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The Viera Company

CUP for Alcoholic Beverages for On-premises Consumption - (Retain prior CUP for Commercial Entertainment and Amusement Enterprise)

Tax Account Number: 2631510, a portion of

Parcel I.D.: 26-36-09-VH-A-2

Location: North end of Bromley Drive (District 4)

Acreage: CUP request 11.67 acres

Planning & Zoning Board: 9/15/2025 Board of County Commissioners: 10/02/2025

Consistency with Land Use Regulations

- Current zoning can be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.
- The proposal can be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.
- The proposal would maintain acceptable Levels of Service (LOS) (XIII 1.6.C)

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	
Zoning	PUD-DRI with CUP for	PUD-DRI with CUP for	
	Commercial Entertainment and	On-premises alcoholic	
	Amusement Enterprises	beverage consumption	
		(retain prior CUP)	
Potential*	FAR 1.0	FAR 1.0	
Can be Considered under the	YES	YES	
Future Land Use Map	DRI3	DRI3	

^{*} Zoning potential for concurrency analysis purposes only, subject to applicable land development regulations.

Background and Purpose of Request

The applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for On-premises alcoholic beverage consumption (4COP – liquor, beer, and wine) on 11.67 acres, which is a portion of Parcel 3 established as Parcel 3A. The applicant has determined that they will operate as an eating and drinking establishment accessory to an entertainment venue and not as a restaurant (Administrative Approval action noted in Section 62-1906 (4) of Brevard County Code). This use will allow the owner/applicant to have extended hours of sale of alcoholic beverages beyond those that have been established for restaurants.

The property has approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Commercial Entertainment and Amusement Enterprises to operate an outdoor golf venue with 64 hitting bays under zoning action **24Z00047**. This property also has approval for Alternative Development Standards (ADS) under zoning action **24PUD0005** for increased fence height, increased wall signage, and reduced lighting performance standards. Both prior actions were adopted by the Board on December 12, 2024.

On December 15, 2009, zoning action **Z-11529** approved a change of zoning classification from PUD/DRI (Planned Unit Development/Development of Regional Impact) & AU (Agricultural Residential) to PUD-DRI (Planned Unit Development/Development of Regional Impact).

The site abuts the north end of Bromley Drive lying east of Lake Andrew Drive.

Surrounding Area

	Existing Use	Zoning	Future Land Use
North	retention pond	PUD-DRI	DRI 3
South	retention pond	PUD-DRI	DRI 3
East	I-95	PUD-DRI	DRI 3
West	retail complex	PUD-DRI	DRI 3

The subject property is surrounded by PUD zoning with commercial uses.

The Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning encourages and permits variation in development by allowing deviation in lot size, bulk or type of dwellings, density, lot coverage and open space from that required in any one residential zoning classification. The purpose of a PUD is to encourage the development of planned residential neighborhoods and communities that provide a full range of residence types, as well as industrial, commercial and institutional land uses.

Land Use

The subject property is designated Viera DRI (Development of Regional Impact). The PUD zoning classification can be considered consistent with the Viera DRI FLU designation.

Applicable Land Use Policies

FLUE Policy 2.2 – Role of Zoning Regulations in the Designation of Commercial Lands

The zoning process regulates the types and intensities of uses for a parcel of land. Criteria which aid in assessing zoning compatibility, shall include consideration of the following standards:

Criteria:

A. Permitted/prohibited uses;

Staff analysis: The owner proposes a CUP for On-premises alcoholic beverage consumption (4COP – liquor, beer and wine) within Parcel 3A to support the approved entertainment venue that was recently adopted by the Board. Parcel 3A is a subset of Parcel 3. Parcel 3 uses include hotel, retail and light industrial uses. Parcel 3 also contains an existing attraction use for a 16-screen theatre.

The Board should consider the compatibility of the proposed CUP with surrounding development.

B. Existing commercial zoning trends in the area;

Staff analysis: The property is surrounded by an area within the Central Viera PUD that allows commercial uses and abuts the west side of Highway I-95.

C. Compatibility of the proposed use with the area, pursuant to Administrative Policy 3;

Staff analysis: This CUP request for On-premises alcoholic beverage consumption, if approved, could be considered compatible with the adjacent commercial uses located to the west and south of this site.

D. Impact upon Level of Service (LOS) standards for roads, potable water service, sanitary sewer service and solid waste disposal;

Staff analysis: Based on preliminary review, no LOS will be exceeded for road capacity, potable water service, sanitary sewer service, and solid waste disposal.

The Board should evaluate the compatibility of this application within the context of the Board's Administrative Policies 1 through 8 of the Future Land Use Element, outlined in the Administrative Policies.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #3 - Compatibility between this site and the existing or proposed land uses in the area.

Compatibility shall be evaluated by considering the following factors, at a minimum:

Criteria:

A. Whether the proposed use(s) would have hours of operation, lighting, odor, noise levels, traffic, or site activity that would significantly diminish the enjoyment of, safety or quality of life in existing neighborhoods within the area which could foreseeably be affected by the proposed use:

Staff analysis: Regarding the hours of operation, odor, noise levels, traffic or site activity, the proposed CUP will need to comply with Brevard County's Performance Standards defined by Sections 62-2251 through 62-2272. The Board may require additional conditions and/or limitations.

B. Whether the proposed use(s) would cause a material reduction (five per cent or more) in the value of existing abutting lands or approved development.

Staff analysis: Only a certified MAI appraisal can determine if material reduction has or will occur due to the proposed request.

- C. Whether the proposed use(s) is/are consistent with an emerging or existing pattern of surrounding development as determined through an analysis of:
- 1. historical land use patterns;

Staff analysis: This area is currently developed with multiple restaurants, various retail establishments, a 490-unit multi-family development use to the north, and automotive sales within the platted area.

2. actual development over the immediately preceding three years; and

Staff analysis: The surrounding area has been under continuous retail development for the past three years. Unit 108, located at 6729 Colonnade Avenue, received similar alcoholic beverage approval for full liquor under zoning action number 23Z00018 on July 13, 2023.

3. development approved within the past three years but not yet constructed.

Staff analysis: There are no developments in this status.

D. Whether the proposed use(s) would result in a material violation of relevant policies in any elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff analysis: No material violation of relevant policies has been identified.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #4 - Character of a neighborhood or area.

Character of a neighborhood or area shall be a factor for consideration whenever a rezoning or any application involving a specific proposed use is reviewed. The character of the area must not be materially or adversely affected by the proposed rezoning or land use application. In evaluating the character of an area, the following factors shall be considered:

Criteria:

A. The proposed use must not materially and adversely impact an established residential neighborhood by introducing types or intensity of traffic, parking, trip generation, commercial activity or industrial activity that is not already present within the identified boundaries of the neighborhood.

The property is within the existing Central Viera PUD with commercial development surrounding the area. Staff analysis indicates the request is located in a commercial area and will not materially and adversely impact any established residential neighborhoods. The closest residential development is located approximately 770 feet north of the subject parcel.

- B. In determining whether an established residential neighborhood exists, the following factors must be present:
 - 1. The area must have clearly established boundaries, such as roads, open spaces, rivers, lakes, lagoons, or similar features.

The area has the development of roads, open spaces, and similar existing features. It is not located in a residential neighborhood or subdivision but is in a platted commercial subdivision.

2. Sporadic or occasional neighborhood commercial uses shall not preclude the existence of an existing residential neighborhood, particularly if the commercial use is non-conforming or pre-dates the surrounding residential use.

Staff analysis indicates that the area is not residential in character.

3. An area shall be presumed not to be primarily residential but shall be deemed transitional where multiple commercial, industrial or other non-residential uses have been applied for and approved during the previous five (5) years.

The subject parcel is located in a commercial area.

Administrative Policy #5 - the impact of the proposed use or uses on transportation facilities either serving the site or impacted by the use(s) shall be considered.

The proposed CUP will access Lake Andrew Drive segment between Judge Fran Jamieson Way to Wickham Road. The maximum development potential from the proposed CUP increases the percentage of MAV utilization by 2.19%. The Lake Andrew Drive corridor is anticipated to operate at 56.24% of capacity daily. The request is not anticipated to create a deficiency in LOS.

Preliminary Concurrency

The closest concurrency management segment to the subject property is Lake Andrew Drive between Wickham Road to The Avenues Entrance, which has a Maximum Acceptable Volume (MAV) of 39,800 trips per day, a Level of Service (LOS) of E, and currently operates at 54.05% of capacity daily. The maximum development potential from the proposed CUP increases the percentage of MAV utilization by 2.19%. The Lake Andrew Drive corridor is anticipated to operate at 56.24% of capacity daily. The request is not anticipated to create a deficiency in LOS.

No school concurrency information has been provided as the development proposal is for commercial and not residential use.

The parcel is serviced by the City of Cocoa Utilities for public water. The property is serviced by Brevard County utilities for sewer.

Special Considerations for CUP (Conditional Use Permit)

The Board should consider the compatibility of the proposed CUP pursuant to Section 62-1151(c) and to Section 62-1901, as outlined on pages 6 – 8 of these comments. Section 62-1901 provides that the approval of a conditional use shall authorize an additional use for the affected parcel of real property in addition to those permitted in the applicable zoning classification. **The initial burden is on the applicant to demonstrate that all applicable standards and criteria are met. Applications which do not satisfy this burden cannot be approved.** The applicant's responses and staff observations, if any, are indicated below.

Section 62-1151(c) directs the Board to consider the character of the land use of the property and its surroundings; changes in the conditions of the land use being considered; impact upon infrastructure; compatibility with land use plans for the area; and appropriateness of the CUP based upon consideration of applicable regulations relating to zoning and land use within the context of public health, safety and welfare. The applicant has submitted documentation in order to demonstrate consistency with the standards set forth in Section 62-1901 and Section 62-1906 which governs Alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

This applicant states that this request will be developed consistent with the criteria noted within Section 62-1906 for Alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

General Standards of Review

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(1)(a):</u> The proposed conditional use will not result in a substantial and adverse impact on adjacent and nearby properties due to: (1) the number of persons anticipated to be using, residing or working under the conditional use; (2) noise, odor, particulates, smoke, fumes and other emissions, or other nuisance activities generated by the conditional use; or (3) the increase of traffic within the vicinity caused by the proposed conditional use.

Applicant's Response: We do not anticipate the proposed conditional use will generate a substantial and adverse impact on adjacent nearby properties due to the criteria listed above.

Staff analysis: The proposed on-premises alcoholic beverage use (4COP – liquor, beer and wine) will need to comply with Brevard County's Performance Standards defined by Sections 62-2251 through 62-2272. The request is not anticipated to create a deficiency in Lake Andrew Drive, traffic Level of Service (LOS).

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(1)(b):</u> The proposed use will be compatible with the character of adjacent and nearby properties with regard to use, function, operation, hours of operation, type and amount of traffic generated, building size and setback, and parking availability.

Applicant's Response: The proposed use will be compatible with the character of the adjacent and nearby properties. The outdoor recreation and sports entertainment facility proposed will complement the growing entertainment facilities within Viera that include the Avenues and the USSSA Space Coast Complex. The anticipated hours of operation for the facility will be from Sunday-Thursday from 9:00 am -12:00 am and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am- 2:00 am. Traffic generated by the facility will not generate an adverse impact. A traffic study will be provided at time of site plan review. Site design including setbacks and parking will meet Brevard Code and the Central Viera Non-Residential Design Guidelines.

Staff analysis: The parcel is located in a Commercial area and is not adjacent to any residential development.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(1)(c):</u> The proposed use will not cause a substantial diminution in value of abutting residential property. Note: A substantial diminution shall be irrebutably presumed to have occurred if abutting property suffers a 15 percent reduction in value as a result of the proposed conditional use. A reduction of ten percent of the value of abutting property shall create a reputable presumption that a substantial diminution has occurred. The board of county commissioners carries the burden to show, as evidenced by either testimony from or an appraisal conducted by a MAI certified appraiser, that a substantial diminution in value would occur. The applicant may rebut the findings with his own expert witnesses.

Applicant's Response: We do not anticipate the proposed conditional use will cause a substantial diminution in value of abutting residential property.

Staff analysis: Competent and substantial evidence by a MAI certified appraiser has not been provided by the applicant.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(a):</u> Ingress and egress to the property and proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire and catastrophe, shall be: (1) adequate to serve the proposed use without burdening adjacent and nearby uses, and (2) built to applicable county standards, if any.

Note: Burdening adjacent and nearby uses means increasing existing traffic on the closest collector or arterial road by more than 20 percent, or ten percent if the new traffic is primarily comprised of heavy vehicles, except where the affected road is at level of service A or B. New traffic generated by the proposed use shall not cause the adopted level of service for transportation on applicable roadways, as determined by applicable county standards, to be exceeded. Where the design of a public road to be used by the proposed use is physically inadequate to handle the numbers, types or weights of vehicles expected to be generated by the proposed use without damage to the road, the

conditional use permit cannot be approved without a commitment to improve the road to a standard adequate to handle the proposed traffic, or to maintain the road through a maintenance bond or other means as required by the Board of County Commissioners.

Applicant's Response: Vehicular and pedestrian access will be designed to meet Brevard County Code and the Central Viera non-residential design guidelines. Traffic generated by the facility is not anticipated to generate an adverse impact. A traffic study will be provided at time of site plan review.

Staff analysis: This property has ingress and egress to Lake Andrew Drive from Bromley Drive and Napolo Drive, county-maintained roads.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(b):</u> The noise, glare, odor, particulates, smoke, fumes or other emissions from the conditional use shall not substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of the adjacent and nearby property.

Applicant's Response: We do not anticipate the proposed use will generate a substantial adverse impact on adjacent properties from noise, glare, odor, particulates, smoke, fumes or other emissions.

Staff analysis: The CUP must comply with Brevard County's Performance Standards defined by Sections 62-2251 through 62-2272.

Section 62-1901(c)(2)(c): Noise levels for a conditional use are governed by section 62-2271.

Applicant's Response: Noise levels shall comply with maximum permitted for commercial uses.

Staff analysis: Proposed CUP includes non-enclosed and outdoor seating areas and must comply with the noise ordinance.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(d)</u> The proposed conditional use shall not cause the adopted level of service for solid waste disposal applicable to the property or area covered by such level of service, to be exceeded.

Applicant's Response: A Concurrency application has been submitted to the service provider to confirm the proposed use will not cause the adopted level of service to be exceeded.

Staff analysis: The adopted level of service for solid waste disposal should not be affected by the CUP.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(e):</u> The proposed conditional use shall not cause the adopted level of service for potable water or wastewater applicable to the property or the area covered by such level of service, to be exceeded by the proposed use.

Applicant's Response: A Concurrency application has been submitted to the service provider to confirm the proposed use will not cause the adopted level of service to be exceeded.

Staff analysis: The CUP should not exceed the adopted level of service for potable water or wastewater.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(f):</u> The proposed conditional use must have existing or proposed screening or buffering, with reference to type, dimensions and character to eliminate or reduce substantial, adverse nuisance, sight, or noise impacts on adjacent and nearby properties containing less intensive uses.

Applicant's Response: Screening and buffering for the proposed use will be provided per Brevard County Code requirements and the Central Viera Non-Residential Design Guidelines.

Staff analysis: The proposed site plan demonstrates compliance with County codes and regulations for landscaping purposes. The recently approved alternative development standards in Zoning Resolution 24PUD00005 successfully addresses the glare issue. The Board noted within the zoning resolution that the applicant will provide signed and sealed documents by a Professional Engineer (P.E) demonstrating that the lighting configuration does not adversely affect conditions for traffic traveling along 1-95 during the site plan process; and the Board also conditioned approval upon the applicant meeting all local, State, and Federal regulations regarding lighting, unless expressly waived.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(g):</u> Proposed signs and exterior lighting shall not cause unreasonable glare or hazard to, traffic safety, or interference with the use or enjoyment of adjacent and nearby properties.

Applicant's Response: Proposed signs and exterior lighting will not cause unreasonable glare or hazard to traffic safety or interfere with use and enjoyment of adjacent properties.

Staff analysis: The parcel has an approved ADS alternative development standard for wall signage and external lighting. The site will be required to be constructed in compliance.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(h):</u> Hours of operation of the proposed use shall be consistent with the use and enjoyment of the properties in the surrounding residential community, if any. For commercial and industrial uses adjacent to or near residential uses, the hours of operation shall not adversely affect the use and enjoyment of the residential character of the area.

Applicant's Response: The anticipated hours of operation for the facility will be from Sunday-Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:00 am and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am- 2:00 am. The hours of operation are not anticipated to adversely affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent residential properties.

Staff analysis: The required hours of operation fall between the 24-hour a day, seven days a week allowance per Section 6-3 Hours of Sale within Chapter 6 of Brevard County Code. This use as an eating and drinking establishment does not have to follow the requirements for restaurants with outdoor seating noted in Section 62-1837.9 of Brevard County Code (Outdoor food service will terminate no later than 10:00 p.m. on weekdays (Monday—Thursday) and 11:00 p.m. on weekends (Friday—Sunday). The Board may wish to include additional stipulations as part of the request.

<u>Section 62-1901(c)(2)(i):</u> The height of the proposed use shall be compatible with the character of the area, and the maximum height of any habitable structure shall be not more than 35 feet higher than the highest residence within 1,000 feet of the property line.

*Note: A survey of building heights within 1,000 feet of the property lines should be furnished for applicants requesting a Conditional Use Permit for additional building height.

Applicant's Response: The maximum height of any habitable structure shall be no taller than 35 feet higher than the highest residence within 1,000 feet of the proposed property line.

Staff analysis: The building that supports the proposed golf venue and eating and drinking establishment meets the height requirements.

Section 62-1901(c)(2)(j): Off-street parking and loading areas, where required, shall not be created or maintained in a manner which adversely impacts or impairs the use and enjoyment of adjacent and nearby properties. For existing structures, the applicant shall provide competent, substantial evidence to demonstrate that actual or anticipated parking shall not be greater than that which is approved as part of the site plan under applicable county standards.

*Note: for existing structures, the applicant shall provide competent, substantial evidence to demonstrate that actual or anticipated parking shall not be greater than that which is approved as part of the site plan under applicable county standards.

Applicant's Response: Off-street parking and loading areas shall not adversely impact or impairs the use and enjoyment of adjacent and nearby properties and will meet Brevard County code.

Staff analysis: The proposed plan demonstrates adequate parking to meet code.

Environmental Constraints

Natural Resources Management (NRM) reserves the right to assess consistency with environmental ordinances at all applicable future stages of development. NRM last reviewed this site for the CUP for commercial entertainment and amusement enterprises use that was adopted on December 12, 2024.

For Board Consideration

The Board may wish to consider the compatibility of the proposed CUP with the surrounding area. The Board may also wish to consider additional conditions beyond those cited in Sections 62-1901 and 62-1906 to mitigate any offsite impacts.