

Community Development

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Administrative Policy: Learning Centers

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OVERVIEW

Due to COVID-19, many local schools are moving to remote learning platforms instead of in-person school classes in order to decrease potential exposure to the virus. In light of this change, many current business owners are adjusting their services to provide supervision/instruction of school curriculum requirements.

While the City supports this initiative, the Zoning Ordinance does not provide clear guidance on this type of land use in all Zoning Districts. Staff is initiating a Text Amendment to provide clarity. In the meantime, this policy shall serve as guidance until the Governing Body adopts a formal Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

POLICY

Definitions

Learning Center: A “learning center” means an establishment providing instruction or supervision of academic curriculum requirements for kindergarten through 12th grade. Examples of learning centers include, but are not limited to: tutoring, learning co-ops, and off-site academic learning.

Zoning Districts Allowed

Learning Centers shall be permitted uses in all Zoning Districts.

Supplementary Requirements

- All Learning Centers must provide a safe area for drop off/pick up.
- The Building Codes Division of the Community Development Department and the City Fire Marshal must review the request to ensure that building improvements are not required for a change in use.
- A Business License with the City of Shawnee is required.
- A license with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) may be required.