

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTIONS 18.20 TECHNICAL TERMS AND LAND USE DEFINITIONS; 18.25 PERMITTED USES; AND 18.31 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS, OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS PERMITTING SHOOTING RANGES WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONE.**

WHEREAS, shooting ranges are not currently permitted within the downtown zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt regulations permitting indoor shooting ranges within the General Commercial (GC) Zone of the downtown zoning district and prohibit outdoor shooting ranges within the city boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes operating and permitting shooting ranges within the General Commercial (GC) zone will encourage recreational and educational shooting activities to be conducted in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), as adopted in CMC 16.10 have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Covington Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed shooting ranges within Covington zoning code regulations on November 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Covington Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed changes in the permitted categories of land uses within the City.

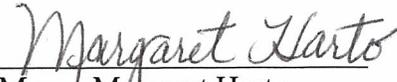
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Covington Municipal Code Sections 18.20 Technical Terms and Land Use Definitions; 18.25 Permitted Uses; and 18.31 Downtown Development and Design Standards, are amended as provided in the attached Exhibit 1 and fully incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after proper posting and publication. A summary of this ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the ordinance in its entirety.

Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance, or ordinance modified by it, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this ordinance and ordinances and/or resolutions modified by it shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed by the City Council in an open public meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

  
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Mayor Margaret Harto

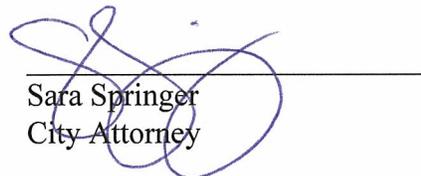
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City Attorney

**CHAPTER 18.20**

**TECHNICAL TERMS AND LAND USE DEFINITIONS**

18.20.1080 Shooting range.

“Shooting range” means a facility designed to provide a confined space for safe target practice with firearms, archery equipment, or other weapons whether open to the public, open only to private membership, open to organizational training such as law enforcement, or any combination thereof. (Ord. 42-02 § 2 (21A.06.1080))

18.20.966 Recreation, indoor.

“Recreation, indoor” means indoor skating rinks, bowling alleys, gymnasiums not accessory to an educational institution, racket clubs, sports arenas, pools and similar uses. “Recreation, indoor” does not include “shooting ranges” as defined in CMC 18.20.1080. (Ord. 10-10 § 3 (Exh. C))

18.20.967 Recreation, outdoor.

“Recreation, outdoor” means golf courses, tennis courts, athletic fields, pools, skate parks, and similar uses. “Recreation, outdoor” does not include “shooting ranges” as defined in CMC 18.20.1080. (Ord. 10-10 § 3 (Exh. C))

**CHAPTER 18.31**

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS**

**18.31.080 Permitted Land Uses**

(3) Permitted Use Table

	<b>Town Center (TC)</b>	<b>Mixed Commercial (MC)</b>	<b>General Commercial (GC)</b>	<b>Mixed Housing Office (MHO) <sub>1</sub></b>
<b>Use Categories</b>				
Home Occupation and Live/Work	P	P	P	P
<u>Shooting ranges</u> <sub>23</sub>	<u>NP</u>	<u>NP</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>NP</u>
Outdoor Commercial <sub>6</sub>	NP	NP	P	NP
<b>Cultural/Recreation</b>				
Recreation, Indoor or Outdoor	C	P	P	P

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(4). Permitted Use Conditions.

23. a. The indoor shooting range, including its plans, rules, procedures, management and staff, shall comply with the applicable safety guidelines and provisions in the latest edition of "the Range Source Book" (National Rifle Association of America: Fairfax, Virginia) or its successor, as appropriate to the type of facility involved.

b. Any new development proposal and/or business license application for an indoor shooting range shall be accompanied by a notarized letter by the shooting facility operator that the facility complies with fFederal and sState regulations, meets commonly accepted shooting facility safety and design practices, and will be operated in a manner that protects the safety of the general public.

c. Outdoor shooting ranges are not permitted.

**CHAPTER 18.25**

**PERMITTED USES**

**18.25.040 Recreational/cultural land uses.**

**KEY**

**P – Permitted Use**

**C – Conditional Use**

<b>SIC #</b>	<b>SPECIFIC LAND USE</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>R4-8</b>	<b>R-18</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>I</b>
7999 (4)(6)	AMUSEMENT/ ENTERTAINMENT: Amusement and recreation services					P5		

**B. Development Conditions**

(4) Excluding amusement and recreational uses classified elsewhere in this chapter.

(5) A conditional use permit is required unless the use is an accessory to a park or in a building listed on the National Register as an historic site or designated as a King County landmark subject to Chapter 18.85 CMC.

(6) The operation of an indoor shooting range, as defined in CMC 18.20.1080, is not permitted. Outdoor shooting ranges are not permitted.

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**18.25.100 Regional land uses.**

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8221 – 8222	College/university (1)			P5		P5		P

**B. Development Conditions**

(1) ~~Except outdoor shooting~~ Shooting ranges, either indoor or outdoor, associated with educational programs are not permitted.

(5) Permitted as a re-use of a public school facility subject to Chapter 18.85 CMC. A conditional use permit is required if the use is a re-use of a surplus nonresidential facility subject to Chapter 18.85 CMC.