

**Sec. 21.5.2. Zoning Districts Established**

The City is hereby geographically divided into zoning districts and the boundaries of those districts herein are delineated upon the Official Zoning Map of the City. The use and dimensional regulations as set out in this Article are uniform in each district. Zoning districts are established in compliance with adopted Comprehensive Land Plan and Master Thoroughfare Plan. The districts established shall be known as follows:

**Table 21.5.2**

Symbol	Zoning District Name
PRE	Predevelopment District
R-1	Single-Family Residential District
R-2	Single-Family Residential District
R-3	Two-Family Residential District
R-4	Apartment/Multi-Family Residential District
R-6	Single-Family Residential District
R-7	Single-Family Residential District
R-A	Single-Family Residential/Agricultural District
GH	Garden Home Residential District
TH	Townhome District
MHS	Manufactured Home Subdivision District
MHP	Manufactured Home Park District
OP	Office and Professional District
NS	Neighborhood Services District
GB	General Business District
GB-2	General Business District-2
M-1	Manufacturing District (Light)
M-2	Manufacturing District (Heavy)
GC	Golf Course District
PUB	Public Use District
PDD	Planned Development District
AD	Agricultural District
AC	Agricultural Conservation District
EN	Estate Neighborhood PDD
MU	Mixed Use District
HCOD	Highway Commercial Design Overlay District
CCOD	Campus Commercial Overlay District
IOD	Industrial Overlay District
DO	Downtown Overlay Districts
MSMU	Main Street Mixed-Use District

( Ord. No. 13-S-22, § 1, 7-16-2013 ; Ord. No. 14-S-47 , § 1, 11-18-2014)

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### **Sec. 21.5.5. Statement of Purpose and Intent for Residential Districts.**

- A. ***Predevelopment District (PRE).*** Intended for use for undeveloped land in the City or as a temporary designation for existing uses for newly annexed property. This zoning is also suitable for areas where development is premature due to lack of utilities, capacity or service and for areas that are unsuitable for development because of physical constraints or potential health or safety hazards. No improvements, construction or structures may be undertaken without obtaining a building permit and no occupancy of such improvements and structures without obtaining a certificate of occupancy.
- B. ***Single-Family Residential District (R-1).*** Comprised of single-family detached residential dwellings on a minimum lot size of 9,600 square feet, together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units.
- C. ***Single-Family Residential District (R-2).*** Comprised of single-family detached residential dwellings with a minimum lot size of 8,400 square feet, together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units.
- D. ***Two-Family Residential District (R-3).*** Comprised of two (2) single-family attached residential dwellings with a minimum lot size of 9,000 square feet, together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units.
- E. ***Apartment/Multi-Family Residential District (R-4).*** Intended for apartment and multi-family developments including, but not limited to apartment buildings, duplex, garden apartments, condominium units, assisted living centers, nursing homes and other similar uses. Due to the infrastructure requirements for such districts, the City may require the applicant seeking such zoning classification to establish (i) the adequacy of available access and utility facilities, (ii) sufficiency of drainage, and (iii) provision of sufficient open space. The minimum lot size in such district is 10,000 square feet for three (3) units and 1,800 square feet for each additional dwelling unit. The maximum density shall be twenty-four (24) units per acre. Apartment/Multi-Family Residential Districts should not be located in areas where they would increase traffic through single-family neighborhoods and should be located adjacent to arterial streets with sufficient capacity to carry the increased traffic generated. Multi-family developments are suitable buffers between single-family districts and commercial uses. Multi-family districts should be buffered from non-residential land uses and from pollution sources and environmental hazards. Twenty percent (20%) of the total platted area shall be provided as common, usable open space.
- F. ***Single-Family Residential District (R-6).*** Comprised of single-family detached residential dwellings that are on a minimum lot size of 7,200 square feet, together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units. This district is intended to be developed using the more contemporary building styles and allowing those dwellings to be constructed on relatively small lots. The maximum size tract that can be zoned R-6 is 30 acres.
- G. ***Single-Family Residential District (R-7).*** Comprised of single-family detached residential dwellings on a minimum lot size of 6,600 square feet, together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units. This district is intended to be developed using the more contemporary building styles and allowing those dwellings to be constructed on relatively small lots. The maximum size tract that can be zoned R-7 is 40 acres.
- H. ***Single-Family Residential/Agricultural District (RA).*** Intended to provide for areas in which agricultural land may be held in such use for as long as is practical and reasonable. Residences in this District are intended to be on a minimum lot size of 21,780 square feet (one-half acre). This District is suitable for areas where development is premature due to lack of utilities, capacity or service, and for areas that are unsuitable for development because of physical restraints or potential health or safety hazards.

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- I. **Garden Homes Residential District (GH).** Comprised of single-family detached residential dwellings on a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet together with the schools, churches, and parks necessary to create basic neighborhood units. This District allows the main structure to be constructed coincident with one (1) of the side property lines, and requires only one (1) side yard setback in order to maximize lot usage and yet maintain a neighborhood character consistent with conventional single-family detached homes.

No area shall be designated GH that contains less than five (5) adjoining lots on a street. Zero lot line homes shall have no windows on the side of the house, which abuts the property line. Entire frontage of one (1) side of the street in the block must be included in the GH designation. Exception may be made where an alley breaks the block on that side of the street. Homes will be uniformly located on the same side of the lot within a street block.

