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TITLE: Social Service Organizations – Land Use Tables

The Inland Land Use and Development Code (ILUDC) presently includes "Social Service Organization" in the Land Use Tables of Article 2. The use is defined in the Glossary (Article 10) as follows:

A public or quasi-public establishment providing social and/or rehabilitation services, serving persons with social or personal problems requiring special services, the handicapped, and the otherwise disadvantaged. Examples of this land use include: counseling centers, welfare offices, job counseling and training centers, or vocational rehabilitation agencies. Includes organizations soliciting funds to be used directly for these and related services, and establishments engaged in community improvement and neighborhood development. Does not include day-care services, emergency shelters and transitional housing, or "Residential Care," which are separately defined.

Regulating this use is problematic within the purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is more appropriate to regulate based on types of services rendered rather than clientele being served.

Staff is pursuing the matter with the City Attorney at this time, and hopes to have more clarification prior to revised Land Use Tables appearing before the whole City Council. The draft Land Use Tables provided for today's meeting show the use as stricken from the ILUDC.