



# Franklin County Communique to the Planning Board

## REQUEST FOR UDO AMENDMENTS 16-UDO-02

### STAFF ANALYSIS

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#### Staff Discussion

Staff is proposing to amend the UDO to allow for (Shooting Ranges) as a Special Use within the Agricultural Residential (AR), Light Industrial (LI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning districts. Planning Staff has researched several ordinances across the state in order to establish regulations that it feels would fit within the UDO. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute G.S. 14-409-.46 existing shooting ranges prior to the adoption of this Ordinance would not be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. This proposed amendment will provide Citizens with criteria to regulate the size and location of Shooting Ranges.

#### Section 2-1: Word Interpretation

(291) Shooting Range: means a business establishment, private club, individual or association that operates an area for the discharge of firearms. This definition shall not apply to hunting activities as regulated by the state nor private landowners and their family and guests not to exceed ten individuals at any one time.

#### Section 6-1: Table of Permitted Uses

PERMITTED USES	AR	R-1	R-8	R-15	R-30	R-40	R-80	PUD***	NB	RB	HB	TND	MU	O/I	CON-D	LI**	HI**	GB
Shooting Range	<u>S</u>															<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	

#### Section 6-2: Notes to the Table of Permitted Uses

Note 26. Shooting Range. Shooting ranges shall be a Special Use in AR, LI, and HI zoning districts provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) Shall not be located within one (1) mile of a church, school, day care, group/family care home or retirement/nursing home facility.
- (2) Hours of operation shall be limited to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- (3) The minimum lot size shall be ten (10) acres.
- (4) Security fencing a minimum of six (6) feet in height, shall be installed around the perimeter of the range.

- (5) Access shall be controlled to prevent unregulated entrance to the firing range area.
- (6) No portion of the range area shall be closer than five hundred (500) linear feet to the closest exterior property line.
- (7) Shooting ranges shall be designed to minimize offsite noise impacts generated by the activities on the range facility.
- (8) Parking shall be subject to requirements located in Article 16. Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements. Section 16-1 Off-Street Parking Requirements.
- (9) Backstop downrange and design shall be done in accordance with (NRA) National Rifle Association Standards. Elevation control is required along the shooting range to prevent rounds from being fired over backstop or berms.
- (10) Warning signs meeting (NRA) National Rifle Association guidelines shall be posted no more than one hundred (100) feet apart along the property lines indication shooting range located on property.
- (11) Shots fired on site, whether on range or in air, shall be contained entirely on the site.
- (12) All other local, state, and federal regulations shall be issued prior to zoning permits.

ARTICLE 16. OFF-SREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Section 16-1: Off Street Parking Requirements

Use	Minimum Parking Requirement
<u>Shooting Range</u>	<u>One (1) space for each employee plus one (1) space for each firing point/station.</u>

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Recommend approval of the requested UDO amendments as noted above.