



**AGENDA  
GREER CITY COUNCIL**

**February 2, 2023**

**MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651**

**6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Rick Danner

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rick Danner

**Subject**

1. Unified Development Ordinance

**Executive Session**

Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.

1. Contractual Matter

Request: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining the Project Indy; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2).

**Adjournment**

**Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, activity or public meeting of the City of Greer should contact Catrina Woodruff, ADA Coordinator at (864) 479-0965 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.**

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# 1. ADMINISTRATION

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## 1.1 – INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

### 1.1.1 Purpose of Section

This Section intends to define all development review processes of this UDO and is comprised of the following components:

- A. **General Terms (1.1.2).** Section 1.1.2 defines the general terms or words used in this UDO.
- B. **Procedures and Review Processes (Section 1.2).** Section 1.2 includes a summary table, table 1.2., that describes all development application review processes in this UDO and the review and decision-making bodies which decide them.
  - 1. **Summary of Development Review Procedures (Section 1.2.1).** Section 1.2.1 includes a table listing the development review processes with in this UDO and summarizes the development review process.
  - 2. **Review and Decision-Making Bodies (Section 1.2.2).** Section 1.2.2 describes all review and decision-making bodies with responsibilities in this UDO.
- C. **Development Review Procedures (Section 1.3).** Section 1.3 describes common development review procedures that apply to multiple review processes and each individual review process, including Administrative Adjustments, as defined in this UDO. This includes requirements for meetings, applications, hearings, and process review procedures.
- D. **Regulatory Provisions (Section 1.4).** Section 1.4 describes the regulatory provisions applicable to review processes described in this Section.

### 1.1.2. General Terms

For the purpose of this UDO, certain terms or words used in this UDO shall be interpreted as follows:

- 1. The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, or corporation, as well as an individual.
- 2. The words "shall" and "will" is mandatory; the word "may" is permissive.
- 3. The words "used or occupied" include the words "intended, designed or arranged to be used or occupied."

4. The word "lot" includes the words "plot," "parcel" and "tract."
5. The word "structure" means anything constructed or erected, exceeding six inches in height, the use of which requires more or less a permanent location on land, or an addition to something having a permanent attachment to land.
6. The word "land" includes the words "water," "marsh" and "swamp."

## SECTION 1.2 – PROCEDURES AND REVIEW PROCESSES

### 1.2.1. Summary Development Process Table

The summary development process table lists each development review process under this UDO and the review and decision-making bodies involved in the decision-making process. Processes are organized Ordinance Amendments, Development Permits, Subdivision Procedures, and Flexibility and Relief processes.

Table 1.2.1 Summary of Development Review Procedures								
KEY: R = Review and Recommendation D = Review and Decision A = Appeal    ✓ = Required								
Procedure	Section	Pre-Application Meeting	Review and Decision-Making Bodies					
			Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)	Building and Development Director (Director)	Board of Architectural Review (BAR)	Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)	Planning Commission (PC)	City Council (CC)
Ordinance Amendments								
Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)	1.3.2	✓		R			R	D
Zoning Map Amendment to Planned Development District and/or Design Review District	1.3.1.2	✓	R	R			R	D
PD District Amendment	Minor	1.3.1.3	✓	R	D			
	Major	1.3.1.4	✓	R	R		R	D

Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment		1.3.1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		R			R	D
Comprehensive Plan Amendment		1.3.1.6			R			R	D
Development Projects/Permits									
Site Plan	Minor	1.3.1.7		R	D				
	Major	1.3.1.8		R	D				
Permit <sup>Note 1</sup>		1.3.1.9			D		A		
Signage Plan		1.3.1.10			D		A		
Alternative Parking Plan		1.3.1.11		R	R		D		
Subdivision Procedures									
Minor Subdivision		1.3.1.12		R	D				
Preliminary Plat		1.3.1.13		R	R		D		
Final Plat	Not requiring infrastructure improvements or no conditions of preliminary improvement	1.3.1.14		R	D		A		
	Requiring infrastructure improvements and/or conditions of preliminary improvements	1.3.1.15		R	D		A		
Flexibility and Relief Procedures									

Variance	1.3.1.16			R		D		
Special Exception	1.3.1.7			R		D		
Administrative Adjustment		Decision-maker is same as associated application						
Vested Rights		Pursuant to the associated site-specific development plan						
Appeal		Pursuant to this table						
UDO Interpretation		Not required		D				
<b>NOTES:</b>								
Note 1: Projects requiring permits including but not limited to fence, signage, and building.								

### **1.2.2. Review and Decision-Making Bodies.**

The following review and decision-making bodies have powers and duties in administering review processes in this UDO:

- A. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Section 1.2.2.1
- B. Building and Development Director (Director) – Section 1.2.2.2
- C. Board of Architectural Review (BAR) – Section 1.2.2.3
- D. Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) – Section 1.2.2.4
- E. Planning Commission (PC) – Section 1.2.2.5
- F. City Council (CC) – Section 1.2.2.6

#### SECTION 1.2.2.1 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

- A. **Designation and Responsibility.** The Planning Advisory Committee, who may be referred to in this UDO as the “PAC”, is a technical review committee for projects that have been submitted to the City of Greer.
  - 1. **Technical Review.** The PAC is responsible for providing technical review for the following areas of expertise including, but not limited to, stormwater, engineering, public services and utilities, building codes, and fire/emergency standards.
  - 2. **Meetings.** For the applicable projects, the PAC meeting schedule shall be consistent with the schedule of Planning Commission meetings. No formal approval of projects shall be made at PAC meetings.
- B. **Powers and Duties.** The powers and duties of the PAC are provided within Table 1.2.1 Summary and Development Process Table.



#### **SECTION 1.2.2.2 BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (DIRECTOR)**

- A. **Designation and Responsibility.** The Building and Development Director, who may be referred to in this UDO as the “Director”, is an administrative official that leads the Building and Development Services staff of the City. The Director is authorized to act through aides, assistants, and designated staff and is responsible as the administrator of this UDO. The Director shall administer and enforce this UDO and may request the assistance of any appropriate officer or agency of the City.
- B. **Powers and Duties.** The powers and duties of the Director are provided within Table 1.2.1 Summary and Development Process Table. The Director may also approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove of slight modifications or deviations from appropriate zoning standards as established within Section 1.3.3 Administrative Adjustments of this UDO.

#### **SECTION 1.2.2.3 – BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (BAR)**

- A. **Designation and Responsibility.** The responsibility of the Board of Architectural Review is to promote the purposes and objectives of this Section 1.2.2.3 – Board of Architectural Review (BAR) and Section 3.1 Historic District Overlay, to review and recommend to the Planning Commission the designation of individual historic properties and Historic Districts on the Zoning Map, and to review plans and applications, as provided in this UDO, for all construction within Historic Districts and uniform design standards for nonresidential buildings and any zoning overlay districts and construction or demolition pertaining to duly designated historic properties. The Board of Architectural Review shall have the power to approve, approve with modifications or deny approval for such applications in accordance with the prescribed procedures and guidelines of this section.
- B. **Membership.** The Board of Architectural Review, referred to in this UDO as the “BAR”, is an administrative body and shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the City Council. The BAR shall be made up of the following:
  - 1. A historian, knowledgeable in local history.
  - 2. An architect or, if an architect is not available to serve, someone knowledgeable in building design and construction.
  - 3. A business owner, property owner or a representative of those interest within the Historic District.
  - 4. Two at large members.

- a. Other designated members can be listed, Designated members may be selected from other relevant backgrounds and disciplines such as a lawyer, a real estate agent, an engineer, an urban planner and designer, and representative of the historical society. No members shall hold any other municipal office.
- C. **Member Term.** The members of the Board of Architectural Review shall serve three-year terms.
- D. **Officers.** The Board of Architectural Review shall elect from its membership a chair and a vice-chair who shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. No member of the Board of Architectural Review shall be elected chair or vice-chair for more than three consecutive years. The Board of Architectural Review shall appoint a secretary. The secretary of the Board of Architectural Review shall have the following duties:
  - 1. Take minutes at each board meeting;
  - 2. Be responsible for publication and distribution of copies of the minutes, reports and decisions of the Board of Architectural Review to its members and filing the minutes, reports and decisions with City Council;
  - 3. Notify the city clerk of vacancies on the board, including the expiring term of members.
- E. **Powers and Duties.** The responsibility of the Board of Architectural Review is to promote the purposes and objectives of this Section 1.2.2.3 – Board of Architectural Review (BAR) and Section 3.1 Historic District Overlay, to review and recommend to the Planning Commission the designation of individual historic properties and Historic Districts on the Zoning Map, and to review plans and applications, as provided in this UDO, for all construction within Historic Districts and uniform design standards for nonresidential buildings and any zoning overlay districts and construction or demolition pertaining to duly designated historic properties. The Board of Architectural Review shall have the power to approve, approve with modifications or deny approval for such applications in accordance with the prescribed procedures and guidelines.
  - 1. **Local Historic Property.** A property may be designated historic if it:
    - a. Has significant inherent character, interest, or value as part of the development or heritage of the community, state, or nation;
    - b. Is the site of an event significant in history;
    - c. Is associated with a person or persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of the community, state, or nation;
    - d. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, ethnic, or historic heritage of the community, state, or nation;

- e. Individually, or as a collection of resources, embodies distinguishing characteristics of a type, style, period, or specimen in architectural or engineering;
  - f. Is the work of a designer whose work has influenced significantly the development of the community, state or nation;
  - g. Contains elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation;
  - h. Is part of or related to a square or other distinctive element of community planning;
  - i. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or community; or
  - j. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.
2. **Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places or Landmarks.** The Board of Architectural Review shall conduct first review and evaluation of all proposed nominations for the National Register of Historic Places for properties that are within its jurisdiction, prior to consideration by the state board of review. The board of architectural review may send its recommendations to the state historic preservation office for consideration at the meeting of the state board of review. The Board of Architectural Review shall not nominate properties directly to the national register; only the state board of review shall have this final review authority.

**F. Certificate of Appropriateness.**

Restrictions on certain actions within the historic district. No building or structure within the historic district may be erected, demolished or removed in whole or in part, nor may the exterior appearance or architectural character of such a structure be altered until a certificate of appropriateness has been issued by the board of architectural review. The term "structure" shall include walls, fences, signs, light fixtures, steps, pavement or other appurtenant features, excluding traffic control devices. No certificate of appropriateness shall be necessary to perform ordinary maintenance or repairs to correct an unsafe or dangerous condition, or to correct deterioration of or damage to the original structure pursuant to section.

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**a. Certificate Required.**

- i. A certificate of appropriateness is required before a building permit can be issued for the demolition, new constructions, exterior alteration, modification or addition to a designated historic property. Any building permit not issued in conformity with this chapter shall be considered void.
- ii. Application for a certificate of appropriateness must be signed by the owner or his authorized representative and the form must be signed by the chair or vice-chair of the board of architectural review stating its approval, denial, or approval with conditions and the reasons for the decision.

**b. Required Procedures.** An application for a certificate of appropriateness shall be obtained from and, when completed, filed with the city zoning administrator or other appropriate administrative official designated by the board of architectural review.

**c. Time Limits.** Applications for a certificate of appropriateness shall be considered by the board of architectural review at its next regular meeting, provided they have been filed at least seven calendar days before the regularly scheduled meeting of the board. If the board of architectural review fails to take action upon any application within 45 days after the complete application is received, the application shall be considered approved, except in cases where the board has postponed an application to demolish a structure under the provisions of this chapter.

**d. Board of Architectural Review Action on Application.** The board of architectural review shall review the application, using the design guidelines given in this section to make findings of fact to decide whether or not the applicant's plans are appropriate. The decision of the board of architectural

review with the reasons for each decision will be recorded in the minutes that will be available as a public reference for preservation procedures.

- e. **Contents of Application.** The board of architectural review shall, in its rules of procedure, require data as are reasonably necessary to determine the nature of the application. An application shall not be considered complete until all the required data have been submitted.
- f. **Notification of Affected Property Owners.** Prior to the issuance of an approval or denial of a certificate of appropriateness, the board of architectural review shall inform the owners of any property likely to be materially affected by the application, and shall give the applicant and such owners an opportunity to be heard.
- g. **Submission of a New Application.** If the board of architectural review determines that a certificate of appropriateness should be denied, a new application affecting the same property may be submitted only if substantial change is made in the plans for the proposed construction, alteration or restoration.
- h. **Maintenance, Repair, and Interior Projects.** Nothing in this document shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature of structures designated as historic when that repair does not involve a change in design, material, color, or outer appearance of the structure. The board of architectural review shall not consider the interior arrangements or alterations to the interior of a building unless the interior of a public building or the public space of a private building, is specifically described and designated as historic. The board of architectural review may authorize a staff member to approve minor projects involving repairs and ordinary maintenance that do not alter design, materialize, color or the outer appearance of a structure or interior projects not subject to design review.
- i. **Fines, Penalties and Fees.** The system of fines applied by the city for violation of the building code will apply to violations of this chapter. The city shall establish appropriate fees for the administration of this chapter.
- j. **Substantial Hardship.**
  - i. If a certificate of appropriateness is denied, the property owner may apply for an exemption based on the substantial hardship of

maintaining the property according to the design guidelines for historic properties. Substantial hardship is to be considered by the board where there is one or more of the following unusual and compelling circumstances:

- a. The property cannot reasonably be maintained in the manner dictated by this chapter;
  - b. There are no other reasonable means of saving the property from deterioration, or collapse; or
  - c. The property is owned by a nonprofit organization and it is not feasible financially or physically to achieve the charitable purposes of the organization while maintaining the property appropriately.
- ii. The owner may be required to submit documents to show that he cannot comply with the design guidelines and earn a reasonable rate of return on his investment in the property. Information required may include:
  - a. Costs of the proposed development with and without modification needed to comply with the design guidelines as determined by the board of architectural review;
  - b. Structural report and/or a feasibility report;
  - c. Market value of the property in its present condition and after completion of the proposed project;
  - d. Cost of the property, date purchased, relationship, if any, between seller and buyer, terms of financing;
  - e. For the past two years, annual gross income from the property with operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation, and annual cash flow before and after debt service during that time; and
  - f. Other information considered necessary by the board of architectural review to determine whether or not the property may yield a reasonable return.

**1. Demolition of Building or Structure.**

- a. No building or structure designated as historic shall be demolished or otherwise removed until the owner thereof has received a certificate of

appropriateness from the board of architectural review. The board of architectural review may delay the granting of the certificate of appropriateness for a period of up to 90 days from the time of the filing of the application with the designated city official. The board of architectural review may extend this postponement for certificate of appropriateness with regards to a request to demolish a structure for another 90 days after a finding by the board that the structure is of extreme historical importance to the people of the city.

- b. Within the period of postponement of such demolition of any building, the board of architectural review shall take steps to ascertain what can be done to preserve such building. Such steps shall include, but will not be limited to, consultation with civic groups, interested citizens and public boards and agencies.
- c. After the postponement period has elapsed and the board of architectural review has been unable to determine an adequate alternative to demolition, a certificate of appropriateness shall be granted.
- d. If the board of architectural review finds that a building proposed for demolition is of no particular historical significance or value toward maintaining the historical character of the city, it may issue the certificate of appropriateness in the normal manner.

**G. Design Guidelines.**

- 1. Intent. It is the intent of this chapter to ensure, insofar as possible, that buildings or structures designated as historic shall be in harmony with the architectural and historical character of the city. In granting a certificate of appropriateness, the board shall take into account the architectural and historical significance of the structure under consideration and the exterior form and appearance of any proposed additions or modifications to that structure as well as the effect of such change or additions upon other structures in the vicinity.
- 2. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. When considering an application for a certificate of appropriateness for new construction, alteration, repair, or restoration, the board shall use the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as guidelines in making its decisions. In addition, the board may adopt more specific guidelines for local historic districts and local historic

buildings. These guidelines serve as the basis for determining the approval, approval with modifications, or denial of an application. The Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation are:

- a. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- b. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- c. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- d. Most properties change overtime; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- e. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize property shall be preserved.
- f. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.
- g. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- h. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- i. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic



integrity of the property and its environment.

- j. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### H. Rules of Procedure.

1. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings for transaction of business of the Board of Architectural Review may be held with such frequency as the board may determine, but not less than four times a year.
2. **Annual Organizational Meeting.** The first regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review following the beginning of the city's fiscal year shall be designated the annual organizational meeting for the election of officers and organization of the board.
3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Architectural Review may be held at any time upon call by the chair.
4. **Filing of Appeals.** Any person aggrieved by a decision of the architectural review board rendered after a hearing may, within 30 days after notice thereof, file an appeal in circuit court for a review of the decision of the board pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, § 6-29-900, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994.
5. **Public Notice.** All meetings of the Board of Architectural Review shall be open to the public and reasonable notice of the time and place shall be given to the public. Notices of the meeting of the Board of Architectural Review shall be posted at city hall and sent to the news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
6. **Rules and records.** The Board of Architectural Review shall adopt rules of procedure and shall keep records or minutes of its recommendations, findings and approvals and denials. These rules will govern the application process for a certificate of appropriateness and will be in compliance with state law and due process requirements of the United States Constitution. Such rules and all records will be made public record. A quorum, consisting of a majority of the total membership of the Board of Architectural Review, shall be required to conduct business.
7. **Board Action.** Decisions or actions by the Board of Architectural Review shall be

by a majority vote of qualified members present and voting. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.

8. **Annual Report.** The Board of Architectural Review shall make an annual report to the city council at the end of the city's fiscal year citing applications brought before the board and the approvals, denials or other resolutions issued by the board. This report will be a public record and will be kept along with minutes of the meetings at city hall.
9. **Conflicts of Interest.** Any member of the Board of Architectural Review who has a personal or financial interest, either directly or indirectly, in any property which is the subject of, or affected by, a decision of the board shall be disqualified from participating in the decision of the Board of Architectural Review concerning the property.
10. **Liability of Members.** Any member of the Board of Architectural Review acting within powers granted by this chapter shall be relieved from personal liability for any damage and held harmless by the city. Any suit brought against any member of the Board of Architectural Review shall be defended by a legal representative furnished by the city until the termination of the proceedings.

#### **SECTION 1.2.2.4 – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)**

##### **A. Appointment and Terms of the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

1. **Generally.** The Board of Zoning Appeals is an administrative body and shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council.
  - a. Members of the BZA shall be residents of the City and shall be appointed by the City Council.
2. **Member Term.** BZA members shall be appointed for five-year staggered terms expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment.
  - b. Members may continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.
  - c. Members shall be removed for cause by a majority vote of the total membership of the City Council upon written charges and after public hearing.
3. **Officers.** The BZA shall elect one of its membership as a chair and vice-chair, who

shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The BZA shall appoint a secretary who may be an officer of the governing authority or of the zoning board. The chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings, may administer oaths, and compel the attendance of witnesses by subpoena. If both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall vote to determine who shall serve as acting Chair for the meeting.

**B. Rules of Procedure.**

1. **Generally.** The BZA shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business and shall keep a record of its members' attendance and its resolutions, discussions, findings and recommendations, which record shall be public record.
2. **Meetings of the Board of Zoning Appeals.** Meetings of the board must be held at the call of the chair and at such other times as the BZA may determine. Public notice of all meetings of the board of appeals shall be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Greer. In cases involving variances or special exceptions conspicuous notice shall be posted on or adjacent to the property affected, with at least one such notice being visible from each public thoroughfare that abuts the property.
3. **Quorum.** No official business of the BZA may be conducted without a quorum present. A majority of the of the BZA shall constitute a quorum.
4. **Participating and Voting.** The concurring vote of majority of the board shall be necessary to grant a Special Exception and/or variance. A majority of the members shall be required to decide any other quasi-judicial matter or to provide administrative review of decision of planning staff.
  - a. For the purposes of this subsection, vacant positions on the board and members who are disqualified from voting on a quasi-judicial matter shall not be considered members of the board for calculation of the requisite majority if there are no qualified alternates available to take the place of such members.
  - b. Once a member is physically present at a BZA meeting, any subsequent failure to vote will be recorded as an affirmative vote unless the member has recused himself or herself, or been excused in accordance with the paragraph below.
  - c. A member shall not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons' constitutional rights to an

impartial decision maker. Impermissible violations of due process include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. For purposes of this section, a "close familial relationship" means a spouse, significant other, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild. The term includes the step, half, and in-law relationships. In addition, a member who was not present at the hearing at which evidence relevant to the matter at issue was taken shall not vote on the matter.

5. **Board Member Attendance.** Any member of the BZA who misses more than three consecutive regular meetings or more than half of the regular meetings in a calendar year shall be subject to removal and replacement by CC.

- C. **Powers and Duties.** The BZA shall all the powers and duties authorized by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 codified as Section 6-29-780 through Section 6-29-860, and in the manner provided for in this UDO. Generally, such power and duties shall include, but not be restricted to, the following:
  - a. Administrative review of decision of the Director or a designee of the Director;
  - b. Granting Uses Permitted by Special Exceptions within Section 4 – Uses of this UDO.
  - c. Granting variances to Uses within this UDO.

#### **SECTION 1.2.2.5 –PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)**

##### **A. Appointment and Terms of the Planning Commission.**

1. **Generally.** The Planning Commission provides an advisory function, except where otherwise noted, to assist in decisions pertaining to amendments of the Comprehensive Plan and this UDO, and applications for development approval. The Planning Commission is an administrative body and shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Members of the Planning Commission shall be residents of the City and shall be appointed by the City Council. Upon appointment of a member to the Planning Commission, the City Council shall consider the following:
  - a. Professional experience,

- b. Knowledge of the community, and
  - c. Concern for the future welfare of the total community and its citizens.
- 2. **Member Terms.** Planning Commission members shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. Members may serve two consecutive terms.
  - b. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term.
  - c. Members may continue to serve until their successor have been appointed.
- 3. **Officers.** The Planning Commission shall elect from its membership a chair and a vice-chair whose term must be for one year. The Planning Commission shall appoint a secretary who may be an officer or an employee of City of Greer or of the Planning Commission.

**B. Rules of Procedure.**

- 1. **Generally.** The PC shall adopt rules of organizational procedures and shall keep a record of its members' attendance and of its resolutions, discussions, findings, and recommendations, which shall be a public record.
- 2. **Meetings of the Planning Commission.**
  - a. The PC may hold such special meetings as conduct of its business may require. The PC shall meet upon request of the chair and at such times as the chair or commission may determine.
  - b. All meetings shall be open to the public.
  - c. The PC shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon every action or, if absent or failing to vote, indicate such fact.
  - d. Unless otherwise provided by law, all records shall be public record.
- 3. **Quorum.** No official business of the PC may be conducted without a quorum present.
- 4. **Participating and Voting.** The concurring vote of a majority of the board shall be required on all matters. A majority of the members shall be required to decide any other matter or to determine an appeal made in the nature of certiorari.
  - a. For the purposes of this subsection, vacant positions on the board and members who are disqualified from voting on matter shall not be considered members of the board for calculation of the requisite majority if there are no qualified alternates available to take the place of such members.  
Once a member is physically present at a PC meeting, any subsequent failure to vote will be recorded as an affirmative vote unless the member has

recused himself or herself, or been excused in accordance with the paragraph below.

- b. Members shall not vote on any advisory or legislative decision regarding a development regulation where the outcome of the matter being considered is reasonably likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the member. An appointed board member shall not vote on any zoning amendment if the landowner of the property subject to a rezoning petition or the applicant for a text amendment is a person with whom the member has a close familial, business, or other associational relationship. For purposes of this section, a "close familial relationship" means a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild.

5. **Attendance.** Any member of the PC who misses more than three (3) consecutive regular meetings or more than half the regular meetings in a calendar year shall be subject to removal and replacement by the CC.

C. **Power and Duties.** The powers and duties of the Planning Commission are provided within Table 1.2.1 Summary and Development Process Table.

#### **SECTION 1.2.2.6 – CITY COUNCIL (CC)**

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The City Council, who may be referred to in this UDO as “CC”, is the elected, governing body of the City of Greer. The City Council shall render final decisions pertaining to amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and this UDO, except where authority for a final decision is delegated to another agency by State Code or other superior authority. The City Council shall render final decisions pertaining to applications for development approval where such authority is assigned pursuant to this UDO.
- B. **Powers and Duties.** The powers and duties of the City Council are provided within Table 1.2.1 Summary and Development Process Table.
  - 1. Zoning Map Amendment: The City Council shall hear and approve, approve with conditions, or deny proposed Official Zoning Map Amendments(rezoning) to this Ordinance after receiving comments and recommendations from the Planning Commission.
  - 2. Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment: The City Council shall hear and approve, approve with conditions, or deny proposed Text Amendments to this Ordinance after receiving comments and recommendations from the Planning Commission.
  - 3. Comprehensive Plan Amendment: To initiate, adopt, and amend a Comprehensive Plan after receiving comments and recommendations from the Planning Commission.
  - 4. Historic Designation: To designate historic landmarks and amendments to the existing historic district(s) after receiving comments and recommendations from the Board of Architectural Review.
- C. **Appointments.** The City Council shall appoint members to the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Board of Architectural Review.
- A. **Other Duties.** To take such other action not otherwise delegated, as the City Council may deem desirable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.

## SECTION 1.3 – REVIEW PROCESSES

### 1.3.1 – Development Review Processes

#### **A. Purpose and Intent.**

1. This Section describes the standard procedural steps and rules generally applicable to all development applications reviewed under this UDO.
2. The procedures provided in this Section are utilized by the City for the processing of applications for development permits or approvals.
3. It is the intent of this Section to establish a uniform set of procedures for development applications to be more effective and efficient for applicants, adjacent properties, elected officials and City staff.
4. The use made of property may not be substantially changed, and substantial clearing, grading, or excavation may not be commenced, and buildings or other substantial structures may not be constructed, erected, moved, or substantially altered except in accordance with and pursuant to this UDO.
5. Any deviation from these procedures, other than those required by statute, shall not be grounds for invalidating an otherwise valid decision.

#### **A. Pre-Application Meeting.**

1. The purpose of a pre-application meeting is to provide an opportunity for the applicant to meet with City staff to learn about the submittal requirements, procedures, and standards applicable to a particular development application.
2. The pre-application meeting also provides an opportunity for City staff to become familiar with the proposed project and offer preliminary comments about the scope of the proposed development, as it relates to the standards in this Ordinance.
3. The Pre-Application Meeting is not always required but is encouraged. Refer to Table 1.2.1 Summary of Development Review Procedures.

#### **B. Applications.**

1. Development applications reviewed under this Ordinance shall be submitted by the landowner, contract purchaser, agent, or other person having a recognized property interest in the land on which development is proposed.
2. City staff shall establish application content and forms, which shall be maintained by the Director. The Director may change requirements for



submission of required information when, in the Director's opinion, such information is otherwise available or is not necessary to review the application.

3. The CC shall establish application fees, which shall be identified in the City's adopted fee schedule and may amend and update those fees as necessary.
4. No application shall be considered for review until it is deemed complete. If the application is incomplete, the Director shall notify the applicant of their deficiencies. A complete application shall:
  - a. Contain all information and materials as required in the application form as designated by City staff;
  - b. Provide the number of copies required per the application;
  - c. Be signed by the person with the authority to file the application;
  - d. Be legible and printed to scale;
  - e. Include information in sufficient detail to evaluate whether or not the application complies with the applicable review standards in this Ordinance; and
  - f. Include the required fee for the particular type of application.

If the application is incomplete, the Director shall notify the applicant of the deficiencies.

#### **C. Staff Review of Applications.**

1. **Formal Review.** After Staff deems an application complete, the application shall be considered as officially submitted. Staff shall begin formal review of the application.
  - a. The application shall be distributed to all appropriate review bodies within the PAC and other appropriate local agencies.
  - b. Each appropriate review body shall review and comment on the application. If any deficiencies exist, review bodies shall contact the applicant and inform them of said deficiencies. The applicant shall be provided opportunity to discuss any deficiencies and resubmit any required information in the form of a resubmittal.
  - c. Upon receiving all required information, the appropriate review body shall deem the application complete through formal review and summarize its findings in a staff report to be reviewed by the decision-making body and discussed at a public hearing (if required).

2. **Conflicts of Interest.** No staff member shall make a final decision on an administrative decision if the outcome of that decision would have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the staff member or if the applicant or other person subject to that decision is a person with whom the staff member has a close familial, business, or other associational relationship. For purposes of this section, a "close familial relationship" means a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild. The term includes the step, half, and in-law relationships. In addition, a member who was not present at the hearing at which evidence relevant to the matter at issue was taken shall not vote on the matter.

**D. Public Meeting and Hearing Notice Requirements**

1. **Public Meetings and Public Hearings.** Public Meetings and Public Hearings shall comply with the provisions below.
2. **Public Notice Requirements.** Notice shall be given as follows:

TABLE X.X.X PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS					
APPLICATION TYPE		SECTION	APPROVING AUTHORITY	TYPE OF REQUIRED NOTIFICATION	
				PUBLISHED NOTICE	POSTED NOTICE
Ordinance Amendments					
Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)			City Council	Published at least 15 days before hearing date	Posted at least 15 days before hearing date
Rezoning to Planned Development District			City Council	Published at least 15 days before hearing date	Posted at least 15 days before hearing date
PD District Amendment and/or Design Review District	Minor		Director		
	Major		City Council	Published at least 15 days before hearing date	Posted at least 15 days before hearing date
Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment			City Council	Published at least 30 days before hearing date	Posted at least 30 days before hearing date
Comprehensive Plan Amendment			City Council	Published at least 30 days before hearing date	Posted at least 30 days before hearing date

Flexibility and Relief				
Variance		Board of Zoning Appeals	Published at least 15 days before hearing date	
Special Exception		Board of Zoning Appeals	Published at least 15 days before hearing date	
Administrative Adjustment		NR		
Vested Rights		Pursuant to the applicable site-specific development plan		
Appeal			✓	✓
UDO Interpretation		NR		
Notes:				

### **1.3.2. – Application Requirements**

The following general standards for various applications are intended to require only that data/information necessary to render an informed decision by the reviewing department. The city has determined that it is unnecessary to require a full set of architectural or engineering drawings for review by the various review and decision-making boards unless the application is such that a specific level of detail is necessary (e.g., floodplain/stormwater variance, building permit, subdivision plat).

Table 1.2.1 Summary of Development Review Procedures								
KEY: D = Director's Discretion    ✓ = Required								
		Pre-Application Meeting	Application/Form	Boundary Survey	Site Plan	Building Elevation	Stormwater Management and Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plans	Traffic Impact Analysis
<b>Ordinance Amendments</b>								
Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)	1.3.2	✓	✓					

Zoning Map Amendment to Planned Development District and/or Design Review District		1.3.1.2	✓						✓
PD District Amendment	Minor	1.3.1.3	✓						
	Major	1.3.1.4	✓						
Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment		1.3.1.5	✓						
Comprehensive Plan Amendment		1.3.1.6							
Development Projects/Permits									
Site Plan	Minor	1.3.1.7							
	Major	1.3.1.8							
Permit <sup>Note 1</sup>		1.3.1.9							
Signage Plan		1.3.1.10							
Alternative Parking Plan		1.3.1.11							
Subdivision Procedures									
Minor Subdivision		1.3.1.12							
Preliminary Plat		1.3.1.13							
Final Plat	Not requiring infrastructure improvements or no conditions of preliminary improvement	1.3.1.14							

	Requiring infrastructure improvements and/or conditions of preliminary improvements	1.3.1.15							
Flexibility and Relief Procedures									
Variance		1.3.1.16		✓					
Special Exception		1.3.1.7		✓					
Administrative Adjustment			Decision-maker is same as associated application						
Vested Rights			Pursuant to the associated site-specific development plan						
Appeal			Pursuant to this table						
UDO Interpretation			Not required						
<b>NOTES:</b>									
Note 1: Projects requiring permits including but not limited to fence, signage, and building.									

### **1.3.3 - Administrative Adjustments**

- A. **Purpose.** This section describes the review and approval procedures for administrative adjustments, which are slight modifications or deviations from appropriate zoning standards outlined in this UDO that may be permitted by Staff. The intent of Administrative Adjustments is to allow greater flexibility without requiring a formal zoning amendment or variance for a slight modification or deviation. The administrative adjustment is not intended to serve as a method to waive current standards of the UDO or to circumvent the variance procedure.
- B. **Applicability.** The administrative adjustment procedure shall apply to the standards and limitations established in Table X, Allowable Administrative Adjustments.

The administrative adjustment procedure shall not apply to any proposed modification that results in:

- i. An increase in the overall project density;
- ii. A change in permitted uses or mix of uses;
- iii. A deviation from the specific use standards in Section 4 of this UDO.
- iv. A deviation from environmental protection standards in this UDO.
- v. A deviation from floodplain regulations in this UDO.
- vi. A change to a development standard already modified through previous approved and separate administrative adjustment or variance; or
- vii. Requirements for public roadways, utilities, or other public infrastructure or facilities.

B. **Administrative Adjustment Procedure.**

This subsection establishes a uniform set of procedures for administrative adjustment applications to be more effective and efficient for applicants, adjacent properties, elected officials, and City Staff. Any deviation from the procedure outlined below, shall be grounds for invalidating an otherwise valid decision.

A. **Pre-Application Meeting**

- a. The purpose of a pre-application meeting is to provide an opportunity for the applicant to meet with City Staff to learn about the submittal requirements, procedures, and standards applicable to the requested Administrative Adjustment.
- b. A pre-application meeting is not required but is encouraged.

B. **Application Submittal, Acceptance, Revision, and Withdrawal**

- a. The administrative adjustment application shall be submitted, accepted, and revised, and may be withdrawn, in accordance with Subsection 1.3 The application shall include all required information as in the Development Review Procedure, and any additional information requested by City staff.
- b. An application for an administrative adjustment shall only be submitted and reviewed concurrently with an application for a special use permit, temporary use permit, change of use permit, site plan approval (minor or major), or plat approval (preliminary or final).

<b>Table X. Allowable Administrative Adjustments</b>	
<b>UDO Standard</b>	<b>Allowable Administrative Adjustment (maximum percentage)</b>
<b>Site Standards</b>	
Lot area, minimum	15
Lot coverage, maximum	15
Block length, maximum	10
Front setback, minimum	10
Side setback, minimum	10
Rear setback, minimum	10
Encroachment into setback, maximum	10
<b>Building Standards</b>	
Building height, maximum	10
Accessory structure height, maximum	10
<b>Development Standards</b>	
Number of required parking spaces	15
Lighting height, maximum	10
Sign height, maximum	10
Minimum landscape requirements	10

### **C. Staff Review, Correspondence, and Action**

#### **a. Review and Decision**

- i. Shall be reviewed by the Building and Development Department for consistency with the regulations of this UDO and any other relevant City ordinances and adopted plans as defined in Section 1.3 Development Review Procedures. A staff report by the Planning and Development Department shall be provided to the applicant.
- ii. Where the concurrently reviewed application is subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission and/or City Council, the Planning Commission and/or City Council shall review and decide the administrative adjustment application based on the criteria below.
- iii. City staff shall review all other administrative adjustment applications and shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the adjustment request based on the criteria below.

#### **b. Administrative Adjustment Approval Criteria**

- i. In reviewing a proposed administrative adjustment, City staff, and/or City Council shall consider whether and to what extent the adjustment:
  - a. Is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
  - b. Is consistent with the purpose of the applicable zoning district;
  - c. Will not result in incompatible development; and

- d. Will not result in adverse impacts unless adequately mitigated; and/or
- e. Is of a technical nature and is required to:
  - a. Compensate for an unusual site condition;
  - b. Eliminate a minor inadvertent failure to comply with a UDO standard; or
  - c. To protect a sensitive resource or natural feature.

**D. Post-Decision Actions and Limitations**

Post-decision actions and limitations in the Development Review Procedures shall apply, with the following modifications:

**A. Effect of Approval**

- a. Approval of an administrative adjustment authorizes only the particular adjustment of standards approved, and only to the subject property of the application.

**B. Expiration of Approval**

- a. Approval of an administrative adjustment shall automatically expire if the associated development application is denied or if approval of the concurrently reviewed application expires, is revoked, or otherwise becomes invalid.

## 1.4 – REGULATORY PROVISIONS

### 1.4.1 – Nonconformities

- A. Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Section is to regulate and limit the continued existence of uses and structures established prior to the date of the UDO (or any subsequent amendment) that do not conform to the UDO. Any nonconformity created by a change in the classification of property or by the text of these regulations shall also be regulated by the provisions of this chapter. The provisions of this chapter are intended to limit substantial investment in nonconformities/or lessen their impact upon surrounding conforming uses in order to preserve the integrity of the areas in which they are located.
- B. Applicability.** To avoid undue hardship, the use of any building or land use that was lawful at the time of the enactment of this ordinance, but which does not conform to the provisions of this ordinance, shall be permitted to continue subject to the provisions of this chapter. The thresholds at which nonconforming uses or structures must be brought into compliance relate to the cumulative expansion, reconstruction or other modification of nonconforming uses or structures relative to the condition in which they existed on the date of adoption of this ordinance.
- C. General Provisions and Procedures.**
  - a. Modifications to Nonconformities.**
    - i. Applicability:** The Director shall hear applications from any landowner for modifications and decide to:
      - 1. Authorize a change in use of a nonconforming use to a different, less-intense nonconforming use;



2. Authorize a change in location of a nonconforming use of land to another location on the same property; or
  3. Allow the replacement of a structure with a nonconforming use.
- ii. **Criteria for Approval:** The property owner wishing to have a property or building declared a legal nonconforming use shall submit such request in writing and shall bear the burden of proof in providing the Director with any and all required documentation. The Director may only grant a change for a nonconforming use or replacement of a nonconforming structure which has been destroyed after determining that:
1. Said change will be no less suitable and appropriate for the lot(s) on which it is located than the existing or previous situation; and,
  2. The proposed change will not have a greater harmful effect than the existing or previous situation on the properties surrounding the lot(s) in question; and,
  3. The decision to grant the change will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the UDO and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise be detrimental to the public welfare.
- iii. **Conditions of Approval:** Staff, in granting such changes, may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with the UDO. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms upon which the change was granted, shall be deemed a violation of the UDO and shall be subject to enforcement provisions.
- b. Unsafe Structures.**
- i. **Deficiencies Due to Lack of Maintenance:** Any structure or other development of land, or portion thereof, devoted to a nonconforming use or having a nonconforming feature that is declared unsafe by the building inspector because of lack of repairs and maintenance shall not be restored, repaired, reconstructed, or used except in conformity with the provisions of the UDO.
  - ii. **Other Deficiencies:** Any structure or other development of land, or portion thereof, devoted to a nonconforming use or having a nonconforming structure that is declared unsafe by the building inspector, but not because of lack of repairs and maintenance, may be repaired and restored.
- c. **Abandonment/Discontinuance.** A nonconforming use of a building or premises which has/have been discontinued shall not thereafter be returned to such nonconforming use except in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- i. **Determination of Discontinuance:** A nonconforming use shall be presumed discontinued when any of the following has occurred:
  - 1. A conforming use has replaced the preceding nonconforming use.
  - 2. All of the buildings or structures on the subject property housing the nonconforming use have been removed.
  - 3. The owner has physically changed the building or structure, or its permanent equipment, in such a way as to clearly indicate a change in use or activity to something other than the nonconforming use.
  - 4. The property, structure or use has been vacant or inactive for a continuous period of more than 90 days.
    - a. This may be implied from acts or the failure to act, including, but not limited to: the removal of and failure to replace the characteristic equipment and furnishings; lack of utility consumption necessary to maintain the use at an operable level; or documented vacancy.
    - b. If operations have ceased for more than 90 consecutive days, the presence of characteristic equipment and furnishings is not, in and of itself, sufficient to establish the continuity/operation of the use.
    - c. The mere vacancy of a structure for a period exceeding 90 consecutive days that was initially constructed as a single-family dwelling and whose most recent use was as a single-family dwelling shall not constitute a discontinuance of the use.

**D. Nonconforming Uses**

- a. **Applicability.** Any use of a building or land existing at the time of the enactment of this section which does not conform with the provisions of the UDO for the District in which it is located shall be deemed to be a nonconforming use and is subject to the standards of this section. Once a nonconforming use is discontinued, it may not later be reestablished or converted to any other nonconforming use.
- b. **Expansion of Use.** A nonconforming use of land or building shall not be enlarged, intensified, or expanded unless the building or structure is altered to conform with the UDO.
- c. **Damage or Destruction.**
  - i. When a building or structure devoted to a nonconforming use is damaged by fire, flood, explosions, wind, earthquake, war, riot or other act, to the extent of more than 50% of the property's "total improvements full market value" as

shown on the county tax records at the time of such damage, such a building, if restored, shall thereafter be devoted to conforming uses.

- ii. If a building or structure devoted to a nonconforming use is damaged by fire, flood, explosions, wind, earthquake, war, riot or other act, to a lesser extent than designated above, it may be repaired and continued provided that any such repair does not increase the degree of any nonconformance.

**E. Nonconforming Structures.**

- a. **Applicability.** A nonconforming structure is a physical feature or characteristic of a building, structure, or other development of land that was lawfully established prior to the effective date of the UDO, but does not conform to dimensional, design, locational, or other requirements of the UDO. This also includes nonconforming features such as buffer yards, landscaping, mechanical and utility structures, and parking. The nonconformity may result from adoption of the UDO or any subsequent amendment. The provisions of this section shall not apply to single-family dwellings used for residential purposes.
- b. **Continuation of Existing Structure.** Any structure existing at the time of the enactment of the UDO which does not conform with the provisions of the UDO for the district in which it is located shall be deemed to be a nonconforming structure and is subject to the standards of this section. Once a nonconforming structure is discontinued, it may not later be reestablished or converted to any other nonconforming use.
- c. **Repairs, Alterations, And Maintenance.** Any nonconforming building or structure that is renovated, repaired, altered, or otherwise improved by more than 50% of the property's "total improvements full market value" as shown on the tax records at the time of such renovation, repair, or alteration shall be brought into full conformance to the greatest extent practical as determined by Staff.
- d. **Damage or Destruction.** The following provisions shall not apply to any single-family dwelling used for residential purposes:
  - i. When a building or structure devoted to a nonconforming structure is damaged by fire, flood, explosions, wind, earthquake, war, riot or other act, to the extent of more than 50% of the property's "total improvements full market value" as shown on the tax records at the time of such damage, such a building, if restored, shall thereafter be devoted to conforming uses.
  - ii. If a building or structure devoted to a nonconforming structure is damaged by fire, flood, explosions, wind, earthquake, war, riot or other act, to a lesser extent than designated above, it may be repaired and continued provided that any such repair does not increase the degree of any nonconformance and a

building permit for the reconstruction or repair work is obtained within 120 days of the date of such damage.

- e. **Reconstruction.** A nonconforming structure shall not be demolished and rebuilt as a nonconforming structure except that a nonconforming structure listed in the Historic District may be allowed to be rebuilt within the original (pre-demolition) footprint.<sup>34</sup>

**F. Nonconforming Lots.**

- a. **Definition And Applicability.** A nonconforming lot is a lot that was lawfully created prior to the effective date of the UDO, but that does not meet the dimensional requirements of Section 2 - Zoning, Districts, for the district in which it is located. A nonconforming vacant lot of record is one that was recorded by plat or description in the Office of the Register of Deeds of the relevant County prior to the adoption of the UDO or prior to the time that the lot was brought into the City's jurisdiction. This definition shall not be interpreted to include recorded lots that were in violation of any prior subdivision regulations of City of Greer and which will remain in violation.
- b. **Standards for Development.**
  - i. When, in the opinion of Staff, a nonconforming lot can be used in conformity with all of the regulations applicable to the intended use, except that the lot is smaller in area and/or width than the required minimum set forth in Chapter 2, Districts, then the lot may be used just as if it were conforming.
  - ii. When the use proposed for a nonconforming lot is one that is conforming in all other respects, but the applicable setback requirements set forth in Section 2, Zonings, cannot reasonably be complied with, then Staff may issue a permit for the proposed use and may allow deviations from the setback requirements if Staff finds that:
    - 1. The property cannot reasonably be developed for the use proposed without such deviations;
    - 2. These deviations are necessitated by the size or shape of the nonconforming lot;
    - 3. The property can be developed as proposed without any significant adverse impact on surrounding properties or the public health or safety.
  - iii. For purposes of paragraph B above, compliance with applicable building setback requirements is not reasonably possible if a building serving the minimal needs of the proposed use cannot practicably be constructed and located on the lot in conformity with such setback requirements.

**G. Nonconforming Plans.**

- a. **Applicability.** Any site-specific plan – including, but not limited to, Site Plans, Preliminary Plats, and Final Plats for the development of property and/or construction of a building which has received final approval by the applicable authority, but does not conform to this ordinance -- may be developed and/or constructed in accordance with the ordinance rules and regulations in force when such plan was approved, including any conditions and details imposed by the approving authority. Any plan approved prior to the adoption of this ordinance, but which conforms to its provisions, shall be administered, interpreted, amended and implemented in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance
  - b. **Option To Make Conforming.** The owner of property which contains an approved site specific plan may elect to develop such property and/or construct such building in accordance with the terms and provisions of this ordinance in lieu of the rules and regulations under which the plan was approved. An owner who wishes to make such election shall notify Staff, who shall approve the plan and notify the property owner in writing of the additional approvals or modifications, if any, which may be necessary in order for the plan to conform to this ordinance. In making such finding, City Staff shall require additional approvals and/or modifications only if such are necessary in order to maintain conformity under the original approved plan or under a new review process set out in this ordinance.
  - c. **Amendments And Modifications.** Any amendment or modification to an approved site specific plan shall be reviewed and acted upon in accordance with the terms and provisions of this ordinance as if it were an amendment or modification to a plan originally approved under this ordinance.
  - d. **Vested Rights.** Nothing herein is intended to prohibit the exercise of any vested right established by common law, ordinance or statute.
- H. **Nonconforming Signs.**
- a. **Applicability.** Determination of Nonconformity: Any sign constructed after the adoption date of the UDO and which is found to exist in violation of the UDO shall be declared to be illegally nonconforming and shall be removed after 30 days' notice.
    - i. **Requirement for Removal:** If the owner or lessee fails to remove the sign during the permitted time, then Staff, or an independent contractor secured by the City shall remove the sign and the ensuing charges shall be assessed to the owner or lessee.
    - ii. **Loss of Legal Nonconforming Status:** A legal nonconforming sign may lose this designation if:
      - 1. The sign is relocated or replaced; or

2. The structure or size of the sign is altered in any way. This does not refer to normal maintenance or lettering changes on changeable copy signs;
3. A tenant vacates a building, in which case all existing signs on awnings or canopies shall be removed.
- iii. **Maintenance And Repair of Nonconforming Signs.** An existing nonconforming sign cannot be modified in any way aside from routine maintenance without bringing the sign into conformity with this subject to the requirements
- iv. **Mandatory Compliance.** All signs must comply with the standards of the UDO with the following provisions:
  1. Any existing sign not meeting the requirements of the UDO shall be brought into compliance with the UDO before a business license will be issued for a new resident business. (This shall not apply to existing businesses annexed into the City). Any existing sign not meeting the requirements of the UDO shall be brought into compliance with this section before a business name can be changed.
  2. Temporary nonconforming signs having obtained a sign permit before the adoption date of the UDO, shall be permitted to remain for the life of the permit.
  3. Nonconforming supports and brackets and unused signs must be completely removed before a new sign is installed. Any holes in the building must be appropriately patched.
  4. When any site or building alterations or expansions are proposed or the building remains vacant for more than 180 days, all non-conforming signs shall come into full compliance.
- I. **Nonconforming Sites.**
  - a. **Site Nonconformities.** When building or parking area expansions exceed 50% of the building floor area or parking area, all existing site-related non-conformities (open space, parking, screening, landscaping, or lighting) shall be brought into compliance to the greatest extent practical.

#### **1.4.2 – Vested Rights**

- A. A vested right is established in accordance with State law only upon the approval or conditional approval of a site specific development plan in accordance with the standards and procedures of this Ordinance.
- B. A vested right established in accordance with this section is subject to the conditions and limitations as prescribed by State law.

- C. A vested right for a site specific development plan shall expire two years after vesting. No extensions of the vested right are authorized. Any requests for an extension of a vested right shall be denied.
- D. A vested site specific development plan may be amended if the amendment conforms to, or does not cause greater nonconformity with the current provisions of this Ordinance. Approval or conditional approval of an amendment to an established vested right does not reset its expiration period.

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### **1.4.3 - Annexation**

- A. Any area or property to be annexed into the City of Greer shall adhere to one of the methods within Title 5 – Municipal Corporations, Chapter 3 – Change of Corporate Limits of the South Carolina Code of Laws.
- B. Any property which may hereafter be annexed by the City of Greer shall be classified in the zoning district which most closely corresponds to its intended use at the time of annexation unless a different classification is recommended by the Director, or unless the petitioner requests a specific zoning district. Request for a specific zoning district shall be requested via a Zoning Map Amendment as outlined in Table 1.2.1.

## **2. ZONING**

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- A. The official zoning map of the City is divided into residential zoning districts, nonresidential zoning districts, planned districts, and mixed-use zoning districts (each with their own distinct standards). The zoning map is adopted by reference herein; however, has been officially adopted by the City of Greer as part of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated, \_\_\_\_\_, as may be amended by the City from time to time, together with all of the explanatory material thereon. The official zoning map shall be identified by the signature of the mayor, City attorney, and attested by the City Clerk.
- B. No changes shall be made in the official zoning map except in conformity with the procedures set forth in this UDO.
- C. The official zoning map is the final authority as to the zoning status of all lands and waters in the City.



## 2.1. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

### 2.1.1. RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Rural Residential (RR) zoning district is established to:

1. Allow for the use of land for single-family detached dwellings in a generally rural setting.
2. Promote the design of conservation subdivisions that are designed to allow for low-density residential areas that offer opportunities for low-intensity development.
3. Allow for designs that take into consideration natural features such as large stands of trees, steep slopes, vistas, floodplains and water bodies.
4. Allow for cluster subdivisions.
5. Provide regulations that discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of residences and would be detrimental to the quiet residential nature of areas included within this district.

B. **Development Standards.** The RR district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.1.1. RR Standards

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	25,000 SQ FT
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	100 FT
BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)	30%
DENSITY (MAX)	1.5 DU/AC
DENSITY (MAX WITH CLUSTER)	2.25 DU/AC
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS	
FRONT (MIN)	30 FT
REAR (MIN)	50 FT
SIDE (MIN)	20 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	35 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7
CLUSTER SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7.X
<p><b>Note:</b> All new development or redevelopment within the Rural Residential district shall connect to local water and wastewater utilities, Greer Commission of Public Works. In cases where connection to water and wastewater utilities is deemed unfeasible and a septic tank is required, the property owner or applicant must apply for a variance or administrative adjustment for alleviation from the setback standards listed within this section.</p>	

## 2.1.2. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (SN)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Suburban Neighborhood (SN) zoning district is established to:

1. Allow for the use of land for single-family detached dwellings in a generally suburban character that is shaped by residential subdivisions of medium-lot homes with relatively uniform housing types and densities.

2. Promote the design of local streets in a curvilinear pattern with occasional cul-de-sacs to respond to and protect natural features
3. Allow for subdivisions that provide sidewalks, street trees, neighborhood parks, trails, and interconnected community open space.
4. Allow for cluster subdivisions.
5. Provide regulations that discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of residences and would be detrimental to the quiet residential nature of areas included within this district.

**B. Development Standards.** The SN district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.1.2. SN Standards

SN STANDARDS	RESIDENTIAL	NONRESIDENTIAL
<b>LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS</b>		
<b>LOT AREA (MIN)</b>	<b>9,000 SQ FT</b>	<b>30,000 SQ FT</b>
<b>LOT WIDTH (MIN)</b>	<b>40 FT</b>	<b>100 FT</b>
<b>BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>DENSITY (MAX)</b>	<b>4.0 DU/AC</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>DENSITY (MAX WITH CLUSTER)</b>	<b>5.0 DU/AC</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS</b>		
<b>FRONT (MIN)</b>	<b>20 FT</b>	<b>30 FT</b>
<b>REAR (MIN)</b>	<b>15 FT (INTERIOR LOT); 25 FT (THROUGH LOT)</b>	<b>15 FT</b>
<b>SIDE (MIN)</b>	<b>10 FT (INTERIOR LOT); 20 FT (CORNER LOT)</b>	<b>20 FT</b>

<b>BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)</b>	<b>35 FT</b>	<b>40 FT</b>
<b>OTHER STANDARDS</b>		
<b>USE REGULATIONS</b>	<b>SECTION 4</b>	
<b>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 5</b>	
<b>BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 6</b>	
<b>SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7</b>	
<b>CLUSTER SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7.X</b>	

### 2.1.3. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD (TN)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Traditional Neighborhood (TN) zoning district is established to:

1. Allow for the use of land for single-family dwellings (attached and detached) in a traditional city neighborhood setting with a mix of housing types.
2. Promote infill around the existing mixture of residential, commercial, and institutional uses that are of a compatible scale and character with surrounding homes.
3. Discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of residences and would be detrimental to the residential nature of areas included within this district.

B. **Development Standards.** The TN district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.1.3. TN Standards

TN STANDARDS	RESIDENTIAL		NONRESIDENTIAL
	DETACHED	ATTACHED	
LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS			
LOT AREA (MIN)	5,000 SQ FT	3,500 SQ FT	30,000 SQ FT
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	45 FT	20 FT	100 FT

BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)	45%	60%	60%
DENSITY (MAX)	10 DU/AC		N/A
DENSITY (MAX WITH CLUSTER)	12 DU/AC		-
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS			
FRONT (MIN)	20 FT	15 FT/20 FT <sup>Note 1</sup>	15 FT
REAR (MIN)	5 FT		15 FT
SIDE (MIN)	5 FT <sup>Note 2</sup>		10 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	35 FT		35 FT
OTHER STANDARDS			
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4		
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5		
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6		
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7		
CLUSTER SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7.X		
Note 1: 15-foot minimum front setback applies if parking is provided to the rear of the building, if parking area/garage is recessed or common parking area is provided in lieu of conventional driveway and or garage design.			
Note 2: The exterior/outermost dwelling units of a residential attached product is subject to the required side setback.			

#### 2.1.4. MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD)

##### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The Medium Density Residential (MD) zoning district is established as a district in which the principal use of land is for multi-family dwellings including apartments and condominiums.
2. The regulations of this district are intended to discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of

residences and would be detrimental to the residential nature of areas included within this district.

**B. Development Standards.** The MD district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.1.4. MD Standards

MD STANDARDS	RESIDENTIAL		NONRESIDENTIAL
	DETACHED	ATTACHED	
LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS			
LOT AREA (MIN)	3,000 SQ FT	2,000 SQ FT	20,000 SQ FT
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	30 FT	20 FT	100 FT
BUILDING COVERAGE	45%	60%	60%
DENSITY (MAX)	15 DU/AC		N/A
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS			
FRONT (MIN)	20 FT	15 FT/20 FT <sup>Note 1</sup>	20 FT
REAR (MIN)	5 FT		10 FT
SIDE (MIN)	5 FT <sup>Note 2</sup>		15 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	45 FT	45 FT/60 FT <sup>Note 3</sup>	45 FT
OTHER STANDARDS			
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4		
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5		
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6		
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7		
Note 1: 15-foot minimum front setback applies if parking is provided to the rear of the building if parking area/garage is recessed or common parking area is provided in lieu of conventional driveway and or garage design.			
Note 2: The exterior/outermost dwelling units of a residential attached product is subject to the required side setback.			

**Note 3: 45-foot maximum where adjacent to single family residential (not part of the subject property/development); 60-foot maximum permitted otherwise.**

## 2.1.5. HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (HD)

### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The High Density Residential (HD) zoning district is established as a district in which the principal use of land is for high density development, including multi-family dwellings such as apartments and condominiums; single family detached and attached are not permitted.
2. The regulations of this district are intended to discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of residences and would be detrimental to the residential nature of areas included within this district.

**B. Development Standards.** The HD district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.1.5. HD Standards

HD STANDARDS	RESIDENTIAL	NONRESIDENTIAL
<b>LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS</b>		
<b>LOT AREA (MIN)</b>	<b>2,500 SQ FT</b>	<b>15,000 SQ FT</b>
<b>LOT WIDTH (MIN)</b>	<b>30 FT</b>	<b>100 FT</b>
<b>BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>DENSITY (MAX)</b>	<b>25 DU/AC (BY-RIGHT) 40 DU/AC (SPECIAL EXCEPTION)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS</b>		
<b>FRONT (MIN)</b>	<b>15 FT/20 FT</b> <small>Note 1</small>	<b>20 FT</b>
<b>REAR (MIN)</b>	<b>10 FT/35 FT</b> <small>Note 2</small>	<b>10 FT</b>
<b>SIDE (MIN)</b>	<b>10 FT/35 FT</b> <small>Note 2</small>	<b>15 FT</b>

<b>BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)</b>	<b>60 FT/75 FT (SPECIAL EXCEPTION)</b> Note 3	<b>45 FT</b>
<b>OTHER STANDARDS</b>		
<b>USE REGULATIONS</b>	<b>SECTION 4</b>	
<b>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 5</b>	
<b>BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 6</b>	
<b>SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7</b>	
<p>Note 1: 15-foot minimum front setback applies if parking is provided to the rear of the building if parking area/garage is recessed or common parking area is provided in lieu of conventional driveway and or garage design. Note 2: 35-foot where adjacent to existing single family residential.</p> <p>Note 2: 35-foot where adjacent to existing single family residential.</p> <p>Note 3: building height above 60 feet require stepback of no less than 15 feet along front and where adjacent to RR, SN, TN districts.</p>		

## 2.2. NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

### 2.2.1. OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (OP)

#### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The Office Professional (OP) zoning district is established as a district in which the principal use of land is for office and medical uses.
2. Residential uses may be permitted as part of a Special Exception. Where residential is proposed, it shall comply with the SN standards with respect to Lot and Density Standards, Setback and Height Standards, and Other Standards. Residential uses may not exceed 25 percent of the total acreage/project boundary of the OP parcel.
3. The regulations of this district are intended to discourage any use which, because of its character, would be a nuisance to the development of office and medical uses.

#### B. Development Standards. The OP district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.2.1. OP Standards



LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	See SN Zoning District & Related Standards
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS	
FRONT (MIN)	25 FT
REAR (MIN)	20 FT
SIDE (MIN)	5 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	50 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7

### 2.2.2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG)

#### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The Commercial General (CG) zoning district is established as a district in which the principal use of land is intended for commercial establishments.

**B. Development Standards.** The CG district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.2.2. CG Standards

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	N/A
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS	

<b>FRONT (MIN)</b>	<b>25 FT</b>
<b>REAR (MIN)</b>	<b>20 FT</b>
<b>SIDE (MIN)</b>	<b>5 FT</b>
<b>BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)</b>	<b>65 FT</b>
<b>OTHER STANDARDS</b>	
<b>USE REGULATIONS</b>	<b>SECTION 4</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 5</b>
<b>BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 6</b>
<b>SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7</b>

### 2.2.3. BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY (BT)

#### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The Business Technology (BT) zoning district is established to provide a transition between commercial and industrial districts, allowing for a wide range of uses including personal services and civic and institutional uses.

