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From: Planning Staff
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The Lawrence Planning Office received a request for a determination of the zoning district in which 'photography studios' are a permitted use. The Development Code does not specifically list 'photography studio' as a permitted use.

The use category 'Manufacturing and Production, Limited' as defined in Section 20-1739(1) includes ceramic studios and similar types of arts and crafts which could be considered fairly similar to photography studios. However this use is not permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial Districts, the Office Commercial District or either of the Residential-Office Districts. The Planning Director determined that a photography studio would be a compatible use in these districts and several studios are currently located in these districts.

To prevent creating non-conforming uses and to allow photography studios to locate in zoning districts which are appropriate for their intensity of use, the Planning Director determined that photography studios are included in the use category "Office, Administrative and Professional" as defined in Section 20-1744(3).

"Office uses for businesses that primarily provide administrative, consulting or other professional services that do not include construction space or equipment/storage yards. This use includes Community Facilities that are public, non-profit or charitable in nature and provide education, training and counseling services."