- J. **Townhome District (TH).** Comprised of an attached residential dwelling unit in structures built to accommodate three (3) to six (6) units per structure. Density shall not exceed twelve (12) units per gross acre. Townhome units shall be constructed on a single lot, or on adjacent individual lots. Individual ownership of the townhome units is encouraged. Minimum lot area shall not be less than 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit. Ten percent (10%) of the total platted area shall be provided as common, usable open space. This District should not be located in areas where it would increase traffic through single-family neighborhoods and should be adjacent to arterial streets with sufficient capacity to carry the increased traffic generated.
- K. **Manufactured Home Subdivision District (MHS).** Intended to recognize that certain areas of the City are suitable for a mixture of single-family dwelling units and HUD-Code manufactured homes, to provide adequate space and site diversification for residential purposes designed to accommodate the peculiarities and design criteria of manufactured homes, along with single-family residences, to promote the most desirable use of land and direction of building development, to promote stability of development, to protect the character of the district, to conserve the value of land and buildings, and to protect the City's tax base. This District provides for the creation and/or subdivision of any lot, tract or parcel of land used for the placement of manufactured homes. This District is not intended to prohibit or unduly restrict any type of housing but to ensure compatibility in housing types between manufactured home subdivisions and surrounding single family residential subdivisions and recognizing their inherent differences.
- L. **Manufactured Home Park District (MHP).** Intended to provide adequate space and site diversification for residential purposes designed to accommodate the peculiarities and design criteria of manufactured homes, to promote the most desirable use of land and direction of building development, to promote stability of development, to protect the character of the district, to conserve the value of land and buildings, and to protect the City's tax base. This District provides for the creation of tracts of land used for the placement of multiple manufactured homes on a single lot, tract or parcel of land and utilized for rent or lease. This District is not intended to prohibit or unduly restrict any type of housing but to ensure compatibility between manufactured home parks and surrounding properties and recognizing the inherent differences in housing types between manufactured home parks and other residential districts.
- M. **Agricultural District (AD).** Intended to provide as a base zoning district in areas designated as agricultural conservation on the North and South Schertz Framework Plans. Residences in this District are intended to be on a minimum lot size of 217,800 square feet (five acres). Clustering of up to two homes may be allowed on the same lot subject to setback requirements. This District is suitable for areas where development is premature due to lack of utilities, capacity or service, and for areas that are unsuitable for development because of physical restraints or potential health or safety hazards.
- N. **Main Street Mixed-Use District (MSMU).** Intended to provide a base zoning district in the area along Main Street. In light of the history of the area and variety of land uses that exist, this zoning district allows for both single-family residential uses and low intensity commercial uses. Reduced setbacks and parking requirements are provided as part of this district due to physical restraints.

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- O. ***Main Street Mixed-Use New Development District (MSMU-ND)***. Intended to provide a base zoning district in the area along Main Street, specifically for new development of existing properties. This district is intended to mirror The Main Street Mixed-Use District (MSMU), allowing for both single-family residential uses and low intensity commercial uses. Reduced setbacks, parking requirements, along with reduced landscape buffers are provided as part of this district due to physical restraints of the existing properties.

( Ord. No. 13-S-22, § 2, 7-16-2013 ; Ord. No. 14-S-47 , § 2, 11-18-2014; Ord. No. 21-S-26 , § 1(Exh. A), 7-6-2021)

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**Sec. 21.14.3. Additional Design Requirements.**

**A. Purpose and Applicability.**

1. The purpose of this Section is to establish additional development standards applicable to certain streets within the City to ensure uniform and quality development resulting in an attractive environment compatible with businesses and residential dwellings which does the following:
  - a. provides an environment and living conditions favorable to the public;
  - b. provides a creative approach to land use and related physical development;
  - c. creates a pattern of development which preserves trees and outstanding natural topography and prevents soil erosion and pollution;
  - d. encourages mixed use development through innovative uses of modern development concepts; and
  - e. produces open space and recreation areas.
2. The requirements of this section shall be applicable to all roadways classified as Principal Arterials or Secondary Arterials in accordance with section 21.14.1 including, but not limited to, Schertz Parkway, FM 3009, Old Wiederstein Road, Country Club Blvd, FM 78, FM 1518, FM 482, and Wiederstein Road.

**B. Permitted Uses.** Buildings, structures and land shall be used in accordance with the uses permitted in the applicable zoning district and shall comply with the dimensional requirements of that district in accordance with Article 5 of this UDC.

**C. Building Setback Line.** A minimum fifty foot (50') building setback shall be required adjacent to all rights-of-way. A waiver may be granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission which would allow for a reduction in the minimum required setback when an alternative site layout and design provides for additional open space or landscaping and off-street parking will be located entirely at the rear of the building or lot. In no case shall the minimum building setback be reduced less than the minimum required setback for the applicable zoning district in. The requirements of this section are not applicable to properties zoned Main Street Mixed-Use - New Development (MSMU-ND).

**D. Driveways and Access (Connectivity).** Access shall be limited to provide for safe traffic flow and the design shall provide interior drives to limit the number of accesses to the public right-of-way. Access easement should be utilized to limit the number of driveway accesses. Accesses should be planned to match existing driveways or street intersections on the opposite side of the street. All driveways shall have a minimum sight distance of 240 feet.

**E. Screening and Buffering.** A masonry screening wall a minimum of eight foot (8') in height shall be provided where the rear yard of any residential or nonresidential lot abuts a Principal or Secondary Arterial. Any masonry screening wall constructed as part of a new residential subdivision shall be constructed of a like and similar material and color as screening walls in adjacent subdivisions to provide a consistent streetscape. Where the rear yard of any residential lot abuts right-of-way, a minimum twenty foot (20') wide landscape buffer shall be provided adjacent to the right-of-way. Additionally, trees shall be planted at an average density of one (1) tree per twenty linear feet (20') of street frontage except for public schools. The landscape buffer shall require an irrigation system and shall be maintained by the property owner.

