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Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-24 to initiate Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #26-03 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VII (Use Regulations), Section 78-71.1 (Indoor Entertainment Use Category), and Article XVIII (Definitions), Section 78-180 (Definitions) to define casino related terms and establish land use provisions for casino establishments**

Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

Category: Consent

Prepared by: David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator

Description:
This Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) will define casino related terms consistent with the Code of Virginia and establish regulations in the Town of Herndon Zoning Ordinance, which does not currently regulate casino gaming uses.

Background/Timing Impact:
Senate Bill SB 756, an amendment to the Code of Virginia Title 58.1 (Taxation), Chapter 41 (Casino Gaming) has been passed by the Virginia House and includes language that would allow Tysons in Fairfax County as an eligible location for a Casino Gaming Establishment. At this time, it is unclear whether SB 756 will be signed, amended, or vetoed by the governor. It is also unclear how Code of Virginia provisions for Casino Gaming Establishments may be established in future General Assembly sessions.

Timing Impact:
Amending the Zoning Ordinance now to define casino-related terms and establish land use provisions will prepare the town for casino-related legislation that may have direct impacts on land use within the town.

Strategic Focus Area:
Environmental and Economic Sustainability

Fiscal Impact:
Unknown at this time.

Legal Impact:
Adoption of this initiating resolution will refer the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to

the Planning Commission to be discussed at a public hearing, followed by a public hearing of the Town Council.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends approval of the initiating resolution.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (proposed)