



# Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

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## Legislation Text

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An Ordinance amending Article 23A-9 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow banquet facilities as a principal use in the CC Zone. (Joel Brown). Approval 7-0 [Div. of Planning, Duncan]  
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WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission has considered a text amendment to Article 23A-9 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow banquet facilities as a principal use in the CC Zone. Planning Commission did recommend APPROVAL of the text by a vote of 7-0; 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 23A-9 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is hereby amended as follows:

### **23A-9 COMMUNITY CENTER (CC) ZONE**

23A-9(a) INTENT -The intent of this zone is to implement the Community Center land use designation in the Expansion Area Master Plan by providing a mixture of residential uses and non-residential uses which serve the needs of the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

### **23A-9(b) PRINCIPAL USES**

1. As for EAR-3.
2. Banks, credit agencies, security and commodity brokers and exchanges, credit institutions, savings and loan companies, holding and investment companies.

3. Offices for business, professional, governmental, civic, social, fraternal, political, religious, and charitable organizations, including but not limited to, real estate sales offices.
4. Churches, Sunday schools and parish houses
5. Libraries, museums, art galleries, and reading rooms.
6. Medical and dental offices, clinics, and laboratories.
7. Studios for work or teaching of fine arts, such as photography; music; drama; dance and theater.
8. Community centers and private clubs.
9. Nursing and rest homes, and rehabilitation homes.
10. Computer and data processing centers.
11. Ticket and travel agencies.
12. Kindergartens, nursery schools and child care centers for four (4) or more children. A fenced and screened play area shall be provided, which shall contain not less than twenty-five (25) square feet per child.
13. Business colleges, technical or trade schools or institutions.
14. Establishments for the retail sale of food products, such as supermarkets; dairy, bakery, meat, beer, liquor, and wine and other food product stores; and provided that production of food products is permitted only for retail sale on the premises.
15. Restaurants, except as prohibited under Section 8-16(e)(14) and (15), which offer no live entertainment or dancing.
16. Establishments for the retail sale of merchandise, including clothing; shoes; fabrics; yard goods; fixtures, furnishings, and appliances, such as floor covering, radios, TV, phonograph products and other visual and sound reproduction or transmitting equipment; furniture; kitchen and laundry equipment; glassware and china; and other establishments for the retail sale of hardware and wallpaper, lawn care products; paint and other interior or exterior care products; hobby items; toys; gifts; antiques; newspapers and magazines, stationery and books; flowers; music; cameras; jewelry and luggage; business supplies and machines; prescription and non-prescription medicines and medical supplies.
17. Beauty shops, barber shops, shoe repair, self-service laundry, or laundry pick-up station, including clothes cleaning establishments of not more than 40 pounds capacity and using a closed system process.
18. Automobile service station, provided such use conforms to all requirements of Article 16.
19. Repair of household appliances.
20. Retail sale of plant nursery or greenhouse products, except as prohibited herein.

21. Outdoor miniature golf or putting courses.
22. Quick copy services utilizing xerographic or similar processes, but not utilizing offset printing methods.
23. Carnivals, special events, festivals, and concerts on a temporary basis, and upon issuance of a permit by the Divisions of Planning and Building Inspection, which May restrict the permit in terms of time; parking; access; or in other ways to protect public health, safety, or welfare, or deny such if public health, safety, or welfare are adversely affected. A carnival, special events, festivals, and concerts May not displace more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the minimum required parking for the site it occupies.
24. Indoor theaters.
25. Rental of equipment whose retail sale would be permitted elsewhere in this zone.
26. Arcades, including pinball, and electronic games.
27. Athletic club facilities.
28. Swimming pools; tennis courts; putting greens; hiking, bicycling and equine trails; and other similar commercial and non-commercial recreational uses.
29. Brew-pub.
30. Day Shelters.
31. Commercial farm markets.
32. Market gardens.
33. Banquet facilities.

### 23A-9(c) ACCESSORY USES

1. As for EAR-3.
2. Storage, excluding outdoor storage, and provided that no building for such accessory use shall have openings other than stationary windows within one hundred feet (100') of any residential zone.
3. The sale of malt beverages, wine, or alcoholic beverages when accessory to a restaurant permitted under Section 8-16(b)(3). Such accessory use shall not devote more than twenty percent (20%) of its public floor area exclusively to the preparation and service of such beverages, nor provide any separate outside entrances or separate identification signs for those areas.
4. Parking lots and structures.
5. Satellite dish antennas as further regulated by Article 15-7.
6. One (1) or two (2) pool or billiard tables within an establishment.