**B. Development Standards.** The BT district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.2.4. BT Standards

<b>LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS</b>	
<b>LOT AREA (MIN)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>LOT WIDTH (MIN)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>DENSITY (MAX)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS</b>	
<b>FRONT (MIN)</b>	<b>25 FT/ 50 FT</b> <small>Note 1</small>
<b>REAR (MIN)</b>	<b>25 FT</b> <small>Note 2</small>
<b>SIDE (MIN)</b>	<b>10 FT/25 FT</b> <small>Note 3</small>

<b>BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)</b>	<b>45/75 FT</b> <small>Note 4</small>
<b>OTHER STANDARDS</b>	
<b>USE REGULATIONS</b>	<b>SECTION 4</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 5</b>
<b>BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 6</b>
<b>SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7</b>
<p><b>Note 1:</b> 25-foot minimum front setback applies if parking is to the rear of the building.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> Rear setback does not apply to rail siding.</p> <p><b>Note 3:</b> 25-foot minimum side setback applies where adjacent to residential zoned properties; additional setbacks may be required to achieve the Buffer Standards required in Section 5.</p> <p><b>Note 4:</b> The Maximum Building Height with a Special Exception is 75 FT.</p>	

#### 2.2.4. MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS (ML)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Manufacturing and Logistics (ML) zoning district is established to:

1. Allow for a range of industrial and logistic uses close to major transportation facilities.
2. Create development standards and building and site design standards which protect neighboring uses from nuisances and potentially harmful effects.
3. Support large-scale manufacturing and production, including assembly and processing, regional warehousing and distribution, bulk storage, and utilities.
4. Require landscaping requirements that screen development from the right-of-way and neighboring residential areas.

B. **Development Standards.** The ML district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.2.5. ML Standards

<b>LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS</b>	
<b>LOT AREA (MIN)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	N/A
<b>SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS</b>	
FRONT (MIN)	50 FT
REAR (MIN)	25 FT <small>Note 1, Note 2</small>
SIDE (MIN)	25 FT <small>Note 1, Note 2</small>
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	90 FT
<b>OTHER STANDARDS</b>	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7
<p>Note 1: Side and Rear setback does not apply to rail siding.</p> <p>Note 2: 25-foot minimum side setback applies where adjacent to residential zoned properties; additional setbacks may be required to achieve the Buffer Standards required in Section 5.</p>	

## 2.3. MIXED-USE DISTRICTS

### 2.3.1. GREER STATION DOWNTOWN (GS)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Greer Station Downtown (GS) zoning district is established to:

1. Implement the 2017 Downtown Streetscape Master Plan.
2. Allow for urban, high quality development that features a mixture of uses including civic, entertainment, cultural, mixed-use buildings, detached and attached single-family homes, and mid-sized multi-family and commercial development.
3. Create a compact, walkable, and well-connected urban environment with a wide sidewalk network and it support for multi-modal transportation.

4. Implement where applicable the design and development standards of the City's Board of Architectural Review.

**B. Development Standards.** The GS district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.3.1. Greer Station Downtown (GS)

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	N/A <sup>Note 1</sup>
BUILDING PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT STANDARDS (BUILD-TO-ZONE; BTZ)	
FRONT (MAX)	10 FT
REAR (MAX)	10 FT
SIDE (MAX)	20 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	60 FT <sup>Note 2</sup>
FRONTAGE STANDARDS	
PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT (MIN)	60 %
ENTRANCE LOCATION	FRONT ONLY (PRIMARY)
OFF-STREET PARKING/ LOCATION	
OFF-STREET PARKING/LOCATION	RESIDENTIAL: 1 SPACE/UNIT; ALL OTHER USES: NO PARKING REQUIRED/ LOCATION: REAR/SIDE ONLY
SIDEWALKS	
WIDTH	MINIMUM 8 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5

<b>BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS</b> Note 3	<b>SECTION 6</b>
<b>SUBDIVISION STANDARDS</b>	<b>SECTION 7</b>
<p><b>Note 1:</b> Density is not regulated by dwelling units per acre but by building height and required residential off-street parking.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> Up to 75 ft height allowed if first-floor retail is provided.</p> <p><b>Note 3:</b> Certain areas of the GS zoning are subject to additional design and development standards and are require Board of Architectural Review (BAR) review and approval; See also C below.</p>	

**C. Additional Development Standards.** The following standards are required in addition to those within the Board of Architecture Standards, those within Section 6. Building and Site Design Standards, and the requirements and standards within Section 3.1. Downtown Greer Historic Preservation Overlay.

1. ADUs are not permitted as part of a commercial/office use; ADUs within residential projects are permitted as Special Exception within the GS district.
  - a. ADUs where provided shall be designed and constructed using the same architectural components as well a similar material to provide a consistent appearance; however, the use of vinyl siding is not permitted.
2. Fences may be provided; however, are limited to brick, stone, wrought iron or other similar architecturally significant material; the use of chain-link or similar is not permitted. Fences provided along a property's frontage with a public street and along the side lot lines to a point extending along the face of the building shall be limited to four (4) feet in height.
3. Parking, where provided shall be limited to the side and or rear of the building.
4. Signage shall be provided consistent with Section 5.2 and shall be limited to the following sign types:
  - a. Wall
  - b. Canopy/awning
  - c. Projecting/blade
  - d. Sidewalk
  - e. Window

### 2.3.2. NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (NC)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Neighborhood Center (NC) zoning district is established to:

1. Implement the Neighborhood Center character area in the Comprehensive Plan through a zoning map amendment.
2. Allow for high quality development that features a mixture of uses in Comprehensive Plan compliant areas of the City.
3. Promote the development of mixed-use centers are within a roughly 1/8-mile radius of identified crossroads/nodes where non-residential, neighborhood-serving uses should be clustered.
4. Allow for the development of walkable, compact, neighborhood-scale development that are connected to their surroundings.
5. Provide goods and services to immediate neighborhoods.
6. Require development to comply with the standards defined in Table 2.3.2.

B. **Development Standards.** The NC district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.3.2. Neighborhood Center (NC)

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	N/A
BUILDING PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT STANDARDS (BUILD-TO-ZONE; BTZ)	
FRONT	15 TO 75 FT
REAR	10 TO 50 FT
SIDE	10 TO 20 FT <sup>Note 1</sup>
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	35 FT
FRONTAGE STANDARDS	
PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT (MIN)	50 %

ENTRANCE LOCATION	SEE SECTION 6.1 REGARDING FAÇADE STANDARDS
OFF-STREET PARKING LOCATION	
LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING	SUBJECT TO BUILDING PLACEMENT STANDARDS
SIDEWALKS	
WIDTH	MINIMUM 8 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7
Note 1: Where side and rear parking are provided, the build-to zone may be increased to accommodate those parking areas.	

### 2.3.3. REGIONAL CENTER (RC)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Regional Center (RC) zoning district is established to:

1. Implement the Regional Center character area in the Comprehensive Plan through a zoning map amendment.
2. Allow for high quality development that features a mixture of uses in Comprehensive Plan compliant areas of the City.
3. Promote the development of mixed-use centers that are within a roughly 1/2 mile radius of identified crossroads/nodes where commercial, employment, and entertainment uses are clustered to serve a population beyond Greer.
4. Allow for large-scale developments that are located near major highways and interstate exits that include outparcel buildings along major highways.



5. Regulate development for the RC district per the standards defined in Table 2.3.3.

**B. Development Standards.** The RC district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.3.3. Regional Center (RC)

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	10 DU/AC
BUILDING PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT STANDARDS (BUILD-TO-ZONE; BTZ)	
FRONT	10 TO 100 FT
REAR	10 TO 50 FT
SIDE	10 TO 50 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	75 FT
FRONTAGE STANDARDS	
PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT (MIN)	50 %
OFF-STREET PARKING LOCATION	
LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING	FRONT, SIDE, OR REAR
SIDEWALKS	
WIDTH	MINIMUM 10 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7

#### 2.3.4. COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (CC)

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The Commercial Corridor (CC) zoning district is established to:

1. Implement the Suburban Commercial Corridor Overlay character area in the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Allow for high quality development that features a mixture of arterial/highway-oriented retail uses and centers that serve community-wide shopping and service needs. These uses are along the established US 29 corridor, as well as areas of the Hwy 101 Hwy 14 corridors.
3. Allow for large-scale developments that include outparcel buildings along the US 29 corridor.
4. Regulate development for the CC district per the standards defined in Table 2.3.4.

B. **Development Standards.** The CC district shall conform to the standards identified below.

Table 2.3.4. Commercial Corridor (CC)

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS	
LOT AREA (MIN)	N/A
LOT WIDTH (MIN)	N/A
DENSITY (MAX)	10 DU/AC
BUILDING PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT STANDARDS (BUILD-TO-ZONE; BTZ)	
FRONT (MIN)	25 FT TO 150 FT IF FRONTING AN ARTERIAL ROADWAY OR US-29 10 FT TO 150 FT IF FRONTING A COLLECTOR OR MINOR ROAD
REAR (MIN)	0 TO 75 FT
SIDE (MIN)	0 TO 50 FT
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	45/60 FT <sup>NOTE 1</sup>

FRONTAGE STANDARDS	
PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT (MIN)	50 %
OFF-STREET PARKING LOCATION	
LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING	FRONT, SIDE, OR REAR
SIDEWALKS	
WIDTH	MINIMUM 8 FT
OTHER STANDARDS	
USE REGULATIONS	SECTION 4
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	SECTION 5
BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS	SECTION 6
SUBDIVISION STANDARDS	SECTION 7
Note 1: A maximum building height of 60 feet is allowed with a Special Exception.	

## 2.4. SPECIAL DISTRICTS

### 2.4.1. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

#### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The Planned Development (PD) zoning district is established to allow for coordinated mixed-use developments separate and apart from the Mixed-Use districts provided in Section 2.3 above and can only be established through a zoning map amendment to Planned Development (PD).
2. It is the intent of the PD zoning district to allow for creative design, improved living environments, and harmonious variety in physical development through integrated land uses. A PD should allow for a broad range of housing types and densities, non-residential uses (commercial and or office uses), and open space. Uses shall be permitted consistent with those in the TN and NC zoning districts.
3. Non-residential uses are limited to neighborhood scale consistent with the TN district standards and are limited to placement internal to the project or at the intersection of collector or higher roadways.

4. A PD can accomplish the purpose of zoning, subdivision design standard regulations and other applicable City regulations to the same degree as in instances where such City regulations are intended to control development on a lot-by-lot basis rather than on a unified development approach.

**B. General Requirements.** In addition to the specific requirements stated in the following sections, for each specific planned development district, all PD development shall meet the following standards.

1. **Planned Development Size.** The Planned Development size(s) are provided in Table 2.4.1 below.
2. **Site Characteristics and Relation to Surrounding Property(s).** The tract/property shall be or shall be made to be suitable for development in a manner proposed without hazard to persons or property, on or off the tract, risk of erosion, flood hazard, destruction of environmental lands or other dangers. Conditions of soil, ground water level, drainage and topography shall all be appropriate to both type and pattern of the proposed use. Additional buffering and screening may be required depending on the nature and type of the PD and the surrounding properties.
3. **Housing Types (defined).** For the purposes of the PD district, the following Housing Types are defined:
  - a. SF Type 1: 10,001 SF Lot or greater
  - b. SF Type 2: 7,501 – 10,000 SF Lot
  - c. SF Type 3: 5,001 - 7500 SF Lot
  - d. SF Type 4: up to 5,000 SF LOT
  - e. SF Attached Type 5: TN standards
  - f. Multifamily Type 6
4. **Relation to Public Utilities, Facilities and Services.** Planned development districts shall be located in relation to sanitary sewers, emergency services, schools, public safety, water lines, storm and surface

drainage systems and other utilities systems and installations to ensure that services can reasonably be provided at time of occupancy.

5. **Relation to Transportation Facilities.** Planned development districts shall be located with respect to access to alternative modes of transportation. Planned developments shall take into consideration the surrounding areas and be designed to minimize impact to those surrounding or adjacent streets, developments, and neighborhoods.
6. **Compatibility.** Planned development districts shall be located and designed so as to minimize the potential negative effects of external impacts resulting from factors such as building height, use, traffic, noise, or lights.
7. **Streets, Drives, Parking and Service Areas.** Streets, driveways, parking, and service areas shall provide safe and convenient access to all properties within the PD. Facilities and access routes for deliveries, servicing and maintenance shall be located and arranged to prevent interference with pedestrian traffic. Loading zones where customers pick up goods shall be located and arranged so as to prevent interference with pedestrian movement, fire lanes, and other vehicular travel ways.
8. **Modifications.** Modifications from the standards required in the UDO may be requested for a planned development (unless explicitly stated otherwise in this UDO). All modifications must be requested at time of the filing of the binding master plan, shall be labeled and identified on the master plan, and shall be accompanied by justifications demonstrating that the modification is necessary and meets the intent of the UDO.
9. **Land Use Mix.** Table 2.4.1 summarizes the required land use mix for a PD, as a percent of total gross acreage of land area.

**C. Planned Development Tiers.** PDs are classified into tiers for certain requirements. Tiers are based on the total area of the proposed PD. The tiers are defined In Table 2.4.1.

Table 2.4.1. Planned Development (PD) Tiered Requirements

District Development Standards			
Building Height	Maximum 45 feet		
Land Use Mix/Percentage of Uses (based on gross acreage of site)	<b>RESIDENTIAL:</b> Minimum 50 percent; Maximum 65 percent. <b>NON-RESIDENTIAL:</b> 0 percent; Maximum 10 percent (may be increased to 15 percent where located along an arterial roadway) <b>OPEN SPACE:</b> 35 percent (as defined within Section 5.3. Landscaping, Buffering, and Open Space))		
Uses	As permitted in Section 4. Uses		
Additional Standards	Except where otherwise approved during the Planned Development process, setbacks, heights and similar shall be consistent with the standards per the TN district.		
	TIER 5.0 acres to 10.0 acres	TIER 2 10.1 acres to 25.0 acres	TIER 3 25.1 acres or greater
RESIDENTIAL DENSITY (DU/ACRE)	Up to 5.0 DU/AC	Up to 10.0 DU/AC	Up to 10.0 DU/ac
COMMERCIAL/RETAIL (FLOOR AREA RATIO)	Up to 0.25 FAR	Up to 0.50 FAR	Up to 0.50 FAR
HOUSING USE TYPES REQUIRED <small>Note 1 Note 2</small>	2	3	4
Note 1: No single housing type may exceed 75 percent of the total housing provided; except Tier 1, no less than 10 percent of any housing type may be provided.  Note 2: Housing type e and type f may only be located internal to the project and not located along the perimeter unless a Type 4 buffer is provided			

**D. Application Requirements.** A PD Master Plan Application depicting the zoning standards and requirements of the proposed planned district shall include the following at a minimum:

- 1. Location Information and Site Data.** The general location and associated data for:

- a. The title of the project and the names of the professional project planner and the developer.
  - b. Scale, date, north arrow and general location map.
  - c. Boundaries of the property involved including tabulations for gross acreage, all existing streets, buildings, watercourses, easements, section lines and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the project.
  - d. Density/intensity of land uses (number of dwelling units and square footage by use types)
  - e. Landscaped areas and typical cross sections.
  - f. Buffers including typical cross sections.
  - g. Location of fencing and berms including typical cross sections.
  - h. Open space, common use areas, and amenities.
  - i. Stormwater areas.
  - j. Vehicular use areas and access.
  - k. Utilities by type and connection points to the public systems.
  - l. Street network.
  - m. Pedestrian and multimodal systems.
  - n. Use areas by use types (square footage non-residential and number of units by dwelling type).
2. **Zoning Standards.** For the purpose of documentation, the following standards may be either stand alone or combined documents or plan sheets, provided the following standards are clearly defined.
- a. Permitted uses and accessory uses, and use restrictions
  - b. Maximum nonresidential square footage permitted (if applicable).
  - c. Maximum number of dwelling units permitted (if applicable).
  - d. Type and number of dwelling units.
  - e. Mobility Plan including street types identifying circulation elements including driveways, transit, vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle components, as applicable.
  - f. Open space plan including standards for functional and conservation (minimum percentage/acreages by type).
  - g. Maximum heights for of all proposed structures.
  - h. Setbacks and lot/tract dimensions.

- i. Parking Plan providing standards for all use types.
- j. Signage plan.
- k. Architectural and design components (renderings and elevations).
- l. Landscaping plan.
- m. Outdoor lighting plan.
- n. References to all UDO sections where the PD proposes to utilize existing UDO language in lieu of creating standards specific to the proposed PD. If not specified, the standards for the closest applicable zoning district will apply.

3. **Statements of Intent.** Applicants shall provide:

- a. A description of procedures of any proposed homeowner's association, property owner's association, or similar group maintenance agreement.
- b. A statement identifying the proposed development schedule.
- c. A statement of public improvements, both on and off-site, that are proposed for dedication and/or construction and an estimate of timing for providing such improvements.
- d. A statement of impact on public facilities and infrastructure including estimated water consumption, sewage collection and treatment, schools, garbage collection, fire protection, and local vehicular traffic. Letters from the appropriate agencies or districts verifying that such facilities or services are available and adequate to serve the proposed planned development.
- e. A statement concerning the appearance, landscaping, screening, and maintenance of any proposed open space, pond, lake, or retention pond/stormwater facility contained in the development.

**E. Changes to a PD Master Plan.** PD master plans are binding in nature. Changes to an approved plan may be permitted in accordance with one of the following procedures as determined by the UDO Administrator.

- 1. **Minor Changes.** Changes to a planned development plan that are of a design nature and do not alter the use characteristics of the planned development may be approved by Planning Staff.
- 2. **Major Changes.** Changes to a PD master plan that alter the concept and characteristics of a planned development may be approved by City Council. Examples of major changes include, but are not limited to:



- a. Expansion of the project boundary;
- b. Change in use within 100 feet of the property perimeter (i.e., change from single family to multi-family; change from multi-family to non-residential specifically those in the Commercial Use Group);
- c. Reduction in buffering where adjacent to existing single family residential uses.
- d. Changes in maximum number of dwelling units exceeding 10% of the maximum approved (not to exceed the maximum allowable density per the corresponding Tier) or;
- e. Changes in non-residential square footage by more than 10 percent;
- f. Modifications or amendments to the initial traffic ingress/egress plan or preliminary traffic plan including but not limited to providing additional roadways (excluding driveways).

**F. Expiration.** PD approvals expire two (2) years after final approval by the City Council if subdivision plans and or site plans are not submitted to the City for approval. PD approvals may be extended up to a total of five (5) years upon approval of the City Council or upon approval of subdivision plans and or site plans.

#### 2.4.2. DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT (DRD)

**A. Purpose and Intent.** The Design Review District (DRD) is established to:

- 1. Allow for unique residential developments that require a variety of residential uses as defined in Section 4.3.1.
- 2. Promote the design of compact residential developments that are walkable and connected.
- 3. Provide regulations that discourage the removal and/or disturbance of natural habitats.

**B. General Requirements.** In addition to the specific requirements stated in the following sections, for each specific Development Review District (DRD), all DRD development shall meet the following standards.

1. **Design Review District Size.** The Design Review District size(s) are provided in Table 2.4.2 below.
2. **Site Characteristics and Relation to Surrounding Property(ies).** The tract/property shall be or shall be made to be suitable for development in a manner proposed without hazard to persons or property, on or off the tract, risk of erosion, flood hazard, destruction of environmental lands or other dangers. Conditions of soil, ground water level, drainage and topography shall all be appropriate to both type and pattern of the proposed use. Additional buffering and screening may be required depending on the nature and type of the DRD and the surrounding properties.
3. **Residential Uses.** For the purposes of the DRD, the following Residential Uses are allowed as defined in section 4.3.1:
  - a. Dwelling, Single-Family Detached
  - b. Dwelling, Single-Family Attached
  - c. Dwelling, Two-Family, Triplex, or Quadplex
  - d. Dwelling, Multi-Family
4. **Non-Residential Uses.** For the purposes of the DRD the following Non-Residential Uses are allowed as defined in section 4.3.2:
  - a. Community Garden
  - b. Parks
5. **Relation to Public Utilities, Facilities and Services.** Design Review Districts shall be located in relation to sanitary sewers, emergency services, schools, public safety, water lines, storm and surface drainage systems and other utilities systems and installations to ensure that services can reasonably be provided at time of occupancy.
6. **Relation to Transportation Facilities.** Design Review Districts shall be located with respect to access to alternative modes of transportation. Planned developments shall take into consideration the surrounding areas

and be designed to minimize impact to those surrounding or adjacent streets, developments, and neighborhoods.

7. **Compatibility.** Design Review Districts shall be located and designed so as to minimize the potential negative effects of external impacts resulting from factors such as building height, use, traffic, noise, or lights.
8. **Streets, Drives, Parking and Service Areas.** Streets, driveways, parking, and service areas shall provide safe and convenient access to all properties within the DRD. Facilities and access routes for deliveries, servicing and maintenance shall be located and arranged to prevent interference with pedestrian traffic.
9. **Modifications.** Modifications from the standards required in the UDO may be requested for a DRD (unless explicitly stated otherwise in this UDO). All modifications must be requested at time of the filing of the binding master plan, shall be labeled and identified on the master plan, and shall be accompanied by justifications demonstrating that the modification is necessary and meets the intent of the UDO.
10. **Land Use Mix.** Table 2.4.2 summarizes the required land use mix for a DRD, as a percent of total gross acreage of land area.

## G. Design Review Standards

Table 2.4.2. Design Review District (DRD) Tiered Requirements

Design Review District Development Standards	
Building Height	Maximum 45 feet*
Land Use Mix/Percentage of Uses (based on gross acreage of site)	<p><b>RESIDENTIAL:</b> Minimum 50 percent; Maximum 65 percent.</p> <p><b>NON-RESIDENTIAL:</b> 0 percent; Maximum 10 percent (may be increased to 15 percent where located along an arterial roadway)</p> <p><b>OPEN SPACE:</b> 35 percent (as defined within Section 5.3. Landscaping, Buffering, and Open Space)</p>
Uses	As permitted in Section 4. Uses

<b>Additional Standards</b>	<b>Except where otherwise approved during the Design Review process, setbacks, heights and similar shall be consistent with the standards per the MD district.</b>		
	<b>TIER 5.0 acres to 10.0 acres</b>	<b>TIER 2 10.1 acres to 25.0 acres</b>	<b>TIER 3 25.1 acres or greater</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL DENSITY (DU/ACRE)</b>	<b>Up to 10.0 DU/AC</b>	<b>Up to 12.0 DU/AC</b>	<b>Up to 15.0 DU/ac</b>
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL USES</b>			
<b>RESIDENTIAL TYPES REQUIRED</b> <small>Note 1 Note 2</small>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Note 1: No single housing type may exceed 75 percent of the total housing provided; except Tier 1, no less than 10 percent of any housing type may be provided.</p> <p>Note 2: Housing type e and type f may only be located internal to the project and not located along the perimeter unless a Type 4 buffer is provided</p>			

1. Where land uses within the DRD are the same as uses permitted in the adjoining properties outside the DRD, a lesser setback that is consistent with the uses or zoning on the adjoining properties may be permitted.
2. Minimum lot width, minimum yard sizes, maximum lot coverage, and maximum height are not otherwise regulated within the DRD provided, however, that the Planning Commission and City Council shall ascertain that the characteristics of building location shall be appropriate as related to structures within the district and otherwise fulfill the intent of this Ordinance Section.
3. All other development standards may be varied within a DRD. Variations to required development standards are permitted and shall be clearly included in any application for a DRD.

**H. Application Requirements.** A DRD Master Plan Application depicting the zoning standards and requirements of the proposed planned district shall include the following at a minimum:

1. **Location Information and Site Data.** The general location and associated data for:

- c. The title of the project and the names of the professional project planner and the developer.
  - d. Scale, date, north arrow and general location map.
  - e. Boundaries of the property involved including tabulations for gross acreage, all existing streets, buildings, watercourses, easements, section lines and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the project.
  - f. Density/intensity of land uses (number of dwelling units and square footage by use types)
  - g. Landscaped areas and typical cross sections.
  - h. Buffers including typical cross sections.
  - i. Location of fencing and berms including typical cross sections.
  - j. Open space, common use areas, and amenities.
  - k. Stormwater areas.
  - l. Vehicular use areas and access.
  - m. Utilities by type and connection points to the public systems.
  - n. Street network.
  - o. Pedestrian and multimodal systems.
  - p. Use areas by use types (square footage non-residential and number of units by dwelling type).
2. **Zoning Standards.** For the purpose of documentation, the following standards may be either stand alone, combined documents or plan sheets, provided the following standards are clearly defined.
- a. Permitted uses and accessory uses, and use restrictions
  - b. Maximum nonresidential square footage permitted (if applicable).
  - c. Maximum number of dwelling units permitted (if applicable).
  - d. Type and number of dwelling units.
  - e. Mobility Plan including street types identifying circulation elements including driveways, transit, vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle components, as applicable.
  - f. Open space plan including standards for functional and conservation (minimum percentage/acreages by type).
  - g. Maximum heights for of all proposed structures.

- h. Setbacks and lot/tract dimensions.
- i. Parking Plan providing standards for all use types.
- j. Signage plan.
- k. Architectural and design components (renderings and elevations).
- l. Landscaping plan.
- m. Outdoor lighting plan.
- n. References to all UDO sections where the DRD proposes to utilize existing UDO language in lieu of creating standards specific to the proposed DRD. If not specified, the standards for the closest applicable zoning district will apply.

**3. Statements of Intent.** Applicants shall provide:

- a. A description of procedures of any proposed homeowner's association, property owner's association, or similar group maintenance agreement.
- b. A statement identifying the proposed development schedule.
- c. A statement of public improvements, both on and off-site, that are proposed for dedication and/or construction and an estimate of timing for providing such improvements.
- d. A statement of impact on public facilities and infrastructure including estimated water consumption, sewage collection and treatment, schools, garbage collection, fire protection, and local vehicular traffic. Letters from the appropriate agencies or districts verifying that such facilities or services are available and adequate to serve the proposed planned development.
- e. A statement concerning the appearance, landscaping, screening, and maintenance of any proposed open space, pond, lake, or retention pond/stormwater facility contained in the development.

**C. Final Development Plan.** Approval of a Concept Plan shall constitute authority for the applicant to prepare a Final Development Plan. All Final Development Plans in the DRD district will require a site plan review and approval by the Greer Planning Commission.

**D. Subdivision Plats.** Approval of a Final Development Plan shall constitute authority for the applicant to prepare subdivision plats if applicable in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 7: Subdivision Regulations. No building permit or

certificate of occupancy shall be issued until the Planning Commission has approved a final subdivision plat.

**E. Changes to DRDs.** Changes to an approved DRD may be permitted. The Zoning Administrator shall determine whether any proposed change is major or minor using the criteria below. The Zoning Administrator's determination shall be a part of the DRD records.

1. **Minor Changes.** Changes to an approved DRD that are of a design nature and do not alter the use characteristics of the planned development may be approved by Planning Staff.
2. **Major Changes.** Changes to an approved DRD district that would significantly alter the basic concept and general characteristics of the district shall be approved by City Council in accordance with the amendment procedures established in Article 11 of this ordinance. After approval of a major change by City Council, approval of a final development plan showing such changes must be submitted to the Planning Commission for site plan review. Examples of major changes may include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Expansion or reduction in boundaries;
  - b. Decrease in provided open space;
  - c. Increase or decrease in number of ingress and egress points;
  - d. Changes in number of residential uses type;
  - e. Increase in residential density exceeding 10 percent.

## 3. OVERLAYS AND DESIGN STANDARDS

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### 3.1. HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of the Historic District (HD) overlay is to promote harmonious and compatible development within the Downtown Greer Central Business District, which compliments the character and charm of this unique mixed-use center. The overlay intends to:
1. Encourage urban design elements that create safe and comfortable environments for pedestrians and cyclists by promoting attractive compact development and multi-modal infrastructure;
  2. Promote a diverse mix of uses that provides citizens and visitors of Greer with housing options, employment opportunities, and places of recreation;
  3. To protect, preserve, and enhance the distinctive architectural and cultural heritage implementing and maintaining high quality design of buildings and fixtures;
- Properties in the overlay are also further subject to the Board of Architecture Review (BAR); the boundaries of which are per Section 3.1.B Overlay Boundary below.
- B. **Overlay Boundary.** The boundary of the Historic District overlay is shown on the Official Zoning Map.
- C. **Underlying Zoning.** The use and development on any land or structures within the Historic District overlay shall comply with regulations applicable to the underlying zoning districts, as well as the requirements of this section, where applicable. All regulations of the underlying zoning district as provided in this UDO shall apply except when modified, eliminated, superseded, or additional regulations added by the provisions of this section and in the case of conflict between the Overlay and the underlying district standards, the stricter standard(s) shall apply.
- D. **Use.** Allowable Uses for the Historic District overlay is provided in the in Table 4.2 Principal Uses of the Greer Station Zoning District.
- E. **Architectural Design Style.** The Architectural Design Style for the Historic Downtown overlay is a design vernacular found between 1890 and 1930. The style of architecture found during this period represents the style most common



to buildings of the Historic District overlay. This design vernacular allows for individuality while promoting the purpose of the Historic District overlay. If there is conflict between the Historic District overlay standards and requirements, Board of Architecture Review standards, and those within Section 6. Building and Site Design Standards, the stricter of the three are required.

1. **Exterior Facades.** Acceptable visible exterior wall finish materials are:
  - a. Brick – unpainted, stained and painted, appropriate size (modular, standard, queen, engineer or modular queen); color should be consistent with the existing context and light-colored brick can be used sparingly as an accent.
  - b. Stucco – should be used sparingly as an accent; it can be used for trim work or detailing. Shall not be use as the field.
2. **Exterior Facades – Visible Attachments.** Acceptable visible attachment (chimney, flues, decks, balconies, signs, awnings, railings) finish materials are:
  - a. Chimney – brick, stucco.
  - b. Chimney Caps – copper or vitrified clay.
  - c. Flues – stainless steel, manufacturer painted metal, copper or clay.
  - d. Decks – shall comply with all applicable requirements of the International Building Code and with color characteristics in keeping with the Architectural Design Style.
  - e. Signs – wood (painted or unpainted), manufacturer painted metal, stainless steel or copper.
  - f. Awnings – canvas membrane with painted light metal frame, painted metal, stainless steel or copper.
  - g. Railings and Fencing – painted metal, brick or ornamental iron (no chain link fencing).
3. **Exterior Façade – Roof Finish Materials.** Acceptable visible roof finish materials are:
  - a. Roofs and Overhangs – terra cotta tile, copper, slate, synthetic slate, gold leaf, manufacturer painted metal shingles and/or standing seam manufacturer painted roofs with color characteristics in keeping with the Architectural Design Style.
  - b. Gutter and Downspout Systems – copper and manufacturer painted metal with color characteristics in keeping with the Architectural Design Style.
4. **Exterior Façade – Opening Finish Materials.** Acceptable visible opening finish materials are:

- a. Windows – manufacturer painted aluminum, metal or wood with clear glass or stained glass.
- b. Shutters – painted wood or synthetic composite (no vinyl) in a louvered or paneled style
- c. Doors and Garage Doors – painted aluminum, metal, wood or composite wood.
- d. Storefronts – manufacturer painted aluminum, metal or wood.
- 5. **Exterior Façade – Visible Configuration Elements.** Acceptable visible configuration exterior façade elements are:
  - a. Brick – shall not exceed a projection over 1 inch in any single course.
  - b. Stone and Cast Stone – stone rustication at the base of the building or as accents around main entrances; stone accents and trim are appropriate.
  - c. Stucco – painted smooth sand finish is appropriate other finish types must be approved by the Director. The stucco must be cement type.
  - d. Chimney – simple forms with articulation at the top are preferred. Chimneys may be used to screen ventilation piping.
  - e. Chimney Caps – may be used to screen ventilation piping.
  - f. Signs – shall be either suspended from the façade by a painted light metal frame or attached directly to the façade and not project more than 4 inches from the adjacent surface.
  - g. Awnings – shall match the existing awnings when facing on Trade Street or shall be rectangular in shape. Awnings not fronting Trade Street shall be rectangular in shape without sides or bottom soffit panels.
  - h. Railings and Fencing – shall consist of top rails and bottom rails with clearance beneath the bottom rail. Rails shall be centered on the support balusters.
  - i. Balconies – shall be located a minimum of 12 feet above the grade or sidewalk below. Supporting brackets are preferred. Cantilevered balconies shall not project more than 3 feet.
  - j. Storefronts and Signage – shall be a gloss finish.
  - k. Address and Postal Numbers – both the principal façade and the rear or alley facing façade shall bear the numbers. Numbers shall comply with local fire and emergency authorities' requirements for height but shall conform to the color and style defined herein.
  - l. General Building Utility Service Meters and Equipment – shall be located on rear of the buildings. HVAC, satellite dishes, hot tubs, and the like shall be located in the rear side of the building and screened from sight. Overhead service of any utility or future service is not allowed.

- m. Multiple Buildings – Sites containing multiple buildings or structures shall have a cohesive design vernacular including materials and proportions.
- n. Trash Containers – shall be located in permanent enclosures screening them from site.
- o. Sloped Roofs – visible from street level shall be sloped at an angle of 6:12 or greater. Canopy and porch roofs may have slopes less than, equal to or greater than 6:12.
- p. Flat Roofs – shall be screened from view by parapet walls.
- q. Parapets Walls – shall not have crenulations.
- r. Arched Roofs – all types shall be permitted.
- s. Eaves – with less than 1 foot of overhang shall be permitted to enclosed; those with more than 1 foot shall have either exposed rafters or be enclosed with exposed supporting brackets. Eaves shall be continuous.
- t. Gutters and Downspouts – Gutters shall match the profile of the soffits. Half-round gutters are permitted. Downspouts shall connect to horizontal leaders and piped underground away all building structures and either connect to the city storm water system or dispense into a landscaped area designed to handle the storm water runoff.
- u. Roof Penetrations – shall not be visible from the street level.
- v. Ancillary Roofs – shall not be less that 3:12 roof slope.
- w. Dormers – shall not be located within 3 feet from a side building wall. They shall be habitable. The window side of the dormer shall be configured to allow the window to fill the wall front with the exception of trim and gable front above the window.
- x. Windows – shall not be flush mounted to the exterior or interior. Multiple window configurations shall have a 4" minimum post separating the window units. Transoms shall be vertically proportioned panes of glass and oriented horizontally over the opening below.
- y. Window Muntins – shall be true divided panes or simulated divided panes with dividers permanently fixed to the interior and exterior window surfaces. Proportion of the panes shall be similar throughout the building.
- z. Shutters – shall be proportioned to match the adjoining openings.
- aa. All Colors – shall be selected from the Sherwin-Williams Exterior Color Preservation-Victorian and Arts & Crafts Color Palette:
  - i. Use colors to tie together the entire building front by considering the building as a whole, and then decide which details to emphasize, avoid colors that visually split the upper floors from the lower floor, and using the same color on the same

architectural elements (i.e., window frames) can reinforce the patterns which tie together the building.

- ii. When choosing a color, consider the context or major colors on the surrounding buildings such as the commonality of brick and masonry colors in Downtown, muted a compatible tone to characterize a building and the avoidance of bright high-intensity colors.

bb. Utility Lines – shall be underground.

F. **Signage.** Signs within the Historic District overlay shall be designed not to detract from the character of the district. Signs shall comply with the standards of Section 5.2: Signs, and the following additional provisions below. Where there is a conflict, the standards of this section prevail.

1. **Wall Signs.** A wall sign is an on-premise sign, attached directly to a building wall above the entrance. Wall signs are allowed provided:
  - a. One (1) wall sign shall be allowed per location or one (1) wall sign per building frontage, whichever is greater. Buildings with multiple tenants are allowed (1) wall sign per tenant per building frontage, signs shall be identical in dimensions and of the same material. Signs of multi-tenant buildings shall be arranged in a uniform fashion horizontally or vertically.
  - b. The sign shall not be larger than 10% of the facades' surface area or 32 square foot of building frontage not to exceed 50 square feet.
  - c. Signs may be wall mounted or projecting signs. Wall mounted signs shall project no more than 15 inches from the wall. Projecting signs may project up to four (4) feet away from the building if the sign is placed no lower than 10 feet nor higher than 15 feet from the street side sidewalk.
  - d. Murals shall not be allowed as a wall sign within the HD overlay.
2. **Canopy/awning.** A canopy/awning sign is a canopy/awning that is attached to and extends from the building, with attached signage. A sign permit is required. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
3. **Projecting/blade.** A projecting/blade sign is a sign that is attached directly to a supporting building wall and intersects the building wall at a right angle. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
4. **Sidewalk.** A sidewalk sign (also commonly referred to as a sandwich board or A-Frame) is a sign dedicated for the display of a message on a sidewalk in front of a business. A sign permit is not required. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
5. **Window Signs.** Window signs shall not exceed more than 20% of the gross window area and shall not include windows above the ground level.

**6. Additional Sign Standards.** All signs shall conform to the following standards:

- a. Signs shall not blink, flash, rotate, scroll, or animate.
- b. Signs shall not utilize colored lighting for internal or external illumination.
- c. Signs shall not utilize neon lighting.

### 3.2 DOWNTOWN TRANSITIONAL OVERLAY

**A. Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of the Downtown Transitional (DT) overlay is to preserve and protect the character of the corridors and the supporting areas adjacent to Downtown Greer. Downtown Greer is the urban core of Greer with unique visual, historic, and cultural experience; the DT preserves the unique identity of the traditional neighborhoods that surround downtown and the main corridors that connect downtown to the other communities throughout Greer. The overlay intends to:

1. Promote a diverse mix of retail, entertainment, and office commercial, live-work units, multi-family residential, civic uses and spaces within the Downtown Living Community and promote commercial and retail uses along Neighborhood Corridors that support and encourage multi-modal transportation.
2. Promote redevelopment that allows for compact development closer to the street that is of appropriate scale.
3. Encourage consistent and unified design standards that create a sense of place.
4. Emphasize improved sidewalk connectivity, street trees, and storefronts that address the street.
5. Allow for vertical integration of uses.

**B. Applicability.** All new development and changes to existing developments, except single- and two-family residential uses, shall be subject to the provisions of this District and shall be reviewed by the Director. All changes to the existing condition of the lands, uses, or structures within the DT overlay after [DATE] shall be subject to the standards and requirements of this Overlay and other sections of this UDO.

**C. Overlay Boundary.** The boundary of the DT overlay is shown on the Official Zoning Map. The general boundaries for this overlay include Vandiventer Drive, Earl Street/N. Line Street, Mayfield Street/Moore Street and Morrow Street.

**D. Development and Design Standards.**

**1. Pedestrian Connectivity and Access**

- a. All new construction or major redevelopment is required to install exterior sidewalks up to eight (8) feet wide as determined by the Director.
- b. All residential units shall have a minimum of one (1) off-street space per unit for new developments of three (1) or more units. Any parking provided shall meet the design standards in Section 5.4.
- c. Non-residential uses may petition for 50% of the required parking as outlined in Section 5.4.
- d. All parking facilities shall be located to the side or rear of the building.
- e. All sites shall provide pedestrian access. Driveways are not considered pedestrian access.

**2. Building Orientation.**

- a. Primary entrances to nonresidential buildings shall face the street.
- b. New buildings on corner lots shall be oriented towards the streets and at least one public entrance shall be oriented toward the front lot line or side lot line.
- c. Accessory structures, if present, shall be located at the rear of the primary structure.

**3. Site and Building Access.**

- a. Driveway access to a site shall be shared with adjacent properties and parking shall be located to the rear wherever feasible.
- b. Service areas associated with multi-family and commercial uses shall be accessed from the rear of the site.

**4. New and Mixed-Use Buildings**

- a. New buildings with a live-work use or a vertical integration of uses shall maintain the first floor as non-residential.
- b. Buildings with non-residential uses on the first floor shall have non-reflective transparent area covering at least sixty (60) percent of the façade at pedestrian eye-level (between three and eight feet).

**5. Architectural Design Style.** The architectural design style for the Downtown Entryway overlay encompasses the elements of the architectural styles within the Greer Downtown Historic District. A number of significant and historic sites within the Greer Downtown Historic District were built between the years of 1900-1930. All new structures shall be of Romanesque Revival, Late Gothic Revival, or Early 20th Century Commercial Vernacular and incorporate a mixture the following elements.

- a. **Exterior Materials and Colors.** Exterior building materials and colors contribute significantly to the esthetics and character of an environmental. To maintain a visually appealing corridor with unique character, all structures shall have façade of one of the following exterior materials.



- i. **Exterior Materials.** At least 80 percent of the façade visible from the corridor:
  - 1) Brick - unpainted, stained and painted, appropriate size (modular, standard, queen, engineer or modular queen); color should be consistent with the existing context and light-colored brick can be used sparingly as an accent.
  - 2) Stone and Cast Stone - stone rustication at the base of the building or as accents around main entrances; stone accents and trim are appropriate.
  - 3) Stucco - painted smooth sand finish is appropriate other finish types must be approved by the Director. The stucco must be cement type.
  - 4) Natural Wood Siding
- ii. **Exterior Colors.** The dominant color of structures shall be neutral (e.g. white, shades of gray or brown) or the natural color of the building material. Non-neutral colors may be used to accent architectural features of a structure. No more than 3 colors per structure shall be used.
- b. **Roof Design.**
  - i. Structures located within the overlay that are not built to the side lot lines shall be designed with pitched, arched, or gable roofs.
  - ii. Structures located within the overlay that are built to the side lot lines and have a flat roof shall be not be equal in height to an adjacent building.
- c. **Windows/Transparency and Entryways.**
  - i. Buildings with non-residential uses shall have an awning over the entryway, storefront window, or window.
  - ii. Buildings with non-residential uses on the first floor shall have non-reflective transparent area covering at least sixty (60) percent of the façade at pedestrian eye-level (between three and eight feet).
  - iii. All glass for non-residential uses shall be clear, not dark, or reflective.
- d. **Signage.** Signs within the DT overlay shall be designed not to detract from the character of the district. Signs shall comply with the standards of Section 5.2: Signs, and the following provisions below. Where there is a conflict, the standards of this section prevail.
  - i. **Wall Signs.** Wall signs are allowed provided:

1. One (1) wall sign shall be allowed per location or one (1) wall sign per building frontage, whichever is greater. Buildings with multiple tenants are allowed (1) wall sign per tenant per building frontage, signs shall be identical in dimensions and of the same material. Signs of multi-tenant buildings shall be arranged in a uniform fashion horizontally or vertically.
  2. The sign shall not be larger than 10% of the facades' surface area or 32 square feet of building frontage not to exceed 50 square feet.
  3. Signs may be wall mounted or projecting signs. Wall mounted signs shall project no more than 15 inches from the wall. Projecting signs may project up to four (4) feet away from the building if the sign is placed no lower than 10 feet nor higher than 15 feet from the street side sidewalk.
  4. Murals shall not be allowed as a wall sign within the DT overlay unless approved by the City Council as apart of the City of Greer's Public Art program.
- ii. **Canopy/awning.** A canopy/awning sign is a canopy/awning that is attached to and extends from the building, with attached signage. A sign permit is required. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
  - iii. **Projecting/blade.** A projecting/blade sign is a sign that is attached directly to a supporting building wall and intersects the building wall at a right angle. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
  - iv. **Sidewalk.** A sidewalk sign (also commonly referred to as a sandwich board or A-Frame) is a sign dedicated for the display of a message on a sidewalk in front of a business. A sign permit is not required. Refer to Section 5.2 Signs for additional standards.
  - v. **Window Signs.** Window signs shall not exceed more than 20% of the gross window area and shall not include windows above the ground level.
  - vi. **Additional Sign Standards.** All signs shall conform to the following standards:
    1. Electronic Message Centers (EMC) are prohibited
    2. Signs shall not blink, flash, rotate, scroll, or animate.
    3. Signs shall not utilize colored lighting for internal or external illumination.
    4. Signs shall not utilize neon lighting.
- e. **Fences.**
- i. Fences within the Downtown Transitional overlay are subject to the standards within Section 5.5. Fences, Walls, and Berms.



- ii. Chain link fences are prohibited within the Downtown Transitional overlay.

### 3.3. DOWNTOWN ENTRYWAY OVERLAY

A. **Purposed and Intent.** The purpose of the Downtown Entryway (DE) overlay is to protect the character of the corridors that serve as entryways to Downtown Greer and Greer station. The intent of the overlay is to encourage orderly development and redevelopment that is similar in character to Downtown Greer and Greer Station and provide an enhanced experience traveling to and from Downtown Greer. The overlay intends to:

1. Encourage and enhance the quality of architectural and site development along the corridors.
2. Encourage well-planned development that employs consistent and unifying site design themes, that provide quality site amenities, and that emphasize coordinated lighting, pedestrian improvements, landscaping, architectural elements.
3. Encourage coordinated development of corridors to reduce access problems on thoroughfares.

B. **Applicability.** All development and redevelopment along a corridor with the DE overlay shall be subject to the standards and requirements in this overlay.

C. **Overlay Boundary.** The boundary of the DE overlay is shown on the Official Zoning Map of Greer, South Carolina. The general boundaries for this overlay include all parcels within the City of Greer abutting

1. Highway 101 from Victor Avenue to J. Verne Smith Parkway
2. E. Poinsette Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to J. Verne Smith Parkway
3. N. Main Street from Arlington Avenue to W. Wade Hampton Boulevard
4. W. Poinsette Street from S. Miller Street to W. Wade Hampton Boulevard
5. S. Main Street from Moore Street to Buncombe Road

D. **Development and Design Standards**

1. **Pedestrian Connectivity and Access.**

- a. All new construction or major redevelopment is required to install exterior sidewalks up to six (6) feet wide as determined by the Director.
- b. Up to a 15 percent parking reduction of the standard in Section 5.4 is allowed to accommodate multimodal transportation options.
- c. Parking shall be located to the rear or the side of the building. Parking facilities in front of a building shall not exceed one row in depth.

- d. All non-residential or mixed-use sites shall provide pedestrian access to the primary entrance. Pedestrian access when intersecting with driveways shall be paved of a different texture. Driveways are not considered pedestrian access.

1. **Access Management.** Development and redevelopment within the Downtown Entryway is subject to standards intended to prevent and/or decrease congestion along thoroughfares
2. **Architectural Design Style.** The architectural design style for the Downtown Entryway overlay encompasses the elements of the architectural styles within the Greer Downtown Historic District. A number of significant and historic sites within the Greer Downtown Historic District were built between the years of 1900-1930. All new structures shall be of Romanesque Revival, Late Gothic Revival, or Early 20th Century Commercial Vernacular and incorporate a mixture the following elements.
  - a. **Exterior Materials and Colors.** Exterior building materials and colors contribute significantly to the esthetics and character of an environment. To maintain a visually appealing corridor with unique character, all structures shall have façade of one of the following exterior materials.
    - i. **Exterior Materials.** At least 80 percent of the façade visible from the corridor:
      1. Brick
      2. Stone and Cast Stone - stone rustication at the base of the building or as accents around main entrances; stone accents and trim are appropriate.
      3. Stucco - painted smooth sand finish is appropriate other finish types must be approved by the Director. The stucco must be cement type.
      4. Natural Wood Siding

- ii. **Exterior Colors.** The dominant color of structures shall be neutral (e.g. white, shades of gray or brown) or the natural color of the building material. Non-neutral colors may be used to accent architectural features of a structure. No more than 3 colors per structure shall be used.

**b. Roof Design.**

- i. Structures located within the overlay that are not built to the side lot lines shall be designed with pitched, arched, or gable roofs.
- ii. Structures located within the overlay that are built to the side lot lines and have a flat roof shall be not be equal in height to an adjacent building.

**c. Windows/Transparency and Entryways.**

- i. Buildings with non-residential uses shall have an awning over the entryway, storefront window, or window.
- ii. Buildings with non-residential uses on the first floor shall have non-reflective transparent area covering at least sixty (60) percent of the façade at pedestrian eye-level (between three and eight feet).
- iii. All glass for non-residential uses shall be clear, not dark, or reflective.

**3. Building Orientation.**

- a. Buildings shall be orientated to shield parking surfaces from view of the right-of-way.
- b. Primary entrances to nonresidential buildings shall face the street.
- c. New buildings on corner lots shall be oriented towards the streets and at least one public entrance shall be oriented toward the front lot line or side lot line.

- d. Accessory structures, if present, shall be located at the rear of the primary structure and similar in architectural style.

#### 4. New and Mixed-Use Buildings

- a. New buildings with of live-work use or a vertical integration of uses shall maintain the first floor as non-residential.
- b. Buildings with non-residential uses on the first floor shall have non-reflective transparent area covering at least sixty (60) percent of the façade at pedestrian eye-level (between three and eight feet).

### 3.4. GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG AIRPORT OVERLAY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport (GSA) overlay is to ensure compliance with the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area Zoning Ordinance implements the powers granted to the Airport Environs Planning Commission under South Carolina Code Annotated § 55-11-230 (1995), as amended, to maintain the safety of people and protect the property within the boundaries of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area, and to accommodate the future growth and development of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport.
- B. **Applicability.** All new development, redevelopment, and uses within the boundaries of the GSA overlay as shown on the Official Zoning Map, Greer, South Carolina, shall comply with the standards and requirements of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area Zoning Ordinance, as amended.
- C. **Overlay Boundary.** The GSA overlay boundary shall include those lands within the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area (Environs Area) as established by Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Planning Commission, as amended. Parcels of the land that are partially within the boundaries of the Environs Area are subject to regulations adopted in the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area Zoning Ordinance.
- D. **Process.** Whenever a permit is received by the city for any proposed building, structure, development, or use, the city shall coordinate review with the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport. The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport shall review

the permit for compliance with the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Environs Area Zoning Ordinance, as amended. No approvals can be granted, for any permit, until official approval is granted by the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport.

#### 4. USES AND STANDARDS

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## 4.1. INTRODUCTION

- A. This Section identifies permitted principal uses within the City of Greer. All principal uses shall comply with the standards of this Section.

### 4.1.1. PRINCIPAL USES

- A. "Principal use" shall be defined as the primary or predominant use of which a property, building, unit, site, or premises is devoted. All other uses on the premises are deemed accessory. All principal uses shall be listed on the corresponding Principal Uses Table.

### 4.1.2. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

- A. "Accessory Use" shall be defined as the secondary or subordinate use of which a property, building, unit, site, or premises is devoted. "Accessory Structure" shall be defined as the secondary or subordinate structure and is located on the same lot as the principal structure.

### 4.1.3. CONSIDERATIONS

A. **Considerations.**

1. Uses are assigned to the category whose description most closely describes the nature of the principal use. The characteristics subsection of each use category describes the characteristics of each use category. Developments may have more than one principal use. Developments may also have one or more accessory uses. Accessory uses are addressed in subsection 4.5 below.
2. The following items are considered to determine what use category the use is in, and whether the activities constitute principal uses or accessory uses:
  - a. The description of the activity(ies) in relationship to the characteristics of each use category;
  - b. The relative amount of site or floor space and equipment devoted to the activity;
  - c. Relative amounts of sales from each activity;
  - d. The customer type for each activity;
  - e. The relative number of employees in each activity;
  - f. Hours of operation;
  - g. Building and site arrangement;
  - h. Vehicles used with the activity;

- i. The relative number of vehicle trips generated by the activity;
- j. Signs;
- k. How the use advertises itself; and
- l. Whether the activity would be likely to be found independent of the other activities on the site.

**B. Developments with Multiple Principal Uses.** When all the principal uses of a development fall within one use category, then the development is assigned to that use category. For example, a development that contains a retail bakery and a cafe would be classified in the retail sales and service category because all of the principal uses are in that category. When the principal uses of a development fall within different use categories, each principal use is classified in the applicable category and is subject to the regulations for that category.

**C. Accessory Uses.** Accessory uses are allowed by right in conjunction with the principal use unless stated otherwise in the UDO. Also, unless otherwise stated, they are subject to the same regulations as the principal use.

**D. Examples.** Examples are listed for each definition. Examples are intended to provide a base for consideration of a similar use (if a similar use is not listed); however, additional standards may be required for certain, specific uses.

**E. Uses Not Included.** For uses not listed in Table 4.2, Principal Use Table, not listed as a part of a use category or use type, and not listed as a prohibited use, the Director shall determine which use category or use type to which the use belongs in accordance with the following.

1. The Director shall determine whether an unlisted use is similar to a use identified in Table 4.2, Table of Permissible Uses, based on consistency with the City's adopted policy guidance and the following standards:
  - a. The function, product, or physical characteristics of the use;
  - b. The impact on adjacent lands created by the use;
  - c. The type, size, and nature of buildings and structures associated with the use;
  - d. The type of sales (retail, wholesale), and the size and type of items sold and displayed on the premises;
  - e. The types of items stored (such as vehicles, inventory, merchandise, chemicals, construction materials, scrap and junk, and raw materials including liquids and powders);

- f. The volume and type of vehicle traffic generated by the use, and the parking demands of the use;
  - g. Any processing associated with the use, including assembly, manufacturing, warehousing, shipping, distribution, and whether it occurs inside or outside a building;
  - h. Any dangerous, hazardous, toxic, or explosive materials associated with the use;
  - i. The amount and nature of any nuisances generated on the premises, including but not limited to noise, smoke, odor, glare, vibration, radiation, and fumes; and
  - j. Any prior determinations made by the Director or decisions made by City Council or appointed City boards.
- 2. The Director's decision and explanation shall be made in writing, shall state the determination is final and subject to appeal as provided in Section 1 Administration, and shall be delivered by personal service, electronic mail, or by first class mail to the applicable parties. A written determination shall be binding on subsequent decisions by the Director or other administrative officials in applying the same provision of this Ordinance or the Official Zoning Map in the same circumstance, unless the determination is modified in accordance with this section, or the text of this Ordinance is amended. The Director shall maintain a record of written determinations that shall be available in the Planning and Zoning Department for public inspection, on reasonable request, during normal business hours.
- 3. An appeal of the Director's determination with regard to an unlisted use may be made in accordance with Section 1.X.X.X: Appeals.

**F. Use Standards.** Use standards for a particular use may be found with the definition of the use.



## 4.2. PRINCIPAL USE TABLE

		ZONING DISTRICTS																		
KEY: P = Permitted, S = Special Use Permit	4.3. PRINCIPAL USES - DEFINITION AND USE STANDARDS																			
		RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)	SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (SN)	TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD (TN)	MEDIUM DENSITY (MD)	HIGH DENSITY (HD)		OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (OP)	COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG)	BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY (BT)	MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS (ML)		GREER STATION DOWNTOWN (GS)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (NC)	REGIONAL CENTER (RC)	COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (CC)		PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)	DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT (DRD)	
RESIDENTIAL		RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	P	P	P	P	X	NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	MIXED-USE DISTRICTS	P	X	X	X	SPECIAL DISTRICTS	P	P
Dwelling, Single-Family Detached	4.3.1.A		X	S	P	P	P		S	X	X	X		P	X	X	X		P	P
Dwelling, Single-Family Attached	4.3.1.B		X	S	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	X		P	P
Dwelling, Two-Family, Triplex, or Quadplex	4.3.1.C		X	X	P	P	P		X	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		P	P
Dwelling, Live-Work	4.3.1.D		S	S	S	S	X		P	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	X
Dwelling, Multi-Family (Include Upperstory)	4.3.1.E		P	P	P	P	P		X	X	X	X		P	X	X	X		P	X
Child Care Home	4.3.1.F		S	S	S	P	P		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		S	X
Group Living	4.3.1.G		X	X	S	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Residential Care	4.3.3.H		X	X	S	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Manufactured/Mobile Home Park	4.3.3.I		X	X	S	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground	4.3.1.J																			
NON-RESIDENTIAL																				
AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE																				
Community Garden	4.3.2.A	P	P	P	P	P		P	X	X	X		P	P	X	S		P	P	

Farm	4.3.2.B	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	P	X	X	X	X	NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	MIXED-USE DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	SPECIAL DISTRICTS	X	X
Livestock (Wholesale)	4.3.2.C		S	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Lumberyard	4.3.2.D		S	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Nursery	4.3.2.E		P	S	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Parks	4.3.2.F		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
Produce Stands	4.3.2.G		P	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Stables	4.3.2.H		P	S	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
<b>CIVIC AND INSTITUTIONAL</b>																				
Cemetery	4.3.3.A		P	S	S	S	S		S	S	X	X		S	X	X	X		X	X
Churches and Religious Institutions	4.3.3.B		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	X
Cultural, Library and Museum Facility	4.3.3.C		S	S	S	S	S		S	S	P	X		P	P	P	P		S	X
Government	4.3.3.D		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		S	X
Higher Education (College, University, Technical)	4.3.3.E		X	X	X	X	X		S	S	S	X		X	S	S	X		X	X
Infrastructure and Utilities	4.3.3.F		S	S	S	S	S		S	P	P	P		S	P	P	X		S	X
Post Office (Mail and Packages)	4.3.3.G		S	S	S	S	P		P	S	P	X		P	P	P	X		S	X
Public Safety (Fire/Police/Correctional)	4.3.3.H		P	P	P	P	P		P	S	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	X
School (K-12)	4.3.3.I		P	P	P	P	P		P	S	X	X		S	X	X	X		S	X
Social Services	4.3.3.J		S	S	S	S	S		P	P	X	X		P	X	X	X		X	X
Transit	4.3.3.K		S	S	S	P	P		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	X		P	X
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>		RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS						NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS					MIXED-USE DISTRICTS					SPECIAL DISTRICTS		
Bank/Financial Institution	4.3.4.A		X	X	P	X	X		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Dry Cleaning	4.3.4.B		X	X	P	X	X		S	P	X	X		X	P	P	P		P	X
Day Care (Adult and Child)	4.3.4.C		X	X	S	S	S		P	P	X	X		S	S	P	P		P	X
Funeral Home	4.3.4.D		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	X	P	P		X	X
Pharmacy (Maximum 10,000 SF)	4.3.4.E		X	X	P	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Personal Services	4.3.4.F		X	X	P	X	X		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlor	4.3.4.G		X	X	X	X	X		X	S	X	X		S	X	X	P		X	X
Private Clubs	4.3.4.H		X	X	X	X	X		S	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		X	X
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>																				
Adult Business/Sexually-Oriented Business	4.3.5.A		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	S		X	X	X	X		X	X

Animal Kennel	4.3.5.B	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	P	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	X	X	P	SPECIAL DISTRICTS	X	X
Automobile Service	4.3.5.C		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	X	S	P		X	X
Bed and Breakfast	4.3.5.D		S	S	S	P	P		X	P	X	X		P	X	X	P		X	X
Brewery	4.3.5.E		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	P	P	P		X	X
Brewpub	4.3.5.F		X	X	X	X	X		X	S	X	X		P	P	P	P		X	X
Bar/Tavern/Nightclub	4.3.5.G		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	P	P	P		X	X
Car Wash	4.3.5.H		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	X	P	P		X	X
Parking Lot	4.3.5.I		X	X	X	X	S		P	P	P	S		X	P	P	P		P	X
Parking Structure	4.3.5.J		X	X	X	X	S		P	P	P	S		X	P	P	P		S	X
Distillery	4.3.5.K		X	X	X	X	X		S	P	X	X		X	X	P	P		X	X
Event Center	4.3.5.L		X	X	X	X	X		X	S	P	X		X	X	P	P		X	X
Gas Station	4.3.5.M		X	X	X	X	X		S	P	X	X		X	S	P	P		X	X
Hotel/Motel	4.3.5.N		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		S	X
Indoor Amusement/Entertainment Facilities	4.3.5.O		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		X	X
Liquor Store	4.3.5.P		X	X	X	X	X		X	S	X	X		X	S	P	P		X	X
Microbrewery	4.3.5.Q		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Micro-Distillery	4.3.5.R		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Outdoor Recreation	4.3.5.S		S	S	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	S	P	P		X	X
Pawn Shop	4.3.5.T		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	S	X	P		X	X
Restaurant	4.3.5.U		X	X	P	X	X		P	P	X	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Neighborhood Retail (Maximum 10,000 SF)	4.3.5.V		X	X	P	S	P		X	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
General Retail (Maximum 50,000 SF)	4.3.5.W		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	S	P	P		X	X
Regional Retail (Above 50,000 SF)	4.3.5.X		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	S	P	X		X	X
Transient Lodging	4.3.5.Y																			
Vehicle Sales and Rental	4.3.5.Z		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X
<b>OFFICE AND MEDICAL</b>																				
Animal Care	4.3.6.A		P	X	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X
Medical/Dental Facility	4.3.6.B		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		S	X
Hospital	4.3.6.C		X	X	X	X	X		S	S	X	X		X	X	S	S		X	X
Professional Office	4.3.6.E		X	X	P	X	X		P	P	P	X		P	P	P	P		P	X
Urgent Care	4.3.6.F		X	X	X	X	X		P	P	X	X		X	P	P	P		P	X

Rehabilitative/Mental Health Facility	4.3.6.G	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	X	NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	S	P	S	X	MIXED-USE DISTRICTS	X	X	X	P	SPECIAL DISTRICTS	X	X
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTIC</b>																				
Artisanal Manufacturing	4.3.7.A		S	X	X	X	X		X	P	P	X		X	P	X	P		S	X
Broadcast Facility	4.3.7.B		S	X	X	X	X		P	P	P	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Communication/Cell Tower	4.3.7.X		S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S		S	S
Flex Facility	4.3.7.C		X	X	X	X	X		P	S	P	S		X	S	S	S		X	X
Industrial - Light	4.3.7.D		X	X	X	X	X		X	S	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Industrial - Heavy	4.3.7.E		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Salvage Yard	4.3.7.F		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Land Fill	4.3.7.G		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Manufacturing	4.3.7.H		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Outdoor Storage	4.3.7.I		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	S		X	X	X	X		X	X
Storage Containers	4.3.7.J																			
Wholesale Trade	4.3.7.K		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Recycling	4.3.7.L		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Self-Storage	4.3.7.M		X	X	X	X	X		X	P	X	P		X	X	X	S		X	X
Solar Farm	4.3.7.N		S	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X
Warehouse/Distribution	4.3.7.O		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X		X	X

## 4.3. PRINCIPAL USES – DEFINITION AND USE STANDARDS

### 4.3.1. RESIDENTIAL USES

#### A. Dwelling, Single-Family Detached

1. Characteristics. A residential building containing only one (1) dwelling unit, to be occupied by one family. For regulatory purposes, the term is not to be construed as including manufactured/mobile homes, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, housing mounted on motor vehicles, tents, houseboats, or other forms of temporary or portable housing.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants, piers, and docks, and or accessory structures such as a garage or shed. In certain instances, home occupations as regulated by this UDO may be permitted as an accessory use, subject to the standards in Section 4.8. Accessory dwelling units may be permitted as an accessory structure, subject to the standards in Section 4.4.C.
3. Examples. Examples include single-family homes on a variety of lot sizes and types.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Lodging where tenancy is arranged for thirty (30) day or less including short-term rentals is considered a form of transient lodging (see commercial categories).
5. Use Standards
  - a. All accessory and uses shall be clearly incidental to permitted principal use. All accessory buildings and pools shall be located in a side or rear yard.

