

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 2352

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OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER MUNICIPAL CODE, TO
PERMIT CERTAIN ESCAPE ROOMS IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

PASSED AND APPROVED BY
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2020

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WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westchester (the “Village”) have determined that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interest of the Village to amend Sections 18.04.080 and 18.40.010 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Westchester (the “Zoning Ordinance”) to define and permit certain escape rooms, also known as puzzle rooms, in the Village’s Industrial Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, said application for text amendments filed by the Village of Westchester was duly filed and was considered by the Plan and Zoning Commission, pursuant to a duly noticed public hearing held on June 1, 2020, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Plan and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of the proposed text amendments to define and permit escape rooms, also known as puzzle rooms, in the Village’s Industrial Zoning District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westchester, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2: Section 18.04.080, entitled “Definitions,” of Chapter 18.04, entitled “General Provisions,” of Title 18, entitled “Zoning,” of the Westchester Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the definition of Escape Room in its proper alphabetical order, as follows:

ESCAPE ROOM: An escape room, also known as a puzzle room, is a type of special amusement area in which occupants are encouraged to solve a challenge to escape from a room or series of rooms.

Section 3: Section 18.40.010, entitled “Permitted Uses,” of Chapter 18.40, entitled “Industrial District,” of Title 18, entitled “Zoning,” of the Westchester Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby amended, as follows:

18.40.010 - Permitted uses.

The following uses of land or buildings are permitted:

Industrial and light manufacturing uses, storage yards for fuel, building materials, petroleum products, contractors' equipment, trucks and buses; and wholesale bakeries, laundries, cleaning, printing and other similar shops and businesses. Specifically excluded are junking and auto wrecking establishments, glue factories and uses which are especially detrimental to the value of property or to the health or safety of persons beyond the district by reason of noise, vibrations, or the emission of odor, light flashes, dust, gas fumes, smoke, or other waste material.

Also, any use permitted in the business districts is permitted, except the following uses, which are specifically prohibited:

Amusement establishments—Bowling alleys, pool halls, dancehalls, skating rinks, escape rooms (also referred to as puzzle rooms), unless limited to no more than six (6) participants, and other similar places of recreation;
Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Growers;
Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Centers;
Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organization or Infusers;
Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organization or Processors;
Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organization or Transporters;
Art galleries;
Auction rooms;
Catering establishments;
Funeral homes;
Hotels and motels, including restaurants and meeting rooms;
Meeting halls;
Physical culture and health services;
Private clubs and lodges of fraternal and religious organizations, when either operated for profit or not for profit;
Public libraries;
Public or private preschool, elementary or secondary school or day care center, day care home, group day care home or part day child care facility;
Schools—Art, dancing, vocational, professional and business;
Theaters, indoor.

Section 4: The corporate authorities of the Village intend that this Ordinance will be made part of the Zoning Ordinance and that sections of this Ordinance can be renumbered or relettered and the

word "Ordinance" can be changed to "Section," "Article," Chapter" or some other appropriate word or phrase to accomplish codification, and regardless of whether this Ordinance is ever codified, the Ordinance can be renumbered or relettered and typographical errors can be corrected with the authorization of the Village Attorney, or his or her designee.

Section 5: All parts of the Village Code in conflict with the terms or provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby amended or repealed to the extent of such conflict, and said Westchester Municipal Code and all other existing ordinances shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

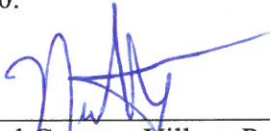
ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Angelo A. Calcagno _____
Cathy Kuratko _____
Tracy Hart Markey _____

Robert Morales _____
Frank Perry _____
Nick Steker _____

President Gattuso _____

APPROVED this 23rd day of June, 2020.



Paul Gattuso, Village President

ATTEST:



Stanley V. Kolodziej, Village Clerk