

Quarry Moratorium Extended

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Avery County Commissioners have extended a moratorium on High Impact Industries for another 90 days.

According to Building Inspector Tommy Burleson, Commissioners want to make sure the newly drafted High Impact Industry ordinance is perfect before a Rock Quarry has the chance to build in Avery.

“It’s going to have a big impact on the county,” he said, “And we don’t want to rush through this thing and miss things.”

A special meeting will be held later this month, and a final draft of the ordinance is expected in September.

The sudden interest in high impact industries is fueled by R.C. Landholdings’ permit request to build a rock quarry on Hanging Rock Road in the Green Valley Community of Avery County. Neighbors are concerned about the affect such an operation will have on potable water supplies and the surrounding environment.

If the final draft is approved, a public hearing is expected in mid-September.

R.C. Landholdings could not be reached for comment.