



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance to amend Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regarding development of athletic fields within floodways.

WHEREAS, Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that no new structure may be constructed within the floodway in Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws further provides that the Stormwater Division of the Department of Water and Sewerage Services may allow certain types of structures to be constructed in the floodway, consistent with the provisions of the Stormwater Management Manual, including athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, clarification of the term “athletic field” is necessary to ensure consistent and appropriate application of this exception.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by deleting subsection B.f. in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- f. Athletic fields used for recreational purposes, including facilities associated with the recreational athletic fields such as dugouts, bleachers, concession stands, storage buildings, and other similar structures or facilities. For the purposes of this section, “athletic field” means pervious, natural land used for recreational purposes by members of the general public on public land or at educational facilities, such as soccer fields, football fields, or baseball diamonds. “Athletic field” does not mean an athletic facility composed of impervious material, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, or fields with artificial or synthetic grass.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance amends Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regarding the development of athletic fields within floodways.

Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that no new structure may be constructed within the floodway in Nashville and Davidson County. Section 15.64.170 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws further provides that the Stormwater Division of the Department of Water and Sewerage Services may allow certain types of structures to be constructed in the floodway, consistent with the provisions of the Stormwater Management Manual, including athletic fields.

The ordinance under consideration adds a definition for “athletic fields,” which would mean pervious, natural

land used for recreational purposes by members of the general public on public land or at educational facilities, such as soccer fields, football fields, or baseball diamonds. Athletic fields would not include an athletic facility composed of impervious material, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, or fields with artificial or synthetic grass.