

PLPZ202000239 – Walk-in medical clinics

PURPOSE: The purpose of this amendment is to allow the free market to dictate the appropriate number of walk-in clinics. This is particularly relevant today as the world tackles COVID-19.

This proposal is in keeping with Objective 6.4 of the 2019 POCD, which reads: Ensure that Town residents have state-of-the-art health and safety services; and more specifically subsection b,: Eliminate distance requirements for walk-in clinics within the Building Zone Regulations.

Proposed text is in bold and deleted text is denoted via strikethrough.

Amendment:

Section 6-5 (52) (52) Walk-in Medical Clinic, also known as Convenient Medical Care Center and by other similar terms, shall mean a facility which functions without an appointment system to provide on-the-spot medical aid to persons who present non-life-threatening problems but who need or want the convenience of immediate medical attention. (1/12/2000) A walk-in medical clinic is characterized by having limited facilities and personnel. Such a facility may be open 24 hours a day ~~and shall be so located as to serve a non-overlapping geographic area having a population of 30,000 people. No walk-in medical clinic shall be located within 4 miles of a similar facility.~~ A walk-in medical clinic is not characterized by providing patients with long-term follow-up medical care, and is not designed to handle life-threatening emergencies. (7/25/1988)