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AN ORDINANCE BY
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 1982 CITY OF ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ALLOW OUTDOOR AQUATIC RECREATION ESTABLISHMENTS AS A USE WITHIN THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT MIXED USE (PD-MU) ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there has been an increased interest in water skiing within the City; and

WHEREAS, there is a benefit to the inclusion of water ski facilities and outdoor aquatic recreation establishments as a component of larger mixed use communities; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing highlights the need to include outdoor aquatic recreation facilities allowed by Special Use Permit in the PD-MU districts.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: City Code Sec. 16.0198.003 setting forth the uses permissible in the PD-MU zoning district is hereby amended to add a new sub-section (23) to read:

- (23) Outdoor aquatic recreation facilities with a special use permit

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict are waived to the extent of the conflict.



Z-16-66: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-019B.003 OF THE 1982 CITY OF ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR AQUATIC RECREATION ESTABLISHMENTS AS A USE WITHIN THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-MIXED USE (PD-MU) ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The proposed amendment to the Planned Development-Mixed Use (PD-MU) Zoning District is a direct response to the increased interest of water skiing as a recreational sport within planned development mixed use zoning districts that include large bodies of water to accommodate this activity. The intent of a PD-MU is to support residential developments of complementary uses in combination with commercial and/or office uses. PD-MU uses are mutually planned, scaled and balanced with the surrounding community.

Currently, the city's zoning regulations do not allow outdoor aquatic recreation establishments, such as water skiing, river rafting or water polo in a PD-MU. There are many benefits to the inclusion of these type of establishments such as, creating community cohesiveness and fostering the enjoyment of nature. However these benefits can only be realized if the property zoned for PD-MU has water features that can accommodate this use.

This use would only be allowed with an approval of a Special Use Permit by the City Council. An application would need to be filed. This application would then be reviewed by the Office of Zoning and Development and the impacted Neighborhood Planning Unit. Prior to the review and/or approval of the City Council, the Zoning Review Board will review the Special Use Permit application during a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the City Council.



An example of an outdoor aquatic recreational activity

Call To Action:

Make a recommendation at your local NPU meeting or, ZRB hearing regarding the amendment of City Code Section 16-0198.003 to permit outdoor aquatic recreational facilities in the PD-MU Zoning District with a Special Use Permit.

Important Dates to Remember:

October-November, 2016: NPU review

December 1st or 8th, 2016: Zoning Review Board (ZRB) public hearing.

January 2017: Zoning committee and City Council review and action.