

Ordinance No. 2026-21

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
SECTION 18.20.030, USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW OF  
CHAPTER 18.20, R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND  
SECTION 18.25.030 USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW OF  
CHAPTER 18.25, R-2 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
OF TITLE 18, ZONING, OF THE STAUNTON CITY CODE,  
TO ADD PRIVATE DAY NURSERIES AND KINDERGARTENS AS A USE  
PERMITTED ON REVIEW**

**Recitals**

**A.** Title 18, Zoning, of the Staunton City Code (SCC) regulates the use of land within the City of Staunton;

**B.** Currently, Title 18, Zoning, does not permit private day nurseries and kindergartens in R-1 or R-2, Low Density Residential zoning districts as a permitted principal use or a use permitted on review;

**C.** The Young Men's Christian Association of Staunton Virginia has applied for a zoning text amendment under the provisions of SCC 18.215 to amend Title 18, Zoning, and add private day nurseries and kindergartens as a use permitted on review in both the R-1 and R-2, Low Density Residential Districts;

**D.** At its April 16, 2026 meeting, the Staunton Planning Commission took action to authorize staff to proceed with drafting the requested zoning text amendment;

**E.** The Staunton Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the request, after notice and advertisement as required by law on May 21, 2026;

**F.** The Planning Commission considered the matter and after study, review, and consideration of comments received during the public hearing has unanimously recommended approval of the amendment;

**G.** This matter has been properly advertised, heard, and considered; and

**H.** These recitals are an integral part of this ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that section 18.20.030, Uses Permitted on Review, of Chapter 18.20, R-1 Low Density Residential, and section 18.25.030, Uses Permitted on Review, of Chapter 18.25, R-2 Low Density Residential, of Title 18, Zoning, of the Staunton City Code, are **HEREBY AMENDED, RESTATED, AND REORDAINED** as follows:

**18.20.030 Uses permitted on review.**

The following uses may be permitted on review by the city council in accordance with provisions contained in Chapter 18.210 SCC:

- (1) Churches or similar places of worship, with accessory structures but not including missions or revival tents.
- (2) Elementary or high schools, public or private.
- (3) Public parks, playgrounds, and playfields, and neighborhood and municipal buildings and uses in keeping with the character and requirements of the district.
- (4) Libraries, museums, and historical monuments or structures.
- (5) Utilities, substations and pumping plants, provided the area is adequately landscaped and structures are reasonably attractive.
- (6) Golf courses, or country clubs, with adjoining grounds of not less than 60 acres, but not including miniature courses and driving tees operated for commercial purposes.
- (7) Cemeteries.
- (8) A planned residential development as regulated in SCC 18.105.020.
- (9) Social and recreational uses not operated for gain. (Zoning ordinance Art. 4, § 1).
- (10) Private day nurseries and kindergartens, as regulated in SCC 18.105.060.

#### **18.25.030 Uses permitted on review.**

The following uses may be permitted on review by the city council in accordance with provisions contained in Chapter 18.210 SCC:

- (1) Churches or similar places of worship, with accessory structures but not including missions or revival tents.
- (2) Elementary or high schools, public or private.
- (3) Public parks, playgrounds and playfields, and neighborhood and municipal buildings and uses in keeping with the character and requirements of the district.
- (4) Libraries, museums, and historical monuments or structures.
- (5) Utility substations.

- (6) Plant nursery in which no building or structure is maintained in connection therewith.
- (7) Golf courses, or country clubs, with adjoining grounds of not less than 60 acres, but not including miniature courses and driving tees operated for commercial purposes.
- (8) Cemeteries.
- (9) Social and recreational uses not operated for gain.
- (10) A planned residential development as regulated in SCC 18.105.020.
- (11) Private day nurseries and kindergartens, as regulated in SCC 18.105.060.

In all other respects, the provisions of Title 18, Zoning, of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed and reordained.

Introduced:

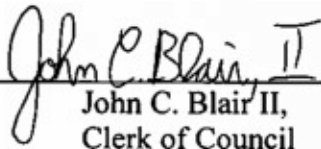
Adopted:

Effective Date:



Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:



John C. Blair II,  
Clerk of Council