#### B. Dwelling, Single-Family Attached

1. Characteristics. A residential building that may be attached or semi attached, consisting of split-level dwelling units, each dwelling unit typically owned by separate ownership. For regulatory purposes, the term is not to be construed as including mobile homes, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, housing mounted on motor vehicles, tents, houseboats, or other forms of temporary or portable housing.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants, piers and docks, and accessory structures such as a garage or shed.
3. Examples. Examples include townhomes, villas, or attached single family.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Lodging where tenancy is arranged for thirty (30) days or less is considered a form of transient lodging (see commercial categories).
5. Use Standards.
  - a. Single-Family attached buildings shall be limited to six (6) dwelling units.

- b. All accessory and uses shall be clearly incidental to permitted principal use. All accessory buildings and pools shall be located in a side or rear yard.

**C. Dwelling, Two-Family, Triplex, or Quadplex.**

1. Characteristics. A residential building containing two (2) dwelling units (two-family), three (3) (triplex), or four (4) (quadplex), usually under single ownership, consolidated into a single structure. This dwelling type is typically on a single lot and contains common walls. For regulatory purposes, the term is not to be construed as including mobile homes, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, housing mounted on motor vehicles, tents, houseboats, or other forms of temporary or portable housing.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants, piers and docks, and accessory structures such as a garage or shed.
3. Examples. Examples include a duplex.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Lodging where tenancy is arranged for thirty (30) days or less are considered to be a form of transient lodging (see commercial categories).
5. Use Standards
  - a. Lot width must be 1.5x the required minimum width of the base zoning district requirement for any duplex.
  - b. The main entrance to each ground floor unit shall be accessed directly from and face the street.
  - c. All accessory and uses shall be clearly incidental to permitted principal use. All accessory buildings and pools shall be located in a side or rear yard.

**D. Dwelling, Live-Work**

1. Characteristics. Live-work units typically occur within a building used jointly for commercial or industrial and residential purposes. Live-work buildings are generally constructed for commercial or industrial uses and allow for both living and work space uses. All permitted uses may occupy any story of a live-work building. Customers are permitted to come to and from. The occupations must provide a service or product that is conducted wholly within a residential dwelling that allows employees and customers to visit.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include associated office, ancillary indoor storage, parking for resident and customer cars.
3. Examples. Examples may include a commercial or industrial building built out to include units which allow for commercial activity and a residential use. This may include lofts which feature a workshop and bedroom so the owner/occupant of the unit may run a business and also live where they conduct the business. General examples of business conducted in a live-work may be an artisanal workshop or gallery, wood, or metal workshop (using only the use of hand tools and small-scale, light equipment),

demonstration kitchens, office, resale of items such as antiques and clothing made or altered on site.

4. Home-occupation. Home occupations are an accessory use to a residential principal use. Home occupation standards are listed in Section 4.8.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. A live-work business shall be subject to all applicable City occupational license and other business taxes.
  - b. Any potential resident must be legally notified that the structure is a live-work structure and allows for commercial activity in units within the structure.
  - c. A minimum of one (1) individual must occupy the live-work unit as their primary residence.
  - d. The live-work unit may not employ more than two (2) individuals (not including the primary resident) not living on the premises at any one time.
  - e. Occupations or businesses catering to groups may not have any groups larger than five (5) persons at one time. No more than five (5) customers at once are to be permitted inside.
  - f. No storage or warehousing of material is permitted outdoors.
  - g. No visible evidence of the occupation inside (other than a permitted sign).

#### **E. Dwelling, Multi-Family.**

1. Characteristics. Multi-family dwelling units are characterized by a building that contains more than four (4) dwelling units, or may consist of upper-story residential in a mixed-use building (i.e. a building that contains a separate use on the bottom floor, and dwelling units on the floors above). This definition includes condominiums or multifamily apartments. Tenancy is arranged for periods longer than one (1) week. Uses where tenancy may be arranged for a shorter period are not considered residential.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants and guests, piers and docks, and accessory structures such as a garage or shed.
3. Examples. Uses include apartments, condominiums, and multiplexes.
4. Not Included.
  - a. Lodging where tenancy is arranged for thirty (30) days or less are considered to be a form of transient lodging (see the commercial categories).

#### **F. Dwelling, Manufactured/Mobile Home**

1. Characteristics. Manufactured homes are built on an integral chassis, with or without permanent foundation, and are used as a dwelling unit. These units are portable and built to be towed. Manufactured homes are subject to any state standards for safety and occupancy.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants, piers and docks, and accessory structures such as a garage or shed.



3. Examples. Examples include any type of park model or travel trailer designed as a dwelling unit, built on an integral chassis, with or without permanent foundation. This term includes mobile homes, park trailers, travel trailers and similar transportable structures intended to be improved property.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Modular homes are not considered to be manufactured/mobile homes.

**G. Child Care Home.**

1. Characteristics. A residential building in which care is given in a family home environment for at least one (1) and not more than six (6) children. Only those residing in the home may be involved in the day-to-day operation of the Child Care Home.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, parking of motor vehicles for the occupants, and accessory structures such as a garage or shed.

**H. Group Living**

1. Characteristics. A facility with lodging for one or more persons in a group that does not constitute a single family unit.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational activities, hobbies, and parking of the occupants' vehicles.
3. Examples. Uses include a boarding house for an educational facility, rooming house, congregate care home, fraternity, or sorority.

**I. Residential Care**

1. Characteristics. ALF (Assisted Living Facility), ILF (Independent Living Facilities), and CCF (Convalescent Care Facilities) are all considered residential care and provide residential facilities with on-site 24-hour medical care for adults. This use category describes building or buildings, section or distinct part of a building, private home, home for the aged, or other residential facility, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide housing, meals, and one or more personal services for a period exceeding 24 hours to one or more adults who are not relatives of the owner or administrator. This includes nursing homes.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational activities, cafeteria, café, dining hall, hobbies, parking of the occupants' vehicles, facilities for staff.
3. Examples. Uses include living in nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, convalescent care facilities, and other senior living facilities.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Lodging where tenancy is arranged for thirty (30) days or less are considered to be a form of transient lodging (see commercial categories).
5. Use Standards.



- a. Residential care facilities are subject to density standard of the applicable district following standards below:
  - i. Each separate room or group of rooms designed or intended for use as a residence by an individual or family and having kitchen facilities shall be equal to one dwelling unit.
  - ii. Each separate bedroom or bedroom and associated rooms containing two beds, designed, or intended for use as a residence and not having kitchen facilities but having access to a common dining area, shall be equal to one-half dwelling unit.
  - iii. Each separate bedroom or bedroom and associated rooms containing only one bed, designed, or intended for use as a residence by an individual or couple and not having kitchen facilities but having access to a common dining area, shall be equal to one-quarter dwelling unit.
  - iv. Where beds are provided for residents in the nature of a hospital or nursing home wardrooms, as opposed to residential dwelling units with three or more beds, each bed shall be equal to one-quarter dwelling unit.
- b. Structures shall demonstrate a pedestrian circulation plan, including internal walkways, and shall include provisions for alternative transportation options for residents of the facility.

**J. Manufactured/Mobile Home Park**

- 1. Characteristics. A mobile home park is characterized by site that contains more than one manufactured or mobile home as defined in Section 8. Definitions on approved spaces rented to individuals. The land within the park shall be under single ownership and provide on-site management of the park.
- 2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational facilities, conventional building structure for the management of the park, community gardens, dumpsters, and building services.
- 3. Design and Development Standards. Mobile Home Parks are subject to the standards in 7.5 Mobile Home Park Design and Development Standards.

**K. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park/Campground**

- 1. Characteristics. A place with six or more sites set aside and offered by a person or public body, for lease, rent or sale in any form to be occupied by recreational vehicles or tents utilized for sleeping or eating. The term also includes accessory buildings, sites set aside for group camping, and similar recreational facilities. A recreational vehicle park is not intended to be used for permanent, year-round occupancy and no recreational vehicle in any such park shall be occupied on a permanent basis. The terms campground, camping resort, RV resort, travel resort, and travel park or any variations of these terms, shall be considered synonymous with the term recreational vehicle park.

2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found include management headquarters, recreational facilities, toilets, dumping stations, showers, coin operated laundry facilities, recreational vehicle and boat storage areas, and other uses and structures customarily incidental to operation of a recreational vehicle park and campground are permitted as accessory uses to the park.
3. Design and Development Standards. Mobile Home Parks are subject to the standards in 7.6 Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Design and Development Standards.

#### 4.3.2. AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE USES

##### A. Community Garden

1. Characteristics. A dedicated space for the growing of plants for personal use, community distribution, education, or beautification of a community. Community gardens may be permitted within a residential subdivision. Community gardens are not intended for commercial, wholesale, or retail sales.
2. Examples. Small open spaces dedicated to a community garden for the cultivation of plants, flowers, and other vegetation.
3. Uses Not Included. Agriculture, agricultural sales, produce stand.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Community gardens shall be limited to 2,500 square feet in area.
  - b. No retail sales are permitted on site.
  - c. Overhead lighting is prohibited.
  - d. Accessory buildings (i.e. shade structures, pavilion, trellises, and/or sheds) shall be limited to 500 square feet.
  - e. Shall be regulated and maintained by an HOA, POA or similar entity.

##### B. Farm

1. Characteristics. An agricultural use for the raising of crops intended for commercial sale and distribution.
2. Examples: A commercial farm raising vegetables, wheat, and similar crops.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. A produce stand may be permitted on-site or along adjacent roadway, limited to 500 square feet. An identified off-street parking area must be included. The parking area may be temporary.

##### C. Livestock (Wholesale).

1. Characteristics. An open space use dedicated to raising and selling livestock.
2. Examples. A pasture dedicated to raising livestock and associated uses (including livestock auction, milk processing, packing house and similar uses).
3. Use Standards.
  - a. The minimum lot area upon which livestock may be kept is one (1) acre.
  - b. No more than one (1) head of livestock shall be permitted for each one-half (1/2) acre of lot area.

- c. No structure shall be closer than 50 feet to the property line except where such property line abuts a street, railroad, or watercourse at least 50 feet in width.

**D. Lumberyard.**

1. Characteristic. A facility dedicated to processing fallen lumber for the use of production in consumer of construction goods, intended to provide only wholesale.
2. Examples. A lumberyard facility.
3. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Retail sales of lumber to individual customers.

**E. Nursery**

1. Characteristics. An establishment whose primary function is the retail sales of live plants and trees, mulch, compost, and the like to individual customers or wholesale.
2. Accessory Uses. The sale of landscape supplies.
3. Examples. A plant nursery or tree farm.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Live plants (including ornamentals, fruit and nut crops, and herbaceous plants) included within a nursery shall not be considered outdoor storage.
  - b. Bulk material and landscape supplies (including wheelbarrows, hoses and garden tools intended for residential uses) shall be screened.
  - c. Outdoor storage yards of bulk material (i.e. mulch, compost) shall comply with the standards of Section 4.7.B. Mulch is defined as any material used as ground covering for the protection and enhancement of the soil.
  - d. Heavy machinery sales is not permitted.
  - e. Any landscape supply vehicles or equipment shall be kept a minimum 50 feet from property lines and screened from view from public rights-of-way.

**F. Parks.**

1. Characteristics. Parks are uses of land which allow for recreation for the general public or land intended to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, conservation or preservation of natural features and resources.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include maintenance facilities, concessions, caretaker's quarters, and parking.
3. Examples. Examples include parks, preservation areas, and recreational trails.

**G. Produce Stands**

1. Characteristics. A stand alone, temporary or permanent stand intended for commercial purchasing of agricultural goods.
2. Examples. Examples include a roadside produce stand.
3. Uses Not Included.
  - a. A temporary farmers market, with standards included in X.
4. Use Standards.

- a. Sales shall be limited to five-hundred (500) square feet of gross floor area per acre of land.

**H. Stables**

1. Characteristics. An establishment which allows for the keeping of horses or ponies for private use.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses and structures such as feeding areas, barns, and similar uses customary to the keeping of horses or ponies, riding academy with teaching facilities and training courses.
3. Examples. Horse stables, riding academy.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. All structures for the keeping of horses or ponies shall be located a minimum 100 feet of any property line.
  - b. Horses and ponies shall be kept in a fenced enclosure.

**4.3.3. CIVIC AND INSTITUTIONAL USES**

**A. Cemetery**

1. Characteristics. An area established for the burial of the dead and dedicated for cemetery purposes.

**B. Churches and Religious Institutions**

1. Characteristics. A facility intended as a house of worship that hosts organized religious services.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include recreational facilities intended to be used by members and cemeteries.
3. Examples. A church, temple, mosque, or similar religious house of worship.

**A. Cultural, Library and Museum Facility**

1. Characteristics. A facility or site open to the public for cultural services and events operated by the government or a certified non-profit entity.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeterias, snack bars, parking, ancillary assembly, retail, or restaurant.
3. Examples. Examples include community centers, libraries, museums, and historical societies.

**D. Government**

1. Characteristics. A building, or portion of a building, wherein government activities are performed involving predominately administrative, record keeping, professional, and/or clerical operations and where professional services are rendered. For the purpose of this ordinance “government” includes local, state, and federal government agencies including but not limited to City of Greer, Greenville County, Spartanburg County, and United States Postal Service.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeterias, day care facilities, health facilities, parking, or other amenities primarily for the use of employees in the firm or building.
3. Examples. Examples include city hall buildings, government offices, court houses, public work facilities, municipal government buildings.

#### **E. Higher Education (College, University, Technical)**

1. Characteristics. Universities, colleges, or vocational schools are higher learning establishments that provide post public school (including associate, bachelor, graduate, doctoral), vocational, and technical degrees and skills.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include associated offices, parking, cafeteria, facilities such as a cafeteria, fitness facility, on and off campus dormitories owned and operated by the school, and on campus.
3. Examples. Examples include a trade school, secondary education, career center, vocational college, college, university, satellite campus or satellite branch of a university, college, or vocational school.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. All activities associated with a vocational school (or trade school) that cause excess noise or nuisance shall be within a completely enclosed building.
  - b. University, college, or vocational schools may occur in existing buildings suitable for commercial activity, such as a shopping center.

#### **F. Infrastructure and Utilities.**

1. Characteristics. Public or private infrastructure facilities. May be public or privately provided.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking, control, monitoring, data, or transmission equipment.
3. Examples. Examples include water and sewer pump stations, water towers, electrical substations, and similar uses.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Utility offices where employees and customers are generally present are classified as professional office or government.

#### **G. Post Office (Mail and Packages)**

1. Characteristics. Includes any facility which accepts customers to mail or deliver letters, packages, and goods. May be publicly or privately owned.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include a cafeteria for staff, parking for workers and customers, parking area for mail or delivery trucks.
3. Examples. United States Postal Services Facilities and commercial mail and delivery services such as storefront FedEx and UPS operations.
4. Exclusions. Mail kiosks, lockers, and mailboxes are not subject to use standards and may be permitted as accessory structures.

#### **H. Public Safety**

1. Characteristics. Facilities operated by a public safety agency, commonly governmental, for the purpose of providing safety related services including fire and police, to the general public.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking, cooking facilities, or holding cells within a police station.

3. Examples. Public safety facilities including fire stations, police stations, jail/detention/correctional facilities, and emergency communication broadcast facilities.

**I. School.**

Residential care facilities shall be designed and used to serve its residents and their guests only.

1. Characteristics. This category includes public and private schools, including charter and grades K-12, that provide state mandated basic education.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses include play areas, cafeterias, recreational and sport facilities, auditoriums, and before- or after-school care.
3. Examples. Examples include public and private daytime schools, high schools, boarding schools, and military academies.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Must meet the curricular teaching certification of instruction approved by the State Board of Education.
  - b. All mobile or portable classrooms shall be located in rear yards. Administrative approval by the Planning Department may allow the placement inside front or side yards if placement in the rear cannot be accommodated.

**J. Social Services.**

1. Characteristics. Facilities that provide psychosocial rehabilitation, skill development activities, temporary sleeping facilities for displaced persons, employment services and pre-vocational training.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeteria, soup kitchens, maintenance facilities, caretaker's quarters, and parking.
3. Examples. Examples include temporary shelters, rehabilitation facilities, and work training centers for displaced persons.
4. Exceptions.
  - a. Jails or detention centers
  - b. Facilities which provide only rehabilitation from substances (see office/medical use – rehabilitative and mental health facilities).
5. Use Standards
  - a. An employee or volunteer must maintain continuous on-site supervision during operation hours.
  - b. May not be within 500 feet of a school or another social services establishment.
  - c. A six (6) foot fence or wall shall be required along any outdoor recreation areas, in addition to any required landscape buffer.

**K. Transit**

1. Characteristics. Public or private transit facility serving a regional area. May have regular employees on-site. Services may be public or privately provided.



2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking; control, monitoring, data, or transmission equipment.
3. Examples. Examples include transit facilities, park-and-ride facilities for mass transit, other intense transit based regional uses.

#### **4.3.4. PERSONAL SERVICE USES**

##### **A. Bank/Financial Institution**

1. Characteristics. Banks and financial institutions characterized by activities conducted in an office setting and generally focusing on personal or financial services. Drive-throughs are permitted.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking for use of employees and customers.
3. Examples. Bank, financial institution, credit unions, and similar financial establishments.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Drive-through windows, speaker boxes, and ordering stations shall not be adjacent to any residential use or district.
  - b. Drive-through shall be designed so as not to obstruct the movement of pedestrians along sidewalks or between the building entrance and customer parking spaces.
  - c. Crosswalks and crosswalk markings shall be required if pedestrians can cross the drive-through lane between the building and parking areas.

##### **B. Dry Cleaning**

1. Characteristics. Establishment dedicated to onsite cleaning of clothes, offering the renting of on-site equipment for the cleaning, and washing of laundry to individual customers or pick-up dry-cleaning services. These establishments are intended to offer personal services to individual customers and not wholesale dry cleaning.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include ancillary indoor storage, associated office, parking.
3. Uses Not Included
  - a. Wholesale laundry cleaning facilities (see industrial uses).

##### **C. Day Care (Adult and Child)**

1. Characteristics. An establishment dedicated to the care of adults or children in a protected, supervisory setting. May require additional state permits.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include ancillary indoor storage, outdoor play areas, associated office, parking, cafeteria.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. Areas dedicated for drop off and pick up must be included for any site plan or permit request for a day care.

- b. Outdoor recreation areas or playgrounds shall be fenced with a minimum six (6) foot fence.

**D. Funeral Home**

1. Characteristics. A facility used for the preparation of the deceased and the display of the deceased for funeral services. The facility may include space and facilities for embalming and preparation of the dead for burial, performance of autopsies, the storage of caskets and funeral supplies.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include ancillary indoor storage, associated office, parking, storage of funeral vehicles, crematorium meeting all related laws and regulations and cemetery/mausoleum.

**E. Pharmacy**

1. Characteristics. An establishment dedicated to the sales and dispensing of prescription and non-prescription drugs and limited retail sales.
2. Examples. Examples include drug stores.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. Establishment size shall be limited to 15,000 square feet. Any establishment greater than 15,000 square feet is considered general retail.

**F. Personal Services**

1. Characteristics. Establishments that cater to personal services for a community. May also provide personal services or entertainment or provide product repair or services for consumer and business goods.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include offices, storage or repackaging of goods for on-site sale, and parking.
3. Examples. Examples include barbers, hair salons, nail salons, tanning facilities, day spa, personal care services, animal grooming, product repair or services for consumer and business goods (i.e. computer repair shop, watch repair).

**G. Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlor**

1. Characteristics. Any establishment that practices the inserting of permanent markings of coloration, or the producing of scars, upon or under human skin through puncturing by use of a needle or any other method. Additionally, establishments that practice permanent body modifications by the piercing of human flesh. Micro-blading and temporary tattoos are not considered to constitute as a tattoo and body piercing parlor.
  - a. A Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlor cannot be operated within 1000 feet of:
    - i. A place of worship;
    - ii. Public or private elementary or secondary school;
    - iii. Any outdoor recreational facility at which minors are likely to congregate;
    - iv. A lot devoted to residential use;
    - v. A day care facility;

**H. Private Clubs**



1. Characteristics. Private clubs are used by a group of people organized for a common purpose to pursue common goals, interests or activities and usually characterized by certain membership qualifications, payment of fees and dues, regular meetings, and constitution and by-laws. Facilities may contain one or more buildings and structures operated only for the benefit of its members and their guests.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include offices, meeting areas, clubhouses, parking, and restaurants open only to members of the private club.
3. Examples. Private clubs such as fraternal organizations and country clubs.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Event centers or convention centers catering to outside groups or audiences.
  - b. Health and fitness facilities (i.e. commercial gym, see general retail).
5. Use Standards.
  - a. All dumpsters and other building service areas shall be located where they are concealed from view from the public right of way, see section 4.4.B.9
  - b. Meals or beverages may be sold to members and their guests only.

#### 4.3.5. COMMERCIAL USES

##### A. Adult Business/Sexually-Oriented Business –

1. Characteristics. A nightclub, bar, restaurant, or other similar establishment in which a person appears in a state of sexually explicit nudity or semi-nudity in the performance of their duties. Additionally, a business offering its patrons goods of which a substantial portion are sexually-oriented materials. A business in which more than ten percent of the display space is used for sexually-oriented materials is presumed to be a sexually-oriented business. Defined in State of South Carolina Code of Laws Sections 57-25-120(7) and 57-25-120(9).
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory use may include an associated office.
3. Use Standards.
  - b. Nudity, semi-nudity, sexually explicit material/content is prohibited in any outdoor displays including signs.
  - c. Adult Business/Sexually-oriented Business cannot be operated within 1000 feet of:
    - a. A place of worship;
    - b. Public or private elementary or secondary school;
    - c. A boundary of any residential district;
    - d. Any outdoor recreational facility at which minors are likely to congregate;
    - e. A lot devoted to residential use;
    - f. A day care facility;
    - g. Cemetery;
    - h. Funeral Home; or

- i. Another Adult Business/Sexually-oriented Business.

## **B. Animal Kennel**

1. Characteristics. The use of land for the purpose of boarding animals. May include a pet resort which provides day care for pets in addition to grooming and training/classes.
2. Accessory Uses. Outdoor play areas for animals, office, indoor storage, limited retail sales of pet associated items.
3. Examples. Animal kennel or boarding facility, animal shelter.
4. Use Standards.
  - d. All outdoor areas intended for animal use shall be fenced with a minimum six (6) foot fence.
  - e. Animals shall be kept within an enclosed building between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
  - f. Animal waste shall not be stored closer than ten (10) feet from the property line.

## **C. Automobile Service**

1. Characteristics. An establishment which provides vehicle services and repair in an enclosed building, including but not limited to brake adjustments, oil changes, realignments, repair, paint and/or detailing
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include limited sale of parts or vehicle accessories, towing, associated office, parking, repackaging of goods for on-site sale or use.
3. Examples. Vehicle service establishments.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. No stockpiling of parts or salvaging of vehicle parts.
  - b. No storage of wrecked or unregistered vehicles outside of the building.
  - c. No outdoor speaker system.
  - d. All work performed shall be within an enclosed building, however bay doors may be open during hours of operation.
  - e. In addition to service vehicles necessary for the operation of business, only vehicles awaiting repair may be stored on site. No inoperable vehicles may be left on site for more than seven (7) days.

## **D. Bed and Breakfast**

1. Characteristics. Private home offering lodging and breakfast to guests. Accommodations are limited to a maximum of six (6) guestrooms. This type of establishment is primarily a private home offering lodging and breakfast to guests. The appearance and primary function of the home shall remain as a residence, not as a lodging establishment.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses customary to single-family residences are permitted.

## **E. Brewery**

1. **Characteristics.** Any establishment where malt liquors are manufactured and packaged on-premise, manufacturing more than 15,000 barrels of malt liquor on its licensed premise each calendar year. One barrel equals 31 gallons.
2. **Accessory Uses.** Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck/patio for outdoor seating and/or entertainment, beer garden, parking, valet parking facility, tasting room.
3. **Use Standards.**
  - a. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

**F. Brewpub**

1. **Characteristics.** A restaurant, which produces on premise a maximum of two thousand barrels a year of beer for sale on the premise. One barrel equals 31 gallons.
2. **Accessory Uses.** Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck, patio for outdoor seating or dining and entertainment, parking, valet parking facility, bar seating, limited catering.
3. **Use Standards.**
  1. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

**G. Bar/Tavern/Nightclub**

1. **Characteristics.** Any establishment whose primary function is the sale of beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and cannot be licensed as a restaurant under State A.B.C. regulations.
2. **Accessory Uses.** Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, outdoor patron areas (if permitted under the State A.B.C. regulations), and parking.
3. **Examples.** Bars, taverns, cocktail lounge.
4. **Use Standards.**
  - a. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

**H. Car Wash**

1. **Characteristics.** Commercial establishments which allow for the washing of motor vehicles and vehicle cleaning services.
2. **Accessory Uses.** Accessory uses may include parking, retail sales of items associated with the cleaning of motor vehicles.
3. **Examples.** Full-service carwash, self-service carwash facilities.
4. **Use Standards.**
  - a. All washing, waxing, machine powered drying shall be in an enclosed building. Hand washing and drying may be conducted outside of an enclosed building.
  - b. No vehicle bays or openings shall face a residential use.

**I. Parking Lot**

1. **Characteristics.** A surface parking area or structure which is available to the public, but may also be used to accommodate employees, customers, and clients.
2. **Accessory Uses.** Valet parking, parking booth, electric vehicle charging units.

3. Examples. Examples include a commercial parking lot or parking garage.
4. Exceptions.
  - a. Outdoor storage of vehicles, boats, other vehicles, machinery, or equipment (see outdoor storage.)
5. Use Standards.
  - a. A parking structure may feature additional accessory uses such as first floor retail, or rooftop amenities such as a restaurant in mixed-use districts.
  - b. No extended parking beyond overnight parking is permitted unless associated with transportation facilities such as an airport, rail, or bus terminal.

#### **J. Parking Structure**

1. Characteristics. Parking structure (i.e. parking garage) which is available to the public, but may also be used to accommodate employees, customers, and clients. No extended parking beyond overnight parking is permitted unless associated with transportation facilities such as an airport, rail, or bus terminal.
2. Accessory Uses. Valet parking.
3. Examples. Examples include a commercial parking garage.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Outdoor storage of vehicles, boats, other vehicles, machinery, or equipment (see outdoor storage.)
  - b. Trucks, trailers, delivery vehicle parking.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. In an effort to promote mixed-use, a parking structure may feature additional accessory uses such as first floor retail, or rooftop amenities such as a restaurant if the underlying zone district allows for the accessory use as a permitted right.

#### **K. Distillery**

1. Characteristics. A manufacturer who distills, blends, and bottles alcoholic liquors on the licensed premises with an alcohol content greater than seventeen percent and who produces more than one hundred twenty-five thousand cases per year at the licensed premises.
2. Accessory Uses. Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck/patio for outdoor seating and/or entertainment, parking, valet parking facility, tasting room.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

#### **L. Event Center**

1. Characteristics. Venues or facilities specifically for temporary events such as conferences, sports, wedding/banquet/event halls, concerts, or similar temporary events.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses include offices, meeting rooms, indoor restaurant, bar, lounge, cabanas; boat docks, parking, indoor or outdoor recreation such as swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness center, sauna, and other similar facilities.

3. Examples. Examples may include a convention center, coordinated wedding and banquet halls, sports stadium, or concert hall. A hotel/motel may have an attached event center as an accessory use.
4. Exceptions.
  - a. Any fraternal organization (see civic and private club)
  - b. Community centers and private clubs
  - c. Halls or rooms available to rent from public safety facilities including fire and police stations.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. Additional landscape buffer widths where adjacent to a residential zoned property are required consistent with Section 5.3. of this UDO.

#### **M. Gas Station**

1. Characteristics. Gas stations are involved in the retail sale of fuel for motor vehicles, and convenience items including but not limited to prepackaged food, beverages, tobacco products, lottery, and other similar products as its primary sale.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include convenience store, offices, food sales, restaurants located within principal building, storage or repackaging of goods for on-site sale, parking, and car wash.
3. Examples. Examples include retail establishments not to exceed 10,000 SF accompanied by fueling stations.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. No equipment for vehicle fueling shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to any public right-of-way and ten (10) to any property line.

#### **N. Hotel/Motel**

1. Characteristics. Transient accommodations arranged for short term stays for compensation. This does not include patient transient accommodations, shelters for the homeless or short-term rentals.
2. Accessory Uses. Attached meeting rooms, dining facilities, bar or lounge, restaurant, laundry facility, swimming pool, other recreational facilities.
3. Examples. Examples include hotels and motels.

#### **O. Indoor Amusement/Entertainment Facilities**

1. Characteristics. Establishments that provide indoor amusement and entertainment services for a fee or admission charge.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses include ancillary indoor storage, associated office, concession, dining area or cafeteria, pro-shop and limited sales of goods related to on-site activities.
3. Examples. Examples include, but are not limited to fitness center and gym, pool hall, bowling alley, axe throwing, indoor sports facility (including pickleball and tennis courts), indoor rock climbing, roller rink, indoor ice rink, indoor archery and shooting ranges, gymnastic facility, karate, dance studio, movie theater, music hall, escape rooms.
4. Use Standards.

- a. Indoor shooting ranges that are designed and operated for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, or any other weapons including firearms, air guns, and airsoft guns are subject to the following standards.
  - i. All shooting activities must be indoor only.
  - ii. Must be located in stand-alone building, cannot be in planned center, strip developments, share walls or parking.
  - iii. All indoor shooting ranges shall be of soundproof construction whereby sound from discharge of any firearm and the impact of projectile shall not be plainly audible across any adjoining property line.
  - iv. Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on-site is prohibited

#### **P. Liquor Store**

1. Characteristics. A retail establishment engaged in the sale of packaged alcohol including, beer, ale, wine, and spirits for consumption off premises.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses include temporary, indoor, promotional display and the sale of prepackaged food, tobacco products, and lottery.

#### **Q. Microbrewery**

1. Characteristics. Any establishment where malt liquors are manufactured and packaged on-premise or off-premise, manufacturing no more than 15,000 barrels of malt liquor on its licensed premise each calendar year. One barrel equals 31 gallons.
2. Accessory Uses. Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck/patio for outdoor seating and/or entertainment, beer garden, parking, valet parking facility, tasting room.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

#### **R. Micro-Distillery**

1. Characteristics. A manufacturer who distills, blends, and bottles alcoholic liquors on the licensed premises with an alcohol content greater than seventeen percent and who produces a maximum, quantity of one hundred twenty-five thousands cases per year at the licensed premises.
2. Accessory Uses. Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck/patio for outdoor seating and/or entertainment, parking, valet parking facility, tasting room.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM.

#### **S. Outdoor Recreation**

1. Characteristics. Uses which provide recreation-oriented activities predominately outdoors.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses include associated office, concession stands, dining area or cafeteria, pro-shop and limited sales of goods related to on-site activities.
3. Examples. Examples include but are not limited to outdoor entertainment activities taking place outside of an enclosed building such as tennis,



pickleball, miniature golf, golf courses, obstacle or ropes course, drive-in theater, campground, paintball, outdoor skating facilities, outdoor shooting range, outdoor sport facilities.

4. Use Standards.

- a. If the outdoor entertainment involves any projectiles, berms or backstops are required at the perimeter boundary of the activity to ensure safety to off-site areas.
- b. No associated outdoor features shall be located between the front façade of the building and the street fronting the lot.
- c. The use requested to be conducted shall not have adverse effects without mitigation techniques including (but not limited to) stormwater, dust, odor, smoke, vibration, lighting, or noise.

**T. Pawn Shop**

1. Characteristics. Pawn shops are involved with the retail sales of secondhand merchandise and may offer personal loans secured by consumer goods or other personal property.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include limited retail sales.
3. Examples. Pawn shops that may deal in items such as coins, jewelry, and secondhand merchandise and deal in personal loans secured by personal property.

**U. Restaurant**

1. Characteristics. Establishments that prepare and sell food for on-premises consumption or off-premises consumption. May include a customer service area consisting of tables, chairs, or customer counters.
2. Accessory Uses. Ancillary indoor storage, associated office, deck, patio for outdoor seating or dining and entertainment, parking, valet parking facility, bar seating, limited catering, drive through (unless prohibited).
3. Examples. Examples include all types of restaurants such as a diner, café, take-out, or fine dining restaurants.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Drive-through windows, speaker boxes, and ordering stations shall not be adjacent to any residential use or district.
  - b. Outdoor speakers associated with a drive-through shall be at least 50 feet from any property line.
  - c. Drive-throughs are not permitted in the following districts:
    - i. Greer Station Downtown District

**V. Retail – Neighborhood**

1. Characteristics. General retail sales and services establishments involved in the sale, lease or rent of new or used products and services intended to provide for residents of the immediate area. Neighborhood retail shall be a maximum 15,000 square feet for a single use.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include offices, storage or repackaging of goods for on-site sale, and parking.
3. Examples. Establishments selling, leasing, or renting consumer, home, and business goods including general merchandize, art supplies, bicycles,

clothing, dry goods, electronic equipment, furniture, garden supplies, groceries, hardware and home improvement goods, household products, jewelry, pet food, printed material, stationary, and similar retail consumer goods.

4. Use Standards.

- a. Drive-through establishments are not permitted including but not limited to pharmacies/drug stores, restaurants, and financial institutions, etc.
- b. Outdoor events including but not limited to live music, are not permitted after 10:00 p.m.

**W. Retail – General**

1. Characteristics. General retail sales and services establishments involved in the sale, lease or rent of new or used products and services intended to provide for residents of the immediate area. General retail shall be a maximum 50,000 square feet for a single use.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include offices, storage or repackaging of goods for on-site sale, and parking.
3. Examples. Establishments selling, leasing, or renting consumer, home, and business goods including general merchandize, art supplies, bicycles, clothing, dry goods, electronic equipment, furniture, garden supplies, groceries, hardware and home improvement goods, household products, jewelry, pet food, printed material, stationary, and similar retail consumer goods.

**X. Retail – Regional**

1. Characteristics. Regional retail sales and services establishments involved in the sale, lease or rent of new or used products and services intended to provide for residents of the regional area. Regional retail shall permit a range of uses and sizes; however, no single use may exceed 100,000 square feet except where approved by Special Exception. This does not apply to uses which when aggregated exceed 100,000 square feet.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include offices, storage or repackaging of goods for on-site sale, and parking.
3. Examples. Large retail stores, shopping malls, shopping centers.

**Y. Transient Lodging**

1. Characteristics. Transient accommodations arranged for short term stays, thirty (30) or less days, in exchange for compensation. This does not include patient transient accommodations or shelters for homeless.

**Z. Vehicle Sales and Rental**

1. Characteristics. Establishments that are involved with the sale or lease of motor vehicles (including but not limited to cars and boats), renting of motor vehicles, and display of motor vehicles for sale, lease, or rental.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include showroom, associated office and storage, vehicle fueling (only for vehicles for sale or lease, not open to the general public), car wash (only for vehicles for sale or lease,



not open to the general public), and limited retail sales of items associated with motor vehicles.

3. Examples. Examples include but are not limited to car dealerships, boat dealerships, motor vehicle dealerships dealing in recreational vehicles, car rental establishments, moving vehicle rental establishments.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Minimum lot size for car, boat, other vehicle sales and rental establishments shall be one (1) acre except where previously approved and or are in use at the time of adoption of this UDO.
  - b. Vehicle display areas shall not be raised above general topography of the site.
  - c. Vehicle display areas with frontage along a street right-of-way shall include an additional 10-foot landscaped buffer beyond the buffer standard required in Section XXX.
  - d. Vehicles shall not be displayed in any required buffer.
  - e. Repair and or service areas shall not be located adjacent to a residentially zoned property.
  - f. Light fixture heights, where adjacent to residential shall be limited to 12 feet.
  - g. The use of loudspeakers or similar noise amplifying device shall be prohibited.

#### 4.3.6. OFFICE AND MEDICAL USES

##### **A. Animal Care**

1. Characteristics. A facility where animals are provided medical care. Animals may be boarded or stay overnight within a completely enclosed building.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking, limited retail sales of animal goods, limited sale of medicine and prescriptions for animal use, associated office, ancillary indoor storage.
3. Examples. Vet clinic, private veterinarian practice, animal hospital.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Animal boarding is classified as Animal Shelter/Kennel.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. All outdoor areas for animals must be fenced.
  - b. Outdoor activity is permitted only during the day.

##### **B. Medical/Dental Facility**

1. Characteristics. A facility engaged in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of medical, dental, chiropractic, ophthalmologic, pediatric care, or other health care practices.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include parking and office.
3. Examples. Examples include dentist or orthodontics offices, doctor offices, medical clinics, medical labs, outpatient facilities without ambulatory care, and blood testing facilities, dental clinics, dental labs, and dental surgery centers.

4. Uses Not Included. Does not include overnight facilities for patients.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. Indoor waiting area is required so that patients are not allowed to queue for services outdoors.

### **C. Hospital**

1. Characteristics. An establishment which primarily engages in providing medical treatment, including (but not limited to) diagnostic services, surgical services, and ambulatory and emergency care.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeterias, day care facilities, health facilities, parking, or other amenities primarily for the use of employees.
3. Examples. Examples may include a hospital or freestanding emergency rooms with ambulatory care.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Drive up lanes for ambulances shall not be located within 100 feet of a residential use.

### **D. Professional Office**

1. Characteristics. A building, or portion of a building, wherein activities are performed involving predominately administrative, record keeping, professional, and/or clerical operations and, where in the case of professions such as dentists, physicians, lawyers or engineers, the facility where such professional services are rendered.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeterias, day care facilities, health facilities, parking, or other amenities primarily for the use of employees in the firm or building.
3. Examples. Examples include professional services such as lawyers, accountants, engineers, architects, real estate agents, travel agencies, employment agencies, data processing, sales offices, and similar uses.
4. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Offices that are part of and/or located with a firm in another category are considered accessory to the firm's principal activity.
  - b. Contractors and others who perform services off-site are included in the office category if equipment and materials are not stored on the site and fabrication, services, or similar work is not carried on at the site.

### **E. Urgent Care**

1. Characteristics. A walk-in medical establishment offering care for injuries or illnesses requiring immediate care, but not serious enough as to require hospital care.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include cafeterias, day care facilities, health facilities, parking, or other amenities primarily for the use of employees in the firm or building.

3. Examples. Examples include urgent care facilities without ambulatory care. If ambulatory care is included, the use will be considered a hospital use.

#### **F. Rehabilitative and Mental Health Facility**

1. Characteristics. A healthcare facility that provides substance abuse treatment and/or mental health services. Such facilities provide overnight, yet short-term, care and treatment and may include sleeping rooms for healthcare providers and members of the patients' families.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses commonly found are recreational activities, cafeteria, café, dining hall, hobbies, parking of the occupants' vehicles, facilities for staff.
3. Examples. Examples includes inpatient drug and alcohol treatment facilities and inpatient mental health services.

### **4.3.7. INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTIC USES**

#### **A. Artisanal Manufacturing**

1. Characteristics. A small-scale fabrication or production use by skilled workers which involves or assembly of food or goods with no noxious by-products. May include a showroom or ancillary sales of products.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated showroom, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, parking or similar; residential unit(s) for employees and or associated services (i.e., night watchman) may not exceed one (1) dwelling unit per acre and shall only be allowed for employees or associated services and not rental to the general community.
3. Examples. Small scale fabrication of arts, 3-D printing, crafts, food or beverages for packaged sales, welding, sculpting, arts and crafts, pottery, and small-batch bakeries.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Establishment size is limited to 15,000 square feet. Any establishment greater than 15,000 square feet shall be considered Industrial – Light.
  - b. No processes or equipment may be used that creates dust, smoke, fumes, odors, or vibration which can be detected off property.
  - c. Outdoor storage is prohibited.
  - d. Deliveries are limited to parcel and small freight carries and is not intended for large tractor trailers.

#### **B. Broadcast Facility**

1. Characteristics. Any facility which deals in the broadcasting of television, radio, or satellite programming.
2. Accessory Uses may include (but are not limited to) associated office and parking.
3. Examples. TV broadcasting station.

**C. Communication/Cell Tower**

1. Characteristics. Any tower, pole, or similar structure of any size that supports wireless communication antenna for commercial or governmental use.
2. Design and Development Standards. Additional design and developments standards relating to communication/cell towers can be found in Section 5.8 of this UDO.

**D. Flex Facility**

1. Characteristics. Uses which take place within a flex space building, allowing a flexible range of office, warehouse uses research and development uses. Flex use buildings allow for a combination of offices, wholesale, and light manufacturing with proportions of each use subject to the needs of a user.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated showroom, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, cafeteria, parking, on-site repair facility, residential unit for security purposes, outdoor storage associated with principal use.
3. Examples. Flex use buildings typically in an industrial park or business park environment.

**E. Industrial – Light**

1. Characteristics. Any business or establishment which deals in light industrial uses including light manufacturing (such as assembly, printing, repair), research and development, and self-service storage.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated showroom, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, cafeteria, parking, on-site repair facility, residential unit for security purposes, outdoor storage associated with principal use.
3. Examples. Monument sales and manufacturing, landscaping contractor, clothing manufacturing, publishing firm, bottling, lawn or tree service, sheet metal, stone, or concrete products (but not concrete manufacturing), commercial packing for fruits and vegetables, trailer storage or freight facility, sale or rental of machinery and heavy equipment.
4. Exemptions
  - a. Heavy industrial or noxious uses such as concrete manufacturing.
5. Use Standards.
  - a. Storage shall be in an enclosed building or an outdoor storage area which is screened/fenced. A minimum six (6) feet opaque screen or

fence is required around the outdoor storage area.

#### **F. Industrial – Heavy**

1. Characteristics. Any business or establishment that involves dangerous, noxious, offensive uses. Uses may involve smoke, odor, noise, vibration, or threats to safety and general wellbeing of the public.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated showroom, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, cafeteria, parking, on-site repair facility, residential unit for security purposes, outdoor storage associated with principal use.
3. Use Standards.
  - a. All buildings shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from property line.
  - b. Outdoor storage yards shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any public street or property line. Outdoor storage yards shall be completely enclosed by an opaque fence or wall not less than eight (8) feet. Outdoor storage yards are not intended to include junkyards or scrap or salvage operations.

#### **G. Salvage Yard**

1. Characteristics. Any use dedicated to the storage and dismantling of vehicles, scrap metal and associated waste.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated office, cafeteria, parking.
3. Examples. Salvage yards, wrecking yard, junkyards, or automobile graveyards.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. All buildings shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from property line.
  - b. Outdoor storage yards shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any public street or property line. Outdoor storage yards shall be completely enclosed by an opaque fence or wall not less than eight (8) feet.
  - c. No material, refuse or items within storage yard shall be visible from a public street.

#### **H. Manufacturing.**

1. Characteristics. Manufacturing includes use types involved in the manufacturing, processing, fabrication, packaging, or assembly of goods. Products may be finished or semi-finished and are generally made for the wholesale market, made for transfer to other plants, or made to order for firms or consumers.

2. Accessory Uses. May include limited retail sales and wholesale sales, offices, cafeterias/eating establishments, warehouses, storage areas, repair facilities, truck fleets, parking for employees.

**I. Outdoor Storage**

1. Characteristics. An outdoor area designated for the extended outdoor storage of cars, boats, other vehicles. This use is not to be confused with commercial parking, which excludes outdoor storage. Outdoor storage is for the extended storage of cars, boats, and other vehicles, machinery, and equipment or material.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include associated office, parking.
3. Use Standards. See Section 4.7: Outdoor Display and Storage.

**J. Storage Containers**

1. Characteristics. The storage of products, whether for sale or as material for processes occurring on the site, generally for more than 24 hours a day, with the exception of temporary moving pods. This definition expressly includes any products in shipping containers, storage barrels, or crates.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include associated office, industrial, and/or manufacturing uses.
3. Screening. Storage containers shall be fully screened and out of view from adjacent properties and public rights-of-way. Such screening shall be constructed so as to conceal the equipment visible in elevation and shall extend one foot above the height of the object to be screened.
4. Temporary Use. Temporary storage containers are allowed within Residential, Mixed Use, and Commercial districts with the approval of a temporary certificate of occupancy as outlined in section 4.7.C.

**K. Wholesale Trade**

5. Characteristics. Firms involved in the sale or rent of products to industrial or commercial businesses only. Not intended for private customers. Uses emphasize on-site sales or order taking. Firm may or may not be open to the general public. Sales to private customers and general public are not permitted.
6. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) accessory medical clinic, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, cafeteria, day care for employee use, parking, repackaging of goods, showroom, warehouse, residential unit for security purposes.
7. Examples. Sale of machinery, janitorial supplies, restaurant equipment supplies.

**L. Recycling and Waste Related Services**

1. Characteristics. Any facility which deals in the recycling, disposal, or elimination of used materials or waste.
2. Accessory Uses may include (but are not limited to) associated office, outdoor storage associated with principal use, parking.
3. Examples. Landfill, recyclable material storage, recycling facility, solid or liquid waste transfer or composting.



4. Use Standards.

- a. All buildings shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from property line.
- b. Outdoor storage yards shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any public street or property line.
- c. Outdoor storage yards shall comply with the standards of Section 4.7.B.
- d. Any associated outdoor storage yards are not intended to include junkyards or scrap or salvage operations.

**M. Self-Storage**

1. Characteristics. A structure or premises where the principal use is the indoor storage of personally owned items and goods, for a fee or charge.
2. Uses Not Included.
  - a. General warehousing or logistics (see Industrial uses).
3. Examples. Includes self-storage facilities.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. Self-storage facilities shall be located on a minimum lot size of one (1) acre.
  - b. Building height shall be limited to one (2) stories; where adjacent to a residential district the district standards will apply.
  - c. Commercial activity which offers the sale of any item, personal property, or service and/or the conducting of any business other than the leasing of storage units is prohibited. The sale of customary equipment for moving and loading/unloading of supplies such as tape, straps, boxes, and similar items may be permitted in the main office only.
  - d. Residential use (i.e. dwelling) within a storage unit is prohibited.
  - e. Outdoor storage is prohibited (other than the storage of recreational vehicles).
  - f. Required parking spaces shall not be utilized for the storage of recreational vehicles.

**N. Solar Farms**

1. Characteristics. An area of land designated for the purpose of deploying solar power generating panels and devices to create electric energy.
2. Accessory Uses. Associated office, parking, outdoor storage of related equipment.
3. Uses Not Included.
  - a. Personal solar energy systems for private residential dwelling unit use. These are permitted as an accessory use for residential dwellings.
4. Use Standards.
  - a. If existing in or abutting any residential district, solar farms shall require a buffer intensity of buffer class 3.

- b. If existing in or abutting any residential district, an additional 100-foot conservation buffer shall be provided and maintained by the operating entity along all boundaries.
- c. Any portion of the solar farm or array shall not exceed 20 feet in height.

**O. Warehouse/Distribution**

1. Characteristics. A facility primarily engaged in the storage and distribution of manufactured product, supplies, and equipment with little to no sales on site. May also include truck terminals or similar where semi-trucks, trailers and or high-cube/box trucks may be utilized for the transportation of goods; may also include areas for truck, trailer, etc., parking and storage.
2. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses may include (but are not limited to) associated showroom, ancillary indoor storage, associated office, cafeteria, parking, on-site repair facility, residential unit for security purposes, outdoor storage associated with principal use.
3. Examples. Warehousing, distribution centers, truck terminals, fulfillment centers for online retailers, fulfillment centers are intended to provide deliveries to homes.
4. Use Standards. Warehouse/Distribution are subject to the following use standards:
  - a. The parking and storage of commercial class trucks and loading docks must be located to the rear or side of the facility;
  - b. Buffers must be of buffer class 4.
  - c. Facilities must have direct access to an arterial or collector roadway. Access for commercial class trucks via local roads is prohibited.



#### 4.4. ACCESSORY USE AND STRUCTURE TABLE

		ZONING DISTRICTS																		
KEY: P = Permitted, S = Special Use Permit	4.5. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES – DEFINITION AND USE STANDARDS		RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)	SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (SN)	TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD (TN)	MEDIUM DENSITY (MD)	HIGH DENSITY (HD)		OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (OP)	COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG)	MIXED EMPLOYMENT (ME)	MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS (ML)		GREER STATION DOWNTOWN (GS)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (NC)	REGIONAL CENTER (RC)	COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (CC)		PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)	DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT (DRD)
		RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	P	P	P	X	X	NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	MIXED-USE DISTRICTS	X	X	X	X	SPECIAL DISTRICTS	X	X
Carports	4.5.B.1		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	X		X	
Drive-Through Facilities	4.5.B.2		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	X		X	
Outdoor Display	4.5.B.3		X	X	P	X	X		X	P	P	X		X	X	P	P		P	
Outdoor Seating	4.5.B.4		X	X	P	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	P		P	
Outdoor Entertainment	4.5.B.5		X	X	P	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	P		P	
Bicycle Parking	4.5.B.6		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	
Mail and Newspaper Boxes	4.5.B.7		X	X	X	P	P		P	P	P	P				P	P			
Donation Boxes	4.5.B.8		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	4.5.B.9		X	X	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	X	X		P	
Dumpsters and Other Building Services	4.5.B.10		X	X	X	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
Dwelling Unit, Accessory	4.5.C		P	P	P	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X

## 4.5. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

### A. General Standards.

1. Accessory uses shall be consistent with all standards in the district for the principal use.
2. Uses and structures shall:
  - a. Be accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures;
  - b. Be located on the same lot as the permitted uses or structures and structures shall placed to the rear or side of the principal structure;
  - c. Not involve operations or structures inconsistent with the character of the principal use or principal structure served; and
  - d. Not likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected.
3. No accessory building or structure shall be erected in any required setback area or easement.
4. An accessory use or structure shall only be allowed when a principal use exists.
5. Accessory structures shall comply with maximum building coverage requirements.
6. Accessory structures shall have a similar appearance to the principal structure.
7. Accessory structures are limited to a maximum thirty-five (35) feet in height or the height of the principal structure, whichever is lesser.
8. An accessory building sharing one or more common walls with the principal building shall be considered part of the principal building for purposes of this ordinance and must meet all yard requirements applied to the principal building.
9. No detached accessory building shall be located closer than 5 feet to any other building or mobile home.
10. Mailboxes and any structure less than one (1) foot above grade are exempt from accessory use standards.
11. Accessory Uses and Structures including accessory dwelling units within the Rural Residential zoning may vary from the standards set forth in this section relating to height, placement, and size. Any variations may be granted after review from the Director or designee as outlined in Section X. Administration.

### B. Specific Standards.

1. **Carports.** Carports for single-family and two-family dwellings shall be attached to the principal structure and architecturally similar.
2. **Garages.** Attached or detached facilities that provide a storage area for motor vehicles.
3. **Outdoor Storage Structures.** Detached facilities that provide a separate storage area for personal property.
4. **Pools.** An above or in ground structure filled with water for the purpose of recreation and swimming.
5. **Gazebos/Pavilions.** A detached wall-less structure intended for outdoor use.
6. **Drive-Through Facilities.**
  - a. Drive-through facilities shall be designed to avoid obstructions to pedestrian circulation along sidewalks or between parking spaces.
  - b. Canopies, awnings, or roofs over drive-through lanes shall be similar in appearance and consist of the same building materials as the principal building.
  - c. Drive-through facilities shall comply with all stacking requirements of Section 5.4: Parking and Loading.
7. **Outdoor Display.** Outdoor display, defined as the outdoor display of products available for sale, including soft drink dispensing machines, propane gas storage racks, outdoor merchandise, and the like, is permitted as an accessory use for commercial uses. Outdoor display shall comply with the standards below:
  - a. Outdoor display shall be removed and placed in a fully enclosed structure at the end of every business day. Due to their commercial and pedestrian oriented nature, propane storage racks, soft drink dispensing machines, and ice storage bins, may remain outside overnight.
  - b. Outdoor display shall only be displayed in front or on the side of the primary façade and may not extend more than five (5) feet from the building. Outdoor display areas shall not be placed in any drive aisles, parking spaces, loading zones, or fire lanes.
  - c. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the horizontal length or maximum ten (10) feet of the façade, whichever is lesser, shall feature outdoor display items.

- d. Outdoor display areas shall not inhibit pedestrian travel paths (i.e. sidewalks). ADA accessibility shall be maintained.
- 8. **Outdoor Seating.** Outdoor seating may be permitted as an accessory use for any eating and drinking establishment, subject to the following standards:
  - a. Outdoor speakers are not permitted.
  - b. Hours of operation for the outdoor seating area shall be the same as the restaurant.
  - c. Food preparation shall take place within the enclosed building and not in the open air.
  - d. Outdoor seating shall be limited to active use areas designated on a site plan or through a request form as designated by the City.
  - e. No objects may be placed along publicly traversed sidewalks which form a barrier to pedestrian movement.
  - f. The visual design of tables, chairs, umbrellas, canopies, or similar furnishings for outdoor seating areas shall be of high quality design, craftsmanship, be retained in good condition, and shall be compatible with adjacent uses.
- 9. **Outdoor Entertainment.** Outdoor entertainment may be permitted as an accessory use for restaurants and also establishments where the principal use is the manufacturing of malt liquor or alcoholic liquors intended for sale and consumption on the premises. Outdoor entertainment may also be permitted as an accessory use of outdoor principal uses including Farmers' Markets and Parks. Outdoor entertainment is limited to 10:00 PM. The use of parking areas, driveways, loading/unloading facilities, public sidewalks, or similar shall not be permitted.
- 10. **Bicycle Parking.** Bicycle parking racks may be located in any district. No advertising signs shall be permitted on such structures. Setback requirements are waived for bicycle racks.
- 11. **Mail and Newspaper Boxes.** Mail, newspaper delivery boxes, and delivery lockers may be placed in accordance with U.S. Postal Service regulations, and are exempt from district setbacks.
- 12. **Donation Boxes.** Donation boxes may be located in any district and are limited to one donation box per lot.

**13. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.** Automobile charging stations may be located in any district. Each charging station must include signs that indicate the station is intended for electric vehicle charging only. Voltage levels and safety information, including contact information in case of malfunction, shall be included.

**14. Dumpsters and Other Building Services.** Dumpsters and other building services may be located in Medium Density (MD), High Density (HD), Office Professional (OP), Commercial General (CG), Mixed Employment (ME), Manufacturing and logistics (ML), Greer Station Downtown (GS), Neighborhood Center (NC), Regional Center (RC), and Commercial Corridor (CC) districts. Dumpsters and other building service areas shall be located where they are concealed from view of the public right of way and are not exempt from district setbacks.

**C. Dwelling Unit, Accessory.**

1. Also known as or may be referenced as Accessory Dwelling Unit, ADU or similar. An ADU is a secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a principal dwelling unit, whether part of the same structure as the principal dwelling unit, or as a detached structure on the same lot. An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with the South Carolina Building Code and following standards:
  - a. Districts allowed. Accessory dwelling units shall be allowed as accessory uses to principal residential uses pursuant to Table 4.4, Accessory Use and Structure Table.
  - b. Where permitted on lot. A permitted accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all applicable development standards for principal dwelling units in the zoning district in which the accessory dwelling unit will be located. Mobile homes, recreational vehicles and travel trailers shall not be used as accessory dwelling units.
  - c. The property owner shall occupy either the principal dwelling or the accessory dwelling unit
  - d. Size of accessory unit. No accessory dwelling unit shall exceed 800 square feet unless the accessory dwelling unit is constructed within the existing footprint of the principal dwelling unit.