(Ord. No. 16-S-27 , § 9, 8-30-2016; Ord. No. 17-S-40 , § 1(Exh. A), 10-24-2017; Ord. No. 21-S-26 , § 1(Exh. A), 7-6-2021)

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### **Sec. 21.5.11. Specific Use Permit (SUP).**

- A. *Applicability.*** Specific Use Permits allow for discretionary City Council approval of uses with unique or widely varying operating characteristics or unusual site development features, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this UDC. These uses and the districts where they may be located are listed in Table 21.5.8. Certain uses located within the AICUZ zone require an SUP. Approval of a Specific Use Permit authorizes a property owner to submit subsequent development applications consistent with the approved sup.
- B. *Application Requirements.***
1. ***Application Required.*** Any request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) shall be accompanied by an application and SUP exhibit prepared in accordance with the Development Manual.
  2. ***Tax Certificate Required.*** All applications made as a request for a Specific Use Permit shall be accompanied by a copy of a Tax Certificate.
- C. *Processing of Application and Decision.***
1. ***Submittal.*** An application for a Specific Use Permit shall be submitted to the City Manager or his/her designee. The City Manager or his/her designee shall review the application for completeness in accordance with section 21.4.2. The City Manager or his/her designee may, at its option, request a recommendation from any other City Department or consultant. The City Manager or his/her designee shall notify the applicant of items requiring correction or attention before providing a recommendation on the application. After appropriate review, the City Manager or his/her designee shall forward a written recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration.
  2. ***Notification requirements.*** An application for a Specific Use Permit requires the following notification in accordance with section 21.4.3:
    - a. Written notice prior to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission; and
    - b. Published notice prior to consideration by the City Council.
  3. ***Commission Recommendation.*** The Planning and Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and section 21.4.4 and make a written recommendation regarding a proposed Specific Use Permit to the City Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the SUP. The Planning and Zoning Commission may, on its own motion or by request of the property owner, postpone consideration of the request to a certain date that is not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the current consideration in order to review additional information or modifications which may have a direct bearing on the recommendation to the City Council.
  4. ***Decision by City Council.*** The City Council shall receive the written recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a proposed Specific Use Permit and shall hold a public hearing in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and section 21.4.4. The City Council may vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the SUP. The City Council may, on its own motion or by request of the property owner, postpone consideration of the request to a certain date that is not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the current consideration in order to review additional information or modifications which may have a direct bearing on the final decision.
- D. *Criteria for Approval.*** The Planning and Zoning Commission, in making its recommendation, and the City Council, in considering final action on a Specific Use Permit, should consider the following criteria:
1. The proposed use at the specified location is consistent with the policies embodied in the adopted Comprehensive Land Plan;

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2. The proposed use is consistent with the general purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district regulations;
  3. The proposed use is compatible with and preserves the character and integrity of adjacent developments and neighborhoods, and includes improvements either on-site or within the public rights-of-way to mitigate development related adverse impacts, such as safety, traffic, noise, odors, visual nuisances, drainage or other similar adverse effects to adjacent development and neighborhoods;
  4. The proposed use does not generate pedestrian and vehicular traffic which will be hazardous or conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood;
  5. The proposed use incorporates roadway adjustments, traffic control devices or mechanisms, and access restrictions to control traffic flow or divert traffic as may be needed to reduce or eliminate development generated traffic on neighborhood streets;
  6. The proposed use incorporates features to minimize adverse effects, including visual impacts, of the proposed use on adjacent properties;
  7. The proposed use meets the standards for the zoning district, or to the extent variations from such standards have been requested, that such variations are necessary to render the use compatible with adjoining development and the neighborhood;
  8. The proposed promotes the health, safety or general welfare of the City and the safe, orderly, efficient and healthful development of the City;
  9. No application made under these provisions will receive final approval until all back taxes owed to the City have been paid in full; and
  10. Other criteria which, at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council are deemed relevant and important in the consideration of the Specific Use Permit.
- E. *Conditions.* The Planning and Zoning Commission, in making its recommendation, and the City Council, in considering final action, may require such modifications in the proposed use and attach such conditions to the Specific Use Permit as deemed necessary to mitigate adverse effects of the proposed use and to carry out the spirit and intent of this section. Conditions and modifications may include but are not limited to limitation of building size or height, increased open space, limitations on impervious surfaces, enhanced loading and parking requirements, additional landscaping, curbing, sidewalk, vehicular access and parking improvements, placement or orientation of buildings and entryways, buffer yards, landscaping and screening, signage restrictions and design, maintenance of buildings and outdoor areas, duration of the permit, hours of operation, and requiring a site layout.
- F. *Expiration of Specific Use Permit.* A Specific Use Permit shall expire if any of the following occurs:
1. A building permit, if necessary, for the use has not been approved within two (2) years after the approval of the SUP;
  2. A building permit approved as a result of the approval of the SUP expires within two (2) years after the approval of the SUP;
  3. The use has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of time exceeding six (6) months; or
  4. The SUP expires in accordance with its terms.

(Ord. No. 18-S-04 , § 1(Exh. A), 1-23-2018)

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### Sec. 21.9.7. Landscaping.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to establish landscaping requirements to enhance the community's ecological, environmental, and beautification efforts as well as its aesthetic qualities. It is the intent of this section to reduce the negative effects of glare, noise, erosion, and sedimentation caused by expanses of impervious and un-vegetated surfaces within the urban environment. It is the intent of this section to preserve and improve the natural and urban environment by recognizing that the use of landscaping elements can contribute to the processes of air purification, oxygen, regeneration, groundwater recharge, noise abatement, glare and heat, provision of habitats for wildlife, and enhance the overall beauty of the City.
- B. *Enforcement.* If at any time after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the approved landscaping is found to be in nonconformance with standards and criteria of this section, notice by the City may be issued to the owner, citing the violation and describing what action is required to comply with this section. The owner, tenant or agent shall have forty-five (45) days after the date of said notice to restore landscaping as required. The City may extend the time of compliance based on weather conditions. If the landscaping is not restored within the allotted time, such person shall be in violation of this UDC.
- C. Single Family and Duplex Residential

