

County of Caroline

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SUBJECT: **SO-02-2022, Subdivision Ordinance, Section 5-Access**

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SO-02-2022 is a text amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance that would make the minimum roadway width 26 feet. The Subdivision Ordinance currently states that minimum road width shall be based on VDOT standards. We have recently come across a situation where VDOT and the Virginia Fire Code only call for a roadway with a width of 24 feet when there is no parking allowed for residential subdivisions.

The Fire Chief has identified this as an issue as larger trucks turning onto a 24-foot-wide road would need to use both lanes to complete the turn. This amendment would allow for a fire truck to make a turning movement and stay in the proper lane of traffic.

This text amendment is as follows:

SO-02-2022: An Ordinance to amend the Subdivision Ordinance of Caroline County by amending Section 5-22, *Minimum Widths*, to state minimum roadway width shall be 26 feet or VDOT standard, whichever is greater.

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