

A Joint Workshop between the Apalachicola City Commission and Apalachicola Planning & Zoning Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:15PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

City Commission Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Despina George, Commissioner Adriane Elliott

Planning & Zoning Board Present: Joe Taylor, Lee McLemore, Bobby Miller, Myrtis Wynn

Joint workshop opened by Mayor Ash.

Chair Joe Taylor outlined Planning & Zoning's discussions regarding deck permeability.

Planner Bree Robinson read Planning & Zoning's recommendations:

1. The P&Z members were in consensus with a 10% lot coverage allowance just for pervious decks spaced at least 1/8 inch between boards. If the deck is not spaced accordingly then it is not eligible for the extra 10% for pervious decking. If a pervious deck square footage surpasses the 10% allocation, then the difference will be included in the standard 40% lot coverage. Pervious decks would still be considered accessory structures and subject to setback requirements, P&Z approval, and standard building permits.
2. The P&Z members were in consensus with at least 1/8 inch between boards, wooden or faux wood, being sufficient to consider pervious, allowing water to pass through.
3. The P&Z members were in consensus to allow the 10% allocation for pervious decking in residential and commercial zones.

Ms. Robinson stated Commissioner Grove is in favor of ¼ inch between boards.

Chair Joe Taylor stated Planning & Zoning was trying to keep it simple. Absolute minimum is 1/8 inch at any given time. Wooden structures may have to start out at ¼ inch to account for shrinkage.

Discussion held concerning arbors and trellises and clarification on 10% lot coverage allowance.

There being further discussion, workshop adjourned.

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Brenda Ash, Mayor

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Lee Mathes, City Clerk

