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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

ACM: Kenneth Hedges

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding revisions to existing, recreational-focused land uses and proposing a new land use category related to event venues.

BACKGROUND

At the February 23, 2026, Development Code Review Committee (DCRC) meeting, Staff introduced the Table of Allowed Uses, Use Specific Standards, and Definitions Sections of the Denton Development Code (DDC) topic, and discussed areas of the Code proposed to be refined as part of this amendment. As part of this ongoing topic, Staff is bringing forward a discussion item to incorporate event venues as a new use in the DDC.

Staff has received applications for developments that call themselves “event venues” because they provide a gathering space for concerts, weddings, etc. Additionally, Staff has received inquiries from the public regarding existing businesses that are not classified as a recreational-focused land use but that would regularly hold events.

Applications for recreational types of land uses are typically classified as one of the two uses: Indoor Recreational Facility, or Outdoor Recreational Facility (see Exhibit 2 for definitions). However, not all applications can be neatly classified as one use or another due to several factors that create complications for staff’s decision-making. These factors and complications are as follows:

- The sale/production of alcohol on premises for proposed developments where zoning prohibits or requires a Specific Use Permit for the Bar, Tavern, or Lounge land use.
- The broad range of zoning districts, the Outdoor Recreational Facility land use is permitted in particularly when an application has outdoor elements (see Exhibit 3).
- Repetitiveness between the Parks, Playground, Open Space land use definition and the Outdoor Recreational Facility land use definition.
- Goals of the Design Downtown Plan and requirements for the Outdoor Recreational Facility land use in mixed-use zoning districts.

At the May 11, 2026 DCRC meeting, staff introduced the topic, presented existing regulations, and discussed new and revised land use definitions. The Committee provided general consensus to move forward with the proposed new land use category and provided direction to staff to provide current business examples that have been adjusted to fit within the DDC’s Outdoor Recreational Facility and the Indoor Recreational Facility land uses.

At the June 8, 2026 DCRC meeting, staff will present the requested information to the DCRC and seek feedback and consensus on the proposed amendments based on the information presented. The proposed amendments are intended to be incorporated into the comprehensive DDC amendment including the Table of Allowed Uses, Use Specific Standards, Definitions, and Residential Design Standards. Please note the presentation is still being refined and the final version will be shared at the June 8, 2026 meeting.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Amendments

Exhibit 3 – Draft Presentation

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