

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Call for Public Hearing

Date: 9-11-2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

Bill # 125 -2023

DATE SUBMITTED 9-6-2023

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED: \$

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: no

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Call for a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm, to amend the Village of Saranac Lake Development Code for zoning changes to schedule 1 by adding amusement and recreation services as an allowed use under a special use permit application to District C3

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Resolution

MOVED BY: Catillaz SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR ZONING CHANGES TO SCHEDULE 1 TO ADD AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES AS AN ALLOWED USE SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Village Board adopted the Village of Saranac Lake Unified Development Code, and,

WHEREAS, amendments to the code are allowed for purposes of public necessity, convenience, and the general welfare, and,

WHEREAS, the Board has received a recommendation from the Development Board supporting the request for an amendment, and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the circumstances as described above, the Board seeks to call for a public hearing and to consider the adoption of the draft amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees sets a public hearing for Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Village Board Room for the purpose of gathering public input on a proposed Local Law amending the Village of Saranac Lake Development Code for zoning changes to Schedule 1 by adding amusement and recreation services as an allowed use subject to issuance of special use permit application to District C3.



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Introduction

After receiving an application to allow amusement and recreation services in district c3, a recommendation by the Development Board has been submitted to the Village Board of Trustees and is as follows:

Current Zoning – Allowed Uses

Schedule #1-Allowed Uses includes the following Public/Institutional Uses:

- **AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES-** The provision of entertainment, either wholly or enclosed in a building, or outside a building, for a fee.

These uses are allowed in the following zoning districts:

- Amusement and recreation services – B-1, B-2, B-4, E-2, G, I, J2

This use has been requested in Zoning District C3.

Additions to Schedule #1 – Allowed Uses:

- Add Amusement and Recreation Services to Schedule 1 in districts C3 subject to issuance of a Special Use Permit.

Conformance with Comprehensive Plan

Zoning District C contains residential neighborhoods and concentrations of institutional uses including North Country Community College and athletic field. The following planning strategies apply to the area:

- Maintain the character and integrity of residential neighborhoods
- Discourage development of incompatible mixed uses within established residential areas
- Maintain the character and integrity of existing institutional uses
- As infill on vacant lots occurs, encourage building size and orientation of primary and accessory buildings that are well-scaled to the dimensions of the parcel
- As redevelopment and new development occurs apply proper buffering and screening in areas where institutional and residential uses are adjoining



MEMO

September 8, 2023

RE: RIDESHARE PILOT PROGRAM

Overview

On October 1st, the Village of Saranac Lake will launch a *6-month* Ride Share Pilot Program with Uber for Saranac Lake Residents based on age and financial need. It will help explore the feasibility of implementing subsidized rideshare services and determine the best and most dependable transportation system to individuals needing it within the Village or area of residence or work.

The program will subsidize *50%* of ride costs using a voucher system set up with Uber. This will give passengers the ability to schedule their trips on their smart phones using the app or on the Uber webpage to request a ride at a particular time and location.

Vouchers

The vouchers will be sent to those individuals who are eligible by the email address or phone number provided on the application. Voucher limits per rider will begin on a monthly basis and the results of the pilot will help determine what limit of permanent subsidy will be placed on the vouchers.

Ranges/Distances

To start, Village residents may request rides within a 20-mile radius of Village Boundaries. With this, we will be able to see the most common areas and routes that need transportation within our community. The results of the Ride Share Pilot Program will help determine whether shared designated pick-up locations, specific color coded routes for specific drivers, and more efficient ways to implement the program are needed.

Anticipated Outcome

Oversee the demand that the village and those in need of transportation have for ride assistance. The first step will be identifying the level of the community's interests and needs in subsidized rideshare. Surveys and notices will help increase awareness for potential and future riders and drivers.

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Village Ride Share Pilot Program

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Our Goals as a Village for the Ride Share Pilot Program:

1. To identify what the peak hours and locations for transportation services are throughout the day.
2. To increase the dependability of transportation in the Village.
3. To provide a more cost-effective ride-sharing option for residents.
4. Better understand the specific transportation needs of those who meet the criteria for subsidized rideshare.

Approval for subsidized Ride Share is dependent on location and income

HOW TO APPLY

1. Fill out the online application
2. Submit the application to the Village Clerk at clerk@saranac.lakeny.gov
3. Once approved, you will be notified and given further instructions

APPLICATION

Village of Saranac Lake Ride Share Application

DOWNLOAD UBER

1. Scan the QR code below
2. Download the application
3. Create an account
4. Request a ride
5. Use voucher given upon approval
6. Submit ride

