ORDINANCE NO. 122, SERIES 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 2.6.5 RELATING TO THE W-2 WATERFRONT DISTRICT (CASE NO. 22-LDC-0004).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER MADONNA FLOOD

WHEREAS, Plan 2040 was adopted by the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the "Council") effective January 1, 2019; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Development Corporation requested the Louisville Metro Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") and its staff to initiate an amendment to the Land Development Code ("LDC") and develop recommendations to the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the "Council") regarding the expansion of permitted uses in the W-2 Waterfront 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 tourist; and

WHEREAS, the proposed text amendments went to the Planning Committee of the Planning Commission for public meeting on August 2, 2022, and was forwarded by that Committee to the Planning Commission for its review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on August 18, 2022 recommended that the Council adopt the proposed text amendments to the LDC as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 22-LDC-0004; and

WHEREAS, the Council approves and accepts the recommendation of the Planning Commission as set out in said Planning Commission Resolution No. 22-LDC-0004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Chapter 2, Part 2 of the LDC, Section 2.6.5, is amended as follows:

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 services
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,~~ Convenience 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 commercial uses including restaurants and other~~
~~r~~Retail establishments complementary to uses listed above

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SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

9/13/2022
Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
September 8, 2022

By: Travis J. Fiechter

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