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**ZONING ORDINANCE
CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
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**CHAPTER 1
ADOPTION AND INTERPRETATION**

**Article I
Authority**

§ 1-100 Zoning ordinance published separately.

The zoning ordinance shall be published in a separate volume, a copy of which shall be filed with the City Administrator.

§ 1-101 Authority and title.

This zoning ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority granted in the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, S.C. Code §§ 6-29-310, et seq. (1994 Supp.). This ordinance may be cited as “City of Barnwell Zoning Ordinance 2023.”

§ 1-102 Jurisdiction and purposes.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all land and improvements within the corporate limits of the City of Barnwell, South Carolina. The purposes of the zoning ordinance are to implement the land use element of the comprehensive plan for those purposes set forth in S.C. Code § 6-29-710.

Article II Definitions

§ 1-200 Interpretation.

- (a) Words used in this ordinance shall have their customary and ordinary meanings as defined in a standard dictionary, except for specific words and phrases defined in this ordinance.
- (b) The present tense includes the past and future tenses. Singular words shall include the plural, and plural words shall include the singular.
- (c) The word “person” includes an individual, a firm, association, partnership, trust, company, corporation or any other legal entity.
- (d) The word “shall” is mandatory; the word “may” is permissive.
- (e) References to NAICS codes shall mean those codes assigned to businesses in the 2022 US North American Industry Classification manual published by the US Census Bureau. NAICS codes are listed in the tables of uses for each district as an aid in interpretation and determination of those specific uses included in a general class of uses.

§ 1-201 Definitions.

1. Accessory. A building or use subordinate to and serving a principal building or use which is subordinate in area, extent or purpose to the principal building or use served; designed for the comfort, convenience or necessity of occupants of the principal use served; located on the same lot as the principal building or use served, except for permitted off-site accessory uses; and which meets all setback requirements for the principal structure. Accessory uses shall include, but not be limited to: barns, sheds, home tennis courts, swimming pools, boat houses, docks, automobile garages, decks, patios, and private recreation areas.
2. Alley. A minor right-of-way used or intended to be used primarily for service access to the rear or side of properties otherwise abutting a street. An alley is not considered to be a street for purposes of this ordinance.
3. Alteration of building. Any change in the supporting members of a building, such as bearing walls, columns, or girders; any addition or reduction to a building.
4. Antenna. Any device for radiating or receiving electromagnetic waves, including, but not limited to, radio, television, telephone, communication, microwave, and satellite dish antennas.
5. Apartment. A portion of a building consisting of a room or rooms intended, designed, or used as a residence by an individual or family.

6. Automobile service station. [See NAICS Codes 447110 and 447190.] Use involving the sale of gasoline, lubricating oils, merchandise such as tires, batteries, auto parts, minor repairs, and may include limited sale of groceries or carwashes, but may not include storage of dismantled or wrecked vehicles or parts.

7. Bed and breakfast. An owner occupied dwelling or portion thereof offering five or fewer guest rooms to transient lodgers in return for compensation, with or without meals. If meals are served, they shall be restricted to breakfast only. The use of a dwelling as a Bed and Breakfast Inn shall not be considered as an accessory use or a customary home occupation.

8. Boarding house. [See NAICS Code 721310- rooming and boarding houses.] A dwelling other than a motel or hotel in which rooms are rented, with or without meals, on a fee basis. A structure in which five (5) or more rooms are rented shall be classified as a hotel or motel.

9. Buildable area. That portion of a lot which may be used or built upon in accordance with zoning district regulations.

10. Building. Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and which is designed for shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind.

11. Camper. A mobile home, tent, trailer, or other self-contained vehicle, designed for recreational purposes, mounted on two or more wheels, self-propelled or towed, and not used for residential purposes in the City.

12. Community residential care facility. An institution providing for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours room, board, some personal assistance in feeding, dressing or other living activities to two or more individuals not related to the operator, including chemical abuse residential treatment facility or half-way house providing inpatient or detoxification services.

13. Conditional use. A use permitted by the district regulations upon compliance with specified conditions without review by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

14. Day care. The care, supervision or guidance of an unrelated person, unaccompanied by the parent, guardian or custodian, on a regular basis for periods of less than 24 hours per day in a place other than the operator's own home.

15. Day care facility. A state licensed facility providing day care, for profit or nonprofit. This definition includes, but is not limited to, day nurseries, nursery schools, kindergartens, day care centers, group day care homes and family day care homes. It does not include education facilities for grades one or above, shopping center or office building temporary care facilities, summer or day camps, or vacation Bible schools.

16. Density. The number of dwelling units per net acre of developed land, excluding

land devoted to streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds, schools or other public uses.

17. District. A geographical area assigned a zoning district designation pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

18. Drinking place. [See NAICS Code 722410.] Establishment primarily engaged in retail sale of alcoholic drinks for consumption on premises. Sale of food may account for a substantial portion of receipts.

19. Dwelling. A building or portion thereof designed, occupied, or intended for human residential occupancy, not including a hotel, motel, rooming or boarding house.

20. Dwelling, group. A dwelling occupied by several unrelated persons or families, but in which separate cooking facilities are not provided for each group. Group dwellings include rooming houses, apartment hotels, and similar facilities. Hotels, motels and tourist homes are not group dwellings.

21. Dwelling, multi-family. A dwelling containing three or more separate dwelling units in one building. Apartments, tenements, condominiums, cooperatives and similar structures are multi-family dwellings.

22. Dwelling, one-family. A detached dwelling, other than a mobile or manufactured home, designed, occupied or intended for occupancy by a single family unit.

23. Dwelling, two-family. A detached dwelling, other than a mobile or manufactured home, containing two (2) separate dwelling units in one building, commonly known as a duplex.

24. Dwelling unit. A dwelling for occupancy by a single family unit.

25. Family. One or more persons related by blood or marriage, or not more than five unrelated persons, occupying a single dwelling unit. Domestic employees may be housed on the premises.

26. Gross floor area. The total horizontal area of all floors of a building, including exterior balconies and mezzanines, measured from the faces of the exterior walls.

27. Historical. A site or structure that has historic or architectural importance or significance to the area. These sites or structures may or may not be listed in the National Register of Historic Properties or with the State Historic Preservation Office (South Carolina Department of Archives and History).

28. Home occupation. A customary occupation, profession, or trade carried on by an occupant of a one-family dwelling unit as a secondary use which is clearly incidental and

subordinate to the residential character of the unit, and which does not involve more than 25% of the total floor area of the unit.

29. Hotel. [See NAICS Code 721110.] A building in which lodging for pay is offered to the public, with or without meals, for transient or permanent guests, including motel or tourist court, containing five (5) or more guest rooms.

30. Junk, salvage, scrap, or wrecking yards. [See NAICS Code 423930.] Any use involving storage or processing of inoperable, unused, dismantled, or wrecked vehicles, equipment, or machinery or the storage or processing of scrap metal, waste paper, rags, food processing wastes, construction wastes, industrial wastes, secondhand building materials, or other scrap, salvage, waste, or junk materials.

31. Lane. A narrow public way for vehicular and pedestrian travel which provides the principal means of access to abutting property, but not including an alley.

32. Learning Center. Establishments primarily engaged in academic tutoring and instruction; includes educational facilities for grades one or above, and excludes business, computer, management, technical, trade, fine arts, athletic, driving and language instruction. Also excluded are academic schools, colleges and universities.

33. Lot. An area, plot, parcel or tract of land defined by metes and bounds in a deed or plat recorded in the land records of Barnwell County.

34. Lot, corner. A lot located at the intersection of two or more streets.

35. Lot depth. The mean horizontal distance between front and rear lot lines.

36. Lot, double frontage. A lot which has frontage on more than one street, other than an alley. A corner lot is not a double frontage lot unless it has frontage on three or more streets.

37. Lot, interior. A lot other than a corner lot, with only one street frontage.

38. Lot width. The distance between side lot lines measured at the front building line.

39. Manufactured home. A structure manufactured after June 15, 1976, bearing certification of compliance with HUD standards pursuant to S.C. Code § 40-29-70, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained in it.

40. Manufactured home park. A lot providing rented parking space for five or more

manufactured homes used for dwelling units, including service buildings and facilities. Manufactured home sales or storage lots for unoccupied units are not manufactured home parks.

41. Miniwarehouse. [See NAICS Code 531130.] A building or group of buildings on a fenced or unfenced lot which contain individual locked compartments for storage of personal property.

42. Mobile home. A structure manufactured prior to June 15, 1976, or manufactured after June 15, 1976 without certification of compliance with HUD standards pursuant to S.C. Code § 40-29-70, which is a movable or portable dwelling unit over thirty (30) feet in length constructed to be towed on its own chassis, without permanent foundation, consisting of a single or two or more connected components. The term does not include prefabricated, modular or unitized dwelling on a permanent foundation, or travel trailer, camper, or similar recreational unit.

43. Modular building. A structure consisting of one or more prefabricated components designed to be transported to a lot and placed on a permanent foundation, and which is certified by the South Carolina Building Codes Council as conforming to Southern Building Code standards for site-built units. A mobile home, house trailer, or manufactured home is not a modular building.

44. Motel. [See NAISC Code 721110.] A building or buildings in which lodging, with or without meals, is offered to the public for compensation, including a hotel, tourist court, or inn.

45. Nonconforming. A term applied to lots, structures, uses of land or structures, and characteristics of use of land or structures which were lawful before the passage or amendment of this zoning ordinance, but which are prohibited by this ordinance or are not in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

46. Open Space. A natural area, such as a swamp or body of water, typically prone to flooding, or used for recreational purposes, or having natural beauty or historical significance, or serves as a wildlife refuge.

47. Park. A public or private lot or facility for active or passive recreation, exercise, sports or similar activities, enhancement of natural features or beauty, but not including a commercially operated amusement park.

48. Parking lot. A public or private open lot for parking motor vehicles as a principal use or as an accessory to a commercial or industrial use.

49. Parking space. An area on a lot designated for parking a motor vehicle.

50. Permanent building. A structure on a separately constructed permanent foundation intended to remain in one location and last indefinitely.

51. Permitted use. A use permitted outright by district regulations.
52. Principal structure or use. A structure or use which is significant or primary rather than accessory.
53. Residence. A dwelling.
54. Setback. The depth or width of any required yard; the minimum distance between a structure and an adjacent lot or street; the area required to be unobstructed except for fences, flagpoles, clothes lines, bird houses or yard accessories.
55. Sign. Any device designed to inform, advertise or attract attention such as a billboard, poster, painted surface, announcement, display, ribbon, pennant, flag, banner, illustration, or insignia, lighted or unlighted, stationary or moving.
56. Special exception. A use specifically permitted after review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals, subject to ordinance standards and additional conditions set by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
57. Street. A public thoroughfare for vehicular and pedestrian travel which provides the principal means of access to abutting property, but not including an alley.
58. Structure. Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground, or attachment to something located on the ground, including buildings, mobile homes, travel trailers, signs, swimming pools, fences, and antennae, but excluding minor landscaping features such as ornamental pools, planters, bird baths, paved surfaces, walkways, driveways, recreational equipment, flagpoles, and mailboxes.
59. Tourist (guest) home. A dwelling in which lodging is provided in not more than three (3) rooms for paid guests, with or without meals. A tourist home shall not be considered an accessory use or customary home occupation.
60. Variance. Relief granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals from the strict application of zoning regulations in an individual case of unnecessary hardship based on factual findings required by law.
61. Yard. A required open space unoccupied and unobstructed by structures except those specifically permitted.
62. Yard, front. A yard situated between the front building line and the front lot line extending the full width of the lot.
63. Yard, rear. A yard situated between the rear building line and the rear lot line and

extending the full width of the lot.

64. Yard, side. A yard situated between the side building line and a side lot line and extending from the front yard to the rear yard.

**CHAPTER 2
DISTRICTS AND MAP**

§ 2-100 Establishment of districts.

The following zoning districts are hereby established in the City of Barnwell:

DISTRICT	USES	MINIMUM LOT - Sq. Ft.
R-15	Single Family Residential	15,000
R-12	Single Family Residential	12,000
R-7	Single Family and Two-Family Residential	7,500
RMF	General Residential	5,000
MH	Manufactured Home Park Residential	3 acres
CC	Core Commercial	None
HC	Highway Commercial	None
NC	Neighborhood Commercial	None
MED	Medical	Various
OSP	Open Space Preservation	None
I	Industrial	None
PD	Planned Development	5 acres
-H	Historic Overlay	

No amendment shall be initiated which would create a new zoning district with an area of less than two (2) acres. The minimum requirement does not apply to extension of an existing district, or addition of a residential district adjacent to an existing residential district, or addition of NC or I districts to HC or CC districts.

§ 2-101 District purposes.

The zoning districts established in this ordinance are for the purposes of guiding development in accordance with existing and future needs and promoting the public health, safety,

morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare, and all of the purposes set forth in S. C. Code § 6-29-710. The following statements of intent shall be used in interpretation and application of the district regulations.

The residential district regulations are designed to encourage a stable and healthy environment for residential purposes, and to discourage encroachment by commercial, industrial, or other uses adversely affecting the residential character of the district.

R-15 and R-12 – Single Family Residential Districts. R-15 and R-12 districts are intended to be single family residential areas with detached units and low population densities. Use regulations allow limited recreational uses which are compatible with the character of the district. Clustered housing and conversion of existing large houses to multi-family or bed and breakfast uses may be permitted as special exceptions.

R-7 – Single Family and Two Family Residential District. R-7 districts are intended primarily for one and two family detached units and low to medium population density. Special exceptions which may be permitted after review by the Board of Zoning Appeals include kindergartens, day care, clustered dwellings.

RMF – General Residential District. RMF districts are intended to accommodate a wide range of high density dwelling units on small parcels of land, including multi-section manufactured homes on individual lots, manufactured home parks, group housing, and multi-family units by special exception.

MH – Manufactured Home Park Residential District. This district is intended to accommodate private households and recreational and other facilities for the exclusive use of residents in single-family dwellings.

CC – Core Commercial District. This district is intended to accommodate a variety of general commercial and nonresidential uses characterized primarily by retail, wholesale, office and service establishments in the central business area. Residential uses are permitted on upper levels of commercial structures. Tourist homes may be permitted by special exception.

HC – Highway Commercial District. This district is intended for uses compatible with areas along major highways. Permitted uses include many found in the CC and uses serving the traveling public. Aesthetic concerns have a bearing on permitted uses.

NC – Neighborhood Commercial District. This district is intended for commercial and service uses oriented primarily to serving the needs of persons who live or work in nearby areas. RMF residential uses are permitted. Commercial uses permitted are intended to be relatively small in size and service area.

MED – Medical District. This district is intended to provide specific areas for hospitals and allied services and that such areas be protected against encroachment from non-related and incompatible uses. To the greatest extent possible, surrounding land uses and properties are to be stabilized against any detrimental effects that may be created by proximity to such medical related

uses.

I – Industrial District. This district is intended for a wide variety of light and heavy industrial and commercial uses which do not create nuisances by noise or emissions beyond the premises.

OSP – Open Space Preservation. Open Space Preservation districts are intended to control development in and preserve or enhance the character of certain natural, swamp, or wet areas which have any of the following characteristics:

- a. Are subject to periodic or occasional flooding;
- b. Are utilized for outdoor recreation purposes;
- c. Provide needed open space for the present and future residents of the area;
- d. Possess great natural beauty or are of historical significance;
- e. Serve as wildlife refuges.

The provisions of this district are intended to protect these areas from indiscriminate encroachment and loss by residential, commercial, industrial, or other inappropriate development; to allow their appropriate development and enhancement as open space for the benefit and general welfare of the residents of the community; and to prevent flood damage to urban development by prohibiting certain used in areas subject to flooding.

PD – Planned Development District. This district designates an area for which an approved development plan constitutes the district regulations. It is intended to utilize the factors of efficiency, economy, flexibility, creative site design, improved appearance, compatibility of mixed uses, maximum benefits from open space, safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian access for a development characterized by a unified site design for mixed uses. A planned development district may be predominately residential or predominately commercial, and may be proposed for any area.

-H – Historic Overlay. This overlay designation is appended to a basic district classification (for example R-15-H) by zoning map amendment for encouragement of protection and preservation of sites and structures which are historic or architecturally significant.

§ 2-102 District boundaries on map.

The boundaries of the zoning districts established by this ordinance shall be as shown on the City of Barnwell Zoning Map.

§ 2-103 Official Zoning Map.

The official copy of the City of Barnwell Zoning Map shall be maintained in the office of the City Administrator. All zoning district boundaries shall be clearly shown on the Zoning Map, and amendments shall be recorded immediately after adoption. The official copies of the Zoning Map shall be dated and attested by the City Administrator, and shall be available for public inspection. The official Zoning Map and any amendments adopted by City Council shall constitute the final authority for determination of zoning district boundaries. It shall be unlawful for any person to

make unauthorized changes to the Zoning Map.

§ 2-104 Interpretation of district boundaries.

The Zoning Administrator shall interpret the Zoning Map and determine the location of zoning district boundaries, using the following rules of interpretation:

1. District boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets, alleys, railroads, or bodies of water shall be construed to follow those center lines.
2. District boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines or tax map lot lines shall be construed as following those lot lines.
3. District boundaries indicated as approximately following City limits shall be construed as following City limits.
4. District boundaries indicated as approximately parallel to or extensions of features indicated in subsections above shall be so construed for the distances indicated on the Zoning Map. Distances not specifically indicated shall be determined by scale of the map.

