

Commission Information:

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Vote: Unanimously

Council Information:

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Vote: Unanimous

Yes:	No:
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 16-017

**An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 17.57 AG-Agricultural District to Add Section 17.57.015 Definitions to include Small Agricultural Event Center; and amending Section 17.57.040 Conditional Uses to Delete Commercial Recreational Facilities and Add Small Agricultural Event Center as a Separate Listed Conditional Use in the AG-Agricultural District to be Listed as Section 17.57.040(O)**

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Chapter 17.57.015 is hereby enacted to read as follows (new language is underlined and bold and deleted language is stricken and bold):

**17.57.015 Definitions.**

**“Small Agricultural Event Center” means a facility located on agriculturally zoned land of five (5) acres or larger that provides a facility for any type of indoor social gathering and consisting of multipurpose meeting and/or recreational facilities, typically consisting of one or more meeting or multipurpose rooms, commercial**

**kitchen, and adequate bathroom facilities, that are available for use by various private groups for activities such as meetings, parties, receptions, and dances.**

Section 4. Chapter 17.57.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**17.57.040 Conditional uses.**

Uses which may be permitted in the AG district by obtaining a conditional use permit are:

- A. Residential planned unit development in accordance with Chapter **17.84** PMC;
- B. Churches and related buildings, provided no part of any church building shall be located nearer than 30 feet from an adjoining lot or street line;
- C. Utility substations;
- D. Public and private schools;
- E. Public buildings and structures;
- F. Museums, historic and cultural exhibits;
- G. Hospitals, cemeteries, mental health facilities, ~~commercial recreational facilities~~, sanitariums, residential care facilities, special needs day care facilities, nursing homes, convalescent homes, and homes for the aged;
- H. Commercial campgrounds;
- I. Parking or storage of heavy equipment, tractors, graders or trucks, unrelated to agricultural activity, which are used for gain;
- J. Child care facilities; provided, that no part of any building is located nearer than 30 feet from an adjoining lot or street line;
- K. Wind generators or communication towers;
- L. Direct marketing of produce, farm market, on-farm market or roadside stand if the sales are greater than 5,000 square feet in building area;
- M. Restaurant operations related to the agricultural use on the site;
- N. Natural resource extraction;
- O. Small Agricultural Event Center.**

Section 5. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 16-017 shall take effect upon adoption by the City of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

  
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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor