



MEMORANDUM

Town of Nags Head

Planning & Development Department

To: Planning Board

From: Kelly Wyatt, Deputy Planning Director
Michael Zehner, Director of Planning and Development

Date: April 15, 2020

Subject: Consideration of a zoning ordinance text amendment pertaining to "Tutoring Facility/Learning Center".

BACKGROUND

Megan Dixon and Kim Cowen have submitted the attached text amendment request to the Unified Development Ordinance, which, if adopted would permit "Tutoring Facility/Learning Center" as a permitted use within the C-2, General Commercial Zoning District.

The applicants have provided a detailed explanation of the nature and reason for their request. They would like to offer tutoring, both part- and full-time, to registered homeschooled children, ages 6 and up. Ms. Cowen has spoken with both me and the Senior Building Inspector, Steve Szymanski, about the proposed business use. In looking at the current UDO, similar uses include Child Care Facility and School, however, by definition, the proposed use would not meet either of these use classifications. Therefore, it was recommended to Ms. Cowen that a text amendment request to consider establishing this new use would be necessary.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff finds the proposed use is consistent with the 2017 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the desire to encourage land uses that serve the needs of both year-round and seasonal residents in support of the town's overall vision for the community. Staff would recommend the use be listed under the *Service* category in the Table of Uses and Activities and be defined as follows:

Tutoring Facility/Learning Center means a private, for profit or non-profit, use for the instruction of students in subjects and materials commonly taught in primary and secondary schools, for test-preparation, or the teaching of music and visual arts.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed use as presented, with the changes noted.

(DRAFT)
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
 OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA PERTAINING TO PROPOSED NEW USE
 “TUTORING FACILITY/LEARNING CENTER”**

ARTICLE I. Purpose(s) and Authority.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-381, the Town of Nags Head (the “Town”) may enact and amend ordinances regulating the zoning and development of land within its jurisdiction and specifically the location and use of buildings, structures and land; pursuant to this authority and the additional authority granted by N.C.G.S. Chap. 160A, Art. 19 et. seq, the Town has adopted comprehensive zoning regulations and has codified the same within the Unified Development Ordinance, Part II of the Town Code, adopted pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-363, which allows the Town to combine certain land development ordinances into a unified ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a text amendment application has been requesting consideration be given to permitting “tutoring facility/learning center” within the C-2, General Commercial Zoning District’ and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head 2017 Comprehensive Plan includes policies supporting land uses that serve the needs of both year-round and seasonal residents in support of the town’s overall vision for the community and to support and foster small, local businesses that preserve and uphold the vision and legacy of the town.

ARTICLE II. Construction.

For purposes of this ordinance amendment, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Town Code language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. Any portions of the adopted Town Code which are not repeated herein but are instead replaced by an ellipsis (“...”) shall remain as they currently exist within the Town Code.

ARTICLE III. Amendment of the Unified Development Ordinance.

PART I. That **Section 6.6 Table of Uses and Activities** be amended as follows:

Use Category/Class	Use Type	Residential Districts			Commercial Districts				
		R-1	R-2	R-3	CR	C-1*	C-2	C-3	C-4
Service	<u>Tutoring Facility/Learning Center</u>						<u>P</u>		

PART II. That **Section 10.16 Required Parking by Use** be amended as follows:

Use Category/Class	Use Type	Required Parking
<u>Institutional</u>	<u>Tutoring Facilities/Learning Center</u>	<u>One parking space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.</u>

PART III. That Appendix A Definitions, be amended as follows:

Section A.4 – Definitions

Tutoring Facility/Learning Center means a private, for profit or non-profit, use for the instruction of students in subjects and materials commonly taught in primary and secondary schools, for test-preparation, or the teaching of music and visual arts.

PART IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the ___ day of ____ 2020.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney

Date adopted: _____

Motion to adopt by Commissioner _____

Motion seconded by Commissioner _____

Vote: _____ AYES _____ NAYS

ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION
TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

Applicant Outer Banks Montessori Collective

Mailing address 202 Shuloh Street KDH 27948

Explanation of request

- Zoning Ordinance - Section(s) _____
Attach amendment in ordinance form.
- Zoning Map
Attach copy of current Zoning Map with affected property outlined in red.
Attach names and mailing addresses of the property owners of all parcels of land abutting the parcel in question.

Nature of request

A Rez amendment to create a new use category for a learning center in C-2 Zone in Nags Head

Reason for request

We are an academic service business - we provide tutoring, part & full time, to homeschool families. Each child we serve (ages 6+) is a registered homeschool child. Families can choose from a range of services - from 1 hour sessions up to 6 hours/day, 5 days a week & everything in between (3x/week, week w/ 1 day off, 9-1, etc). We use the Montessori methodology as the bases of our services. Montessori includes the use of didactic, hands on learning materials that homeschool families might not have at home. We will have anywhere from 1-25 students in our space at one time.

we are not a school, we don't

fit into any of the existing use categories (school, childcare, etc),

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Applicant
2/18/20
Date
(Keri Cowen)
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And so we propose a new use that would accomodate us as a learning center/academic services, specifically to serve local homeschool families.