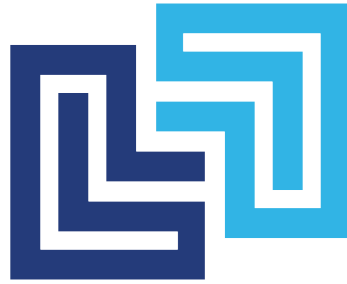


## **AGENDA ITEM 4D**

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Container Bars -  
Sections 2.04 and 5.19.**



# MEMO

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Christopher Solberg, AICP, Deputy Community Development Director

**DATE:** 2/19/2024

**RE:** Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Container Bars - Sections 2.04 and 5.19.

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Staff is proposing a series of zoning text amendments to allow for the use of container bars as a conditional use within La Vista's Mixed-Use City Centre zoning district, and to regulate their use to ensure compatibility with the La Vista City Centre development. Container bars are defined as establishments whose principal business is serving alcoholic beverages for retail sale, for consumption on the premises, that are housed within a repurposed shipping container, trailer, or other similar non-permanent or kiosk structure..

The developer of La Vista City Centre has expressed interest in utilizing a container bar as a temporary commercial activity in an area originally designed for an office until the office market rebounds from the lows in interest seen by developers since COVID.

The proposed amendments will allow container bars only in the Mixed-Use City Centre district through a conditional use permit (CUP). If the developer wishes to move forward with the development of a container bar, an application will need to be submitted to request approval of a CUP to allow the use.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the zoning text amendments to Sections 2.04 and 5.19 of the La Vista Zoning Ordinance.



## **Section 2.04 - Definitions: C**

**CAMPGROUND** shall mean a parcel of land intended for the temporary occupancy of tents, campers, and recreational vehicles and which primary purpose is recreational, having open areas that are natural in character.

**CAR WASH** shall mean a building or structure or an area of land with machine or hand operated facilities for the cleaning, washing, polishing, or waxing of motor vehicles, not including semi-trailer tractors, buses, and commercial fleets.

**CARPORT** shall mean a permanent roofed structure with not more than two (2) enclosed sides used or intended to be used for automobile shelter and storage.

**CATERING KITCHEN** also known as ghost kitchen or dark kitchen shall mean a commercial kitchen that is used to prepare food for consumption off-site. This may include commercial kitchen facilities for caterers, food trucks, small or artisan manufacturers of food products, or establishments that prepare ready-to-eat food only to be obtained through delivery services. Catering Kitchens may include a limited retail component for the sale of food products, but shall not operate as a restaurant or include space(s) for the consumption of food on-site. (***Ordinance No. 1500, 2-21-23***)

**CELLAR** shall mean a building space having more than one-half (1/2) of its height below the average adjoining grade lines.

**CEMETERY** shall mean land used or intended to be used for the burial of the dead and dedicated for such purposes, including columbariums, crematoriums, and mausoleums.

**CHANGEABLE COPY** shall refer to a sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without, altering the face or the surface of the sign. A sign on which the message changes more than eight times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this ordinance. A sign on which the only copy changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time or temperature shall be considered a "time and temperature" portion of a sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this ordinance. (***Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09***)

**CHANNEL** shall mean the geographical area within either the natural or artificial banks of a watercourse or drainway.

**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION or CLUB** shall mean a public or semi-public institutional use of a philanthropic, charitable, benevolent, religious, or eleemosynary character, but not including sheltering or caring of animals. (***Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09***)

**CHILD CARE CENTER** shall mean an establishment other than a public or parochial school, which provides day care, play groups, nursery schools or education for thirteen (13) or more children under age 13, at any one time, from families other than that of the provider. In addition to these regulations, Child Care Centers shall meet all requirements of the State of Nebraska.

**CHILD CARE HOME** shall mean an operation in the provider's place of residence which serves at least four (4), but not more than eight (8) children at any one time, from families other than that of the provider. A Family Child Care Home I provider may be approved to serve no more than two (2) additional school-age children during non-school hours. A Family Child Care Home II operation may be either in the provider's own place of residence or a site other than the residence, serving twelve (12) or fewer children at any one time. In addition to these regulations, Child Care Homes shall meet all requirements of the State of Nebraska.

**CITY** shall mean the City of La Vista.

**CODE** shall mean the Municipal Code of the City of La Vista.

**COFFEE KIOSK** shall mean a retail food business in a freestanding building that sells coffee, or other beverages, and remade bakery goods from a drive-through window *or walk-up window*. (**Ordinance No. 1053, 1-15-08**).

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY** shall mean an educational institution offering advanced instruction in any academic field beyond the secondary level, including trade schools or business colleges. (**Ordinance No. 1168, 3-6-12**)

**COMMISSION** shall mean the La Vista Planning Commission.

**COMMERCIAL MESSAGE** shall mean any sign wording, logo, or other representation that, directly or indirectly, names, advertises, or calls attention to a business, product, service, or other commercial activity. (**Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09**)

**COMMON AREA OR PROPERTY** shall mean a parcel or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon, the use and enjoyment of which are shared by the owners of the individual building sites in a Planned Development or condominium development.