§ 2-105 Lot divided by district boundaries.

No structure or accessory use may be placed, structurally altered, or have a change in use where the structure or use is or would be included within two or more zoning districts unless such structure or use conforms to the requirements of all applicable district regulations.

**CHAPTER 3
GENERAL REGULATIONS**

§ 3-100 Application of regulations.

a. No structure or land shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, structurally altered, used or occupied unless in conformity with the regulations in this ordinance applicable to the district in which it is located, except permitted nonconforming uses.

b. District regulations shall apply uniformly to each class of structure or land, and shall be interpreted as minimum requirements adopted for the purposes of zoning. When requirements of this ordinance are at variance with requirements of any other applicable rule, regulation, ordinance or statute, the most restrictive requirements, or those imposing the higher standards shall apply.

§ 3-101 Street access required.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, no building shall be located, used or occupied on a lot without direct vehicular and pedestrian access to a publicly dedicated, accepted or maintained street with a right-of-way of not less than fifty (50) feet.

§ 3-102 Structures required to be on lots of record.

Any new structure erected after the effective date of this ordinance shall be on a lot of record.

§ 3-103 Reserved.

§ 3-104 Reduction of lot or yard area prohibited.

No lot or yard existing on the effective date of this ordinance shall be reduced in dimension or area below the applicable district minimum requirements. New lots or yards shall meet the applicable district minimum requirements.

§ 3-105 Annexation.

The zoning district shall be designated for property annexed by ordinance as follows:

a. City Council, after receiving a recommendation from the planning commission, shall specify an interim zoning district classification or classifications in the annexation ordinance. Such classification or classifications shall become effective on the effective date of annexation and permits for permitted uses may be issued.

b. If the zoning district classification recommended by the planning commission for the annexed area is different in character and standards from the existing county zoning district of the area, the planning commission report shall contain the reasons for the recommendation, and City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation and the proposed interim zoning of the property to be annexed.

c. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the same manner as required for rezoning.

d. Immediately after the effective date of the annexation, the Zoning Administrator shall initiate zoning amendment procedures to confirm or establish the appropriate zoning classifications for the annexed area.

§ 3-106 Nonconforming structures or uses.

Nonconforming structures or land uses are declared to be incompatible with permitted uses in the districts established by this ordinance. It is the intent of this ordinance to allow non conformities to continue until they are removed, but not to encourage their survival. The lawful use of any structure or land on the effective date of this ordinance may be continued subject to the following regulations:

1. A nonconforming structure or use shall not be changed to any other nonconforming structure or use.
2. A permitted use in a structure which is on a nonconforming lot or which does not meet minimum yard requirements may be converted to another permitted use without enlargement.
3. A nonconforming structure shall not be repaired, altered or rebuilt except in conformity with this ordinance after sustaining damage or deterioration exceeding fifty (50%) percent of the appraised market value of the structure for tax purposes at the time of application for a permit.
4. A nonconforming structure shall not be removed or demolished and replaced with a nonconforming structure.
5. A nonconforming structure or use shall not be extended, enlarged, or intensified except in conformity with this ordinance; provided, however, a nonconforming use may be extended throughout any parts of a building which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of adoption or amendment of this ordinance, but the use shall not be extended outside the building.
6. A nonconforming use shall not be reestablished after vacancy, abandonment, or discontinuance for a period of three (3) consecutive months.

7. Nothing in this section shall prevent work on a structure which is necessary to protect public safety upon the order of the Zoning Administrator.
8. Ordinary repairs to a nonconforming structure, such as repairs to interior non-bearing walls, fixtures, wiring or plumbing to meet building codes may be permitted, provided the cubic content of the structure is not increased.

§ 3-107 Mobile home declared nonconforming structure; removal required.

A mobile home, as defined in §1-201, manufactured prior to June 15, 1976, or manufactured after June 15, 1976 without certification of compliance with HUD standards, is declared a nonconforming structure. All nonconforming mobile homes shall be removed from the City limits when they have been vacant for a period of six (6) months. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant an extension of not more than twelve (12) months in an individual case upon appeal for a variance and findings of fact that the occupant of the mobile home will suffer an unnecessary hardship by reason of strict application of this section.

§ 3-108 Temporary nonconforming uses.

A temporary use permit may be issued by the Zoning Administrator for appropriate periods of time not to exceed 12 month increments for a nonconforming structure or use incidental to building construction or land development upon the condition that the structure or use be removed upon expiration of the permit.

§ 3-109 Dwellings on nonconforming lots of record.

In any district in which single family dwellings are permitted, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this ordinance, a single family dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on any single lot of record on the effective date of this ordinance, provided setback requirements of the district are met.

**CHAPTER 4
DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

§ 4-100 District use classifications.

General Regulations in Chapter 3, District Regulations in Chapter 4, and Supplemental Regulations in Chapter 5 are applicable to all following classes of uses:

(a) Permitted uses. Permitted uses listed in the district use tables in this Division are permitted outright.

(b) Conditional uses. Conditional uses in the district use tables are permitted by the Zoning Administrator without further review upon compliance with conditions specified in the tables.

(c) Special exceptions. Special exceptions are permitted after review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals upon compliance with general conditions in the regulations.

(d) Tables of uses. References to NAICS codes in the following tables of uses shall mean those codes assigned to businesses in the 2022 US North American Industry Classification manual published by the US Census Bureau. NAICS codes are listed in the tables of uses for each district as an aid in interpretation and determination of those specific uses included in a general class of uses.

§ 4-101 R-15 Single family residential district uses.

R-15 PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Single-family dwelling (other than manufactured or mobile home)</p>	814110	Private households	Two (2) for each dwelling unit
<p>2. School, government building or facility [except jails]</p>	611, 921, 922, 921130, 923, 924110, 924120, 925110, 925120, 926110	Public schools; General government and administration; justice, safety & public order, except jails.	<p><u>School</u>: Two (2) per classroom or office, plus one (1) for each four (4) seats in senior high auditorium. <u>Other</u>: One (1) per 200 sq. ft. gross area</p>
<p>3. Public park or playground, recreational facilities such as tennis court, ballfield, swimming pool or golf course</p>	713	Public and membership recreation services	One (1) per 200 sq. ft. of building area plus four (4) for each golf hole
<p>4. Church, synagogue, temple, or place of worship, including religious education building, parsonage or parish house, off-street parking for members and visitors without pay, recreation facilities, kindergarten or pre-school nursery, in permanent structures</p>	813110	Religious organizations, churches, etc.	One (1) for each four (4) seats in main assembly room
<p>5. Accessory use on same lot with principal use, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) private garage for motor vehicles; (2) open parking area for two motor vehicles per dwelling unit, may be used for one (1) commercial vehicle up to one (1) ton in capacity per dwelling unit; (3) shed for storage of building or lot maintenance equipment; (4) private kennel for not more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats, four (4) months of age or older, with minimum 6 foot fence for exterior kennel; (5) private swimming pool, including deck, bath house or cabana; boat dock; (6) private garden; greenhouse up to eight (8) feet high; (7) private tennis, outdoor recreation and picnic facilities 			

R-15 CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Public utility substation, water tower, [see Chapter 5 for communication tower], provided all following conditions are met: a. structures enclosed by six (6) foot fence; b. no office, commercial operation, or storage of vehicles or equipment is permitted; c. a landscaped strip at least five (5) feet wide is planted and maintained along all exterior lot lines.	221	Electric, gas, water, sanitary services	One (1) space
2. Cemetery, provided all following conditions are met: a. minimum two (2) acre lot; b. no crematorium or dwelling except caretaker; c. front yard setback ten (10) feet from street right- of-way line; d. non-illuminated sign not over thirty (30) square feet in area or ten (10) feet in height.	812220	Cemetery	None
3. Temporary contractor office and equipment shed, provided all following conditions are met: a. used in connection with construction on premises; b. must not cause traffic congestion or nuisance; c. for term up to one (1) year; may be renewed once.	236115, 236118	General contractors, single-family houses	One (1) for each 300 square feet of office area.
4. Private kindergarten, pre-school nursery, day care, special instruction, tutoring, provided the following conditions are met: a. applicable State regulations are met; b. minimum 20,000 square foot lot; c. structures minimum of 25 feet from residential property; d. conditions imposed for safety, traffic, impact on district; e. the use is compatible with the district.	611110, 624120, 624410, 611699	Kindergarten (with academic program) Day care services Learning center offering remedial instruction, exam preparation or tutoring to school- aged children only	One (1) per employee, plus one off- street, drop-off & pick-up space
5. Customary home occupation in single-family dwelling, provided all following conditions are met: a. conducted inside dwelling by resident family members; b. utilizes not more than 25% of total dwelling floor area. c. no change in exterior appearance of dwelling; d. no outside display of products; e. no sale of products except those made on premises or consumables incidental to a service. Products made off premises may be sold online; f. creates no health or safety hazard, noise, offensive emission, traffic hazard, unsightly condition or nuisance; g. activity is not visibly evident outside dwelling, except for a wall-mounted nonilluminated nameplate not over two (2) square feet in area.			

h. is limited to professional services or as an office use for off-site sales or services. Professional services are defined as any service offered for a fee. The primary activity of a home occupation shall not be on-site retail sales, manufacturing or assembly;

i. Prior to receiving a business license, a home occupation permit shall be completed and approved by the zoning administrator;

j. Annual renewal of the home occupation permit shall coincide with business license renewal, and shall consist of completing a home occupation permit and undergoing review by the zoning administrator.

<p align="center">R-15 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	<p align="center">NAICS CODE</p>	<p align="center">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p align="center">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. Tourist (guest) home, as defined in §1-201</p>			<p>One (1) for each guest room</p>
<p>2. Clustered single-family development, provided the Board of Zoning Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. detached single-family units on minimum of 2 acre development parcel; b. maximum density of three (3) dwellings per acre; c. lot requirements per house may be waived; d. zero interior lot line setback may be allowed; e. Subdivision Regulations are met; f. adequate provisions for access and traffic safety; g. the use is compatible with the district. 	<p align="center">814110</p>	<p align="center">Private households</p>	<p>Two (2) for each dwelling unit</p>
<p>3. Conversion of existing dwelling to multi-family, provided the Board of Zoning Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. large dwelling (over 3,000 square feet in total area) existed prior to 1970, has little economic value or usefulness as single-family dwelling or other conforming use; b. minimum 25,000 square foot lot, plus 8,000 square feet for each dwelling unit over two; c. no enlargement or exterior change to building permitted; d. not more than 4 dwelling units are permitted; e. the use is compatible with the district. 	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>Two (2) for each dwelling unit in rear yard</p>
<p>4. Conversion of dwelling to a bed and breakfast inn, provided the Board of Zoning Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. all conditions for home occupation are met; b. provision of one (1) parking space per room. c. compliance with all State and local laws and ordinances. d. no meals other than breakfast may be served to guest. e. maintenance of a guest registry. f. advertising limited to one four (4) square foot sign mounted flat against a wall of the principal structure. 	<p align="center">721191</p>	<p align="center">Bed and breakfast inn</p>	<p>Location set by Board; minimum: 1 for each guest room plus 2 for resident innkeeper</p>

§ 4-102 R-15 Single family residential district regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in R-15 districts:

Minimum residential lot area:	Fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet
Minimum lot width at building line:	Eighty (80) feet
Minimum front yard depth:	Thirty-five (35) feet, or average of existing setbacks from same street in same block in district, but not less than twenty (20) feet
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	Side street on corner lot - 12 feet. Rear street on double frontage lot - 25 feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 10 feet from interior side lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 5 feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 30 feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 5 feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Fifty (50) feet to the roof line [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae]
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over 30 inches high within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Signs:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5

§ 4-103 R-12 Single family residential district uses.

R-12 PERMITTED USES - All uses permitted in R-15
R-12 CONDITIONAL USES - All Conditional Uses permitted in R-15
R-12 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS - All Special Exceptions permitted in R-15

§ 4-104 R-12 Single family residential district regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in R-12 districts.

Minimum residential lot area:	Twelve thousand (12,000) square feet
Minimum lot width at building line:	Seventy (70) feet
Minimum front yard depth:	Thirty-five (35) feet, or average of existing setbacks from same street in same block in district, but not less than twenty (20) feet
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	Side street on corner lot - 8 feet. Rear street on double frontage lot - 25 feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 10 feet from interior side lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 3 feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 30 feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 3 feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Fifty (50) feet to the roof line [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae]
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over 30 inches high within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Signs:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5

§ 4-105 R-7 Single family and two family residential district uses.

R-7 PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. All uses permitted in R-15 districts		See R-15	See R-15
2. Two family dwelling (duplex)	814110	Private households	Two (2) for each dwelling unit

R-7 CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. All Conditional Uses permitted in R-15 districts	See R-15

R-7 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS - All Special Exceptions permitted in R-15 districts

§ 4-106 R-7 Single family and two family residential district regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in R-7 districts.

Minimum residential lot area:	Seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet
Minimum lot width at building line:	Fifty (50) feet
Minimum front yard depth:	Thirty-five (35) feet, or average of existing setbacks from same street in same block in district, but not less than twenty (20) feet
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	Side street on corner lot - 6 feet. Rear street on double frontage lot - 25 feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 10 feet from interior side lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 3 feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> - 30 feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> - 3 feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Fifty (50) feet to the roof line [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae]
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over 30 inches high within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Signs:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5

§ 4-107

RMF General residential district.

RMF PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Single-family and two-family (duplex) dwelling (other than manufactured or mobile home)</p>	814110	Private households	Two (2) for each dwelling unit
<p>2. Schools and government buildings or facilities [except jails]</p>	611, 921, 922, 921130, 923, 924110, 924120, 925110, 925120, 926110	Public schools; General government and administration; justice, safety & public order, except jails.	<p><u>School</u>: Two (2) per classroom or office, plus one (1) for each four (4) seats in senior high auditorium. <u>Other</u>: One (1) per 200 sq. ft. gross area</p>
<p>3. Public park or playground, recreational facilities such as tennis court, ballfield, swimming pool or golf course</p>	713	Public and membership recreation services	One (1) per 200 sq.ft. of building area plus four (4) for each golf hole
<p>4. Church, synagogue, temple, or place of worship, including religious education building, parsonage or parish house, off-street parking for members and visitors without pay, recreation facilities, kindergarten or pre-school nursery, in permanent structures</p>	813110	Religious organizations, churches, etc.	One (1) for each four (4) seats in main assembly room
<p>5. Accessory use on same lot with principal use, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. private garage for motor vehicles; b. open parking area for two motor vehicles per dwelling unit, may be used for one (1) commercial vehicle up to one (1) ton in capacity per dwelling unit; c. shed for storage of building or lot maintenance equipment; d. private kennel for not more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats, four (4) months of age or older, with minimum 6 foot fence for exterior kennel; e. private swimming pool, including deck, bath house or cabana; boat dock; f. private garden; greenhouse up to eight (8) feet high; g. private tennis, outdoor recreation and picnic facilities 			

<p style="text-align: center;">RMF CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. All Conditional Uses permitted in R-15 districts</p>	<p>See R-15</p>
<p>2. Multi-section manufactured home used as sole residence on a single lot, provided all following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. minimum of 1,000 square feet of enclosed and heated floor space; b. on permanent foundation of brick or cement block; c. underpinning installed; d. anchored appropriately to foundation for wind resistance; e. all mobile features are removed; f. owner shall certify in writing that unit meets HUD standards and will be maintained in compliance with HUD standards; g. a roof of composition singles or metal having a pitch, and an overhang of soffits and gable ends with a minimum of six (6) inches; h. exterior wall covering of masonry veneer, wood siding, or vinyl siding assuring favorable comparison with neighboring site dwellings; i. covered front entry area (porch); j. manufactured home must be placed parallel to street (must face street). <p>Failure to bring a unit into compliance with HUD standards within 60 days after notice of deficiencies shall be a violation of these conditions subject to penalties provided by the City Code.</p>	<p>Two (2) for each dwelling unit</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">RMF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. All special exceptions permitted in R-15 districts.</p>	<p>See R-15 use.</p>
<p>2. Group housing development.</p>	<p>Two (2) for each dwelling unit</p>

§ 4-108 RMF General residential district regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in RMF districts:

Minimum lot area:	Five thousand (5,000) square feet
Minimum land area per unit:	Single family - 5,000 square feet; Two-family and Multi-family - 5,000 square feet for first dwelling unit, & 2,500 square feet for each additional unit
Maximum dwelling units per net acre:	Twelve (12) dwelling units
Minimum lot width at building line:	Single family - Fifty (50) feet; Two-family - Seventy-five (75) feet; Multi-family - One hundred (100) feet.
Minimum front yard depth:	Twenty-five (25) feet from street right of way line
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	<u>Side street on corner lot</u> : ten (10) feet; <u>Rear street on double frontage lot</u> : ten (10) feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : six (6) feet from interior side lot line; <u>Accessory structure</u> : three (3) feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : twenty-five (25) feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> : three (3) feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Fifty (50) feet to roof line [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae]
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over height of 30 inches within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Signs:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

§ 4-109

MH - Manufactured Home Park Residential District Uses.

