

ORDINANCE

**January 9, 2024
Town Council
Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ZOTA-23-2 A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3-4.12 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY USES IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Town Council may, by ordinance, amend, supplement, or change the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice may require such an amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Town Council initiated a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 11, Section 11-3.9 Zoning Amendments on May 9, 2023 to address assembly uses in the Industrial District; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Planning Commission held a work session to discuss assembly uses in the Industrial District on August 22, 2023 and on September 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on November 28, 2023 and unanimously recommended approval to permit limited assembly uses within the Industrial District to include Places of Worship, where any assembly use of 10,000 square feet or greater, or structure certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons will require the approval of a Special Use Permit by Town Council per Ordinance Section 3-4.12.3 and Section 11-3.10; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024 the Warrenton Town Council conducted a public hearing on this matter and considered oral and written testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Town Council finds that per the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2286.A.7, this text amendment is in the best interest of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, by the Warrenton Town Council this 9th day of January 2024, that the Town Council hereby adopts the following text amendment to Article 3, Section 3-4.12 of the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance as set forth herein.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Community Development Director,
Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder

3-4.12 I Industrial District

3-4.12.1 Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this district to implement the Town's Comprehensive Plan by providing for a variety of light manufacturing, fabricating, processing, wholesale distributing, warehousing, and limited assembly uses appropriately located for access by highways and providing a controlled environment within which signing is limited, uses are to be conducted generally within completely enclosed buildings, and a moderate amount of landscaping is required. In order to preserve the land for industry, to reduce extraneous traffic, and avoid future conflicts between industry and other uses, business and service uses are limited primarily to those which will be useful to employees in the district and future residential uses are restricted.

3-4.12.2 Permitted Uses (by-right)

- Accessory buildings
- Active and Passive Recreation, and Passive Recreation Facilities
- Active Recreation Facilities of less than 10,000 square feet or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Banks and savings and loan offices
- Broadcasting studios and offices
- Business and office supply establishments
- Cabinet, upholstery, and furniture shops
- Cafeteria of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Church (or place of religious worship) of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Clinics, medical or dental
- Commercial uses constituting up to 15% of permitted site or building area
- Conference Centers of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Contractor's office and warehouse without outdoor storage
- Crematory
- Dwellings for resident watchmen and caretakers employed on the premises
- Employment service or agency
- Flex Office and Industrial uses
- Health and or Fitness Facilities of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Institutional buildings of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Janitorial service establishment
- Laboratories, research, experimental or testing, but not testing explosives, rockets, or jet engines
- Light manufacturing uses which do not create danger to health and safety in surrounding areas and which do not create offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, lint, odor, heat, glare, or electrical impulse than that which is generally associated with light industries
- Mobile Food Vendors subject to Article 9-24
- Monument sales establishments with incidental processing to order but not including shaping of headstones

- Motion picture studio
- Nurseries and greenhouses
- Offices- business, professional, or administrative
- Off-street parking and loading subject to Article 7
- Open space subject to Article 9
- Printing, publishing, and engraving establishment; photographic processing; blueprinting; photocopying; and similar uses
- Club, Lodge, or Assembly hall, of less than 10,000 square feet, certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Rental service establishment
- Retail or wholesale sales and service incidental to a permitted manufacturing, processing, storing, or distributing use
- Rug and carpet cleaning and storage with incidental sales of rugs and carpets
- Security service office or station
- Sign fabricating and painting
- Signs, subject to Article 6
- Studios of less than 10,000 square feet, or certified for occupancy of no more than 300 persons
- Transmission and receiving towers of height not exceeding one hundred twenty-five (125) feet
- Utilities related to and necessary for service within the Town, including poles, wires, transformers, telephone booths, and the like for electrical power distribution or communication service, and underground pipelines or conduits for local electrical, gas, sewer, or water service, but not those facilities listed as requiring a special use permit
- Wholesale establishment, storage warehouse, or distribution center. furniture moving

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Permissible Uses (by special use permit upon approval of the Town Council)

- Active Recreation Facilities of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Automobile body shop
- Automobile and truck repair and service
- Cafeteria of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Church (or place of religious worship) of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Commercial Kennels
- Conference Centers of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Contractor's storage yard
- Data Center
- Farm equipment, motorcycle, boat and sport trailer sales and service
- Fuel, coal, oil distribution storage yards
- Health or Fitness Facilities of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Institutional buildings of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Lumber and building supply with undercover storage.
- Maintenance and equipment shops with screened outside storage

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- Outdoor storage of any kind
- Plumbing and electrical supply with undercover storage
- Club, Lodge, or Assembly Hall of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Active Recreation Facilities of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Restaurant or cafeteria, drive-thru or otherwise
- Self-service mini-warehouse
- Studios of 10,000 square feet or greater, or certified for occupancy of more than 300 persons
- Temporary fair and show grounds
- Tire and battery sales and service, tire recapping and retreading
- Transmission and receiving towers of height greater than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet.
- Treatment plants, water storage tanks, major transmission lines or pipelines, pumping or regulator stations, communications towers, storage yards and substations, and cable television facilities and accessory buildings