- e. Limit on number. There shall be no more than one accessory dwelling unit on a lot in addition to the principal single-family detached dwelling.
- f. Off-street parking. At least one off-street parking space shall be provided for an accessory dwelling unit. Tandem parking and shell or grass surfacing are permitted for such parking space; however, the off-street parking space shall meet the setback requirements of the required front yard.
- g. Density. Accessory dwelling units shall not count toward any applicable maximum residential density requirements.
- h. Height and Architectural Style. The accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 150% of the height of the principal structure. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a similar architectural style, roof style, building materials, to the principal structure. Facades of an accessory dwelling unit visible from the public right of way shall be comprised of a minimum of 80% of the same building material as the principal structure.
- i. Resale. Accessory dwelling units shall not be sold apart from the principal dwelling unit upon the same lot where they are located. No lot shall be split post development approval and occupancy of the accessory dwelling unit.
- j. Home occupations. Home occupations shall be allowed within an accessory dwelling unit.
- k. Other standards.
  - i. Kitchen. The accessory dwelling unit may include a kitchen.
  - ii. Conversion of existing structures. Conversion of existing structures i.e. garage or similar structure, is subject to the provisions of this UDO, as well as applicable building codes. If proposed conversion (structures) does not meet adopted setbacks and/or height, a variance is required.
  - iii. Comply with all other applicable standards of the UDO. An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all other applicable standards for principal dwelling units in the zoning district in which the accessory dwelling will be located.

- iv. **Case of conflict.** In the case of any conflict between the accessory dwelling unit standards of this section and any other requirement of the UDO, the standards of this section shall control.

#### 4.6. TEMPORARY USES

- A. **Purpose.** This Section allows for the establishment of specific temporary uses of limited duration, provided that such uses do not negatively affect adjacent land, and provided that such temporary uses are discontinued upon the expiration of a set time period. These temporary uses shall not involve the construction of any permanent building or structures. Typical temporary uses may include (but are not limited to) grand opening events, tent sales, outdoor vehicle shows, special events, food trucks, and street vendors.
- B. **Applicability.** The standards in this Section are intended to allow for the short-term placement of uses, many of which would not be allowed on a permanent basis. The activities listed in this section require the issuance of a temporary use permit on a form designated by the City.
- C. **General Standards for Temporary Uses and Structures.** All temporary uses and structures shall comply with the following standards, unless otherwise specified in this UDO.
  - 1. Temporary uses shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of this UDO.
  - 2. Duration of temporary uses that exceed 30 days shall require a temporary certificate of occupancy. Duration of temporary uses that exceed 30 days shall be at the discretion of the Director.
  - 3. A period of at least 30 days shall intervene between the termination of a temporary certificate of occupancy and the issuance of another temporary certificate of occupancy for the same location.
  - 4. Temporary uses shall not violate any applicable conditions of approval that apply to a site or use on the site.
  - 5. Temporary uses shall feature hours of operation compatible with adjacent uses, shall not generate noise which may disrupt adjacent land uses, shall remove any litter generated at no expense to the City, and shall have parking accommodations arranged so not to disrupt the normal flow of traffic.



6. All temporary uses shall meet the parking and accessibility standards as provided for in Section 5.4. Parking.
7. Written permission of the property owner shall be required for any temporary use permit.
8. The temporary use shall have all appropriate permits and licenses from the City and other agencies.
9. No temporary use permit shall block fire lanes or pedestrian and vehicular access. Temporary uses may temporarily utilize required parking spaces; however, adequate parking shall be identified via a parking plan to be submitted with any temporary use permit.
10. Temporary uses shall not be located in required landscaping or vegetated areas.
11. Evidence that adequate provisions for trash disposal and sanitary facilities shall be provided.
12. Adequate on-site restrooms facilities shall be provided or made available.
13. All temporary structures shall be cleared from the site within 5 days after the temporary use is terminated.
14. The City may require the applicant post a bond to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Section.
15. If the temporary use permit requires additional services or equipment on behalf of the City, the applicant shall be required to pay the City for the cost of these services or equipment.

**D. Standards for Specific Temporary Uses.**

**1. Produce Stands.**

- a. The produce stand operator must obtain a temporary use permit on a form designed by the City.
- b. Any request for a produce stand shall describes the type of sales involved, the location, and the duration of the sales operation.
- c. Produce stands are only permitted in zoning districts as set forth in the Principal Use Table 4.2.
- d. The owner of the property, if not the same as the produce stand operator/owner, shall provide written permission to the operator/owner to be included with any permit.
- e. Produce stands may operate on a site for up to 60 days and require renewal of a temporary use permit.



- f. One (1) sign, maximum 20 square feet, may be displayed.
  - g. The use, including all sale items, parking, and maneuvering shall observe a minimum setback of 20 feet from the edge of any right-of-way and shall not be located in the sight distance triangle.
  - h. There shall be only one (1) produce stand at any one (1) time at one (1) location.
  - i. The produce stand operator is responsible for the removal of all trash and spoiled product on a daily basis.
  - j. Sufficient on-site parking shall be provided and evidence of identified on-site parking included with any temporary use permit.
  - k. A sketch plan shall be required of the site showing all structures to be used, access, parking, signage, and setbacks.
  - l. No additional lighting shall be permitted.
  - m. The entire produce stand including display areas shall be 1,000 square feet or less.
2. **Temporary Dwellings and Structures.** A temporary dwelling is permitted on a lot in a residential district through a temporary use permit. A temporary dwelling may either be a dwelling that meets all applicable Building Code requirements or a recreational vehicle, subject to the following standards:
- a. **Temporary Sales Office or Model Home.**
    - i. The use of the office shall be for the initial sale or lease of properties or buildings within the residential development being sold or leased.
    - ii. There shall be no signage for residential development sales office or model home on the premises in a residential zoning district, except for one (1) unlit ground sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area. The sign shall be located on the sales office or model home lot.
    - iii. For a developing residential subdivision, any phase containing a residential development sales office or model home shall contain a minimum of five (5) acres and be intended for a minimum of ten (10) residential properties.

- iv. The temporary residential development sales office or model home shall be converted into a dwelling or remove within 30 days after all units are sold or leased.
  - v. No sales office or model home shall be used for any other retail purpose.
- b. **Temporary Dwelling.** A residence (which may be a mobile home) that is:
- i. Located on the same lot as a residence made uninhabitable by fire, flood, or other natural disaster and occupied by the persons displaced by such disaster;
  - ii. Located on the same lot as a residence that is under construction or undergoing substantial repairs or reconstruction and occupied by the persons intended to live in such permanent residence when the work is completed; or
  - iii. Located on a non-residential construction site and occupied by persons having construction or security responsibilities over such construction site.

**3. Portable On-Site Storage/Temporary Dumpster on Residential Property.**

- a. **Portable On-Site Storage.** A portable on-site storage unit is any container designed for the storage of personal property and for transport by commercial vehicle that is typically rented to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use. A portable on-site storage unit is not a building or structure and shall not use as an accessory structure on a permanent basis in a residential district.
- i. Associated with a Building Permit. A portable on-site storage unit can be located on a residential property without a temporary use permit while the property is the job address listed on an active building permit issued by the City.
  - ii. No Associated Building Permit. A portable on-site storage unit shall require a temporary use permit if it is located on a residential property for more than 30 days. No more than one portable on-site storage unit shall be located on a single lot or parcel of land. A portable on-site storage unit may be located in a driveway, a designated parking area or behind a dwelling.

- b. **Temporary Dumpster.** A temporary dumpster is for the sole purpose of collecting and removing refuse generated from the same property of the dumpster location.
  - i. Associated with a Building Permit. A temporary dumpster can be located anywhere on a residential property without a temporary use permit while the property is the job address listed on an active building permit issued by the City.
  - ii. No Building Permit. A temporary dumpster shall require a temporary use permit if it is located on a residential property for more than 30 days. Only one dumpster shall be allowed per residence.

#### 4. **Outdoor Sales.**

- a. **Seasonal Sales.** Outdoor seasonal sales are permitted within nonresidential zoning districts, subject to the following standards:
  - i. Outdoor seasonal sales shall be limited in duration to a maximum of 60 continuous days from the date the temporary use permit is issued.
  - ii. All products, equipment and related materials shall be removed from the site within five (5) days following the sale.

#### 5. **Food Trucks.** Food trucks are defined as a licensed, motorized vehicle or mobile food unit licensed by the state, designed, and equipped to serve food and beverages. Food trucks are allowed on lots in all zoning districts subject to the following standards.

- a. To locate on a property the property must have a principal use. An example of a principal use would be a building with an active use or an improved stand-alone parking lot. An unimproved grass or dirt lot is not a principal use.
- b. Within a Nonresidential (OP, CG, BT, ML) or Mixed-Use (GS, NC, RC, CC) zoning district, proper permitting is required.
- c. For neighborhood events within a Residential (RR, SN, TN, MD, HD) zoning district, a permit is not required.
- d. Allowed at permitted special events or temporary uses and on active construction sites.

- e. Not allowed fifty (50) feet from the main entrance of any restaurant or outdoor dining area.
- f. Not allowed less than five (5) feet from driveways, sidewalks, utility boxes, handicap ramps, building entrances or exits, or emergency call boxes.
- g. Not allowed within fifteen (15) feet from any fire hydrant.
- h. The minimum distance requirements are measured in a straight line from the closest point of the proposed food truck location to the closest point of the buffered object, or in the case of a restaurant, measured from the closest point of the restaurant's main entrance.
- i. Food truck vendors are responsible for the proper disposal of waste and trash associated with the operation. Vendors shall remove all waste and vehicles/trailers from their location at the end of each day or as needed to maintain the health and safety to the public.
- j. There shall be no audio amplifiers.
- k. Advertising consisting of business name, logo, and items available for sale may be displayed onto the food truck. No other form of advertising is permitted.
- l. Obtain all required and applicable permits. Exception for food trucks in Residential zoning districts (RR, SN, TN, MD, HD) for temporary neighborhood events that do not require a temporary certificate of occupancy.
- m. Within Residential zoning districts (RR, SN, TN, MD, HD), overnight parking and external porta-johns are prohibited.

**E. Special Events.** A special event includes, but is not limited to arts and craft shows, cultural events, musical events, concerts, and stage shows, celebrations, festivals, fairs, carnivals, farmers' markets, circuses, or outdoor civic, religious, or non-profit events.

- 1. No premise shall be the site of a special event exceeding a collective total of 20 days or, 3 individual weekends, or both, within any one calendar year. In this context, a weekend shall constitute 3 consecutive days.
  - a. A special event sponsored by the City, a county or the state shall be allowed to extend beyond the collective total of 20 days or, 3 individual weekends, or both within one calendar year.

2. A special event not exceeding the collective total of days and weekends shall require a temporary use permit.

#### 4.7. HOME OCCUPATIONS

A. **Home Occupations.** Home occupations are permitted for all residential uses only as an accessory use to a residential principal use and shall comply with the following regulations:

1. No person other than a resident of the dwelling shall be engaged in such occupation.
2. No more than four (4) customers, clients, or patrons shall come to the dwelling at any one (1) time, nor more than ten (10) in any one (1) day
3. No more than one (1) vehicle may be used in the conduct of the home occupation. Any such vehicle shall be parked off the street.
4. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total actual floor area of the dwelling or 500 square feet, whichever is less, shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation.
5. No outdoor sales or storage shall be permitted in connection with the home occupation.
6. The exterior appearance and overall use of the dwelling shall not be altered to cause the premises to differ from its residential character.
7. The use may not emit smoke, dust, vibrations, odor, fumes, glare, radiation, electrical interference, interference to radio and television reception or another nuisance.
8. No home occupation shall involve the use of electrical or mechanical equipment that would change the fire rating of the structure in which the home occupation is conducted.
9. There shall be no more than three (3) deliveries per day to the premises of materials to be used in conjunction with the home occupation and these shall take place between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
10. No customers, clients, patrons, or employees other than the residents of the household may be on the premises in connection with the home occupation before 7:00 AM or after 9:00 PM.
11. Only those uses specifically identified as a home occupation shall be permitted. Permitted home occupations include bakeries, catering services,

financial advisory services, tax preparation, and personal/grooming services.

12. Additionally home occupations that meet the standards of this section but are not listed within this section may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

#### 4.8. OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND STORAGE

A. **Outdoor Display.** Outdoor display is defined as the outdoor display of products available for sale, including soft drink dispensing machines, propane gas storage racks, ice machines, kiosks, outdoor merchandise, and the like. Outdoor display shall comply with the standards below:

1. Outdoor display shall be removed and placed in a fully enclosed structure at the end of every business day. Due to their commercial and pedestrian oriented nature, propane storage racks, soft drink dispensing machines, ice storage bins, may remain outside overnight.
2. Outdoor display shall not extend more than eight (8) feet. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the horizontal length of the façade shall have outdoor display items.
3. Outdoor display areas shall not inhibit pedestrian travel paths (i.e. sidewalks) and ADA accessibility shall be maintained.

B. **Outdoor Storage.** Outdoor storage is categorized as either limited outdoor storage or intense outdoor storage. For the purpose of this subsection, outdoor storage is defined as the outdoor storage of materials, goods, and merchandise.

1. **Limited Outdoor Storage.** Limited outdoor storage includes outdoor storage of merchandise which cannot easily be taken in and out of an enclosed structure as the end of the day, including items such as garden supplies, plants, sporting goods, overnight outdoor storage of vehicles awaiting repair, and storage of fleet vehicles, such as delivery vehicles. Limited outdoor storage is only permitted in the commercial or industrial districts and shall comply with the following standards:
  - a. Limited outdoor storage is limited to eight (8) feet in height and must be fully screened from the view of any public right-of-way, parking areas and adjacent properties. Fences, hedges, and plant material may be used to screen the limited outdoor storage.

**2. Intense Outdoor Storage.** Intense outdoor storage includes outdoor storage of raw, unfinished goods and materials, often associated with the manufacturing of another good. Common intense outdoor storage items include steel, salvage material, recycle materials, lumber, contractor equipment, and other raw material. Intense outdoor storage is only permitted in industrial districts and shall comply with the following standards:

- a. Intense storage shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from any public right-of-way.
- b. Intense outdoor storage is limited to eight (8) feet in height and must be fully screened from the view of any public right-of-way, parking areas and adjacent properties. An eight (8) foot fence is required around the perimeter of the outdoor storage area.



## 5. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

### 5.1. STANDARDS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Standards of general applicability shall include the subsections below. These standards shall be defined and make up the requirements of each district's development standards table.

- A. **Building Height.** *Building Height* shall be defined by a maximum building height and/or number of stories; however, each story shall have maximum height limitations expressed in feet. The measurement of a "story" is assumed to range between 12 to 15 feet in height; additional heights are permitted taking into consideration non-residential development. Height is limited per each district's standard development table except where otherwise noted.

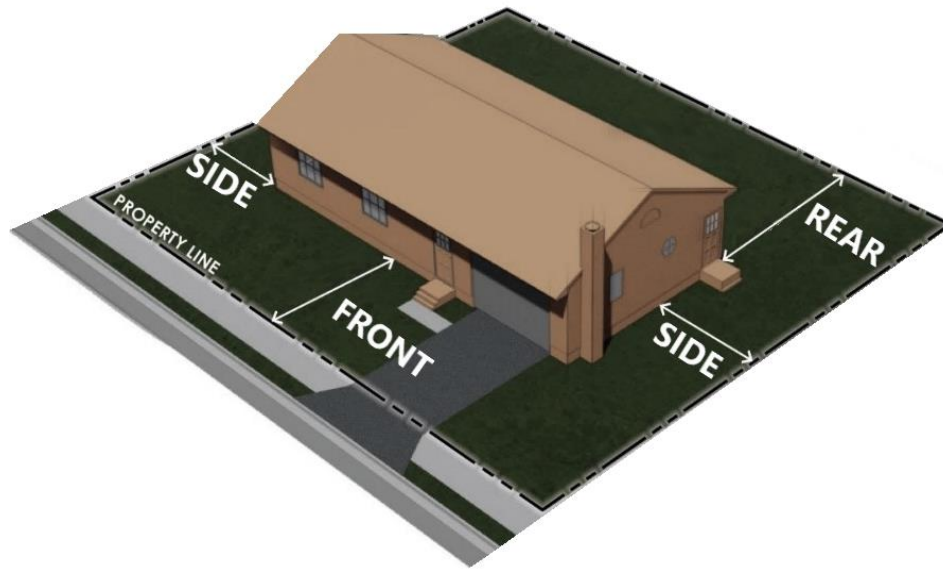
Figure 5.1.x. Building Height Illustrations





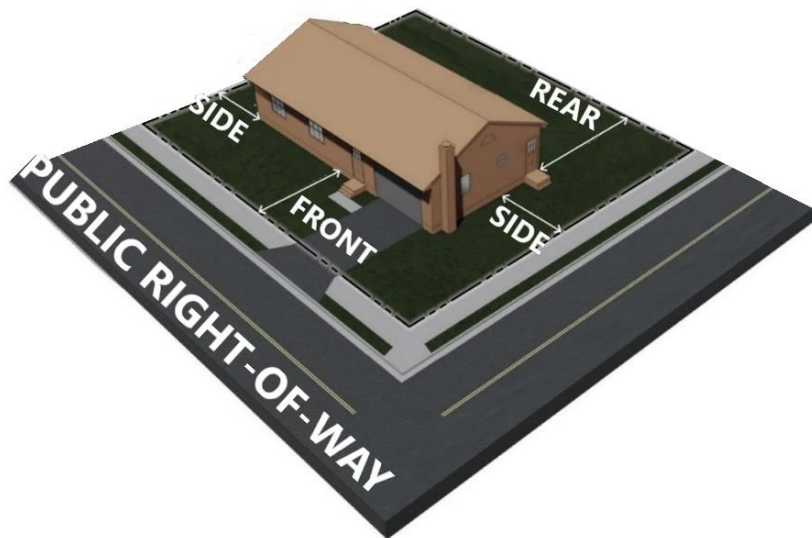
- 2. Measurement of Height.** For the purpose of calculating heights, heights are measured using habitable space, excluding rooflines, architectural features or similar. If there is habitable space on the rooftop of a structure (i.e. an active eating area, pool, or rooftop lounge), it is understood these shall be counted as habitable space and included within the maximum building height and as defined in this UDO. Non-habitable rooftop elements, such as cornices, porch roofs, turrets, towers, or dormers, are limited to ten (10) feet in height. Non-habitable rooftop structures, such as structures used for sheltering mechanical and electrical equipment, tanks, elevators and related machinery, shall be limited to fifteen (15) feet in height, not including base floor elevation (B.F.E.)
- B. Building Placement (Setbacks).** *Building Placement (Setbacks)*, shall be measured from the nearest part of the applicable building, structure or sign, measured perpendicularly to the lot line or street right-of-way line. Setbacks are designated by a front setback requirement, side setback requirements, and a rear setback requirement. Provisions for setbacks for accessory structures are made in each respective district below, or in Section 7: Permissible Uses and Standards, of the UDO for each respective use. It is understood, for the purpose of calculating setback requirements and yards, three configurations of lots exist: interior lots, corner lots, and through lots. A lot which abuts a cul-de-sac street design, featuring a radial primary street yard, shall measure its primary street setback at the point in which the side and front lot lines would have met without rounding.
- 1. Interior Lot.** A lot bounded by a street on only one side. For the purpose of setbacks and yards, the street yard shall be recognized as the primary (i.e. front) yard. An interior lot shall have one primary front yard, two side yards, and one rear yard. Orientation of the home, driveway and entrances shall be required respective of the primary front yard.

Figure 5.1.xx. Setback – Interior Lot



2. **Corner Lot.** A lot which abuts two or more streets, other than an alley or easement. Each corner lot shall be required, either on its plat or building permit for new home, to designate its primary front yard, which shall dictate its front setback requirement. Orientation of the home, driveways and entrances on the lot shall be required respective of the primary front yard, but may also be permitted on a non-primary front yard. Additional side yard setbacks may be required for corner lots.

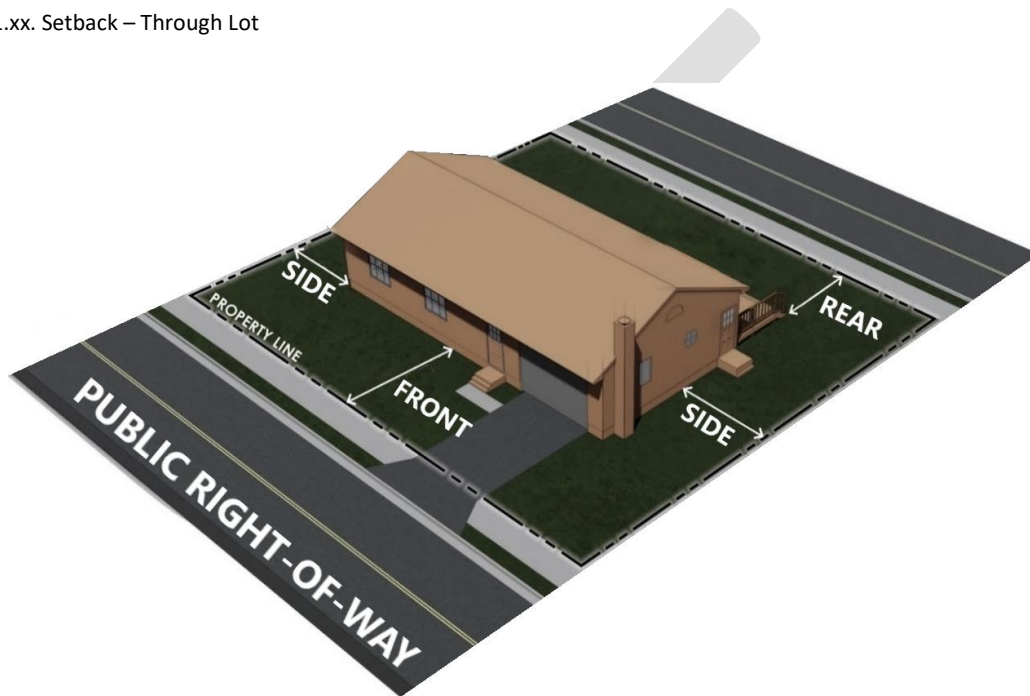
Figure 5.1.x. Corner Lot



3. **Through Lot.** A lot which has frontage on two parallel streets. Each through lot shall be required to designate its primary front yard, which shall dictate its front

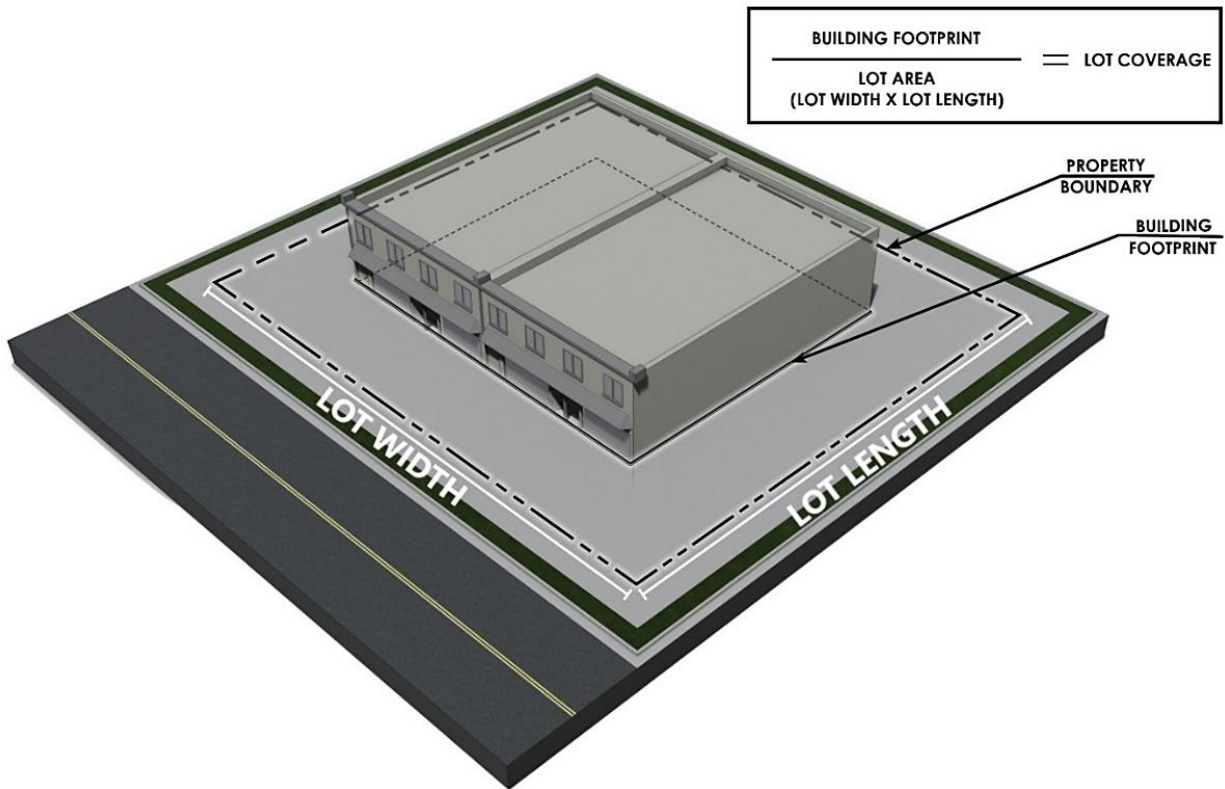
setback requirements. Orientation of the house, driveways and entrances on the lot shall be required in the primary front yard and may not be permitted on a non-primary front yard. Additional side or rear yard setbacks may be required for a through lot. If one of the streets is designated as a local street or alleyway, garage access may be permitted from the local street or alleyway.

Figure 5.1.xx. Setback – Through Lot



- C. **Lot Measurements.** Lot requirements shall include the following terms defined:
- A. **Lot.** Lots are parcels of land, either vacant or occupied intended as a unit for the purpose, whether immediate or for the future, of transfer of ownership or possession or for development.
  - B. **Lot Width.** Lot width is the distance between the side lot lines (generally running perpendicular to a street) measured at the primary street property line along a straight line or along the chord of the property line.
  - C. **Lot Length.** Lot length is the distance between the front and rear property lines measured along a line midway between the side property lines.
  - D. **Coverage.** Lot coverage is the minimum and maximum area of a lot that is permitted to be covered by roofed structures. Lot coverage does not include paved areas such as parking lots, driveways or pedestrian walkways.

Figure 5.1.xx.7. Lot Measurements

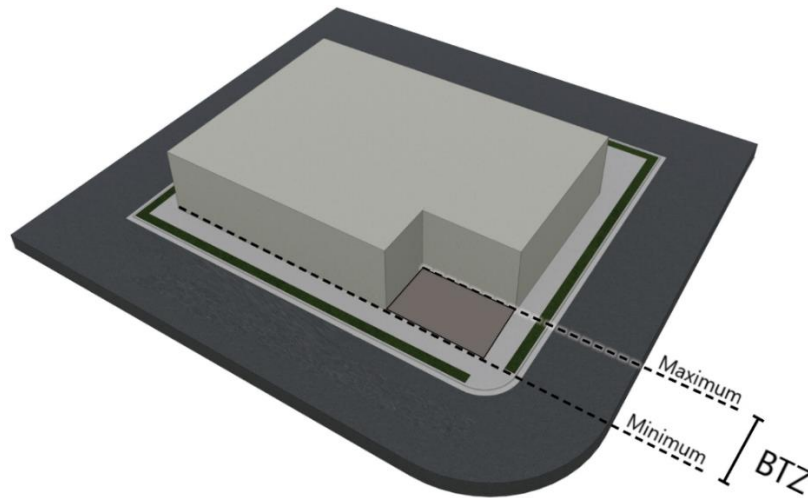


**D. Equipment Considerations.** Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment (including air-conditioning and pool equipment) are exempt from side and rear yard requirements, but shall not be located any closer than three (3) feet from the property line.

**E. Building Placement.**

1. Each mixed-use zoning district shall define standards for building placement in the form of a Build-To Zone (BTZ).
2. The BTZ shall include a range of distances, expressed as a minimum and maximum setback, and is defined as the range at which construction of a building façade is to occur on the lot.
3. The BTZ runs parallel to the property line, ensuring a uniform building façade along the street.
4. The BTZ shall include a front/street, side, and rear measurement requirements.

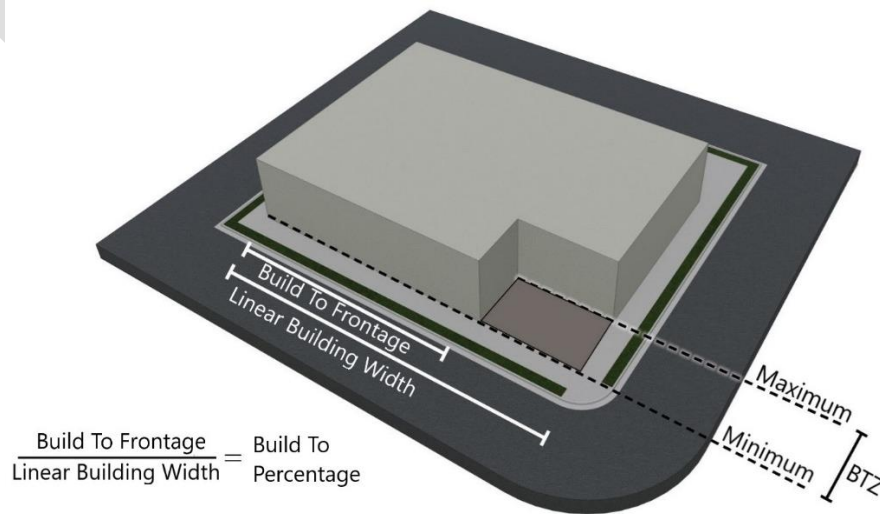
Figure 5.1.xx.8 Building Placement



F. **Frontage.** Frontage, also referred to as the Build To Percentage Requirement, defines the percentage of the width of the building in relationship to the width of the lot. Frontage dictates what percentage of the linear distance of the building facade that must be located along the lot width.

1. **Active Use Areas.** *Active Use Areas* are defined as those areas along a frontage that provide for active uses such as a forecourt, courtyards, opportunities for outdoor dining, merchandise display, and/or shared gardens. Active use areas are encouraged and may be used to achieve frontage requirements. See Section XX: Pedestrian Considerations and XX: Open Space Standards for additional standards for active use areas.

Figure 5.1.xx.9. Frontage





## 5.2. SIGNS

### 5.2.1. PURPOSE, INTENT, AND APPLICABILITY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The provisions of this section shall govern all signs within the City, as applicable. The erection and maintenance of signs is controlled and regulated to promote health, safety, welfare, convenience, and the design standards provide an overall sense of aesthetics. Any sign not expressly permitted or exempted in this UDO is prohibited. This section intends to:
1. Encourage effective use of signs as a means of communication for businesses, organizations, and individuals in the City while preserving the rights of free speech under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;
  2. Enhance property values and aesthetics of land and structures by promoting high quality designs;
  3. Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety;
  4. Minimize adverse effects of signs on nearby properties and rights-of-way; and
  5. Enable the consistent enforcement of these sign regulations.
- B. **Applicability.** The provisions of this section shall govern all signs within the City. No sign shall be altered, replaced, converted, changed, or modified except in accordance with the requirements of this UDO, unless exempted in accordance with Section 5.2.8 below. Specific standards for overlays may also be required. See Section 3: Overlays.
- C. **Non-Commercial Copy Substitution.** Non-commercial copy may be substituted for commercial copy on any sign that is otherwise permitted in this section.

### 5.2.2. GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS

- A. **Signage Plan.** Signage plans, as may be required, intend to allow an orderly process to provide for signs which are integrated and contextually designed to enhance the buildings and site which they occupy. Signage plans are required for all multi-tenant complexes, in any district, including multi-family and manufactured/mobile home parks. The signage plan shall specify:
1. Number of signs;
  2. General location of signs for freestanding signs and building signs;

3. Types of signs;
  4. Material components of proposed sign structures and sign surfaces;
  5. Height and size of signs using the standards defined in this section;
  6. Style and color of proposed signs, including illustrations of style and color pallet for all signs;
  7. Accessory/ornamental structures or fences/walls in which a sign may be placed (if applicable); and
  8. Typical landscaping for freestanding signs.
- B. Location.** Types of signs authorized by this section are permitted in zoning districts as provided in Section 5.2.5: Permitted Signs By Zoning District.
1. No sign structure shall obstruct any cross-visibility area or traffic control device.
  2. In the sight triangle, no freestanding sign may exceed 30 inches in height above the established grade of the street property line.
  3. No sign structure shall be within ten (10) feet of utility easements and/or overhead power lines.
- C. General Sign Design Standards.**
1. Signs shall be, or appear to be, constructed of stone, masonry, metal, ceramic, glass, plastic, or, wood and shall utilize similar architectural styles and treatments to the primary structure. Signs within overlays shall be subject to additional standards including architectural styles, treatments/finishes, color(s), location, and size. Refer to Section 3 Overlays for additional standards.
  2. Fluorescent colors except where part of a logo, trademark or similar, are prohibited.
  3. All signs shall be erected in compliance with building, electrical, and fire codes, and shall comply with the standards below:
    - a. Supports and braces shall be designed as an integral part of the sign structure and be hidden from public view to the extent technically feasible.
    - b. Audio components are prohibited as part of any sign with the exception of drive-through menu signs.
    - c. Signs shall be securely fastened per building code requirements so that the sign cannot moved by wind or other forces of nature and cause injury to persons or property.

4. Audio components or speakers are prohibited as part of any sign, except drive-through signs.
5. External Illumination.
  - a. Only stationary and shielded light sources directed solely onto the sign are permitted.
  - b. External illumination shall not shine or provide glare directly on rights-of-way or adjacent residential uses.
  - c. Flashing and intermittent lights are prohibited. Window signs, interior tube lighting along windows, or signs within an establishment below four (4) square feet are exempted from this requirement.
  - d. Outline, strip lighting, and neon tube lighting on the exterior of sign structures are not permitted.
6. Internal Illumination.
  - a. Only illumination with a designation of “white” or “daylite” shall be emitted.
  - b. Poles and other supporting structures shall not be internally illuminated.
7. Illumination in signs shall not impair the vision of motor vehicle drivers.
8. Signs shall not exceed 0.2 footcandles at the property line.

**D. Freestanding Signs.**

1. Freestanding signs shall include the street address number of the property/site.
2. Freestanding signs shall not be placed within two-hundred (200) feet of an existing freestanding sign.
3. Freestanding signs shall maintain a five (5) foot setback from all public rights of way except as noted above in 5.2.2.B above.

**E. Landscaping.** Freestanding signs shall, to the extent practicable, be placed in a landscaped setting appropriate to the size and scale of the sign, and character of the site.

1. In no case shall the planted area be less than twenty-five (25) square feet, unless restricted by the amount or size of land upon which the sign is situated that is owned or controlled by the applicant.
2. The planted landscape area shall contain materials such as, but not limited to: vegetative freestanding covers, perennials, shrubs, ornamental



trees and mulch, but excluding paving and artificial plant materials.

**F. Public Rights-of-Way.** Signs are prohibited within any public right-of-way except where the responsible entity provides, in writing, that such encroachment is permitted pursuant to its regular procedures for reviewing and approving encroachments within public rights-of-way. No signs, other than the exempted signs below, may be placed in the rights-of-way:

1. Regulatory signage erected by the City of Greer;
2. Traffic control signs;
3. Signage erected by SCDOT; and
4. At work signs or emergency signage erected by a governmental agency, utility, or contractor performing permitted work.

Applicants shall provide the City with evidence of such encroachment agreement or license prior to issuance of any permit. Signs erected in violation of this section are subject to removal by the governmental authority having control of such right-of-way

**G. Drive-Through Signs.** For each parcel with a lawful, permitted use that utilizes a drive-through lane, a maximum two (2) drive-through menu signs shall be allowed for each drive-through lane and shown on the signage plan.

1. Each allowed drive-through sign may be either a freestanding monument sign or an attached sign and shall not exceed forty-two (42) square feet in sign area.
2. Drive-through signs shall be in addition to the freestanding and attached signage otherwise allowed pursuant to the other provisions of this section.

**H. Changeable Copy/Electronic Message Board Signs.** Changeable copy and/or electronic message board signs are permitted only on monument signs, wall signs, and drive-through signs. Changeable copy shall comply with the following standards:

1. Up to fifty (50) percent of the permitted sign area of the monument and wall signs may be used for changeable copy. The sign area dedicated for changeable copy shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and shall not contain more than four (4) lines of copy.
2. Video, animated, scrolling or moving changeable electronic variable messages are not permitted. This provision shall not restrict the copy from changing from one message to another.
3. Period of time between each copy or message shall be a minimum ten (10) seconds.

- I. **Temporary Signs.** As defined in Section 8: General Definitions, except where otherwise regulated, temporary signs may be permitted in any district for a maximum thirty (30) days. Temporary signs shall be limited to six (6) square feet.
- J. **Painted Art and Murals.** Murals and painted art shall comply with the following standards:
  - 1. Painted art or printed murals are not considered signage so long as it does not incorporate a tradename, trademark or name of the establishment in the art.
  - 2. If painted art or printed murals contain tradenames, trademarks or the name of the establishment in the art, it shall be considered a sign and shall meet the standards of this section and require a sign permit.
  - 3. All painted art and murals, regardless of whether or not they are considered a sign, shall be regularly maintained, cleaned and refurbished so the art or mural remains visible and consistent with its approved design.
- K. **Maintenance.**
  - 1. All signs must be maintained to retain structural integrity and shall be maintained in their approved, permitted state.
  - 2. Repainting of or cleaning a sign shall not require a permit and shall be considered maintenance.
  - 3. Replacement of an existing sign face (to the same existing size and specifications, like for like) shall require a permit and shall be considered maintenance.
  - 4. A sign which is abandoned or that is not properly maintained, shall be removed after due notice is given by the City.
- L. **Nonconforming Signs.**
  - 1. Normal maintenance of nonconforming signs, including repainting or cleaning of the sign face shall not be considered an alteration or require a permit.
  - 2. Maintenance of nonconforming signs, including the replacing of the sign face (to the same existing size and specifications, like for like) shall require a permit.
  - 3. Changes to the structure of the sign or size of the sign shall constitute an alteration of the nonconforming sign.
  - 4. Any nonconforming sign structure which is moved or altered must be

brought up to the standards of this section.

### 5.2.3. CALCULATION OF SIGN AREA AND SIGN HEIGHT

- A. **Calculating Sign Area.** The area of a sign shall include all lettering, wording, designs and symbols, together with the background, whether open or enclosed, on which they are displayed. The supporting structure or bracing of a sign shall be omitted in measuring the area of the sign unless such structure or bracing is made part of the message or face of the sign. Calculating sign area shall comply with the following standards below:
1. Where a sign consists of individual letters, words or symbols attached to a building, canopy, awning or wall and all such elements are located in the same plane, the sign area shall be the area of the smallest rectangle which completely encompasses all such letters, words or symbols and any accompanying background of a color different than the natural color of the wall. Where such sign includes multiple words, each word located in the same plane shall be computed separately.
  2. Channel letter signs, mounted logos, and similar devices are treated differently than signs in cabinets. The wall area between multiple elements does not count as sign area.
  3. The area for a sign with more than one face shall be computed by adding together the area of all sign faces, except where the angle at which the two sign faces are placed does not exceed sixty (60) degrees.
  4. The entire surface area of a multitenant sign that depicts the names of the individual tenants shall count toward the total aggregate area of the sign.

Figure 5.2.3.1. Sign Area Calculation

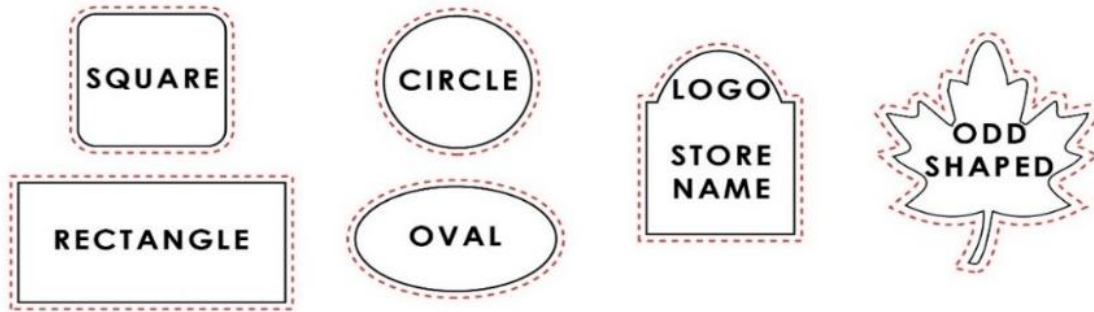
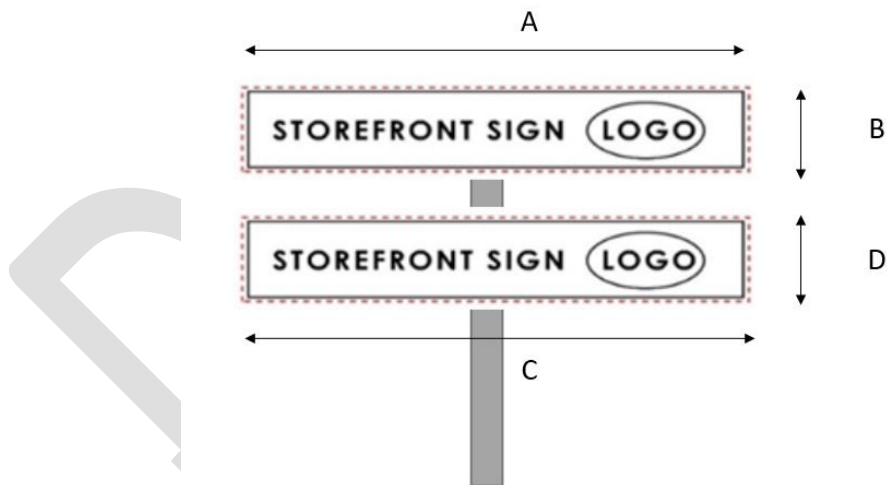
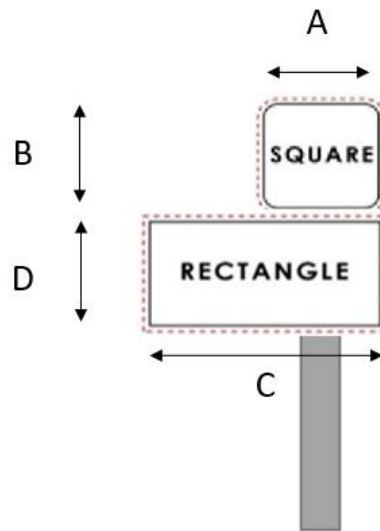


Figure 5.2.3.2 Sign Area Calculation for Multiple Signs on Single Pole Illustration



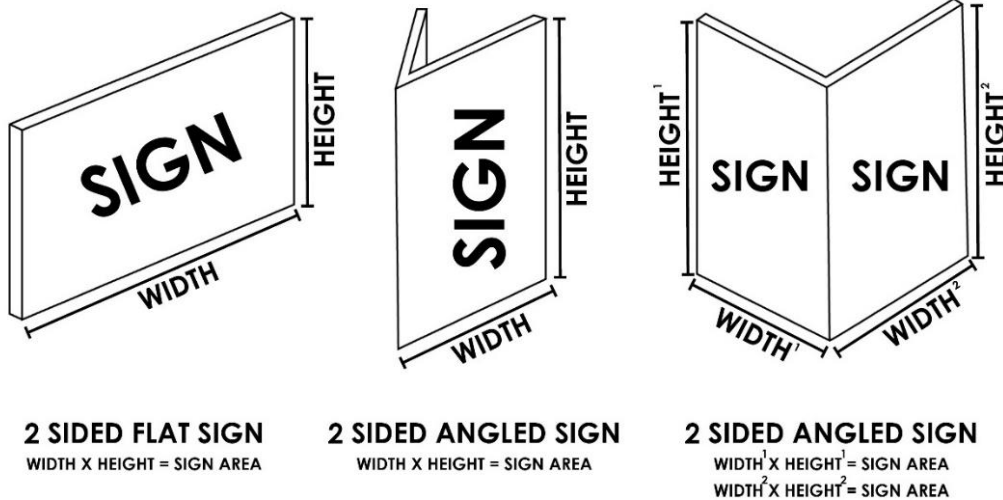
Total Sign Surface Area =  
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Figure 5.2.3.3 Sign Area Calculation for Multiple Signs on Single Pole Illustration



Total Sign Surface Area =  
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Figure 5.2.3.4 Multiple Faces on a Sign Illustration

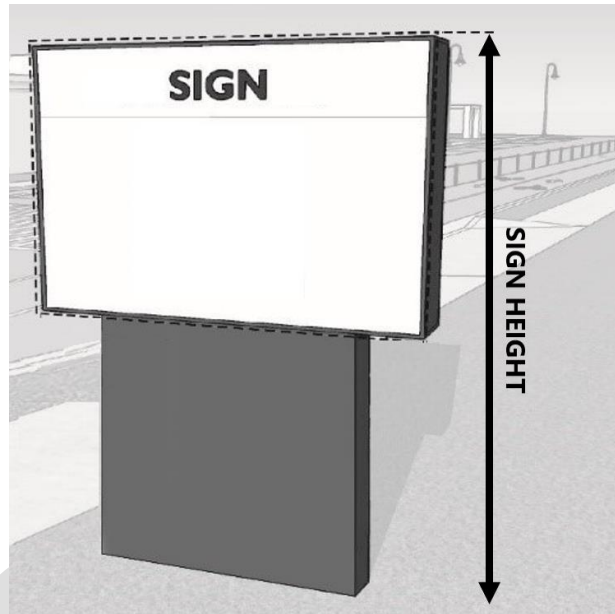


## B. Sign Height and Clearance.

1. Sign height shall be measured as the vertical distance from the base of a

- sign (or sign structure) to the highest point of the sign (or sign structure) including any appurtenances or architectural features (see Figure 5.2.3.2).
2. Sign clearance for signs attached to a structure shall be measured vertically from the sidewalk level to the lowest point of the sign.

Figure 5.2.5.3. Sign Height Illustration



#### 5.2.4. PERMITTED SIGN AREA AND NUMBER OF SIGNS

- A. **Building Signs.** Building signs include wall, window, canopy/awning, and projecting/blade signs. For the purposes of this section, the maximum area of all building signs shall not exceed the standards below. Additional specific standards are required for each sign type per Section 5.2.6: Sign Type Specific Standards
  1. **Residential Districts.** All permitted building signs in residential districts shall not exceed the standards below:
    - a. Building signs for permitted uses in residential districts shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in sign area.
  2. **Non-Residential Districts.** All permitted building signs in non-residential districts shall not exceed the standards in Table 5.2.4. Additional specific standards are required for each sign type per Section 5.2.6: Sign Type

Specific Standards.

Table 5.2.4. Non-Residential Building Sign

Length of Building or Tenant Space (Requires Public Entrance)	Sign Area Per Building/Tenant Frontage
Up to 100 linear feet of building frontage (single use or multitenant)	Eight (8) percent of the facade not to exceed 200 square feet in total
101 to 200 more linear feet of building frontage (single use or multitenant)	Twelve (12) percent of the facade not to exceed 200 SF total
For freestanding single tenant buildings in excess of 50,000 square feet	Fifteen (15) percent of the facade or 500 SF whichever is less

**B. Freestanding Signs.** Freestanding signs include monument and subdivision signs as defined in this section. Freestanding signs shall comply with the size standards below. Additional specific standards are required for each sign type per Section 5.2.6: Sign Type Specific Standards.

**1. Residential Districts.**

- a. Freestanding signs shall be limited to eight (8) square feet on residential single-family lots and a maximum thirty-two (32) square feet on all other lots.
- b. Freestanding signs shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) feet in height.
- c. Community/subdivision signs are excluded from this standard and shall comply with the standards in Section 5.2.6: Sign Type Specific Standards.

**2. Non-Residential Districts**

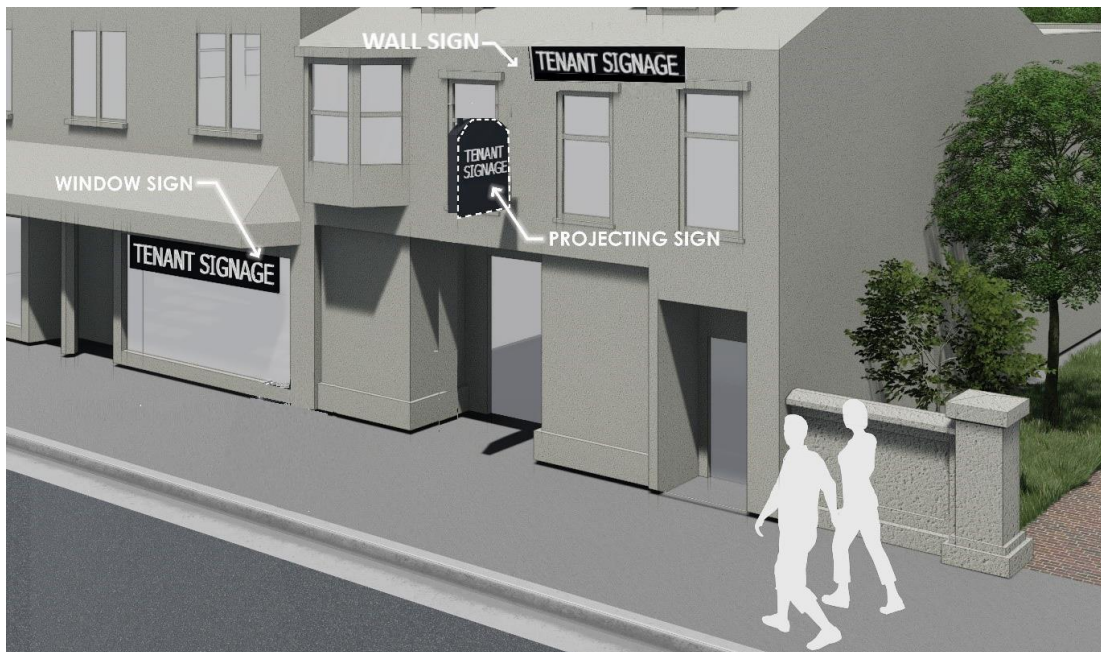


- a. Freestanding signs shall comply with the specific standards in Section 5.2.6: Sign Type Specific Standards.

C. **Total Number of Signs.** A tenant/business is permitted a maximum number of signs as identified below. A tenant/business shall be defined as an owner or lease holder of the individual building/unit within a building.

1. **Building Signs.** A total of three (3) building signs may be permitted per tenant/business. Such signs shall be permitted only on a building frontage along a public or private roadway, or along a parking lot serving the building.

Figure 5.2.4. Illustrative Example of Building Signs



- a. **More Than One Street Frontage.** For buildings with more than one (1) street frontage, the total maximum area of building signs shall be based only on the linear feet of the building frontage or tenant space fronting along the primary frontage which includes a public entrance.
- b. **Local Road.** Building signs may be placed on the portion of the tenant/building space fronting a local road only when that building frontage includes a public entrance.



2. **Freestanding Signs.** A maximum of three (3) freestanding signs are permitted per development, subject to the specific standards for the type of freestanding sign per Section 5.2.6: Sign Type Specific Standards.

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### 5.2.5. PERMITTED SIGNS BY ZONING DISTRICT


A. **Permitted Signs.** Signs subject to the standards of this section are permitted in zoning districts per Table 5.2.5.

Table 5.2.5. Permitted Sign Types By Zoning District

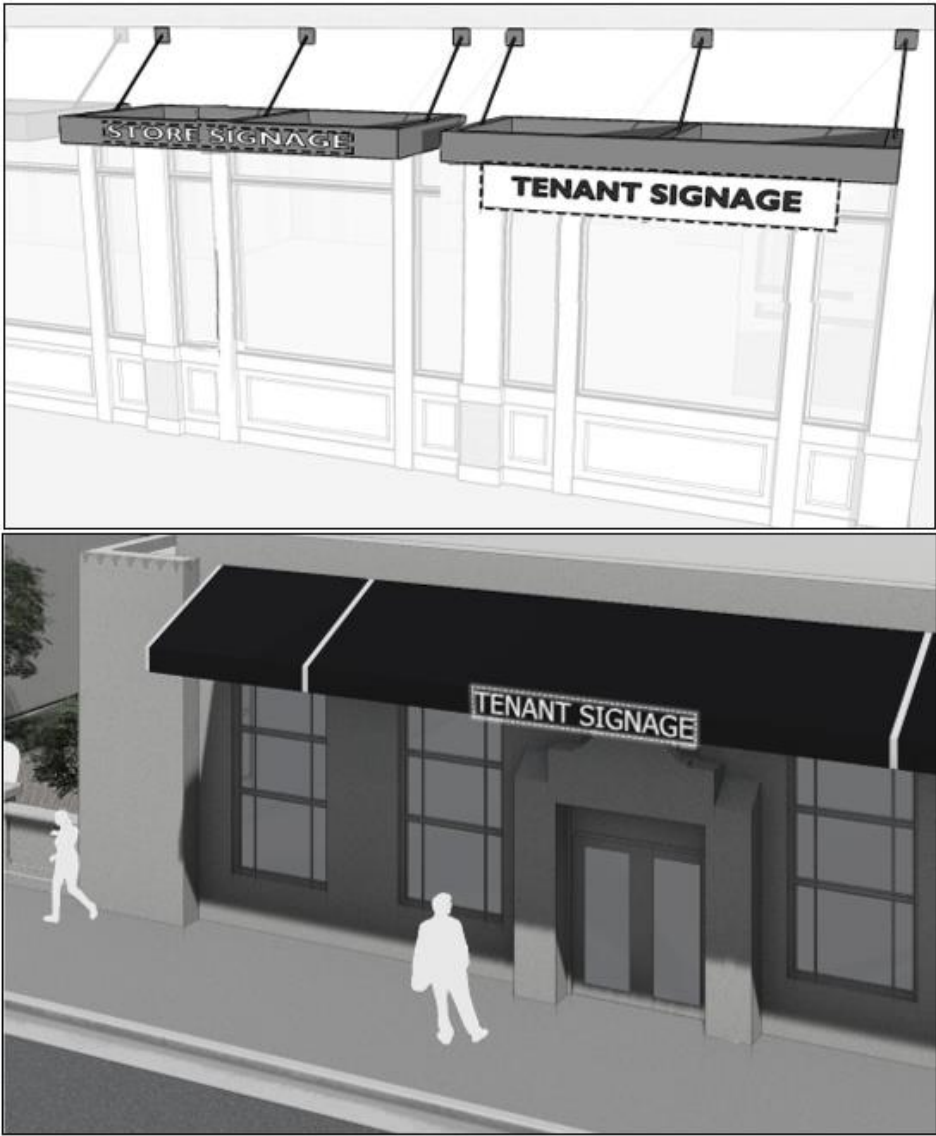
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		RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)	SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (SN)	TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD (TN)	MEDIUM DENSITY (MD)	HIGH DENSITY (HD)		OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (OP)	COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG)	MIXED EMPLOYMENT (ME)	MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS (ML)		GREER STATION DOWNTOWN (GS)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (NC)	REGIONAL CENTER (RC)	COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (CC)		
PERMITTED SIGNS	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS						NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS					MIXED-USE DISTRICTS						
BUILDING SIGNS																		
Wall		P	P	P	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Canopy/Awning		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P		X	X	X	X	X	P
Projecting		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	P	P	P
FREESTANDING																		
Monument		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	X		X	X	P	P	P	P
Subdivision		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Pole/Pylon		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	P	X		P	P	X	X	X	P
OTHER SIGNS																		
Sidewalk		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Window		X	X	X	X	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	X	X	P

## 5.2.6. SIGN TYPE SPECIFIC STANDARDS

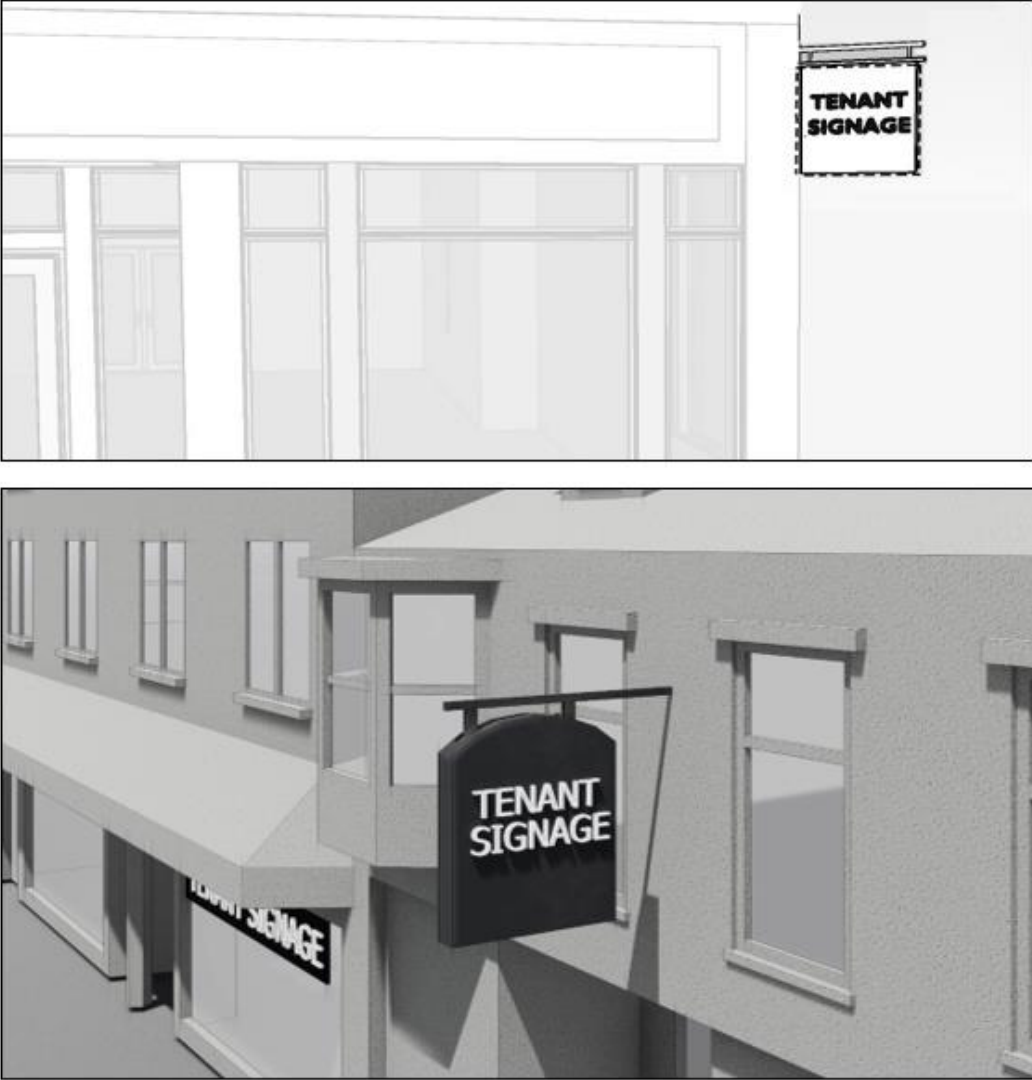
### A. Wall Signs

	
<b>A. Definition</b>	Wall signs are an on-premise sign, attached directly to a building wall above the entrance. A wall sign may include murals conveying the name of a business or a commercial message. A sign permit is required.
<b>B. Location</b>	Directly above entrance, located on the supporting building wall.
<b>C. Specific Standards</b>	<p>Wall signs are limited to one (1) per facade, per building tenant.</p> <p>Wall signs shall not be placed on a wall that does not face a public street or parking area.</p> <p>A maximum three (3) complimenting colors may be permitted per wall sign.</p> <p>May not extend above any parapet wall or roof line more than twelve (12) inches.</p> <p>May not project more than twelve (12) inches from the building face.</p> <p>Sign materials shall be of similar style and compliment the building facade material.</p>

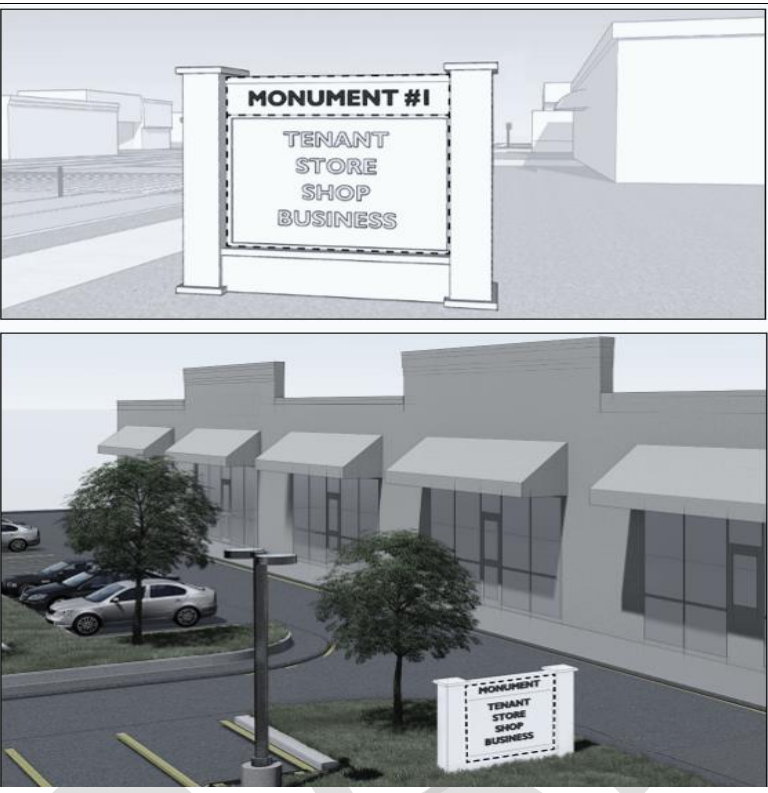
## B. Canopy/Awning Sign

	
<b>A. Definition</b>	A canopy/awning sign is a canopy/awning that is attached to and extends from the building, with attached signage. A sign permit is required.
<b>B. Location</b>	Canopy/awning signs shall have a minimum clearance of ten (10) feet from the surface below and a maximum height of four (4) feet above the clearance.
<b>C. Specific Standards</b>	<p>Signs may not extend outside the overall length or width of a canopy/awning or extend above the height of the building wall to which the canopy/awning is attached.</p> <p>Sign materials shall be of similar style and compliment building facade material.</p> <p>Only awnings on the first story may contain signs.</p>

### C. Projecting Sign


	
<b>A. Definition</b>	<p>A projecting sign is a sign that is attached directly to a supporting building wall and intersects the building wall at a right angle.</p> <p>A projecting sign typically extends more than one (1) foot from the building wall. The sign may be flat or three -dimensional. A sign permit is required.</p>
<b>B. Location</b>	<p>One (1) sign per tenant, maximum. Projecting signs on multi-tenant building shall be evenly, horizontally distributed along the façade of the building.</p>
<b>C. Specific Standards</b>	<p>No projecting sign is allowed to extend above the roof line or the parapet wall.</p> <p>Buildings with two (2) or more stories may not have a projecting sign located higher than the second story or twenty-four (24) feet, whichever is less.</p>

## D. Monument Sign

	
<b>A. Definition</b>	A monument sign is a freestanding sign with a supporting structure with columns on the ends of the sign. A sign permit is required.
<b>B. Size Standards</b>	<p>Sign Width: Maximum eight (8) feet, excluding support structures, columns or decorative features without a sign face. Primary signs of multi-tenant projects/developments may be permitted a maximum fifteen (15) feet in width. Secondary signs of multi-tenant projects/developments may be permitted a maximum twelve (12) feet in width of.</p> <p>Sign Height: Maximum twelve (12) feet, including support structures, columns or other features including sign face. A development over 100,000 square feet may be permitted a maximum fifteen (15) feet in height sign as part of a site plan.</p> <p>Sign Area: For projects/developments up to five (5) acres, a maximum fifty (50) square feet (single tenant) and one-hundred (100) square feet (multi-tenant). For projects/developments five (5) acres or greater, a maximum one-hundred (100) square feet (single tenant) and two-hundred (200) square feet (multi-tenant). The sign area per sign of multi-tenant projects/developments may be calculated collectively to allow for the sign area to be proportionate to the area of the site occupied by each tenant.</p>
<b>C. Location</b>	Projects/developments up to five (5) acres: One (1) primary sign and one (1) secondary sign. Projects/developments 5.0 acres or greater: One (1) primary

	sign and one (1) secondary sign per driveway/location from the public roadway, up to three (3) secondary signs maximum (total).
<b>D. Specific Standards</b>	Multi-tenant projects/developments with more than two tenants may not exceed the maximum number of signs or sign types as stated in 5.2.6.D.C.