MH PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Manufactured Home Park	53119 0	Private households.	Two (2) for each individual dwelling unit.
2. Recreational facilities , and other uses required and intended for the exclusive use of the residents of only the particular MH District within which such uses are located.	N/A	Recreational and other facilities for the exclusive use of residents of the MH District.	One (1) per 200 sq. ft. of building area; plus one (1) for each 2,000 sq. ft. of recreation area.
3. Accessory use on same lot with principal use, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. private garage for motor vehicles; b. open parking area for two motor vehicles per dwelling unit, may be used for one (1) commercial vehicle up to one (1) ton in capacity per dwelling unit; c. shed for storage of building or lot maintenance equipment; d. private swimming pool, including deck, bath house or cabana; boat dock; e. private garden; greenhouse up to eight (8) feet high; f. private outdoor recreation and picnic facilities 			

MH DISTRICT CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Single family dwelling for manager/ caretaker , provided all following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. dwelling is located on premises of permitted use; b. head of household is employed in a permitted use as manager or caretaker. 	81411 0	Private household	Two (2) for each dwelling unit.
2. Customary home occupation in single-family dwelling , provided all following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. conducted inside dwelling by resident family members; b. utilizes not more than 25% of total dwelling floor area. c. no change in exterior appearance of dwelling; d. no outside display of products; e. no sale of products except those made on premises or consumables incidental to a service; f. creates no health or safety hazard, noise, offensive emission, traffic hazard, unsightly condition or nuisance; g. activity is not visibly evident outside dwelling, except for a wall-mounted non-illuminated nameplate not over two (2) square feet in area. 			

MH SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
All special exceptions permitted in MH districts.	See MH use.

§ 4-110 MH - Manufactured Home Park Residential District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in MH districts:

Minimum lot area:	Three (3) acres.
Minimum land area per unit:	Five thousand (5,000) square feet;
Maximum dwelling units per net acre:	Five (5) dwelling units
Minimum lot dimensions:	Fifty (50) feet by one hundred (100) feet.
Minimum front yard depth:	Fifteen (15) feet from interior street right of way line and fifty (50) feet from public street right of way.
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	<u>Interior side street on corner lot:</u> fifteen (15) feet; <u>Interior rear street on double frontage lot:</u> fifteen (15) feet. <u>Public street right of way line:</u> not less than fifty (50) feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure:</u> twelve (12) feet from interior side lot line; <u>Accessory structure:</u> three (3) feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure:</u> fifteen (15) feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure:</u> three (3) feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Thirty-five (35) feet to roof line [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communications towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae]
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot:</u> no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive:</u> no obstruction over height of 30 inches within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Signs:	See supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Supplemental regulations:	<p>a. There shall be 2,500 square feet of common open space for each acre or major fraction of an acre in the park;</p> <p>b. Home spaces will be accessible by an interior roadway at least thirty (30) feet wide, paved at least twenty (20) feet in width with unobstructed access to a public street;</p> <p>c. A greenbelt is required along all exterior lot lines, in width of ten (10) feet but not less than side yard requirements for an adjoining residential district consisting of two or more rows of plants not more than six (6) feet apart which grow to a height of seven (7) feet after two (2) growing seasons; and not less than five (5) feet in width adjacent to non-residential districts with the same growth requirements;</p> <p>d. The home must be properly installed per manufacturer’s Installation manual. In the event that the Manual is not provided, the home must be installed according to Section 19-425.39, Manufactured Home Minimum Installation, as promulgated by the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board. Additionally, manufactured homes must be installed by an installer or contractor licensed by the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board;</p> <p>e. All manufactured homes located in a manufactured home park must be securely attached to a permanent foundation within three (3) months of</p>

	<p>placement in a space;</p> <p>f. All homes, whether on temporary or permanent foundations, shall have visual screening approved by the building official between the walls and ground surface to conceal all utilities, foundations, wheels and to discourage and prevent children from accessing or playing under structures.</p> <p>g. A site plan showing the details of development shall be submitted for approval upon compliance with additional conditions imposed to implement the intent of this ordinance.</p>
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§ 4-111

CC - Core Commercial District Uses.

CC PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Telephone, telegraph, radio, television services, [except communications towers - see conditional uses]</p>	515, 517	Communications	None
<p>2. Public utility including water tower, substation</p>	221	Electric, gas, water, sewer	None
<p>3. Wholesale trade, furniture, office and medical equipment and supplies</p>	423210, 423220, 449, 425120, 423, 425, 459410 424120 424920, 459210	Furniture, home; Photo, office, medical equipment, computers; Office supplies; Books	One (1) per 300 square feet of gross sales area
<p>4. Retail trade, involving sale of merchandise on premises [except NAICS 447110, 447190, & 459991- automobile service station & Tobacco, electronic cigarette, & other smoking supplies retailer]</p>	444, 455, 311, 445, 441110, 441, 449 459, 711, 722, 339, 456, 458,	Building material, hardware, garden supply; General merchandise; Food stores; Automotive dealers; Apparel & accessory; Home furniture, & equip; Eating & drinking places; Miscellaneous retail.	None
<p>5. Finance, insurance, and real estate</p>	522, 523, 524, 525, 531	Depository institutions; Credit institutions; Security dealers, etc.; Insurance carriers; Insurance agents; Real estate agents, etc.; Investment offices.	None
<p>6. Church, synagogue, temple, or place of worship, including religious education building, parsonage or parish house, off-street parking for members and visitors without pay, and recreation facilities</p>	813110	Religious organizations, churches, etc.	One (1) for each two employees.
<p>7. Government building or facility, including postal facility</p>	491110, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926	U.S. Postal Service; General government, justice, public order, safety, finance, etc.	One (1) for each 200 square feet of floor area

CC PERMITTED USES (CONT.)	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>8. Services to individuals, business and government establishments, [except: (1) carwash or automobile repair (2) Tattoo Parlor]</p>	<p>721110, 721310, 811, 812, 512, 518, 561, 711, 532111, 532112, 238220, 449129, 449, 444, 458, 459110, 611, 713, 812990 339116, 621, 541110, 519210, 623, 624, 813, 712, 561599, 541</p>	<p>Hotels, motels, rooming & boarding houses; Personal services; Business services; Auto rental & parking; Miscellaneous repair; Indoor motion pictures; Amusement, recreation; Health services [except hospitals]; Legal services; Schools & libraries; Social services; Museums & gardens; Membership organization; Engineering, accounting, research & management; Services not classified.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>9. Accessory use on same lot with principal use, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Off-street parking or storage area for vehicles owned by members, customers or employees of business; b. Completely enclosed building for storage of supplies or merchandise for use in the principal business. 			

<p style="text-align: center;">CC CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]</p>	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Garage for repair & servicing of motor vehicles, provided all following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. operations are in fully enclosed building; b. no open storage of wrecked vehicles or dismantled parts, or parts visible beyond premises. 	811	Automotive repair shops	Three (3) for each service bay
<p>2. Communications tower, see Chapter 5, Supplemental Regulations</p>	N/A	Communications	One (1) space
<p>3. Dwelling unit, provided all following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. dwelling unit must be on a level above the grade level floor within a permitted principal use building; b. dwelling units must have access to a street as required by building and fire codes. 	N/A		One (1) for each dwelling unit in excess of two units per building
<p>4. Temporary Christmas tree sales, on vacant lot for a period not to exceed 45 days</p>	N/A		None
<p>5. Contractor's office & equipment shed, provided all following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. used in connection with construction on premises; b. must not cause traffic congestion or nuisance; c. for term up to one (1) year; may be renewed once. 	N/A		One (1) for each 300 square feet of office area.

<p align="center">CC SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	<p align="center">NAICS CODE</p>	<p align="center">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p align="center">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. Automobile service station, including limited sale of groceries, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. parking & service areas are separated from adjoining residential property by planting screen, fence or wall at least 6 feet high; c. no major repairs or vehicle sales conducted on premises; d. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; e. conditions are imposed to protect adjacent property from adverse impact; 	<p align="center">457110, 447120</p>	<p align="center">Gasoline service stations</p>	<p>Two (2) for each fuel pump, plus three (3) for each service bay or wash rack</p>
<p>2. Car wash, either automatic or self-service, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. adequate spaces for vehicles awaiting entry are required; more than minimum may be required; c. the area is required to be adequately screened from adjoining residential property; d. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; e. hours of operation are limited to prevent late night noise. 	<p align="center">811192</p>	<p align="center">Car washes</p>	<p><u>Self-service wash</u>: three (3). <u>Automatic wash</u>: set by Board; minimum six (6).</p>
<p>3. Transportation terminals for bus and railroad service, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. repair facilities and truck terminals are not permitted; b. adequate maneuvering and parking spaces are set; c. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; d. the area is adequately screened from residential areas; e. the use is compatible with the district. 	<p align="center">482111, 482112, 488210, 488490</p>	<p align="center">Railroad; Terminal for motor vehicle passenger transportation</p>	<p>Set by the Board; minimum: one (1) for each 200 square feet of gross floor space</p>
<p>4. Tourist Home (as defined in §1-201)</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>One (1) for each guest room</p>

§ 4-112 CC - Core Commercial District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in CC districts:

Minimum lot area:	None
Minimum lot width at building line:	None
Minimum front setback:	(1) Shopping centers - 50 feet from a street right of way; (2) Other uses: none.
Minimum side setback:	None, except: (1) when use abuts a residential zone a setback equal to that required for the residential zone shall be provided; (2) when a setback not required is provided, it shall be not less than 3 feet.
Minimum rear setback:	Ten (10) feet, except when rear of property abuts a public alley no rear setback is required.
Maximum structure height:	Sixty (60) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae];
Off street parking area requirements:	See parking, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Screening:	See landscaping, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5. <u>Open sales yards</u> : Yards used for sale, rental or storage of materials or equipment must be screened from adjoining residential property or other zoning districts by a planting screen, fence or wall at least 6 feet high.
Signs:	See signs, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Subdivision regulations:	Applicable regulations must be met.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

§ 4-113 HC - Highway Commercial District Uses.

HC PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Telephone, telegraph, radio, television services, [except communications towers - see conditional uses]	515, 517	Communications	One (1) per 200 sq. ft. gross public area
2. Public utility including water tower, substation	221	Electric, gas, water, sewer	One (1) per 200 sq. ft. gross public area
3. Wholesale trade, durable and nondurable goods	423, 424, 425	Wholesale trade: Durable goods; Nondurable goods.	One (1) per 300 square feet of gross sales area
4. Retail trade, involving sale of merchandise on premises	441 449 444 445 456 458 459 722	Building material, paint, hardware, nursery and garden supply stores, mobile home dealers; General merchandise, department & variety stores; Food stores & markets; Automotive dealers, Service stations, Auto supply stores, boat dealers, motorcycle dealers, Farm equipment dealers; Apparel & accessory; Home furniture, & equip; Eating & drinking places, including drive-in; Miscellaneous retail, including drug stores, liquor stores, fuel dealers.	<u>Eating & drinking places:</u> One (1) for each four (4) seats. <u>All other:</u> One (1) per 200 square feet of gross sales area
5. Finance, insurance, and real estate	521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 531	Depository institutions; Credit institutions; Security dealers, etc.; Insurance carriers; Insurance agents; Real estate agents, etc.; Investment offices.	One (1) per 200 square feet of gross floor area

HC PERMITTED USES (CONT.)	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
6. Church, synagogue, temple, or place of worship , including religious education building, parsonage or parish house, off-street parking for members and visitors without pay, and recreation facilities	813110	Religious organizations, churches, etc.	One (1) for each four (4) seats in sanctuary
7. Government building or facility , including postal facility	491110 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926	U.S. Postal Service; General government, justice, public order, safety, finance, etc.; Human resources; Housing programs; Economic programs.	One (1) for each 200 square feet of floor area
8. Services to individuals, business and government establishments, amusement, recreation, health and professional services	721110, 721310, 811, 812, 512, 518, 561, 711, 532111, 532112, 238220, 449129, 449, 444, 458, 459110, 561, 611, 713, 812990 339116, 621, 541110, 519120, 623, 624, 813, 712, 561599, 541	Hotels, motels, rooming & boarding houses; Personal services; Business services; Auto repair & rental, carwashes & tire shops; Miscellaneous repair, including welding; Motion picture theaters, Video tape rental; Amusement & recreation, including bowling, golf, & coin-operated machines; Health services, hospitals; Legal services; Schools & libraries; Social services; Museums & gardens; Membership organization; Engineering, accounting, research & management; Services not classified.	<u>Hotel, motel</u> : One (1) for each guest room. <u>Service, repair</u> : One (1) per 250 sq. feet of work area. <u>Club, library, funeral home, theater</u> : One (1) for each 4 seats. <u>Hospital</u> : 1.5 for each patient bed <u>Elementary School</u> : Three (3) spaces for each classroom. <u>High School</u> : One (1) for each four (4) seats in auditorium. <u>All Other</u> : One (1) per 250 square feet of gross floor area.

<p align="center">HC CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]</p>	<p align="center">NAICS CODE</p>	<p align="center">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p align="center">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. Communications tower, see Chapter 5, Supplemental Regulations</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>	<p>Communications</p>	<p>One (1) space</p>
<p>2. Temporary Christmas tree sales, on vacant lot for a period not to exceed 45 days</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>None</p>
<p>3. Contractor's office & equipment shed, provided all following conditions are met: a. used in connection with construction on premises; b. must not cause traffic congestion or nuisance; c. for term up to one (1) year; may be renewed once.</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>One (1) for each 300 square feet of office area.</p>

<p align="center">HC SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	<p align="center">NAICS CODE</p>	<p align="center">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p align="center">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. Transportation terminals for bus and railroad service, provided the Board of Appeals determines: a. adequate maneuvering and parking spaces are set; b. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; c. the area is adequately screened from residential areas; d. the use is compatible with the district.</p>	<p>482111, 482112, 488210, 488490</p>	<p>Railroad; Terminal for motor vehicle passenger transportation</p>	<p>Set by the Board; minimum: one (1) for each 200 square feet of gross floor space</p>
<p>2. Tourist Home (as defined in §1-201)</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>One (1) for each guest room</p>

§ 4-114 HC - Highway Commercial District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in HC districts:

Minimum lot area:	None
Minimum lot width at building line:	None
Minimum front setback:	50 feet from a street right of way
Minimum side setback:	None, except: (1) when use abuts a residential zone a setback equal to that required for the residential zone shall be provided; (2) when a setback not required is provided, it shall be not less than 3 feet.
Minimum rear setback:	Twenty-five (25) feet
Maximum structure height:	Sixty (60) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae];
Off street parking area requirements:	See parking, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Screening:	See landscaping, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5. <u>Open sales yards:</u> Yards used for sale, rental or storage of materials or equipment must be screened from adjoining residential property or other zoning districts by a planting screen, fence or wall at least 6 feet high.
Signs:	See signs, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Subdivision regulations:	Applicable regulations must be met.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.
Maximum curb cuts:	Lot width of 100 feet or less: 36 feet of total curb cuts. Lot width of more than 100 feet: 36 feet of total curb cuts with a minimum of 100 feet between the centerlines of curb cuts on same lot.

§ 4-115

NC - Neighborhood Commercial District Uses.

NC PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Residential uses permitted in RMF</p>	814110	Private households	Two (2) per unit
<p>2. Retail business - sale of merchandise on premises including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) drug store or pharmacy; 2) small convenience store; 3) florist shop; 4) antique store; 5) books, magazines, etc.; 6) bakery. 	456110, 445120, 453110, 453310, 459210, 311811, 445291	Drug store. Convenience food store Florist. Antiques, used goods. Book store; newsstand. Retail bakery.	One (1) for each 200 square feet of retail floor space.
<p>3. Personal services including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) branch bank, savings & loan, small loan company; 2) barber or beauty shop; 3) dressmaker, seamstress, tailor; 4) insurance agency; 5) professional office: doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant, 6) realty office. 	522, 812112, 812113, 811490, 315 524 621, 541, 531	Depository, bank, Small loan company. Barber and beauty shops. Dressmaking; tailors. Insurance agents. Doctor, health Legal services; Engineer, accounting; Real estate agent, manager	One (1) for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.
<p>4. Membership organizations, including business & professional associations; unions & political organizations; civic, social & fraternal organizations</p>	813	Membership organizations.	One (1) for each four (4) seats in assembly room.
<p>5. Church, synagogue, temple, or place of worship, including religious education building, parsonage or parish house, off-street parking for members and visitors without pay, and recreation facilities</p>	813110	Religious organizations, churches, etc.	One (1) for each four (4) seats in assembly room.

NC PERMITTED USES (CONT.)	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
6. Schools and government buildings or facilities [except jails]	611, 921, 922, 921130, 923, 924110, 924120, 925110, 925120, 926110	Public schools; General government and administration; justice, safety & public order, except jails.	<u>School</u> : 1 per classroom or office, plus 1 for each 20 seats for public assembly in senior high school. <u>Other</u> : one (1) per 200 sq. ft. of area.
7. Accessory use on same lot with principal use, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Off-street parking or storage area for vehicles owned by members, customers or employees of business; b. Completely enclosed building for storage of supplies or merchandise for use in the principal business. 			

<p align="center">NC CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]</p>	<p align="center">NAICS CODE</p>	<p align="center">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p align="center">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. School of dance, art, music, drama, martial arts, etc. provided all following conditions are met: a. not more than 25 students will be enrolled; b. instruction is limited to art, music, dancing, drama, martial arts, or similar cultural activity.</p>	<p align="center">7111, 611</p>	<p>Dance schools. Schools and educational services: art, drama, music, etc.</p>	<p>One (1) for each classroom & each administrative office.</p>
<p>2. Contractor's office, Provided there will be no storage of vehicles, equipment or materials on the premises</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>	<p>Contractor - office only</p>	<p>One (1) for each 300 square feet of floor space.</p>
<p>3. Dry cleaning or laundry pickup agency, provided laundering, cleaning or pressing on premises involves only articles delivered to premises by individual customers</p>	<p align="center">812320</p>	<p>Garment pressing, & agents for laundries & drycleaners</p>	<p>One (1) for each 250 square feet of floor area not for storage.</p>
<p>4. Public utility substation, water tower, [see Chapter 5 for communication tower], provided all following conditions are met: a. structures enclosed by six (6) foot fence; b. no office, commercial operation, or storage of vehicles or equipment is permitted; c. a landscaped strip at least five (5) feet wide is planted and maintained along all exterior lot lines</p>	<p align="center">221</p>	<p>Electric, gas, water, sanitary services. Communications.</p>	<p>One (1) space.</p>
<p>5. Temporary Christmas tree sales, on vacant lot for a period not to exceed 45 days</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>None</p>
<p>6. Contractor's office & equipment shed, provided all following conditions are met: a. used in connection with construction on premises; b. must not cause traffic congestion or nuisance; c. for term up to one (1) year; may be renewed once.</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>		<p>One (1) for each 300 square feet of office area.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">NC SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NAICS CODE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NAICS DESCRIPTION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARKING SPACES REQUIRED</p>
<p>1. Automobile service station, including limited sale of groceries, provided the Board determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. parking & service areas are separated from adjoining residential property by planting screen, fence or wall at least 6 feet high; c. no major repairs or sale of vehicles to be conducted on premises; d. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; e. conditions are imposed to protect adjacent property from adverse impact; 	<p>447110, 447120</p>	<p>Gasoline service stations</p>	<p>Two (2) for each fuel pump, plus three (3) for each service bay or wash rack</p>
<p>2. Car wash, either automatic or self-service, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. adequate spaces for vehicles awaiting entry are required; more than minimum may be required; c. the area is required to be adequately screened from adjoining residential property; d. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; e. hours of operation are limited to prevent late night noise. 	<p>811192</p>	<p>Car washes</p>	<p><u>Self-service wash</u>: three (3). <u>Automatic wash</u>: set by Board; minimum six (6).</p>
<p>3. Delicatessen, restaurant, soda fountain or other eating/drinking establishment, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. no outside loud speaker is allowed; c. exterior and vehicle lights will be directed away from residential property; d. parking & service areas will be separated from residential areas by planting screen, fence or wall at least 6 feet high; e. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; f. hours of operation are limited to prevent late night noise. 	<p>722</p>	<p>Eating places</p>	<p>One (1) for each four (4) seats, plus one (1) for each two (2) employees on shift with maximum employment.</p>
<p>4. Funeral home</p>	<p>812210</p>	<p>Funeral home, mortuary</p>	<p>One (1) for each 4 seats</p>

§ 4-116 NC Neighborhood Commercial District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in NC districts:

Minimum lot area:	Commercial uses: none. Residential uses: single-family - 5,000 square feet; Multi-family - 5,000 square feet for first unit, plus 2,500 square feet for each additional unit.
Minimum lot width at building line:	Commercial uses: none. Residential uses: fifty (50) feet.
Maximum dwelling units:	Seven (7) dwelling units per acre
Minimum front yard depth:	Twenty-five (25) feet from street right of way line
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	<u>Side street on corner lot</u> : ten (10) feet; <u>Rear street on double frontage lot</u> : twenty-five (25) feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : six (6) feet from interior side lot line; <u>Accessory structure</u> : five (5) feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : fifteen (15) feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> : three (3) feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Sixty (60) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae];
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over height of 30 inches within 10 feet of street
Off street parking area requirements:	See parking, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Screening:	See landscaping, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Signs:	See signs, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

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MED - Medical District Uses.

MED PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Hospitals or clinics	622110	Public or private hospitals and clinics and directly related facilities.	<u>Hospital</u> : 1 per bed. <u>Other</u> : 1 per 200 sq. ft. of area.
2. Medical offices laboratories and specialty outpatient treatment, instructional and allied facilities	339116 621, 622, 623	Doctor and dental offices Medical Laboratories. Kidney Dialysis Center. Specialty Outpatient. Allied Health Services. Other such related services, facilities and supporting operations .	One (1) for each 200 square feet of gross floor space.
3. Nursing, intermediate, extended, and other care facilities.	623	Personal and Extended Care, Skilled Nursing Facilities. Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Mental Retardation Facilities and other such Facilities.	One (1) space for each 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area, and one (1) space per each employee.

MED CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Dormitories or living quarters , provided facility is for purposes of housing staff and/or students directly related to and under the control of an authorized hospital.	721310	Living quarters for staff and/or student body of an authorized hospital or its related activities, including eating and laundry facilities.	One space per each 200 sq. ft. of area.
2. Any publicly owned building, facility, land or utility installation , provided following conditions met: a. Utility and service areas screened by planting or fencing at least six feet high; b. No exterior storage of construction equipment.	N/A	Electric, gas, water, sanitary services. Offices, parking, parks.	One (1) for each 200 square feet of gross floor space.
3. Retail business establishments limited only to the following: a. pharmacies, and/or drug stores; b. restaurants and snack bars, excluding drive-in establishments. c. flower and/or gift shops.	456110 72251, 459310 459420	Drug store. Eating places Florist. Gift Shop.	<u>Restaurants:</u> One (1) space for each two (2) seating accommodations. <u>Other:</u> one space per each 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area, and one (1) space per each employee.

MED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. All special exceptions permitted in MED districts.	See MED use.
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MED - Medical District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in MED districts:

Minimum lot area:	Commercial uses: none. Residential uses: single-family - 5,000 sq. ft.; multi-family - 5,000 sq. ft. for first unit, plus 2,500 sq. ft. for each additional unit
Minimum lot width at building line:	Commercial uses: none. Residential uses: fifty (50) feet
Maximum dwelling units:	Seven (7) dwelling units per acre.
Minimum front yard depth:	Twenty-five (25) feet from street right of way line.
Minimum setback from second street frontage:	<u>Side street on corner lot</u> : ten (10) feet; <u>Rear street on double frontage lot</u> : twenty five (25) feet.
Minimum side yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : six (6) feet from interior side lot line; <u>Accessory structure</u> : five (5) feet from interior side lot line.
Minimum rear yard:	<u>Principal structure</u> : fifteen (15) feet from interior rear lot line. <u>Accessory structure</u> : three (3) feet from interior rear lot line.
Maximum structure height:	Sixty (60) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae];
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of 3 and 10 feet above finished street level within 15 feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over height of 30 inches within 10 feet of street.
Off street parking area requirements:	See parking, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Screening:	See landscaping, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Signs:	See signs, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

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I - Industrial District Uses.

I PERMITTED USES	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Horticultural nursery	111421, 111422	Ornamental floriculture and nursery products	One (1) per 200 sq. ft. of office area
2. Manufacturing, processing and packing, limited to the NAICS classes listed: [See special exceptions for other manufacturing.]	115111, 311, 312, 314, 315, 337110, 513110, 323, 325, 316, 327	Cotton gin; Canned & frozen foods; Bakery products; Candy & confections; Soft drinks; Potato chips & snacks; Ice; Food preparations; Apparel; Wood kitchen cabinets; Newspaper publishing; Commercial printing; Perfumes & cosmetics; Leather products; Pottery, related products.	One (1) per 300 square feet of inside work area
3. Transportation terminal and storage, including miniwarehouses	482111, 482112, 488210, 488490, 485, 484, 493, 531130	Railroad transportation; Passenger transportation; Trucking & warehousing.	One (1) per 200 square feet of gross floor space
4. Telephone, telegraph, radio, television services, [except communications towers - see conditional uses]	515, 517	Communications	One (1) per 300 sq. ft. of floor area
5. Public utility including water tower, substation, landfill [except hazardous waste disposal]	221	Electric, gas, water, sewer, refuse [except hazardous waste]	One (1) per 300 sq. ft. of floor area
6. Wholesale trade, durable and nondurable goods [except scrap metal and petroleum products]	423, 425, 424,	Wholesale trade [except 5093 scrap metal and petroleum products]	One (1) per 300 sq. ft. of sales area

I PERMITTED USES (CONT.)	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
7. Retail trade , involving sale of merchandise on premises	444, 455, 311, 445, 441110, 441, 449, 459, 711, 722, 339, 456, 458, 445320	Building material, hardware, garden supply; General merchandise; Food stores; Automotive dealers, service stations; Apparel & accessory; Home furniture, & equip.; Eating & drinking places; Miscellaneous retail; Liquor stores.	<u>Eating & drinking places</u> : One (1) for each four seats; <u>All other</u> : One (1) per 200 square feet of gross sales area
8. Finance, insurance, and real estate	522, 523, 524, 525, 531	Depository institutions; Credit institutions; Security dealers, etc.; Insurance carriers; Insurance agents; Real estate agents, etc.; Investment offices.	One (1) per 200 square feet of gross floor area
9. Services to individuals, business and government establishments	541940, 811, 238, 449, 487, 339116, 621, 622, 541110, 519210, 611, 623, 624, 541,	Pet veterinary services; Auto repair, services, wash, rental & parking; Miscellaneous repair; Amusement & recreation; Health services, hospitals; Legal services; Schools & libraries; Social services; Engineering, accounting, research & management; Services not classified.	<u>Service & repair</u> : One (1) per 250 sq. feet of work area. <u>Hospital</u> : 1.5 for each patient bed <u>Elementary School</u> : Three (3) spaces for each classroom. <u>High School</u> : One (1) for each four (4) seats in auditorium. <u>All Other</u> : One (1) per 250 square feet of gross floor area.
10. Government building or facility , including postal facility	491110, 921, 923, 924, 925, 926	U.S. Postal Service; General government, justice, public order, safety, finance, etc.	One (1) for each 200 square feet of floor area

I CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. One-family dwelling for watchman or caretaker, provided all following conditions are met: a. dwelling is located on premises of permitted use; b. head of household is employed in a permitted use as watchman or caretaker.	N/A		One (1) space
2. Communications tower, see Chapter 5, Supplemental Regulations.	N/A	Communications	One (1) space
3. Temporary Christmas tree sales, on vacant lot for a period not to exceed 45 days	N/A		None
4. Contractor's office & equipment shed, provided all following conditions are met: a. used in connection with construction on premises; b. must not cause traffic congestion or nuisance; c. for term up to one (1) year; may be renewed once.	N/A		One (1) for each 300 square feet of office area.
5. Religious meeting, in tent or temporary structure for a period not to exceed 60 days.			

<p style="text-align: center;">I SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS [approved by Board of Zoning Appeals after hearing]</p>	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<p>1. Junk and scrap metals, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. the site is at least two (2) acres in size, is located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from any residential use; and that any building or structure thereon is set back no less than fifty (50) feet from any side, rear, or front property line. c. adequate parking for employees & customers is provided; d. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; e. no outside storage of junk or salvage is permitted; f. the entire site is secured with fencing six (6) feet in height and requirements for Type C buffer areas as set forth in §5-301 of this Ordinance are met. g. no nuisance will be created beyond the premises by noise, vibration, smoke, gas, fumes, odor, dust, etc.; h. conditions are imposed to protect adjacent property from adverse impact; and i. applicable environmental regulations are met. 	423930, 425110, 425120	Scrap, waste materials	Set by Board
<p>2. Oil and gas bulk sales</p>	424, 425, 454	Petroleum products	Set by Board
<p>3. Manufacturing, industry, processing, assembly and storage, provided the Board of Appeals determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the use is compatible with the district; b. adequate parking for employees & customers is provided; c. adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety; d. no outside storage of junk or salvage is permitted; e. no nuisance will be created beyond the premises by noise, vibration, smoke, gas, fumes, odor, dust, etc.; f. conditions are imposed to protect adjacent property from adverse impact; and g. applicable environmental regulations are met. 	N/A	Manufacturing	Set by Board

§ 4-120 I - Industrial District Regulations.

The following regulations apply to all uses in I districts:

Minimum lot area:	None
Minimum lot width at building line:	None
Minimum front yard depth:	Fifty (50) feet from street right of way line.
Minimum side yard:	Twenty-five (25) feet.
Minimum rear yard:	Twenty-five (25) feet.
Maximum structure height:	Thirty-five (35) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae].
Visibility requirements:	<u>Corner lot</u> : no obstruction between heights of three (3) and ten (10) feet above finished street level within fifteen (15) feet of intersection of street right-of-way lines. <u>Private drive</u> : no obstruction over height of thirty (30) inches within ten (10) feet of street.
Off street parking area and loading area requirements:	See parking, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5. <u>Truck terminal</u> : paved acceleration and deceleration lanes at least ten (10) feet wide and one hundred (100) feet long are required at entrance and exit of terminal site which must have access to and from a major street.
Screening:	See landscaping, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5. Planting screen, fence or wall at least six (6) feet high is required along all lot lines abutting any residential district and not separated by a street.
Signs:	See signs, supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Storage:	No open storage of junk or salvage materials is permitted with any use in the district, except in connection with a permitted special exception granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
Subdivision regulations:	Applicable regulations must be met.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

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OSP Open Space Preservation District Uses.

Due to the precious and irreplaceable nature of these natural areas, all permitted uses are conditional in that they shall be submitted by reference from the City Administrator to the Planning Commission for approval. The following uses may be permitted in any open space preservation zone subject to such safeguards and conditions as the Planning Commission shall see fit to prescribe in accordance with the peculiar characteristics of the area in question:

OSP CONDITIONAL USES [approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met]	NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTION	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
1. Publicly owned and/or operated parks, open-space, or recreational facilities and necessary accessory uses and equipment, but not to include uses requiring major structures or generating large volumes of traffic such as stadiums or auditoriums.	712190, 712120, 712130	Historical sites, zoos and botanical gardens, nature parks	As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.
2. Certain privately owned recreational uses of an appropriate nature, such as riding academies, boating facilities, golf driving ranges, nature camps.	713910, 611620, 713930, 713990, 611620		As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.
3. Public utility substations , provided that there is no unduly noxious or offensive emission of odor, smoke, particulate matter, noise, or vibration; that any potentially dangerous facilities shall have adequate security fencing, and that any exterior machinery or equipment such as transformers, pumps, pipes, or tanks shall be visually screened to heights of six (6) feet or more as prescribed.	221		As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.
4. Agricultural farming, dairying, ranching, and forestry; Horticultural farming.	111, 112		As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.
5. Wildlife refuges, including any single-family dwelling units of caretakers necessary to maintain and protect the refuge.	712190, 814110		As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.
6. Any use which the Planning Commission considers compatible with the neighborhood, use and the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Barnwell.	N/A		As required for each use and set forth in Chapter 4 and Article IV of this Ordinance.

OSP PROHIBITED USES
1. Any use which by reason of size or type of structure, nature of use, intensity of activity or traffic, or offensive operating characteristics shall be determined by the Planning Commission to be incompatible with the character and intent of the district.
2. Any signs except those essential to identification of uses for the benefit of the public. Size and character shall be determined by the Planning Commission.

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OSP Open Space Preservation District Regulations.

The following regulations shall apply to all uses in OSP districts, other provisions in this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding: lot size, yard requirements, construction characteristics, visual treatment and the like shall be prescribed by the Planning Commission according to the characteristics of the area and use in question. Particular attention shall be paid to excavation, drainage, paving, and clearing of land so as to minimize the disruption to the topography, ecological balance, and other natural characteristics of the site. Care shall be exercised and safeguards prescribed to prevent damage to the natural environment during construction.

§ 4-123 PD Planned Development District Uses.

Planned Development districts may permit a mixture of different types of housing with compatible commercial uses, shopping centers, office parks and other mixed use developments. Flexibility in design, character and quality of development and preservation of natural and scenic features are made possible through the approval of a plan which describes the specific uses, densities, setbacks, and other requirements for a planned development. The approved plan constitutes the district regulations for a particular planned development.

§ 4-124 PD Planned Development District Regulations.

The following regulations shall apply to all uses in PD districts, other provisions in this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding:

Minimum district area:	5 acres
Minimum lot area for structure and maximum density:	Set in approved plan.
Minimum lot width, yards, setbacks:	Set in approved plan.
Maximum structure height:	Fifty (50) feet when permitted by fire regulations [not applicable to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, utility and communication towers, chimneys, flag poles, antennae];
Off street parking and loading requirements:	Set in approved plan.
Screening:	Set in approved plan, but not less than landscaping required by supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Signs:	Set in approved plan, but not greater than signs allowed by supplemental regulations, Chapter 5.
Subdivision regulations:	Applicable regulations must be met.
Supplemental regulations:	See Chapter 5.

§ 4-125 PD Planned Development District Application and Review Procedures.

