

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 8-1(d)(20) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE ALLOWABLE ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AS AMENDED (BHARATIYA TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER).

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WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission has considered a text amendment to Article 8-1(d)(20) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow places of religious assembly to increase the size of the allowable accessory structures, as amended in the Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone. Planning Commission did recommend APPROVAL of the staff alternative text by a vote of 7-2; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation form of the Planning Commission is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Article 8-1(d)(20) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is hereby amended as follows:

**8-1 AGRICULTURAL RURAL (A-R) ZONE**

**8-1(d) Conditional Uses**

20. Places of religious assembly, which may be allowed an additional 10,000 square feet of building over and above their existing square footage, provided that the structure(s) existed or the religious entity had approval of the Board of Adjustment and owned 20 or more contiguous acres prior to the adoption of the Rural Land Management Plan on April 8, 1999.

Places of religious assembly may erect accessory structures, such as outdoor shelters, pavilions, picnic shelters, pergolas, or substantially similar structures, without permanent walls, provided that the size of the accessory structures shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the floor area of the principal structure or 3500 square feet, whichever is less. These accessory structures shall not count against the otherwise allowed 10,000 square feet for a principal structure.

Section 2 - That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Urban County Council

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