## E. Subdivision Sign

	
<b>A. Definition</b>	Subdivision signs are a freestanding sign identifying entry to a neighborhood or a subdivision. A sign permit is required.
<b>B. Size Standards</b>	<p>Maximum Sign Width: Maximum twenty-five (25), excluding support structures, columns or decorative features without a sign face.</p> <p>Maximum Sign Height: Maximum eight (8), including support structures, columns or other features including sign face.</p> <p>Maximum Sign Area: For projects/developments up to five (5) acres, a maximum fifty (50) square feet (single tenant). For Projects/developments five (5) acres or greater, a maximum one-hundred (100) square feet (single tenant).</p>
<b>C. Location</b>	Two (2) signs per entrance, maximum.
<b>D. Specific Standards</b>	Subdivision signs may be placed on a subdivision wall or fence provided that no part of the wall or fence exceeds six (6) feet in height.



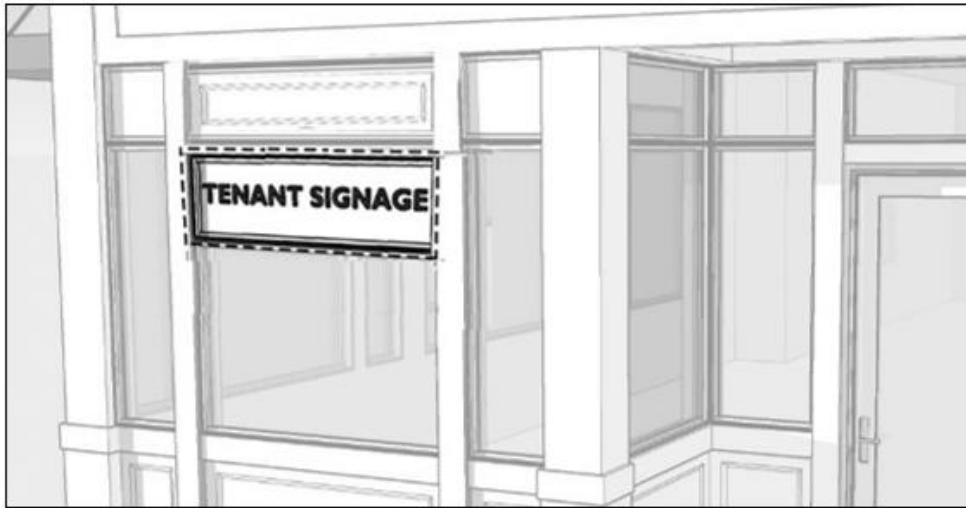
## F. Sidewalk/A-Frame Sign



<b>A. Description</b>	A sidewalk sign (also commonly referred to as a sandwich board or A-Frame) is a sign dedicated for the display of a message on a sidewalk in front of a business. A sign permit is not required.
<b>B. Size</b>	Sign Text Area: Maximum eight (8) square feet per side. Sign Width: Maximum two (2) feet. Sign Height: Maximum four (4) feet.
<b>C. Location</b>	Each business is limited to one sidewalk sign, located only in front of the building entrance. A sidewalk sign may not be placed so as to obstruct the normal flow of pedestrian traffic.


## G. Window Sign





<b>A. Description</b>	A window sign is a sign attached flat, but parallel, to the inside of a window, or within twelve (12) inches of the inside of the window. A sign permit is not required.
<b>B. Size</b>	Sign Area: Maximum thirty (30) percent of all windows may be covered by a window sign.
<b>C. Location</b>	Window signs may only be placed on first floor windows of buildings with street frontage.

#### H. Pole/Pylon Sign

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<b>A. Definition</b>	A pole/pylon sign is a detached sign supported by one (1) centered pole structure or two (2) supporting poles structure on the ends of the sign. A sign permit is required.
<b>B. Size Standards</b>	Sign Width: Maximum eight (8) feet, excluding support structures, columns or decorative features without a sign face. Sign Height: Maximum six (6) feet, excluding support structures, columns, or decorative features without a sign face.
<b>C. Location</b>	Pole/pylon signs shall have a minimum clearance of fourteen (14) feet from the surface below and a maximum height of six (6) feet above the clearance.
<b>D. Specific Standards</b>	Sign materials shall be of similar style and compliment building facade material.

### 5.2.7. PROHIBITED SIGNS

A. **Types of Prohibited Signs.** The following signs and sign-types are prohibited within the City and shall not be erected. Any lawfully existing permanent sign or sign-type that is among the prohibited signs and sign-types listed below shall be deemed a nonconforming sign. Prohibited signs include:

1. Signs prohibited by Federal or State law.
2. Signs that emit sound (except for drive-through signs), vapor, smoke, odor, particles or gaseous matter.
3. Revolving signs, flashing signs, inflatable signs, and wind signs.
4. Portable signs, except for human held signs, which are exempt from this section.
5. Roof signs.
6. Any sign located on real property without the permission of the property owner.
7. Signs within landscaped areas.
8. Off-premise signs that advertises goods provided on a different lot, tract, or site from where the sign is located. This provision shall not apply to neighborhood/subdivision signs. Billboards and outdoor advertising are not permitted but may continue as a nonconforming use. Billboards and outdoor advertising are required to be consistent with the South Carolina Highway Advertising Control Act.

### 5.2.8. EXEMPT SIGNS

A. **Types of Exempt Signs.** The following signs are permitted and may be erected in any zoning district (unless explicitly prohibited elsewhere in the UDO) without securing a permit. Exempt signs shall comply with all general sign standards. Exempt signs include:

1. Signs required by Federal, State, or local laws, ordinances, codes, or regulations.
2. Any sign integrated into or on an ATM, coin-operated machine, gasoline pump, vending machine, mailboxes, ice containers, or similar equipment or machine.
3. Street address signs.
4. Identification signs at the entrance of the property limited to three (3) square feet in area.

5. Signs inside a building or structure
  6. On-site directional signs not exceeding three (3) square feet in sign area and three (3) feet in height.
  7. On-site parking space signs not exceeding one (1) square foot of sign face per sign. One such sign shall be allowed for each parking space on the property.
  8. Government signs located in public right-of-way.
  9. Flagpoles and flags; Flagpoles shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height in residential districts, thirty (35) feet in nonresidential districts.
  10. Signage on fence wraps affixed to perimeter fencing at a construction site.
  11. Signs, lights, figurines, and decorations that are temporarily displayed for a maximum of sixty (60) days at a time, three (3) times a year. Maximum four (4) square feet for any sign.
  12. Human held signs that do not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
  13. Additional exemptions for residential uses:
    - a. No internal or external lighting of the sign is permitted.
    - b. Up to six (6) square feet of signage placed in a window or in a yard.
    - c. An additional six (6) square feet of signage may be placed in a window or in a yard:
      - i. Beginning forty-five (45) days before, and ending five (5) days after, a Federal, State, or local government election;
      - ii. While the property where the sign is located is offered for sale or rent; or
      - iii. Beginning three (3) days before, and ending one day after, a garage or yard sale.
- B. Standards for Exempt Signs.** Except for government signs, exempt signs may not be closer than five (5) feet front the front lot line. No sign may be closer than five (5) feet from any driveway, curb or edge of pavement. Signs which become visibly damaged must be removed.

## 5.3. LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, SCREENING, AND OPEN SPACE

### 5.3.1. LANDSCAPING

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to establish the minimum standards for landscaping within the city. The standards identified in this section intend to:

1. Reduce excessive heat, glare, and accumulation of dust;
2. Lessen visual pollution;
3. Ensure landscaped yards and screening that reduce the negative impacts of visual nuisances, noise, trash, and odors;
4. Enhance the appearance of buildings, parking areas, and sites by requiring landscaping;
5. Allow for innovative, cost-effective, and conservation friendly designs;
6. Aid in stabilizing the environment's ecological balance by contributing to air purification, oxygen regeneration, and limiting stormwater runoff;
7. Safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare; and
8. Ensure that the appearance of the city contributes positively to its growth, economic prosperity, and long-term wellbeing.

B. **Applicability.** All new development shall comply with the standards of this section.

1. **Repair or Renovation.** A building may be repaired or renovated without meeting the requirements of this section, provided there is no increase in gross floor area.
2. **Minor Site Change.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by five (5) percent or twenty (20) parking spaces, whichever is less, required landscaping is required only for the additional floor area or improved site area. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.
3. **Major Site Change.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by greater than five (5) percent or twenty (20) parking spaces, both the additional area and existing area must conform

to the landscaping standards in this UDO. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.

4. **Change in Use.** A change in principal use shall not require compliance with this section, unless explicitly stated otherwise in this UDO.
5. **Exemptions.** The following are exempt from the standards of this section:

- a. Lighting for residential uses that are not part of a site plan or subdivision plan.

C. **Landscape Plan.** All applicable development shall submit and receive approval of a landscape plan (as part of it required site plan).. Species of trees and shrubs shall be chosen from the city's approved plant list. Preservation of existing vegetation is required per this section and can be used to meet requirements of this section where permitted. A landscape plan shall include, at minimum, the following:

1. Title of project;
2. Dimensions, scale, and north arrow;
3. All required open space shown on the plan;
4. Existing vegetation with the botanical name and common name and estimated caliper of existing trees which are to be maintained or preserved for credit;
5. Indigenous or native vegetation;
6. All landscaped areas;
7. Vehicle use areas including parking, aisles, and driveways;
8. Roadways and access points;
9. Plant spacing;
10. Preservation plan;
11. Overhead and underground utilities; and
12. A tree and/or vegetative survey

D. **Alternative Landscaping Plan.** If due to unique topography, location of site features, or size of a parcel makes the strict compliance of this section impossible, the Planning Director may approve an alternative landscaping plan. The alternative landscaping plan shall include visual examples of the alternative landscaping proposed and comply with the following:

1. The alternative landscaping plan achieves landscaping that is consistent with the intent of this section;
2. Tree planting requirements are not reduced and no invasive vegetation is included in the alternative landscaping plan;
3. All tree protection requirements of this section are met; and
4. The alternative landscaping plan provides landscaping that is equal or superior to the standards of this section.

**E. Installation and Inspections.** Required landscaping shall comply with the following standards:

1. All required plant materials shall be installed in accordance with the approved landscape plan and requirements of this section before a certificate of occupancy is issued by the city.
2. If there are circumstances that would affect the installation of required plant material, or until the proper planting season is reached for installation of required plant material, a temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for a maximum one-hundred-eighty (180) days to complete the requirements of this section. In cases where a temporary certificate of occupancy is requested, the applicant shall provide a signed contract for the installation of all required landscape materials and a performance guarantee for the amount of the contract. In order to secure a final certificate of occupancy, the applicant shall provide a bond, letter of credit, or other surety in the amount of one-hundred-twenty-five (125) percent of the estimated cost of the proposed landscape installation, binding for one year and three months from the date of application for the certificate of occupancy, to be approved by the city as an acceptable surety for completion of the landscape work.
3. The city shall inspect landscaping prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy (unless a temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance has been granted). An as-built plan shall be provided to the city for landscaping improvements required per the site plan.

**F. General Landscaping Standards.**

1. **Plant Species.** All species of trees and shrubs used in required buffers shall be chosen from the city's suggested plant material list.



2. **Canopy Trees.** Canopy trees must be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height and two (2) inches in caliper at time of installation and reach an expected height of at least thirty (30) feet. If under overhead power lines, in lieu of any requirement for a canopy tree, two (2) understory trees may be planted.
3. **Understory Trees.** Understory trees must be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height and one and one-half (1.5) inch in caliper at time of installation.
4. **Shrubs.** Shrubs shall reach a minimum height of thirty (30) inches and spread of thirty (30) inches within three (3) years of planting. A required height of twenty-four (24) inches is required at planting.
5. **Minimum/Maximum Species Percentages.** When twenty (20) or more canopy or understory trees are required to be planted on a site to meet the standards of this UDO, a mix of species shall be provided as follows:

Table 5.3.X.

TOTAL TREES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPECIES REQUIRED	MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF ANY SPECIES
20 or less	1	Not applicable
21-50	2	60 percent
51-100	3	50 percent
101 or more	4	40 percent

6. **Fences/Walls.** All fences and walls are required to comply with the standards of Section 5.5: Fences, Walls, and Berms
7. **Stabilization.** All required landscaping shall be stabilized and maintained with vegetative cover or mulch. Vegetative cover shall be installed and utilized to minimize erosion on all slopes greater than fifteen (15) percent. Mulch material shall consist of shredded softwood or hardwood chips, oak leaves, brick chips, and similar items. Non-porous materials shall not be used as mulch. Mulch shall be placed to a minimum depth of two inches. Each tree must have a ring of mulch no less than 24 inches beyond its trunk, and no greater than its dripline, in all directions.
8. **Planters.** If a development provides planters, the following standards shall apply:
  - a. Planters shall be a minimum height of thirty (30) inches.



- b. Minimum height of plant material in the planter shall be six (6) inches at time of planting.
- c. Planters shall be constructed of masonry, stone, treated lumber, steel, aluminum, concrete, and similar durable and high quality materials. Other materials may be approved by the Planning Department.

9. **Multi-Phased Developments.** Multi-phased development shall install landscaping that is associated with the active phase or phases only, unless an alternative arrangement is otherwise agreed to. An active phase of a development is the one that is subject to permitted and on-going development activity.

10. **Easements.** Nothing shall be planted or installed within an underground or overhead utility or drainage easement without city approval and easement holder approval. All plant material shall minimize interference with overhead utility lines.

11. **Water Conservation.** The following water conservation standards shall be required for all landscaping:

- a. Irrigation systems shall be water efficient and utilize WaterSense standards as administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Irrigation systems shall be controlled with WaterSense approved irrigation controllers, meeting EPA criteria standards.
- b. Irrigation systems shall be operated by an automatic irrigation controller and/or timer, and with a rain sensor.
- c. All required irrigation systems must be designed to minimize the application of water to impervious areas.

G. **Maintenance Standards.** Maintenance of landscaping shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property (including Homeowner's Association, Property Owner's Association, or similar entity).

- 1. All landscaping, including landscaping used for buffers and screening purposes, shall be designed, and maintained according to sound landscape and horticultural practices. All plant material shall be maintained in an attractive and healthy condition. All plant material shall meet or exceed size and shape relationships specified in the latest edition

of The American Standard for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen

2. All fences/walls shall be maintained in the condition in which they were originally permitted (i.e. in good, clean condition).
3. Dead or diseased plant material shall be removed and replaced in accordance with this section. In instances where existing plant material has been disturbed or damaged, replacement of plant material shall comply with the below standards:
  - a. Any tree with a caliper of at least eight (8) inches shall be replaced with one (1) or more trees which have a caliper of at least two (2) and one-half (1/2) inches and a cumulative caliper equal to or greater than one half (1/2) of the original tree.

H. **Preservation Standards.** Preservation of existing vegetation is required per the standards of this section.

1. **Native.** Native vegetation (including trees) shall be preserved to the greatest extent possible.
2. **Existing Trees.** At least ten (10) percent of all existing trees on site shall be preserved, excluding non-native and invasive plants. If existing trees are preserved to meet buffer or interior planting requirements, then a reduction in new planting requirements shall be given. Existing trees shall be credited toward the landscaping and buffering requirements of this UDO as follows:

Table 5.3.X.

PRESERVED TREE	PLANTED TREE CREDIT
1 Tree (6"-12" DBH)	1 Planted Tree Credit
1 Tree (12"-20" DBH)	2 Planted Trees Credit
1 Tree (Over 20" DBH)	4 Planted Trees Credit
<b>Note:</b> Diseased, dead, pine trees, and invasive species cannot count toward tree credit. Any significant tree removed must be replaced with 1 unit/2" of caliper.	

3. **Significant Trees.** Significant trees, defined as trees at least twenty (20) inches diameter at breast height (DBH) and in good health, shall be tagged prior to any site clearance and be preserved if within required buffers or setback areas. In any case where a significant tree is removed from a required buffer or setback area, it shall be replaced with at least four (4) or more trees of similar species and size.
4. **Protected Trees.** Trees sixty (60) inches or greater DBH and in good health, regardless of location on site, must be preserved and shall not be removed.
5. **Preservation Fencing.** All vegetation that is to be preserved shall be enclosed with a sturdy and visible fence before grading begins for both site plans and subdivisions. This fence shall be located at a distance determined by the following formula: No less than one (1) foot from the tree trunk for each one (1) inch in tree diameter, maximum thirty (30) feet. For example, fencing is to be placed no less than ten (10) feet from a ten (10) inch caliper tree. All tree protection fencing must remain in place throughout the entire site development process until the time a certificate of occupancy is issued. In the case of subdivision development, tree protection fencing must remain in place until all units are completed (received certifications of occupancy) within any designated phase or plat.
6. **Critical Root Zone.** The critical root zone of each preserved tree must be within the protective yard. No tree disturbing activity is permitted within the critical root zone.
7. **Maintenance and Replacement.** The owner of the property shall be responsible for protecting and maintaining the plants in the designated preservation areas in a healthy, growing condition and for keeping the area free of refuse and debris. The owner of the property shall be responsible for replacing the vegetation if they are destroyed or substantially damaged with tree or trees of equal diameter at breast height. Replacement trees require a planting area of at least two-hundred (200) square feet.
8. **Preservation Plan.** A preservation plan shall be required as part of any landscaping plan. Preservation plans shall include and comply with the following standards:

- a. The preservation plan shall include a location plan and boundary line survey of the property.
- b. The preservation plan shall show the size, location, and species of trees.
- c. The preservation plan shall show the areas where trees, vegetation, and soils are to be protected and preserved and the areas where trees, vegetation, and soil are to be removed or modified. The plan shall graphically identify each tree to be saved or removed.
- d. The preservation plan shall demonstrate compliance with all vegetation preservation standards of this section.
- e. The preservation plan must show there will be no disturbances within critical root zones of trees. A critical root zone shall be protected from encroachment and damage. The preferred method is to restrict access by installing a barrier to keep materials, people, or equipment out of the critical root zone, as required in the preservation standards above. Barriers shall be accompanied by temporary signs labeling the critical root zone. The critical root zone area shall remain free of all building materials and debris.
- f. Once a preservation plan has been approved, no preserved tree shall be removed unless the city determines that there is no reasonable way the property can be otherwise developed, improved, or properly maintained, and the tree itself retained.

**I. Parking Area Landscaping Standards.**

1. **Accessibility.** Nothing in this section shall deny ADA accessibility within parking lots nor deny the placement of crosswalks and sidewalks through parking lots (including terminal islands, interior islands, and divider medians) required for pedestrian safety.
2. **Parking Terminal Islands Standards.** The following standard shall apply to all terminal islands within parking lots:
  - a. Each row of parking spaces shall end with terminal islands to separate parking from adjacent drive lanes.
  - b. Each terminal island shall measure at least two-hundred-seventy-five (275) square feet.

- c. Within terminal islands, one (1) canopy tree shall be required for every two-hundred (200) square feet (or fraction above one half thereof), with a minimum of one (1) canopy tree required per terminal island. Two (2) understory trees may be used to meet the requirement of this subsection.
- d. Terminal islands shall be landscaped with shrubs, accent plants, ornamental grasses, and ground cover, excluding sod, which is planted to provide one-hundred (100) percent coverage within two (2) years.
- e. Landscaping in islands adjacent to parking spaces shall be set back a minimum of two (2) feet behind the back of the curb to provide for pedestrian access to parked vehicles.
- f. Lighting may be installed in parking terminal islands.
- g. Parking areas not visible from the street, excluding alleys, shall not be required to install terminal islands.

Figure 5.3.X. Terminal Island Landscaping Illustrative Example

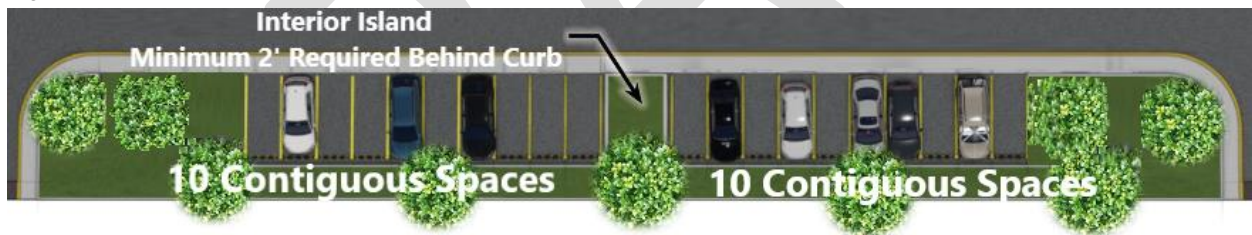


**3. Parking Interior Islands Standards.** The following standard shall apply to all interior islands:

- a. Interior islands shall be used to ensure there are no more than ten (10) contiguous parking spaces.
- b. Each interior island shall measure at least ten (8) feet in width by eighteen (18) feet in length, measured from the inside of the curb.

- c. The Planning Director may reduce the required width and/or length by up to three (3) feet where existing site constraints make compliance impracticable, or where such reduction will allow preservation of existing trees.
- d. Interior islands less than five (5) feet in width, measured from the inside of the curb, may be utilized but shall not be credited towards interior landscaping.
- e. Within interior islands, one canopy tree shall be required for every two-hundred (200) square feet (or fraction above one half thereof), with a minimum of one (1) tree required per interior island.
- f. Landscaping in islands adjacent to parking spaces shall be set back a minimum of two (2) feet behind the back of the curb to provide for pedestrian access to parked vehicles.
- g. Lighting may be installed in parking interior islands but shall be at least fifteen (15) feet from trees.

Figure 5.3.X.



- 4. **Parking Divider Medians Standards.** The following standard shall apply to all parking divider medians:
  - a. Landscaped divider medians shall form a continuous landscaped strip between abutting rows of parking areas or access drives.
  - b. The minimum width of a divider median shall be a minimum seven (7) feet, measured from the inside of the curb.
  - c. One (1) canopy tree or two (2) small understory trees shall be required for each thirty (30) linear feet of divider median (or fraction above one half thereof).



- d. Shrubs shall be planted in divider medians which separate parking areas from access drives to form a continuous hedge the full length of the divider median.
  - e. Lighting must be provided within divider median(s).
5. **Parking Perimeter Plantings.** Parking perimeter plantings shall be provided on the perimeter of all parking lots. Parking perimeter plantings shall comply with the following standards:
- a. Required plant material shall be placed adjacent to the perimeter of the parking area.
  - b. Parking perimeter plantings shall consist of a single continuous row of shrubs planted no greater than three (3) feet on-center and within five (5) feet of the parking lot edge and may also include trees.
  - c. Shrubs used for parking perimeter planting shall be of a minimum height of thirty (30) inches above grade within three years of planting. Shrubs may not exceed a height of four (4) feet and shall be pruned and maintained.
  - d. Where parking lots are adjacent on different lots, parking perimeter plantings or other forms of screening are not required along the common boundary between the two parking lots. This includes developments configured as a single, unified development.

Figure 5.3.X. Parking Landscaping Illustrative Example



**J. Landscaping Guidelines and Approved Plant Material.**

1. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to identify acceptable plant species for landscape, buffer, and screening requirements. Further, this section intends to optimize landscaped areas by approving:
  - a. Plant species that are suitable for the climate of the City of Greer, South Carolina area.
  - b. Plant species that are native or non-invasive, providing shelter and/or food to native wildlife species.
  - c. Plant species that are low maintenance by decreasing the need for irrigation and fertilizer.



Table 5.3.X.

Canopy (Large Shade) Trees		STREET	BUFFER
American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	X	X
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum		X
Chinese Elm	Ulmus parvifolia	X	
Cryptomeria	Cryptomeria japonica		X
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia beodar		X
Cedar	Cedrus deodara		X
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	X	
Japanese Zelkova	Zelkova serrata	X	
Japanese Pagoda	Styphnolobium japonica		
Little leaf Linden	Tilia cordata		
Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	X	X
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia		X
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	X	
River Birch	Betula nigra		
Schumard oak	Quercus schumardii	X	
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora		X
Tulip Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera		X
Water Oak	Quercus nigra	X	
White Ash	Fraxinus americana	X	
White Oak	Quercus alba		X
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos		X

Understory (Small/Medium) Trees		STREET	BUFFER
American Holly	Ilex opaca		X
Amur maple	Acer ginnala		X
Carolina Silverbell	Halesia Carolina		X
Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	X	
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis		X
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	X	
Golden raintree	Koelreuteria paniculata	X	
Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum		
Kousa Dogwood	Cornus kousa		X
Kwanzan Cherry	Prunus serrucata		X
Little Gem Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora 'little gem'		X
Pissard plum	Prunus cerasifera		X
Saucer Magnolia	Magnolia Soulangeana		X
Yoshino cherry	Prunus yedoensis		

SHRUBS		SCREEN	BUFFER
Azalea	Rhododendron obtusum		
Carissa Holly	Ilex cornuta 'Carissa'	X	X
Dwarf Boxwood	Buxus sempervirens	X	X
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria	X	X
Dwarf Buford Holly	Ilex cornuta 'bufordii'	X	X
Evergreen Euonymus	Euonymus japonicus	X	X
Glossy abelia	Linnaea x grandiflora	X	
Inkberry Holly	Ilex glabra	X	X
Japanese Holly	Ilex crenata	X	X
Leatherleaf Viburnum	Viburnum rhytidophyllum		X
Loropetalum	Loropetalum chinensis	X	X
Parson's Juniper	Juniperus chinensis 'Parsonii'		
Pittosporum	Pittosporum tobira		
Podocarpus	Podocarpus macrophyllus	X	X
Sweet viburnum	Viburnum odoratissimum	X	X
Tamarix Juniper	Juniperus sabina		

- Plant Diversity.** All developments shall provide a diverse plant palette to promote diverse habitats, fungus, and disease control, as well as enhance the

- city's natural aesthetic. In developments with multiple roadway alignments, tree species should vary from street to street.
2. **Planting Season.** It is recommended that all plant material be planted within the fall and/or spring growing seasons. If schedule or weather does not allow for the installation of the plant material within these windows, a temporary certificate of occupancy may be granted per this section.
  3. **Plant Material.** In no case shall a plant species which has been identified as invasive be included.

Table 5.3.X. Plant Typologies and General Descriptions

TYPE	SIZE / SPREAD (AT PLANTING)	NOTES
<b>Canopy (Large Shade) Trees</b>		
Deciduous Canopy (≥ 35' height; ≥ 30' spread)	3" caliper 8' min. height	Installed along sidewalks in tree lawn / tree pit, parking lots, buffers and may be installed as a building / understory tree
Evergreen Canopy (≥ 18' height; ≥ 25' spread)	3" caliper 6' min. height	Installed along sidewalks in tree lawn / tree pit, parking lots, buffers and may be installed as a building / understory tree
*All multi-stem trees shall have at least 3 stalks with a minimum caliper of 2.5"		
<b>Understory (Small/Medium) Trees</b>		
Deciduous Understory/ Ornamental (≥ 15' height; ≥ 15' spread)	2" caliper 8' min. height	Installed along sidewalks May be installed as screening or accent. May be used to replace canopy tree where overhead utilities are present.
Evergreen (≥ 18' height; ≥ 15' spread)	2" caliper 8' min. height	Planted as a buffer between uses or used as screening or accent.
*All multi-stem trees shall have at least 3 stalks with a minimum caliper of 1.5"		
<b>Shrubs</b>		

Evergreen Shrubs	24" height minimum (unless otherwise required)
Deciduous / Ornamental Shrubs	18" height minimum (unless otherwise required)
Perennials	2 gal minimum
Ornamental Grasses	2 gal minimum
Ground Cover	1 gal minimum

### 5.3.2. BUFFERING

#### A. Purpose and Intent.

1. This section defines the minimum required buffering standards for the City of Greer.
2. The buffering standards of this section intend to minimize potential nuisances between adjacent properties and rights-of-way, including noise, pollution, lights, buildings, and / or parking areas through physical and visual separation.

#### B. Applicability. All new development shall comply with the standards of this section.

1. **Repair or Renovation.** A building may be repaired or renovated without requiring buffering per the requirements of this UDO provided there is no increase in gross floor area.
2. **Minor Site Change.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by twenty-five (25) percent or less, buffering is required only for the additional floor area or improved site area. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.
3. **Major Site Change.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by greater than twenty-five (25) percent, both the additional area and existing area must conform to the buffering standards in this UDO. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.

4. **Change in Use.** A change in principal use shall not require compliance with this section, unless explicitly stated otherwise in this UDO.
- C. **Perimeter Buffer General Standards.** A perimeter buffer (i.e. buffer) area is determined exclusive of any required setback, however perimeter buffers may be located in required setback. Perimeter buffering shall comply with the standards below:
1. Perimeter buffer areas must be located within the outer perimeter of the lot, parallel to and extending to the lot line. Buffers are understood to be located and measured from the property line.
  2. Perimeter buffer areas shall consist of a landscaped buffer intended to mitigate and screen the property from adjacent properties. No buildings, structures, principal or accessory uses, nor parking or drive aisles are allowed in the buffer. Uses such as pedestrian or bicycle trails, utilities, stormwater, parks, and general open space are allowed within required buffers.
  3. Perimeter buffers begin at the common property line, immediately abutting the adjacent property.
  4. Where there is a perimeter easement (such as a drainage or utility easement) that does not allow for the installation of the buffer, then the required buffer shall be placed as close to the property line, adjacent to the easement, as possible.
  5. Required plant material shall be planted within the buffer.
  6. Plant material may be planted parallel to the buffer perimeter or may be meandered for aesthetic purposes. Buffers may incorporate greater width and additional plant materials.
  7. Fences, walls, and berms shall be installed inside the buffer, not along outer perimeter and / or boundary line. The highest point of any berm shall exist in the middle of the required buffer. Any required fence or wall shall be installed at the highest point of the berm.
  8. Required plant material shall be installed in front of any required fence so the required plant material is completely visible from the adjacent property or right-of-way and meet the standards of this UDO.
  9. Trees and plants may be clustered. A Maximum ten (10) foot gap between plantings is permitted.
  10. Minimum shrubs and hedges may be double staggered.

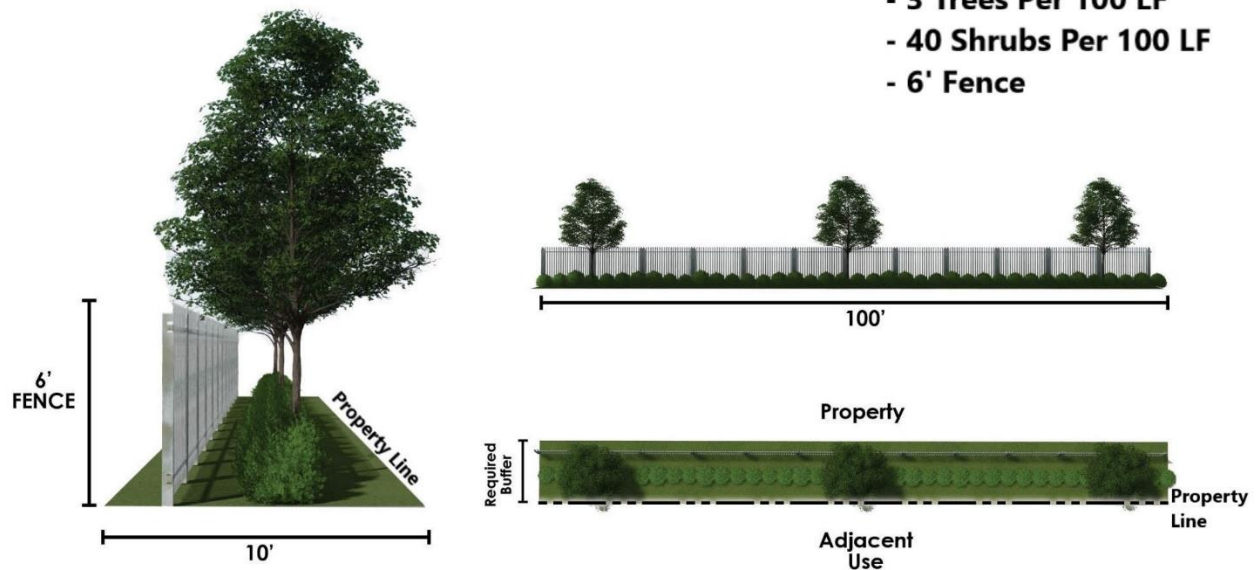
**D. Perimeter Buffer Table.** Table 5.3.2.X provides four (4) different perimeter buffers: Buffer 1, Buffer 2, Buffer 3, and Buffer 4.

Table 5.3.2.X. Perimeter Buffer Table

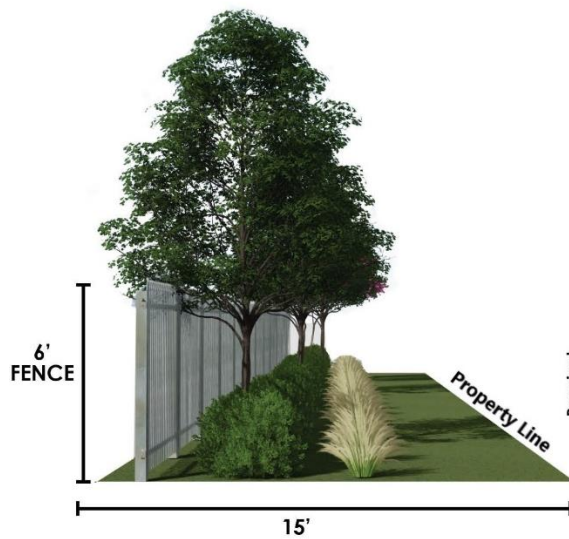
	BUFFER 1	BUFFER 2	BUFFER 3	BUFFER 4
<b>WIDTH</b>	10 FT	15 FT	25 FT	50 FT
<b>CANOPY TREES</b>	3	3	4	8
<b>UNDERSTORY TREES</b>	0	1	2	4
<b>SHRUBS</b>	40	50	60	60
<b>FENCE HEIGHT</b>	6 FT	6 FT	N/P	N/P
<b>WALL HEIGHT</b>	N/R	N/R	6 FT	8 FT
<b>BERM HEIGHT</b>	N/R	N/R	N/R	5 FT
<b>Notes:</b> <b>“N/R” = Not Required   “N/P” = Not Permitted   “Min” = Minimum</b> <b>Measurements provided are per 100 linear feet and are minimum standards.</b> <b>Plant materials required are quantities.</b>				

E. **Perimeter Buffers Illustration.** The following provides illustrative examples of buffers identified in Table 5.3.2.X.

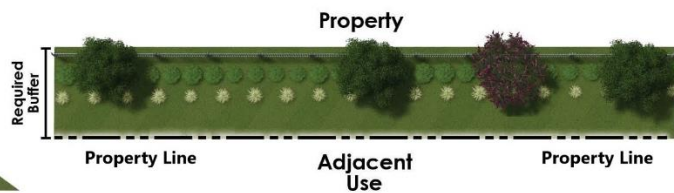
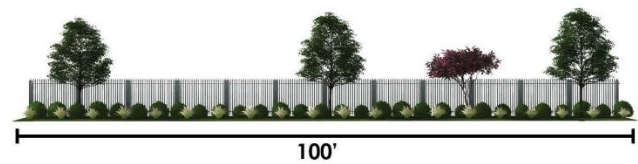
1. **Buffer 1**



## 2. Perimeter Buffer Type 2



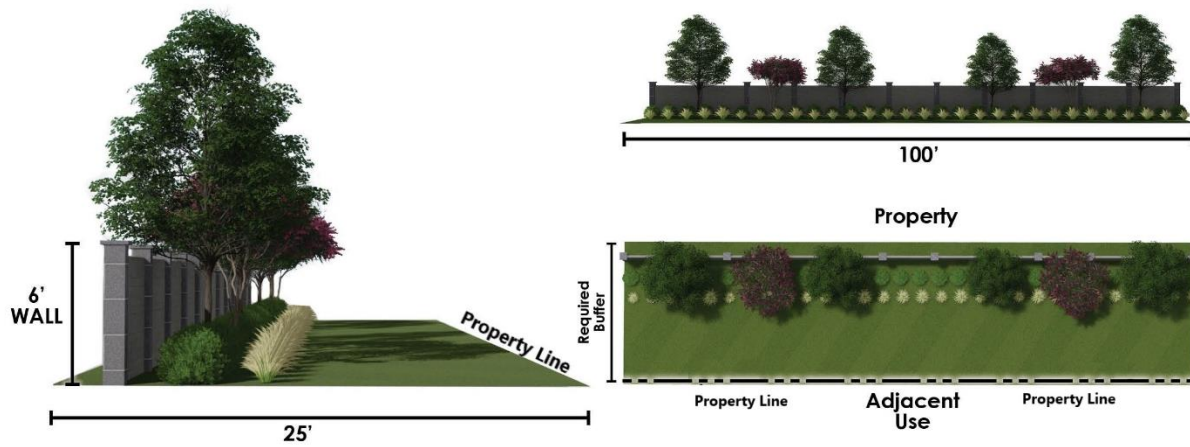
- 15' WIDTH
- 3 TREES PER 100 LF
- 1 UNDERSTORY TREE PER 100 LF
- 50 SHRUBS PER 100 LF
- 6' FENCE



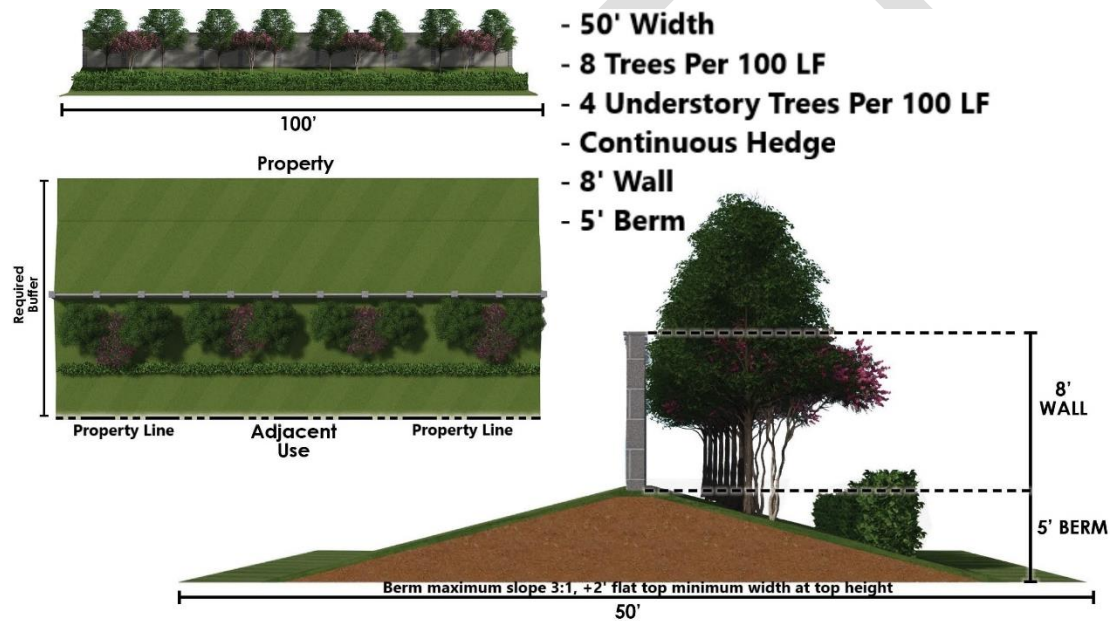


### 3. Perimeter Buffer Type 3

- 25' WIDTH
- 4 TREES PER 100 LF
- 2 UNDERSTORY TREE PER 100 LF
- 60 SHRUBS PER 100 LF
- 6' WALL



#### 4. Perimeter Buffer Type 4



## F. Perimeter Buffer by District

1. **Perimeter Buffer Table.** Table 5.3.2.X identifies the required perimeter buffers required between zoning districts.
2. **Determination of Perimeter Buffer.** To determine the perimeter buffer type required, identify the zoning district of the land in which a development is proposed. Using Table 5.3.2.X, the intersection of the row associated with the zoning district of the proposed development and the column associated with the adjacent zoning district shows the buffer type required.
3. **Standards.** Buffer types required shall comply with the standards defined in Table 5.3.2.X: Perimeter Buffer Types Table.

Table 5.3.2.X. Required Perimeter Buffer by District

ZONING DISTRICT	RS	RE	RN	TN	MD	HD	OP	CG	CH	ME	ML	GS	NC	RC
RS	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
RE	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
RN	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
TN	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
MD	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
HD	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
OP	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
CG	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
CH	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
ME	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
ML	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4
GS	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
NC	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
RC	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2

- G. **Street Trees.** Any applicable development per this section that involves the construction of a new principal building along a right-of-way must provide the installation of street trees as follows:

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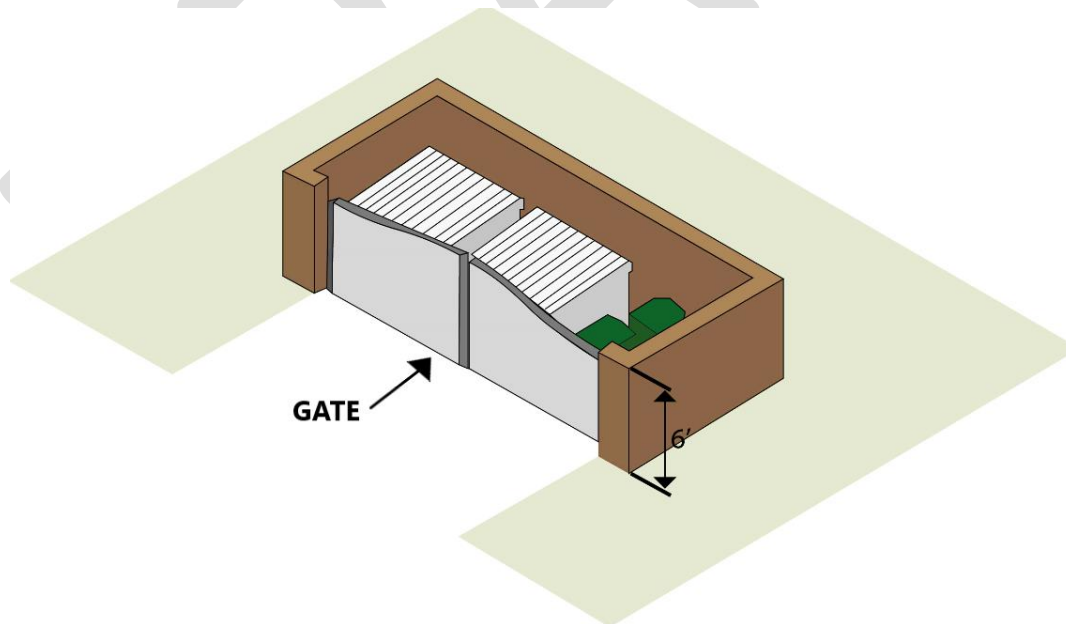
1. A minimum of one (1) street tree must be installed on the adjacent public rights-of-way, excluding any alleys, for each forty (40) linear feet of right-of-way frontage.
2. All required street trees must be installed before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Street trees must be maintained in a healthy and growing condition until full maturity, or replaced as necessary by HOA, POA or similar entity.
3. Street tree requirements may be waived or decreased at the discretion of the Planning Director if there are already the required number of trees established on the street or if specific locations of curb cuts, utilities, or other features conflict with the placement of trees. If there are overhead utilities, the Planning Director may also approve shrubs or small maturing trees instead of large maturing trees.

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### 5.3.3. SCREENING OF SERVICE AREAS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, AND DISPLAY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** This section defines the minimum required screening standards for service areas, mechanical equipment and commercial vehicle storage areas within the City of Greer. The standards of this section intend to minimize potential nuisances between services areas and mechanical equipment from neighboring properties including noise, pollution, and lights.
- B. **Applicability.** All new service areas, installation of mechanical equipment, and commercial vehicle storage areas shall comply with the standards of this section.
- C. **Service Areas.** Service areas shall include all trash and recycling (dumpsters), compactor, and similar areas.
1. Service areas shall only be located on the rear or side of buildings.
  2. Service areas shall be screened on three (3) sides by a fence or wall enclosure a minimum six (6) feet in height. The fourth side shall be a solid gate a minimum six (6) feet in height. The fence or wall shall comply with the design and material standards of this UDO.

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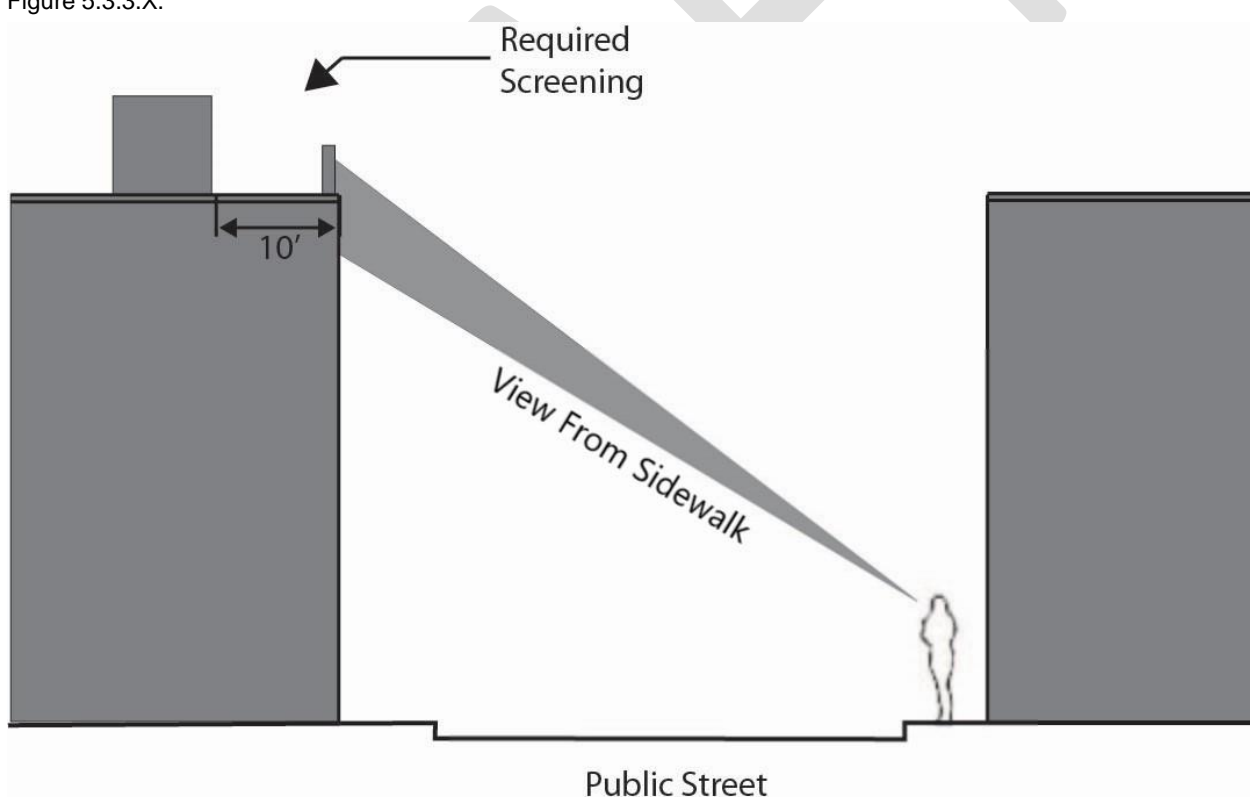
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3. The enclosure and gate shall be maintained in clean, good, working order and be maintained in its permitted state. The gate shall remain closed except when trash pick-up occurs.

**D. Roof Mounted Mechanical Equipment.** Rooftop mechanical equipment shall comply with the following standards:

1. Be setback from the edge of the roof at least ten (10) feet.
2. Be screened from view of pedestrians at the ground level of the abutting public street or adjacent property through the use of a screen, parapet wall, or architectural element.
3. The required screen, parapet wall, or architectural element shall consist of a design that is similar to the principal building in terms of material, texture, and color.

Figure 5.3.3.X.

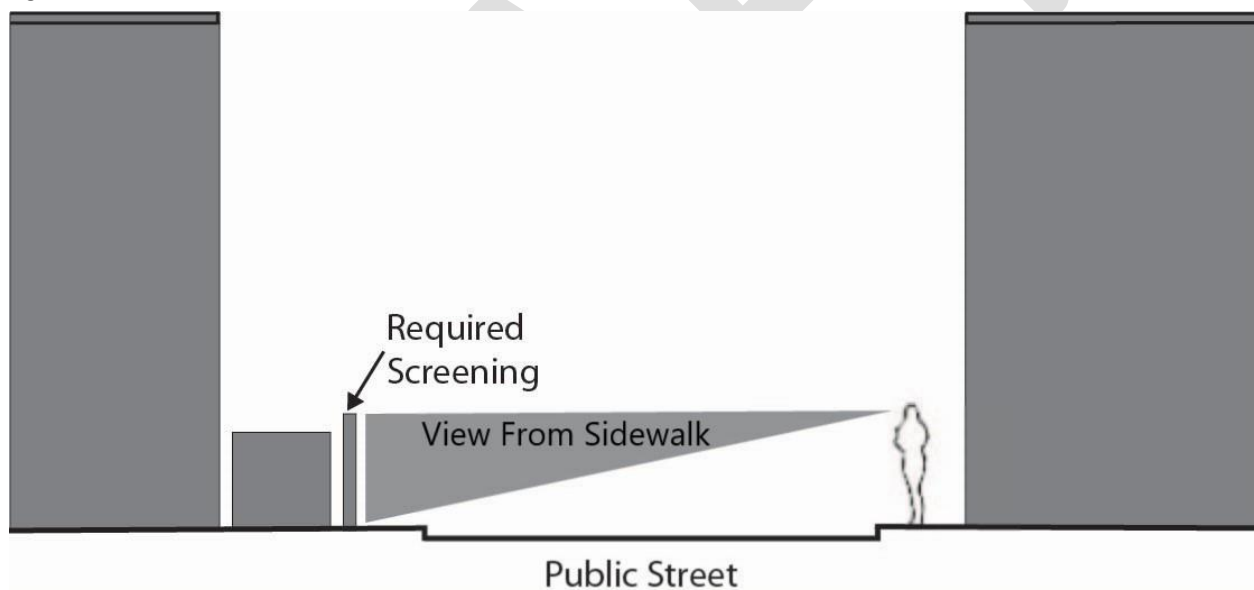


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**E. Ground Mechanical Equipment.** Mechanical equipment located on ground level shall comply with the following standards:

1. Be located so that equipment is minimally visible from all pedestrian paths and rights-of-way.
2. Not encroach into pedestrian paths or sidewalks.
3. If visible from public rights-of-way or pedestrian path (not including an alley), the mechanical equipment shall be screened by a screen, landscaping, wall, or fence that meets the standards of this section. The required screen, wall, or fence shall be similar to the principal building in terms of material, texture, and color.
4. Screening of the mechanical equipment shall be equal to or greater than the height of the mechanical equipment.

Figure 5.3.3.X.



**F. Wall Mounted Equipment.** All equipment mounted on the walls of buildings shall comply with the following standards:

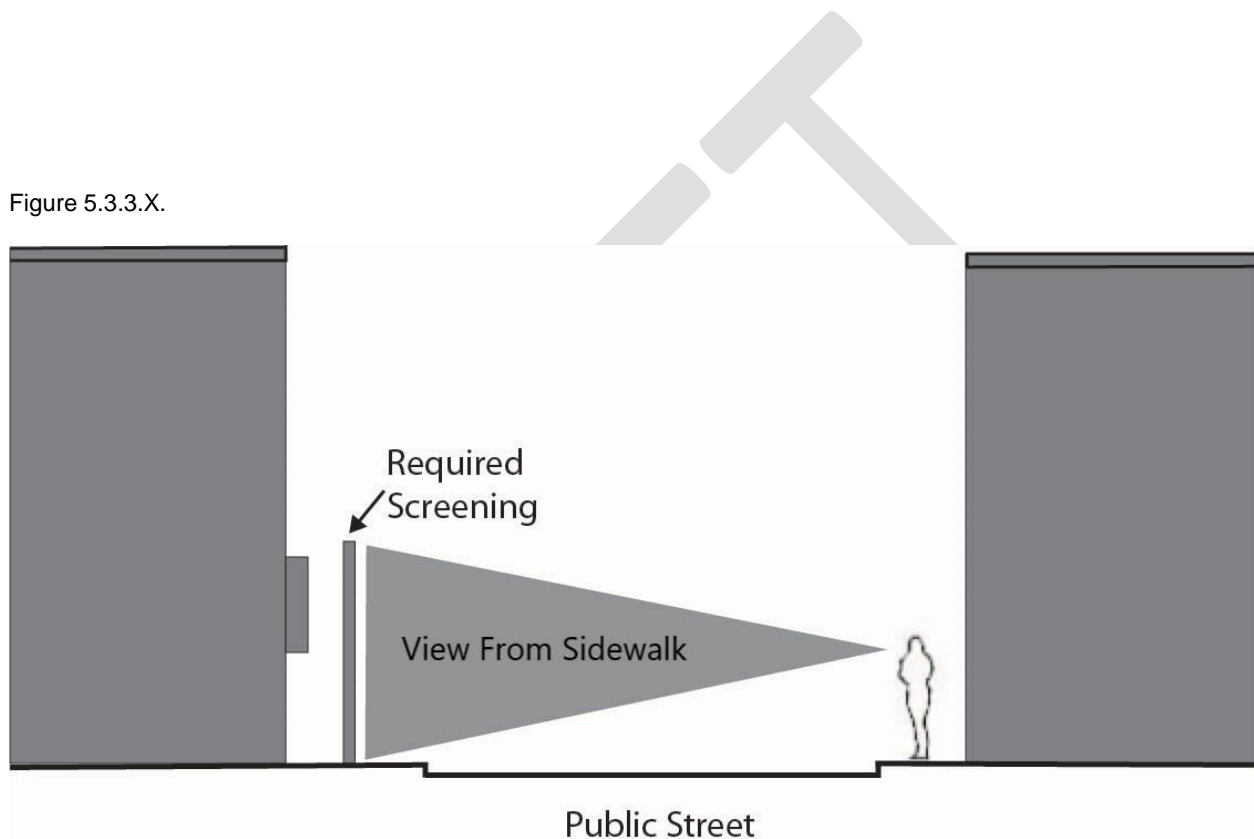
1. Unless equipment is required for life-safety, wall mounted equipment shall not be installed on a wall within ten (10) feet of a sidewalk.
2. If visible from public rights-of-way or sidewalk (not including an alley), the mechanical equipment shall be screened by a screen, landscaping, wall, or fence that meets the standards of this section. The required screen,

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wall, or fence shall be similar to the principal building in terms of material, texture, and color.

