

Planners finish review of

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WALHALLA — After months of revisions, Oconee County planners have completed a matrix updating permitted and non-permitted uses within the county's zoning districts.

The Oconee County Planning Commission wrapped up its review by tweaking three districts — residential, highway commercial and industrial.

In all, planners reviewed 11 zoning districts since requested to do so by County Council in February.

Under the Zoning Enabling Ordinance that went into effect May 1, 2009, all property in Oconee falls under Control Free District until the land is petitioned to be rezoned using one of three methods.

To date, all rezoning petitions have

fallen under the "small area method." This method allows for a citizen-initiated petition that contains at least 200 acres and 51 percent of the affected landowner signatures.

North Fairview residents are challenging a controversial zoning decision produced under the small area method.

Four defendants named in the lawsuit were present at Monday night's meeting

zoning districts

— Planning Commission member Andrea Heller, Councilman Reg Dexter, and Advocates for Quality Development, Inc. members Jim Codner and Gary Owens.

Plaintiff Jean Jennings also attended the meeting.

Codner said AQD has yet to finalize its legal representation plans.

Chief Planner Aaron Gadsby said the commission would have a final opportunity to look at the completed matrix of permitted and non-permitted uses in the zoning districts at its Oct. 17 meeting.

Gadsby said he would post the updated zoning district changes on the Planning Department website today.

Gadsby said the commission would begin a review of the general provisions of the ZEO at the Oct. 17 meeting.