

Evaluation Criteria; Issues for Consideration (§11-3.10.3)

In considering a Special Use Permit application, the following factors should be considered. The applicant also shall address these factors in its **statement of justification**:

1. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit will adequately provide for safety from fire hazards and have effective measures of fire control.
3. The level and impact of any noise emanating from the site, including that generated by the proposed use, in relation to the uses in the immediate area.
4. The glare or light that may be generated by the proposed use in relation to uses in the immediate area.
5. The proposed location, lighting and type of signs in relation to the proposed use, uses in the area, and the sign requirements of this Ordinance.
6. The compatibility of the proposed use with other existing or proposed uses in the neighborhood, and adjacent parcels.
7. The location and area footprint with dimensions (all drawn to scale), nature and height of existing or proposed buildings, structures, walls, and fences on the site and in the neighborhood.
8. The nature and extent of existing or proposed landscaping, screening and buffering on the site and in the neighborhood.
9. The timing and phasing of the proposed development and the duration of the proposed use.
10. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit will result in the preservation or destruction, loss or damage of any significant topographic or physical, natural, scenic, archaeological or historic feature.
11. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit at the specified location will contribute to or promote the welfare or convenience of the public.
12. The traffic expected to be generated by the proposed use, the adequacy of access roads and the vehicular and pedestrian circulation elements (on and off-site) of the proposed use, all in relation to the public's interest in pedestrian and vehicular safety, efficient traffic movement and access in case of fire or catastrophe.
13. Whether the proposed use will facilitate orderly and safe road development and transportation.
14. Whether, in the case of existing structures proposed to be converted to uses requiring a Special Use Permit, the structures meet all code requirements of the Town of Warrenton.
15. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit will be served adequately by essential public facilities, services and utilities.
16. The effect of the proposed Special Use Permit on environmentally sensitive land or natural features, wildlife habitat and vegetation, water quality and air quality.

17. Whether the proposed Special Use Permit use will provide desirable employment and enlarge the tax base by encouraging economic development activities consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
18. The effect of the proposed Special Use Permit use in enhancing affordable shelter opportunities for residents of the Town, if applicable.
19. The location, character, and size of any outdoor storage.
20. The proposed use of open space.
21. The location of any major floodplain and steep slopes.
22. The location and use of any existing non-conforming uses and structures.
23. The location and type of any fuel and fuel storage.
24. The location and use of any anticipated accessory uses and structures.
25. The area of each proposed use.
26. The proposed days/hours of operation.
27. The location and screening of parking and loading spaces and/or areas.
28. The location and nature of any proposed security features and provisions.
29. The number of employees.
30. The location of any existing and/or proposed adequate on and off-site infrastructure.
31. Any anticipated odors which may be generated by the uses on site.
32. Refuse and service areas.