3. Screening of the mechanical equipment shall be equal to or greater than the height of the mechanical equipment.

Figure 5.3.3.X.



- G. **Miscellaneous Utility Service Areas.** Utility service areas located outside the public right-of-way must be screened from public view. Screening shall consist of landscaping, fence or wall meeting the design requirements of this section. Screening is not required for utility service areas that are related to emergency services (i.e. fire hydrants).
- H. **Commercial Vehicle Storage Areas.** Areas used to store commercial vehicles categorized as class 4 or higher of the Federal Highway Administration 13 Vehicle Category Classification must be screened from public view when viewed



from the public right-of-way. Screening shall consist of landscaping, fence or wall meeting the design requirements of this section.

#### 5.3.4. OPEN SPACE

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to require open space that requires preservation of natural features, ensures access to open areas, provides active and passive recreational opportunities, adds to the visual character of a development, and provides other public health benefits. Further, this section intends to:
1. Define minimum open space requirements;
  2. Require for maintenance and upkeep of open spaces;
  3. Promote open space that is accessible to the public in applicable developments; and
  4. Expand opportunities for connectivity and quality of open spaces provided in the City.
- B. **Applicability.** All new development shall comply with the standards of this section.
1. **Repair or Renovation.** A building may be repaired or renovated without requiring open space per the requirements of this UDO provided there is no increase in gross floor area.
  2. **Minor.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by twenty-five (25) percent or less, open space is required only for the additional floor area or improved site area. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.
  3. **Major.** When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by greater than twenty-five (25) percent, open space must be provided for the total of the entire property. Improved site area shall include site improvements such as utility installations, landscape modifications, additional impervious surfaces (including parking), and/or construction of structures.

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4. **Change in Use.** A change in use shall not require compliance with this section.

**C. Exemptions.**

1. **Single-Family.** Development or redevelopment of individual single-family dwellings, not part of a new subdivision approval, are exempt from the standards of this section.

- D. Open Space Forms.** Required open space shall be implemented through permitted open space forms identified in this section. Open spaces forms shall allow for public areas, semi-public areas, and / or private outdoor areas. All open space areas shall be landscaped in accordance with this UDO and provide uniform design and coordinated experiences for the user. The following open space forms are identified below:

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1. **Pocket Park.** Pocket parks are intended to be implemented within residential developments and shall comply with the following standards.



- a. Pocket parks provide may provide active and / or passive recreation uses.
- b. Pocket parks shall include components such as (but not limited to) shade structures, gazebos, seating areas, multi-purpose lawn space, dog park, playground/play space, public art, sculptures, community gardens, landscaping, and trails.
- c. Pocket parks may be designed around and include an environmental feature such as a stream, creek, or wetland.
- d. Pocket parks shall be a minimum two-hundred-fifty (500) square feet in size.

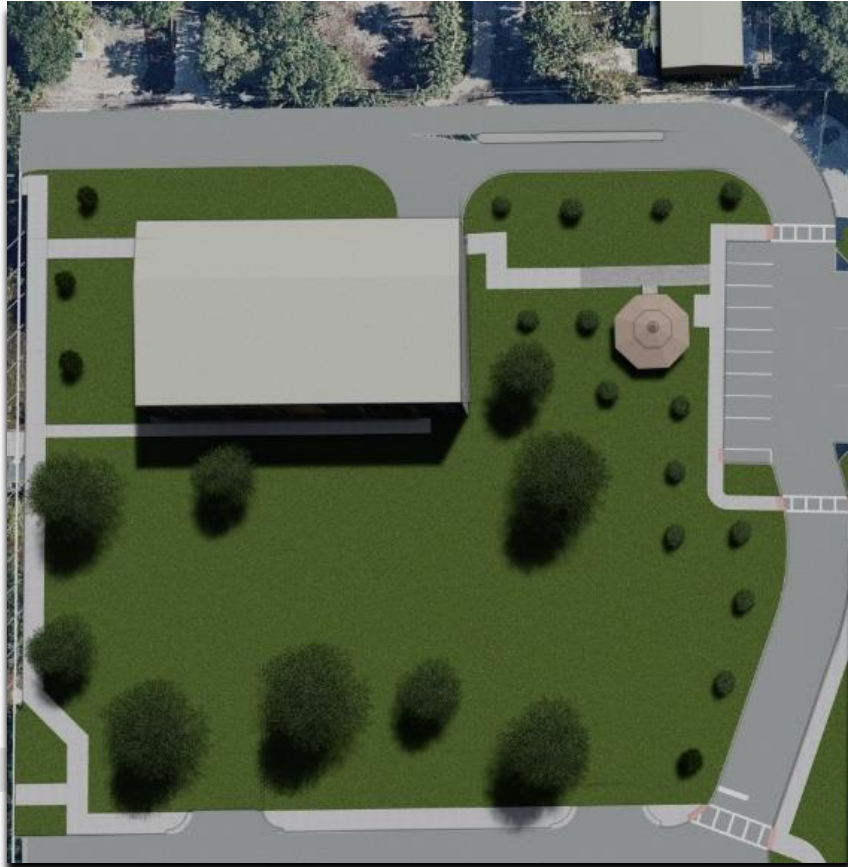
2. **Amenity Centers.** Amenity centers are primarily implemented in residential developments and shall comply with the following standards.



- a. Provide recreational opportunities in residential developments.
- b. May include (but is not limited to) features including pools, fitness facilities, splash pads, outdoor seating, clubhouse, small scale recreational facilities such as pickleball, soccer, or shuffleboard, and lawn games.
- c. All features are intended to be utilized by residents and their guests only.

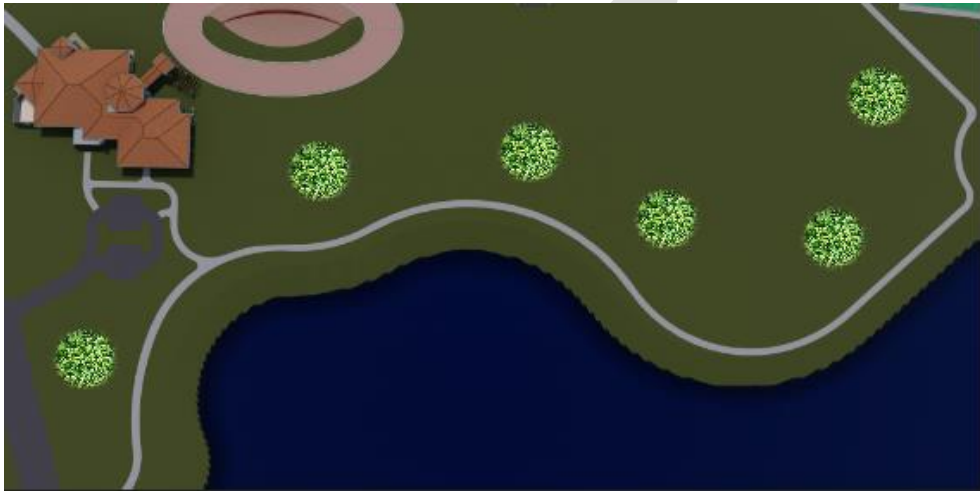
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3. **Green.** A green provides larger, more informal spaces and are implemented in residential developments and shall comply with the following standards.



- a. Shall provide for both active and passive recreation.
- b. Shall be located within a ½ mile radius of the majority of residents.
- c. May include but is not limited to shade structures, gazebos, seating areas, multi-purpose lawn space, playground/play space, limited/small scale recreational facilities.
- d. Shall be a minimum ½ acre in size.

4. **Linear Park/Greenway.** Linear park/greenway is an open space form that provides passive and active recreation and a formalized function (provides multimodal options and connectivity). Linear parks may be implemented in residential and nonresidential developments and shall comply with the following standards:



- a. May be designed around a natural feature such as a stream, wetland system, stormwater facility, or other man-made or natural feature.
- b. Shall connect with other open spaces or linear parks where practicable.
- c. Shall feature improved or non-improved walkways that respect the natural environment in which they are constructed.
- d. Walkways shall be a minimum eight (8) feet in width.
- e. May include accessory structures such as gazebos, seating areas, playgrounds, and shade structures.



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5. **Neighborhood Park.** Neighborhood parks provide active and passive recreational activities to residents of a residential development. Neighborhood parks shall comply with the following standards:



- a. Shall provide for both active and passive recreation.
- b. Shall include at minimum shade structures, seating areas, multipurpose lawns, and/or sport fields.
- c. May include gazebos, community center, playground, pool, fitness center, and other appropriate uses.
- d. A minimum twenty-five (25) percent of the park area shall be dedicated to active recreation uses as defined in this section.
- e. Shall be a minimum one (1) acre in size.

6. **Active Use Areas.** Active use areas are primarily intended to allow for pedestrian activity within nonresidential developments and shall comply with the following standards.



- a. Active use areas shall provide attractive, safe, and functional environments for the gathering of people, eating and drinking, and small scale outdoor uses in a nonresidential environment.
- b. Active use areas may include outdoor dining, small outdoor music venues, or flexible urban space.
- c. Active use areas shall be a minimum one-hundred (100) square feet in area.



7. **Plaza/Square.** The plaza/square open space form serves as a more formal open space for the gathering of people for a wide variety of civic, social, and commercial purposes. This open space form is primarily intended to be implemented in nonresidential developments. Plazas and square shall meet the following standards:



- a. Shall provide a uniform and coordinated design of compatible materials, colors, pavers, seating, and structures.
- b. Shall include outdoor lighting meeting the requirements of this UDO.
- c. Shall require landscaping, foundation plantings, and green space in addition to impervious surfaces.
- d. Shall be partially paved with brick, permeable pavers, or similar materials.
- e. Shall require a focal point such as public art installations, fountains, gazebo, or similar structures.
- f. Shall be a minimum ½ acre in size.

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- E. Minimum Open Space Requirement.** The required amount of minimum open space in an applicable development shall be in accordance with this section. Open space shall be calculated as a percentage of the total square footage of a development. Each development shall also require a minimum number of open space forms (as identified in Section 5.3.4.D: Open Space Forms). For example, a residential development in a residential district shall require that ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the development is open space. The open space shall be in the form of at least two (2) distinct open space forms, such as a pocket park and green.

Table 5.3.4.X.

MINIMUM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT		
ZONING DISTRICT	MINIMUM OPEN SPACE PERCENTAGE (%)	MINIMUM REQUIRED OPEN SPACE FORM(S)
<b>Residential Districts</b>		
0-50 Acres	10%	2
Greater Than 50 Acres	20%	3 *1
<b>Nonresidential Districts</b>		
Less Than 25 Acres	5%	1
25-50 Acres	10%	2
Industrial Districts	0%	0
<b>Mixed-Use Districts</b>		
Less Than 25 Acres	10%	2
Greater Than 25 Acres	15%	2
<b>Special Districts</b>		
Planned Developments and Design Review Districts are required to meet Open Space standards set forth in Section 2.4		
<b>Notes:</b> *1 - At least fifty (50) percent of dwelling units must be within one-half (½) mile of the majority of residents within the residential development. Cluster Subdivision Developments are subject to Open Space standards set forth in Section 7.X – Cluster Subdivision Development.		

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F. **Open Space Design Standards.** The design and incorporation of open space in a development shall comply with the following standards:

1. **Evenly Distributed.** Required open space shall be, to the maximum amount practicable with respect to environmental considerations and subdivision design, evenly distributed throughout the development.
2. **Consolidation.** Required open space requirements shall not be consolidated to meet the standards of this section. It is the intent of this section to require multiple open space forms of varying sizes in each development where required.
  - a. If the design, layout, or proposed uses within a development makes consolidation of open space appropriate, the applicant may request a waiver of this requirement from the Planning Director. The applicant shall provide a written narrative and graphical illustrations justifying the request.
3. **Distance.** No two open space forms shall be adjacent or within one-hundred (100) feet of each other. Active use areas are exempted from this standard.
4. **Accessible.** Open space shall be located and designed to be easily accessible for residents and/or users of the development. Open spaces shall make accommodations to provide universal designs that can be enjoyed by different target users and provide for ADA accessibility.
5. **Public Seating.** Public seating shall be required. Public seating shall be appropriate to the intended use of the park area (i.e. benches may be appropriate for active spaces; Adirondack chairs and landscape terraces may be appropriate for passive spaces).
6. **Receptacles.** Refuse and recycling receptacles are required at each entrance and gathering space.
7. **Stormwater.** A maximum fifty (50) percent of total required passive open space may be stormwater facilities. Any stormwater facility used toward that requirement shall be publicly accessible through improved or primitive trail. For the purpose of this section, improved and primitive trails are defined below:

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- a. **Improved Trail.** An improved trail shall be defined as a clearly marked, paved, impervious trail.
  - b. **Primitive Trail.** A primitive trail shall be defined as an unpaved, pervious trail that consists of mulch, crushed stone, or similar material.
8. **Environmentally Sensitive/Unique Lands and Floodplains.** A maximum twenty (20) percent of total required passive open space may be environmentally sensitive or unique lands such as wetlands, protected stream buffers, rock outcroppings, and floodplains.
9. **Ponds and Lakes.** A maximum of five (5) percent of total required passive open space may be ponds and lakes not associated with stormwater retention if at least twenty-five (25) percent of the shoreline is a public edge, and public access is provided that is equivalent to the access provided to private landowners around the lake.
10. **Multi-Phased Developments.** In multi-phased developments, open space shall be provided for each phase in an amount sufficient to satisfy the open space requirements for the subject phase of development and all preceding phases of development.
11. **Areas Not Included In Open Space.** The following are not considered open space and cannot be counted toward minimum open space requirements:
- a. Private yards not part of an open space or conservation easement;
  - b. Street rights-of-way or private easements
  - c. Vehicular parking areas; and
  - d. Designated outdoor storage areas.
12. **Active and Passive Features.** Within residential developments, a minimum of twenty-five (25) percent of all required open space (gross square footage) shall be dedicated and designed to allow for active recreation features. Active recreation and passive features are identified in Table 5.3.4.X.
- a. Active recreation is defined as recreational features, often requiring equipment and taking place at prescribed places, sites or

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fields, which allow for the active recreational needs of residents or users of the development which they serve.

- b. Passive recreation is defined as recreational features that do not require prepared facilities like sports fields or pavilions and require minimal disruption to a site. These include such activities as walking paths and other features defined in Table 5.3.4.X.

Table 5.3.4.X Active and Passive Features

ACTIVE FEATURES	PASSIVE FEATURES
Lawn Games and Concrete Gaming Tables	Walking Trails
Hard Courts (Pickleball, Tennis, Etc.)	Boardwalks
Playgrounds	Gardens
Swimming Pools and Splash Pads	Greens
Athletic Fields (Pickleball, Baseball, Etc.)	Picnic Areas
Clubhouse, Pavilions, Amenity Centers, Gazebos, Shade Structures	Lakes and Ponds
Exercise Facilities	Lawns and Natural Areas
Plazas	Greenways

G. **Ownership of Open Space.** Open space is intended to remain under private ownership while still being available for public use by residents and users of a development. Ownership of open space shall remain with the owner of the land unless one of the following circumstances exist:

1. **Homeowners Association (HOA) / Property Owners Association (POA).** Open space may be owned in common by the owners of a development through a recognized homeowners association (or similar ownership association).

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2. **Nonprofit.** Open space may be conveyed to a nonprofit organization (i.e. a conservation ground, land trust, etc.) for management. The nonprofit shall be required to manage and maintain the open space.
  3. **Dedication.** Open space may be dedicated to the city during the review process if an agreement is made between the applicant and city. The city shall have final authority on which lands are dedicated to the city.
- H. **Maintenance of Open Space.** The owner of open space shall be required to maintain the open space. This shall include regular maintenance of vegetation as well as infrastructure components (stormwater facilities, paths, impervious surfaces, amenities, etc.). Failure to maintain the open space in the condition in which it was approved will result in code enforcement action and potential penalty by the city.

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## 5.4. PARKING AND LOADING

### 5.4.1. PURPOSE, INTENT, AND APPLICABILITY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The provisions of this section must govern off-street parking and loading areas within the City. The purpose of this section is to

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ensure the City is served by adequate parking and loading facilities that are proportional to market demands and the generalized need for such uses. This section intends to:

1. Recognize parking and loading demands of uses;
2. Provide a range of adequate parking, vehicular and bicycle, and loading standards, receptive to market demand while providing flexibility to developments;
3. Provide for the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians through off-street parking areas;
4. Allow for alternative parking options in certain defined circumstances;
5. Minimize (reduce) excessive areas of impervious surfaces dedicated to parking;
6. Provide for compatibility between parking and loading areas and adjacent uses as may be applicable; and
7. Provide for high quality, safe designs that will add to the aesthetic well-being of the City.

**B. Applicability.** No parking must be altered, replaced, converted, changed, or modified except in accordance with the requirements of this section. Off-street parking and loading areas must comply with the applicability standards below:

1. Off-street parking and loading areas must be provided in accordance with this UDO for all new development and redevelopment.
2. Permitted off-street parking and loading areas must be maintained and continued; modifications must require approval per this section.
3. Off-street parking must be located on the same plot or parcel of land it is intended to serve, unless specifically permitted otherwise in this section.
4. No permit for new construction or an addition/expansion may be permitted until the parking requirements of this UDO have been met. If there is an increase in floor area, number of dwelling units, or seating capacity exceeding ten (10) percent, the required number of parking spaces and loading areas must be provided per requirements of this section.
5. A change in the use of a building must meet the parking requirements for that new use.



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6. Maintenance, repair, restriping and similar providing there is no increase in the number of spaces of more than five (5) percent or 20 spaces, whichever is less, must not require improvement of the existing parking facilities to meet the standards of this UDO.

#### 5.4.2. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

- A. **Off-Street Parking Plan.** Developments applications subject to the applicability of this section must include a parking plan. Parking plans must include:
  1. Number of proposed parking spaces;
  2. Location of proposed parking spaces, drive aisles, driveways, and access points;
  3. Relation of vehicular use areas, including how parking facilities interface with vehicular, pedestrian, and multi-modal circulation systems.
- B. **Off-Street Parking Table.** Off-street parking must be provided in accordance with Table 5.4.1: Off-Street Parking Table.
  1. **Minimum and Maximum.** Table 5.4.1: Off-Street Parking Table, provides the minimum parking required and maximum parking allowed for permitted uses within the City. For example, under the “Minimum Required” column, “1.0/Dwelling Unit” must be understood to mean at minimum one (1) parking space per dwelling unit is required. Under the “Maximum Allowed” column, “2.0/Dwelling Unit” must be understood to mean two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit are allowed as a maximum.
  2. **Gross Floor Area.** Parking standards are to be calculated per 1,000 SF (square feet) of gross floor area, unless otherwise noted. Fractional calculations must round to the nearest whole number. When units or measurements determining the number of required parking spaces result in the requirement of a fractional space, then such fraction equal to or greater than one-half (0.5) must require a full off-street parking space. Where the parking standards are based on floor area, it must be understood to be gross floor area, except the following areas of a structure which may be excluded
    - a. Common restrooms.



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- b. Elevator structures.
  - c. Parking structures.
  - d. Public corridors.
3. **Uses Not Listed.** In situations where a proposed use is not identified in Table 5.4.1, the Director or designee may apply an alternative off-street parking standard based on the use determined to be the most similar to the proposed use. A parking study or similar analysis prepared by a Professional Engineer or Certified Land Use Planner with experience in parking studies may be provided to the Director which can be used in applying an alternative parking standard.

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**A. Parking Requirements Table.** Parking must be provided in accordance with Table 5.4: Parking Requirements.

Table 5.4

USES	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM ALLOWED	ADDITIONAL STANDARDS
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>			
Dwelling, Single-Family Detached	2.0/Dwelling Unit	None	
Dwelling, Single-Family Attached	2.5/Dwelling Unit	3.0 /Dwelling Unit	
Dwelling, Two-Family, Triplex, or Quadplex	2.0/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	
Dwelling, Live-Work	2.0/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	
Dwelling, Manufactured	1.0/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	
Dwelling, Multi-family	0.75/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	
Child Care Home	1.0/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	
Group Living	1.5/Dwelling Unit	3.0/Dwelling Unit	
Residential Care	0.25/Dwelling Unit	1.0/Dwelling Unit	
Manufactured/Mobile Home Park	2.0/Dwelling Unit	2.0/Dwelling Unit	Section 7.5 Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Standards
Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground	0.5/Lot	1.0/Lot	7.6. Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Design and Development Standards
<b>AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE</b>			
Community Garden	N/A	N/A	

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Farm	N/A	N/A	
Livestock (Wholesale)	1.0/1,000 SF	3.0/1,000 SF	
Lumberyard	1.0/1,000 SF	2.0/1,000 SF	
<b>AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE (CONT.)</b>			
Nursery	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Parks	2.0/Acre	10.0/Acre	
Produce Stand	N/A	N/A	
Stables	N/A	N/A	
<b>CIVIC AND INSTITUTIONAL</b>			
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	
Churches and Religious Institutions	1.0/4.0 Seats	2.0/4.0 Seats	Seats in the sanctuary/assembly room must be used for calculation
Cultural, Library and Museum Facility	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Government	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	Based on office/public space
Higher Education (College, University, Technical)	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	
Infrastructure and Utilities	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Post Office (Mail and Packages)	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	
Public Safety (Fire/Police/Correctional)	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
School (K-12)	2.0/Classroom	5/Classroom	
Social Services	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Transit	N/A	N/A	
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>			
Automobile Service	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Barber/Beauty Salon	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Bank/Financial Institution	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Dry Cleaning	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	

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Day Care (Adult and Child)	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Funeral Home	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Pharmacy (Max 15,000 SF)	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Personal Services	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlor	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Private Clubs	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>			
Adult Business/Sexually-Oriented Business	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	
Animal Kennel	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Automobile Service	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Bed and Breakfast	1.0/Room	2.5/Room	
Brewery	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	Only customer service areas and outdoor seating areas must be included in calculation.
Brewpub	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	Only customer service areas and outdoor seating areas must be included in calculation.
Bar/Tavern/Nightclub	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	Only customer service areas and outdoor seating areas must be included in calculation.
Car Wash	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
<b>COMMERCIAL (CONT.)</b>			
Parking Lot	None	None	
Parking Structure	None	None	
Distillery	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	
Event Center	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000	
Gas Station	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	Filling station/gas pump must not constitute parking
Hotel/Motel	0.5/Room	1.5/Room	

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Indoor Amusement/Entertainment Facilities	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Liquor Store	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	
Microbrewery	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	
Micro-Distillery	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	
Outdoor Recreation	1.0/5,000 SF	2.0/5,000 SF	
Pawn Shop	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Restaurant	5.0/1,000 SF	10.0/1,000 SF	Only customer service areas and outdoor seating areas must be included in calculation
Neighborhood Retail (Maximum 10,000 SF)	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	
General Retail (Maximum 50,000 SF)	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	Shopping centers will be based on an aggregate of square feet to determine required parking
Retail - Regional (Above 50,000 SF)	4.0/1,000 SF	8.0/1,000 SF	Shopping centers will be based on an aggregate of square feet to determine required parking
Vehicle Sales and Rental	2.0/Repair Bay	4.0/Repair Bay	
<b>OFFICE AND MEDICAL</b>			
Animal Care	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Medical/Dental Facility	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Hospital	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Professional Office	2.5/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Urgent Care	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Rehabilitative/Mental Health Facility	1.5/Dwelling Unit	3.0/Dwelling Unit	
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTIC</b>			
Artisanal Manufacturing	1.0/1,000 SF	2.0/1,000 SF	

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Broadcast Facility	2.0/1,000 SF	5.0/1,000 SF	
Communication/Cell Tower			
Flex Facility	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Fulfillment Center	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Industrial - Light	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Industrial - Heavy	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Salvage Yard	1.0/1,000 SF	2.0/1,000 SF	Only office facilities must be included in calculation
Land Fill	1.0/1,000 SF	2.0/1,000 SF	Only office facilities must be included in calculation
Manufacturing	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Outdoor Storage	1.0/1,000 SF	2.0/1,000 SF	Only office facilities must be included in calculation
Storage Containers			
Wholesale Trade	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Recycling	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	
Self-Storage	2.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	Only office facilities must be included in calculation
Solar Farm	N/A	N/A	
Warehouse/Distribution	1.0/1,000 SF	4.0/1,000 SF	

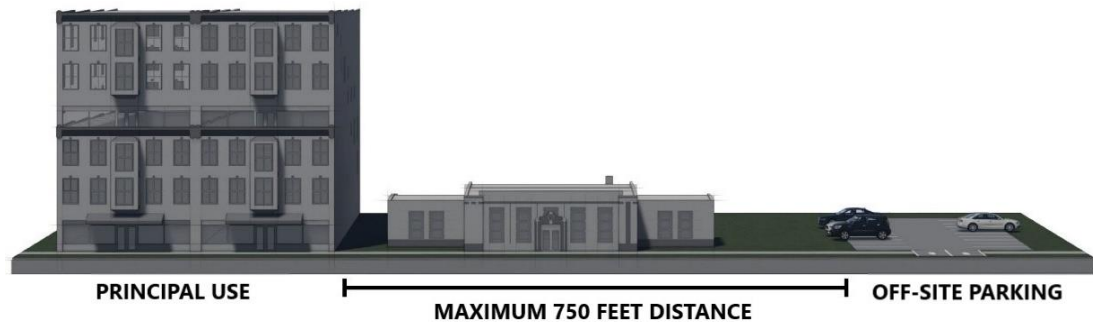
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### 5.4.3. ALTERNATIVE OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS

- A. **Administrative Adjustment for Parking.** The parking requirements of this section may be modified through an Administrative Adjustment. If proposed parking is less than the minimum required or more than the maximum allowed, an applicant may submit for an Administrative Adjustment in accordance with Section 1 of this UDO.
- B. **Off-Site Parking.** Required off-street parking spaces may be located on a separate lot or parcel from which the principal use is located (i.e. "off-site"), only if the off-site parking complies with the following standards:
1. Off-site parking must be under the same ownership as the principal use, or otherwise leased by a lease of no less than the term of lease for the principal use.
  2. All necessary legal instruments must be executed and recorded and copies provided to the \_\_\_\_\_ (appropriate staff) \_\_\_\_\_. Renewal agreements must continue to be provided to the \_\_\_\_\_ (appropriate staff) \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Off-Site Parking must be located within 500 feet of the nearest lot line of the principal use.
  4. A sidewalk, paved pedestrian walkway, and/or crosswalk must be provided to the off-site parking area from the principal use.
  5. Satellite parking lots must abide by all parking design and construction standards set forth in the UDO.
  6. No more than 25 percent of parking space requirements may be provided by a satellite parking location.
  7. Satellite parking must not consist of any required parking of another use unless a shared parking arrangement exists. Any shared parking arrangement must be provided to the \_\_\_\_\_ (appropriate staff) \_\_\_\_\_ and identify uses existing or proposed, identify the peak parking demands of the uses, and provided calculations and a narrative explaining how the shared parking arrangement will meet the provisions of this section.
  8. A sidewalk or paved pedestrian walkway must be provided to the satellite parking area from the subject use.





C. **Valet Parking.** Required off-street parking may be located on a separate lot or parcel from which the principal use is located and be operated by a valet service, only if the valet operations and the parking comply with the following standards:

1. The valet service provider must have the same ownership as the principal use, the lessee of the principal use, or a third-party valet service provider that has been contracted by the principal use owner or principal use lessee.
2. To increase the yield of off-street parking facilities utilized solely for valet operations
  - i. Spaces may be designed in tandem configurations.
  - ii. Spaces may be reduced to a minimum width of 8' and a minimum length of 38'.
3. If at any time, valet operations are discontinued, the owner must submit an Off-Street Parking Plan to \_\_\_\_\_ (appropriate staff)\_\_\_\_\_, if the proposed parking configuration does not meet the standards of subsection 5.4.3.B. Off-Site Parking, the owner must submit and Alternative Parking Plan to \_\_\_\_\_ (appropriate staff)\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Valet stands are not permitted within the public right-of-way.
5. Valet operators may utilize facilities that adhere to the standards of subsection 5.4.3.D. Shared Parking if proposed uses served by the shared parking arrangement have different peak parking demands. Tandem parking configurations are not allowed in Shared Parking facilities.

Figure 5.4.3. Off-Site Parking (Illustrative Example)

- D. Shared Parking.** If a development qualifies for shared parking, shared parking reduces the overall required minimum off-street parking by ten (10) percent. An application for shared parking requires an analysis, provided to the Director to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces. The shared parking analysis, at minimum, must include and comply with the following:
1. Identification of proposed uses within the development.
  2. Calculation of the ten (10) percent shared parking reduction that will be applied, per proposed use.
  3. Proposed uses served by the shared parking arrangement must have different peak parking demands or operate in a manner that the uses sharing parking have access to the required minimum number of off-street parking spaces when in operation.
  4. Narrative and calculations must be provided as part of the shared parking analysis explaining the merit of the shared parking arrangement.
  5. Cross access agreements (i.e. legal instruments), if required, for the principal property and adjacent properties to ensure shared parking can function must be provided to the Director.
  6. Shared parking arrangements must be a formal legal instrument and be provided to the Director.
  7. If a shared parking arrangement ceases, parking for the uses must be recognized as a nonconformity.

#### **5.4.4. OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS**

**A. General Standards.**

1. **Arrangement.** Off-street parking must be arranged so that vehicles may be parked/unparked without moving other vehicles, except for parking

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structures which may be designed to allow tandem parking and/or valet services.

2. **Encroachment.** No parking space may be designed in such a way to encroach or block a public or private roadway, alley, or sidewalk. Parking spaces may be allowed in a setback or build-to-zone (BTZ) as permitted in this UDO.
3. **Fire Lane.** At least one (1) fire access lane must be provided and approved by the fire marshal.
4. **Overhang.** Where parking spaces are located such that the parked vehicle will overhang a sidewalk, the minimum sidewalk clear width must be maintained by providing additional sidewalk width equal to width of the overhang.
5. **Driveways.** Driveways, drive aisles, and joint access easements must not be used for parking vehicles except for single-family and two-family residential.
6. **Wheel Stops.** Wheel stops must be prefabricated, concrete or recycled plastic product manufactured specifically for this use. The use of railroad ties or other non-traditional wheel stops must not be permitted. Facilities must have curbs or motor vehicle stops or similar devices so as to prevent vehicles from overhanging on or into adjacent property, or from encroaching into required landscaped areas.
7. **Drainage.** Parking areas must be drained so as not to cause any nuisance on adjoining or nearby properties. Stormwater management facilities must comply with the standards of this UDO.
8. **Access and Maneuvering.** Parking areas must be arranged for convenient access, maneuvering and safety of pedestrians and vehicles. Parking areas must be arranged so that no vehicle must be required to back up from such facilities directly onto designated arterial or collector streets. Parking areas must be designed, maintained and regulated so that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking must be on any public street, sidewalk, or alley.
9. **Marking of Spaces.** All off-street parking area spaces must be clearly marked.

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10. **Lighting.** Exterior lighting in parking areas must comply with the standards defined in Section 5.7: Lighting.
11. **Landscaping and Buffering.** Landscaping and buffering in parking areas must comply with the standards defined in Section 5.3: Landscaping, Buffering, Screening and Open Space.
12. **Maintenance.** Off-street parking must be maintained in a safe condition and good repair. Parking space lines and markings must also be maintained so that parking spaces are clearly striped.
13. **Pedestrian Paths.** Parking areas containing 200 or more spaces must provide improved pedestrian pathways of at least five (5) feet width, providing access from the parking area to an entrance of the principal use, protected by wheel stops, curb or similar.
14. **Compact Vehicle Parking**
  - a. Up to ten (10) percent of the off-street parking spaces required by Section 5.4.2. may be used and designated as compact vehicle parking.
  - b. Parking spaces used as compact vehicle parking in accordance with subsection a above, must:
    - i. Be consolidated into group(s) of contiguous spaces where they can be readily identified by compact vehicle operators (e.g. signage or pavement markers);
    - ii. Located near the primary entrance of the principal use; and
    - iii. Be a minimum of 8' in width and a minimum in 16' in length.
15. **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations**
  - a. Up to five (5) percent of the off-street parking spaces required by Section 5.4.2, may be used and designated as electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The Director maintains the authority to approve the use and designation of additional required parking spaces as electric vehicle charging stations up to a maximum of ten (10) percent of the total off-street parking provided.
  - b. Parking spaces used as electric vehicle charging stations in accordance with subsection a above, must:
    - i. Be consolidated into group(s) of contiguous spaces located

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where they can be readily identified by electric vehicle drivers (e.g., through signage); and

- ii. Not be operated for commercial purposes, other than as an accessory use to a principal commercial use

**16. Alternative Parking Surfaces.** All minimum required parking surfaces are required to be paved with asphalt or concrete pavement except for residential uses. Parking surfaces that exceed the minimum required may utilize alternative parking surfaces, not to exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the total parking area for nonresidential sites greater than 60,000 square feet may be constructed of the following materials:

- a. Porous asphalt
- b. Porous concrete
- c. Permeable interlocking pavement systems
- d. Grass-block systems

## B. Dimensional Standards.

Table 5.4.4. Size of Off-Street Parking Space

Angle of Parking (Degrees)	Minimum Width of Stall	Length Depth of Width	Driveway Car	Curb Per
0	10'	23'-0"	12'	23'-0"
30	10'	17'-4"	11'	18'-0"
45	10'	19'-10"	13'	12'-9"
60	10'	21'-0"	18'	10'-5"
90	10'	18'-0"	24'	9'-0"
Additional Standards:				
A. Minimum driveway widths must be maintained to the point of intersection with the adjoining public or private right-of-way.				
B. In 90 degree parking stalls, the depth of the stall may be reduced to 18' where a grassed or landscaped median, with a minimum 2' width				

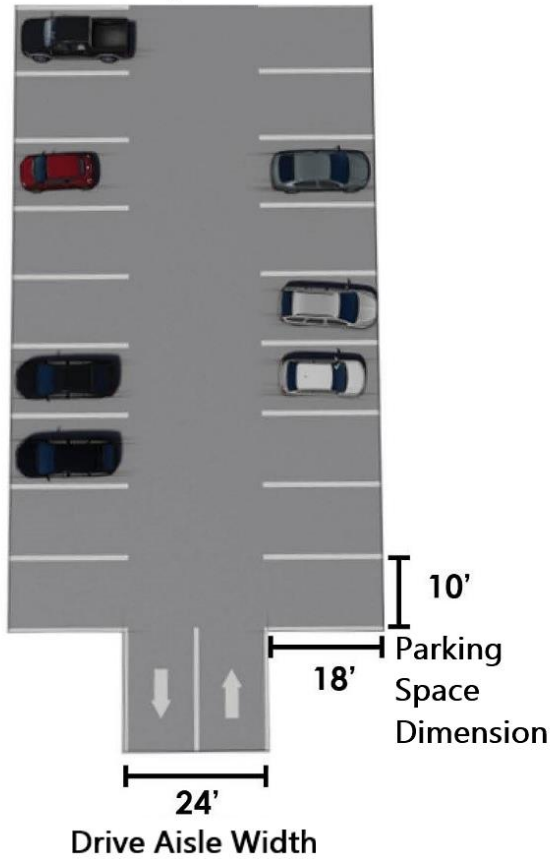
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per row of parking stalls, has been provided for automobile overhand. Wheel-stops or curbing must be provided to protect and delineate the median from the parking stalls.

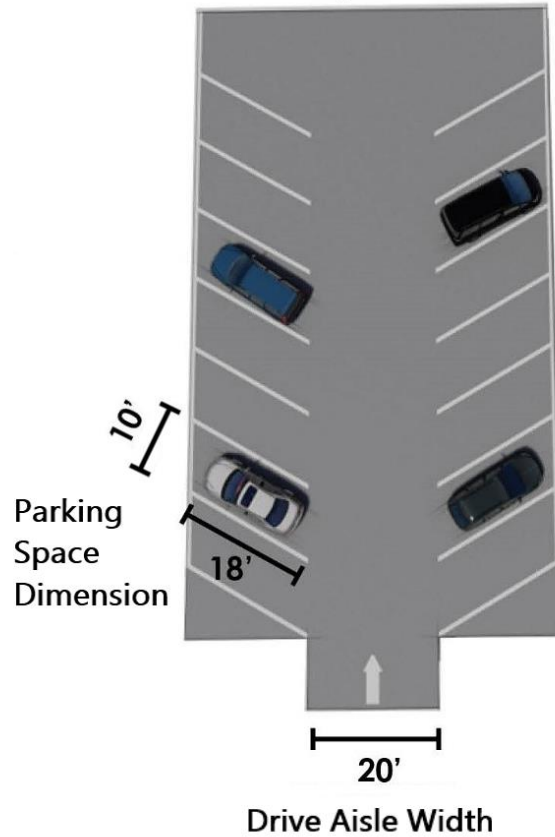
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Figure 5.4.4 Parking Area Dimensional Standards Graphic

**90 Degrees - Head-In Parking  
Two-Way Drive Aisle**



**30 Degrees Parking  
One-Way Drive Aisle**



#### 5.4.5. LOADING AND UNLOADING AREAS

- A. **Generally.** Whenever the normal operation of any development requires that goods, merchandise, or equipment be routinely delivered to or shipped from that development, a sufficient off-street loading and unloading area must be provided to accommodate the delivery or shipment operations in a safe and convenient manner.
- B. **Loading Areas Design Standards.** Loading and unloading areas must be so located and designed as follows:
1. So that vehicles can maneuver safely and conveniently to and from a public right-of-way.
  2. So that vehicles can complete the loading and unloading operations without obstructing or interfering with any public right-of-way or any parking space or parking lot drive aisle.
  3. Loading areas must be located outside of a public right-of-way when practicable and be indicated through signage.
  4. The size of loading areas must be based upon the needs of the use in a building. The minimum size of a loading area must be the same size as the minimum parking space. For uses that require commercial delivery trucks or semi-trailers, loading areas must be made to accommodate the typical commercial delivery vehicle.
  5. A minimum of one loading space per development is required, however, loading spaces must be provided and maintained in sufficient numbers to adequately handle the needs of a nonresidential use. Every application for a site and development plan must demonstrate sufficient numbers of loading spaces is provided.
  6. Loading areas that serve commercial delivery trucks, semi-trailers and similar vehicles must be designed to include screen walls, landscaping, or other treatments to limit visibility of the loading area.
- C. **Area Requirements.** No area allocated to loading and unloading may be used to satisfy the area requirements for off-street parking, nor must any portion of any off-street parking area be used to satisfy the area requirements for loading and unloading facilities.



- D. **Compliance.** For lots with existing structures predating the effective date of this UDO, and for a change in use that does not involve any enlargement of a structure, the loading area requirements of this section need only comply to the extent practicable.

#### 5.4.6. STACKING REQUIREMENTS

- A. **Stacking.** Whenever a structure or use provides for the off-loading of passengers or involves a drive-through (i.e. allows for a use without exiting the vehicle), stacking spaces must be provided for and marked on the site. The following requirements must be met:
1. A stacking space must be a minimum of ten (10) feet by twenty (20) feet.
  2. Stacking spaces must not obstruct, endanger, or interfere with on-site or off-site access, maneuvering, or traffic patterns.
  3. For restaurant drive-through facilities, a minimum of four (4) stacking spaces must be required. Nothing must limit providing more than the minimum.
  4. All other uses that involve stacking of vehicles, such as banks, pharmacies, and similar uses, must require a minimum two (2) stacking spaces per dedicated drive-through lane. Nothing must limit providing more than the minimum.
  5. A design alternative may be approved by the Director for a reduced number of stacking spaces if market demand does not require the minimum stacking spaces required per this section. A narrative and analysis detailing the proposed use and similar establishments within South Carolina must be required.

Fig. 5.4.6.A. Stacking Requirements



#### 5.4.7. BICYCLE PARKING

A. **Bicycle Parking Requirements.** Bicycle parking must not be required for industrial uses, but must be provided for all new nonresidential and multifamily developments. Bicycle parking must meet the following standards:

1. Bicycle parking must be located no further than fifty (50) feet from a pedestrian entrance.
2. Bicycle parking must be publicly accessible and located in a visible and convenient area.
3. Bicycle parking must be provided in a well-lit area.
4. Bicycle racks must be permanently fixed to a paved surface.
5. The bicycle racks must be consistent in style and material of the overall project design.
6. Spacing and layout of bicycle racks must provide maneuverable access.
7. Bicycle parking and/or racks must be able to accommodate cable locks and "U" locks commonly used by bicyclists.

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8. A minimum of four (4) bicycle parking spaces must be required for all new nonresidential uses. The required minimum for bicycle may be modified by an Administrative Adjustment per Section 1 of this UDO.
9. A minimum of one (1) bicycle parking space must be provided for every ten (10) dwelling units in multifamily developments, up to a maximum requirement of thirty (30) bicycle parking spaces. This may be achieved through bicycle racks that are not publicly accessible (i.e. not located on the street) and may be installed interior to a parking garage or dedicated bicycle parking room of the multifamily development. Nothing in this subsection must prevent a greater number of bicycle parking spaces being provided.

## 5.5. ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to support the creation of a highly connected transportation system in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in order to ensure adequate access for emergency and service vehicles, connect neighborhoods to each other and to local destinations such as schools, parks, and shopping centers, reduce vehicle miles of travel and travel times; improve air quality; reduce emergency response times; encourage connections to redevelopable property; and free up arterial road capacity to better serve regional long distance travel needs.

1. **Access for Residential Subdivisions.** In order to create a more connected transportation system and accommodate emergency and service vehicles, the following standards shall apply:

- a. Any subdivision of more than 50 dwelling units shall provide at least two access points, the second may consist of an emergency access. If the configuration of the property does not allow for a secondary access, the paved surface of the main road shall be at least 26 feet wide to the first intersection. If the emergency access will not be a road or driveway, then the access must be shown on the site plan. The access will have appropriately designed drainage and a plan/profile to ensure constructability. LID features are encouraged for these types of emergency access points.

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- b. Subdivisions with greater than 100 dwellings shall provide at least two access points to the collector and thoroughfare street network to be built in accordance with Article 5.
- c. No more than 100 dwellings units shall be approved on a Final Plat(s) until the required secondary access has been constructed.
- d. Subdivisions of 250 dwelling units or more shall provide at least three separate access points. With recommendation from the Traffic Engineer, the Planning Commission may waive the requirement for construction of one access point provided that subdivision design and phasing illustrates the additional required access in a future phase.
- e. For subdivisions of 250 dwelling units or more, stub streets may be credited for one of the required access points if two access roads are connected to the existing collector and thoroughfare street network.
- f. With recommendation from staff, the Planning Commission may waive these access requirements during the preliminary subdivision review if there are extreme cases where limited road frontage, floodplains, wetlands, riparian buffers, slopes exceeding 11 percent, or other unique site conditions prevent access and will not substantially impact emergency service delivery.

Subdivisions shall be designed in a manner that Residential Access Streets do not provide direct access from one major collector road to another major collector road creating cut-through traffic.

- g. Primary subdivision access roads shall be built in accordance with the Engineering Manual based on the projected traffic volumes generated from the within the subdivision and as a result of any future connections as determined by the Traffic Engineer. The adopted Future Land Use Map will be considered to estimate future development potential of adjacent land and project future traffic volumes.

Table X.X. Minimum Access for Residential Subdivisions
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Projected Trip Generation Volume (Vehicle Trips/Day)	Min. # Access Points
10-300	1
301-999	2 (1 can be emergency)
1000-2499	2
2500+	3 (1 can be emergency or stubout)

2. **Access for Multifamily Residential.** In order to create a more connected transportation system and accommodate emergency and service vehicles, the following standards shall apply to Multifamily Residential developments:
  - a. Any proposed multifamily development of more than 100 dwelling units shall provide at least two access points. The secondary access point shall be constructed prior to the construction of unit 101.
3. **Access for Non-Residential.** The Director in coordination with the city Engineer shall be authorized to require interparcel cross access between adjacent developments or to designate cross-access corridors on properties adjacent to arterial and major collector roadways. Such requirement or designation may be made in connection with the approval of any subdivision or site plan within the affected area, or as part of an overall planning program.
  - a. Each site plan shall provide for appropriate stub-outs to support cross access between adjacent parcels.
  - b. If the adjacent parcel to the proposed development is vacant, an access easement shall be executed and recorded with the Greenville or Spartanburg County Register of Deeds.

## 5.6. FENCES, WALLS, BERMS

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A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to regulate the appearance, height, and location of fences, walls, and berms within the City. The intent of this section is to:

1. Ensure the safety and privacy of land;
2. Require construction of fences, walls, and berms that are of high quality visual design; and
3. Provide standards for fences, walls, and berms that serve as transitions between public and private spaces.

B. **Applicability.** The standards of this section shall apply to all construction or replacement of fences, walls, and berms, unless exempted in subsection 5.6.C below. Permit requirements: Any person wishing to erect, alter, or relocate a fence must first obtain a fence permit from the Building and Development Department. Fences not meeting the standards outlined in this section may be permitted by a special use permit. The Director may exercise the power to impose reasonable conditions in granting a special use permit under the requirements and guidelines of this ordinance.

C. **Exemptions.** The following are exempt from the standards of this section:

1. Fences and walls used for permitted farm purposes and agricultural activities;
2. Fences for active construction sites, where a permit has been issued by the City;
3. Silt fencing used during construction;
4. Fencing used for tree protection;
5. Fences required for safety purposes around swimming pools; and
6. Noise attenuation walls installed by government entities along roadways or highways.

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D. **Review.** Review of all fences, walls, and berms applicable under this section shall be reviewed during the site plan process for any new development or building.

E. **General Standards.**

1. **Location.** Fences, walls, and berms shall not encroach into or inhabit :
  - a. Public right-of-way;
  - b. Required site triangle;
  - c. Required ingress or egress points;
  - d. Access to fire hydrants.
2. **Setbacks.** Fences, walls, and berms can encroach into required rear and side setbacks.
3. **Utility Easements.** Fences, walls, and berms can encroach into utility easements if written authorization from the easement holder is provided.
4. **Drainage.** Fences, walls, and berms shall not inhibit or block drainage flows on site.
5. **Materials of Fences and Walls.** Fences and walls shall be constructed of permanent, high-quality materials including masonry, brick and stone, stucco over concrete masonry blocks, treated wood, wrought iron/aluminum. Fences and walls shall be of the same or compatible material as the material of the principal building. Materials for the support of living vegetation may also be clad to fences and walls. Chain link fencing is permitted within the Manufacturing and Logistics zoning district. Chain link fencing is prohibited in all other zoning districts except for when used to screen Industrial and Logistics Uses with section 4.3.7.
6. **Design of Fences and Walls.**
  - a. All fence support structures must be located on the inside of the fence.
  - b. All fences and walls shall be installed with the finished side facing the exterior/adjoining properties and rights-of-way.

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- c. All fences and walls shall be constructed in accordance with the South Carolina Building Code.
- d. Bright colors, including orange, yellow, and red, are not permitted for permanent fences or walls.

**7. Landscaping For Fences and Walls.** For any fence or wall six (6) feet in height or greater, the property owner, Home Owner's Association, Property Owner's Association, or similar group shall landscape the area between the street side of the wall or fence and the right-of-way line if within five (5) feet of the right-of-way line.

- a. For any subdivision perimeter wall, required landscaping shall include sufficient quantities, types, heights and densities of materials to provide at least fifty (50) percent opacity within five (5) years of planting. All other fences and walls shall utilize shrubs, plant material and ornamental grasses.
- b. Required landscape buffers shall be planted within sixty (60) days of the completion of the wall.

**F. Height of Fences and Walls.** Height shall be measured from the top of the fence or wall, (not including architectural features such as columns), above grade to the lowest grade on the side of the finished grade for all fences and walls.

- 1. The maximum height of a fence or wall shall be eight (8) feet in nonresidential zoning districts. Exceptions may be granted for unique uses such as sports facilities, utilities, or where required for the safety of pedestrians or motorists.
- 2. Residential fences less than six (6) feet in height shall be required to obtain a zoning approval.
- 3. Subdivision walls along the perimeter of residential development are permitted to be a maximum of eight (8) feet in height.



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4. An additional maximum eighteen (18) inches of height may be permitted for decorative, architectural details (such as posts, columns, and light fixtures).

**G. Prohibited Fences.**

1. **Electric Fences.** Electric fences are only permitted in conjunction with permitted bona fide agricultural activities. Warning signs shall be required on all-electric fences and meet all safety and emergency services requirements. Underground electric fences that are used in conjunction with electric transponder collars for pets may be permitted in all districts.
2. **Barbed Wire Fences.** Barbed wire fences or fences of similar material including but not limited to razor wire are only permitted in conjunction with permitted agricultural activities or to protect the public health and safety in association with industrial uses, utility structures, landfills, airports, law enforcement, or similar civil uses. If a barbed wire fences is proposed for public health and safety, a written narrative shall be provided to the Director.

**H. Specific Berm Standards.** Berms shall conform to the following standards:

1. **Grading of Berms.** Berms shall not exceed a grade of one (1) foot of rise in three (3) feet of length.
2. **Landscaping.** Berms shall be landscaped and meet all landscape requirements of this UDO.
3. **Height.** Berms shall not exceed a total of eight (8) feet above the toe of the berm.
4. **Flat Top.** Berms shall have a minimum two (2) foot flat top width at the top of the berm height.
5. **Fences and Walls On Berms.** Fences and walls that comply with the standards of this section may be permitted on top of a berm.

**I. Maintenance.**

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1. Fences, walls, and berms shall be maintained in the state in which they were approved. Maintenance is the responsibility of property owner, homeowner's association, property owner's association, or similar group.
2. Any missing or deteriorated portions shall be replaced or repaired as necessary.
3. No fence, wall, or berm shall pose a threat to people or property due to neglect or lack of repair.

## 5.7. LIGHTING

A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to regulate exterior lighting for applicable buildings, lots, and developments. This section intends to:

1. Require exterior lighting at minimum levels for safety and security of motorists and pedestrians;
2. Provide standards to prevent light from excessively illuminating other properties and street rights-of-way;
3. Minimize glare;
4. Reduce light pollution;
5. Protection of the night skies and; and
6. Minimize other adverse impacts from light intensity.

B. **Applicability.** The standards of this section shall apply to all new subdivisions, multi-family, group living, nonresidential, and mixed-use developments. The following shall also apply in instances of repairs, renovations, and/or or additions:

1. **Minor.** When a building or site area is improved by twenty-five (25) percent or less of the building or site's gross square footage, lighting subject to the standards of this section is required only for the additional improved site area.
2. **Major.** When a building or site area is improved by greater than twenty-five (25) percent of the building or site's gross square footage, both the additional area and existing area must conform to the lighting standards in this section.

C. **Exemptions.** The following are exempt from the standards of this section:

1. Lighting for residential uses that are not part of a site plan or subdivision plan;
2. Lighting located within rights-of-way;
3. Lighting exempt from this UDO under state or federal law;

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4. Security lighting required for public spaces consistent with *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* (CPTED) or similar safety requirements;
5. Lighting for permitted temporary uses, including grand openings, special events and celebrations;
6. Holiday displays;
7. FAA-required lighting on buildings and telecommunication towers;
8. Temporary lighting for construction work and/or emergency personnel; and
9. Lighting for flags, public monuments, and public statutes.

**D. Maximum Illumination.**

1. All required maximum lighting levels are identified, calculated, and measured in maintained foot-candles.
2. Table 5.6: Maximum Illumination at Property Line, identifies maximum illumination values. Illumination shall not exceed the maximum illumination permitted at the edge of any lot line (i.e. property line).
3. Where a single development occupies multiple lots, the maximum illumination shall be required around the perimeter of the development.

Table 5.6. Maximum Illumination At Property Line

USE	MAXIMUM FOOT-CANDLES (FC)
Multi-Family Residential	1.0 FC
Nonresidential Uses	2.0 FC
Industrial and Logistic Uses	3.0 FC

- E. Lighting Plan.** All applicable development per this section shall provide a lighting plan to be reviewed in conjunction with a site plan and/or subdivision plan.

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Lighting plans, required to be provided by a licensed engineer, at minimum shall comply with the following:

1. All proposed and existing buildings on the site.
2. Pedestrian and vehicular areas.
3. Other above-ground improvements.
4. The horizontal location of all proposed and existing outdoor lighting fixtures, including pole and wall-mounted fixtures.
5. Mounting heights of each fixture.
6. Overall height of each pole above grade.
7. Fixture details.
8. Location of externally illuminated signs and associated fixtures.
9. The location of all architectural and landscape lighting fixtures.
10. The plan must include a foot-candle plan that provides typical foot-candle contours and a point photometric grid that indicates foot-candle levels measured at grade across the site.
11. Maximum, average and minimum site foot-candles, uniformity ratio (average and minimum), and depreciation factors also are required.
12. The plan must show initial horizontal illuminance values in foot-candles for the area to be illuminated.
13. Values must be calculated at grade and include contributions from all onsite fixtures.
14. The plan must plot foot-candles of illumination at ground level to the nearest tenth of a foot-candle, and at horizontal grid intervals of no more than ten feet.
15. The plan shall show illumination level at the lot line (or perimeter of a development, if applicable) to ensure maximum illumination levels are

not exceeded.

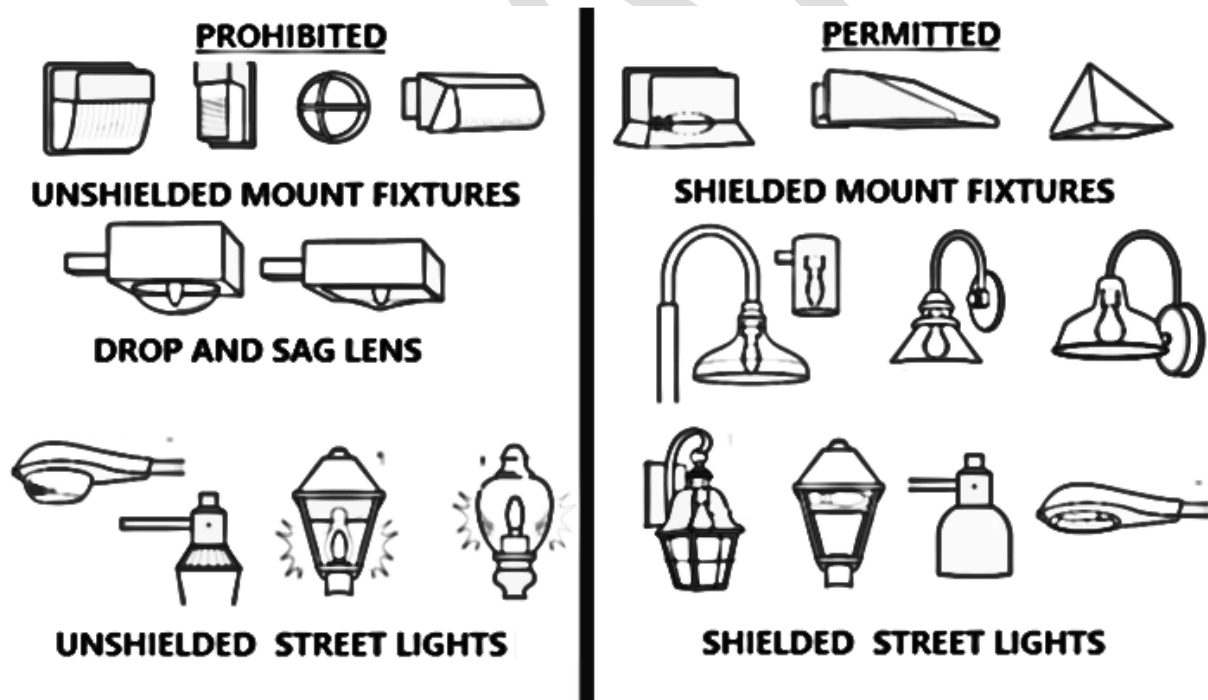
16. The manufacturer's cut sheets (specifications) for each proposed fixture must be submitted.

17. The plan shall also include fixture type, including the manufacturer's product identification catalog number, and fixture mounting height.

#### F. General Design Standards.

1. All fixtures, except for streetlighting fixtures, including security lighting, must be cutoff fixtures.
2. Cutoff fixtures shall emit no direct up-light and shall project all of its light in a downward motion. All lighting fixtures shall be constructed and designed to prevent light from emitting upwards toward the dark night sky. Fixtures shall conform to the permitted fixture types as identified in Figure 5.7.1.

Figure 5.7.1. Permitted Fixture Types



3. Street lights shall be designed to be uniform throughout a subdivision or development, including the design of light structure and light color.

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4. Canopy lighting fixtures shall be designed to be completely recessed within the canopy.
5. All fixtures must be incorporated into the building or site as an integrated design element through the use of common or complementary style, material, and color.
6. Interior fixtures used to light the interior of parking garages must be shielded to prevent light spilling from the garage.
7. Light fixtures on the top deck of a parking garage shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and must be shielded to prevent light spilling from the boundary of the garage deck.
8. Rooftop lighting of parking garages must be setback a minimum fifteen (15) feet from the perimeter of the rooftop parking structure.
9. Lighting for permitted rooftop uses (such as a restaurant or lounge) shall be pedestrian in scale and not exceed twelve (12) feet in height (this does not include any FAA mandated lighting).
  - a. Rooftop lighting fixtures used for permitted rooftop uses shall be located toward the center of the rooftop, away from its edges and not face outward.
  - b. Safety lighting may be utilized along walls or rails. All lighting shall be designed to effectively eliminate glare, shielded to prevent light spilling over the side of the building, and shall be turned off when the rooftop area is not in use.
10. Wall packs on buildings may be used at entrances to a building or to light potentially unsafe areas. They should not be intended to draw attention to the building or provide general building or site lighting. Wall packs shall be fully shielded, cutoff type fixtures with concealed light sources. The lighting must be directed downward.
11. Loading/unloading docks shall only be illuminated by fixtures which feature full cutoff design and shall be affixed to an outside building wall or

pole.

12. All outdoor lighting fixtures not mounted on buildings (i.e. ground based) shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from a property line or right-of-way line and should be no closer than two (2) feet from any required perimeter or streetscape buffer. Undergrounding service is encouraged.
13. Light fixtures shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height in vehicle use areas. Additional standards for parking areas are required in this section.
14. Light fixtures shall be twelve (12) to fifteen (15) feet in height in nonvehicular pedestrian areas.
15. An illustrative example of permitted light fixture heights is provided in 5.6.2.

Figure 5.7.2. Fixture Height



**G. External Building Lighting Standards.** External building lighting shall comply with the following standards:

1. Fixtures that decoratively light a building or wall may not light above the



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parapet of the building or the top of the wall.

2. Landscape and decorative lights are hereby made exempt from this subsection.
3. Floodlights, spotlights, or any other similar lighting shall not be used to illuminate buildings or other site features unless approved as an integral architectural element on the development plan.
4. On-site lighting may be used to accent architectural elements but not used to illuminate entire portions of building(s) or sign(s).
5. Where accent lighting is used, the maximum illumination on any vertical surface or angular roof surface shall not exceed 5.0 foot-candles.
6. Building façade and accent lighting will not be approved unless the light fixtures are carefully selected, located, aimed, and shielded so that light is directed only onto the building façade and spillover light is negligible.
7. Motion-activated lighting shall go on only when activated and turn off within five (5) minutes of activation. Motion-activated lighting shall not be triggered by movement off the property.

**H. Parking Area Lighting Standards.** Lighting is required within parking areas.

The height of light fixtures within a parking area shall comply with the following standards:

1. Parking area lighting fixtures shall be required to stagger the heights of light fixtures so that the tallest fixtures are in the center of the parking lot, and the lowest heights are at the perimeter of the parking lot.
2. Light fixtures height shall not exceed thirty (30) feet within the center of a parking area and shall decrease height to twelve (12) to fifteen (15) feet at the boundary of the parking area.
3. To avoid conflict in layout, parking lot lighting must be coordinated with parking area landscaping.
4. Lighting design shall be coordinated with the landscape plan to ensure

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that vegetation growth will not substantially impair the intended illumination.

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Figure 5.6.X. Parking Area Lighting Standards Illustrative Example



- I. **Pedestrian Lighting.** Pedestrian lighting is required and includes lighting along internal sidewalks, multimodal paths, civic spaces, and public gathering spaces; street lighting is excluded from this. Bollard or path lighting shall not exceed a four (4) foot in height. Pedestrian lighting shall provide at least 1.0 foot-candle of illumination and shall not exceed 2.0 foot-candles.

Figure 5.6.X Examples of Bollard/Path Lighting



J. **Sign Lighting Standards.** All external lighting for signs shall be designed and located to assure there is no spillover light. Signs shall be in compliance with Section 5.2: Signs.

K. **Athletic Field Lighting Standards.** Lighting for athletic fields may be in excess of permitted fixture heights and illumination levels. Recreation lighting levels established by *Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)* are to be used as the standard for all athletic field lighting. All sports fields, areas, or courts must meet the following minimum standards:

1. Fixtures must be fitted with manufacturer's glare control package.
2. Lighting must be turned off no later than one (1) hour after any event ends.
3. Fixtures must be designed with a sharp cutoff and aimed so that their beams fall within the primary playing area and the immediate surroundings, so that off-site direct illumination is significantly restricted.
4. Lighting fixtures shall not exceed eighty (80) feet in height.

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5. Spillover illumination levels at the field property lines shall not exceed 0.5 foot-candles.

**L. Gas Station Lighting.**

1. All light fixtures for gas stations that are mounted on the lower surface of canopies must be fully shielded; canopy edges do not qualify as shielding.
2. Light fixtures mounted on canopies shall be recessed so that lens cover is recessed or flush with the bottom surface (ceiling) of the canopy or shielded by the fixture or the edge of the canopy so that light is restrained to seventy (70) degrees or less from vertical.
3. Lighting levels shall be no greater than 15.0 foot-candles at the edge of the canopy.
4. Areas outside service station pump island canopy shall be illuminated so that the maximum horizontal luminance at grade level is no more than 10.0 foot-candles.

**M. Prohibited Lighting.**

1. **Flashing Lights.** Lights that flash, move, rotate, blink, flicker, vary in intensity, or color, or use intermittent electrical pulses are prohibited. Such techniques used for signs that are internal to a building and located behind windows are exempt from this requirement.
2. **Floodlights.** Floodlights, spotlights, or any other similar lighting shall not be used to illuminate buildings or other site features unless approved as an integral architectural element on the site plan or as a permitted temporary use (such as spotlights for grand openings or celebrations). Accent lighting shall not be considered floodlights.
3. **Tube Lighting.** Tube lighting in the form of neon or rope lighting is prohibited on building exteriors and along façade trims where it defines a window, door, or elevation. The utilization of tube lighting behind windows is exempt.

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4. **Traffic Control.** Lighting that is similar to or could be confused as being a traffic control device are prohibited.

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## 5.8. COMMUNICATION/CELL TOWERS

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to regulate Communication/Cell Towers as described in section 4.3.7.C. The standards and regulations within this section is intended to:
1. Promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public by regulating the siting of wireless communications facilities;
  2. Minimize the impacts of communication towers on surrounding areas by establishing standards for location, structural integrity, and compatibility;
  3. Encourage the location and collocation of wireless communication equipment on existing structures, thereby minimizing visual, aesthetic, and public safety impacts and effects upon the natural environment and wildlife, and reducing the need for additional communications towers;
  4. Accommodate the growing need and demand for wireless communication services;
  5. Encourage coordination between providers of communication services in City of Greer;
  6. Protect the character, scale, stability, and aesthetic quality of the residential districts of City of Greer by imposing certain reasonable restrictions on the placement of communication towers;
  7. Respond to the policies embodied in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in such a manner as to not unreasonably discriminate between providers of functionally equivalent personal wireless service or to prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting personal wireless service in the City of Greer;
  8. Establish predictable and balanced regulations governing the construction and location of wireless communications facilities within the confines of permissible local regulation;
  9. Establish review procedures to ensure that applications for wireless communications facilities are reviewed and acted upon within a reasonable period of time;
  10. Provide for the removal of unused communications towers; and
  11. Provide for the replacement or removal of nonconforming communications towers and other antenna supporting structures.
- B. Applicability.

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1. In General. This Subsection applies to all communication towers that are specified special exception uses in Section 4.2: Principal Use Table and to all communication antennas affixed to communication towers.
  2. Other Applicable Standards. The general requirements for all structures are applicable to communication towers, antennas, and related support facilities. All applicable health, nuisance, noise, fire, building, and safety code requirements shall apply in addition to the specific requirements of this Subsection. Regulations covering visibility, fencing, screening, landscaping, parking, access, lot size, exterior illumination, sign, storage, and all other general zoning district regulations except those specifically superseded by this communication tower Subsection apply to the use.
  3. Exempt Communications Towers and Antennas. This Subsection does not apply to any tower or antenna:
    - a. Used for private home satellite dishes and television reception; or
    - b. That is used solely by an FCC-licensed amateur radio operator.
  4. Exempt Communications Antennas. This Subsection does not apply to:
    - a. Ground-based receiving antennas up to five meters in diameter, including antennas less than one meter in diameter used for space-based services for residences; or
    - b. Ground-based antennas less than two meters in diameter used in non-residential areas for space-based services.
- C. Major and Minor Modifications.
1. Major Modifications. Major modifications are changes to existing communications towers or communications antennas that result in a substantial increase to the existing structure. As described in this Subsection, major modifications and new communications towers require a special exception permit approved by the Board of Zoning Appeal.
  2. Minor Modifications. Minor modifications are modifications to existing communications tower, existing communications antennas, or the colocation of new communications antennas that result in a material change to the facility or support structure but are of a level, quality, or intensity that is less than a substantial increase. As described in this



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Subsection, approval for a minor modification may be granted by the Director.

- a. Substantial Increases. For the purposes of this Subsection, a substantial increase to an existing structure occurs when:
  - i. The mounting of the proposed communications antenna on an existing communications tower would increase the height of the existing structure by more than 10%, or by the height of one additional antenna array with separation from the nearest existing antenna not to exceed twenty feet, whichever is greater, except that the mounting of the proposed antenna may exceed the size limits set forth in this paragraph if necessary to avoid interference with existing antennas;
  - ii. The mounting of the proposed antenna would involve the installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, not to exceed four, or more than one new equipment shelter;
  - iii. The mounting of the proposed antenna would involve adding an appurtenance to the body of the existing tower that would protrude from the edge of the existing tower more than twenty feet, or more than the width of the tower structure at the level of the appurtenance, whichever is greater, except that the mounting of the proposed antenna may exceed the size limits set forth in this paragraph if necessary to shelter the antenna from inclement weather or to connect the antenna to the tower via cable; or

**D. Minor Modifications to Existing Towers.**

- a. Permit Required for Changes to Communications Towers and Antennas. All communication providers must obtain approval by the Director prior to locating a new antenna on an approved tower or modifying an existing tower.
- b. Changes Requiring Approval. Minor modifications, including new collocations, shall be permitted in any zoning district after administrative review and administrative approval in accordance with the standards set forth in this Subsection.

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- c. Standard for Approval of Minor Modifications. An application meeting the standards for a minor modification will be approved by Director. An application that is determined not to meet the standards for a minor modification shall be reviewed as a major modification.
- d. Design Standards. The following standards will apply to the review of applications for minor modifications to existing towers:
  - i. The additional loading on the tower caused by the proposed changes shall not exceed the tower's design as previously submitted; and
  - ii. Changes will be made to the tower's design and construction to safely accommodate the additional antenna(s).
- E. New Communications Towers and Major Modifications to Existing Towers. In zoning districts where communications towers are a special exception use, a new communications tower may be approved by the Director only after approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals of a special exception permit application based on information required by this Subsection, information and evidence provided during the public review and public hearing, and compliance with all requirements and standards established by this Section.
- F. Locations for Use. Communication towers may be located in the following zoned areas of City of Greer:
  - a. Communication towers are a special exception use in all districts, subject to the following standards:
    - i. In residential districts, communication towers must be an accessory use on parcels where a use other than single-family or duplex use, such as a school, church, multifamily residential complex, or public utility site, is established as the principal use of the property, provided the principal use of the property complies with this Ordinance. On such residentially zoned sites, the minimum setback of the zoning district in which it is located shall be increased by one foot for each one foot of tower height in excess of 40 feet. The maximum required separation shall be 200 feet.

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- b. In any zoning district, communication antennas are a permitted use when attached to existing electrical high-tension towers (transmission towers), so long as:
  - i. The increase in height to the existing transmission tower does not exceed 25 feet;
  - ii. The total number of antennas added to an existing transmission tower does not exceed 12; and
  - iii. The applicant provides a structural analysis of the existing transmission tower that shows the additional loads from the proposed antennas are within the design tolerances for the tower.
- G. Criteria for Communications Tower Use. The following criteria shall apply to the review of all new communication tower uses in all districts in which communication towers are a conditional or special exception use:
  - a. Each parcel on which a communication tower is located must have access to a public road 20 feet in width;
  - b. The applicant must demonstrate compliance with radio frequency emissions standards adopted by the Federal Communications Commission;
  - c. Communication towers and their foundations shall meet the requirements of the current Building Code for wind and seismic loads;
  - d. For a freestanding communication tower, the applicant must show that that alternative towers, buildings, or other structures do not exist within the applicant's tower site search area that are structurally capable of supporting the intended antenna, meet the applicant's necessary height criteria, or provide a location free of interference from other towers;
  - e. The proposed structure will not endanger the health and safety of residents, employees, or travelers, including, but not limited to, the likelihood of the failure of such structure;
  - f. The proposed structure will not impair the use of or prove detrimental to neighboring properties;
  - g. The proposed structure is necessary to provide a service that is beneficial to the surrounding community; and

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- h. The proposed tower is located in an area where it does not substantially detract from aesthetics and neighborhood character.
- H. Height and Appearance Standards.
  - a. Freestanding Towers. Freestanding communication towers must not exceed a height of 300 feet.
  - b. Communication Towers on Buildings. Communications towers on buildings must not exceed a height that is:
    - i. 20 feet above the roofline of buildings 50 feet or less in height; and
    - ii. 40 feet above the roofline of buildings 50 feet in height or greater.
  - c. Increased Height for Minor Modifications. The height requirement of this Subsection apply to all towers and antennas except for increases in height to existing towers that qualify as minor modifications.
  - d. FAA Compliance Required. Communication towers must comply with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAA) for height limitations for existing or proposed runways at any publicly owned airport.
  - e. Color. Unless otherwise required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or the FAA, communication towers shall be light gray in color
- I. Setbacks.
  - a. Communication towers in all zoning district are subject to the applicable setback requirements of the district in which they are located.
  - b. Communication towers as an accessory use in non-residential zoning districts must comply with the applicable setback requirements of the district in which they are located.
  - c. Communications towers in residential districts are subject to the minimum setback of the zoning district in which it is located with an additional one foot in setback added for each one foot of tower height over 40 feet. The maximum required separation shall be 200 feet.
- J. Separation Requirements. Communication towers in a residential district shall not be located within 1,000 feet of an existing communication tower unless the towers are located on the same property.
- K. Fencing and Screening.<sup>83</sup>

- a. Fencing. Eight-foot high fencing shall be installed around the communication tower and any associated structures.
- b. Screening. Screening with landscape material around the exterior fence must comply with the buffer requirement of Buffer Type 2 in section 5.3.2.
- L. Illumination. Communication towers shall only be illuminated if required by FCC or FAA regulations.
- M. Identification of Owner. One sign no more than two square feet in area must be placed in a visible location on the required fencing identifying the owner's name, street address, an all hours emergency telephone number, and the owner's identification number for the tower. The sign may also identify other users of the tower.
- N. Removal of Towers Not in Use. A communication tower must be removed within 120 days of the date such tower ceases to be used for communication purposes.

## 6. BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS

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The purpose and intent of this Section is to provide minimum requirements for the design and configuration of multifamily (including triplexes and quadplexes), and non-residential (commercial, office and industrial) developments. These standards are intended to provide the City's expectations for the quality and appearance of certain development through the use of architectural designs, building features, exterior materials and colors, desirable design elements, and detailing. This Section is intended to provide flexibility in the development of compatible mixed uses and other non-residential areas. These standards are intended:

1. To encourage clustering of commercial (non-residential), multifamily and industrial activities within specifically designed areas and to discourage strip commercial development along major thoroughfares and non-commercial areas;
2. Provide for orderly development of commercial activities so that adverse impacts on adjacent property(s) and traffic flow can be limited; and

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3. Encourage an orderly and systematic development design providing rational placement of activities, parking, circulation, landscaping, pedestrian circulation, loading, and access.

All figures, images, and rendered photographs are for illustrative purposes only; the text, dimensions and standards shall apply in all cases where there is a conflict.

#### **6.1. NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS**

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose and intent of this Section is to provide minimum requirements for building and site design. Non-residential design standards are additional standards intended to supplement the required zoning district development standards and specific use standards provided in Section \_\_\_\_\_. This includes specific design and development standards within the Mixed Use which may reference “Build-To” zones, “Frontage Standards” (requirements) or similar as defined in Section 5.1 “Standards of General Applicability”.

These standards are intended to:

1. Provide the City’s expectations for the quality and appearance of new development;
2. Ensure high quality design through the use of design requirements including architectural components, building features, exterior materials and colors, desirable design elements, and detailing;
3. Feature appropriate levels of building articulation, transparency, and design elements;
4. Limit undesirable design elements and promote desirable design elements;
5. Screen loading and delivery areas and mechanical use areas, including those on roofs;
6. Encourage ground floor activity and pedestrian friendly design for pedestrian comfort and activity; long expanses of inactivity are strongly

discouraged; and

7. Require standards for building design that are appropriate to context and location.

**B. Applicability.**

1. All new buildings and sites shall comply with the standards of this section unless specifically exempted in subsection (D) below.
2. Development existing prior to the adopted date of this UDO, as well as redevelopment of buildings established prior to the adopted date of this UDO, are encouraged but not required to comply with these standards, unless required by subsection (C) below.
3. Overlays and/or designated architectural review districts may have separate design and development standards including but not limited to application and review processes. Where such standards are adopted, those standards shall prevail.

**C. Repairs, Renovations, and Additions.**

1. A building may be repaired or renovated without complying with the requirements of this section, provided there is no increase in gross floor area. When a building or site is increased in gross floor area or improved site area by greater than twenty-five (25) percent, both the additional building and/or site area must conform to the standards of this section.
2. Notwithstanding any standards of this section to the contrary, any additions to a building which is constructed in compliance with the standards of this section may continue the design of the existing building, including building materials, colors, textures, architecture, roofs, façades, and other detailing.

**D. Exemptions.** The standards of this section shall not apply to the following:

1. New non-residential buildings less than five-thousand (5,000) square



feet.

2. Development located in the Industrial zoning district (see Section 6.8.7: Industrial Design Standards).
3. Conversion of a building from one (1) permitted principal use to another permitted principal use.

**E. Required Design Elements.** The following design elements, which promote a high-quality development or redevelopment, are required for all buildings:

1. Consistent architectural style, detail and trim;
2. Facades which break down large elements of mass and scale where appropriate;
3. Architectural details and articulation;
4. Material changes reflective of function and appropriately placed;
5. Canopies, porches, stoops, roof overhangs or other pedestrian friendly features;
6. Shade and weather protection for ground floor entrances;
7. Design elements such as cornice lines, columns, arches; and
8. Various fenestration and transparency elements.

**F. Prohibited Design Elements.** The following design elements, which do not promote high quality development or redevelopment, are prohibited:

1. Large, monotonous, unarticulated blank wall surfaces;
2. Exposed and untreated block walls;
3. Chain link fences and barbed wires;
4. Mirror window glazing;
5. False fronts;
6. Loading bays or loading doors;
7. Lack of architectural features; and
8. Lack of change in materials.

**G. Overlays.** Buildings and sites located within defined overlays as identified in Section 3: Overlays and the official zoning map shall conform to the adopted standards of the Overlay except where otherwise noted. Where there exists a



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conflict, the standards of the overlays shall govern.

- H. **Images.** This section Utilize figures, images, and rendered photographs for illustrative purposes only; the text, dimensions and/or standards shall apply in all cases where there is a conflict.
- I. **Nonresidential Building Design Standards.** These standards provide the City's expectations for the quality and appearance of new buildings through the use of architectural designs, building features, exterior materials and colors, desirable design elements, and detailing.

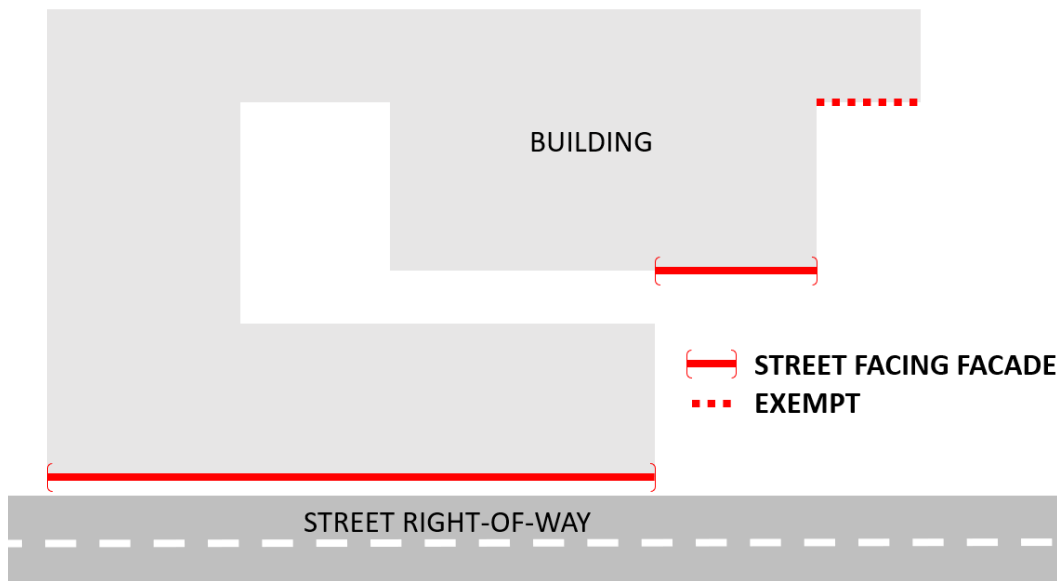
#### OPTION 1

1. **Street Facing Facade Materials.** All facades visible from a building elevation projected parallel to the street lot line are considered street facing. Street facing facades shall comply with the following standards:
- a. Fifty (50) percent of street facing facades shall be constructed of primary materials. For facades greater than five-hundred (500) square feet, more than one (1) primary material shall be used to fulfill the fifty (50) percent requirement.
  - b. Permitted materials for street facing facades which face a public or private street include high quality and durable materials such as stone, brick, stucco, synthetic stucco, treated wood, panel fiber cement board siding, and glass.
  - c. Other materials may be approved at the discretion of the zoning administrator upon determination that that material is appropriate and compatible with the architectural style of the building and surrounding context. The applicant shall provide relevant information requested by the zoning administrator including but not limited to requests for illustrations, material sample, specification sheets, and narrative and pictures demonstrating successful use of materials in other building designs.
  - d. Facades more than Fifty (50) feet from the build-to zone are not

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included, provided they are less than 50% of the total building width.

Figure 6.1.1. Placeholder Graphic – Street Facing Facades



## 2. Secondary Façade Materials.

- a. Secondary materials are limited to accents and/or details for architectural features such as trim, cornices, and cladding, and include concrete, metal, cladding, treated wood, and exterior insulation and finishing systems (EIFS).
- b. If two (2) or more materials are actively utilized on a building's design, the heavier material shall be located below the lighter material (i.e. stone material shall be placed below stucco material), along corners, at storefront divisions, or utilized as a material change to limit blank walls.

OPTION #2

Figure 6.1.2. Multiple Materials



*Note: Figure 6.1.2 above provides an illustrative example of the standards identified in subsections 3. Façade Colors and 4. Façade Design.*

3. **Façade Colors.** Building façade colors shall help unify buildings within a development. Building façade colors should be similar and consistent within a development. Building colors shall comply with the following standards:
  - a. Primary colors shall be earth tones, muted, subtle, or neutral colors. Bright and/or neon colors are prohibited. Exterior color schemes that attract undue attention, or that cause the building to appear as a sign or advertisement, are not permitted.
  - b. Accent colors and colors on details and trims may be of brighter hue and variation than façade colors.
  - c. Color should be integral to the materials. The use of complementing hues is required where painted or applied finishes are utilized
  - d. Traditional and standard franchise colors shall also comply with this section.

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4. **Façade Design.** Building facades shall be designed with a consistent architectural style, detail, and trim. All sides of a building shall require architectural detailing and windows that complement the primary façade. Facades greater than one-hundred (100) feet in length shall require a repeating, consistent pattern of change in color, texture, and material. Facades shall comply with the following additional standards:
- a. **Vertical Mass.** The vertical mass of multistory buildings shall be visually broken at each story with architectural detail and articulation of at least one (1) foot in the vertical direction. Illustrated as “A” in Figure. 6.1.3.
  - b. **Roof Lines.** To limit box-like building forms, roofs shall include differing planes, pitches, forms, heights, or materials that are distinct from one another. Roof lines shall not exceed a linear distance of one-hundred (100) feet without the introduction of a physical articulation. Illustrated as “B” in Figure 6.1.3.
  - c. **Horizontal Mass.** Building facades shall not exceed a linear distance of thirty-five (35) feet without the introduction of a physical articulation no less than one (1) foot wide and extending in a horizontal direction along the façade. Illustrated as “C” in Figure 6.1.3.
  - d. **Wall Offsets.** Facades of 60 or greater feet in width shall incorporate wall offsets of at least one (1) foot of depth a minimum of every forty (40) feet. Illustrated as “D” in Figure 6.1.3.

Figure 6.1.3. Façade Design



A-D	Façade Standards Illustrated
A	Vertical Mass
B	Roof Lines
C	Horizontal Mass
D	Wall Offsets

5. **Façade Transparency.** Building shall be designed to have a minimum transparency, through the use of windows and doors, on ground and upper floors as illustrated in Figure 6.1.4. Transparency applies to all sides of a buildings facing a public and/or private street. Transparency shall not be required for service areas, loading/unloading areas, or those areas not visible from the public and/or private street.

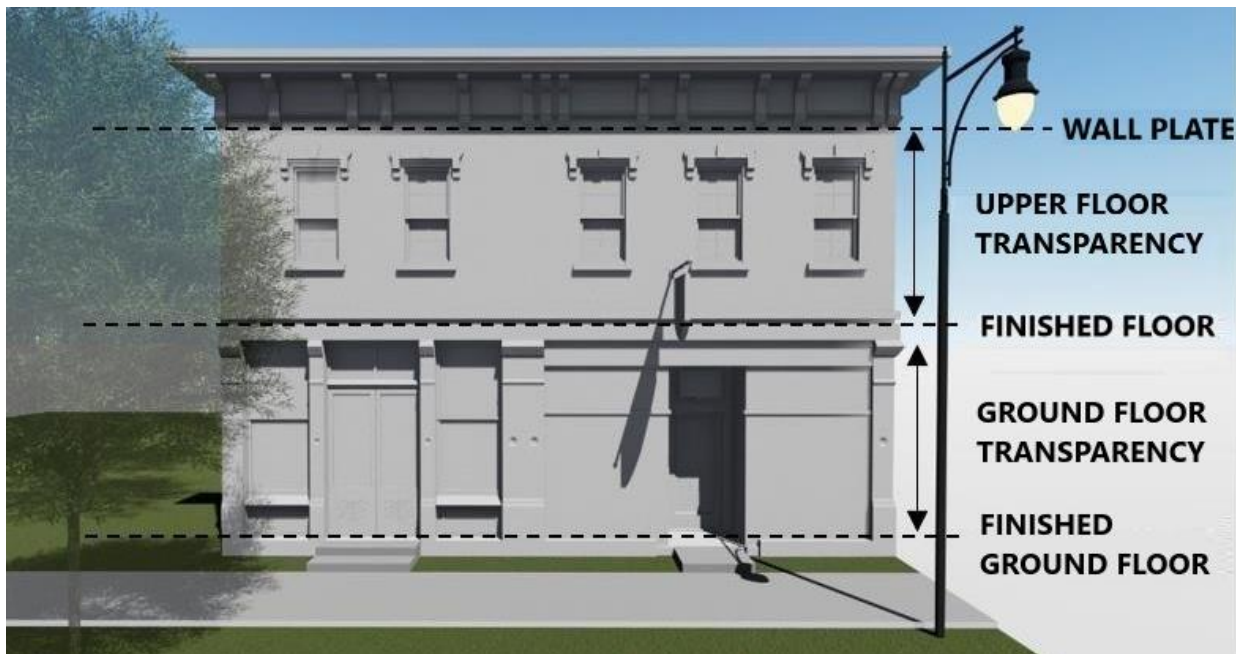
- a. **Ground Floor Transparency.** Ground floor transparency shall be calculated based on the total façade area located between the finished ground floor level and beginning of the upper floor. All ground floor transparency shall be a minimum thirty (30) percent, unless stated otherwise in this UDO.
- b. **Upper Floor Transparency.** Upper floor transparency is calculated based on total façade area located between the surface of any floor to the surface of the floor above it. If there is no floor above, then the measurement shall be taken from the surface of the floor to the



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top of the wall plate. All upper floor transparency shall be a minimum twenty (20) percent unless stated otherwise in this UDO.

Figure 6.1.4. Transparency



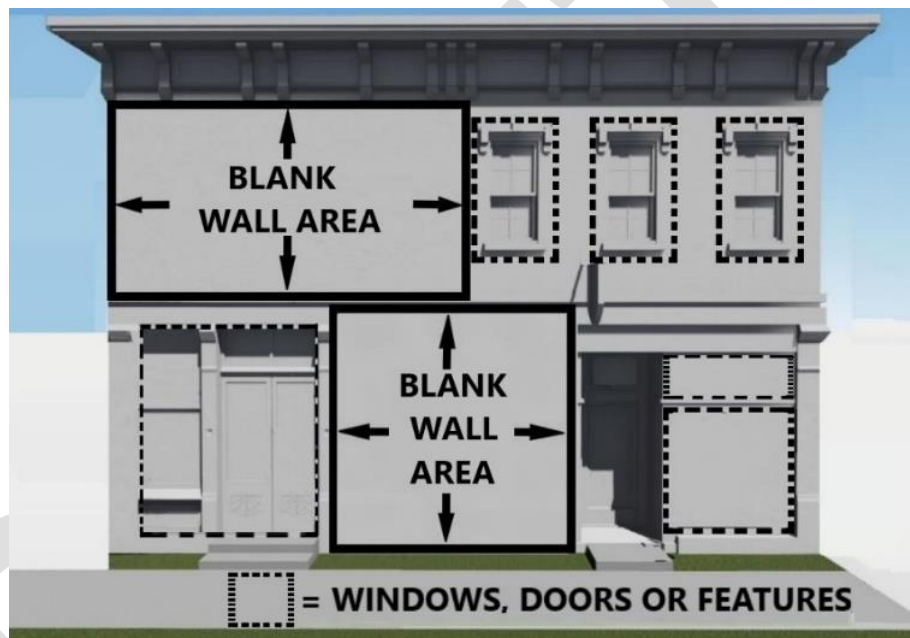
6. **Building Blank Wall Area.** Buildings shall be designed to limit blank wall areas. Blank wall areas are portions of an exterior façade that do not include windows, doors, columns, pilasters, architectural features greater than one (1) foot in depth, or a substantial material change. Blank wall area shall be limited in building designs and comply with the following standards:

- a. Paint is not considered a substantial material change.
- b. Blank wall area applies in both a vertical and horizontal direction and applies to ground floors and upper floors.
- c. The maximum continuous blank wall area for any building shall be a maximum fifty (50) square feet without a break by windows, doors, architectural features greater than one (1) foot in depth, or a substantial material change, unless explicitly stated elsewhere in this UDO.

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- d. When necessary to meet Fire Code requirements, blank wall area requirements may be waived by the Zoning Administrator.
- e. Alternatively, where a facade faces adjacent residential uses, an earthen berm may be installed in lieu of meeting these requirements. The berm shall be no less than six (6) feet in height and contain, at a minimum, a double row of evergreen or deciduous trees, planted at intervals of fifteen (15) feet on center.

Figure 6.1.5. Blank Wall Area



- 7. **Roof Design Standards.** Building rooflines that face a street or public right-of-way shall not exceed a linear distance of one-hundred (100) feet without the introduction of a physical articulation of no less than one (1) foot in the vertical direction, gable, or building projection.
  - a. **Rooftop Equipment.** Publicly visible mechanical equipment or stacks shall be colored to match the roofing material and screened from public view.

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- b. **Parapets.** Parapets may extend thirty-six (36) inches above the roof line. Mansard are prohibited.
  - c. **Roof Treatments.** Roofs shall have architecturally significant roof treatments including, but not limited to, cornices, brackets, roof overhangs, and textured materials. Compatible color materials are required.
- 8. **Entries.** Entrances should be differentiated architecturally to create a sense of human scale.
  - a. Architectural elements like openings, sills, bulkheads, columns, and other architectural features should be used to establish human scale at the street level.
  - b. All commercial and mixed-use buildings should accommodate active street level uses on all pedestrian-oriented frontages.
  - c. Large buildings fronting multiple streets should provide multiple entrances.
- 9. **Buildings on Corners.**
  - a. Buildings that exist on a corner lot shall incorporate additional architectural features, utilize massing techniques, or implement other features to emphasize their prominent location and create a visual assist to turn the corner.
  - b. Corner buildings should utilize massing techniques and architectural treatments to create an inviting pedestrian environment where a building wraps a street corner.
- 10. **Street Walls.**
  - a. Where surface parking lots or drive aisles abut a public street right-of-way (or sidewalk), a street wall shall be required on the setback line or edge of parking lot pavement. Street walls are required alongside boundaries of drive aisles along drive-through lanes. A design alternative may be requested for a hedge or other similar design feature(s).



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- b. Street walls shall be constructed of brick, masonry, stone, wrought iron or other solid decorative materials. Wood, fencing, and chain link shall not be considered permitted materials for a street wall.
- c. Street walls shall be a minimum three (3) feet and a maximum four (four) feet in height.
- d. Breaks in street walls may be permitted to allow for pedestrian or vehicular access, or tree protection.

Figure 6.1.5. Street Walls



## 6.2. NONRESIDENTIAL SITE DESIGN STANDARDS

- A. **Building Siting.** Buildings shall be sited so that they support a walkable public realm and are generally aligned and compatible with one another. Parking should be placed to the side or rear of buildings. Furthermore, building siting shall comply with the following:
  - 1. Large-scale, single-use buildings should be located behind or above habitable street front space and outparcel buildings. This shall not apply to industrial development

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2. Spaces between buildings on outparcels or pad sites shall include enhanced pedestrian features or amenities such as plazas, paver walkways, seating areas, and gathering places in addition to off-street parking spaces.
3. Outparcel buildings, to the maximum extent practicable, shall be clustered along the street in order to define street edges and entry points, and promote a pedestrian scale. Outparcel buildings should help define street edges, development entry points, and spaces for gathering between buildings.
4. Outparcel buildings shall include a consistent level of architectural detail on all sides of the building and consist of similar exterior materials and compatible colors of the primary building in the development.
5. Buildings shall be located to break up the site into a series of smaller blocks defined by streets and pedestrian walkways, and to frame and enclose parking areas, outdoor dining areas, and/or gathering spaces for pedestrians between buildings.
6. If a parking lot separates the principal building from an outparcel building, a pedestrian path/sidewalk shall be provided connecting the two through a direct link as illustrated in Figure 6.2.1.
7. Outparcel buildings shall be placed as close to rights-of-way as possible and limit surface parking between the building and street.

Figure 6.2.1. Outparcel Buildings



**B. Multi-Building Developments.**

1. Sites comprised of multiple buildings shall be configured such that no more than sixty (60) percent of the provided off-street parking shall be located between a building's primary building façade and the street it faces, unless the principal building(s) and/or parking lots are screened from view by outparcel development.
2. Buildings within multiple-building developments shall be clustered to maximize organized open space opportunities.
3. Developments with multiple buildings shall break up the development area into a series of distinguishable smaller blocks which include on-site streets, vehicle accessways, pedestrian walkways and features, and provide interior circulation.
4. Buildings that abut streets shall be oriented parallel to the street. Buildings shall not be oriented at an angle to the street

Figure 6.2.2. Outparcels and Multi-Building Development

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**C. Internal Connections.** Within developments including the construction of new streets, an interconnected network of streets shall be provided. Streets shall connect to adjacent existing streets outside of the development.

**D. Accessory Facilities.**

1. Uses, structures, and mechanical equipment that are accessory to the principal building (i.e. loading and unloading areas, trash collection areas, maintenance and storage, and mechanical equipment areas) shall be incorporated into the overall design, architecture, and landscape of the development.
2. Colors and materials used in accessory uses and structures shall be consistent with the principal structure
3. Visual impacts of these areas shall be fully contained and out of view from streets and public rights-of-way.
4. Accessory structures shall not exceed the height of the principal structure.

**E. Architectural Styles.**

1. In developments with multiple buildings, a consistent level of architectural style shall be maintained.
2. Where dissimilar architectural styles are required, building designs shall be made more consistent through the use of consistent architectural features, similar scale and proportions, and consistent location of signage.

**6.3. NONRESIDENTIAL PEDESTRIAN CONSIDERATIONS**

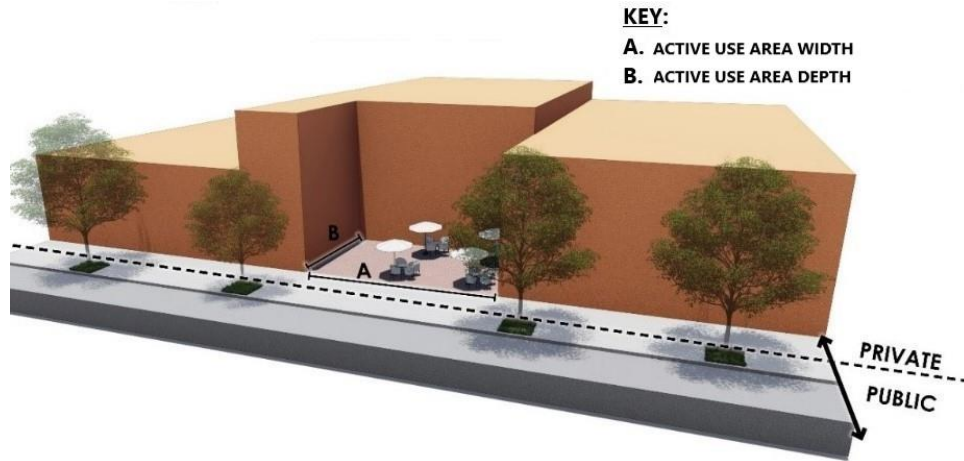
**A. Pedestrian Amenities/Active Use Areas.** All nonresidential development shall provide at least two (3) pedestrian amenities. Pedestrian amenities shall be constructed of materials similar to the principal building materials and shall have direct access to public sidewalk network. Pedestrian amenities may include, but are not limited to:

1. Designated active use areas within the private realm, including specified width and depth, which may be used for activities such as outdoor dining;
2. Benches or decorative public seating;
3. Fountains, clustered ornamentals, clock towers, and similar;
4. Pedestrian plaza;
5. Decorative planters, planting beds, and large potted plants;
6. Public art installments such as statutes, monuments, and murals;
7. Enhanced paving areas and colored pavers;
8. Pocket parks or gardens; and/or
9. Focal feature.

Active Use Areas are defined as those areas along a frontage that provide for active uses such as a forecourt, courtyards, opportunities for outdoor dining, merchandise display, and/or shared gardens. Active use areas are encouraged and may be used to achieve frontage requirements. See Section 5.1 for additional Standards of General Applicability.



Figure 6.3.1. Active Use Area



**B. Pedestrian Access and Flow.**

1. A continuous, internal pedestrian walkway system shall be provided from a perimeter public sidewalk or right-of-way to the principal customer entrance of all principal buildings on the site. For the purposes of this UDO, pedestrian walkway shall mean the same as a pedestrian pathway.
2. Pedestrian walkways shall feature landscaping, benches, enhanced pavers, seating areas and similar materials/facilities for a minimum fifty (50) percent of the length of the walkway.
3. If a parking lot separates the principal building from an outparcel building, a pedestrian path or sidewalk shall be provided connecting the two through a direct link.

**C. Sidewalks.** Sidewalks shall be designed in accordance with the City of Greer Engineering Manual in width and shall be provided in the following locations:

1. Along any street-facing side(s) of any lot that abuts a public street;
2. Along the full length of the building(s), along any façade(s) featuring a customer entrance, and
3. Along any façade(s) abutting public parking areas.

**D. Pedestrian Crossings.** Street crossings, also referred to as a crosswalk, shall be required whenever a walkway intersects a vehicular area; and/or a pedestrian

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walkway intersects a vehicular area within a development or along its frontage. Crossings dedicated for pedestrians within vehicle use areas shall be marked in accordance with state and federal law and designed to draw special attention to alert vehicles to its location through:

1. Physical articulations such as bump-outs;
2. Signage or crossing light/notification mechanisms;
3. Change in materials;
4. Colored paint;
5. Grade change; and/or
6. A combination of these elements.

Figure 6.3.2. Pedestrian Crossing



#### **E. Pedestrian Walkways.**

1. A minimum of one (1) foundation planting bed shall be provided for every two-hundred-and-fifty (250) feet of pedestrian walkway.
2. Planting beds shall be spaced at regular intervals and located between curbs and buildings.
3. A minimum of one (1) tree and ground covering or mulch shall be installed in each planting bed. Trees shall not restrict sight lines or obscure pedestrian movements.

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4. Such beds shall have at least three-hundred (300) square feet of area.
5. All internal pedestrian walkways shall be distinguishable from driving surfaces through the use of special pavers, bricks, or scored concrete to enhance pedestrian safety and the attractiveness of the walkways.

**F. Design Alternative.** If site constraints make the standards of pedestrian access impractical, the Director may approve a design alternative in which the main primary entrance does not face the right-of-way provided the following standards are met:

1. The main building entrance, when not facing the right-of-way, shall provide a safe and convenient access for pedestrians from the main building entrance to the right-of-way. The pedestrian way must provide additional landscape amenities.
2. Entrances which are oriented on a diagonal are permitted, provided that they are integrated with the overall architectural design, and not merely angled appendages or alcoves.
3. Ground floor windows or window displays shall be provided along at least ten percent (10%) of the building's (ground floor) street-facing elevation(s); windows and display boxes shall be integral to the building design and not mounted to an exterior wall. Customer entrances must have weather protection features, such as awnings, arcades, or vestibules.

#### **6.4. INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS**

**A. Industrial Design Standards.** Due to the nature of industrial uses, only limited design standards are required for buildings housing industrial uses.

**B. Industrial Building Facades.** Industrial building facades shall:

1. Include windows and pedestrian features such as roof overhangs over identifiable public entrances to the building.
2. Include well defined public utilizing projections, overhangs or canopies, and similar design elements.
3. Be faced in a compatible and consistent manner for all elevations



facing a street right-of-way or where visible from an existing right-of-way.

**C. Blank Wall Length.**

1. Maximum permitted blank wall length for industrial buildings shall be one-hundred (100) feet, or twenty-five (25) percent of the building length, whichever is greater.
2. Blank wall lengths greater than one-hundred (100) feet or twenty-five (25) percent of the building length, whichever greater, shall require the introduction of physical articulations or material change.

**D. Lighting.** Industrial use buildings and required parking areas shall not exceed a maximum of thirty (30) feet fixture height and 0.5 foot-candle intensity at the perimeter boundary.

**E. Equipment and Loading Areas.** Equipment and loading areas shall comply with the following standards:

1. All building roofs are to be uncluttered.
2. Cooling towers, HVAC and ventilation fans, mechanical units, etc., shall be either screened using a pitched roof façade, parapets, or constructed adjacent to the building and properly screened from view by either landscaping or the use of similar building materials.
3. Ground-mounted equipment and mechanical equipment visible from a public right-of-way shall be screened from view by an opaque wall, landscaping, or combination thereof.
4. Except where regulated otherwise, walls and landscaping shall have a minimum opacity of eighty-five (85) percent and shall be the height of the equipment or facility plus six (6) inches.
5. Where the configuration of the building or site makes it impractical to locate the loading areas in the rear of the building, front or side loading areas may be proposed with additional screening or landscape

requirements.

F. **Parking.** Parking for industrial use buildings shall be located on the sides or rear of buildings.

G. **Foundation Plantings.** Foundation plantings shall be provided per the standards below:

1. Foundation plantings shall be required along a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the building facing a public or private street right-of-way.
2. Service and loading areas shall be excluded from these calculations.
3. The average width of the foundation planting bed must be a minimum of three (3) feet.
4. Plantings shall consist of evergreen and deciduous ornamental shrubs. Shrubs shall be planted at a minimum size of twenty-four (24) inches at time of installation.

Figure 6.4.1. Industrial Use Foundation Plantings



H. **Prohibited Elements.** The following design elements are prohibited:

1. Reflective surfaces;

2. Exposed and untreated block walls; and
3. Barbed wire and chain link fencing, unless required by law for security or safety purposes.

## 6.5. MULTIFAMILY BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS

A. **Intent and Applicability.** Multifamily buildings and sites are unique and require distinct design standards. The design standards of this subsection shall be required for all new multifamily buildings and developments. Single family uses, including townhouses or attached single family, are exempt from these standards except where otherwise noted and or located within an overlay or designated district. Multifamily design standards intend to:

1. Promote and enhance pedestrian scale;
2. Feature appropriate levels of building articulation, transparency, and design elements, per the standards of this section;
3. Limit undesirable design elements and promote desirable design elements, as defined in this LDO;
4. Screen loading and delivery areas and mechanical use areas, including roof top equipment; and
5. Position primary entrance of a building toward a street.

B. **Prohibited Design Elements.** Prohibited design elements include the following:

1. Large, monotonous, unarticulated blank wall surfaces;
2. Exposed and untreated block walls;
3. False fronts; and
4. Designs which lack of architectural features and/or change in materials.

C. **Required Design Elements.** Design elements that promote a high-quality development or redevelopment include the following required design elements which shall be included for all multifamily buildings subject to this section:

1. Consistent architectural style, detail and trim;
2. Facades which break down large elements of mass and scale;

3. Architectural details and articulation;
4. Material changes reflective of function and appropriately placed;
5. Canopies, balconies, porches, stoops, roof overhangs;
6. Shade and weather protection for ground floor entrances;
7. Design elements such as cornice lines, columns, arches; and
8. Various fenestration and transparency elements

**D. Architectural Variability.** The standards below are intended to prevent and avoid repeated and monotonous developments where dwellings appear identical or very similar. A row (i.e. two (2) or more dwellings in a row, including attached townhomes) of identical or near-identical buildings along a block or across the street along a block are prohibited. Buildings shall have varied and distinctly different facades within any phase of development. Residential buildings may qualify as distinctly different if two (2) of the following standards are met:

1. Variation of color, and not a variation of hue, shall be required and may count toward meeting the requirement of distinctly different facades;
2. Variation in exterior materials and utilization of materials on facades may count toward meeting the requirement of distinctly different facades;
3. Variation of habitable space within a dwelling by five-hundred (500) square feet or more;
4. Change in roof materials; or
5. Variation in number of building stories.

**E. Building Orientation and Placement.**

1. Multifamily buildings which abut streets shall be required to be oriented parallel to the street.
2. Multifamily buildings shall not be oriented at an angle to the street.
3. Developments with several multifamily buildings shall cluster buildings along streets or internal rights-of-way to allow for enhanced open space and recreation areas within the area of the development.
4. Developments with several multifamily buildings shall ensure no more than sixty (60) percent of the off-street parking area for the entire property is located between the front facade within the front

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yard of the principal building(s) and the primary abutting street unless the principal building(s) and/or parking lots are screened from view by outparcel development.

**F. Building Facades.** Building form design shall take into account mass, scale, and articulation. Building facades shall be designed with consistent architectural style, detail, and trim features. Facades which face a street shall provide at minimum four (4) of the following elements:

1. A change in plane, such as an offset, reveal, or projecting rib. Such plane projections or recesses shall have a width of no less than six (6) inches (columns, planters, arches, voids, etc.);
2. Architectural details such as raised bands and cornices;
3. Integrated planters that utilize landscaped areas for decorative details;
4. Awnings and or arcade;
5. Covered porches, terraces, lanais, or balconies intended for private use by residents of the multifamily structure;
6. Shutters;
7. Pillars or posts;
8. Bay windows;
9. Roof eaves of at least three (3) inch wide trim
10. Complementary change in color; and/or
11. Complementary change in material/texture.

**G. Transparency.**

1. Building facades shall be designed to have a minimum level of transparency, through the use of windows and doors, on ground floor and upper floors. Transparency standards shall apply to all sides of buildings facing a public and/or private street except where otherwise modified due to safety and security considerations.
2. Transparency shall not be required for service areas, loading/unloading areas, or those areas not visible from the public and/or private street.
3. The minimum transparency for multifamily buildings is thirty (30) percent,

unless stated otherwise in this UDO.

H. **Blank Wall/Articulation Standards.** Blank wall area is understood to be an undesirable design feature and shall be limited as follows. Blank wall area standards shall apply to the front and sides of buildings or any portion of a building fronting a residential area or public or private street, and shall comply with the standards below:

1. Blank wall area is the portion of an exterior façade that does not include windows, doors, columns, pilasters, architectural features greater than one (1) foot in depth, or a substantial material change. Paint shall not be considered a substantial material change.
2. Blank wall area applies in both a vertical and a horizontal direction of the building façade and applies to ground floors and upper floors.
3. The maximum continuous blank wall area shall be a maximum thirty-five (35) square feet without a break by windows, doors, architectural features greater than one (1) foot in depth, or a substantial material change.
4. Except as otherwise regulated, the maximum permitted blank wall length for the rear of buildings shall be one-hundred (100) feet, or twenty-five (25) percent of the building length, whichever is less.

I. **Entrances.**

1. A street facing facade and main building entry shall face the right-of-way. Additional entrances are encouraged facing parking lots, plazas, and adjacent buildings.
2. Buildings adjacent to public rights-of-way shall have at least one (1) entrance providing access to the right-of-way. This entrance shall remain in operation and shall not be closed off to residents.
3. Separate entrances to units above the ground floor shall be prohibited from being visible from street rights-of-way.
4. All multifamily development and redevelopment shall provide no less than three (3) of the following design elements for building entrances:
  - a. A change in plane indicating a building entrance;
  - b. Building wall projection;

- c. Recess of entry at least three (3) feet;
- d. Architectural features and fenestration;
- e. Variety in color, material, or texture orienting pedestrians to the entrance;
- f. Ornamental doors;
- g. Covered entries including awnings, arcade or eave;
- h. Windows;
- i. Porches;
- j. Arches, columns, stoops, cornices.

**J. Porches/Balconies.**

- 1. Porches, including covered porches, stoops, awnings, and bay windows and wings may only extend into the front yard up to five (5) feet. Encroachments may be permitted up to fifty (50) percent of the total length of the respective façade.
- 2. Balconies shall project or recess a minimum of three (3) feet from the façade.

**K. Accessory Structures.** All accessory structures for multifamily buildings and/or developments shall comply with the following standards:

- 1. Garages, carports, or covered parking areas shall be provided from local streets or alleys. Entrances to parking garages are exempt from this standard and may be accessed from street rights-of-way, alleys or internal courtyards or accesses.
- 2. Accessory structures shall have similar exterior materials, colors and roof forms as the principal structure.

**L. Other Requirements.**

- 1. All utility equipment (including meters and conduits) attached to a building shall be painted to match the primary surface color of the wall on which it is attached, painted to match accent colors used on the façade, or be blocked from view (where practicable) through the use of landscaping or screens.
- 2. Downspouts shall be painted to match the primary surface color of the wall on which it is attached, be painted to match accent colors used on the façade, or be constructed of materials that complement the architectural



style of the structure.

3. Roofing materials should complement the color and texture of the building façade.
4. Refuse collection areas shall be distributed evenly throughout multiple building multifamily developments.
5. Internal storage space or lockers for bicycles, strollers, and other similar items are encouraged and should be provided close to the entries of the building.

## 6.6. SINGLE FAMILY DESIGN GUIDELINES

A. **Intent and Applicability.** The standards in this Section are additional and voluntary design standards for single family structures (detached and attached) and duplexes. These standards are intended to supplement the required zoning district development standards and specific use standards provided in Section 2. Zoning and Section 4. Uses. These standards are applicable when the owner of the property subject to the proposed development voluntarily consents through a submitted consent statement. These design guidelines are intended to:

1. Ensure that single family and duplex homes feature high quality design;
2. Maintain consistent materials and architectural elements; and
3. Provide variability in home design to avoid repeated and monotonous developments where dwellings appear identical or very similar.

B. **Exemptions.** The following single family and duplex developments are encouraged, but not required, to comply with the standards in this Section.

1. Single family and duplex developments that do not voluntarily consent to the standards of this Section.

C. **Consent.**

1. **Voluntary Consent.** The standards of this Section that regulate “building design elements” do not apply to any single family or duplex structures unless voluntarily consented to by the owners of all the property on which such structure are located during the process for seeking and obtaining a zoning amendment or a zoning, subdivision, or development approval.



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2. **Consent Statement.** If an applicant chooses to comply with the standards of this Section, the applicant shall include the following note on any required application/permit and on the final plat that is signed by the owner of the subject property:

“The development depicted herein is subject to the City of Greer Single family and Duplex Design Guidelines. I voluntarily consent to the application of these guidelines for all development herein, the acceptance of which shall run with the land regardless of changes in ownership. I recognize that failure to comply with the applicable guidelines following approval is a violation of the City of Greer Unified Development Ordinance.”

- D. **Facades.** Facades of single family and duplex structures subject to this Section shall comply with the following standards:

1. All front, side and rear facades of the building shall incorporate architectural details, windows, and doors (where applicable) that are consistent with the front facade and architectural design or elements.
2. Blank walls shall not be permitted for facades facing a street. Blank walls shall be understood to refer to portions of an exterior facade that does not include windows, doors, columns, pilasters, architectural features greater than one (1) foot in depth, or a substantial material change.
3. Street-facing building facades shall be articulated with wall offsets, in the form of recesses or projections from the primary facade plane, of at least two (2) feet for every thirty-five (35) linear feet of facade frontage.

- E. **Material Changes.**

1. When two (2) or more materials are used on a facade, any change in material shall occur along horizontal lines where the two (2) materials meet.
2. Materials may be used as accents along components of a facade, including around windows and doors.

- F. **Prohibited Materials.** The following materials are prohibited to be utilized for single family and duplex buildings that are subject to this Section:

1. Textured plywood;
2. Vinyl (except where used as an accent material, up to five (5) percent

maximum of the facade);

3. Smooth-faced concrete block; and
4. Pre-fabricated steel/metal panels (except where used as an accent material, up to five percent (5%) maximum of the facade).

**G. Architectural Variability.** The standards below are intended to prevent and avoid repeated and monotonous developments where dwellings appear identical or very similar. A row (i.e. two (2) or more dwellings in a row, including attached townhomes) of identical or near-identical buildings along a block or across the street along a block are prohibited. Buildings shall have varied and distinctly different facades within any phase of development. Single family dwellings and duplexes may qualify as distinctly different if two (2) of the following standards are met:

1. Variation of color and not a variation of hue shall be required and may count toward meeting the requirement of distinctly different facades;
2. Variation in exterior materials and utilization of materials on facades may count toward meeting the requirement of distinctly different facades;
3. Variation of habitable space within a dwelling by five-hundred (500) square feet or more;
4. Change in roof materials; or
5. Variation in number of building stories.

**H. Setbacks.** Where a recessed garage or rear access garage is provided, the front yard setback may be reduced to no less than ten (10) feet.

**I. Street-Facing Garages.** Garages which face a street shall require at least three (3) of the following design components:

1. Transparent or opaque windows built into the garage;
2. Decorative hinges;
3. Columns, pilasters, posts, or vertical design features;
4. High quality materials other than vinyl or aluminum; or
5. Overhangs, eaves, awning, or similar design element that projects at least twelve (12) inches beyond the facade above the garage door.

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## 7. SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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## 7.1. GENERAL APPLICABILITY

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** Pursuant to the authority granted to it under Title 6, Chapter 29, Article 7 of the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, the City of Greer Council does hereby adopt subdivision regulations to provide for the harmonious development of the City; coordination of streets within subdivisions with other existing or planned streets or with other features of the comprehensive development plan; adequate open spaces for traffic, recreation, light, and air; and for a distribution of population and traffic which will tend to create conditions favorable to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

Hereafter, no plat of a subdivision of land within the area described below and the Engineering Manual shall be filed or recorded until it has been submitted to and is approved by the City of Greer Planning Commission and such approval is entered in writing on the plat by the executive director or his authorized representative. The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to subdivision plat maps which, prior to the adoption of regulations governing the subdivision of lands, were recorded in the office of the Greenville or Spartanburg County Register of Deeds.

This Section shall:

1. Provide for the orderly growth and development of the City;
2. Ensure required infrastructure is adequate to serve areas with new development;
3. Facilitate the further re-subdivision of larger tracts into smaller parcels of lands and individual lots, where appropriate;
4. Ensure adequate services are available to any new development;
5. Ensure recreational opportunities are available to any new development;
6. Provide for the conservation, protection and preservation of natural resources and historical areas

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7. Ensure necessary easements are created and provisions are made to allow for maintenance of infrastructure; and
8. Ensure that offers of dedication of infrastructure are properly made and accepted.

**B. Applicability.** For the purpose of this Section, these regulations are understood to supplement but do not replace those regulations and or standards included within the City of Greer Engineering Manual (herein may be referred to as the “Manual”) which is adopted separate and apart from this UDO. Except where otherwise noted, when there is a conflict between this UDO and the Engineering Manual, the Manual shall take precedence.

Furthermore, these regulations in concert with the Engineering Manual are understood to require:

1. The developer/applicant shall be responsible for the installation and guarantee of required improvements according to the provisions of the UDO, except as may otherwise be specifically provided herein or by City policy or agreement.
2. Approval of a final plat shall be subject to the subdivider having installed the improvements designated in this section and or Engineering Manual, or having guaranteed, to the satisfaction of the City, the installation of said improvements.
3. All new development and redevelopment projects shall be required to install or construct the improvements specified in these regulations as well as those identified in the Engineering Manual, with those exceptions as may be noted.
4. Review of Exempt Subdivisions: Despite being exempt, the subdivider may still present the subdivision plat to City Staff for review and comment. After review, Staff may attach a statement qualifying the use of the lot of land that are: the combination or recombination of portions of previously platted lots where the total number of lots is not increased and the resultant lots are equal to the standards of the governing authority; the division of land into parcels of five acres or more where no new street is involved and plats of these exceptions must be received as information by

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the City which shall indicate that fact on the plats; and the combination or recombination of entire lots of record where no new street or change in existing streets is involved.

C. **Compliance.** In conjunction with the Manual, all development and redevelopment including subdivisions of land as required shall be in compliance with applicable State law and the following items, as applicable:

1. Compliance with State Law: All land subdivisions in the City shall be in accord within (Class A) Urban Land Surveys as promulgated by S.C. Code, 1976, Title 40, Chapter 21, as amended July 1, 1991, and described by the Minimum Standards Manual for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina.
2. Reference to Professional Standards: All infrastructure should be installed in accordance with the standards herein as well as other professional standards including, the latest approved edition of:
  - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Highway Safety Manual (Green Book)
  - Institute for Traffic Engineers (ITE) Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
  - National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Design Guidelines
3. Conformance to Plans: Improvements in all cases shall conform to cross sections, dimensions, technical specifications, and grades shown on the approved plans. Major deviations (where the horizontal alignment is greater than one foot) from the plans during construction or otherwise shall require written approval by City Staff prior to the construction of all deviations. Minor variations may be installed and shown on the as-built plans.
4. Licensed Professional Required: Only a licensed professional may prepare the necessary plats, analyses and plans for ascertaining whether or not the work performed and materials used in conjunction with the public infrastructure are in accordance with the requirements and intent of

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these specifications. The design engineer shall submit water and sewer utility plans to City Staff for final approval and coordinate with other utility providers as necessary prior to the installation of any utilities.

- i. Any work done or materials used without supervision or inspection of the licensed professional or his or her representatives may be ordered removed and replaced at the developer's expense.
- ii. Failure to reject any defective work or material shall not in any way prevent later rejection, when such defect is discovered.
- iii. Final inspection and acceptance of required infrastructure will be made by the Staff prior to approval for a Final Plat.

5. Responsibility of Developer:

- i. The developer and contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and taxes, and give all notice necessary and incident to the due and lawful prosecution of the work.
- ii. The developer shall at all times conduct the work in such a manner to:
  1. Provide for and ensure the safety and convenience of the traveling public and of the residents along and adjacent to the streets or roads; and
  2. Offer the least practicable obstruction to the flow of traffic.

6. Safeguarding the Work:

- i. The developer shall provide, erect, and maintain in good condition, all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, and other signs and take all necessary precautions for the protection and safety of the workers, contractors, the public and others in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, federal, state, and local safety codes and regulations.
- ii. The developer shall indemnify agents, and employees from all suits or claims of any character brought because of injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or property on account of operations of the developer; or on account of or in consequence of



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any neglect in safeguarding the work; or because of any act of omission, neglect, or misconduct of the developer or contractor.

**D. Acceptance of Dedication and Maintenance Improvements.**

1. The dedication of public space, parks, easements, or the like on the plat shall not constitute an acceptance of the dedication by the City.

