ORDINANCE NO. ____ - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 8-2(D) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD ATHLETIC FIELDS WITH LIGHTING AND LOUD SPEAKERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL BUFFER (A-B) ZONE AS A CONDITIONAL USE AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE STRUCTURE SIZE FROM TEN THOUSAND (10,000) SQUARE FEET TO TWO PERCENT (2%) OF THE LOT. (SAYRE COLLEGE D/B/A SAYRE SCHOOL).

WHEREAS, the applicant, Sayre College d/b/a Sayre School, has initiated a text amendment to Article 8-2(d) of the Zoning Ordinance to add athletic fields with lighting and loud speakers in the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone as a conditional use and to increase the allowable structure size from ten thousand (10,000) square feet to two percent (2%) of the lot; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered a text amendment to Article 8-2(d) of the Zoning Ordinance to add athletic fields with lighting and loud speakers in the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone as a conditional use and to increase the allowable structure size from ten thousand (10,000) square feet to two percent (2%) of the lot, and the Planning Commission did recommend APPROVAL of the alternative text by a vote of 6-3; 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 8-2(d) of the Zoning Ordinance be and hereby is amended to add athletic fields with lighting and loud speakers in the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone as a conditional use and to increase the allowable structure size from ten thousand (10,000) square feet to two percent (2%) of the lot, to read as follows:

Section 8-2 Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone

8-2(d) Conditional Uses. (Permitted only with Board of Adjustment approval.)

For any of the following conditional uses established after January 26, 1995, except where the A-B zone is adjacent to the county boundary, and the property is a minimum of ten (10) acres, a total of 2% of the square footage of the property or ten thousand (10,000) square feet, whichever is greater, shall be the maximum allowable for all structures proposed for such uses:

21. Commercial and non-commercial indoor and outdoor recreational facilities (excluding golf courses), with outdoor lighting, loudspeakers, and limited concession sales: but without retail sales of merchandise, and the like: but only when located immediately adjacent to the Blue Sky Rural Activity Center defined in the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLISHED: 0318-23:TWJ:X:\Cases\PLANNING\23-LE0001\LEG\00777531.DOCX