

INFORMATION PAPER



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Planning, Building and Development
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SUBJ: PROPOSED NATURE-BASED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Summary:

The Planning, Building and Development Department staff periodically recommends changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances to streamline processes, offer flexibility, respond to new trends, and clarify technical matters.

Over the past year, staff engaged with the Public Works, Planning and Transportation (PWPT) Committee on several occasions to discuss the specifics of the proposed “nature based” amendments and incorporated feedback from that Committee as well as the State’s Attorney’s Office into an amendment packet. Following an extensive review by the PWPT Committee of the above three topics, the County Board adopted a resolution on May 10, 2022 directing the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to conduct a public hearing on the proposed text amendments. On July 28, 2022, the ZBA held a public hearing on the proposed amendments, which resulted in a unanimous recommendation of the draft amendments as presented. Attached for the PWPT Committee’s review is the final packet of proposed “nature-based” amendments, as recommended by ZBA, that focus on Animal Exhibitions, Ecotherapy Facilities, and Wildlife Rehabilitation facilities.

Next Steps:

Following the PWPT Committee discussion on September 28, 2022, PB&D staff will return to the Committee’s next meeting for Committee action.

Attachment: EXHIBIT A: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 151