

DIVISION 17. - C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Sec. 28-646. - Purpose.

The C-3 general commercial district is intended to provide for a wide variety of business uses in locations with a high degree of accessibility to major transportation corridors. Lot area, height and yard requirements are designed to meet contemporary standards for commercial development on individual sites as well as in unified centers.

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1701), 9-16-86)

Sec. 28-647. - Permitted uses.

Permitted uses in the C-3 district are:

- (1) Financial institutions.
- (2) Clinics and lab services (not veterinary).
- (3) Motels, hotels and motor hotels (and attached restaurants).
- (4) Theaters, but not drive-in.
- (5) Clubs, lodges, where the chief activity is not a business.
- (6) Commercial and vocational schools.
- (7) Convalescent or rest homes.
- (8) Dressmaking, millinery, tailor shops, shoe repair shops and similar shops.
- (9) Office buildings.
- (10) Personal service shops.
- (11) Restaurants.
- (12) Retail sales (excluding machinery and HUD-Code manufactured homes).
- (13) Studios of artists, photographers, crafts and custom trades.
- (14) Physical culture and health services, including gymnasiums and reducing salons.
- (15) Travel bureaus.
- (16) Repair and servicing of bicycles, radios, televisions, appliances, keys and similar consumer articles.
- (17) Commercial funeral home.
- (18) Repair and servicing of automobiles and other passenger vehicles; provided, that all repair and servicing other than refueling is conducted within an enclosed structure.
- (19) Automobile carwashing establishments.
- (20) Indoor amusement facility.
- (21) Self-storage warehouses.
- (22) Veterinary clinics (no outside kennels).
- (23) Greenhouses and nurseries (retail only).
- (24) Public uses, such as parks, libraries, buildings and municipal zoos.

- (25) Schools including public and private schools, elementary and secondary schools, preschools, kindergartens, nursery schools and special schools, provided the use meets all setback, lot size and other development requirements applicable.
- (26) Houses of worship, convents, rectories, parsonages and parish houses.
- (27) Golf courses, including miniature courses or driving ranges.
- (28) Fire stations, police stations, artesian wells, pumping stations, lakes, boat docks, boathouses, water supply reservoirs, filter beds, water tanks, towers or standpipes and marinas.
- (29) Railroad rights-of-way, railroad tracks, bridges and signals.
- (30) Public utilities; poles, wires and transmission and/or distribution lines and other transmission and distributing appurtenances, but not including storage facilities, electrical energy production facilities, transformers or relay substations.
- (31) Accessory off-street parking and loading facilities subject to the provisions of article VII of this chapter.
- (32) Accessory signs subject to the provisions of article VIII of this chapter.
- (33) Other accessory uses subject to the provisions of section 28-926.
- (34) Air-conditioning and heating sales service.
- (35) Alcoholic beverages, sale for off-premises consumption.
- (36) Alcoholic beverages, sale for on-premise consumption; provided the use is located in a structure which is at least 100 feet from a lot zoned R-1 or R-2.
- (37) Auto, boat and recreation vehicles; sale, rental, parts, repair and storage (new and used, but not including wrecking yards).
- (38) Bakeries, retail and wholesome.
- (39) Broadcasting stations, radio and TV.
- (40) Building materials, retail.
- (41) Cleaning, dyeing, and laundry plants, commercial.
- (42) Laundry, self-service commercial.
- (43) Office and business equipment sales office.
- (44) Parking facilities, commercial.
- (45) Photostating and copy services.
- (46) Plumbing, sales and service.
- (47) Printing, blueprinting, binding and publishing, lithographing, engraving.
- (48) Indoor recreational facility.
- (49) Religious, philanthropic, educational institutions, museums.
- (50) Equipment rental (small domestic).
- (51) Restaurants, retail sales, or personal, automobile or financial services providing goods or services directly to customers in motor vehicles outside of an enclosed structure.
- (52) Roofing, sales and services.
- (53) Parcel and package delivery and express services.
- (54) Wholesale buying clubs.
- (55) Carpet cleaning.

- (56) Auto, retail fuel sales.
- (57) Catering establishments.
- (58) Home occupation in nonconforming residential uses subject to the provisions of section 28-928 and all other applicable provisions of this chapter.
- (59) Licensed group home.
- (60) Child care facilities.
- (61) Sale of beer for on-premise consumption, provided that such use is located on a public golf course.
- (62) Bed and breakfast inn provided that a bed and breakfast facility license has been issued in accordance with chapter 13 of this Code.
- (63) Wireless communication system antennas on alternate independent support structures.
- (64) Reserved.
- (65) Retail sales exclusively outside an enclosed building, provided that a private open air vending permit has been issued in accordance with Chapter 13 of this Code for such use.
- (66) Adult day care facilities.
- (67) Small packaging and shipping services.
- (68) Enclosed outside storage subject to the provisions of section 28-926.
- (69) outside display subject to the provisions of section 28-926.
- (70) Mortuary services as an accessory use to a commercial funeral home and subject to the provisions of section 28-926.
- (71) Excavation, mining and/or removal of material limited to sand, soil or gravel, as an accessory use for the purpose of construction on the property or development of the property for a permitted use by right or by special permit; provided the excavation, mining and/or removal of material meet the following:
 - a. The amount of material being removed from the site is not more than 125,000 cubic yards;
 - b. A site grading permit is issued meeting all requirements of article III, division 3 of this chapter for a period of time that is specified in the site grading permit which period of time shall be reasonable for the amount of work that is being done as part of the construction on the property or development of the property for a permitted use, as determined by the building official; and
 - c. If excavation, mining and/or removal of material is intended to create a water body or lake as an accessory use, the area of the water body or lake cannot exceed ten percent of the total area of the tract or lot where it is being constructed. This applies to the parent tract or lot and further division of the parent tract or lot will not permit additional water bodies or lake to exceed ten percent of the total area of the parent tract or lot.
- (72) Farmers' markets (except on lots containing only single-family uses) provided that a farmers' market permit has been issued in accordance with chapter 13 of this Code.
- (73) Sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption provided that such use occurs at a permitted farmers' market.
- (74) Community gardens provided that a community garden permit has been issued in accordance with chapter 13 of this Code (unless such permit is not required under chapter 13 of this Code).
- (75) Temporary commercial parking facility.
- (76) Smoke shop.

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1702), 9-16-86; Ord. No. 1987-3, § 17, 2-17-87; Ord. No. 1987-24, §§ 4, 6, 12, 15, 17, 20, 12-21-87; Ord. No. 1987-58, § 9, 10-27-87; Ord. No. 1988-45, § 12, 10-18-88; Ord. No. 1990-13, §§ 2, 3, 4-17-90; Ord. No. 1990-61, §§ 8, 14—16, 12-18-90; Ord. No. 1992-35, § 5, 10-6-92; Ord. No. 1996-3, § 4, 2-20-96; Ord. No. 1997-2, § 1(d), 2-4-97; Ord. No. 1997-25A, § 1, 6-17-97; Ord. No. 1997-30, § 1(h), 7-1-97; Ord. No. 2003-0383, § 1, 7-1-03; Ord. No. 2004-0122, § 1, 4-6-04; Ord. No. 2005-287, § 2, 5-3-05; Ord. No. 2005-437, § 2, 8-2-05; Ord. No. 2007-290, § 3, 5-1-07; Ord. No. 2010-131, § 1, 3-2-10; Ord. No. 2010-692, § 1, 12-7-10; Ord. No. 2011-116, § 1, 3-1-11; Ord. No. 2013-483, § 1, 8-20-13; [Ord. No. 2014-432, § 1, 8-5-14](#); Ord. No. [2017-703](#), § 2, 8-1-17; Ord. No. [2018-699](#), § 1, 8-7-18)

Sec. 28-648. - Special uses.

Uses which may be allowed in the C-3 district by special permit in accordance with the provisions of section 28-121 et seq. are:

- (1) Airport or heliport, subject to approval of the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (2) Hospitals.
- (3) Excavation, mining and/or removal of any material, including, but not limited to, sand, soil and gravel, as an accessory use for the purpose of construction on the property or development of the property for a permitted use by right or by special permit, if (1) the amount of material being removed from the site is more than 125,000 cubic yards, or (2) the excavation and/or mining involving the removal of material is intended to construct a water body or lake as an accessory use and the area of the water body or lake exceeds ten percent of the total area of the lot or tract where it is being constructed; provided the excavation, mining and/or removal is conducted in accordance with all terms and conditions of the special use permit, the surface mining and excavation guidelines and all other applicable ordinances and codes of the city and meets the following conditions:
 - a. The property on which the excavation, mining and/or removal operation is conducted is not located within 1,000 feet of 26 or more dwelling units, and
 - b. Trucks used to transport excavated material from an excavation or mining operation site shall not be driven on a local or collector street that provides vehicular access to a residential subdivision containing 26 or more dwelling units.
- (4) Monopole and stealth antenna structures at any height for wireless communication system.
- (5) Drive-in theaters.
- (6) Cemeteries.
- (7) Contractors' shops.
- (8) Outdoor recreational uses, such as water slides, go-carts, batting cages, pools, stadiums, exhibitions, amusement parks, etc.
- (9) Recreational vehicle parks subject to chapter 15 of the Code.
- (10) Flea markets.
- (11) Schools; colleges and universities.
- (12) Kennels and stables.
- (13) Public utility; shops, yards, generation, storage and substations.
- (14) Residential quarters for caretakers and similar personnel.
- (15) Lattice antenna and guy wire antenna structure for wireless communication system if height does not exceed maximum height allowed by zoning district.

- (16) Reserved.
- (17) Transitional shelter II.
- (18) Shelters.
- (19) Halfway houses.
- (20) Crematory services as an accessory use to a commercial funeral home and subject to the provisions of section 28-926.

(Ord. No. 1987-3, §§ 8, 18, 2-17-87; Ord. No. 1987-24, §§ 1, 8, 12-21-87; Ord. No. 1987-64, § 1, 11-24-87; Ord. No. 1988-45, §§ 1, 11, 10-18-88; Ord. No. 1990-13, § 4, 4-17-90; Ord. No. 1990-61, § 13, 12-18-90; Ord. No. 1997-2, § 1(d), 2-4-97; Ord. No. 1997-30, § 1(i), (j), 7-1-97; Ord. No. 1998-53, § 1, 2-2-99; Ord. No. 2003-0383, § 1, 7-1-03; Ord. No. 2003-0405, § 1, 7-15-03; Ord. No. 2004-0332, § 1, 6-15-04; Ord. No. 2010-692, § 1, 12-7-10; Ord. No. 2011-117, § 1, 3-1-11; Ord. No. 2013-481, § 1, 8-20-13; Ord. No. 2013-483, § 1, 8-20-13; Ord. No. [2018-568](#), § 1, 6-5-18)

Sec. 28-649. - Lot area.

Except as otherwise provided in section 28-901, every lot in the C-3 district upon which a structure or use is erected, altered or maintained shall have:

- (1) *All permitted uses.* An area of not less than 20,000 square feet; and a minimum width of 100 feet.
- (2) *Uses allowed by special permit.* Same as for permitted uses, subject to the provisions of section 28-130.

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1704), 9-16-86)

Sec. 28-650. - Height restrictions.

Except as provided in section 28-903, no structure or use in the C-3 district shall be erected, altered or maintained which exceeds four stories or 60 feet in height.

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1705), 9-16-86)

Sec. 28-651. - Yard requirements.

Except as provided in section 28-904, no structure or use in the C-3 district shall be erected, altered or maintained unless the following yards are provided:

- (1) *All permitted uses.* A front yard of not less than ten feet and no minimum side or rear yard is required, except that:
 - a. A side yard of not less than ten feet shall be required where the side yard is adjacent to a side street.
 - b. Any rear or side yard abutting an R-3 or O district shall not be less than 15 feet.
 - c. Any rear or side yard abutting an R-1 or R-2 district shall not be less than 25 feet.
 - d. All side and rear yards shall be increased by one foot for each two feet, or fraction thereof, by which a principal structure exceeds 35 feet in height.

- (2) *Uses allowed by special permit.* Same as for permitted uses in subsection (1) of this section, subject to the provisions of section 28-130(b).

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1706), 9-16-86)

Sec. 28-652. - Additional regulations.

Uses in the C-3 district shall also comply with the following regulations:

- (1) Section 28-171 requiring review of development plans for all uses except single-family dwellings.
- (2) Chapter 9 regulating development in the escarpment zone.
- (3) Chapter 11 regulating development in floodplains.
- (4) A permit is required for all site work of property and for the construction or substantial alteration of a parking lot. "Substantial alteration" includes the adding of spaces or reconstruction of the parking lot area. Single-family residential uses shall be exempt from this requirement.

(Ord. No. 1986-49, § 1(4.1707), 9-16-86; Ord. No. 1998-82, § 1, 5-4-99)

Sec. 28-653. - Distance requirements.

- (a) A transitional shelter located in the C-3 district shall be located at least 500 feet from any lot used for a school, day care center, or another transitional shelter, community home II, shelter, or halfway house.
- (b) A shelter located in the C-3 district shall be located at least 500 feet from any lot used for a school, day care center, or another shelter, community home II, transitional shelter, or halfway house and shall be located at least 500 feet from property zoned R-1A or R-1B.
- (c) A halfway house located in the C-3 district shall be located at least 500 feet from any lot zoned residential and at least 1000 feet from any lot used for a school, day care center, or another halfway house, community home II, transitional shelter, or shelter.
- (d) A smoke shop located in the C-3 district shall be at least 500 feet from any lot used for a school, day care center, park, or any other smoke shop.

(Ord. No. 2004-0332, § 1, 6-15-04; Ord. No. [2018-699](#), § 1, 8-7-18)

Secs. 28-654—28-670. - Reserved.