The following procedures shall apply to establishment of a PD district, other provisions in this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding:

a. Zoning amendment required:	PD districts are established by amendment to the zoning ordinance in the manner prescribed for rezoning.
b. District regulations:	The applicable regulations in § 4-116, Chapter 5, and those in the approved plan and descriptive statement shall constitute the PD district regulations.
c. Pre-application conference optional:	Applicant for PD zoning is encouraged to contact the Planning Commission prior to submission of application for information and review of regulations and procedures applicable to the proposed plan and descriptive statement.
d. Amendment application required:	Initiation of a PD amendment shall be by submission of an application form provided by the Zoning Administrator with required attachments.
e. Development plans required:	A site development plan is required with application for PD amendment. The site development plan shall indicate proposed uses of all land areas and other information the Zoning Administrator deems reasonably necessary for review.
f. Descriptive statement required:	<p>A descriptive statement is required with the application for PD amendment. The descriptive statement shall indicate the characteristics and standards to be used for development of the site, and shall include at least the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. legal description of site boundaries, and total area of the site; 2. area and location of each type of use; 3. number and density of dwelling units by type; 4. description of open space locations, uses and proposed dedication for public use; 5. ownership and maintenance of streets, and proposed dedication to public; 6. methods for dealing with parking and the impact of projected traffic on the uses on the site and adjacent districts and streets; 7. steps proposed to comply with sediment control and storm drainage regulations; 8. steps proposed to comply with landscaping regulations; 9. details of association or organization involved in ownership and maintenance, including procedures and methods of operation; 10. outline for development phasing with anticipated time frames; 11. design standards, procedures and methods demonstrating that development will result in an integrated use district, functional and compatible with the area; 12. proposed restrictive covenants to be recorded to assure future compliance with the standards in the plan; and 13. such other information as may be appropriate for planning commission review.
g. Planning Commission review:	Upon determination that the application meets above requirements, the Zoning Administrator shall forward the application to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to City Council as required for zoning amendments.

PD Planned Development District Application and Review Procedures (Cont.)

<p>h. City Council action:</p>	<p>Upon receipt of the Planning Commission recommendation, City Council shall conduct a public hearing as required for zoning amendments, and may approve, approve with modifications accepted by applicant, or disapprove the proposed amendment.</p>
<p>i. Zoning and building permits:</p>	<p>Zoning and building permits shall not be issued until the zoning is approved by City Council, and approved plats, the approved descriptive statement and all required restrictive covenants are filed for record with the City Administrator and the Barnwell County Clerk of Court, and all required bonds are posted with the City Administrator.</p>
<p>j. District map:</p>	<p>The site development plan approved by City Council shall be the zoning district map for the PD and shall be the basis for issuance of zoning and building permits.</p>
<p>k. Changes to plan:</p>	<p>1. <u>Minor changes</u>. Changes proposed in writing by the applicant which do not alter district boundaries and which involve revision of minor characteristics of the PD such as relocation of driveways, revision of floor plans, facades, landscaping, relocation of required parking, drainage structures, and features which do not materially affect the approved plan concept or violate any applicable regulations may be approved by the Zoning Administrator. Approval or rejection of the change is subject to review and final determination by the Planning Commission if the applicant or any party whose property is adversely affected files a written objection with the Planning Commission within ten (10) days after action by the Zoning Administrator. An applicant may submit a rejected change as an amendment to the plan under the normal zoning amendment procedures.</p> <p>2. <u>Major changes</u>. Changes proposed in writing by the applicant which alter district boundaries or which materially affect the characteristics of the PD shall be submitted under normal zoning amendment procedures applicable to establishment of the PD.</p> <p>3. <u>Permits</u>. No zoning or building permits involving a minor or major change of the PD descriptive statement or map shall be issued until the written change is filed with the City Clerk and recorded in the office of the Barnwell County Clerk of Court.</p>
<p>l. Failure to begin; failure to progress; failure to complete</p>	<p>If the responsible party fails to begin, fails to progress, or fails to complete development as agreed in the descriptive statement, City Council may charge the developer with violation of the zoning ordinance, may rezone the property, or may take any combination of these actions. In any event, if the planned development is not initiated within two years of its establishment, the Planning Commission shall initiate the rezoning of the property to an appropriate district classification in conformity with the comprehensive plan.</p>

§ 4-126

-H Historic Overlay District Guidelines.

The following guidelines are provided for the purpose of encouraging protection and preservation of sites and structures which are historic or architecturally significant. The guidelines are not mandatory, but owners of properties in the -H Historic Overlay District and the owners of designated historic structures in all districts are urged to use them when making changes to historic sites or structures.

a. Purpose	It is the purpose of these guidelines to encourage, insofar as possible that historic buildings or structures shall be preserved in harmony with the architectural and historical character of the City. Furthermore, it is the intent of these guidelines to encourage the exterior renovation of nonhistoric buildings or the construction of new buildings within the historic district which will complement and support the aesthetic and visual features of the historic district and the City.
b. Demolition	No building or structure within the -H Historic Overlay District or any structure designated as historic in any district shall be demolished or otherwise removed until the owner has received approval from the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall encourage the owner of the property to repair the property rather than demolish it. In the event that it comes to the attention of the Zoning Administrator that any historic property is being allowed to deteriorate due to neglect, the Zoning Administrator shall encourage the owner of the property to make sufficient repairs to arrest the deterioration and protect property values.

<p>c. New construction, alteration, repair, restoration</p>	<p>Property owners who plan to engage in new construction, alteration, repair or restoration of a structure covered by these guidelines are encouraged to voluntarily comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as guidelines. The Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are ten basic principles created to help preserve the distinctive character of a historic building and its site, while allowing for reasonable change to meet new needs. The principles are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 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. (2) 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. (3) 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. (4) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved. (5) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved. (6) 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. (7) 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. (8) Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken. (9) 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. (10) 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.
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d. Maintenance and repair	Nothing in these guidelines shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature of structures designated in the historic district which does not involve a change in design, material, color, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, demolition of any such feature which the building inspector or similar official shall certify is required by the public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition.
e. Zoning Administrator	The Zoning Administrator will notify property owners in the Historic District who plan to undertake new construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or restoration of the City's guidelines for the historic district and encourage them to comply with these guidelines.
f. References	Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects South Carolina Department of Archives and History (State Historic Preservation Office) SC Code §§ 6-29-870 through 940

§ 4-127 Designation of Historic Structures.

Historic structures may be designated individually in any district by zoning map amendment attaching the -H overlay designation to the parcel of land on which the structure is located. Historic structures so designated shall be subject to the guidelines in § 4-120.

**CHAPTER 5
SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS**

**Article I
Communications Tower and Antenna**

§ 5-100 Definitions.

- a. "Communications tower" as used in this ordinance shall mean a tower, pole, or similar structure which supports a telecommunications antenna operated for commercial purposes above ground in a fixed location, free-standing, guyed, or on a building.
- b. "Telecommunications," as defined in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.
- c. "Antenna" means a device, dish or array used to transmit or receive telecommunications signals.
- d. "Height" of communication tower is distance from base of tower to top of structure.

§ 5-101 Communications Tower and Antenna Permitted as Conditional Use.

A communications tower and/or antenna may be permitted by the Zoning Administrator without further review upon determination that all of the applicable conditions in this ordinance are met.

a. Districts in which conditional uses are permitted; height limitations.

DISTRICTS	PERMITTED HEIGHT - FREE-STANDING OR GUYED TOWER
Residential: R-15, R-12, R-7, RMH, MH	Free-standing tower with height not exceeding 100 feet is a permitted conditional use; height exceeding 100 feet requires special exception.
Commercial: CC, HC, NC, MED	Free-standing or guyed tower with height not exceeding 180 feet is a permitted conditional use; height exceeding 180 feet requires special exception.
Industrial: I	Free-standing or guyed tower with height not exceeding 360 feet is a permitted conditional use; height exceeding 360 feet requires special exception.
Planned Development PD	Tower with height specified in approved plan is permitted under conditions set forth in plan.
PERMITTED HEIGHT ABOVE STRUCTURE	
All districts	Tower and/or antenna mounted on building, water tank or structure other than a free-standing or guyed communications tower must not extend more than 30 feet above the highest part of the structure.
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND VARIANCES	
OSP and -H Overlay Districts	A tower may be permitted only by special exception applying basic district standards as a minimum.
All districts except PD - Planned Development	Free-standing or guyed tower and/or antenna exceeding height limitations may be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals as a special exception. See requirements for special exceptions in § 5-102.
All districts	Variations from conditions imposed by this section may not be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Variations from other general district regulations may be granted under standards in SC Code § 6-29-800.

b. Application requirements:

The applicant for a conditional use zoning permit for construction of a communications tower or placement of a commercial telecommunications antenna on an existing structure other than a tower previously permitted must file with the Zoning Administrator an application accompanied by a fee of \$200.00 and the following documents, if applicable:

specifications;	1. One copy of typical specifications for proposed structures and antennae, including description of design characteristics and material.
site plan;	2. A site plan drawn to scale showing property boundaries, tower location, tower height, guy wires and anchors, existing structures, photographs or elevation drawings depicting typical design of proposed structures, parking, fences, landscape plan, and existing land uses on adjacent property; [site plan not required if antenna is to be mounted on an approved existing structure];
tower location map;	3. A current map, or update for an existing map on file, showing locations of applicant's antennae, facilities, existing towers, and proposed towers which are reflected in public records, serving any property within the City;
antenna capacity; wind load;	4. A report from a structural engineer registered in South Carolina showing the tower antenna capacity by type and number, and a certification that the tower is designed to withstand winds in accordance with ANSI/EIA/TIA 222 (latest revision) standards.
antenna owners;	5. Identification of the owners of all antennae and equipment to be located on the site;
owner authorization;	6. Written authorization from the site owner for the application;
FCC license;	7. Evidence that a valid FCC license for the proposed activity has been issued;
visual impact analysis;	8. A line of sight analysis showing the potential visual and aesthetic impacts on adjacent residential districts;
removal agreement;	9. A written agreement to remove the tower and/or antenna within 120 days after cessation of use;
conditions met;	10. Evidence that applicable conditions in subsection c. are met; and
additional information.	11. Additional information required by the Zoning Administrator for determination that all applicable zoning regulations are met.

c. Conditions: Applicant must show that all applicable conditions are met.

location, visual impact	1. The proposed communications tower, antenna or accessory structure will be placed in a reasonably available location which will minimize the visual impact on the surrounding area and allow the facility to function in accordance with minimum standards imposed by applicable communications regulations and applicant's technical design requirements.
inability to locate on existing structure	2. Applicant must show that a proposed antenna and equipment cannot be accommodated and function as required by applicable regulations and applicant's technical design requirements without unreasonable modifications on any existing structure or tower under the control of applicant.
necessity for location in residential district	3. Applicant for a permit in a residential district must show that the area cannot be adequately served by a facility placed in a non-residential district for valid technical reasons.
public property or other private property not suitable	4. Prior to consideration of a permit for location on private property which must be acquired, applicant must show that available publicly owned sites, and available privately owned sites occupied by a compatible use, are unsuitable for operation of the facility under applicable communications regulations and applicant's technical design requirements.
design for multiple use	5. Applicant must show that a new tower is designed to accommodate additional antennae equal in number to applicant's present and future requirements.
safety codes met	6. Applicant must show that all applicable health, nuisance, noise, fire, building and safety code requirements are met.
paint; illumination	7. A communications tower must not be painted or illuminated unless otherwise provided by state or federal regulations.
distance from existing tower	8. A permit for a proposed tower site within 1,000 feet of an existing tower shall not be issued unless the applicant certifies that the existing tower does not meet applicant's structural specifications and applicant's technical design requirements, or that a collocation agreement could not be obtained.
indemnity; claim resolution	9. Applicant must show by certificate from a registered engineer that the proposed facility will contain only equipment meeting FCC rules, and must file with the Zoning Administrator a written indemnification of the municipality and proof of liability insurance or financial ability to respond to claims up to \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate which may arise from operation of the facility during its life, at no cost to the municipality, in form approved by the municipal attorney.
application of zoning regulations	10. Land development regulations, visibility, fencing, screening, landscaping, parking, access, lot size, exterior illumination, sign, storage, and all other general zoning district regulations except setback and height, shall apply to the use. Setback and height conditions in this section apply.
minimum setbacks	11. A tower must be a minimum distance equal to one-half the height of the tower from property designated historic or architecturally significant, and must be set back from all lot lines distances equal to the district setback requirement or 25% of the tower height, whichever is greater.
MASC technical assistance	12. Prior to issuing a permit, the Zoning Administrator may use technical services of the Municipal Association of South Carolina to determine that the standards in subsections c.2, c.3, c.4, c.5, c.7, and c.8 of § 5-101 of this ordinance are met.

d. Appeal to Board

Applicant may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

time limit for action by zoning administrator on complete application	1. Failure of the Zoning Administrator to act on an application which is determined to be complete under this section within 45 days, unless extended by agreement, may be considered by applicant to be a denial of a permit which is subject to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
variance	2. Applicant may appeal to the Board for a variance from general zoning district regulations and setback requirements in this section, but not from any other conditions in this section. Towers exceeding height limitations may be permitted only by special exception pursuant to § 5-102.
special exception	3. Applicant may apply directly to the Board for a permit for any tower as a special exception pursuant to § 5-102.

§ 5-102 Special Exceptions.

A tower, pole, or antenna may be permitted by special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals after public hearing and findings of fact based on the following criteria:

Special exception criteria:

The Zoning Board of Appeals must find and conclude:

application; conditions	1. All application requirements and conditions imposed by § 5-101 of this ordinance for conditional uses are met except height limitations and setbacks.
height limitations	2. If additional tower height is requested, total tower height will not exceed 150% of the maximum height permitted in the district as a conditional use.
necessity for additional height	3. Applicant has demonstrated that additional height above that permitted by conditional use regulations is necessary for service to occupants of an area within the municipality.
setback requirements; additional conditions	4. Setback requirements and such additional conditions are established by the Board as it deems necessary to remove danger to health and safety, and to protect adjacent property.
MASC technical assistance on special exception or appeal from action on conditional use	5. Prior to approving a permit by special exception or on appeal from action of the Zoning Administrator on an application for a conditional use, the Board may use technical services of the Municipal Association of South Carolina to determine that the standards in subsections c.2, c.3, c.4, c.5, c.7, and c.8 of § 5-101 of this ordinance are met.
denial on substantial evidence	6. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that a denial of a permit be supported by substantial evidence.
variance prohibited	7. The Board may not grant a variance from the standards imposed for a communications tower or antenna in connection with granting a special exception, except as permitted by § 5-101d.

a. Districts in which conditional uses are permitted; height limitations.

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Planned Development PD	Tower with height specified in approved plan is permitted under conditions set forth in plan.
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All districts	Tower and/or antenna mounted on building, water tank or structure other than a free-standing or guyed communications tower must not extend more than 30 feet above the highest part of the structure.
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND VARIANCES	
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All districts except PD - Planned Development	Free-standing or guyed tower and/or antenna exceeding height limitations may be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals as a special exception. See requirements for special exceptions in § 5-102.
All districts	Variances from conditions imposed by this section may not be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Variances from other general district regulations may be granted under standards in SC Code § 6-29-800.

b. Application requirements: The applicant for a conditional use zoning permit for construction of a communications tower or placement of a commercial telecommunication antenna on an existing structure other than a tower previously permitted must file with the Zoning Administrator an application accompanied by a fee of \$200.00 and the following documents, if applicable:

specifications;	1. One copy of typical specifications for proposed structures and antennae, including description of design characteristics and material.
site plan;	2. A site plan drawn to scale showing property boundaries, tower location, tower height, guy wires and anchors, existing structures, photographs or elevation drawings depicting typical design of proposed structures, parking, fences, landscape plan, and existing land uses on adjacent property; [site plan not required if antenna is to be mounted on an approved existing structure];
tower location map;	3. A current map, or update for an existing map on file, showing locations of applicant's antennae, facilities, existing towers, and proposed towers which are reflected in public records, serving any property within the City;
antenna capacity; wind load;	4. A report from a structural engineer registered in South Carolina showing the tower antenna capacity by type and number, and a certification that the tower is designed to withstand winds in accordance with ANSI/EIA/TIA 222 (latest revision) standards.
antenna owners; owner authorization;	5. Identification of the owners of all antennae and equipment to be located on the site; 6. Written authorization from the site owner for the application;
FCC license;	7. Evidence that a valid FCC license for the proposed activity has been issued;
visual impact analysis;	8. A line of sight analysis showing the potential visual and aesthetic impacts on adjacent residential districts;
removal agreement;	9. A written agreement to remove the tower and/or antenna within 120 days after cessation of use;
conditions met;	10. Evidence that applicable conditions in subsection c. are met; and
additional information.	11. Additional information required by the Zoning Administrator for determination that all applicable zoning regulations are met.

c. Conditions: Applicant must show that all applicable conditions are met.

<p>location, visual impact</p>	<p>1. The proposed communications tower, antenna or accessory structure will be placed in a reasonably available location which will minimize the visual impact on the surrounding area and allow the facility to function in accordance with minimum standards imposed by applicable communications regulations and applicant’s technical design requirements.</p>
<p>inability to locate on existing structure</p>	<p>2. Applicant must show that a proposed antenna and equipment cannot be accommodated and function as required by applicable regulations and applicant’s technical design requirements without unreasonable modifications on any existing structure or tower under the control of applicant.</p>
<p>necessity for location in residential district</p>	<p>3. Applicant for a permit in a residential district must show that the area cannot be adequately served by a facility placed in a non-residential district for valid technical reasons.</p>
<p>public property or other private property not suitable</p>	<p>4. Prior to consideration of a permit for location on private property which must be acquired, applicant must show that available publicly owned sites, and available privately owned sites occupied by a compatible use, are unsuitable for operation of the facility under applicable communications regulations and applicant’s technical design requirements.</p>
<p>design for multiple use</p>	<p>5. Applicant must show that a new tower is designed to accommodate additional antennae equal in number to applicant’s present and future requirements.</p>
<p>safety codes met</p>	<p>6. Applicant must show that all applicable health, nuisance, noise, fire, building and safety code requirements are met.</p>
<p>paint; illumination</p>	<p>7. A communications tower must not be painted or illuminated unless otherwise provided by state or federal regulations.</p>
<p>distance from existing tower</p>	<p>8. A permit for a proposed tower site within 1,000 feet of an existing tower shall not be issued unless the applicant certifies that the existing tower does not meet applicant’s structural specifications and applicant’s technical design requirements, or that a collocation agreement could not be obtained.</p>

c. Conditions (cont.)

<p>indemnity; claim resolution</p>	<p>9. Applicant must show by certificate from a registered engineer that the proposed facility will contain only equipment meeting FCC rules, and must file with the Zoning Administrator a written indemnification of the municipality and proof of liability insurance or financial ability to respond to claims up to \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate which may arise from operation of the facility during its life, at no cost to the municipality, in form approved by the municipal attorney.</p>
<p>application of zoning regulations</p>	<p>10. Land development regulations, visibility, fencing, screening, landscaping, parking, access, lot size, exterior illumination, sign, storage, and all other general zoning district regulations except setback and height, shall apply to the use. Setback and height conditions in this section apply.</p>
<p>minimum setbacks</p>	<p>11. A tower must be a minimum distance equal to one-half the height of the tower from property designated historic or architecturally significant, and must be set back from all lot lines distances equal to the district setback requirement or 25% of the tower height, whichever is greater.</p>
<p>MASC technical assistance</p>	<p>12. Prior to issuing a permit, the Zoning Administrator may use technical services of the Municipal Association of South Carolina to determine that the standards in subsections c.2, c.3, c.4, c.5, c.7, and c.8 of §5-101 of this ordinance are met.</p>

d. Appeal to Board Applicant may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

<p>time limit for action by zoning administrator on complete application</p>	<p>1. Failure of the Zoning Administrator to act on an application which is determined to be complete under this section within 45 days, unless extended by agreement, may be considered by applicant to be a denial of a permit which is subject to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p>
<p>variance</p>	<p>2. Applicant may appeal to the Board for a variance from general zoning district regulations and setback requirements in this section, but not from any other conditions in this section. Towers exceeding height limitations may be permitted only by special exception pursuant to §5-102.</p>
<p>special exception</p>	<p>3. Applicant may apply directly to the Board for a permit for any tower as a special exception pursuant to §5-102.</p>

Article II
Flood Plain Regulations

§ 5-200 Federal Emergency Management Agency Standards Applicable.

Compliance with applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency standards pursuant to the City Code shall be a prerequisite to issuance of a zoning permit.

**Article III
Landscaping**

§ 5-300 Purposes for Required Landscaping.

Landscaped open areas are required by this ordinance to provide buffer areas or screening between adjacent land uses to reduce the impact of incompatible activities; to improve, protect, preserve and promote the aesthetic character, natural beauty, and value of land; and to promote and protect public interests in recreation, safety, health, reduction of pollution, and tree protection. The standards in this division shall apply to all zoning districts.

§ 5-301 Buffer Areas.

Landscaped buffer areas along the perimeter of lots, but not in a street right-of-way, which areas may be used for passive recreation only, shall be maintained by property owners as follows:

TYPE	LAND USE	WHERE REQUIRED	BUFFER SIZE AND PLANTS REQUIRED
A	Multi-family complex, manufactured home park, non-residential use not adjacent to residential district, and all surface parking lots	Along street rights-of-way, except drive-ways & visibility angles.	<u>Minimum buffer width:</u> five (5) feet. <u>Plants required per 100 feet of street frontage:</u> 12 ornamental shrubs, 2 ever-green understory trees, and grass or other ground cover. Shrubs may be clustered.
B	Multi-family complex, manufactured home park, commercial or institutional use adjacent to single-family residential use not separated by street or alley.	Along adjacent residential property lines.	<u>Minimum buffer width:</u> ten (10) feet. <u>Plants required per 100 linear feet:</u> 2 deciduous canopy trees 40 to 60 feet on center, and 8 evergreen plants 10 feet on center.
C	Industrial, warehouse, outdoor sales or storage use adjacent to residential district not separated by street at least 18 feet wide.	Along adjacent residential district lines.	<u>Minimum buffer width:</u> fifteen (15) feet. <u>Plants required per 100 linear feet:</u> 2 deciduous canopy trees 40 to 60 feet on center, and 17 evergreen plants or understory trees in double staggered rows 10 feet on center.
Plant Standards:	<u>Minimum installation height:</u> Evergreen understory trees and shrubs - 6 feet; deciduous canopy trees - 8 feet. <u>Minimum mature size:</u> Evergreens - 10 feet; deciduous trees - 25 feet.		
Substitutions:	<u>Existing plants:</u> Existing plants meeting minimum standards may be retained to meet buffer requirements. <u>Evergreens:</u> Evergreen plants may be substituted for deciduous plants. <u>Fence or wall:</u> Where existing lot use, size, shape, configuration, topography or unusual circumstances prevent reasonable compliance with buffer landscaping requirements, the Administrator may approve substitution of an opaque fence or wall at least six feet in height, but not exceeding ten feet in height, for a Type B or Type C buffer. Fences and walls shall be neat in appearance and have a finished surface facing adjacent property.		

§ 5-302 Open Space Landscaping Requirements.

The following open space landscaping requirements shall apply to land uses in all zoning districts.

LAND USE	OPEN SPACE REQUIRED	LANDSCAPING
Single-family and two-family residential, except clustered	District yard requirements.	None required.
Clustered residential	15% of land area.	Grass, shrubs and trees selected by owner.
Manufactured home park	2,500 square feet for each acre or major fraction of an acre in the park.	Greenbelt along all interior lot lines.
Multi-family residential, commercial and industrial, except surface parking lots	District yard requirements. Required buffer areas, woodlands and wetlands may be used to satisfy requirements.	Grass, shrubs and trees selected by owner.
Surface parking lots	100 square feet of planted area for each 20 parking spaces. Required buffer areas may be used to satisfy requirements.	One evergreen or deciduous tree for each 20 parking spaces. Grass and shrubs selected by owner.

**Article IV
Parking**

§ 5-401 Off-street Parking.

a. Off-street parking spaces required by district regulations shall be located on the same lot as the principal use, or on a lot within 400 feet of the main entrance to the principal use which under the same ownership as the principal use or has been legally restricted for parking in connection with the principal use, and shall have required buffer and landscaped areas.

b. Required off-street parking for a commercial or industrial use may extend up to 120 feet into a residential zoning district provided: (1) the parking area adjoins the property on which the principal commercial or industrial use is located; (2) the parking area access is to the same street as the principal use; and (3) the parking area has a Type B buffer area along residential lot lines and required landscaping.

c. Combined parking areas serving two or more principal uses shall contain spaces equal in number to the total of spaces required for all principal uses served.

§ 5-402 Parking Space Requirements.

Off-street parking spaces shall meet the following design standards.

Parking space dimensions:	<u>Angle parking</u> : 9 feet by 19 feet; provided, 10% may be 8.5 feet by 18 feet; <u>Parallel parking</u> : 9 feet by 24 feet; <u>Handicapped</u> : 12 feet by 20 feet, or 8 feet by 20 feet, with 8 foot isle.
Minimum isle widths:	<u>90 degree parking</u> - 25 feet; <u>60 degree parking</u> - 18 feet; <u>45 degree parking</u> - 13 feet; <u>parallel parking</u> - 10 feet. Minor street rights-of-way may be considered as isles for adjacent off-street parking.
Paving and marking requirements:	A parking area, including driveways, containing 10 or more parking spaces shall be surfaced with an all weather impervious material, and spaces shall be marked with painted lines.
Lighting requirements:	A parking area open for night use shall have a minimum of one 9000 lumen overhead light for each 25 parking spaces, or major portion thereof.
Parking spaces for handicapped persons:	One parking space for handicapped persons shall be provided for each 25 parking spaces, or fraction thereof, except for dwellings of less than 20 units, meeting federal and state requirements, with access to ramps, walkways, and entrances without moving behind parked vehicles.

§ 5-403 Off-street Loading and Unloading Spaces.

Except in the CC Core Commercial District, each lot used for commercial or industrial purposes, or multifamily residences with more than 10 units, shall provide off-street space for loading and unloading as follows.

Access:	Each space shall have access from an alley or public street.																											
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§ 5-404 Parking of Unlicensed Vehicles.

a. In a residential district, any vehicle or trailer subject to State licensing which does not display a current license plate shall be parked or stored within an enclosed building or parked behind the building set-back line and covered with a waterproof tarp or located under a shed roof.

Article V Signs

§ 5-500 Sign Regulations.

5-500.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this section of the City of Barnwell Zoning Ordinance is to provide fair and comprehensive regulations that will eliminate confusing, distracting, and unsafe signs, assure the efficient transfer of information, and foster a good visual environment for the City of Barnwell, enhancing **it** as a place in which to live, to visit, and to conduct business. It is declared that the regulation of signs within the City of Barnwell is necessary and **in** the public interest:

- a. To protect property values within the City of Barnwell;
- b. To promote and aid in the tourist industry which is declared to be of importance to the economy of the City of Barnwell;
- c. To protect the general public from damage or injury caused, or partially attributable to, the distractions and obstructions which are hereby declared to be caused by improperly designed or situated signs;
- d. To provide a pleasing overall environmental setting and good community appearance which is deemed vital to tourism and to the continued economic attractiveness of the city;
- e. To improve the legibility and effectiveness of commercial and governmental signs;
- f. To allow signs appropriate to the planned character of each zoning district; and
- g. To promote the public safety, welfare, convenience and enjoyment of the unique character of Barnwell.

5-500.2 Scope of this ordinance.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the construction, erection, alteration, use, location, size and height of and the maintaining of all signs, regardless of their cost of construction. No reference in this article referring to sign copy or sign purpose shall be interpreted or applied to improperly regulate content or impair the right of free speech. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to:

- a. Signs not visible beyond the boundaries of the lot or parcel upon which they are situated, or from any public thoroughfare, right-of-way or beach;
- b. Any commercial communication intended to be solely viewed while stopped in location or primarily viewed by pedestrian or other nonmotorized travelers; provided, however, that the restrictions of subsection 5-500.5 "Prohibited signs," shall apply to such commercial communications;
- c. Signage or markings authorized by the governing authority for public safety or public informational purposes.
- d. Pavement markings of a traffic directional nature;
- e. Temporary signs as specifically permitted for special events, parades, facility uses or outdoor vending under the authority of law in ordinances and regulatory procedures enacted by City Council and then only during the duration of those events.

5-500.3 Definitions.

Except as specifically defined herein, all words used in these regulations have their customary dictionary definitions. The definitional sections may not be interpreted or applied to improperly regulate the content of the sign or impair the right of free speech. For purpose of the sign ordinance, certain words or terms used are herein defined as follows:

1. *Animation.* The movement, or the optical illusion of movement, of any part of the sign structure, design or pictorial segment including the movement of any illumination of the blinking, flashing, scintillating or varying of light intensity. Also included in this definition are signs having "chasing action" which is the action of a row of lights commonly used to create the appearance of motion. Animation also includes Changeable Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) display that are running or depicting action, as in a video display, but does not include the fading, scrolling or rolling of one static display to the next, which is defined as static electronic display.
2. *Banner.* A sign or outside advertising display having characters, letters, illustrations, ornamentation, symbol, color, or visual representation applied to cloth, vinyl, fabric, plastic, or like material with or without frame. The term banner shall include pennants, life rafts, T-shirts, floats, towels, ribbons, spinners, streamers, kites, balloons (but not dirigibles) and/or similar types of lighter than air objects, or any other material or outside advertising display fastened in such manner as to move upon being subjected to movement of the atmosphere or any mechanical device.

3. *Billboard*. A sign identifying/advertising and/or directing the public to a business or merchandise or service or institution or residential area or entertainment which is located, sold, rented, leased, produced, manufactured and/or furnished at a place other than the real property on which said sign is located. Such signs are also known as off-premises or outdoor advertising display signs. A billboard may also be known as a freestanding sign.
4. *Building frontage*. The linear length of a building facing the street right-of-way.
5. *Canopy (marquee)*. A shelter structure attached to or cantilevered from a building and wholly or partially supported by a building and/or supported by columns, braces or poles extending to ground. Materials are rigid and durable such as metal, wood, concrete, plastic, glass, etc.
6. *Changeable electronic variable message sign (CEVMS)*. A sign on which light is turned on or off intermittently by any means, including any illuminated sign on which such illumination is not kept stationary or constant in intensity and color at all times when such sign is in use; including alternative sign displays of a digital or controlled light emitting variety, including digital signs that may be scrolling message boards, liquid crystal display (LCD), or plasma display panels, electronic billboards, projection screens, or other emerging display types like living surfaces like organic light-emitting diode (OLEDs), light emitting diode (LED), light emitting polymer (LEP) and organic electro-luminescence (OEL), that can be controlled electronically using a computer or other devices, allowing direct or remote access and control of graphic, text or content, and which may vary in intensity or color. A CEVMS sign does not include a 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) approved by the Federal Highway Administration as the National Standard.
7. *Commercial center*. Two or more retail stores, or service establishments, professional offices or any other businesses serving a community or neighborhood, not necessarily owned by one party nor by a single land ownership, which occupy a common and/or adjacent building(s) on premises and utilize common parking area(s).
8. *Cutout*. An extension of the perimeter of an outdoor advertising sign face, which is commonly irregular in shape, and which is added for the purpose of accomplishing a creative design.
9. *Facade*. The entire building walls, including wall faces, parapets, fascia, windows, doors, canopy and visible roof surfaces, of one complete elevation.
10. *Fence*. A structure of metal, wood, masonry, etc., that serves as a boundary or divides an area.

11. *Festoon lighting.* A string of outdoor lights suspended between two or more points.
12. *Flag.* A rectangular display with a length to width ratio of between 1.4 to 1.9, having characters, letters, illustrations, ornamentation, symbol, color, or visual representation applied to cloth, vinyl, fabric, plastic, or like material. Furthermore, grommets or a rope spline must be provided for mounting and hemming must finish all four edges.
13. *Frontage.* The length of the property line of any one premises serving as a public street right-of-way line. For lots with multiple frontages, the principal street frontage shall generally be that which abuts the street having the highest vehicular traffic volumes; but if the frontages have equal traffic exposure, the property owner shall be permitted to designate his principal street frontage. For the purpose of determining allowable sign area, the frontage may be measured (at the option of the property owner) at the required front building setback line instead of along the public street right-of-way line.
14. *Grade.* The uppermost surface directly below the sign or immediately adjacent to the support. Where the uppermost surface has been artificially raised for landscaping or other purposes, grade shall be measured from the level of the nearest city or state street curb.
15. *Handbill (circular).* A sign that is distributed to the public or placed on vehicles, buildings, structures, objects or surfaces as part of said distribution.
16. *Height of sign.* The vertical distance measured from the adjacent street crown grade to the top of the sign face or sign structure, whichever is greater.
17. *Illumination, direct.* Illumination which emits light either by means of an artificial light source on a surface, or by means of an artificial light source transmitted through a surface.
18. *Illumination, indirect.* Illumination which reflects light from an artificial light source intentionally directed upon a surface. This shall also include silhouettes of letters or symbols placed before a background of reflected light.
19. *Model.* A three-dimensional representation of an object or product, whether in miniature, actual or exaggerated scale.
20. *Occupancy.* Any one business, activity or office.
21. *Outdoor advertising signs.* Refer to billboards.
22. *Panel.* The primary surface of a sign that carries the identifying/advertising message.

23. *Panel extension.* Any additional structure or device extending beyond the panel of any sign, within the allowable sign area, but projecting into the third dimension more than 12 inches from any panel of any sign will be considered as an additional sign face.
24. *Parapet.* A false front or wall extension above the roof line.
25. *Perimeter.* The contour of the face of the sign.
26. *Premises.* A lot, as defined in the zoning ordinance herein. In the case of a business center, each tenant of occupancy shall be considered a separate premises. In the case of business establishments consisting of lots located in two or more contiguous blocks (separated by a dedicated public street or dedicated public walkway), the contiguous lots in each block shall be considered a separate premises.
27. *Principal street frontage.* Refer to frontage.
28. *Sign.* Any device designed to impart information to the public or attract the attention of the public, which is attached, painted or otherwise affixed to, or a part of a building, structure, material, surface, vehicle, or object, integral decorative or architectural features of buildings except letters or trademarks, fences, walls and works of art which are noncommercial in nature are not to be construed as being a sign. Sign shall include any artificial light source, and any device which animates or projects a visual representation which attracts the attention of the public. The definitional provisions of this section act as an aid in identification and classification of the different types of signs, and shall not be interpreted or applied so to regulate the content of a sign or to impair the right of free speech.
- a. *Sign, Building identification.* A sign bearing only the name, number(s), letter(s) and/or symbol(s) which identifies a particular building.
- b. *Sign, Business identification.* A sign bearing the name, trademark, or symbol of the business located on the premises. A business identification sign may contain the name of the business enterprise located on the same premises as the sign and the nature of the business conducted there.
- c. *Sign, Canopy (marquee).* A sign that is suspended from, attached to, supported from, applied to, or forms part of a canopy.
- d. *Sign, Changeable copy.* A sign on which message copy is changed either manually in the field, through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols, and other similar characters or changeable pictorial panels, or automatically or electronically on site as a CEVMS sign with animation or static display as permitted by zone.
- e. *Sign, Directional.* An off-premises sign whose content is limited exclusively to the

identification of a use or occupancy located elsewhere and which tells the location of or route to such use or occupancy.

- f. *Sign, Directory.* A sign listing the names and/or use, or location of more than one business, activity or professional office conducted within a building, group of buildings or commercial center.
- g. *Sign, Double-faced.* A sign with two faces that are parallel or within 20° of parallel.
- h. *Sign, Fence.* A sign erected parallel to and/or extending not more than 12 inches from the face of any fence to which it is attached or applied, and supported throughout its entire length by the fence and not extending above the fence.
- i. *Sign, Fixed projecting.* A sign, other than a parallel sign, which extends outward for more than six inches from the facade of any building and is rigidly affixed thereto.
- j. *Sign, Flat.* A sign erected parallel to and extending not more than 12 inches from the facade of any building to which it is attached and supported throughout its entire length by the facade and not extending above the building.
- k. *Sign, Freestanding.* A sign supported by a sign structure placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the sign structure, for support. A freestanding sign may contain a sign or signs on one side only or it may be a V-shaped structure or one containing signs back-to-back. A freestanding sign structure is one sign.
- l. *Sign, Illuminated.* When artificial illumination techniques are used in any fashion to project the message on a sign, that sign shall be an illuminated sign.
- m. *Sign, Monument.* A freestanding sign whose support structure is integral with the sign faces; that is, the blank support portion of the sign abuts the sign face(s), is essentially in the same planes as the sign face(s) and is essentially of the same width as the sign face(s).
- n. *Sign, Multiunit identification.* A sign bearing only the name of the principal occupant and the number(s) and/or letter(s) of units in a multiple family residence, other than a duplex. Includes hotel and motel rooms.
- o. *Sign, Occupant/street number.* A sign bearing only the name of the principal occupant and/or the street number of a private residence or duplex.
- p. *Sign, Off-premises.* A sign that identifies or communicates a message related to an activity conducted, a service rendered, or a commodity sold, which is not the primary activity, service or commodity provided on the premises where the sign is located.
- q. *Sign, On-premises.* A sign that identifies or communicates a message related to the activity conducted, the service offered, or the commodity sold, on the premises upon which the sign is located and shall include non-profit event signs.

- r. *Sign, Painted wall.* A sign painted directly on any exterior building wall or door surface, exclusive of window and door glass areas.
 - s. *Sign, Pole.* Refer to freestanding sign.
 - t. *Sign, Portable.* Any sign designed or intended to be readily relocated whether or not it is permanently attached to a building, structure or on the ground. The term includes signs on wheels or on portable structures, tent signs, A-frame signs and similar devices and any sign not secured or securely affixed to the ground or a permanent structure.
 - u. *Sign, Swinging projecting.* A sign projecting from the outside wall or walls of any building which is supported by only one rigid support, irrespective of the number of guy wires used in connection therewith.
 - v. *Sign, Permanent window:* Any sign which is applied to or near the glass area, located such that the identifying/advertising message, symbol, insignia, visual representation, logotype or any other form which communicates information, can be read from off-premises. This includes signs within a building where the clear intent is for the sign to be read through the glass from the exterior of the building. The area of the sign shall be included as a part of the allowable sign area.
 - w. *Sign, Temporary window:* Any sign of a temporary nature which is applied to or near the glass area, located such that the identifying/advertising message, symbol, insignia, visual representation, logotype or any other form which communicates information, can be read from off-premises. This includes signs within a building where the clear intent is for the sign to be read through the glass from the exterior of the building.
29. *Sign area.* The smallest possible square foot area that can be enclosed within three rectangles. Frames or structural members not bearing information or representational matter shall not be included in computation of display surface area. For signs with more than one surface, the area per sign face is the maximum area of all display surfaces which are visible from any ground position at one time, within the above described three rectangles. The aggregate sign area is the summation of the area of all sign faces combined.
30. *Sign face.* The part of the sign that is or can be used for visual representation which attracts the attention of the public for any purpose. Sign face includes any background material, panel, trim color, and direct or self-illumination used that differentiates that sign from the building, structure, backdrop surface or object upon which or against which it is placed. The sign structure shall not be included as a portion of the sign face provide that no identifying/advertising message, symbol or any of the aforementioned sign face criteria are displayed on or designed as part of the sign structure, whether structurally necessary or not. In the case of signs designed with integral sign face and sign structure, the blank (support) area equivalent to a maximum of 50 percent of the allowable sign area shall be exempt from computations of sign area.

31. *Sign structure.* The supporting structure erected or intended for identifying/advertising purposes, with or without a sign thereon, situated upon or attached to real property, upon which any sign is fastened, affixed, displayed, applied or a part of; provided, however, said definition shall not include a building, fence, or flag pole.
32. *Statue.* A likeness (as of a person or animal) sculptured or modeled in a solid substance.

5-500.4 General provisions.

It shall be illegal for a sign to be placed or maintained in the City of Barnwell except as provided in this ordinance. Only signs specifically permitted in section 5-500.7 of this ordinance are allowed in the City of Barnwell. All signs shall comply with the provisions of this section.

5-500.4.1 *Traffic hazards and sign illumination.*

- a. No flood lights shall be utilized as a part of a sign illumination system which are not hooded or shielded so that the light source is not visible from any public right-of-way or adjacent property nor shall any sign otherwise reflect or emit a glaring light so as to impair driver vision.
- b. No sign illumination system shall contain or utilize any beacon, spot, search or stroboscopic light or reflector, which is visible from any public right-of-way or adjacent property, nor shall such lights be operated outside, under any circumstances, except by authorized public agencies.
- c. No sign shall display lights resembling by color and design or other technique characteristics customarily associated with those used by police, fire, ambulance and other emergency vehicles or for navigation. Automotive warning or flashing signs shall not be utilized as commercial attention-seizing devices.
- d. No sign is permitted which, due to its position, shape, color, format, or illumination, obstructs the view of, or may be confused with an official traffic sign, signal, or device or any other official sign or which uses the words "stop," "warning," "danger," or similar words implying the existence of danger or the need for stopping or maneuvering by the motoring public.
- e. No sign shall rotate or otherwise move unless it is located in a **CC, HC, or I** district.
- f. No sign shall obstruct the view of motor vehicle operators entering a public roadway from any driveway, street or alley.
- g. Except as permitted in subsection **5-500.7** no sign shall be animated or contain any animation. For the purposes of this section, any person or persons wearing any costume, character dress, or other distinctive attire for the purpose of attracting attention to any business or commercial activity shall be regulated as an animated sign.

5-500.4.2 Design standards.

- a. All signs shall be constructed of durable materials and designed to meet all applicable requirements of the Standard Building Code [International Building Code].
- b. No sign, sign structure or attention seizing device shall be shaped in the form of a statue of a human or animal figure nor in the form of a three-dimensional model (e.g., dinner bucket, paint cans, Christmas trees, etc.). The following are allowable exceptions:
 1. Signs in the **CC, HC or I** districts;
 2. Miniature golf courses as a principal use;
 3. Wooden sculpture sign less than six {6} square feet in area.
- c. *Landscaping requirements:*
 1. *Freestanding business identification signs and off-premises directional signs.* A landscape strip at least five (5) feet in width and the same length as the greatest dimension of the sign shall be provided. One shrub, at least 18 inches tall immediately after planting, per three (3) feet of landscaped strip shall be planted for the entire length of the landscaped strip. The remainder of the landscaped strip shall be maintained in approved ground cover. The sign shall not extend beyond the landscaped area. Curbing, railroad ties, fencing or other types of vehicular barriers acceptable to the zoning administrator shall be placed around the landscaped strip for protection.
 2. *Outdoor advertising display signs (billboards).* The following landscaping requirements shall apply: A landscape strip ten (10) feet in depth shall be located immediately adjoining the supporting structure of the billboards and extending five (5) feet beyond each end. A hedge or other durable planting of at least two (2) feet in height, attaining within four (4) years after planting a minimum of six (6) feet, is to extend the entire length and breadth of the required landscaped strip. Two (2) flowering trees with a minimum of eight (8) feet overall height shall be placed within the required landscape strip at a location adjacent to the principal street frontage. Single-faced billboards with the rear viewable from a public right-of-way or other public property shall have three equally spaced eight-foot tall evergreen trees planted in the rear of the billboard and the reverse side of the sign shall be of one color.
 3. Existing or natural landscaping materials may be utilized to meet the requirements of this subsection provided that they meet or exceed the minimum standards specified hereinabove.

4. Exceptions to the location and height of the landscaped strip may be made by the board of zoning appeals where strict application of these requirements would seriously damage the proper functioning of the overall development or where a sight distance hazard would result.
- d. *Primary street address.* In order to provide efficient emergency vehicle operations as well as to aid in the location of homes and businesses, each primary freestanding sign on commercial and multifamily properties are required to display the street address on the sign in a prominent location so as to allow said number to be clearly readable from the street.

5-500.4.2 *Misleading advertising.*

- a. It shall be unlawful for a person to display false or misleading statements upon signs, or other public places, calculated to mislead the public as to anything sold, any services to be performed, or information disseminated.
- b. Signs with the copy "Going Out of Business" shall only be used with a lawfully issued "Going Out of Business License" from the city.

5-500-4.4 *Signs in disrepair and unsafe signs.*

- a. All signs and supports, braces, guys, and anchors thereof shall be kept in good repair, refurbished and repaired from time to time, as necessary, and perpetually maintained in safe condition, free from deterioration, defective or missing parts, or peeling or faded paint, and able to withstand the wind pressure for which it was originally designed. Any sign not in compliance with this provision is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- b. The zoning administrator may order the repair or removal of any such signs that are not maintained in a safe condition and in good repair in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If the zoning administrator shall find that any sign is in violation of this subsection, then he shall give notice to the property owner specifying the location of the hazard or deteriorated sign, what needs to be done to render the sign safe and in good repair, and that in the event the same is not done by the owner that the city will either do the same or remove the sign at the expense of the owner of the property upon which it is located. Service of any notice may be by personal service or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service shall be deemed complete upon delivery; in the event the address of the person to be notified is unknown or the notice which has been mailed is returned, such notice may be served by posting the same on a conspicuous place on the premises on which the nuisance is located and by advertising said notice once a week for three weeks in the local newspaper, in which event service shall be deemed complete after the preceding is accomplished.
- c. The person(s) so notified shall remove or initiate alteration of such sign within 15 days of such notice and such sign condition shall be completely rectified within 60 days. In the case of the unavailability of critical replacement parts, an additional 30 days for compliance may be granted by the zoning administrator but such

availability of parts shall not give reason to delay repair of the sign to the maximum extent feasible. If the person(s) so notified fail or refuse to remove or alter such sign within the time periods specified hereinabove, then the zoning administrator may cause such sign to be removed or altered so that the sign is rendered in good repair and safe at the expense of the owner of the property upon which it is located.

- d. The zoning administrator may, without notice, cause any unsafe or unsecure sign to be immediately removed if; in his opinion, the sign presents an immediate safety hazard.
- e. In the event that any structural support of a sign is damaged to the extent that it has failed either by fracture or by exceeding its yield point, such sign may be restored, reconstructed, altered or repaired only to conform with all of the provisions of this ordinance.

5-500-4.5 *Obsolete and abandoned signs.*

- a. Any sign which advertises or pertains to a business, product, service, event, activity or purpose which is no longer conducted or publicly available, or which has not been in use or publicly available for six (6) months, or which is no longer imminent within a period of six (6) months, or any sign structure that fails to display any sign copy for six (6) months, or any sign which, for a period of six (6) months, has vegetation growing upon it, clinging to it, touching it or obscuring the sign face or sign parts or structure or any sign, for a period of six (6) months, which has not been maintained to be free of peeling, chipping, rusting, wearing and fading so as to be legible at all times or to be free of rusting, rotting, breaking or other deterioration of the sign parts shall be deemed to be an obsolete or abandoned sign. The passage of time alone under the above-delineated circumstances establishes abandonment or obsolescence. Abandonment does not require any element of personal or business intent to relinquish the rights one might have in sign placement as the term is used or defined in this ordinance.
- b. Obsolete or abandoned signs, sign copy or sign structures are prohibited and shall be removed by the owner of the property, his agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building or site upon which sign or sign structure is erected within 30 days after written notification from the zoning administrator. Notice shall be provided in accordance with the procedural guidelines specified in section 5-500-4.4 hereinabove. In the event of noncompliance with the aforesaid terms and provisions, the city shall remove such signs at the expense of the property owner.
- c. When any sign is relocated, made inoperative, or removed for any reason, except for maintenance, all structural components, including the sign face and sign structure, shall be removed or relocated with the sign. All structural components of freestanding signs shall be removed to ground level. Painted wall signs, and the structural components of all other signs, shall be removed back to the original building configuration and the building restored to its original

condition.

5-500.5 Prohibited Signs.

The following signs are prohibited in the City of Barnwell:

- a. Any signs on benches and refuse containers except the latter may display a registered logo.
- b. Illuminated signs in residential districts except for signs associated with religious and public recreational uses.
- c. Pavement markings except those authorized by law.
- d. Signs of any material including, but not limited to, paper, paint, cardboard, plastic, wood and metal which are painted on or attached to trees, lamp posts, parking meter posts, hydrants, traffic signs, stairways, rocks or other natural features, telephone or utility poles or painted on the roofs of buildings visible from any public thorough-fare.
- e. Circulars, placards, throwaways, and handbills.
- f. Banners, balloons, streamers, spinners, pennants and similar wind activated devices; however, these devices are permitted in amusement parks of five acres or greater in size, provided no commercial messages or logos are incorporated thereon, and further provided they are not tattered, torn or faded to the extent the pattern or colors become indiscernible. All banners, balloons, streamers, spinners, pennants, and similar wind activated devices which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be removed within 90 days after the effective date of this ordinance.
- g. Portable signs, except temporary, nonilluminated signs announcing any public, charitable, educational or religious event or function are allowed provided a permit is obtained from the zoning administrator and further provided they are located entirely within the premises of the institution, set back no less than ten (10) feet from the property line, do not exceed a sign area of 32 square feet and do not constitute a safety hazard in the opinion of the zoning administrator. Such signs shall be allowed no more than 30 days prior to the event and must be removed within 48 hours after the event or function. If building mounted, these signs shall be flat wall signs and shall not project above the roof-line. If ground mounted, the top shall be no more than eight (8) feet above ground level.

- h. Any sign or outdoor advertising display which contains statements, words, or pictures violative of state or federal law.
- i. Any sign, except those for a driveway, loading zone and the like authorized by a public agency which restricts or appears to reserve any portion of public right-of-way or any public property for the exclusive use of private use or any individual, tenant, client, guests or business. This prohibition extends to all such signs, whether on public property or private property.
- j. Any sign located or designed so as to intentionally or effectively deny an adjoining property owner reasonable visual access to an existing sign.
- k. Any other type or kind of sign which does not comply with the terms, conditions, and provisions contained in this ordinance.
- l. Temporary window signs, except for an eight (8) square feet area in closest proximity to the main door. Also allowed are temporary window signs as allowed with lawfully issued "Going Out of Business" license issued by the city.
- m. More than one (1) freestanding sign per lot.
- n. Any new sign proposed for a lot upon which a non-conforming sign is in place.

5-500.6 Exempt Signs.

The following signs shall be exempt from the application of this section:

- a. Signs not exceeding one square foot in area and bearing only property numbers, post box numbers, names of occupants of premises, or other identification of premises not having commercial connotations;
- b. Hiring signs as long as the total area does not exceed six (6) square feet and is posted for not more than thirty (30) days;
- c. Legal notices, identification, informational or directional signs erected as required by governmental bodies;
- d. Integral decorations or architectural features of buildings except letters, trademarks, moving parts, moving lights, or any prohibited signs under 5-500.5;
- e. Signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area directing and guiding traffic on private property, but bearing no commercial matter;
- f. Wall identification signs and commemorative plaques not more than four (4) square feet in area, memorial cornerstones or tablets providing information on building erection or commemorating a person or event;
- g. Banners erected or authorized by the City of Barnwell;
- h. Temporary governmental signs such as zoning, traffic, etc.;
- i. Civic club, religious, public and eleemosynary signs not exceeding six (6) square feet whether on or off the premises, provided these signs are not located in the public

right-of-way;

- j. One sign not exceeding six (6) square feet each of craftsman, artisans, house painters, contractors or subcontractors during the period that such persons are performing repair, remodeling, repainting or improvement work on the premises on which such signs are erected;
- k. Political campaign signs announcing candidates seeking public office or relating to any election or public referendum. Such signs shall be confined to placement on private property. Such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election or referendum has been decided.

5-500.7 Permitted Signs.

The following signs are permitted in the districts indicated.

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED SIGNS
R-15, R-12, R-7, RMF, MH, PD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Signs for which permits are not required.b. For buildings other than dwellings, and for multi-family dwellings, hotels, and group dwellings, a single non-illuminated business identification sign or bulletin board not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area, set back not less than ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way.c. Tourist home non-illuminated sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area, set back not less than five (5) feet from a street right-of-way.d. Subdivision signs. Two (2) subdivision entrance signs per principal entrance are allowed. Such signs may designate the subdivision by name or symbol only and may be either freestanding or placed on the face of an entrance wall to said subdivision or residential district, but under all circumstances they shall be rigidly and securely anchored against movement. Such signs shall not exceed an area of twenty (20) square feet per sign face and an aggregate area of forty (40) square feet if signs are multiple faced, nor shall they exceed a height of seven (7) feet if freestanding.e. Private directional signs.f. Manufactured home park sign provided the sign does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area per sign face, and if projecting does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The maximum height of the sign shall be ten (10) feet if freestanding.g. One (1) non-illuminated professional or business name plate not exceeding one(1) square foot in area mounted flat against the wall of a building in which a permitted home occupation is conducted.h. One (1) non-illuminated church, institutional, or public facility sign not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area, set back not less than ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way.i. Multifamily residential building identification sign, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size per sign face. The maximum height shall be ten (10) feet if freestanding.j. Home occupation sign. One non-illuminated home occupation sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and mounted flat against the wall of the principal building.

