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## RECOMMENDATION OF THE URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION OF LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

IN RE: PLN-ZOTA-22-00005: AMENDMENT TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-1) ZONE TO

ALLOW CRAFT DISTILLERIES – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to add Craft Distilleries as a principal permitted use in the Light Industrial (I-1) zone (Article 8-22). Craft Distilleries are further regulated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as Class B Distilleries in KRS 243.

Having considered the above matter on <u>April 28, 2022</u>, at a Public Hearing and having voted <u>9-0</u> that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend <u>APPROVAL</u> for this matter for the following reason:

- 1. Providing for craft distilleries in the I-1 zone, and by reference the I-2 zones, will permit additional opportunities to utilize land for production in support of the local economy.
- 2. The proposed text amendment will allow for stepdown from the most intense distillation of alcohol, and is consistent with other similar uses currently allowed in the Light Industrial (I-1) zone.
- 3. The inclusion of the craft distillery use in the Zoning Ordinance is in agreement with the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for the following reasons:
  - a. Craft distilleries are a growing industry that will support and showcase local assets to further the creation of jobs (Theme C, Goal #1)
  - b. The establishment of craft distilleries can attract the world's finest jobs, encourage an entrepreneurial spirit and enhance our ability to recruit & retain a talented, creative workforce by establishing opportunities that embrace diversity with inclusion in our community (Theme C, Goal #2).

ATTEST: This 13th day of May, 2022.

ecretary, Jim Duncan

LARRY FORESTER
CHAIR

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by Hal Baillie, Planner Senior, Division of Planning, Planning Services Section.

## **OBJECTORS**

NoneNone

## **VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

AYES: (9) Barksdale, Davis, Forester, Meyer, Michler, Nicol, Penn, Pohl, Worth.

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NAYS:

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ABSENT:

Bell and de Movellan. (2)

(0)ABSTAINED:

DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for <u>Approval</u> of <u>PLN-ZOTA-22-00005</u> carried.

Enclosures:

Council initiating legislation Staff Report Planning Commission Recommended Text Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting