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## High-speed thrills planned for Morrisville with go-kart track, indoor skydiving

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Two new entertainment venues are in the works for Morrisville, with plans calling for indoor skydiving across from a local company's second high-speed go-kart track.

Garner-based Rush Hour Karting and Texas-based Urban Air have submitted plans to build facilities on a 13-acre property off Airport Boulevard north of the intersection with Chapel Hill Road.

Rush Hour Karting co-founder Adam Saad says the new location will be the company's second site and will feature the latest electric go-karts and state-of-the-art, multi-level race track design.

"We've been here at our first location for 15 years now. Our main thing is we're different than standard go-karting," Saad says. "These are real racing machines... over 40 mph."



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Rush Hour Karting has submitted plans for a high-speed go-kart track in Morrisville.

The company targets adult customers including racing enthusiasts and corporate clients that are looking for a fun and engaging outing for their staff.

"It's become hugely popular," Saad says. "Especially being in North Carolina -- we're in racing country."

The new facility will feature a multi-level track design to fit a 1/3-mile course in a nearly 50,000-square-foot building.

"Because they're electric there's more torque," Saad says about the go-karts. "So they accelerate really fast."

Plus, electric carts generate no fumes, unlike their gas-powered counterparts.

Saad says the Morrisville location will be perfect for corporate clients, with easy access to and from RTP. The facility will also include a 300-person banquet hall as well as axe throwing, escape rooms and virtual reality arenas.

Plans filed to the town earlier this year call for a combined 88,707 square feet of space across two single-story buildings separated by a large parking lot. The Urban Air building will have 41,232 square feet of space.

Urban Air, a family entertainment center with locations around the country, also features trampoline parks and climbing walls.

The land is owned by AIS Forestry and Farming LLC, an entity that belongs to the Stephens family of Raleigh. Saad says Rush Hour and Urban Air plan to eventually subdivide the land and purchase their portions after the project is complete. They will share the parking lot.

Forestry and Farming also owns a 22-acre property in west Raleigh next to the new Drive Shack -- it may become the site of a mixed-use office and residential development, if a rezoning request is approved.

A timeline for when Rush Hour Karting and Urban Air would open was not available.

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