

2020 King County Comprehensive Plan Update
Amendment Concept – For inclusion in Public Hearing Notice

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Problem Statement/Issue: The Councilmembers are interested in amending the King County Code to include additional restrictions for new gun retailers, such as distancing buffers.

Property Information:

- N/A – not property specific.

Background Information:

- The King County Comprehensive Plan has the following policy related to gun violence:

H-209 King County should work to address the public health and public safety crisis of gun violence by collecting epidemiological and other data, engaging with cities, local neighborhoods, and other stakeholders, and making information available that promotes safe firearm storage and fosters community safety.

- The King County Code includes the following definition in K.C.C. 21A.06.1210 Sporting goods store: Retailers that sell ammunition and firearms are classified as "Sporting Goods Stores and Bicycle Shops" under Standard Industrial Classification 5941.

21A.06.1210 Sporting goods store. Sporting goods store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of sporting goods and equipment, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:

A. 5941-Sporting Goods Stores and Bicycle Shops; and

B. 5999-Tent Shops and Trophy Shops.

- The King County Code provides more specific guidance in K.C.C. 21A.08.070 Retail land uses: The existing code allows Sporting Goods and Related Stores in nearly all zones, but retailers that sell ammunition and firearms likely could not meet Development Condition 22, and would be allowed only in the CB and RB zones.

A. Retail land uses.

P-Permitted Use C-Conditional Use S-Special Use		RESOURCE			RURAL	RESIDENTIAL			COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL				
SIC#	SPECIFIC LAND USE	A	F	M	RA	UR	R1-8	R12-48	NB	CB	RB	O	I (30)
*	Sporting Goods and Related Stores			P22	P22	P22	P22	P22	P22	P	P	P22	P22

B. Development conditions.

22. Only as an accessory use to:

- a large active recreation and multiuse park in the urban growth area; or
- a park, or a recreation or multiuse park in the RA zones, and limited to a total floor area of seven hundred and fifty square feet.

AMENDMENT CONCEPT: Amend the zoning code to include additional restrictions for new gun retailers. These restrictions might include distance buffers from specific uses, such as schools, parks or other uses.