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**SUBDIVISION AND ZONING ORDINANCE INTERPRETATION NO. 2026-03 - BILLIARD OR POOL HALL LAND USE**

**PURPOSE**

This memorandum clarifies the number of pool tables that constitutes a billiard or pool hall.

**BACKGROUND**

Billiard or pool halls are listed as a recreational use in the principal use tables, subject to the appropriate permit or review within specific zones, in County Code Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) (Title 22). However, there is no definition of a billiard or pool hall in Title 22. Therefore, it is unclear how many pool tables would constitute a billiard or pool hall.

Game or movie arcades are also listed as a recreational use in the principal use tables. [County Code Section 22.14.010 \(Definitions - A\)](#) defines a game arcade as, “Any premises where five or more games of skill or amusement devices are offered. Games of skill and amusement devices include pinball machines... pool tables, and other tables, boards, or other amusement devices. Operation of these games...”

**INTERPRETATION**

For consistency with the definition of game arcades in Title 22, projects with five or more pool tables shall be classified as a billiard or pool hall and subject to the appropriate permit or review as designated in Title 22. Projects with one to four pool tables shall not be classified as a billiard or pool hall and shall be considered incidental to the primary use (e.g., restaurant, bar, etc.).

## **APPLICABILITY**

This memorandum applies to all pending and applications under review as of the date of this memorandum and to all new applications submitted on or after the date of this memorandum. This memorandum will remain in effect until such time that Title 22 is amended to clarify these provisions.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Pauline Monroy at [pmonroy@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:pmonroy@planning.lacounty.gov).

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