

PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS

Rezoning Petition No. 2007-157

Petitioner: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

Request: Text amendment to add a new definition for Commercial Outdoor Amusement.

Background

Currently, commercial outdoor amusement uses such as miniature golf courses, are permitted in B-2, I-1 and I-2 zoning districts. A definition for commercial outdoor amusement will help clarify the types of uses that qualify as a commercial outdoor amusement.

Summary

The new definition for “commercial outdoor amusement” is:

A business establishment operating for profit, which is primarily engaged in providing outdoor recreational activities to the general public. Commercial outdoor amusement includes such uses as miniature golf courses, par three golf courses, skateboard courses, water slides, mechanical rides, carnivals, go-cart or motorcycle courses, fish ranches, golf driving-ranges or other similar uses.

Consistency and Conclusion

This text amendment is consistent with current policy, reasonable and in the public interest, and appropriate for approval.