

A G E N D A
JAMES CITY COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Building A Large Conference Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
December 8, 2022
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. MINUTES

D. OLD BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. ORD-22-0004. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Community Recreation Facilities in Residential Districts

F. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 12/8/2022

TO: The Policy Committee

FROM: Suzanne Yeats, Planner

SUBJECT: ORD-22-0004. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Community Recreation Facilities in Residential Districts

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
▣	Staff Memo	Staff Report
▣	Board Initiating Resolution	Resolution

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Policy	Cook, Ellen	Approved	12/1/2022 - 2:00 PM
Policy	Holt, Paul	Approved	12/1/2022 - 2:28 PM
Publication Management	Pobiak, Amanda	Approved	12/1/2022 - 2:33 PM
Policy Secretary	Secretary, Policy	Approved	12/1/2022 - 2:41 PM

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: The Policy Committee

FROM: Jose R. Ribeiro, Senior Planner II/Landscape Planner
Suzanne Yeats, Planner

SUBJECT: ORD-22-0004. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Community Recreation Facilities in Residential Districts

At its meeting on April 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted an Initiating Resolution to consider possible amendments to the James City County Zoning Ordinance regarding community recreation facilities (Attachment No. 1).

Currently, the James City County Zoning Ordinance defines recreation facilities and further classifies them as being either “commercial” or “community” and is written as follows:

- Recreation facility, Commercial. A place designed and equipped for the conduct of leisure-time activities, sports, or other customary and usual recreation activities and which is operated as a business.
- Recreation facility, Community. A place designed and equipped for recreational activities by the inhabitants of a residential or mixed use project and which is operated for noncommercial purposes by a developer, homeowners association, nonprofit organization, or a governmental agency.

In the existing Ordinance, community recreation facilities are a permitted use in most residential and mixed use districts as shown in the table below:

DISTRICT	Permitted	SUP
A-1, General Agricultural		SUP
R-1 Limited Residential	P	
R-2, General Residential	P	
R-3, Residential Redevelopment	P	
R-4, Residential Planned Community	P	
R-5, Multifamily Residential	P	
R-6, Low Density Residential	P	
R-8, Rural Residential		SUP
PUD, Planned Unit Development	P	
MU, Mixed Use	P	
EO, Economic Opportunity	P	

It has come to staff’s attention that some neighborhoods’ community recreation facilities are being used by groups and team sports not affiliated with the neighborhood. This type of use does not make it Commercial.

Recreational Facility, as currently defined; however, such additional group and team sport use does bring with it the potential for impacts such as increased vehicular traffic, noise, lighting, and a duration of use not commonly found with typical neighborhood facilities. The purpose of the Initiating Resolution and this Ordinance amendment would be to classify community recreation facilities with recurring use by outside entities as a Specially Permitted Use, allowing public input, analysis, and mitigation of impacts, as determined.

The draft language below articulates an example of draft language within a use list which could be used for residential and mixed use zoning districts.

Commercial Uses		Permitted	SUP
	Community recreation facilities, including parks, playgrounds, clubhouses, boating facilities, and athletic facilities including but not limited to swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, and other similar recreation facilities which are primarily used by residents of the neighborhood within which the facility is located.	P	
	Community recreation facilities, consisting of athletic facilities including but not limited to a clubhouse, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, and other similar recreation facilities which include the recurring use of by a team, organization, or other entity who are not primarily residents of the neighborhood within which the facility is located.		SUP

Staff looks forward to discussion and feedback from the Policy Committee on the approach above. Staff could then proceed with developing the draft Ordinance language for a future Policy Committee or Planning Commission meeting.

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Attachments:

1. Initiating Resolution

RESOLUTION

INITIATION OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS REGARDING COMMUNITY

RECREATION FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, section 15.2-2286(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended (the "Virginia Code"), and County Code Section 24-13 authorize the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia (the "Board"), to, by resolution, initiate amendments to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance that the Board finds to be prudent and required by public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that the public necessity, general welfare, and good zoning practice warrant the consideration of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby initiate amendment of the James City County Code, Chapter 24, Zoning in order to consider possible amendments regarding community recreation facilities in residential districts. The Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the consideration of amendments to said Zoning Ordinances and shall forward its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the law.


John J. McGlennon
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Teresa J. Saeed
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 12th day of April, 2022.

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