

Washington County, Minnesota

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 139

An Ordinance Amending the Washington County Development Code Regulating Land Use in Washington County.

Date Approved: 05/11/1999

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Resolution No. 99-054

Resolution Approving a Text Amendment to the Washington County Development Code

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted to amend Chapter 2 of the Washington County Development Code to make golf driving ranges a conditionally permitted use within agricultural districts throughout the unincorporated area of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on February 23, 1999, as required by the Washington County Development Code and the proposed amendment, including performance standards, was recommended for approval at their March 23, 1999, meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 1999, the Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consists of the Minutes of the Planning Advisory Commission meetings, staff reports, correspondence and a presentation by the Washington County Department of Transportation and Physical Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the hearing record, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Chapter 2, Part 1 and Chapter 2, Part 3 of the Washington County Development Code to allow golf driving ranges with a conditional use permit subject to performance standards as more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A for the following reasons:

1. A golf driving range is an appropriate and compatible land use in agricultural zoning districts so long as certain performance standards can be met;
2. Individual townships have the ability to further restrict golf driving ranges through the adoption of more restrictive official controls than the County;
3. It is economically unfeasible to have golf driving ranges on commercial/industrial property given the land values of commercial/industrial properties and the return generated by a recreational type use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth on the attached Exhibit in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law.

Attest:
James R. Schug, County Administrator
Wally Abrahamson, Chairman, County Board

Abrahamson – X - Yes
Hegberg – X - Yes
Peterson – X - Yes

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

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The Board of Commissioners of Washington County ordains:

SECTION 1: Amend Chapter 2 Part One, Section 2.2 (3) of the Washington County Development Code to allow a "golf driving range" with a conditional use permit in the Agricultural Districts.

SECTION 2: Amend Chapter 2 Part Three, Section 2 Performance standards of the Washington County Development Code by adding "golf driving range" as a conditional use and establishing performance standards as follows:

- A) Minimum lot area of 35 acres is required for the driving range.
This parcel shall be a separate parcel of record.
- B) Hours - 7 AM to dusk.
- C) Lighting - No lighting except security lighting is permitted.
- D) Site must be large enough so that safety netting is not necessary to keep golf balls on the property.
- E) Parking - One and one-half off-street parking space shall be provided for each hitting station plus one for each employee.
Additional parking shall be provided if necessary.
- F) A highway access permit must be obtained from the permitting authority.
- G) A 150 foot setback from all property lines to the outer boundaries of the driving range fairway is required.
- H) A maximum of 25 tees are permitted.
- I) Fencing and landscaping shall be installed where deemed necessary by the County.
- J) Miniature golf holes or any other amusement type activities are prohibited.
- K) Access to the driving range must be from a collector or arterial street.
- L) One office/storage building is permitted.
The structure shall meet setback requirements for the Agricultural District.
The use of the structure shall only be for the golf practice range on the 35 acre parcel.
- M) A public address system is prohibited.
- N) No liquor license will be permitted.
- O) One business identification sign of 20 square feet is allowed.
The sign shall not be lighted nor illuminated and shall be of natural color and shall have a maximum height of 6 feet.
- P) Sanitary facilities shall be provided in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code.
- Q) There shall be no food preparation on site.
- R) The facility is to be an open air type facility.
A domed or any other type of covered facility is prohibited.
- S) Flags must be used for yardage markers.
Signs or any other yardage or target markers are prohibited.

SECTION 3: The Zoning Administrator is hereby directed to change the Washington County Development Code in accordance with the foregoing amendment.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, this 11' day of May, 1999.

Wally Abrahamson, Chair, County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

James R. Schug, Washington County Administrator

Approved as to form and legality:

Douglas H. Johnson, Washington County Attorney