#### *Installation and Maintenance.*

1. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy sod shall be in place in full front and rear yards, except for landscape beds and gardens. On property containing a minimum of one-half (½) acre or greater, sod in front and rear yards shall be planted adjacent to the slab for a distance of fifty feet (50') and for a distance of twenty feet (20') in side yards.
2. All landscaped areas shall be irrigated with an approved automatic underground irrigation system unless the landscaped area has been designed utilizing xeriscaping methods. All irrigation systems shall be designed and sealed in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and shall be professionally installed. No irrigation shall be required for undisturbed natural areas or undisturbed existing trees.
3. Vegetation other than grasses or ground cover under six inches (6") in height is prohibited in any City right-of-way unless specifically authorized in writing by the City Manager or his/her designee.
4. Landscape planting shall not be erected or installed in such a manner as to interfere with traffic view or impose a safety hazard.
5. New landscaped areas shall be prepared so as to achieve a soil depth of at least two inches (2").
6. Every single family residential lot shall provide a minimum of two (2) shade trees which are a minimum of two and one-half inches (2.5") caliper measured at four feet (4') above ground level at the time of planting.

D. Nonresidential and Multi-Family

The provisions of this section apply to new construction except public water and wastewater facilities for which only subsections 14 and 16 below apply.

Existing developments where all structures are not being demolished, do not have to comply with all of these requirements. Rather they cannot decrease compliance with an individual requirement to the point that they no longer comply with that individual requirement.

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Installation and Maintenance.

1. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any building or structure, all screening and landscaping shall be in place in accordance with the landscape plan approved as part of the Site Plan.
2. In any case in which a Certificate of Occupancy is sought at a season of the year in which the City determines that it would be impractical to plant trees, shrubs or grass, or to lay turf, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy may be issued for up to four (4) months.
3. All landscaped areas shall be irrigated with an approved automatic underground irrigation system unless the landscaped area has been designed utilizing xeriscaping methods. All irrigation systems shall be designed and sealed in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and shall be professionally installed. No irrigation shall be required for undisturbed natural areas or undisturbed existing trees.
4. Vegetation other than approved grasses or ground cover under six inches (6") in height is prohibited in any City right-of-way unless specifically authorized in writing by the City Manager or his/her designee, after consultation with the Director of Public Works or his/her designee.
5. Trees planted shall be a minimum of two and one-half inches (2.5") caliper measured at four feet (4') above ground level at the time of planting. All trees planted to meet the minimum landscaping requirements of this section shall be planted so as to provide for no impervious material within the drip line of the tree. For the purposes of determining the drip line to meet the requirements of this section, the drip line radius shall be measured as being ten (10) times the caliper of the tree. For example, a two and one-half inch (2.5") tree will have a twenty five inch (25") radius or fifty inch (50") diameter. Tree wells or tree grates may be utilized to meet the requirements of this section. The City may, at its option, require certification by a registered arborist that adequate space has been provided for pervious cover beneath the drip line of a tree.
6. New landscaped areas shall be prepared so as to achieve a soil depth of at least two inches (2").
7. The use of architectural planters in nonresidential districts may be permitted in fulfillment of landscape requirements subject to approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission at the time of Site Plan approval.
8. Landscape planting shall not be erected or installed in such a manner as to interfere with traffic view or impose a safety hazard.
9. A minimum twenty foot (20') wide landscape buffer shall be provided adjacent to any public right-of-way. Trees shall be planted at an average density of one (1) tree per twenty linear feet (20') of street frontage except for public schools. The landscape buffer shall require an irrigation system and shall be maintained by the property owner. The requirements of this section are not applicable to properties zoned Main Street Mixed-Use - New Development (MSMU-ND).
10. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the total land area of any proposed multifamily or nonresidential development shall be landscaped and shall be comprised of trees, shrubs, sod or other ground cover. In the event of the construction of a phased development, the minimum twenty percent (20%) requirement shall apply to each phase as it is developed.
11. All commercial and multi-family properties shall provide shade trees at a ratio of nine (9) trees per acre. Industrial property shall provide shade trees at a ratio of six (6) trees per acre. Public schools shall provide shade trees at a ratio of at least four (4) trees per acre. Existing trees may be counted toward meeting the requirements of this section.
12. *Interior Landscaping.* A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the gross parking areas shall be devoted to living landscaping which includes grass, ground covers, plants, shrubs and trees. Gross parking area is to be measured from the edge of the parking and/or driveway and sidewalks. Interior landscaping

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requirements do not apply to public water and wastewater facilities if an eight feet (8') masonry fence is provide at or near the property boundary.

