
Sec. 12-3-8. Commercial land use district.

The regulations in this section shall be applicable to the retail and downtown commercial and wholesale and light industry zoning districts: C-1, C-2A, C-2, and C-3.

(1) *Purpose of district.*

- a. The commercial land use district is established for the purpose of providing areas of commercial development ranging from compact shopping areas to limited industrial/high intensity commercial uses. Conventional residential use is allowed as well as residential uses on upper floors above ground floor commercial or office uses and in other types of mixed-use development. New development and redevelopment projects are strongly encouraged to follow the city's design standards and guidelines contained in section 12-3-121.
- b. The C-1 zoning district's regulations are intended to provide for conveniently supplying the immediate needs of the community where the types of services rendered and the commodities sold are those that are needed frequently. The C-1 zoning district is intended to provide a transitional buffer between mixed-use neighborhood commercial areas and more intense commercial zoning. The downtown and retail commercial (C-2A and C-2) zoning districts' regulations are intended to provide for major commercial areas intended primarily for retail sales and service establishments oriented to a general community and/or regional market. The C-3 wholesale and light industry zoning district's regulations are intended to provide for general commercial services, wholesale distribution, storage and light fabrication.
- c. The downtown retail commercial (C-2A) zoning district's regulations are intended to provide a mix of restaurants, retail sales, entertainment, and service establishments with an emphasis on pedestrian-oriented ground floor shops and market spaces.
- d. The commercial retail (C-2) zoning district's regulations are intended to provide for major commercial areas intended primarily for retail sales and service establishments oriented to a general community and/or regional market.
- e. The C-3 wholesale and light industry zoning district's regulations are intended to provide for general commercial services, wholesale distribution, storage and light fabrication.

(2) *Uses permitted.*

- a. *C-1, retail commercial zoning district.* Any use permitted in the R-NC district and the following uses, with no outside storage or repair work permitted:
 1. Retail sales and services.
 2. Motels/hotels.
 3. Vending machine when as accessory to a business establishment and located on the same parcel of land as the business.
 4. Car washes.
 5. Movie theaters, except drive-in theaters.
 6. Open air sales of trees, plants and shrubs. The business shall include a permanent sales or office building (including restrooms) on the site.
 7. Pet shops with all uses inside the principal building.
 8. Parking lots and parking garages.
 9. Pest extermination services.

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10. Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics with fully enclosed kennels and no outside runs or exercise areas.
 11. Business schools.
 12. Trade schools.
 13. Medical marijuana dispensary.
 14. Recreation or amusement places operated for profit.
 15. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.
- b. *C-2A, downtown retail commercial district*. Any use permitted in the C-1 district with the exception of manufactured home parks, and conditional uses. The following uses with no outside storage or repair work permitted:
1. Bars.
 2. Pool halls.
 3. Newspaper offices and printing firms.
 4. Marinas.
 5. Major public utility buildings and structures including radio and television broadcasting station.
 6. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.
- c. *C-2, commercial district (retail)*. Any use permitted in the C-2A district and the following uses with no outside storage or repair work permitted:
1. Cabinet shops and upholstery shops.
 2. Electric motor repair and rebuilding.
 3. Garages for the repair and overhauling of automobiles.
 4. Sign shop.
 5. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.
- d. *C-3, commercial zoning district (wholesale and limited industry)*.
1. Any use permitted in the C-2 district. Outside storage and work shall be permitted for those uses and the following uses, but shall be screened by an opaque fence or wall at least eight feet high at installation. Vegetation shall also be used as a screen and shall provide 75 percent opacity. The vegetative screen shall be located on the exterior of the required fence.
 2. Outside kennels, runs or exercise areas for animals subject to regulations in section 12-3-83.
 3. Growing and wholesale of retail sales of trees, shrubs and plants.
 4. Bakeries, wholesale.
 5. Ice cream factories and dairies.
 6. Quick-freeze plants and frozen food lockers.
 7. Boat sales and repair.

