



Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article III, Amusements

Presented to the City Council on
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- The City's amusements regulations are contained in Article III, "Amusements" of Chapter 14 "Businesses" of the Code of Ordinances.
- The provisions of Article III are antiquated, and among other things, requires the following:

No person may operate an amusement center in the city without first obtaining a license from the city secretary. All licenses, renewals, replacements or temporary permits must be approved first by the chief of police prior to final approval by the city secretary.

- This requirement is atypical of other land use activities that are reviewed, approved and permitted by the City's Development Services Department.

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- Deleting Article III, “Amusements” of Chapter 14 “Businesses” of the Code of Ordinances will remove the unnecessary involvement of the City Secretary and Police Chief from the review and approval process.
- Staff conducted internal discussions and reached a determination that the Development Services Department is the most appropriate review authority for amusement(s) land use applications.
- Development Services would engage in a standardized process of application review, permit issuance, inspection services and issuance of a certificate of occupancy for amusement uses.

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- Regulations pertaining to Amusements would remain in place as Appendix B Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances provides land use definitions, permissible land uses and zoning districts that the Planning staff routinely uses to evaluate and approve applications.
- In the event there are nuisance complaints about any amusement land use activity, staff will coordinate a response through the most appropriate city department (e.g. Police Department, Neighborhood Services-Code Compliance, Fire Department- Fire Marshal's office).

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Council Options

- Approve the ordinance as presented
- Approve the ordinance with revisions
- Deny the ordinance

Staff's Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as provided.