



# Franklin County Communique to the Planning Board

## REQUEST FOR UDO AMENDMENTS 16-UDO-04

### STAFF ANALYSIS

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#### Staff Discussion

At the January 12, 2016 Planning Board Meeting, Mr. Mark McArn suggested that Planning Staff look at amending the Ordinance to allow for Indoor Shooting Ranges. Staff is proposing to amend the UDO to allow for (Indoor Shooting Ranges) as a Permitted Use within Light Industrial (LI), Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning districts and Conditional Use within Highway Business (HB) and General Business 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 Indoor Shooting Ranges.

#### Section 2-1: Word Interpretation

(163) Indoor Shooting Range: means a business establishment, private club, individual or association that operates inside an enclosed building for the discharge of firearms.

#### 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
Indoor Shooting Range											C					X	X	C

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

Note 27. Indoor Shooting Range. Shooting ranges shall be a Permitted Use in Light Industrial (LI) and Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning districts and Conditional Use in Highway Business (HB) and General Business zoning districts provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The minimum lot size shall meet the required minimum lot size for the underlying zoning district.
- (2) Shall be subject to the required setbacks of the underlying zoning district.
- (3) Shall be designed/engineered to absorb or dissipate noise from the firing of weapons so that it is not heard outside the building.

(4) Parking shall be subject to requirements located in Article 16. Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements. Section 16-1 Off-Street Parking Requirements.

(5) All other local, state, and federal regulations shall be issued prior to zoning permits.

**Section 7-3 Table of Regulations for Conditional Uses**

**Use-Indoor Shooting Range**

**Conditional Use Permit: HB and GB**

**Requirements:**

- (A) Minimum lot area. Minimum lot area shall be the same as required for the underlying zoning district.
- (B) Parking. Shall conform to Article 16, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements.
- (C) Screening. Shall conform to Article 14, Landscape Requirements.
- (D) Shall meet all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.
- (E) Shall be designed/engineered to absorb or dissipate noise from firing of weapons so that it is not heard outside the building.

ARTICLE 16. OFF-SREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Section 16-1: Off Street Parking Requirements

Use	Minimum Parking Requirement
<u>Indoor 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.