

EOIN WRAFTER, AICP COMMISSIONER

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

January 17, 2020

To:

City Council, City of Beacon

Re:

ZR19-406, Local Law Amending the City Code regarding Schedule of Use and Bulk Regulations

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development has reviewed the subject referral within the framework of General Municipal Law (Article 12B, Sections 239-I and 239-m).

ACTION

The City is seeking to amend its Schedule of Uses and Bulk Regulations.

COMMENTS

We are pleased to see that the City has revised its Schedule of Uses to be much easier to read and has combined similar districts to streamline the code. We have a few minor comments for the Council's consideration:

- 1. Museums are proposed in all R-1 and RD districts via special permit by the Council. This use may be too intense for residential areas, especially on small lots.
- 2. A definition should be provided for Trade Schools and Training Programs. As "Colleges or Universities" and "Private Schools or Nursery Schools" are permitted in All R1 and RD districts, it is unclear why "Trade Schools or Training Programs" aren't as well.
- 3. There is no definition for Medical Service Structure. "Medical service accessory structure" is also referred to in section 223-13(O).
- 4. The City should consider permitting forms of urban agriculture.
- 5. Section 223-14.4 Waterfront Development (WD) Zone and §223-63 Definitions references "Conference Centers" while the Schedule of Uses references "Conference space."
- 6. The current proposal defines the term "Workshop" in the text of §223-41.18(17), but then does not in §223-41.21(15). Perhaps the definition of this use should not be included in these sections but should appear in the Definitions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board rely upon its own study of the facts in the case with due consideration of the above comments.

Eoin Wrafter, AICP, Commissioner

By

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