PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO.2022-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION DIRECTING THE STAFF OF PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES TO DRAFT AN LDC TEXT AMENDMENT FOR THE W-2 WATERFRONT DISTRICT (Section 2.6.5)

WHEREAS, Waterfront Park is the most visited destination in downtown Louisville, with over 150 events and 2.2 million visitors annually;

WHEREAS, a large portion of Waterfront Park and the properties immediately adjacent to and across River Road from Waterfront Park are zoned W-2 Waterfront District, which is a special purpose zoning regulation created for the Waterfront area;

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Development Corporation has requested the Planning Commission to initiate an amendment to the Land Development Code to expand the permitted uses in the W-2 district to allow general retail uses, banquet and event spaces, recreation, sports, and similar entertainment uses, distilleries, breweries, and other uses, that complement Waterfront Park and provide additional amenities for park visitors and tourists;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.6.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO EXPAND THE PERMITTED USES IN THE W-2 WATERFRONT DISTRICT.

SECTION I: The proposed text amendment shall include the following revisions to the Land Development Code:

Deletions

Additions

2.6.5 W-2 Waterfront District

The following provisions shall apply in the W-2 Waterfront District unless otherwise provided:

A. Permitted Uses:

Antique shops and interior decorating shops

Art galleries

Artist studios

Bakeries, retail sales on premises only

Banquet and event facilities

Bed and Breakfasts

Bicycle sales and service

Breweries and distilleries, including accessory tasting rooms and tap rooms (where production activities occur indoors in a space 15,000 square feet or less)

Automobile service stations, cConvenience stores and branch banks when located on parcels without river frontage

Dwellings, Multiple family

Florist shops

Governmental services

Hotels, motels; including accessory docking facilities

Libraries, museums, historical buildings and grounds, arboretums, aquariums

Offices: professional, general

Pleasure boat sales and boat service if contained within a building or performed in the water

Private river-oriented recreational facilities, including boat charter, private boat docking, sight seeing

Public assembly and festival gathering

Public parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities

Recreation, sports, and similar entertainment uses (excluding night clubs, bars, and adult businesses)

Restaurants (indoor and outdoor alcohol sales and consumption with proper ABC license)

River-theme retail commercial uses including restaurants and other

FRetail establishments complementary to uses listed above

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SECTION II: This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.