

May 19, 2026  
Planning Commission  
Public Hearing

**ZOTA-26-1 - A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3 TO ALLOW HOTELS OF UP TO 30 OR 40 ROOMS, CLUBS AND LODGES, AS WELL AS INNS, BED AND BREAKFASTS, AND TOURIST HOMES AS BY-RIGHT USES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Warrenton Town Council (Hereinafter "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**, such an amendment was initiated by resolution of Council in accord with the procedures and requirements of Section 11-3.9 of the Zoning Ordinance on April 14, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2026 the Town of Warrenton Planning Commission held a work session to discuss the text amendment to allow Hotels of up to 30 or 40 rooms, Clubs and Lodges, as well as Inns, Bed and Breakfasts, and Tourist Homes as Permitted Uses (by-right) per Section 3-4.11.2 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2026 the Town of Warrenton Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton Planning Commission finds that per the Code of Virginia §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

**RESOLVED**, by the Town of Warrenton Planning Commission on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, that the Commission hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following text amendment to Article 3 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**

## Article 3 Zoning Districts and Map

Amended by Town Council: **March 11, 2008**  
**February 12, 2013**  
**April 12, 2016**  
**June 14, 2016**  
**August 9, 2016**  
**December 11, 2018**  
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**3-4.11.2 Permitted Uses (by-right)**

- Accessory buildings
- Apartments
- Banks and other financial institutions, but not drive-in facilities
- Broadcasting stations
- Churches
- Cleaning and pressing shops limited to six (6) pressing machines, and four (4) dry cleaning machines
- Clinics - outpatient care only
- Clubs & Lodges
- Community buildings
- Historic shrines and museums
- Home Occupations
- Hotels of up to 30 or 40 rooms
- Inns, Bed & Breakfasts, and Tourist Homes
- Institutional buildings
- Medical and dental offices/clinics
- Mixed Use structures
- Mobile Food Vendors subject to Article 9-24
- Offices for business or professional use
- Off-street parking and load subject to Article 7
- Open space subject to Article 9
- Parking lots, in accord with supplemental regulations in Article 9 and parking lot standards, Article 7
- Personal service stores not exceeding three thousand (3,000) square feet in gross area, or within an existing space legally used for such purposes within the previous five years.
- Restaurants, without drive-in facilities
- Retail service stores not exceeding three thousand (3,000) square feet in gross area, or within an existing space legally used for such purposes within the previous five years
- Signs subject to Article 6
- Single-family detached dwelling units
- Studios and Trade Schools
- Theaters
- Townhouses and duplexes
- Utilities related to and necessary service within the Town, including poles, wires, transformers, telephone booths, and the like for electrical power distribution of 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
- Vending machines

**3-4.11.3 Permissible Uses** (by special use permit upon approval of the Town Council)

- Active and passive recreation and recreational facilities
- Child care center, day care center, or nursery school
- ~~- Clubs and lodges~~
- Commercial parking lots and garages
- Commercial recreational establishments
- Drive-through facilities for banks and financial institutions
- Emergency housing
- Farmers markets
- Funeral homes
- Health and Fitness Facilities
- Hotels and motels, not exceeding seventy-five (75) rooms
- ~~- Hotels, Inns, Bed & Breakfasts, and Tourist Homes~~
- Medical centers and laboratories
- Parks and playgrounds.
- Printing establishments in excess of 3,000 square feet in gross area
- Rental service establishments, with no outside equipment storage.
- Retail, personal or business services, office, or restaurants in dwellings or apartment buildings
- Schools, including trade schools
- Small equipment sales and/or service operations
- Taxicab stands
- Water storage tanks, major transmission lines or pipelines, pumping or regulator stations, communications towers, and substations, and cable television facilities and accessory buildings