



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Agenda Item # 8

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves
FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager
DATE: October 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Discussion of Seasonal Permits

Background:

The staff will be providing information and suggestions relative to creating a seasonal permit for some activities that are acceptable and consistent with the rural character of the Town but for which the existing special events approval process does not provide for. Staff seeks input on whether Council would like to approve such uses, the conditions that must be met to support approval, and the type of approval granted, for example, whether they would be approved uses on the property or limited in time.

The attached document serves to provide a general list of matters to consider including setbacks, number of attendees, vendor sites, parking and stacking, temporary structures, hours of operations, buffers, etc).. This is in no way a complete list and is intended to frame the conversation.

As we approach the equestrian season more of these types of activities will become apparent; however, the seasonal permit ordinance and process implementation requires more review and crafting of language. It is anticipated the consideration of the proposed regulations by Council and PZB would be concluded by January of 2024. At that time depending on the Council's determination the operators would have to submit complete applications and go through the full process of approval if such an avenue were approved. If the regulations are rejected and special event approval was not available the operations would have to cease or be subject to code enforcement.

Recommendation:

Staff seeks Council input and direction.