

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR INTERPRETATION

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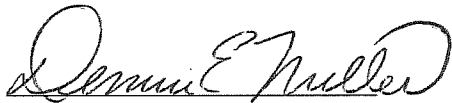
CODE SECTION: Section 17.80.020 - Definitions

QUESTION NEEDING INTERPRETATION: What use would the business Kid's Fun Playhouse or My Gym be classified?

INTERPRETATION: I visited the "My Gym Pasadena" at 839 So. Arroyo Parkway. This business is one in which children between the ages of six months and five years use indoor playground equipment, such as a jumping house and a slide to play. They typically have various activities including music, art and dance. There would be no daycare, but rather the business would be a location where parents can come and stay with their children while they enjoy the activities.

The proposed business could be classified under at least two different uses, including: Commercial Recreation - Indoor, and Personal Improvement Services. Commercial Recreation is a use which has indoor participant or spectator recreation that is operated as a business and open to the public for a fee. This classification includes billiard parlors, bowling alleys, ice- or roller-skating rinks, and karaoke uses. Personal Improvement Services is one in which there are instructional services or facilities, including health or physical fitness clubs, modeling agencies, rehearsal halls, and weight control clinics.

A business like My Gym or Kid's Fun Playhouse is similar to a health or physical fitness club because it has organized instructional services that children can enjoy. Therefore, I would classify this use as a Personal Improvement Service.



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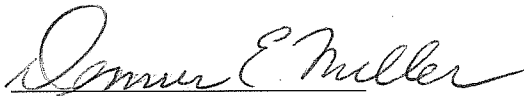
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QUESTION NEEDING INTERPRETATION: Is “dog or animal training” an allowable use under the Zoning Code? Which use classification would “animal training” fall into? If so, in what zoning districts would this use be allowed?

INTERPRETATION: Animal training activities and in particular dog training typically include obedience training, behavior modification training, and specialized skills training. The intent of the training is to improve a dog’s behavior so that it will coexist comfortably with people and other animals. Further, such training benefits the pet’s owner because it teaches the owner how to manage a dog’s behavior. The training may be designed for a dog to learn skills in order to serve a specific purpose, such as search and rescue operations, tracking, or drug identification in conjunction with law enforcement activities.

Dog training may occur in a one-on-one setting with a professional trainer and one dog, or it may occur in a group setting with multiple dogs and their respective owners. Currently, dog training occurs outdoors in the City’s local parks. Here a professional trainer provides training for several dogs and their owners in a group setting. It also occurs indoors at retail pet stores. In both of these examples, the dog training activity is interpreted as an ancillary use in conjunction with a primary land use--the dog training is ancillary to the park (Open Space use), and it is ancillary to the pet store (Retail Sales use).

If dog training occurs as a primary use inside a building or outdoors at a specific location, it shall be interpreted to be a Personal Improvement Services land use in accordance with 17.80.020 (Definitions). The Personal Improvement Services use includes instructional services that are intended for personal improvement or development. Dog training is intended to improve the relationship between the dog and owner by providing training for people and the animals. Dog training is not included in the land use definitions of Animal Services (boarding, grooming, and hospitals) or Animal Shelter. However, it may occur as an ancillary use to such a primary use. Further, professional training of other small animals, including cats and birds, are also interpreted as a Personal Improvements Services use. Dog and other small animal training shall meet the all applicable standards (e.g., permit requirements, off-street parking standard) of the Zoning Code that pertain to the Personal Improvements Services use.



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