

4. In the MU-B district, the application may be denied by the Land Use Supervisor if he or she determines that the size, nature, character or intensity of the use of property in the immediate vicinity of the applicant's property would pose an unreasonable risk to the health, safety or welfare of users of the applicant's facility; the decision of the Land Use Supervisor may be appealed to the Commission.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication. (Effective date: _____, 2019)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance implements a minor text amendment related to childcare facilities and preschools to chapter 50 of the City Code, known as the Unified Development Chapter (UDC).

During the Imagine Duluth 2035 Comprehensive Plan planning process in 2017 and 2018, significant comment was received from the public about ways the city code help to improve the situation for working families seeking daycare. The lack of affordable options was cited as a limiting factor for some people trying to enter the workforce. This text change is intended to allow daycares and preschools in the MU-B zone district (business parks and large employers can be found in the MU-B district).

The planning commission held a public hearing and considered the changes at their February 12, 2019, regular Planning Commission meeting. Following discussion and additional amendments to the proposed text change, the Commission voted with 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, to recommend that the city council approve the text change to the Unified Development Chapter of the City Code.