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**SURRY COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

Memo

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Johnny Easter, Development Services Director
Date: July 19, 2021
Re: Text amendment proposal for Electronic Gaming Operations and Multipurpose Event Center

ARCADES. Establishments that primarily offer amusements such as video games, pinball machines and other similar games, but not including Electronic Gaming Operations or gambling of any type.

ELECTRONIC GAMING OPERATION Any business enterprise, where as a principal use persons use electronic machines, including but not limited to computers and gaming terminals, to conduct games, whether games of odds or chance or games of skill or dexterity, where cash, merchandise, or other items of value are redeemed or otherwise distributed, whether or not the value of such distribution is determined by electronic games played, by predetermined odds, or by any other method. Electronic Gaming Operations may include, but are not limited to, internet cafes, internet sweepstakes, electronic gaming machines, or cybercafés. This definition does not include any lottery approved by the State of North Carolina.

ELECTRONIC GAMING OPERATION

(a) Zoning districts: HB; Permitted by Right

(b) Site standards:

1. Electronic Gaming Operations shall be located at a minimum distance of five hundred (500) feet, measured in a straight line in any direction from the structure of the proposed Electronic Gaming Operation to the structure of any of the following: (a) A place of worship or other religious institution. (b) A day care center or facility. (c) A public or private school. (d) A public park, playground, library, community pool or any area where large numbers of minors regularly travel or congregate including, but not limited to, public swimming pools. (e) A fire station, police station or other public safety facility. (f) A nursing home or assisted living facility or medical facility. (g) A funeral home. (h) Another Electronic Gaming Operation

2. All structures shall be setback from all property lines a minimum of twice the applicable setbacks of the corresponding zoning district from all properties used or zoned for residential purposes.

(c) Screening and fencing: buffers shall be installed which meet the requirements of §§ [154.240](#) through [154.246](#) of this chapter.

(d) Lighting: outdoor lighting shall be so designed so as to minimize light from directly hitting adjacent property or any public right-of-way.

(e) Operational requirements:

1. The site shall be utilized in a manner that prevents noise from adversely impacting properties in the vicinity.

2. All unpaved storage areas shall be maintained in a manner that prevents dust from adversely impacting adjacent properties.

3. Electronic Gaming Operations are not allowed as an accessory use.

Multi-purpose Event Center. A facility used for weddings, receptions, meetings, conferences, church events, family reunions, etc. and which may provide meals and/or housing for participants during the period of the event only. Such facilities may not be utilized by the general public for meals or overnight accommodations. Housing for participants may be in cabins (up to four), or in