

The Zoning Board held a Public Hearing on March 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall 108 W Main Street, Winnebago, Illinois to hear input on the proposed Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment RE: Body Art.

The NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT TEXT AMENDMENT (RE: BODY ART) was published in the February 13, 2025, edition of the local newspaper, The Gazette.

PRESENT: A quorum of the Zoning Board members was present. Chairman Emmert, Irv Koning, Brian Martin ABSENT: Mike Booker, Riley Pitney

GUESTS: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joey Dienberg, Rich Graham, Siri Drogsvold, Dillion Maclean, Morgan Blessing, John Pierson, Lisa Smith, Chandra Cearns, John Rowley, Anna Silberman, Jason Silberman

EMMERT: Ok its 5:30PM ah we have a public hearing scheduled for 5:30 and ah it's public hearings about a recommended- recommendation for a text amendment to the UDO regarding a District 3- General Business and tattoo parlors. Ah present are myself, Bill Emmert, Irv Koning, and Brian Martin, so we do have a quorum. Is there anybody here who'd like to speak to this?

MS. SMITH: Well, I'm for the tattoo parlor but I'm wait, she's running late, the girl that's going to run it.

EMMERT: Ok. Ah, our next public hearing's scheduled for 5:45 so we've got a few minutes we can wait.

*There was a brief pause in the meeting for the other guests to arrive.

EMMERT: Ok. Is this the person?

MS. SMITH: Yes

EMMERT: Ok, can we have people in the audience please identify themselves, we'll start with the front, my right.

MR. GRAHAM: Uh, Rich Graham

EMMERT: Ah, Rachel, can you hear that?

Mrs. Windgassen: Uh, yep. If you could speak up just a little bit, but yeah I can hear ya.

EMMERT: Rich Graham.

MS. DROGSVOLD: Siri Drogsvold.

EMMERT: Can you spell that please?

MS. DROGSVOLD: Last name or first name?

EMMERT: Ah, might as well do both.

MS. DROGSVOLD: Ah, first name; S-I-R-I. Last name; D-R-O-G-S-V-O-L-D.

EMMERT: Did you hear that Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Yes, I did.

EMMERT: Just trying to make sure we get a clear record. Next.

MR. MACLEAN: Dillion Maclean

EMMERT: Dillion Maclean?

MR. MACLEAN: Maclean. M-A-C-L-E-A-N

EMMERT: Did you hear that Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Yes, I did.

EMMERT: Next.

MR. BLESSING: Morgan Blessing.

EMMERT: Ok, just like it sounds?

MR. BLESSING: Yes.

EMMERT: Ok, Joey do we have some more chairs we can put out?

MR. DIENBERG: Yea.

EMMERT: Uh, next, second row.

MR. PIERSON: Uh, Johnathan Pierson.

EMMERT: John?

MR. PIERSON: Pierson.

EMMERT: Pierson. Spell the last name please.

MR. PIERSON: P-I-E-R-S-O-N.

EMMERT: Did you hear that Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Yes, I did.

MS. SMITH: Lisa Smith.

EMMERT: Lisa Smith. S-M-I-T-H?

MS. SMITH: Yes

EMMERT: Ok.

MS. CEARNs: And then Chandra Cearns

EMMERT: Say that again.

MS. CEARNs: Chandra C-H-A-N-D-R-A. And then the last name is Cearn's, C-E-A-R-N-S.

EMMERT: Ok, next.

MR. ROWLEY: John Rowley.

EMMERT: John Rowley. Did you hear that Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Ah, yes, but I believe I missed someone between John and Chandra.

EMMERT: I don't think so.

GAZIANO: That was Lisa, no yeah there was no one between them. It was-

EMMERT: Lisa Smith before Chandra. Ok, third row.

MS. SILBERMAN: Anna Silberman.

EMMERT: Uh, spell the last name please.

MS. SILBERMAN: S-I-L-B as in boy-E-R-M-A-N

EMMERT: Did you hear that, Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Yes, I did.

EMMERT: And we'll forget the minor. And next.

MR. SILBERMAN: Jason Silberman

EMMERT: Did you get that Rachel?

MRS. WINDGASSEN: Yes, I did.

EMMERT: Ok. Ah, this is a public hearing, ah, to discuss what zoning classification body art establish-establishments should be within the Village of Winnebago UDO. Do we have anybody who would like to speak to this? Do you want to say anything, or?

MS. CEARNs: Um, I just- I'm hoping to get this passed so that-

MS. SMITH: Yeah, we both are

MS. CEARNs: Yeah, so we can-

EMMERT: Ok. Ah, for the rest of the people in attendance that had not been at a prior meeting. The reason we're doing this is the UDO is vague with respect to where a tattoo parlor would fit within the UDO. So we're going to make some recommendations when the zoning committee meets after this to give recommendations to the Village Board on just where, what zoning classification tattoo parlors should be. Ah, do you have any questions?

BOOKER: I have none

EMMERT: Do you have any questions? Ah, there not being any more ah people wanting to testify at the public hearing. I would order this public hearing to be closed.

GAZIANO: The only clarification I would like to make for um, Rachel's benefit, just in case you didn't catch it, but when the two ladies that indicated they were in favor of it, and they'd like to see it passed, it would have been Lisa Smith and um, Chandra Cearn's.

MRS WINDGASSEN: Ok, thank you.

EMMERT: Ok, we'll meet as a zoning board after the next public hearing. You're- you're free to stay if you want to, ah, this next one may take a while, I'll just to give you a heads up on that.

MS. SMITH: So do you think we can go ahead and go-?

EMMERT: Uh. Based upon, the recommendation is either going to be for a uh, permitted use or a special use. That's what it comes down to.

MS. SMITH: Ok so, so we're good otherwise.

EMMERT: Yeah, it's it's going to stay in the business, as a recommendation the consensus that we had before. The only issue is, is it going to be a special permitted use or just a permitted use.

MS. SMITH: Ok

EMMERT: So

MS. CEARN'S: So either way, it's good. We just gotta wait to--

EMMERT: Yeah, either way it would go to the Village Board, I think, what, tomorrow?

DIENBERG: Tomorrow night

EMMERT: Tomorrow night.

MS. SMITH: And then you'd notify me? So um, because I'm the landlord of the building?

DIENBERG: Yes

MS. CEARN'S: And then Lisa can get ahold of me. And then we'll get it all.. I'm excited. Thank you.

EMMERT: Yeah

GAZIANO: It is-it is the Village Board just understand that, that has that final vote on this particular action. We're going to have something else where it's a variance, not having to do with you, and that rests with this board. But this other thing goes, they make a recommendation and it goes to the Village Board.

EMMERT: And it's again, just to clarify its vague. If they go the special permitted use, then there's going to have to be a request for a special use permit.

MS. CEARN'S: Ok, that's fine

EMMERT: If it goes permitted use, then it'll be allowed as a permitted use.

MS. SMITH: Ok

EMMERT: Ok?

MS. CEARNES: Ok, thank you guys!

MS. SMITH: Ok, sounds great. Thank you.

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