8. Outdoor theaters.
9. Industrial research laboratories and pharmaceutical companies.
10. Truck sales and repair.
11. Light metal fabrication and assembly.
12. Contractors shops.
13. Adult entertainment establishments subject to the requirements of chapter 7-3.
14. Industrial laundries and dry cleaners using combustible or flammable liquids or solvents with a flash point of 190 degrees Fahrenheit or less which provide industrial type cleaning, including linen supply, rug and carpet cleaning, and diaper service.
15. Retail lumber and building materials.
16. Warehouses.
17. Plumbing and electrical shops.
18. New car and used car lots, including trucks which do not exceed 5,000 pounds.
19. Car rental agencies and storage, including trucks which do not exceed 5,000 pounds.
20. Pawnshops and secondhand stores.
21. Mini-storage warehouses.
22. Advanced manufacturing and/or processing operations provided that such use does not constitute a nuisance due to emission of dust, odor, gas, smoke, fumes, or noise.
23. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.

- (3) *Regulations.* All developments are required to comply with design standards and are strongly encouraged to follow design guidelines as established in section 12-3-121. Table 12-3.7 describes height, area and yard requirements for the C-1, C-2, C-2A and C-3 commercial zoning districts:

TABLE 12-3.7. REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Standards	C-1	C-2A	C-2 and C-3
Minimum Yard Requirements (Minimum Building Setbacks)	There shall be no yard requirements, except that where any nonresidential use is contiguous to a residential zoning district there shall be a 20-foot yard unless the two districts are separated by a public street, body of water, or similar manmade or natural buffer of equal width. Inside the C-2A District and Dense Business Area: There shall be a maximum allowed front yard setback of 10 feet.		
Maximum Building Height	No building shall exceed 45 feet in height at the property or setback lines. (See Note 1)	No building shall exceed 100 feet in height at the property or setback lines. (See Note 1)	
Lot Coverage Requirements (The maximum combined area occupied by all	Shall not exceed 75 percent of the total site area for buildings up to 100 feet in height. For	Shall not exceed 100 percent of the total site area for buildings up to 100 feet in height. For	Inside the dense business area: shall not exceed 100 percent of the total site area for

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principal and accessory buildings)	buildings over 100 feet in height, lot coverage shall not exceed 65 percent.	buildings over 100 feet in height, lot coverage shall not exceed 90 percent.	buildings up to 100 feet in height. For buildings over 100 feet in height, lot coverage shall not exceed 90 percent (with the exception of the C-2A zoning district). Outside the dense business area: shall not exceed 75 percent of the total site area for buildings up to 100 feet in height. For buildings over 100 feet in height, lot coverage shall not exceed 65 percent.
Maximum Density Multiple-Family Dwellings	35 dwelling units per acre.	135 dwelling units per acre.	Inside the dense business area: 135 dwelling units per acre. Outside the dense business area: 35 dwelling units per acre.
Note 1: Three feet may be added to the height of the building for each foot the building elevation is stair-stepped or recessed back from the property or setback lines beginning at the height permitted up to a maximum height of 150 feet.			

- (4) *Additional regulations.* In addition to the regulations established above in subsection (3) of this section, all developments within the commercial zoning districts will be subject to, and must comply with, the following regulations:
- Supplementary district regulations subject to regulations in sections 12-3-55 through 12-3-69.
 - Off-street parking subject to regulations in chapter 12-4.
 - Signs subject to regulations in chapter 12-5.
 - Tree/landscape regulations subject to regulations in chapter 12-6.
 - Stormwater management and control of erosion, sedimentation and runoff subject to regulations in chapter 12-8.
 - Alcoholic beverages regulations subject to chapter 7-4.

(Code 1986, § 12-2-8; Ord. No. 25-92, § 1, 7-23-1992; Ord. No. 6-93, § 6, 3-25-1993; Ord. No. 29-93, § 6, 11-18-1993; Ord. No. 3-94, § 4, 1-13-1994; Ord. No. 44-94, § 1, 10-13-1994; Ord. No. 33-95, § 2 (exh. 1), 8-10-1995; Ord. No. 40-99, §§ 2, 3, 10-14-1999; Ord. No. 17-06, § 1, 7-27-2006; Ord. No. 11-09, § 1, 4-9-2009; Ord. No. 13-12, § 1, 6-14-2012; Ord. No. 12-13, § 1, 5-9-2013; Ord. No. 40-13, § 1, 11-14-2013; Ord. No. 01-16, § 1, 1-14-2016; Ord. No. 06-17, § 1, 3-9-2017; Ord. No. 12-19, § 1, 5-16-2019)

