**

Following the public hearing, the Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission renders their recommendation. This is a public meeting open to any interested parties but is not a hearing.

Location: 8th Floor Conference Room, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East Fourth St.

## THE PROTEST PETITION

### Per City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.113

A petition protesting any reclassification of property is needed in order to invoke the  $\frac{3}{4}$  voting rule. The protest petition must be signed by the owners of either 20 percent or more, of the area included in a proposed change, or 5% of a 100-foot wide buffer extending along the entire boundary of each discrete or separate area proposed to be rezoned. Street right-of-ways shall not be considered in computing the 100-foot buffer area as long as that street right-of-way is 100 feet wide or less. When less than an entire parcel of land is subject to the proposed change, the 100-foot buffer shall be measured from the property line of that parcel.

Anyone desiring to file a written petition of protest intended to invoke the City Council's  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote rule must file such a petition with the City Clerk at least two (2) normal working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal Holidays) prior to the date established for a public hearing on the proposed changed of amendment. For example, for hearings on Monday, all protest petitions must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the preceding Wednesday. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority rule requires that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those eligible to vote among the City Council and Mayor must vote affirmatively in order for a petition to receive approval. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority rule may not apply to site plan amendments to conditional districts, in some instances.

Any property owner may withdraw their protest at any time prior to the Council's vote on the rezoning petition. In order to effectively withdraw signatures, the withdrawals must be in writing, identifying the rezoning petition protested against, and state that the submitted signatures have the purpose of deleting the signers from the protest petition. A withdrawn protest may not be reinstated after the deadline for filing protests.

For protest petition forms and more information on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  rule, you may call the City Clerk's Office at 336-2248

\* Conditional zoning decisions are a legislative process subject to judicial review. Conditional zoning decisions shall be made in consideration of identified relevant adopted land use plans for the area. The petitioner is required to hold at least one community meeting before a public hearing may be held. A written report of at least one such community meeting held by the petitioner must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing. If these requirements are not met, the petitioner's case will be deferred. The petitioner will contact you concerning this meeting.