13. Interior areas of parking lots shall contain planting islands located so as to best relieve the expanse of paving. Planter islands must be located no further apart than every twenty (20) parking spaces and at the terminus of all rows of parking. Such islands shall be a minimum of 162 square feet or nine feet by eighteen feet (9'x18') in size. Planter islands shall contain a combination of trees, shrubs, lawn, ground cover and other appropriate materials provided such landscaping does not cause visual interference within the parking area. This subsection does not apply to public schools.
  14. Perimeter Landscape Area – Where a nonresidential or multifamily use adjacent to a nonresidential or multifamily use that is zoned for nonresidential or multifamily uses shall provide a minimum five-foot (5') landscape buffer adjacent to those uses except where the building extends into that five foot (5') foot landscape buffer. A minimum of one (1) shade tree shall be planted for each one-hundred linear feet (100') of landscape buffer except where the entire five-foot (5') wide landscape buffer is encumbered by an easement that does not allow the planting of trees. A nonresidential or multifamily use adjacent to a single family or duplex residential use or single family or duplex residentially zoned property shall provide a minimum twenty-foot (20') landscape buffer adjacent to the proper line of the residential use or residentially zoned property. A minimum of one (1) shade tree hall be planted for each thirty (30) linear feet of landscape buffer. The landscape buffer shall be covered with grass or another solid vegetative cover. The landscape buffer shall include a masonry wall which shall be eight feet (8') in height. The requirement of this subsection doe not apply to public water and wastewater facilities if an eight foot (8') masonry wall is provided at or near the property boundary.
- F. *Landscape Plan Required.* A landscape plan shall be submitted to the City for approval. The landscape plan may be submitted as a part of the Site Plan. The landscape plan shall contain the following information:
1. location of all existing trees with indication as to those to be preserved;
  2. location of all plants and landscaping material to be used including paving, benches, screens, fountains, statues, or other landscaping features;
  3. species of all plant material to be used;
  4. size of all plant material to be used;
  5. spacing of plant material where appropriate;
  6. type of watering system and location of watering source, irrigation, sprinkler, or water system, including placement of water sources;
  7. description of maintenance provisions of the landscaping plan; and
  8. persons responsible for the preparation of the landscape plan.

## ARTICLE 10. PARKING STANDARDS

### Sec. 21.10.1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to establish the number of required off-street vehicular parking spaces so as to provide for the needs of occupants, customers, visitors or others involved in the use or occupancy of any building or structure, to eliminate the undue use of the surface street system for parking purposes, to require allocation of sufficient off-street/on-site loading facilities by business and industry which ensures that the loading and unloading of vehicles will not interfere with traffic flow or block roadways and/or fire lanes, to promote and protect the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare, and to grant and define the administrative powers and duties necessary to enforce this Article.

### Sec. 21.10.2. General provisions.

- A. Required off-street parking in residential districts shall be provided on the same site, lot or tract as the main use for which the parking is provided.
- B. Required off-street parking in nonresidential districts may be located on the same site, lot or tract as the main use for which the parking is provided or on a site, lot or tract located within the same zoning district and within 150 feet of the main use.
- C. If specific requirements for off-street parking result in a fraction of a parking space, the next larger whole number of spaces is required.
- D. Whenever a building or use constructed or established before February 24, 2009 is changed or enlarged in floor area, number of dwelling units, seating capacity or otherwise, to create a need for an increase in the minimum number of required parking spaces, such additional spaces shall be provided at 50% of the normal rate to accommodate the enlargement or change.
- E. All driveways and all required off-street parking spaces shall be on a paved concrete or asphalt surface. All drive approaches shall be of paved concrete.
- F. Parking spaces provided within a public right-of-way shall not be counted as meeting the minimum requirements of this Article.
- G. In the event of the construction of a phased development, the minimum number of parking spaces provided shall apply to each phase as it is developed.
- H. In computing the parking requirements for any building or development with multiple uses, the total parking requirements shall be the sum of the specific parking requirements for each individual use included in the building or development.
- I. *Residential curb cuts.*
  - 1. *Straight driveways.* Curb cuts for residential driveway aprons shall be not less than ten feet (10') in width, and not more than twelve feet (12') in width for a single driveway apron nor more than twenty-four feet (24') in width for a double driveway apron. Curb cuts will be permitted only for driveway aprons providing access to a garage, carport or hardstand. Not more than one curb cut will be permitted for each residential parcel of land except as follows for circular driveways.

- 2. *Circular driveways.* Circular driveways are allowed for lots with a minimum of one hundred feet (100') of frontage. Circular driveways shall have a maximum of two sixteen-foot curb cuts with a minimum of thirty feet (30') between each cut.
- J. Detached accessory, ancillary or storage structures in commercial and manufacturing districts shall not be located in a manner that decreases the minimum number of parking spaces required.
- K. Areas intended for outdoor displays and general outdoor storage shall not be allowed in designated off-street parking areas or fire lanes and shall not be located in a manner that decreases the minimum number of parking spaces required.
- L. Parking and storage, including vehicles awaiting repair, employee, customers and vendors, for automobile repairs and service located on Main Street, cannot occur in the public right-of-way.

(Ord. No. 22-S-19 , § 1(Exh. A), 4-26-2022)

**Sec. 21.10.3. Size of space.**

- A. Each standard off-street surface parking space shall measure not less than nine feet by eighteen feet (9'x18'), exclusive of access drives and aisles, and shall be of usable shape and condition.
- B. *Wheel stops.* If wheel stops are not provided at locations where vehicles extend over the sidewalk areas, a minimum of eight feet (8') of free walking area, exclusive of vehicle over hang, width must be provided.
- C. Each parking space designed for parallel parking shall have a minimum dimension of eight feet by twenty-two feet (8' x 22').
- D. Each standard parking space located in a parking garage shall measure not less than nine feet by eighteen feet (9' x 18'), exclusive of access drives or aisles.
- E. *Handicap accessible parking.*
  - 1. The number and size of the handicap parking spaces required must follow the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and Texas Accessibility Standards. The number of handicap parking spaces required is based on the total number of spaces provided. Accessible spaces for cars must have at least a sixty inch (60") wide access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. Van parking spaces need to have a wider access aisle of ninety-six inches (96") to accommodate a wheelchair lift and vertical clearance to accommodate van height.

<b>Table 21.10.3 Minimum Number of Handicap Accessible Parking Spaces</b>	
Total number of parking spaces provided (per lot)	Total minimum number of accessible parking spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1,000	2% of total parking provided in lot
1,001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

2. *Location.*

- a. Accessible parking spaces must be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible facility entrance. Where buildings have multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, the accessible parking spaces must be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances and at the most level ground close to the accessible entrance.
- b. An accessible route must always be provided from the accessible parking to the accessible entrance. An accessible route never has curbs or stairs, must be at least three feet (3') wide, and has a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface. The slope along the accessible route should not be greater than 1:12 in the direction of travel.
- c. Accessible parking spaces may be clustered in one or more lots if equivalent or greater accessibility is provided in terms of distance from the accessible entrance, parking fees, and convenience. Van-accessible parking spaces located in parking garages may be clustered on one floor (to accommodate the ninety-eight inch (98") minimum vertical height requirement).

- 3. *Signage.* A sign with the international symbol of accessibility must be mounted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws to see marking each disabled parking space. Van accessible spaces must have a sign with "van accessible" on it in addition to the international symbol of accessibility.

**Sec. 21.10.4. Schedule of off-street parking requirements.**

- A. Off-street parking shall be provided in sufficient quantities to provide the following ratio of vehicle spaces for the uses specified in the districts designated:

<b>Table 21.10.4 Schedule of Off-Street Parking Requirements</b>	
Use Type	Parking Requirement
Amusement, Commercial (Indoor)	1 space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area
Amusement, Commercial (Outdoor)	1 space per 500 square feet of outdoor site area plus 1 space per each 4 fixed spectator seats
Assisted Care, Living Facility, Care Facility	1 parking space for each 2 beds
Bank, Savings And Loan, Or Other Financial Institution	1 space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area
Bar Or Night Club	1 space for each 50 square feet of gross floor area
Bed And Breakfast	1 space for each guest room plus 1 space per employee
Bowling Alley	5 parking spaces for each lane
Car Wash	1 space for each 200 Square feet of floor area
Day Care Center	1 space per 250 square feet of gross floor area
Fitness Center/Gym	1 space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area
Convenience Store/Gas Station	1 space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area. Spaces provided for fueling at the pump stations shall not be considered parking spaces.
Group Home	4 spaces
Hospital	1 parking space for each bed
Hotel Or Motel	1 space for each sleeping room or suite plus 1 space for every 200 square feet of common area not designated as sleeping rooms
Lodging Houses And Boarding Houses	1 parking space for each bedroom

Manufacturing, Processing Or Repairing	1 space for each 2 employees or 1 space for each 1,000 square feet of total floor area, whichever is greater
Medical Or Dental Clinic	1 space for each 200 square feet of total floor area
Mini-warehouse/Public Storage	1 space for each 300 square feet of office floor area plus 1 space for each 3,000 square feet of storage area
Mortuary/Funeral Home	1 parking space for each 50 square feet of floor space in service rooms or 1 space for each 3 seats, whichever is less based on maximum design capacity)
Multifamily, Condominium or Other Similar Use	2 spaces per unit Plus additional guest parking provided at a ratio of 5% of required spaces
Duplex and Two-Family	2 spaces per unit
Nursery	1 space per 300 square feet of total sales area Wholesale nursery: 1 parking space per employee of the largest work shift, plus 1 space per 10,000 square feet of display area and 1 space per acre of growing areas
Offices	1 space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area
Outdoor Facilities (Outdoor Recreational Fields i.e. Football, Soccer, etc.)	20 spaces per designated field or 1 per 4 person design capacity
Public Use	Parking shall be provided at a ratio approved by City staff based on a parking study provided by the applicant
Residence Halls, Fraternity Buildings And Sorority Buildings	1 space per person capacity of permanent sleeping facilities
Residential Subdivision Mailbox Kiosk	2 spaces—these may be in the right-of-way but not in the traffic lane—an expansion of the road surface is required and the kiosk must be covered to provide shelter for people using the kiosk
Restaurants	1 parking space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area, or 1 space for each 4 seats, whichever is less (based on maximum design capacity)
Retail Sales And Service	1 space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area
School, High School, Vocational, All Other Schools	Parking shall be provided at a ratio approved by City staff based on a parking study provided by the applicant that shall include vehicle stacking requirements
Single Family Attached And Detached Dwelling Units	2 parking spaces per dwelling unit
Theaters, Auditoriums, Churches, Assembly Halls, Sports Arenas, Stadiums, Conference Center, Convention Center, Dance Hall, Exhibition Halls, Or Other Place Of Public Assembly	1 space for each 4 seats or 1 space for every 100 square feet of gross floor area, whichever is less (based on maximum design capacity)
Automobile Sales Or Rental	1 space for each 3,000 square feet of sales area (open and enclosed) devoted to the sale, display or rental of vehicles
Automobile Service, Repair, Garage	1 space for each 200 square feet of total floor area
Warehouse	1 space for each 1,000 square feet of total floor area

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- B. *New and Unlisted Uses.* When a proposed land use is not classified in this section or a single use which have varying parking needs depending on the function of that specific single use, an applicant may submit a parking ratio based on best/current planning and transportation practices.
1. A best/current parking ratio application should include the following:
    - a. An application shall fully cite the sources used to derive the applicant-submitted parking ratio, possible resources include parking standards material from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) or the American Planning Association (APA).
    - b. The City Manager or his/her designee shall review the applicant submitted parking ratio to confirm best/current planning practices for a use.
    - c. The City Manager or his/her designee shall approve, modify, or deny the applicant submitted parking ratio.
  2. Parking ratio determination where no application is submitted
    - a. If the applicant does not submit a parking ratio, then the City Manager or his/her designee shall determine the parking ratio based on the best/current planning and transportation practices.
- C. *Mixed uses.* In the event that several users occupy a single structure, or parcels of land, the total requirements for off street parking shall be the sum of the requirements for the several uses computed separately unless it can be shown that the peak parking demands are offset, for example with retail and residential, or theater and office uses. In such case the City Manager or his/her designee may reduce the total requirements accordingly, but not more than twenty-five percent (25%).
- D. *Joint use of facilities.* Required parking facilities of two (2) or more uses, structures, or parcels of land may be satisfied by the same parking facility used jointly, to the extent that it can be shown by the owners or operators that the need for the facilities does not materially overlap and provided that such right of joint use is evidenced by a deed, lease, contract, or similar written instrument establishing the joint use.
- E. *Properties zoned main street mixed-use.* Properties zoned Main Street Mixed-Use shall only be required to provide two (2) on-site parking spaces but must still provide the minimum required number of handicapped spaces on site.

(Ord. No. 14-S-47 , § 5, 11-18-2014; Ord. No. 16-S-27 , § 7, 8-30-2016; Ord. No. 18-S-03 , § 1(Exh. A), 1-23-2018; Ord. No. 22-S-19 , § 1(Exh. A), 4-26-2022)

#### **Sec. 21.10.5. Striping.**

- A. All parking lots shall be striped in a manner that will clearly delineate parking spaces, fire lanes and pedestrian crosswalks.
- B. Directional arrows shall be provided in all drive lanes and driveways.

#### **Sec. 21.10.6. Shared access and cross lot access easements.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this UDC, unless otherwise approved by the City, to reduce the number of curb cuts and access driveways, the dedication of joint-use, private access driveway easements and cross lot access easements shall be required for all commercial development.

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**Sec. 21.10.7. Stacking requirement for drive-through facilities.**

- A. A stacking space shall be an area on a site measuring eight feet by twenty feet (8' x 20') with direct forward access to a service window or station of a drive-through facility which does not constitute space for any other circulation driveway, parking space, or maneuvering area.
- B. All stacking spaces shall be located entirely within the lot and shall be outside of any right-of-way, fire lane or similar access.
- C. For financial institutions with drive-through facilities, each teller window or station, human or mechanical, shall be provided with a minimum of three (3) stacking spaces.
- D. For each service window of a drive-through restaurant, a minimum of seven stacking spaces shall be provided.
- E. For kiosks, a minimum of three (3) stacking spaces for each service window shall be provided.

**Sec. 21.10.8. Off-Street loading/unloading requirements.**

All retail, commercial, industrial and service structures shall provide and maintain off-street facilities for receiving and loading merchandise, supplies and materials within a building or on the lot or tract. All public schools shall provide adequate stacking for vehicles based on a parking study approved by City Staff. Such off-street loading space may be adjacent to a public alley or private service drive or may consist of a truck berth within the structure. Such off-street loading space or truck berth shall consist of a minimum area of ten feet (10') by forty feet (40') and the spaces or berths shall be provided in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Table 21.10.8 Off-Street Loading Requirements</b>	
<b>Square Feet of Gross Floor Area in Structure</b>	<b>Minimum Required Spaces or Berths</b>
0—5,000	None
5,000—15,000	1
15,000—50,000	2
50,000—100,000	3
100,000—150,000	4
Each Additional 50,000 over 150,000	1

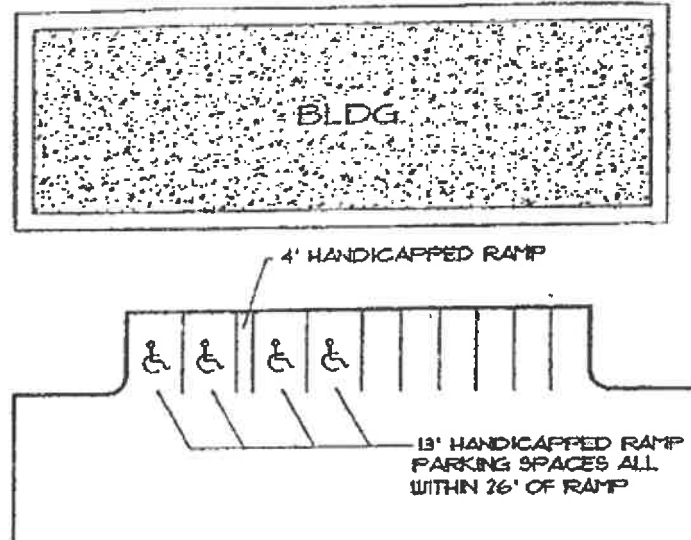
(Ord. No. 16-S-27 , § 8, 8-30-2016)

**Sec. 21.10.9. Additional regulations and illustrations.**

- A. *Handicapped ramps.*

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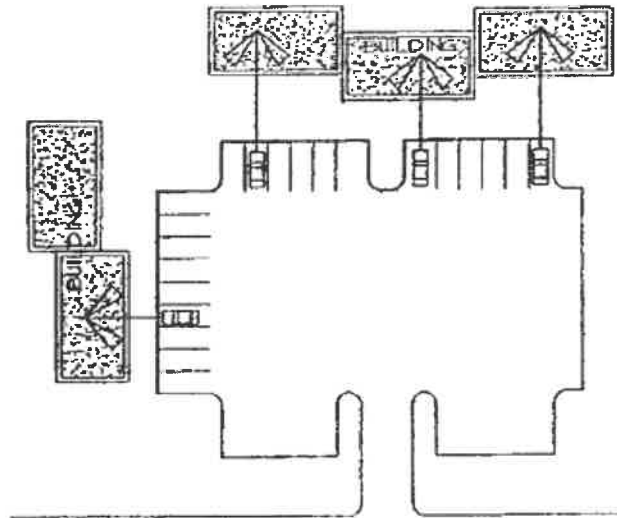
**A. Handicapped ramps.**



HANDICAPPED RAMPS:  
within 26' of Parking Spaces

The location of handicapped parking spaces should be:  
1. as close as possible to principal handicapped accessible entrance(s),  
2. Dispersed in a multi-building development or shopping center to ensure easy access and to minimize the travel distance for the handicapped.

