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This amendment has two main sections: first, to remove the “list of checkpoint agencies” shown in the UZO under the Planned Development section and second, to add three entries to the Permitted Use Table found under the heading, “Animal Specialties.”

PD Checkpoints List:

Checkpoints are the public agencies that developers are required to send plans to prior to applying for subdivisions, planned developments, and certain rezone requests. This is required so that staff can get feedback from the various agencies that would be affected by a proposed development. While the list of checkpoints for subdivisions and rezones does not appear in the zoning ordinance and is only in the bylaws, the list of checkpoints used in PD's does appear in the UZO. Each time this list is updated, an ordinance amendment is required in order to amend it. Removing this list from the UZO makes sense and will save staff time in the future. This part of Amendment #84 would remove the checkpoints list in the UZO and clarify that the checkpoints list can be found in the APC bylaws.

Animal Specialties:

The American Kennel Club was looking to relocate its pet training facility from its current location to Lafayette. Unfortunately, the UZO only permits pet training in the Agricultural zones since it comes under the catchall heading, “all other animal specialty services, except veterinary.” In fact, it is only permitted by special exception in the A, AW, and AA zones. Lafayette does not have any A, AW, or AA zones.

It seemed odd to staff as well as the Administrative Officers that boarding kennels and animal shelters are permitted by right in the GB and HB zones, but a pet training facility required both a special exception and a rural zoning district.

It was decided to take a closer look at all of the uses that fall under that heading (0752 in the SIC Manual) and staff found that three of those uses would be compatible in other zoning districts that are found in our cities. Those uses, and the zones staff feels comfortable locating them in, are as follows (these are in addition to the rural zones where the uses are already permitted by special exception):

“Pedigree record services for pets and other animal specialties”

This is primarily an office use and should be allowed by right where offices are allowed in HB, CB, CBW, GB, NB, and NBU zones.

“Showing of pets and other animal specialties”

Because this use could potentially generate heavy traffic and could cause parking problems, it should be allowed in HB, I1, I2 and I3 by right and in GB by special exception.

“Training of pets and other animal specialties”

In staff's opinion, this should be allowed at least where kennels are allowed, in GB and HB zones as well as I1, I2, and I3.

This proposal was reviewed by the Administrative Officers of both Lafayette and West Lafayette which agreed to the changes and was approved by the Ordinance Committee at its March 4th meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval