



**PLANNING COMMISSION
TEXT AMENDMENT CASE SUMMARY**

**AMEND THE CONDITIONAL USE REQUIREMENTS TO PERMIT OUTDOOR
DISPLAY AND STORAGE OF MERCHANDISE AND/OR EQUIPMENT AT USED
MERCHANDISE STORES WITH A SPECIAL EXCEPETION**

March 3, 2014

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Proposal:	Amend §17-287, Used Merchandise, to add criteria to permit outdoor display and storage of merchandise and/or equipment at used merchandise stores without weapons with a Special Exception. Amend §258, Table of Permitted Uses to add the special exception requirement and to correctly identify the section as 17-287
Applicant:	Councilman Cameron Runyan
Affected Sections:	Article III, Division 8, §17-287, Used merchandise stores Article III, Division 8, §17-258 (Table 1. Table of Permitted Uses), 5932 (Used Merchandise Stores Without Weapons)
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Detail: Currently, used merchandise stores without weapons are permitted in certain zoning districts with conditions. One of the conditions states that no merchandise or equipment shall be displayed or stored outside the store. This amendment will add additional criteria to permit limited outdoor display and storage of merchandise and/or equipment at used merchandise stores after obtaining a special exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The synopsis of the change is listed below:

No merchandise or equipment shall be displayed or stored outside the store; however the board of zoning appeals may grant a special exception to permit limited outdoor display. In considering the criteria for the special exception set forth in section 17-112(2) the board shall also consider, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Hours of display;*
- b. Area devoted to display;*
- c. Proximity to adjacent property lines;*
- d. Items to be displayed;*
- e. Maintenance of display area in a clean and orderly condition.*

Pending Issues:	None.
Staff Contact:	K. Brian Cook, Zoning Administrator

Sec. 17-287. - Used merchandise stores.

- (a) Used merchandise stores are permitted in C-3, C-3A, C-4, C-5, C-6, M-1, M-2, MX-1, and MX-2 districts, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) No merchandise or equipment shall be displayed or stored outside the store; however the board of zoning appeals may grant a special exception to permit limited outdoor display. In considering the criteria for the special exception set forth in section 17-112(2) the board shall also consider, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Hours of display;
 - b. Area devoted to display;
 - c. Proximity to adjacent property lines;
 - d. Items to be displayed;
 - e. Maintenance of display area in a clean and orderly condition.
 - (2) If donations are accepted, merchandise shall only be received during normal business hours, and signs shall be posted alerting donors that donations are not accepted except during normal business hours;
 - (3) No weapons or ammunition of any type, including knives, shall be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise processed.

(Ord. No. 2008-025, 6-18-08; Ord. No. 2009-036, 6-3-09)



City of Columbia

APPLICATION to

AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: 1-7-14By: K. Brian Cook**1) APPLICANT (Please Print)**

Name:	Councilman Cameron Runyan		
Tel. #:	803-545-4401	Fax#:	
Mobile #:		E-mail:	carunyan@columbiasc.net

Do you own any of the property affected by this application? YES NO; If NO, provide Letter of Agency**2) THIS APPLICATION IS FOR (Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	REZONING (MAP and/or PUD AMENDMENT)
From:	To:
For PUD Amendment (Check one below)	
<input type="radio"/> Minor Amendment	<input type="radio"/> Major Amendment
PROPERTY INFORMATION	
Address:	
TMS#:	Total Acreage:
Current Use:	Proposed Use:
Current Zoning:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TEXT AMENDMENT
List affected code section(s):	Article III, Division 8, §17-287 Used merchandise stores

3) DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Attach additional paper if you need more space)

1) Amend 17-287 to add criteria to permit limited outdoor display and storage of merchandise and/or equipment at used merchandise stores with a special exception.

4) NEIGHBORHOOD CONSULTATION

Prior to the Planning Commission meeting, meet with the adjacent neighbors or neighborhood association to communicate details of the proposed project. Please note that this informational meeting is not required by ordinance, but is *strongly* encouraged. Contact information may be obtained from Zoning staff.

5) SIGNATURE

Applicant Signature:	
Print Name:	Cameron Runyan
Date:	January 7, 2014

PC Date: 3-3-14
ZPH Date: 3-18-14Action: _____
1st Reading Date: 3-18-14
2nd Reading Date: 4-1-14Action: _____
Action: _____

