Planning Commission Resolution
File Number 26-17
Date June 26, 2026

TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING CODE CHAPTER 65.230 – GOLF COURSE

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council initiated amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 65.230, relating to golf course development standards and conditions, and in City Council Resolution 26-962 forwarded the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission for review and report as required under Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, Subd. 4 and set a public hearing at City Council for July 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation operates four golf courses in the City of Saint Paul and has requested these zoning text amendments to allow more operational flexibility, including limited lighting use for golf facilities and removing zoning restrictions to golf formats; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, on June 26, 2026 reviewed the proposed text amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of Zoning Code § 61.801(a) and pursuant to provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, that the Planning Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council the following amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 65 including the rationale as articulated in the attached materials.

NOTE: Existing language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikeouts~~. New language to be added is shown by underlining.

Chapter 65. - Zoning Code—Land Use Definitions and Development Standards

Sec. 65.230. Golf course.
Standards and conditions:

a) The site shall be so planned as to provide principal access directly onto or from a major thoroughfare [in definition], and to achieve a relationship between the major thoroughfare and any proposed service roads, entrances, driveways and parking areas that encourages pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety.
b) Development features, including the principal and accessory buildings and structures, shall be located and related so as to minimize the possibilities of any adverse effects upon adjacent property. All principal or accessory buildings or structures shall be situated at least two hundred (200) feet from any property line abutting residentially zoned or used lands; provided, that where topographic conditions are such that buildings would be screened from view, the planning commission may modify this requirement.
c) In residential districts, the course shall consist of at least nine (9) holes~~ and shall not include "pitch and putt" miniature golf courses~~.
~~d) Golf courses shall not be lighted for night use.~~

Moved by **Starling**
Seconded by **Reilly**
In favor **Unanimous**
Against _____