**COMMUNICATION SERVICES** shall mean establishments primarily engaged in the provision of broadcasting and other information relay services accomplished through the use of electronic and telephonic mechanisms. Excluded are facilities classified as major utility services or wireless communication towers. Typical uses include television studios, communication service centers, internet service offices, or film and sound recording facilities. (**Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09**)

**COMPATIBILITY** shall mean harmony in the appearance of two or more external design features in the same vicinity.

**COMPATIBLE USES** shall mean a land use which is congruous with, tolerant of, and has no adverse effects on existing neighboring uses. Incompatibility may be affected by pedestrian or vehicular traffic generation, volume of goods handled and environmental elements such as noise, dust, odor, air pollution, glare, lighting, debris generated, contamination of surface or ground water, aesthetics, vibration, electrical interference, and radiation.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** shall mean the Comprehensive Plan of La Vista, Nebraska as adopted by the City Council, setting forth policies for the present and foreseeable future community welfare as a whole and meeting the purposes and requirements set forth in Section 19-903, R.R.S. 1943, as the same may, from time-to-time, be amended.

**CONCRETE BATCH PLANT** shall mean an industrial facility used for the production of concrete, used in building or construction, and includes facilities for the administration or management of the business. (**Ordinance No. 1329, 9-18-18**)

**CONDITIONAL USE** shall mean a use where allowed by the district regulations, that would not be appropriate generally throughout the zoning district without restrictions, but which, if controlled as to number, size, area, location, relation to the neighborhood or other minimal protective characteristics would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** shall mean a permit issued by the Planning Commission and City Council that authorizes the recipient to make conditional use of property in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 and any additional conditions placed upon, or required by said permit.

**CONDOMINIUM** shall mean a structure or structures proposed for construction comprising a project in which an undivided interest in the land is coupled with the right to the exclusive occupancy of a designated residential space and/or spaces and accompanying facilities.

**CONGREGATE HOUSING** shall mean a residential facility for four or more persons fifty-five (55) years or over, their spouses, or surviving spouses, providing living and sleeping facilities including meal preparation, dining areas, laundry services, room cleaning and common recreational, social, and service facilities for the exclusive use of all

residents including resident staff personnel who occupy a room or unit in the residential facility. (Also see Housing for the elderly)

**CONSERVATION** shall mean the protection and care that prevent destruction or deterioration of historical or otherwise significant structures, buildings or natural resources.

**CONSERVATION AREA** shall mean environmentally sensitive and valuable lands protected from any activity that would significantly alter their ecological integrity, balance or character, except in overriding public interest, including but not limited to: wetlands, floodways, flood plains, drainage ways, river or stream banks, and areas of significant biological productivity or uniqueness.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT** shall mean an easement granting a right or interest in real property that is appropriate to retaining land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition and retaining such areas as suitable habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife, or maintaining existing land uses.

**CONSTRUCTION** shall mean on-site erection, fabrication, installation, alteration, demolition, or removal of any structure, facility, or addition thereto, including all related activities, but not restricted to, clearing of land, earth moving, blasting and landscaping. **(Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)**

**CONTAINER BAR** shall mean *an establishment whose principal business is serving alcoholic beverages for retail sale, for consumption on the premises, that is housed within a repurposed shipping container, trailer, or other similar non-permanent or kiosk structure.*

**CONTIGUOUS** shall mean the same as "Abut".

**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY** shall offer services and housing packages that allow access to senior independent living, assisted living, and nursing care facilities. Seniors who are independent may live in a single-family home, apartment or condominium within the Continuing Care Retirement Community. When members of the community begin to need help with activities of daily living (e.g. bathing, dressing, eating, etc.), they may be transferred to an assisted living or nursing care facility on the same site.

**CONVENIENCE STORE** shall mean a one-story, retail store that is designed and stocked to sell primarily food, beverages, and other household supplies to customers who purchase only a relatively few items (in contrast to a "supermarket.") It is dependent on, and is designed to attract and accommodate large volumes of stop-and-go traffic. Fuel sales shall be limited to automobiles, pick-up trucks, boats, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and small motorized equipment. **(Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)**

### **Section 5.19 MU-CC Mixed Use City Centre District**

**5.19.01 Intent:** The intent of the Mixed Use Town Centre District (MU-CC) is to:

1. Accommodate mixed use buildings with neighborhood-serving retail, service, and other uses on the ground floor and residential units and office uses above the ground floor;
2. Buildings can be solely residential provided they are designed in a building-forward environment, with buildings at the street edge or having only shallow front setbacks.
3. Encourage development that exhibits the physical design characteristics of pedestrian-oriented, storefront-style shopping streets; and
4. Promote the health and well-being of residents by encouraging physical activity, alternative transportation, and greater social interaction.

**5.19.02 Permitted Uses:**

Uses are allowed in “MU-CC” zoning districts in accordance with the use table of this section.

#### **Uses Allowed in the MU-CC Zoning District**

Use Category (Specific Use Type)	MU-CC District
<b>Residential:</b>	
Artist Live/Work Space located above the ground floor	P
Artist Live/Work Space, ground floor	P
Bed & breakfasts	P
Townhouses/condominiums	P
Multi-Family, above ground floor	P
Multi-Family, ground floor	C
Senior living: nursing care, rehab facility & assisted living facility	C
<b>Public and Civic:</b>	
Meeting hall	C
Museum	P
Publicly owned and operated facilities	P
Public services	P
Recreation areas/parks (public)	P
Social club/fraternal organizations	C
Parking Structures or Lots	P
<b>Commercial:</b>	
Antique store	P
Apparel shop	P
Art gallery	P
Attorneys	P
Automated Teller Machines	C
Bakery shop (retail)	P
Banks	P
Barber and beauty shop	P

Bicycle shop	P
Book store, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	P
Brew pubs	P
Brew-on premises store	P
Business or trade school	C
Business services	P
Camera store	P
Charitable organizations	C
Child care (center)	P
Coffee kiosks	P
Communication services	C
Computer store	P
Confectionery	P
Container Bar	C
Credit services	P
Dairy product sales	P
Dance studio	P
Dental office	P
Department store	P
Drug store	P
Dry cleaning & laundry pickup	P
Event center	C
Exercise, fitness & tanning spa	P
Finance/investment services	P
Fireworks stands	T
Floral shop	P
Food sales (general)	P
Food sales (limited)	P
Furniture store or showroom	P
Gift shop	P
Gunsmith	C
Hardware store	P
Health club or recreation facility, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	C
Hobby, craft store	P
Home occupations	C
Hotels, including restaurants, convention and meeting facilities and other related uses, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	P
Insurance	P
Jewelry store	P
Liquor store	P

Locksmith	P
Mail order services	C
Meat market, retail	C
Medical office	P
Micro-breweries, connected to restaurant	P
Music retail store	P
Music studio	P
Newsstands	P
Office	P
Open-air farmers markets	P
Outdoor display of merchandise	P
Paint store	P
Personal Services, not including uses defined in Adult Entertainment Establishment. ( <i>Ordinance No. 1369, 10-1-19</i> )	P
Pet health services	P
Pet shop	C
Photographer	P
Picture framing shop	P
Pinball or video games business	C
Produce stands	P
Real estate offices	P
Recreational establishments	C
Restaurants, café, and fast food	P
Second hand stores	C
Security brokers	P
Shoe store	P
Sporting goods	P
Stamp and coin stores	P
Tailors and dressmakers	P
Tanning salon	P
Tavern and cocktail lounge, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	P
Theater, indoor, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	P
Title abstracting	P
Toy store	P
Travel agencies	P
Tutoring and Exam Preparation Services	P
Video store, not including uses defined in Adult Establishment.	P



**Industrial:**

Manufacturing: Artisan (Limited) (hand tools only: e.g., jewelry or ceramics)	C
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**Other:**

Temporary structures (events)	T
Temporary structures (construction)	T

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P = permitted by right; C = conditional use; T = temporary

**5.19.03 Permitted Accessory Uses**

- 5.19.03.01 Buildings and uses customarily incidental to the permitted uses.
- 5.19.03.02 Urban residential storage as an accessory to a primary residential use.
- 5.19.03.03 Parking as permitted in Section 7.05 through 7.09.
- 5.19.03.04 Signs allowed in Section 7.01 through 7.04.
- 5.19.03.05 Landscaping as required by Section 7.17.
- 5.19.03.06 Solar Energy Conversion Systems as provided for in Section 7.15. (*Ordinance No. 1389, 3-3-2020*)

**5.19.04 Setbacks**

1. The entire building façade must abut front and street side property lines or be located within 10 feet of such property lines.
2. No rear setback shall be required, except where the rear lot line is contiguous to a residential use, in which case the following standards shall apply:
  - a. There shall be a minimum rear setback of twenty (25) feet the full width of the lot;
3. No interior side setbacks are required in the MU-CC district, except when MU-CC zoned property abuts a residential use, in which case the minimum side setback required in the MU-CC district shall be the same as required for a residential use on the abutting residentially-zoned lot.

**5.19.05 Building Height**

The maximum building height shall be 90 feet.

**5.19.06 Off-Street Parking**

1. No off-street parking is required in the MU-CC district.
2. If off-street parking is utilized, it shall comply with Sections 7.08-7.09 of this ordinance.
3. All parking spaces shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or other approved hard surface, unless in accordance with Section 7.05.05 of this ordinance..
4. The use of shared parking is encouraged.
5. Off-street parking spaces should be located to the rear of the main façade of the principal building or otherwise screened to satisfy the screening requirements of the district design standards.

**5.19.10 Circulation and Connectivity**

Uses shall be integrated with the surrounding community, easily accessible, and have a good internal circulation system for a variety of travel options.

1. Internal walk connections are required between buildings, and from buildings to all on site facilities, such as parking areas, bicycle facilities, and open space.
2. External walk connections are required to provide direct access from all buildings on the site to existing or planned sidewalks, adjacent multi-use trails, parks, and greenways.