

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 2023

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Angela Mesaros, Director of Economic and Community Development

Topic: Text Amendment for Basketball Equipment and Sports Courts

PURPOSE

As a follow-up to the comprehensive amendment to the Homewood Zoning Ordinance, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission requested greater clarity on regulations related to basketball equipment and sports courts. The Commission discussed these regulations at its regularly scheduled meetings on March 9, 2023 and April 13, 2023.

The Commission agreed upon revisions to three sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The changes are summarized as follows:

1. Table 44-03-03 Permanent Encroachments in Required Yards for Residential Uses.
 - a. Revises the required five-foot setback from side lot lines to include the exterior side lot line.
 - b. Adds a maximum of one basketball hoop in the front yard.
 - c. Replaces “Tennis Courts” with “Sports Courts” – permitted only in the rear yard.
 - d. Adds a required setback of 10 feet from all lot lines for sports courts.
2. Section 44-04-14.B.5. Removes item b which is redundant to Table 44-03-03 limitations on household recreation equipment located in the front yard setback and reiterates the 10-foot setback from the front property line for basketball equipment.
3. Section 44-09. Definitions.
 - a. Adds a definition of “Basketball Equipment” to clarify that regulations apply specifically to permanent pole-mounted backboards and hoops.
 - b. Adds a definition of “Sports Courts” to include several sports, beyond tennis or basketball.

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PROCESS

On January 10, 2023, the Village Board adopted a comprehensive amendment to the Village of Homewood Zoning Ordinance. This was the culmination of a 15-month public process. At its regular meeting on March 9, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission members raised questions and discussed the new zoning code as it relates to the location of basketball hoops and basketball courts and their impact on neighboring properties. On April 13, 2023, Village Staff presented text amendments to address these questions at a public hearing. Five commission members were present and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendments to the text of the zoning ordinance.

OUTCOME

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the application and heard testimony by Village Staff. The following Findings of Fact were incorporated into the record:

1. The proposed text amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and reflects the built condition and character of the properties.
2. The proposed text amendment is an outcome of discussion of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on March 9, 2023 and a properly noticed public hearing on April 13, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance amending Table 44-03-03 Permitted Encroachments in Required Yards for Residential Uses, Section 44-04-14.B.5 Use Specific Standards for Household Recreation Equipment, and Section 44-09 Definitions of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance