

**Comments by attendees of Jefferson County Preservation Society
At the June 12 public meeting**

- County GIS website must show zoning
- I am concerned about outside developers, speculators and other vague entities being allowed into our county, and them being given free rein to do whatever they want at the expense and misery of their neighbors. Our county has many problems. Most of them have two legs.
- Intertwined with zoning is building permit application, review, approval, and enforcement process.
- In-house approvals are not transparent. There needs to be more visibility/communication/transparency of approvals.
- Regulations: Define how are ‘regulations’ enforced? Who is the code enforcement officer?
- How do we reach the code enforcement officer?
- A-1 Zone: specifically no RV parks, and lots of other things that are currently allowed should not be allowed.
- When someone submits an application to develop a property, not only is it checked to be in the right zone, but should also include if there are no deed restrictions possibly preventing what the applicant might want to do.
- There should be a regulation on how many trees are allowed to be cut down. Maybe only a certain percentage can be removed. Also, a certain amount of green space. So many old big trees are cut down.
- Notice of zone change posted on a property is way too small for someone driving past to see or read. There’s no shoulder on the road to pull over to read it.
- Zoning change notice signage can be on any road so often it’s on the side or back road where it is less visible.
- All commercial business moved to C-1 or C-2?
- “Neighbor” notification
- How/where do I find my zone and areas around me?
- There needs to be an audit of county processes, especially related to zoning.
- Enforcement compliance audit?
- Consequences to violations? Who holds violators accountable?
- Equal amenities for tax dollars – services, schools, recreation facilities, infrastructure (Parrotts Chapel)
- Safety ordinances
- How about neighborhood meetings with JCPS rep speaking – answering questions.
- When we did the survey, I attempted to read the Ordinances. Near to impossible without an attorney or language expert!
- The results of survey done in 2023 has never been looked at by commissioners. Last I heard, it was still being compiled by the committee. They need to base decisions on residents, not developers who make money and do not care.
- We need some kind of warning system for when farmers are going to spray herbicides and pesticides. A meeting of this size needs a portable microphone that can be passed around.
- Tennessee Fair Elections: voter role clean up; legislation; forcing Secretary of State to follow existing law. tnfairelections.org
- Attendance by county commissioners (elected or appointed) at meetings seems “lax” by some, with impact on quorums, voting, and county issues.