



# City of Denton

City Hall  
215 E. McKinney Street  
Denton, Texas  
www.cityofdenton.com

---

## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Development Services

**ICM:** Cassey Ogden

**DATE:** May 11, 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 will introduce the topic, present existing regulations, and discuss new and revised land use definitions. At subsequent DCRC meetings, staff will present proposed amendments to the DDC to establish a new land use and relevant site design standards, if applicable.

The presentation for this item is still in draft format and will be sent to the DCRC on Friday, May 8th.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Existing Land Uses Definitions

Exhibit 3 – Table of Allowed Uses

Respectfully submitted:  
Hayley Zagurski, AICP  
Planning Director

Prepared by:

Cameron Robertson, AICP

Historic Preservation Officer

Matt Bodine

Assistant Planner