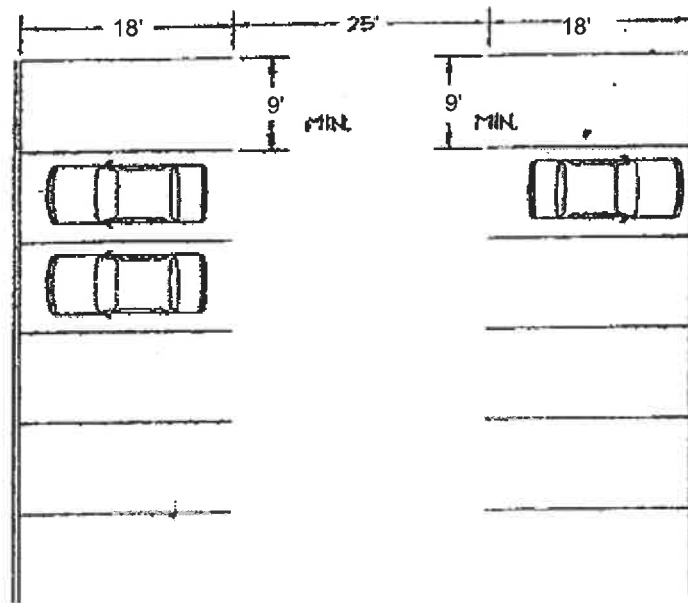
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HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE DISPERSAL

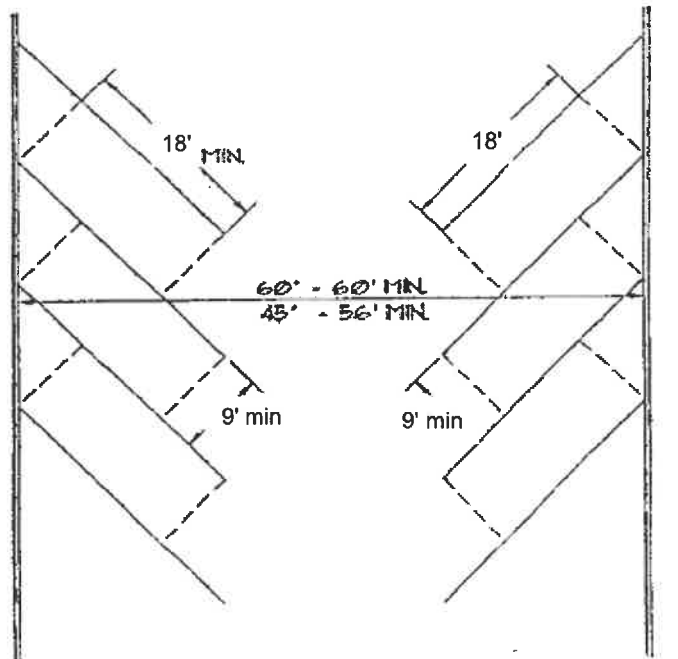
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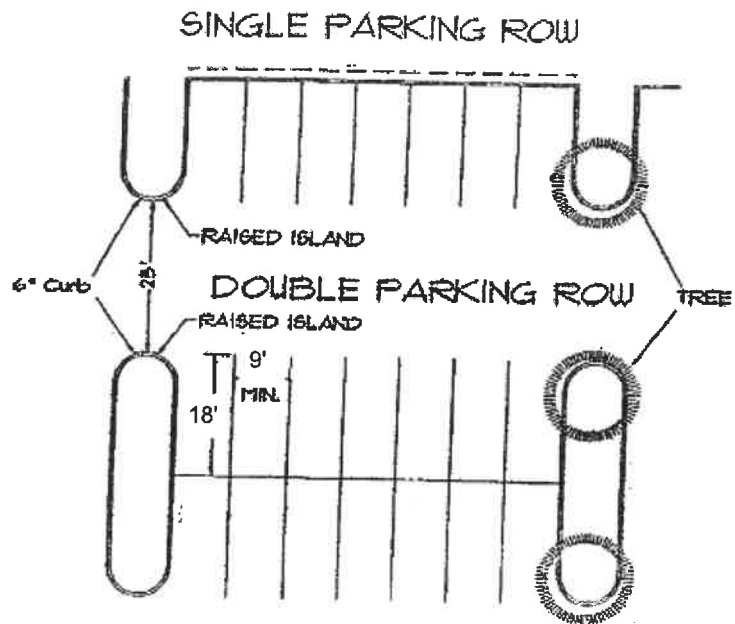


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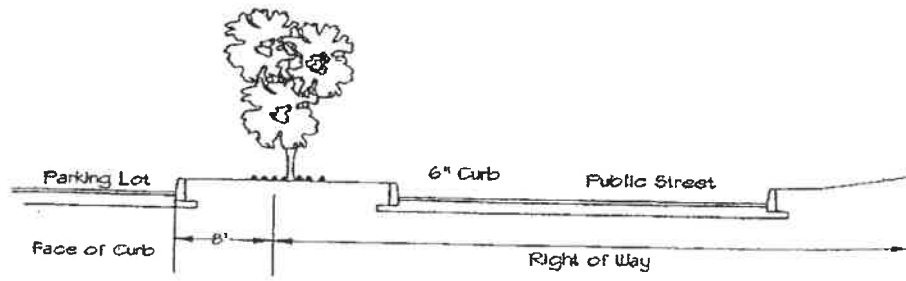


E. Drive aisle dimensions.



NOTES: Maximum of 20 spaces between islands, and at the terminus of all rows of parking.

F. Separation of right-of way and parking areas.



G. Landscaping and fencing.