23A-9(d) CONDITIONAL USES

1. As for EAR-3.
2. Drive-through facilities for the sale of goods or products or the provision of services otherwise permitted herein.
3. Mining of non-metallic minerals, but only when the proposal complies with the requirements of the Mining/Quarrying Ordinance (Code of Ordinances #252-91) and the conditions and requirements as set forth therein. The Board of Adjustment shall specifically consider and be able to find:
  - a) That the proposed use will not constitute a public nuisance by creating excessive noise, odor, traffic, dust, or damage to the environment or surrounding properties;
  - b) That a reasonable degree of reclamation and proper drainage control is feasible; and
  - c) That the owner and/or applicant has not had a permit revoked or bond or other security forfeited for failure to comply with any Federal, State or local laws, regulations or conditions, including land reclamation, pertaining to the proposed use.
4. Self-service car washes when accessory to a service station, provided that surface water from such establishments shall not drain onto adjacent property, and that adequate on-site storage lanes and parking facilities shall be provided so that no public way shall be used for such purposes.
5. Animal hospital or clinic, provided that all exterior walls are completely soundproofed; and further provided that animal pens shall be completely within the principal building and used for the medical treatment of small animals.
6. A restaurant, without live entertainment or dancing, which devotes more than twenty percent (20%) of its public floor area exclusively to the preparation and service of malt beverages, wine or alcoholic beverages.
7. Restaurants offering live entertainment and/or dancing, cocktail lounges, or nightclubs [unless prohibited under Section 8-14(e)(14) and (15)]. Such uses shall be located at least 100 feet from any residential zone and shall be soundproofed to the maximum extent feasible by using existing technology, with noise emissions not creating a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood.
8. Upholstery shop.
9. Outdoor speakers and public address systems. Such systems shall only be permitted by the Board of Adjustment upon findings that the system would not constitute a public nuisance by creating excessive noise on the property and surrounding properties; and is a necessary adjunct to the proposed use and has been designed to serve only such need. The Board May limit such features as the location, power, and time of operation of such systems to ensure the protection of surrounding uses and properties.
10. Gasoline pumps available to the public without an employee on site, provided a plan is approved by the

Board of Adjustment for periodic inspection of the site by an employee for the following purposes:

- a. To check on all operating equipment;
  - b. To check Fire suppression system(s);
  - c. To check the condition of the Fire alarm(s);
  - d. To check for indications of fuel leaks and spillage;
  - e. To remove trash from the site;
  - f. To monitor the general condition of the site.
11. Temporary structures designed for use or occupancy for 61 to 180 days per 12-month period on a single property, calculating said period by cumulative consideration of the use of any and all such structures on a single property.
  12. Circuses, provided all structures are located not less than two hundred (200) feet from any residential zone; and further provided that all structures for housing animals shall be two hundred (200) feet from any residential zone, residential use, school, hospital, nursing home or rest home. A circus May not displace more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the minimum required parking for the site it occupies.
  13. Ecotourism activities to include zip line trails; tree canopy tours; fishing clubs; botanical gardens; natural preserves; and seasonal activities.
  14. Recreation vehicle and trailer campgrounds, but only when located within 500 feet of an interstate interchange.
  15. Hunting clubs, but only when located more than 500 feet from a residential zone.

#### 23A-9(e) PROHIBITED USES

1. As for EAR-3.
2. As for A-R, except as expressly permitted herein.
3. Any use dependent upon septic tanks or pit privies.
4. Pawn shops.
5. Golf driving ranges.
6. Except when accessory to a permitted automobile service station, the above- or below-ground storage of any flammable material in gaseous form, including compressed natural gas; and the above- or below-ground storage of more than five (5) gallons of gasoline.

