

On motion of **Ms. Lee-Sheng**, seconded by **Mr. Roberts**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 130526

A resolution authorizing the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 25 Planning and Development, Chapter 33 Unified Development Code, and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of establishing requirements, criteria, and standards for Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation uses (LBCS Classification 5000); establishing interim development standards during the study; and providing for related matters. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, the category of Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation uses (LBCS Classification 5000) comprises a variety of uses that include, but is not limited to, theaters, museums, arcades, athletic clubs, and bowling alleys; and

WHEREAS, current zoning requirements, criteria, and standards are inconsistent between Chapter 33 Unified Development Code and Chapter 40 Zoning and among these uses; and

WHEREAS, new types of fitness facilities have emerged in the broader recreation industry that the Parish's development regulations do not address adequately; and

WHEREAS, the boutique fitness studio that provides a few low-impact activities such as yoga and pilates is one type of new facility that differs from a full-service gym or athletic club that offers many low- and high-impact activities; and

WHEREAS, small fitness studios would be compatible in low-intensity office/commercial districts and would not have detrimental impacts on nearby neighborhoods, thereby promoting public health, safety, and the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, interim development standards are necessary to facilitate the establishment of small-scale fitness studios while the study of arts, entertainment, and recreation uses is conducted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board are hereby authorized to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 25 Planning and Development, Chapter 33 Unified Development Code, and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of establishing definitions, requirements, criteria, and standards for Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation uses (LBCS Classification 5000); and providing for related matters.

SECTION 2. That the following Interim development standards are hereby established:

1. *Fitness studio* shall mean an establishment equipped for the conduct of individual or small group physical exercises and health-related fitness activities, including, but not limited to, yoga, meditation, pilates, aerobics, martial arts, and self-defense training.
2. Fitness studios are allowed in the GO-1 General Offices District and GO-2 General Offices District, subject to the following standards:
 - a. A fitness studio shall not exceed two thousand (2,000) square feet of gross floor area and provide not more than three (3) fitness activities;
 - b. A fitness studio may provide accessory retail sales of products related to the on-site fitness activities.
 - c. Off-street parking is required at one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area.

SECTION 3. The interim development standards set forth in this resolution are in accordance with and by the authority of Sec. 33-2.21.5 and Sec. 40-880 of

Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances providing, in pertinent part, that when a zoning or land use study has been initiated by resolution of the Jefferson Parish Council and pending final disposition of said amendment, supplement, change, zoning or land use study, interim development standards may be established that provide for reasonable approval conditions for certain types of development applications that would be otherwise affected by the study for (1) year, which may be extended by the Jefferson Parish Council for not longer than one (1) six (6)-month period.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the **6th** day of **December, 2017**.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY



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PARISH CLERK

JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL