

24-LDC-0008

Gaming Facility Uses Land Development Code Amendments

Planning & Zoning Committee
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BACKGROUND

- On April 11, 2024, the Planning Commission passed a resolution directing staff to review the regulations related to gaming facilities and provide recommendations
- A gaming facility, charitable or otherwise, is not currently a defined or specific use
- Such establishments are interpreted to be “Game Rooms” and permitted by right in several commercial zoning districts
- While a listed permitted use type, the term Game Room is also not defined, it is a broad use classification that allows for other establishments beyond gaming facilities
- Following changes to state law and regulations concerning charitable gaming facilities and other gaming/wagering activities, the LDC could be amended to specifically distinguish gaming facilities
- Such an amendment would resolve the need for the Game Room interpretation and allow for specific consideration of where such uses may be permitted
- In addition, the Bingo Hall and Parlor use can be consolidated with new gaming facility use types



EXISTING REGULATIONS

Currently, the Louisville Metro LDC:

- Does not provide definitions of Entertainment Use, Game Room, and Bingo Hall and Parlor
- Allows “Billiard parlors, game rooms and similar entertainment uses” in C-2, C-3, C-M, EZ-1, and TNZD (Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Transition-Center, and Neighborhood General/Corner Lot Commercial)
- Allows “Bingo halls and parlors” in C-2, C-3, C-M, and EZ-1
- Addresses parking requirements for “Entertainment uses such as bowling alleys, game rooms, bingo halls, miniature golf, go-cart facilities” (requirements are determined by the Planning Director case by case)



PROPOSED LDC AMENDMENTS

Charitable Gaming Facilities

- Create a definition consistent with the definition in state law
- Partially consolidate the bingo hall use type into the new charitable gaming facility use type (this only applies to bingo halls licensed as charitable gaming facilities)
- Allow smaller establishments in C-1 (5,000 SF or less)
- Continue to allow in C-2, C-3, C-M, EZ-1, parts of the TNZD (with no floor area limitations)



PROPOSED LDC AMENDMENTS

Gaming Facilities

Option 1 (Planning Commission Recommendation):

- Create a definition that is more specific to the use
- Partially consolidate the bingo hall use type into the new gaming facility use type (this only applies to bingo halls not licensed as charitable gaming facilities)
- Continue to allow in C-2, C-3, C-M, EZ-1, parts of the TNZD (with no floor area limitations)

Option 2:

- Continue to allow as a game room with no amendments



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Planning Commission's Planning Committee Meeting on June 12, 2024
- Planning Commission Public Hearing on July 11, 2024
 - Motion to recommend approval passed by a vote of 8-0