Acceptance of the dedication of public space, parks, easements or the like on the plat shall be indicated by the recording of the Final Plat. The dedication of right-of-way shall not constitute an acceptance of the dedication by the City. For acceptance of the dedication of public right-of-way the following criteria must be met:

- i. The developer shall enter into a two (2) year warranty agreement.
  - ii. The developer shall request acceptance of dedication at the time of build out.
  - iii. The City Engineer shall inspect the street, and the street must meet the standards specified with in the City of Greer \_\_\_\_\_ Manual.
  - iv. The City Council must approve the acceptance of the dedication.
2. Provision of Services and Acceptance by the City: The following shall not occur upon any land for which a plat is required to be approved, unless and until the requirements set forth in this ordinance have been complied with and the Final Plat has been approved and recorded with the County Register of Deeds and TMS numbers assigned:
  - i. No street shall be maintained or accepted by the City, and
  - ii. No water or sewer shall be extended to or connected with any subdivision of land, and
  - iii. No permit shall be issued by an administrative agent or department of the City for the construction of any building or other improvement requiring a permit.

- E. Ownership & Maintenance of Common Areas:** All developments containing land, amenities or other facilities under private common ownership shall provide for the ownership & maintenance of such areas. Multi-family developments that are subject to fee-simple lot/unit ownership shall convey all such common areas to a non-profit corporate homeowners' association with a membership of 100% of the lots/units in the development. The developer shall file with the County

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Register of Deeds a “dedication of covenants” and must meet the following criteria:

1. The homeowners’ association must be established before the units are sold;
2. The homeowners’ association is established as the responsible entity for the liability insurance, pertinent local taxes, and maintenance of all recreation and other facilities;
3. Sums levied by the homeowners’ association that remain unpaid shall become a lien on the delinquent property;
4. For condominium development, documents must meet the requirements of SC Code of Laws Title 27, Chapter 31 Horizontal Property Act.
5. All easements over common areas for access, ingress, egress and parking shall be shown and recorded on a final plat with the County Register of Deeds

F. **Restrictive Covenants.** In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 6-29-1145 of South Carolina Code of Laws, City Staff must inquire of any applicant whether the tract or parcel of land is restricted by any recorded covenant that is contrary to, conflicts with, or prohibits the permitted activity. If City Staff has actual notice of a restrictive covenant on a tract or parcel of land that is contrary to, conflicts with, or prohibits the permitted activity in the application for the permit; from materials or information submitted by the person or persons requesting the permit; or from any other source including, but not limited to, other property holders, City Staff must not issue the permit unless City Staff receives confirmation from the applicant that the restrictive covenant has been released for the tract or parcel of land by action of the appropriate authority or property holders or by court order.

G. **Attribution Rules.** Parcels may not be subdivided in such a manner as to avoid compliance with any regulations of this UDO and or the Manual. City Staff has the authority to interpret this provision in a reasonable manner in order to accomplish its intent.

## 7.2. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS & COORDINATION FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT

A. **Required Improvements.** Improvements for specific project(s) and types of development and or redevelopment are identified in the Engineering Manual.

1. **Lighting.** All new developments and subdivisions shall provide street lighting along public right-of-way, or right-of-way to be dedicated to the City, and at the entrances of the development and/or subdivision. The required lighting must meet the standards within this section.
  - i. Street lights shall be designed to be uniform throughout a subdivision or development, including the design of light structure and light color. Metal poles and fixtures color should match the lighting fixtures within the development or match existing color of street lighting poles with the exception of wood utility poles. Wooden utility poles are prohibited.
  - ii. Street lights shall be installed with an underground power source.
  - iii. Street lights shall adhere to the standards within Section 5.7 of this UDO. Unshielded street lights are prohibited.
  - iv. Street lights shall be placed every 200 feet along the public rights-of-way and street lights shall be a minimum of 20 feet but shall not exceed 30 feet in height.
  - v. Street lights installed along public rights-of-way to the specifications within the City of Greer's Engineering manual shall be added to the City of Greer's inventory and associated electrical costs and maintenance shall become the responsibility of the City.
2. **Utilities and Drainage.**
  - i. **Public Water and Hydrants.** Public water distribution systems and hydrants shall be installed in accordance with the standards of the Greer Commission of Public Works (CPW) or other applicable agency and the South Carolina Board of Health and shall be approved by the Greer Commissions of Public Works (CPW) or other applicable agency.
  - ii. **Public Sewer Facilities.** Public sewer collection systems shall be installed in accordance with the standards of the Greer Commission of Public Works (CPW) or other applicable agency and the South Carolina Board of Health and shall be approved by the Greer Commission of Public Works (CPW) or other applicable agency.
  - iii. **Underground Utility Lines Required.** All utility lines within a development site shall be installed underground

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- iv. **Storm Drainage and Water Management.** All development shall comply with the stormwater standards within this UDO and with the City of Greer Engineering Manual.
- 3. **Exterior Sidewalks.** Exterior sidewalks of a minimum of four (4) feet in width are required along all roadways for the development and redevelopment in all residential all zoning districts. Requests for waivers based on practical hardships shall be made to the City Engineer. Property owners and/or applicants not experiencing hardship yet fail to meet the requirements of this section must pay a fee in lieu of per the City Engineer.
- 4. **Roads and Right-of-Way.** Roads and right-of-way in new developments and redevelopments are required to be constructed to the standards within the City of Greer Engineering Manual.
- B. **Improvements for Existing Substandard Conditions.** Where the existing right of way is substandard, the developer shall be required to dedicate the appropriate amount of right-of-way (as measured from the centerline of the existing street) as well as install all noted sidewalk zone improvements including expanded sidewalks and street trees, lighting, storm drain improvements and street furniture as a part of the development process. Requests for waivers based on practical hardships shall be made to the City Engineer and considered by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). Appeals to this decision shall follow the process outlined in Section 1.3.

### 7.3. LAND SUITABILITY

- A. **Flood Hazard Area and Landfill Development.**
  - 1. In accordance with the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, any development that contains land subject to flooding shall be accompanied by evidence that no appreciable expansion of the area subject to flooding would result from the proposed development of the land being subdivided, and that the proposed development will be adequately protected from inundation without appreciable interference with the flow of any watercourse or into an impounding basin. In no case shall any fill, levee, or other protective works be approved unless sufficient compensating adjustments of waterways, ditches, or impounding basins are made to prevent any appreciable expansion of flood hazard areas.
  - 2. Land that has been used for the disposal of solid waste and not adequately mitigated shall not be subdivided into commercial or residential building sites. This includes areas that have been used, and not adequately mitigated, for the disposal of trash, demolition waste, construction debris, stumps, and other waste materials.

## 7.4. CLUSTER SUBDIVISION STANDARDS

**A. Cluster Development.** Cluster developments are permitted within certain Residential Districts as identified in Section 2.1 Residential Zoning Districts specifically the RR, SN and TN districts. Cluster developments require applicant consent, in writing, and shall be subject to the following standards including Section 6. Building and Site Design Standards. Cluster development shall be a minimum five (5) acres in size.

Cluster development allows an applicant to qualify for alternative minimum lot sizes per Table 7.4.1 and a corresponding increase in permitted density to the maximum identified in the respective Residential Districts of Section 2.1. In accordance with Section 1.3.1.15: Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat, cluster subdivision developments shall meet all requirements for a subdivision, site plan and all other applicable City ordinances and this UDO, except as otherwise provided for in Section 7.4.

1. **Open Space<sup>1,2</sup>.** Cluster developments shall designate at least 30% of the site for contiguous open space as defined in Section 5.3.4. The locations of the open space shall be reviewed at the time of rezoning and be dependent upon the internal layout of the project and the adjacent uses. Where properties do not require rezoning, open space shall be reviewed as part of the subdivision preliminary plat. Internally located open space may be needed to compliment the overall project open space requirements, while perimeter open space may be needed to provide a transition or separation from an adjacent lower density residential or agricultural use. Open space areas may be used to fulfill the buffering required in Section 5.3.2.
2. **Building and Design Standards.** The building and design standards for cluster

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<sup>1</sup> OPEN SPACE. Lands set aside for a development for the preservation of natural features, not individually owned, designed for the common use or enjoyment, not including lands occupied by streets, rights-of-way, or off-street parking. As defined in Section 8 General Definitions.

<sup>2</sup> Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this section is to require open space that requires preservation of natural features, ensures access to open areas, provides active and passive recreational opportunities, adds to the visual character of a development, and provides other public health benefits. Purposed and intent of Open Space in Section 5.3.4.

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subdivisions are increased to ensure that cluster subdivisions align with the overall character of and vision for the City of Greer. Cluster subdivisions shall comply to the following building and design standards.

- a. **Building Elevations.** Building elevations shall be provided for each housing type within the cluster subdivision. Elevations shall not repeat for every three consecutive structures.
  - b. **Exterior Building Materials.** Exterior building materials shall consist of one of the following:
    - i. Brick or Brick Veneer
    - ii. Stucco
    - iii. Fiber Cement Siding
    - iv. Other materials may be approved upon review and approval by the Director or their designee.
  - c. **Accent Building Materials.** A minimum of two exterior accent materials are required for each structure.
3. **Connectivity.** Neighborhoods are to be interconnected and connect to adjacent neighborhood. Flexibility for connections shall be provided to preserve on-site environmental resources and preservation areas. Internal connections shall occur through streets and multimodal connections.
4. **Mixture of Housing (Lot) Types.** Each cluster development shall contain at least three (3) different housing types from Table 7.x.1. No less than 20% and no more than 60% should be provided of one housing type or lot size out of the housing types to be provided:

Table 7.x.1. Mix of Housing Types

Type	Lot Size	Minimum Lot Width	Lot Arrangement/Placement
Perimeter Lot/Estate House	15,001 Square Feet or greater	100'	External (perimeter) and Internal permitted
Single-Family Residential Type 1	10,001 – 15,000 Square Feet	65'/ 75' where located along the perimeter	External (perimeter) and Internal permitted
Single-Family Residential Type 2	7,501 - 10,000 Square Feet	55'	Internal to site (i.e. not on periphery of boundary of development)
Single-Family Residential Type 3	5,000 – 7,500 Square Feet	45'	Internal to site; no more than 20% of the total housing units
Single-Family Attached Residential	Per TN Districts Standards for Attached Residential		Internal to site; no more than 20% of the total housing units

5. Buffering. A Type 2 buffer, as defined in Section 5.3.2: Perimeter Buffer Standards, shall be provided for cluster developments. The Type 2 buffer may be counted towards no more than 50% of the required open space percentage. These buffers may also allow pedestrian paths within the buffers. All buffers shall be platted as separate tracts to be owned and maintained by the Homeowner's Association, Property Owner's Association, or similar entity.

## 7.5. MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME PARK DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The intent of the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park (MHP) Design and Development Standard are to permit manufactured/mobile homes in a park on approved spaces rented to individuals. The park shall be under one ownership and provide on-site management of the park. Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are permitted in Zoning Districts as indicated in Table 4.2 Principal Use Table. The standards within this Section of the UDO are intended to:
  1. Ensure that Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks provide safe housing accommodations and quality amenities,
  2. Require Manufactures/Mobile Home Parks to developed in locations that pose minimal potential hazardous impacts,



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3. Ensure that Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are compatible in design and density to surrounding development.
- B. Location.** Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are prohibited in Special Flood Hazard areas as indicated on FEMA Flood Map. The Director or designee may also declare areas unsuitable for Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks due existing conditions including but not limited to slope and terrain.
- C. Uses and Structures.** The use of Manufactured/Mobile Home Park is defined in Section 4 of this UDO. Accessory structures and uses permitted within Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are provided within Section 4 of this UDO.
- D. Development Standards.**
1. Size. Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks shall be a minimum five (5) acres in size.
  2. Recreation/Open Space. Five (5) percent of the park must be reserved for Open Space, as defined in Section 5 of this UDO, or Recreation Space with uses and structures restricted to the accessory structures of the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park as outlined in Section 4 of this UDO.
  3. Access and Circulation. Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are subject to the Access and Circulation standards within Section 5.5.
  4. Lot and Density Standards.

*Table 7.5.1. Manufactured/Mobile Home Lot and Density Standards*

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS		
BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)	50%	
LOT SIZE	4,250 SF (MIN)	7,250 SF (MAX)
DENSITY (MAX)	9 DU/AC	
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS		
FRONT (MIN)	25 FT	
REAR (MIN)	25 FT	
SIDE (MIN)	25 FT	
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	35 FT	



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5. Additional Standards. Additional Standards for Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks relating to Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Open Space, Parking and Loading, and Lighting are within Table 7.5.2.

*Table 7.5.2. Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Additional Standards*

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS	
LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, SCREENING, AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS	SECTION 5.3 <sup>1</sup>
PARKING AND LOADING	SECTION 5.4 <sup>2</sup>
LIGHTING	SECTION 5.7
<b>NOTES:</b> <sup>1</sup> Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks are required to have a Type 3 Buffer. <sup>2</sup> Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks have a parking standard of two parking spaces per unit. Parking spaces shall have direct access from internal private paved street which provides safe and convenient access to a public street. Direct lot access to a public street is not permitted.	

## 7.6. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK/CAMPGROUND DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- A. **Purpose and Intent.** The intent of the Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Design and Development Standard is to regulate recreational parks and campgrounds. Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds are permitted in Zoning Districts as indicated in Table 4.2 Principal Use Table. The standards within this Section of the UDO are intended to ensure that Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds provide safe accommodations and quality amenities and to minimize impacts to surrounding areas.
- B. **Location.** Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds are prohibited in Special Flood Hazard areas as indicated on FEMA Flood Map. A recreational vehicle park and campground shall be so located that no entrance or exit from a park shall discharge traffic into any residential development and/or subdivision, nor require movement of traffic from the park through a residential development and/or subdivision.
- C. **Uses and Structures.** The use of Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds is defined in Section 4 of this UDO. Accessory structures and uses permitted within

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Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds are provided within Section 4 of this UDO.

**D. Development Standards.**

1. Size. Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds shall be a minimum five (5) acres in size.
2. Recreation/Open Space. A minimum of eight (8) percent of the gross site area for the recreational vehicle park or campground shall be set aside and developed as common use areas for open or enclosed recreation facilities. No recreational vehicle or campground site, required buffer, street right-of-way, storage area, or utility site shall be counted as meeting recreational purposes.
3. Access and Circulation. Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds are subject to the Access and Circulation standards within Section 5.5.
4. Lot and Density Standards.

*Table 7.6.1. Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Lot and Density Standards*

LOT AND DENSITY STANDARDS		
BUILDING COVERAGE (MAX)	50%	
LOT SIZE	2,500 SF (MIN)	7,250 SF (MAX)
DENSITY (MAX)	5 DU/AC	
SETBACK AND HEIGHT STANDARDS		
FRONT (MIN)	25 FT	
REAR (MIN)	25 FT	
SIDE (MIN)	25 FT	
BUILDING HEIGHT (MAX)	35 FT	

5. Additional Standards. Additional Standards for Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds relating to Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Open Space, Parking and Loading, and Lighting are within Table 7.6.2.

Table 7.6.2. Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Additional Standards

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS	
LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, SCREENING, AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS	SECTION 5.3 <sup>1</sup>
PARKING AND LOADING	SECTION 5.4 <sup>2</sup>
LIGHTING	SECTION 5.7
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds are required to have a Type 4 Buffer.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Recreational Vehicle Parks/Campgrounds have a parking standard of two parking spaces per unit. Parking spaces shall have direct access from internal private paved street which provides safe and convenient access to a public street. Direct lot access to a public street is not permitted.</p>	

## 8. GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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### **8.1. INTRODUCTION**

Except where specific definitions are used within a specific Section of the UDO, for the purpose of such Sections, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein when not inconsistent with the context. Principal uses, which correspond with the Principal Use Table, are defined in Section 4, Uses and Standards, of this UDO.

### **8.2. GENERAL USE CATERGORIES**

- A. To regulate use, categories of uses (“use categories”) have been established. Use categories provide a systematic basis for assigning land uses to appropriate categories or zoning districts with other similar or compatible uses. Use categories classify land uses and activities based on common functional, product or physical characteristics. Principal uses have been organized into the following categories and are defined in Section 4.3, Principal Uses – Definitions, of this UDO:
1. **Residential.** Residential uses promote a variety of housing options, ranging from low density single-family residential to high density multi-family residential apartments.
  2. **Agriculture and Open Space.** Agriculture and open space uses promote agricultural oriented uses and preservation/conservation.
  3. **Civic and Institutional.** Civic and institutional uses are publicly oriented uses, including government buildings and utilities.
  4. **Personal Service.** Personal service uses are service-related uses which may include the sale of merchandize related directly to the service performed.
  5. **Commercial.** Commercial uses include general retail uses.
  6. **Office and Medical.** Office and medical uses include uses dedicated to general employment and medicinal/care uses.
  7. **Industrial and Logistics.** Industrial and logistics include all industrial, manufacturing, and logistic oriented uses.

### **8.3. DEFINITIONS**

## **A**

**ABANDONMENT.** The termination or relinquishment of property or use for a continuous period.

**ABC STORE.** An establishment regulated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board manufacturing, distributing, and/or selling alcoholic beverages including beer, wine, and liquors.

**ABUTTING.** The condition of two parcels of land having a common property line or boundary, including cases where two or more parcels of land adjoin at a corner, but not including cases where parcels of land are separated by a street, water body or right-of-way.

**ACCESS.** The right or ability of pedestrians and vehicles to enter and leave a lot or development.

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT.** A secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a principal dwelling unit, whether part of the same structure as the principal dwelling unit, or as a detached structure on the same lot.

**ACCESSORY STRUCTURE.** A subordinate or incidental structure, of which the use is incidental to the principal structure and is located on the same lot as the principal structure.

**ACCESSORY USE.** A use that is incidental, appropriate, and subordinate to the principal use of land or buildings and located on the same lot. Accessory uses are allowed by right in conjunction with the primary use unless stated otherwise in these regulations.

**ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT).** Civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life.

**ADAPTIVE REUSE.** The rehabilitation or renovation of existing buildings or structures for any use other than its current use.

**ADJACENT PROPERTIES.** A parcel or lot of land that shares part of a common lot line or boundary with another parcel or lot of land (or would abut if not for the presence of a street, waterbody or right-of-way).

**ADULT CARE.** An assisted living residence, in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 44-7-130(6), in a structure other than a single-family dwelling in which the housing management provides 24-hour scheduled and unscheduled personal care services to

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two or more residents, either directly or for scheduled needs, through formal written agreement with licensed home care or hospice agencies.

**ADULT ESTABLISHMENT.** Adult bookstore, adult motion picture theater, adult mini-motion picture-theater, adult live entertainment business, massage business, or other such adult establishment as outlined S.C. Code Ann. § 57-25-120(7) and 57-25-120(9) and in Section 4. Uses of this UDO.

**AGENT.** A person who has legal, authorized consent to act upon another's behalf.

**AIRPORT.** Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Also referred to as GSP.

**AIRPORT ELEVATION.** The highest point of the airport's useable landing area measured in feet above mean sea level (963.6 feet).

**ALLEY.** A local access service way providing a secondary means of public access to abutting property, typically used for service access to the back or side of properties.

**ALTERATION.** Any change in the construction, repair, size, configuration, or location of a structure; or a change in the use of a structure or lot from a previously approved or legally existing size, configuration, location or use.

**AMORTIZATION.** The process of providing for a timed expiration or extinction of a use which is not in compliance with this UDO.

**ANTENNA.** Communication equipment designed to transmit or receive electronic signals for all types of wireless telecommunication services and devices.

**APPLICATION.** A form designed by the City on which a development review process submission occurs.

**APPROACH SURFACE.** A surface longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline, extending outward and upward from the end of the primary surface and at the same slope as the approach zone height limitation slope.

**AREA OF SHALLOW FLOODING.** A designated AO or VO Zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with base flood depths from one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident.

**AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.** The land within the floodplain subject to a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year.

**AWNING.** A plastic, canvas or metal shade structure, often foldable, covered over a storefront or doorway.

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**BALANCE OF WATERSHED.** That part of a water supply watershed area that does not lie within a critical area.

**BAR.** Any business or commercial establishment which is devoted primarily to the retailing and on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages (not made on-site) and which is licensed by the state to dispense or sell alcoholic beverages. May be subject to locational requirements. See Bar/Tavern/Nightclub in use-definitions.

**BASE FLOOD.** The flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Also known as the 100-year flood.

**BASEMENT.** The lowest level or story which has its floor sub grade on all sides.

**BERM.** An earthen mound designed to separate, screen and buffer adjacent uses or site features.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP'S).** Measures or practices utilized to reduce pollution entering surface waters. May be structural or nonstructural and take the form of a process or planning.

**BLOCK.** Land within an area bounded by streets on all sides.

**BONA FIDE FARM.** Any land which actively engages in a substantial way in the commercial production or growing of crops, plants, livestock, or poultry.

**BUFFER.** A buffer is a specified land area located parallel to and within the outer perimeter of a lot or parcel. A buffer shall contain the required planting, landscaping, berm, fence or wall, or any combination required as set forth in this UDO.

**BUILDING.** A structure having a roof supported by walls for the shelter or support of persons, animals and goods.

**BUILDING HEIGHT.** For the purpose of calculating heights of a story, the ground floor (i.e. first story) of a structure shall be a maximum of 15 feet. Additional stories shall be a maximum of 12 feet for each individual story. Building heights are limited through the district development standards table for each mixed-use district. To allow for a wide variety of building designs, requests to modify the allowable height of stories, so long as the maximum permitted height of the structure is not exceeded, may be permitted.

## C

**CALIPER.** A horticultural method of measuring the diameter of a tree trunk. This measurement is taken at six inches above ground level for trees up to four inches in caliper. For larger trees, measurement of **CALIPER** shall be taken at twelve inches above ground level.



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**CANOPY.** A permanent structure attached to a building for the purpose of providing shelter or shade or as a decorative feature. A canopy is not completely enclosed.

**CANOPY TREE.** A species of tree which normally grows to a mature height of 40 feet or more with a minimum mature crown width of 30 feet, and which meets the specifications of the American Standards for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen.

**CERTIFY.** Whenever this UDO requires that some agency certify the existence of a fact or circumstance, such certification shall be made in any manner that provides reasonable assurance of the accuracy of the certification.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.** A document issued by the board of architectural review, following a prescribed review procedure, certifying that the proposed actions by an *applicant are found to be acceptable in terms of design criteria relating to the individual property or the historic district*. Regulations and procedures for a Certificate of Appropriateness are in Article IV of Ordinance Number 27-2009.

**CIRCULATION.** The ability of a vehicle to utilize portion of the vehicle use area used for access to parking or loading areas, or other facilities on the lot.

**CITY.** The City of Greer, South Carolina.

**CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT.** Also referred to as **CLUSTER SUBDIVISIONS**. A type of subdivision that permits residential uses to be located on lots of a reduced size and width than required in conventional subdivisions for the preservation and conservation of common open space.

**COPY.** The linguistic or graphic content of a sign.

**COUNCIL.** The City Council of the City of Greer, South Carolina.

**CRITICAL AREA.** The area adjacent to a water supply intake or reservoir where risk associated with pollution is greater than from the remaining portions of the watershed.

**CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ).** A circular region measured outward from a tree trunk representing the essential area of the roots that must be maintained or protected for the tree's survival. **CRZ** is one foot of radial distance for every inch of tree diameter measured at 4.5 feet above ground level, with a minimum of eight feet. For significant trees, the formula changes to 1.5 feet for every inch of tree diameter at 4.5 feet above ground level, with a minimum of 12 feet. Also, the **CRZ** is the extent of the dripline of a tree with an unaltered canopy.

**CROWN.** See "Canopy".

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**DECIDUOUS.** A plant or tree with foliage that is shed annually.

**DEDICATION.** Giving or dedicating land or infrastructure improvements to the City for their operation and maintenance.

**DENSITY.** The maximum number of residential dwelling units permitted per gross acre of land. In determining density, a fractional unit shall not entitle an additional unit.

**DEVELOPER.** Any person engaged in land, site or building development.

**DEVELOPMENT.** Any man-made changes to real property, including but not limited to buildings, filling, grading, paving, or storage of equipment or materials.

**DIRECTOR.** The Director of the Department of Building and Development Standards or a designee of the City of Greer, South Carolina.

**DISTRICT, ZONING.** – Any section within the City of Greer in which zoning regulations are uniform.

**DRIP LINE.** An imaginary vertical line extending from the outermost portion of the tree's canopy to the ground.

**DRIVEWAY.** That portion of the vehicle use area that consists of a travel lane bounded on either side by an area that is not part of the vehicle accommodation area.

**DWELLING UNIT.** An enclosure containing sleeping, kitchen, and bathroom facilities designed for and used or held ready for use as a permanent residence by one family.

## E

**EASEMENT.** The right to use or occupy real property of another owner for a purpose.

**EASEMENT, PRIVATE ACCESS.** A privately owned and maintained right-of-way created by express grant or reservation in an instrument of record in the Greenville County Register of Deeds or Spartanburg County Register of Deeds, which connects directly to a publicly maintained and dedicated street that provides vehicular access to no more than two lots.

**ELECTRONIC GAMING OPERATIONS.** Any business enterprise, whether as a principal or an accessory use, where persons utilize electronic machines, including but not limited to computers and gaming terminals, to conduct games of chance or skill, including sweepstakes, and where cash, merchandise or other items of value are redeemed or otherwise distributed, whether or not the value of such distribution is determined by electronic games played or by predetermined odds. This does not include any lottery approved by the State of South Carolina.

**ENTERTAINMENT.** Generally commercial uses, varying in size, providing daily or regularly scheduled recreation-oriented activities.

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**ERECT.** To construct, build, raise, assemble, place, affix, attach, create, paint, draw, or in any other way bring into being or establish; but it does not include any of the foregoing activities when performed as an incident to the change of advertising message or customary maintenance or repair of a sign.

**EVERGREEN.** A plant with foliage that persists year-round.

**EXPENDITURE.** A sum of money paid out in return for some benefit or to fulfill some obligation. The term also includes binding, contractual commitments to make future expenditures, as well as any other substantial changes in position.

## F

**FAÇADE.** The exterior wall of a building facing a lot line or right-of-way, from the grade to the eave or highest point of a roof. Facades may be on the front, side or rear of the building.

**COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE.** An adult care home having more than two residents in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 44-7-130.

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC).** The government agency responsible for regulating telecommunications in the United States.

**FLAG.** Any fabric, or bunting containing distinct colors, patterns or symbols, used as an ornamental flag or as a symbol of government, political subdivision, corporation or business or other entity.

**FLEA MARKET.** An open-air market for new and/or second-hand articles and goods sold by one or more merchants which is conducted on an open, non-residential lot. Yard sales conducted by individuals shall not be considered flea markets.

**FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM).** An official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard have been defined as Zone A.

**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM).** An official map of a community, on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard, and the risk premium zones applicable to the city.

**FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY.** The official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The report contains flood profiles, as well as the Flood Boundary Floodway Map and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

**FLOODPLAIN.** Any land area susceptible to be inundated by water from the base flood. As used in this UDO, the term refers to that area designated as subject to flooding from the base flood (100-year flood) on the "Flood Boundary and Floodway Map" prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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**FLOODWAY.** The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. As used in this UDO, the term refers to that area designated as a floodway on the “Flood Boundary and Floodway Map” prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a copy of which is one file in the planning department.

**FLOOR.** The top surface of an enclosed area in a building (including basement).

**FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR).** FAR is calculated by dividing the total size of the building/structure (in square feet) by the total size (in square feet) of the lot on which the building is located.

**FOOD TRUCK.** Food trucks are defined as a licensed, motorized vehicle or mobile food unit licensed by the SC State Division of Motor Vehicles, designed and equipped to serve food and beverages

**FRESH PRODUCE STAND.** A temporary stand intended to allow for the sale of fresh produce and homemade baked goods. Typically an accessory use to agricultural activities.

**FRONTAGE.** The length of a building or use abutting a street, parking area, or other means of customer access.

## G

**GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.** An office or other facility of a governmental agency that provides administrative and/or direct services to the public, such as, but not limited to, government employment offices, public assistance offices, motor vehicle licensing.

**GROSS FLOOR AREA.** The sum in square feet of all floors of a building measured from the exterior face of the exterior walls.

**GROUND COVER.** Any plant material that reaches an average height of not more than 12 inches.

**GROUND LEVEL.** The finished grade of a parcel of land.

**GROUP HOME DAY SERVICE.** A Mental Health Facility, as licensed under the state, which provides only day services.

**GROUP HOME – 24 HOUR SERVICE.** A Mental Health Facility, as licensed under the state, which provides 24-hour service care.

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**HALFWAY HOUSE.** A licensed home for persons released from restrictive confinement, where supervision and rehabilitation is provided to the resident.

**HARDSHIP.** An extenuating circumstance that places an unreasonable or disproportionate burden on an applicant or landowner.

**HAZARD TO NAVIGATION.** An obstruction determined to have a substantial adverse effect on the safety and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.

**HEIGHT LIMITS.** For the purpose of determining the height limits in all zones set forth in the Airport Overlay and shown on the zoning map, the datum shall be a mean sea level elevation unless otherwise specified.

**HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE.** The highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, next to the proposed walls of the structure.

**HISTORIC TREES.** Selected trees placed on a City inventory based on age, species, location, health and historic significance.

**HOA (HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION).** An organization that makes and enforces rules for a subdivision, planned community, or condominium building.

**HOME OCCUPATION.** The use of a dwelling unit on the same lot for a commercial activity that is clearly subordinate to the principal use of the dwelling unit for residential purposes. Home occupations are an accessory use to a residential primary use and do not allow customers to come to and from.

**HORIZONTAL SURFACE.** A horizontal plane 150 feet above the established airport elevation, the perimeter of which in plan coincides with the perimeter of the horizontal zone.

**I**

**INGRESS.** Access to a building or site.

**INTERIOR LANDSCAPING.** Landscaping required within the parking lot perimeters, including the planting islands, curbed areas, corner lots, parking spaces, and all interior driveways and aisles, except those with no parking spaces to either side.

**INTERMEDIATE CARE HOME.** An Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) is an institution that:

1. Functions primarily for the diagnosis, treatment or rehabilitation of individuals with intellectual disabilities or with a related condition
2. Provides ongoing evaluation, planning, 24-hour supervision, coordination and integration of health or rehabilitative services in a residential setting

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**INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY.** An institutional facility maintained for the purpose of providing accommodations for more than seven persons needing ongoing evaluation, planning, 24-hour supervision, coordination and integration of health, treatment, rehabilitative services in a residential setting

## J

**JUNK YARD.** Any property used for the storage, collection, and/or recycling of any type of equipment, and including but not limited to vehicles, appliances and related machinery.

**JURISDICTION.** A geographic area of a municipal body in which that body has control or power to make legal decisions and judgements.

## K

**KENNEL.** A commercial operation that:

1. Provides food and shelter and care of animals for purposes not primarily related to medical care (a kennel may or may not be run by or associated with a veterinarian); or
2. Engages in the breeding of animals for sale.

## L

**LAND DEBRIS.** Stumps, limbs, leaves, concrete, brick, or uncontaminated earth commonly associated with land development activities, construction, grading, or paving of land.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT.** The changing of land characteristics through development, redevelopment, subdivision of land tracts into parcels, construction of buildings, structures, and uses defined in Section 4 of this UDO.

**LANDFILL.** A facility for disposal of solid waste on land in a sanitary manner in accordance with the minimum standards and regulated by the Department of Health and Environmental Control of South Carolina wherein “solid waste” as defined by State standards is disposed of by utilizing acceptable landfill engineering technology.

**LANDSCAPING.** The improvement of a lot or land with plant material. Any live plant material such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, and grass used in spaces void of any impervious material or building structure and areas left in their natural state.

**LANDSCAPING PLAN.** A plan, drawn to scale, which shows dimensions and details of the requirements of this Section. Such plan can be drawn by a landscape architect, engineer, arborist, architect, and the like.



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**LARGER THAN UTILITY RUNWAY.** A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller driven aircraft of greater than 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and jet powered aircraft.

**LEVEE.** A man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control, or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.

**LOADING AREA.** That portion of the vehicle use area used to allow for the loading and unloading of goods or materials from a vehicle.

**LOT.**

1. A parcel of land whose boundaries have been established by some legal instrument such as a recorded deed or a recorded map and which is recognized as a separate legal entity for purposes of transfer of title.
2. If a public body or any authority with the power of eminent domain condemns, purchases, or otherwise obtains fee simple title to or a lesser interest in a strip of land cutting across a parcel of land otherwise characterized as a lot by this definition, or a private road is created across a parcel of land otherwise characterized as a lot by this definition, and the interest thus obtained or the road so created is such as effectively to prevent the use of this parcel as one lot, then the land on either side of this strip shall constitute a separate lot.
3. The permit-issuing authority and the owner of two or more contiguous lots may agree to regard the lots as one lot if necessary or convenient to comply with any of the requirements of this UDO.

**LOT, CORNER.** A lot which abuts two or more streets, other than an alley or easement. Each corner lot shall be required, either on its plat or building permit for new home, to designate its primary front street yard, which shall dictate its front setback requirement. Orientation of the home, driveways and entrances on the lot shall be required respective of the primary front street yard, but may also be permitted on a non-primary street yard.

**LOT, EXISTING (LOT OF RECORD).** A lot which has been recorded at the Union County Registry prior to the adoption of this UDO.

**LOT, FLAG.** A lot which has an irregular shape where the buildable portion of the lot is connected to its street frontage by an arm. The arm width may be less than the minimum required lot width.

**LOT, RESIDUAL.** Any tract of land which exceeds ten acres in size resulting from a subdivision.

**LOT, THROUGH.** A lot which has frontage on two parallel streets. Each through lot shall be required to designate its primary front street yard, which shall dictate its front setback requirements. Orientation of the house, driveways and entrances on the lot

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shall be required in the primary front yard and may not be permitted on a non-primary street yard.

**LOT AREA.** Lot Area is the lot width multiplied by the lot length. Minimum lot areas shall exclude rights-of-way.

1. When the legal instrument creating a lot shows the boundary of the lot extending into a public street right-of-way, then the lot boundary for purposes of computing the lot area shall be the street right-of-way line, or if the right-of-line cannot be determined, a line running parallel to and 30 feet from the center of the traveled portion of the street; and
2. In a residential district, when a private road that serves more than three dwelling units is located along any lot boundary, then the lot boundary for the purposes of computing the lot shall be the inside boundary of the traveled portion of that road.

**LOT WIDTH.** Lot Width is the distance between the side lot lines measured at the primary street property line along a straight line of the property line. Lot width may be averaged between the front lot width and rear lot width.

**LOWEST FLOOR.** The lowest floor or the lowest enclosed area (including basement).

## M

**MAJOR PRUNING.** Removal of over 20% of a tree's canopy, tree topping, or disturbance of over 10% of the tree's root system.

**MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.** Equipment used for AC, Pool, HVAC or associated uses.

**MIXED-USE.** The combination of either commercial, office, industrial and residential uses within a single building or within one single development. Mixed-use development may be vertically integrated within a single building or horizontally integrated where a development contains two or more buildings and/or uses.

**MOBILE HOME, CLASS A.** A mobile home constructed after July 1, 1976, that meets or exceeds the construction standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that were in effect at the time of construction and that satisfies each of the following additional criteria:

1. The home has a length not exceeding four times its width;
2. The pitch of the home's roof has a minimum vertical rise of one foot for each five feet of horizontal run, and the roof is finished with a type of shingle that is commonly used in standard residential construction;
3. The exterior siding consists of wood, fiber cement, stone (or stone-like material) or aluminum (vinyl covered or painted, but in no case exceeding the reflectivity of gloss white paint) comparable in composition, appearance, and durability to the exterior siding commonly used in standard residential construction;
4. The tongue, axles, transporting lights, and removable towing apparatus are



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removed after placement on the lot and before occupancy.

**MOBILE HOME, CLASS B.** A mobile home constructed after July 1, 1976, that meets or exceeds the construction standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that were in effect at the time of construction but that does not satisfy the criteria necessary to qualify the house as a Class A mobile home.

**MOBILE HOME, CLASS C.** Any mobile home that does not meet the definitional criteria of a Class A or Class B mobile home.

**MOBILE HOME PARK.** A land development under single ownership where approved spaces are rented or leased to individuals for the installation of mobile and/or manufactured homes with on-site management and amenities.

**MODULAR HOME.** Also described as “**Modular Building Unit**”. Any building of closed construction, regardless of type of construction or occupancy classification, other than a mobile or manufactured home, constructed off-site in accordance with the applicable codes, and transported to the point of use for installation or erection. All **Modular Building Units** including **Modular Homes** are required to meet the standards with the Modular Buildings Construction Act of the South Carolina Code.

**MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT.** A tract of land planned and developed as an integral unit in a single development operation or in a definitely programmed series of development operations.

## N

**NONCONFORMING LOT.** A lot of record that was lawful at the date it was established but no longer confirms to standards in this UDO.

**NONCONFORMING PROJECT.** Any structure, development, or undertaking that is incomplete at the effective date of this UDO and would be inconsistent with any regulation applicable to the district in which it is located if completed as proposed or planned.

**NONCONFORMING USE.** A use which was lawful on the date it was established, but is no longer a permitted use within that zoning district.

**NONPRECISION INSTRUMENT RUNWAY.** A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing air navigation facilities with only horizontal guidance, or area type navigation equipment, for which a straight-in no precision instrument approach procedure has been approved or planned.

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**OBSTRUCTION.** Any structure, growth, or other object, including a mobile object, which exceeds a limiting height set forth in Section 3.4, Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Overlay, of this UDO.

**OCCUPANCY.** The act of residing or using a premises, lot, building or dwelling.

**OFFICE.** An establishment or building in with activities conducted in an office setting occur and generally focus on business, government, professional, medical or financial services.

**OPACITY.** A measurement which indicates the degree of visibility.

**OPEN SPACE.** Lands set aside for a development for the preservation of natural features, not individually owned, designed for the common use or enjoyment, not including lands occupied by streets, rights-of-way, or off-street parking.

**ORDINANCE.** A legislative enactment by the City of Greer, South Carolina.

**OUTPARCEL.** A lot in a multi-tenant development which may not have access from a public road. The lot is part of a larger development or commercial subdivision.

**OWNER.** The legal owner of land, including a mortgagee or vendee in possession, trustee, or commercial lessee.

## P

**PARAPET.** A false front or wall extension above the roofline of a building.

**PARCEL.** Land which has been or is proposed to be used, developed, or built upon as a unit under single ownership.

**PARKING AREA.** A parking area shall be defined as any surface area used for off-street parking, storage or display of vehicles, areas for loading and unloading goods, and service areas and drive-throughs.

**PARKING AREA AISLES.** A portion of the vehicle accommodations area consisting of lanes providing access to parking spaces.

**PARKS AND OPEN AREAS.** Uses focusing on natural areas consisting of mostly of vegetation, passive or active outdoor recreation areas, or community gardens, and having few structures.

**PERENNIAL WATERS.** All streams, lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water shown as perennial on the most recent versions of U.S.G.S. topographic maps, or as determined by SC DENR Division of Water Quality.

**PERSON.** An individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, or other entity acting as a unit.

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**PERVIOUS SURFACE.** A surface that presents an opportunity for precipitation to infiltrate into the ground.

**PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).** A development constructed on a tract under single ownership, planned and developed as an integral unit, and consisting of a combination of uses on land.

**PLANNING JURISDICTION.** The area within the city limits as well as the area beyond the city limits within which the city is authorized to plan for and regulate development.

**PLANTING YARD.** Area where required plantings are located.

**POA (PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION).** A governing body that may encompass HOAs and various mix of property types that supports other associations and their members.

**PRACTICABLE.** No practical or feasible alternative exists, as determined by the City. Economic considerations may play a role in determining what is **PRACTICABLE** but shall not be the primary or overriding factor determining what is **PRACTICABLE**.

**PRECISION INSTRUMENT RUNWAY.** A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing an Instrument Landing System (ILS) or a Precision Approach Radar (PAR). It also means a runway for which a precision approach system is planned and is so indicated on an approved airport layout plan or any other planning document.

**PREMISES.** Any property owned, leased or controlled by the person actively engaged in business at that location.

**PRIMARY SURFACE.** A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the **PRIMARY SURFACE** extends 200 feet beyond each end of that runway; for military runways or when the runway has no specially prepared hard surface, or planned hard surface, the **PRIMARY SURFACE** ends at each end of that runway.

**PRINCIPAL USE (PRIMARY):** A predominant or primary use of a lot. A use listed in the Table of Permissible Uses.

**PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE (PRIMARY):** The structure where the principal use occurs.

**PRIVATE CLUB.** An institution, a club, an organization, or place of accommodation that is not in fact open to the general public.

**PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL USES.** The use of land, buildings or structures for a public, non-profit, or community purposes and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include such uses as schools, places of worship, indoor recreation facilities, civic clubs, public hospitals and government buildings.

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**PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.** Any water supply system furnishing potable water to ten or more dwelling units or businesses or any combination thereof.

## R

**RAIL TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPORT FACILITIES.** An area of land, including any related support facilities, used for switching, storing, moving, repairing, and weighing of railroad cars, trains, or engines.

**REAL PROPERTY.** All land, buildings and other fixtures attached thereto.

**RECREATION (ACTIVE).** Recreational features, often requiring equipment and taking place at prescribed places, sites or fields, which allow for the active recreational needs of residents or users of the development which they serve.

**RECREATION (PASSIVE).** Recreational features that do not require prepared facilities like sports fields or pavilions and require minimal disruption to a site.

**REDEVELOPMENT.** Any installation of improvements, new construction, or reconstruction on a lot or site which already has pre-existing uses.

**REFUSE COLLECTION (AREA).** A container or area surrounding a container dedicated to the collection and temporary storage of refuse or solid waste.

**REQUIRED DRAINAGE CHANNEL.** The theoretical stream bed section which is required to discharge the runoff from a 100-year storm.

**RESERVE STRIP.** A strip of land (usually only a few feet wide) owned privately, and set aside around a subdivision in order to prevent access to adjoining property by way of public streets.

**RESIDUAL LOT.** See **LOT, RESIDUAL.**

**RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY.** A facility in which garbage, minerals, glass, tin cans, paper, rags, and other materials are reclaimed or converted into energy.

**RETAIL SALES AND SERVICE.** Companies or individuals involved in the sale, lease, or rental of new or used products, or providing personal services or repair services to the general public.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY.** Land located within and adjoining the streets, roads and highways within the City, which rights-of-way are owned or maintained by the City or State.

**ROOF AREA.** A single, unbroken, contiguous plane, measured at perpendicular slope.

**ROOF, FLAT.** The external covering of a building having a 2(v):12 (h) slope or less.

**ROOF LINE.** The highest continuous horizontal line of a roof. On a sloping roof, the **ROOFLINE** is the principal ridgeline or the highest line common to one or more

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principal slopes of roof. On a flat roof, the **ROOFLINE** is the highest continuous line of a roof or parapet.

**ROOF, PITCHED.** The external covering of a building having a slope greater than 2 (v):12 (h).

**ROOM RENTING.** A single-family residential structure in which the renting of rooms shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the single -family use of the structure.

**ROOT PROTECTION ZONE.** Generally 18 to 24-inches deep at a distance from the trunk equal to one-half of its height or to its drip line, whichever is greater.

**RUNWAY.** A defined area on an airport prepared for landing and takeoff of aircraft along its length.

## S

**SATELLITE DISH.** An apparatus capable of receiving communications signal from a transmitter relay located in planetary orbit.

**SCHOOL.** An institution of learning, such as elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, which offers instruction in several branches of learning and study, but not including business colleges, nursery schools, dancing schools, riding academics, or business, technical, trade schools. Includes public, private, charter and community schools. See use-definitions for Schools (Elementary/Middle), Schools (High/Senior), and University, College, and Vocational School.

**SCREENING.** A method of visually shielding or obscuring one abutting or nearby structure from another by fencing, walls, berms, or densely planted vegetation. Screens are typically vertical objects providing visual separation.

**SETBACK.** The required distance measured from both the property line and the street right-of-way to the nearest part of the building, structure and/or sign.

**SHADE TREE.** Usually a deciduous tree, rarely an evergreen, planted primarily for its high crown of foliage or overhead canopy.

**SHOPPING CENTER.** Two or more uses planned, developed and managed as a unit and related in location, size and type of shop to the needs of the trade area which is being serviced, also to include all out parcels.

**SHRUB.** A woody plant, smaller than a tree, consisting of several small stems from the ground or small branches near the ground; may be deciduous or evergreen.

**SIDEWALK.** A paved area running parallel to the street intended for pedestrian use and travel, providing access to adjacent streets and land.

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**SIGN.** Any device, object, fixture, display, placard or structure, which uses color, form, graphics, illumination, projected images, architectural style or design with text, or writing to advertise, attract attention, announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of any person or entity or to communicate information of any kind to the public. The term **SIGN** includes sign structure.

**SIGN AREA.** The total square foot area of a sign area which contains the message being conveyed.

**SIGN FACE.** The part of the sign that is or can be used to identify, display, advertise, communicate information, or for the visual representation, which attracts or intends to attract the attention of the public for any purpose.

**SIGN HEIGHT.** Vertical distance measured from ground level nearest the base of the sign to the highest point on the sign.

**SIGN PERMIT.** A permit issued that authorizes the recipient to erect, move, enlarge, or substantially alter a sign.

**SIGN STRUCTURE.** Any structure which is designed specifically for the purpose of supporting a sign, which has supports or which is capable of supporting a sign. The definition shall include any decorative covers, braces, wires, supports, or other components attached to or placed around the **SIGN STRUCTURE**.

**SIGN, ABANDONED.** A sign and associated sign structure that the sign owner has failed to operate or maintain for a period of 180 days or longer. The following conditions shall be considered as the failure to operate or maintain a sign:

1. A sign displaying advertising for a product or service which is no longer available or displaying advertising for a business which is no longer licensed; or
2. A sign which is blank.

**SIGN, ADVERTISING.** Sign copy intended to aid, directly or indirectly, in the sale, use or promotion of a product, commodity, service, activity, entertainment, or real or personal property.

**SIGN, CONSTRUCTION.** A temporary on-premise sign identifying the ongoing construction activity during the time that a building permit is active and prior to completion of the work for which the permit was issued, containing sign copy that is limited to the ongoing construction activity and identifying the contractor and/or any subcontractor engaged to perform construction activity on the site.

**SIGN, DILAPIDATED.** A sign that is that has been poorly maintained, is in a state of disrepair or similar that poses a public safety hazard or is difficult to read.

**SIGN, DIRECTIONAL.** An on-site sign providing direction or information to pedestrian or vehicular traffic that is related or reasonably necessary to the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the premises, and not displaying a commercial



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message, e.g., “entrance”, “exit”, “caution”, “no parking”, “one way only”, “no trespassing”, and the like.

**SIGN, DOUBLE-FACED.** A single sign with items of information relating to the same business on both sides of the sign and mounted as a single structure.

**SIGN, DRIVE-THROUGH.** A sign placed so as to be viewed from a drive-through lane and which contains only a listing of the products, with prices, offered for sale by the business on which the sign is located and which may provide a mechanism for ordering the products while viewing the sign.

**SIGN, ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE FACE.** A sign, display, or device, or portion thereof, which electronically changes the fixed display screen composed of a series of lights, including light emitting diodes (LED’s), fiber optics, or other similar new technology where the message change sequence is accomplished immediately. Electronic changeable face outdoor advertising signs include computer programmable, microprocessor controlled electronic or digital displays that display electronic, static images, static graphics, or static pictures, with or without textual information.

**SIGN, FLASHING.** A sign, which permits light to be turned on or off intermittently more frequently than once per five seconds.

**SIGN, FREESTANDING.** A sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on or anchored in the ground or at ground level and which are independent of any building or other structure. A **FREESTANDING SIGN** will be allowed as a monument sign in its allowed district, but may never be constructed as a single pole sign. A **FREESTANDING SIGN** is not a single pole/pylon Sign.

**SIGN, GOVERNMENTAL.** A sign posted by various local, state, and federal agencies, such as regulatory signs, welcome signs, seasonal signs/banners/decorations, and traffic control signs.

**SIGN, IDENTIFICATION.** A sign which displays only the name, address, and/or crest, or insignia, trademark, occupation or professional of an occupant or the name of any building on the premises.

**SIGN, ILLUMINATED.** Any sign or portion thereof, which is illuminated by artificial light, either from an interior or exterior source, including outline, reflective or phosphorescent light, whether or not the source of light is directly affixed as part of the sign.

**SIGN, INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED.** A sign where the source of the illumination is inside the sign and light emanates through the message of the sign rather than being reflected off the surface of the sign from an external source. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, signs that consist of or contain tubes that:

1. Are filled with neon or some other gas that glows when an electric current passes through it; and

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2. Are intended to form or constitute all or part of the message of the sign, rather than merely providing illumination to other parts of the sign that contain the message, shall also be considered **INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS**.

**SIGN, LIGHTED.** A sign lighted only by light cast upon the sign from an external light source.

**SIGN, NONCONFORMING.** A sign, which does not conform to the regulations provided in this UDO.

**SIGN, OFF-PREMISE or OFF-SITE.** Any sign relating in its subject matter to commodities, accommodations, services or activities on a premise other than the premises on which the sign is located.

**SIGN, PERMANENT.** Any sign which, when installed, is intended for permanent use. Banner and banner like materials are not considered **PERMANENT SIGNS**.

**SIGN, POLE/PYLON.** A detached sign erected and maintained on a single mast, or pole or on two masts, or poles and not attached to any building but not including ground-monument or freestanding monument signs.

**SIGN, PORTABLE.** Any sign, banner, or poster that is not permanently attached to the ground or structure.

**SIGN, REAL ESTATE.** A sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed temporarily.

**SIGN, ROOF.** Any sign erected and constructed wholly on or over the roof of a building, which is supported by the roof structure, or any sign that extends in whole or in part above the roofline of a building.

**SIGN, SAFETY RELATED.** Any sign located within the right-of-way that functions as a traffic control device and that is described and identified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and approved by the Federal Highway Administrator as the National Standard. A **SAFETY RELATED SIGN** includes those signs that are classified and defined by their function as regulatory signs (that give notice of traffic laws or regulations), warning signs (that give notice of a situation that might not readily be apparent), and guide signs (that show route designations, directions, distances, services, points of interest, and other geographical, recreational, or cultural information).

**SIGN, STATUTORY.** A sign required by any code of law or regulation of the State of South Carolina or the United States.

**SIGN, STREET ADDRESS.** Any sign denoting the street address of the premises on which it is attached or located.



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**SIGN, STRIP LIGHTING.** Any sign that features electric lighting by means of long glass tubes that are fluorescent lamps or neon, typically placed along the edges or strips of a canopy, building, or structure.

**SIGN, TEMPORARY.** A sign that:

1. Is used in connection with a circumstance, situation, or event that is designed, intended or expected to take place or to be completed within a reasonably short or definite period after the erection of such sign; or
2. Is intended to remain on the location where it is erected or placed for a period of not more than 15 days.

**SIGN, WIND.** A sign, which uses objects or material fastened in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to pressure by wind, and shall include ribbons, spinners, streamers or captive balloons; however, the term wind sign shall not include flags or feather banners.

**SIGN, WINDOW.** Any sign mounted in any fashion on the interior or exterior of the surface of a window.

**SIGHT TRIANGLE.** *May also be referred to as a Sight Visibility Triangle.* A triangular shaped portion of land established at street intersections or street and driveway intersections in which nothing is erected, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to limit or obstruct the sight distance of motorists entering or leaving the intersection.

**SITE WALLS.** Retaining walls.

**SPECIAL EVENTS.** Temporary events undertaken that is not part of an establishment or group's daily activities. Examples include grand opening sales, fundraising, festivals, and tent revivals.

**SPECIAL-USE PERMIT.** A permit issued by the Board of Adjustment that authorizes the recipient to make use of property in accordance with the requirements of this UDO as well as any additional requirements by the Board of Adjustment.

**STORAGE.** Facilities providing separate storage areas for personal or business use designated to allow private access by the tenant for storing or removing personal property.

**STORAGE UNIT, PORTABLE.** Transport trailers, cargo containers, storage trailers, mobile storage facilities, sea/land containers, and similar structures designed for conveyance and used primarily for storage of goods and materials. Portable Storage Units are not intended to be used a permanent storage facilities in residential districts.

**STORM, TEN-YEAR.** The surface runoff resulting from a rainfall of intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on average, once in ten-years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff for the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.

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**STORM, 25-YEAR.** The surface runoff resulting from a rainfall of intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on average, once in 25 years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff for the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.

**STORM, 100-YEAR.** The surface runoff resulting from a rainfall of intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on average, once in 100 years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff for the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.

**STREET.** A public street or a street with respect to which an offer of dedication has been made. Types of **STREETS** are identified in this UDO.

**STREET TREE.** A tree with a crown which provides shade to the portion of the street on which it is planted.

**STREET, ARTERIAL.** A federal and/or state highway designed primarily for the movement of large volumes of vehicular traffic from one area to another; a thoroughfare.

**STREET, COLLECTOR.** A public way designed primarily to connect residential streets with arterial streets and/or to provide direct connection between two or more arterial streets and which may be designed to carry significant volumes of vehicular traffic having neither origin nor designation on the street.

**STREET, HALF.** A proposed vehicular travel way intended to be developed by constructing one-half of a required multi-lane width with the remainder to be provided at some future date.

**STREET, MINOR.** A public way used primarily for providing direct access to abutting properties. **MINOR STREETS** are further classified as:

1. *Residential.* Those streets whose primary function is to provide direct access to residential property;
2. *Commercial-industrial.* Those streets whose primary function is to provide direct access to commercial-industrial property; and
3. *Cul-de-sac.* A short minor street having one end open to traffic and the other end permanently terminated with a vehicular turnaround. The maximum length of a cul-de-sac is 1,200 feet.

**STREET, PRIVATE.** A vehicular travel-way not dedicated as a public street.

**STREETSCAPE.** An area that abuts or is contained within a public or private street right-of-way that may contain sidewalks, street furniture, landscaping or trees, and similar features.

**STRUCTURE.** Anything constructed or erected.

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**SUBDIVISION.** The division of a tract of land into two or more lots, building sites, or other divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or land development (whether immediate or future) and including all divisions of land involving the dedication of a new street or a change in existing streets. See Section 7, Subdivision Regulations, for subdivision design standards and regulations.

**SUBDIVISION, MAJOR.** Any subdivision other than a minor subdivision, involving any of the following:

1. The creation of more than a total of four lots;
2. The creation of any new public streets;
3. The extension of a public water or sewer system; or
4. The installation of drainage improvements through one or more lots to serve one or more lots.

**SUBDIVISION, MINOR.** Any subdivision that does not qualify as a major subdivision.

**SWIMMING POOL.** An above or in ground structure filled with water for the purpose of recreation and swimming.

## T

**TEMPORARY DWELLING.** A residence (which may be a manufactured/mobile home) that is:

1. Located on the same lot as a residence made uninhabitable by fire, flood, or other natural disaster and occupied by the persons displaced by such disaster;
2. Located on the same lot as a residence that is under construction or undergoing substantial repairs or reconstruction and occupied by the persons intended to live in such permanent residence when the work is completed; or
3. Located on a non-residential construction site and occupied by persons having construction or security responsibilities over such construction site.

**TEMPORARY USE PERMIT.** A permit issued by the Director or designee that authorizes the recipient to temporarily modify the use of a property.

**TOPPING.** The severe cutting back of limbs to stubs three inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the natural canopy and disfigure the tree.

**TRACT.** The term **TRACT** is used interchangeably with the term lot, particularly in the context of subdivisions, where one **TRACT** is subdivided into several "lots".

**TRANSITIONAL SURFACES.** These surfaces extend outward at 90 degree angles to the runway centerline and the runway centerline extended at a slope of seven feet horizontally for each foot vertically from the aides of the primary and approach surfaces to where they intersect the horizontal and conical surfaces. **TRANSITIONAL**

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**SURFACES** for those portions of the precision approach surfaces, which project through and beyond the limits of the conical surface, extend a distance of 5,000 feet measured from the edge of the approach surface and at 90 degree angles to the extended runway centerline.

**TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.** Facilities for loading, unloading, and transferring passengers, baggage, and incidental freight between modes of transportation. These uses include bus terminals, railroad stations, public transit stations, taxi cab facilities, and other similar uses.

**TRAVEL TRAILER.** A structure that:

1. Is intended to be transported over the streets and highways (either as a motor vehicle or attached to or hauled by a motor vehicle); and
2. Is designed for temporary use as sleeping quarters but that does not satisfy one or more of the definitional criteria of a mobile home.

**TREE.** A large, woody plant having one or several self-supporting stems or trunks and numerous branches.

## U

**UNDERSTORY TREE.** A species of tree which normally grows to a mature height of 15 to 35 feet in height, and meets the specifications of the American Standards for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen.

**URGENT CARE.** A medical walk-in clinic or facility designed to provide emergency care for injuries or illness.

**USE.** The activity or function that actually takes place or is intended to take place on a lot.

**UTILITIES.** Public or private infrastructure serving a limited or regional area.

**UTILITY FACILITIES, COMMUNITY OR REGIONAL.** All utility facilities other than neighborhood facilities.

**UTILITY FACILITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD.** Utility facilities that are designed to serve the immediately surrounding neighborhood and that must, for reasons associated with the purpose of the utility in question, are located in or near the neighborhood where such facilities are proposed to be located.

**UTILITY RUNWAY.** A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller driven aircraft of 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and less.

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**VARIANCE.** A grant of permission by the Board of Adjustment that authorizes the recipient to do that which, according to the strict letter of this UDO, the recipient could not otherwise legally do.

**VEGETATIVE COVER.** Grasses, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation, which holds and stabilizes soils.

**VEHICLE USE AREA.** That portion of a lot that is used by vehicles for access, circulation, parking, and loading and unloading. It comprises the total of circulation areas, loading and unloading areas, and parking areas.

**VISUAL RUNWAY.** A runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures.

## W

**WASTE.** Materials to be disposed resulting from consumption or developmental activity.

**WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS.** An area and/or building used to unload and temporarily store solid waste (for a period of less than 90 days) for the subsequent delivery of the solid waste to another transfer site, storage site, or disposal site. Such uses may involve intermediate processing such as compaction, sorting, or shredding. In addition to transferring solid waste, a waste transfer station may also include facilities for drop-off of recyclable materials.

**WATERSHED.** The entire land area contributing surface drainage to a specific point (for example, the water supply intake).

**WHOLESALE SALES.** On-premises sales of goods primarily to customers engaged in the business of reselling the goods. See Wholesale Trade in use-definitions.

**WOODED AREA.** An area of contiguous wooded vegetation where trees are at a density of at least one six-inch or greater caliper tree per 325 square feet of land and where the branches and leaves form a contiguous canopy.

## Y

**YARD.** Unoccupied space on a lot with a building between a building and property line.

**YARD SALE.** A temporary sale of personally owned goods on a yard (also referred to as a *GARAGE SALE*). **YARD SALE** may occur on a residential lot (no temporary use permit required) or a non-residential lot (a temporary use permit is required).

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**ZONING MAP.** The official zoning map of the City of Greer. The zoning map has been officially adopted by the City of Greer as part of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**ZONING PERMIT.** A permit issued by the land-use administrator that authorizes the recipient to make use of property in accordance with the requirements of this UDO.

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