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SUBJECT: **SO-03-2022, Subdivision Ordinance, Section 5 Access**

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SO-03-2022 is a text amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance that would require a turnaround to be located at dead end streets for fire and EMS purposes. Currently VDOT standards and the Virginia Fire Code state that if a dead end is 150 feet or less from an intersection then a turnaround is not required. For a street with parking allowed on both sides, 150 feet is a long way for a fire truck to reverse to get to the intersection to proceed.

This would make it a requirement in Caroline County that any dead-end street that does not require a turnaround by VDOT standards or the Virginia Fire Code would require a cul-de-sac, hammerhead or T turnaround for fire and EMS purposes.

The current section in the Subdivision Ordinance 5-24 *Cul-de-sacs* will be retitled to 5-24 *Turnarounds*, with the existing text and proposed text under that heading. The text amendment reads as follows:

SO-03-2022: An Ordinance to amend the Subdivision Ordinance of Caroline County by amending Section 5-24, to require any street in a subdivision that has a dead end, shall provide a turn around sufficient for Fire/Rescue apparatus in the form of a cul-de-sac, hammerhead, T-turnaround or other acceptable turn around options.

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