7. Greenhouses, plant nurseries, and garden centers.
8. Establishments primarily engaged in agricultural sales and services.
9. Warehouses, as well as storage uses, except as accessory uses herein.
10. Shops of special trade and general Contractors, such as plumbing; heating; carpentry; masonry; plastering; painting; metal work; printing; electrical; sign painting; tile, mosaic and terrazzo work; electroplating; drilling; excavating; wrecking; construction, and paving. This is not intended to prohibit the administrative offices of such.
11. Manufacturing, compounding, assembling, bottling, processing and packaging and other industrial uses for sale or distribution other than as retail on the premises.
12. Truck terminals and freight yards.
13. Amusement enterprises, such as outdoor theaters, automobile racing, horse racing.
14. Kennels, outdoor runways or pens for animals.
15. Establishments engaged in the display, rental, sales, service and major repair of automobiles, repair of motorcycles, boats, trucks, travel trailers, farm implements, Contractor's equipment, mobile homes, and establishments primarily engaged in the sale of supplies and parts for any of the above-mentioned vehicles or equipment, except as permitted herein.
16. Establishments for cleaning, dyeing, laundering and the like, other than self-service and pick-up stations; except for clothes cleaning establishments of not more than forty (40) pounds capacity and using a closed system process.
17. Hotel or motel.
18. Wholesale establishments.
19. Greenhouses, nurseries, hatcheries.
20. Establishments offering live entertainment in which a person simulates any sexual act or in which a person is unclothed, or in such attire, costume, or clothing as to expose to view any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola, the male or female genitalia, or the buttocks.
21. Establishments at which any employee is unclothed or in the attire, costume or clothing described above, or is clothed in such a manner as to simulate the breast, genitalia, buttocks, or any portion thereof.
22. Establishments having as a substantial or significant portion of their stock in trade for sale, rent or display, pictures, books, periodicals, magazines, appliances and similar material which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to such sexual activities as (a) depiction of human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal; (b) acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy, or (c) holding or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or breasts.
23. Indoor motion picture theaters having as a substantial or significant portion of their use the presentation

of material having as a dominant theme or characterized or distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to such sexual activities as (a) depiction of human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal; (b) acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; or (c) holding or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or breasts.

24. Pool or billiard halls.

25. Primitive campgrounds; farm tours; hayrides; corn mazes; outdoor rodeos; riding stables; horse shows; fishing lakes; hunting and trapping; sportsmen's farms; and zoological gardens.

## LOT, YARD, HEIGHT AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS

23A-9(f) DWELLING UNIT DENSITY - No limitation (See Special Provisions below).

23A-9(g) MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDING - 48 feet.

23A-9(h) FLOOR AREA RATIO - A maximum of 1.0; however, the FAR May be increased to 1.5, provided that the FAR in excess of 1.0 is used for affordable housing.

23A-9(i) MINIMUM FRONT YARD - 5 feet.

## 23A-9(j) OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

1. Residential Uses - As per EAR-3.
2. All other uses - Parking shall be as provided else- where in the Zoning Ordinance within the zone where the use is first permitted.

## 23A-9(k) SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. At least 25% of the net developable acreage of any development within a CC zone shall be open space.
2. At least 40% of the aggregated floor area of buildings within a development in a CC zone shall be devoted to residential uses as permitted in EAR-3; schools, churches and their accessory structures; and public buildings.

3. No building shall exceed 20,000 square feet in floor area, except:
  - a. a building that contains a mix of residential and non-residential uses; or
  - b. a building designed and intended to be used for a school, church or public building;
  - c. a building is designed and intended to be used principally as a store selling food, produce and other grocery items (not primarily general merchandise) and not exceeding 80,000 square feet; and
  - d. up to two additional buildings, which are designed and intended to be used primarily as stores selling general merchandise, which May include food, produce and other grocery items; but only under the following conditions:
    1. the proposed building shall be located within a CC zone containing at least 30 net contiguous acres, and that has frontage on an interstate interchange;
    2. the building shall be part of an integrated development governed for all contiguously zoned CC land (excluding right-of-way) by a single development plan; and
    3. any building exceeding 80,000 square feet in size shall also adhere to the "Design Guidelines for 'Big-Box' Establishments," excluding guideline numbers 6 and 14, which are contrary to other provisions of the CC zone. Such design guidelines shall be met unless waived by the Planning Commission through its approval of a final development plan.
  - e. the maximum number of buildings permitted over 20,000 square feet by subsections c & d (above) shall be two.
4. Parking areas shall be designed so as to minimize the placement of parking between the buildings and the adjoining streets.
5. Each development within a CC zone shall have access to a pedestrian accessway.
6. Each development shall provide suitable facilities for the parking of bicycles.
7. The development shall be screened from adjoining zones as for a business zone under Article 18-3(a) (1).
8. Structures shall be sited to avoid the rear of the building facing a street (other than an alley) to the greatest extent practicable.

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

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:



MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Urban County Council