CC, HC, NC, MED,

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- a. All signs permitted in residential and neighborhood commercial districts.
- b. On parcels of less than 45,000 square feet, the total signage allowance is 600 square feet. For parcels in excess of 45,000 square feet, an additional 300 square feet of signage is permitted for each additional 45,000 square feet of parcel. This sign allowance includes the sum of all sign areas, whether freestanding, wall mounted, or projecting. The area of any freestanding sign shall not exceed 600 square feet.
- c. If a commercial office park/subdivision exceeds five acres, two single-faced signs, if attached to entry feature, per principal entrance are allowed. The signs shall be placed on the face of an entrance wall/feature to said park. Signs shall be rigidly and securely anchored against movement. Such signs shall not exceed an area of twenty (20) square feet per sign face. The entrance features and sign shall not exceed a height of seven (7) feet. The signs may only be externally illuminated.
- d. Financial institutions may have incorporated in their freestanding sign a time and temperature unit.
- e. Wall mounted business identification sign may be placed upon the principal structure, the sign area allowed shall be one (1) square foot of sign area for every two (2) linear feet of the wall length measured along the wall upon which the sign is placed, but shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area.
- f. Notice bulletin board not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in aggregate area per premises for medical, public, charitable or religious institutions located on the premises of such institutions; maximum height six (6) feet if freestanding.
- g. Home occupation sign. One non-illuminated home occupation sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and mounted flat against the wall of the principal building.
- h. Window signs, subject to the following conditions:
 1. *Sign purpose.* To identify the uses occupying the portion of the building that is lighted by a particular window,
 2. *Sign area.* The sign area of each window sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet, or one-third of the window in which it is displayed, whichever is less.
 3. *Sign placement.* The window signs shall be painted, applied or etched onto the window. No window signs shall be permitted on door windows.
- i. CEVMS signs are permitted only as provided herein:
 1. CEVMS are permitted in CC, HC, and I districts.
 2. CEVMS are permitted as billboard conversions of existing non-CEVMS billboards to CEVMS, provided that the conversion shall conform to current building code regulations.
- j. CEVMS shall conform to the following:
 1. The sign may not have an intensity or brilliance not as to impair the vision of a motor vehicle driver with average eyesight or to otherwise interfere with the driver's operation of a motor vehicle, or to interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, device or signal.
 2. The sign may not exceed the maximum brightness standards: Dawn to dusk: not more than 7,500 nits (candelas per square meter); Dusk to dawn: no greater than 750 nits, as measured from the sign's face at maximum brightness.

3. The sign shall have an automatic dimmer control incorporating a photocell mechanism to produce a distinct illumination change from a higher illumination level to a lower level for the time period between one half-hour before sunset and one half-hour after sunrise.
4. The sign shall have a default mechanism that will either stop the sign in one position, or turn the sign off should a malfunction occur.

k. Outdoor advertising signs or billboards and off-premises directional signs.

1. *Location.* The locations of such advertising displays are limited to those areas and sites which are consistent with the desired overall character of the city and with the information needs of businessmen, residents and tourists.
2. No portion of any outdoor advertising signs shall be located any nearer than two hundred (200) feet measured radially from any church or religious institution, cemetery, public park, public school or residential district.
3. *Area.* No outdoor advertising sign shall exceed four hundred (400) square feet in area.
4. *Number.* No outdoor advertising sign structure shall contain more than one (1) sign per facing, or more than three (3) facings per location.
5. *Height.* The height of any outdoor advertising sign shall not exceed forty-five (45) feet and must maintain a minimum clearance of twenty-five (25) feet above ground level. As an exception however, the minimum clearance of an outdoor advertising sign may be reduced to eight feet above ground level, if the sign is not within two hundred (200) feet of any structure on the same side of the street provided, that the sign shall be made to comply with the minimum clearance of twenty-five (25) feet above ground level within ninety (90) days of notification by the zoning administrator of issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any structure on the same side of the highway within two hundred (200) feet of the outdoor advertising sign.
6. *Setback.* All outdoor advertising signs shall be required to set back from the street right-of-way line a distance of at least ten (10) feet. Such signs shall be erected so as not to obstruct or impair driver vision at ingress- egress points and intersections. No such sign, or any portion thereof, shall be located in any required front yard.
7. *Placement.* No Outdoor sign shall be placed within 300 feet of an existing Outdoor sign or new outdoor sign. No outdoor sign may be erected Within 200 feet of an outdoor sign on the opposite side of the street.

§ 5-501 Permit Procedures.

5-501.1 Sign permits required.

Unless otherwise provided for in this ordinance, no sign or sign structure, regardless of its cost of construction, shall be erected, replaced, relocated, constructed, changed or altered until after a permit for the same has been issued by the zoning administrator.

5-501.2 Signs exempt from permit procedures. See section 5-500.6

5-501.3 Application for permit.

- a. All applications for sign permits shall be made with the City of Barnwell Planning and Zoning Department.
- b. The following information shall be submitted with an application for sign permit:
 1. Identification of ownership property on which sign is to be erected or written authorization by the owner of the property.
 2. Name and address of the owner of the sign.
 3. Site plan sketch showing the location of the sign with respect to the property and right-of-way lines and any buildings, parking areas, and other improvements to the property, and also including a landscape plan as necessary to meet the requirements of section 5-500.4, "General provisions".
 4. Exact size, shape, configuration, design, area (as defined herein), height, nature, number and type of sign to be erected.
 5. The value of the sign or sign structure.
 6. Any other information, specifications, photographs, or the like deemed necessary by the zoning administrator in order to assure compliance with the city ordinance.

5-501.4 Fees.

Before issuing a permit, the zoning administrator shall collect the fees as established **in** the building code.

5-501.5 Inspection.

The zoning administrator may make or require any inspections of any construction work to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and other laws which are **in** force and to ascertain that the sign is

erected or displayed as indicated on the approved sign permit application.

5-501.6 Labels required on signs.

It shall be the duty of the sign owner, or his agent, to affix permanently and maintain a permanent label or marker bearing the permit number and date of erection on any sign or sign structure erected after the effective date of this ordinance. Such label or marker shall be placed so it can be easily seen, but not necessarily as to be viewed as part of the identifying/advertising message on the sign face.

5-501.7 Action on application.

Permit applications shall be acted upon by the administrator within 30 days of receipt, excluding holidays and weekends. However, given the vagaries of information or fact gathering, a failure to act does not constitute approval of the permit or a waiver of the city's ability to regulate. The administrator's action, failure to act or failure to timely act can be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals under chapter 7 of this ordinance.

Article VI
Sexually Oriented Businesses

§ 5-600 Purpose and intent.

It is the purpose of this Article to regulate sexually oriented businesses to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the continued deleterious location and concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the City. The provisions of this Article have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not the intent or effect of this Article to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent or effect of this Article to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

§ 5-601 Definitions.

a. *Adult arcade* means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "certain sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

b. *Adult bookstore or adult video store* means a commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:

- (1) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or
- (2) Instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities." A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" and still be categorized as an adult bookstore or adult video store. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishment from being categorized as an adult bookstore or adult video store so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

(c) *Adult cabaret* means a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment which regularly features:

- (1) Persons who appear in a state of nudity; or

- (2) Live performances which are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities"; or
- (3) Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

d. *Adult motel* means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which:

- (1) Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; and has a sign visible from the public right of way which advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions;
- (2) Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than 10 hours; or
- (3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.

e. *Adult motion picture theater* means a commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

f. *Adult theater* means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."

g. *Escort* means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

h. *Escort agency* means a person or business association who furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish escorts as one of its primary business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration.

i. *Establishment* means and includes any of the following:

- (1) The opening or commencement of any sexually oriented business as a new business;
- (2) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not a sexually oriented business, to any sexually oriented business;
- (3) The additions of any sexually oriented business to any other existing sexually oriented business; or
- (4) The relocation of any sexually oriented business.

j. *Permittee and/or licensee* means a person in whose name a permit and/or license to operate a sexually oriented business has been issued, as well as the individual listed as an applicant on the application for a permit and/or license.

k. *Nude model studio* means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays "specified anatomical areas" is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration.

l. *Nudity or a state of nudity* means the appearance of a human bare buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or female breast.

m. *Person* means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

n. *Semi-nude* means a state of dress in which clothing covers no more than the genitals, pubic region, and areolas of the female breast, as well as portions of the body covered by supporting straps or devices.

o. *Sexual encounter center* means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its primary business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

- (1) Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex;
or
- (2) Activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or semi-nude.

p. *Sexually oriented business* means an adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motel, adult motion picture theater, adult theater, escort agency, nude model studio, or sexual encounter center.

q. *Specified anatomical areas* means the male genitals in a state of sexual arousal and/or the vulva or more intimate parts of the female genitals.

r. *Specified sexual activities* means and includes any of the following:

- (1) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts;
- (2) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;
- (3) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or
- (4) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in (1) through (3) above.

s. *Substantial enlargement* of a sexually oriented business means the increase in floor areas occupied by the business by more than 25 percent, as the floor areas exist on January 1, 1999.

t. *Transfer of ownership or control* of a sexually oriented business means and includes any of the following:

- (1) The sale, lease, or sublease of the business;
- (2) The transfer of securities which constitute a controlling interest in the business, whether by sale, exchange, or similar means; or
- (3) The establishment of a trust, gift, or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of the business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing the ownership or control.

§ 5-602 Classification.

Sexually oriented businesses are classified as follows:

- (1) Adult arcades;
- (2) Adult bookstores or adult video stores;
- (3) Adult cabarets;
- (4) Adult motels;
- (5) Adult motion picture theaters;
- (6) Adult theaters;
- (7) Escort agencies;
- (8) Nude model studios; and
- (9) Sexual encounter centers.

§ 5-603 Permit required.

a. A person commits a misdemeanor if he operates a sexually oriented business without a valid permit issued by the City for the particular type of business.

b. An application for a permit must be made on a form provided by the zoning administrator. The application must be accompanied by a sketch or diagram showing the configuration of the premises, including a statement of total floor space occupied by the business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared but must be drawn to a designated scale or drawn with marked dimensions of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus 6 inches.

c. The applicant must be qualified according to the provisions of this chapter and the premises must be inspected and found to be in compliance with the law by the health department, fire department, and building official.

d. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is an individual, he must sign the application for a permit as applicant. If a person who wishes to operate a sexually oriented business is other than an individual, each individual who has a 10 percent or greater interest in the business must sign the application for a permit as applicant. If a corporation is listed as owner of a sexually oriented business or as the entity which wishes to operate such a business, each individual having a 10 percent or greater interest in the corporation must sign the application for a permit as applicant.

e. The fact that a person possesses other types of state, county, or City permits and/or licenses does not exempt him from the requirement of obtaining a sexually oriented business permit.

§ 5-604 Issuance of permit and fee.

a. The City zoning administrator shall approve the issuance of a permit to an applicant within 30 days after receipt of an application unless he finds one or more of the following to be true:

- (1) An applicant is under 18 years of age.
- (2) An applicant or an applicant's spouse is overdue in his payment to the City of taxes, fees, fines, or penalties assessed against him or imposed upon him in relation to a sexually oriented business.
- (3) An applicant has failed to provide information reasonably necessary for issuance of the permit or has falsely answered a question or request for information on the applicant form.
- (4) An applicant is residing with a Person who has been denied a permit by the City to operate a sexually oriented business within the preceding 12 months, or residing with a person whose license to operate a sexually oriented business has been revoked within the preceding 12 months.
- (5) The premises to be used for the sexually oriented business have not been approved by the health department, fire department, and the building official as being in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.
- (6) The permit fee required by the ordinance codified in this section has not been paid.
- (7) An applicant of the proposed establishment is in violation of or is not in compliance with any of the provisions of the ordinance codified in this section.
- (8) The permit, if granted, shall state on its face the name of the person or persons to whom it is granted, the expiration date, and the address of the sexually oriented business. The permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the sexually oriented business so that it may be easily read at any time.

b. The annual fee for a sexually oriented business permit is \$500.00.

§ 5-605 Inspection.

An application of permittee shall permit representatives of the police department, health department, fire department, zoning department, or other City departments or agencies to inspect the premises of a sexually oriented business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the law, at any time it is occupied or open for business, and it is unlawful to refuse to permit such inspection of the premises at any time it is occupied or open for business.

§ 5-606 Expiration of permit.

a. Each permit shall expire twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and may be renewed only by making application as provided herein. Application for renewal should be made at least 30 days before

the expiration date, and when made less than 30 days before the expiration date, the expiration of the permit will not be affected except for good cause shown.

b. When the zoning administrator denies renewal of a permit, the applicant shall not be issued a permit for one year from the date of denial. If, subsequent to denial, the zoning administrator finds that the basis for denial of the renewal permit has been corrected or abated, the applicant may be granted a permit.

§ 5-607 Suspension of permit.

The zoning administrator may suspend a permit for a period not to exceed 30 days if he determines that a permittee or an employee of a permittee has:

- (1) Violated or is not in compliance with any section of this ordinance;
- (2) Engaged in excessive use of alcoholic beverages while on the sexually oriented business premises;
- (3) Refused to allow an inspection of the sexually oriented business premises as authorized by this chapter,
- (4) Knowingly permitted gambling by any person on the sexually oriented business premises.

§ 5-608 Revocation of permit.

a. The zoning administrator shall revoke a permit if a cause for suspension in § 5-607 occurs and the permit has been suspended within the preceding 12 months for willful and knowing violation of the ordinance codified in this section.

b. The zoning administrator shall revoke a permit if he determines that:

- (1) A permittee knowingly gave false or misleading material information in the application submitted to the zoning department during the application process;
- (2) A permittee or an employee has knowingly allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises;
- (3) A permittee or an employee has knowingly allowed prostitution on the premises;
- (4) A permittee or an employee knowingly operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the permittee's permit was suspended;
- (5) A permittee or an employee has knowingly allowed any act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, masturbation, or other sexual conduct to occur in or on the permitted premises;
- (6) A permittee is delinquent in payments to the City, county, or state for any taxes or fees past due related to the sexually oriented business.

c. When the zoning administrator revokes a permit, the revocation shall continue for one year, and the permittee shall not be issued a sexually oriented permit for one year from the date revocation became effective. If, subsequent to revocation the zoning administrator finds that the basis for the revocation has been corrected or abated, the applicant may be granted a permit if at least 90 days have

elapsed since the date the revocation became effective.

§ 5-609 Transfer of permit.

A permittee shall not transfer his permit to another, nor shall a permittee operate a sexually oriented business under the authority of a permit at any place other than the address designated in the application.

§ 5-610 Location of sexually oriented businesses; nonconforming uses.

a. A sexually oriented business may be located only within a Highway Commercial (HC) district.

b. A person commits a misdemeanor if he operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business outside of a designated HC district.

c. A person commits a misdemeanor if he operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of:

- (1) A church;
- (2) A public or private elementary or secondary school;
- (3) A boundary of any residential district;
- (4) A public park adjacent to any residential district;
- (5) The property line of a lot devoted to residential use;
- (6) A day care facility.

d. A person commits a misdemeanor if he causes or permits the operation, establishment, substantial enlargement, or transfer of ownership or control of a sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of another sexually oriented business.

e. A person commits a misdemeanor if he causes or permits the operation, establishment, or maintenance of more than one sexually oriented business in the same building, structure, or portion thereof, or the increase of floor areas of any sexually oriented business in any building, structure, or portion thereof containing another sexually oriented business.

f. For purposes of this Article, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of a church or public or private elementary or secondary school, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, or residential lot.

g. For purposes of this Article, the distance between any two sexually oriented businesses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located.

h. A sexually oriented business lawfully operating as a conforming use is not rendered a nonconforming use by the location, subsequent to the grant or renewal of the sexually oriented business

permit, of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, residential district, or a residential lot within 1,000 feet of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to the renewal of a valid permit, and does not apply when an application for a permit is submitted after a permit has expired or has been revoked.

§ 5-611 Additional regulations for adult motels.

a. Evidence that a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or a similar commercial establishment has been rented and vacated two or more times in a period of time that is less than ten hours creates a rebuttable presumption that the establishment is an adult motel as that term is defined in this chapter.

b. A person commits a misdemeanor if, as the person in control of a sleeping room in a hotel, motel, or similar commercial establishment that does not have a sexually oriented permit, he rents or subrents a sleeping room to a person and, within ten hours from the time the room is rented, he rents or subrents the same sleeping room again.

c. For purposes of this section, the terms “rent” or “subrent” mean the act of permitting a room to be occupied for any form of consideration.

§ 5-612 Regulations for exhibition of sexually explicit films or videos.

a. A person who operates or causes to be operated a sexually oriented business, other than an adult motel, which exhibits on the premises in a viewing room of less than 150 square feet of floor space, a film, video cassette, or other video reproduction which depicts specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Upon application for a sexually oriented permit, the application shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of one or more manager's stations and the location of all overhead lighting fixtures and designating any portion of the premises in which patrons will not be permitted. A manager's station may not exceed 32 square feet of floor area. The diagram shall also designate the place at which the permit will be conspicuously posted, if granted. A professionally prepared diagram in the nature of an engineer's or architect's blueprint shall not be required; however, each diagram should be oriented to the north or to some designated street or object and should be drawn to a designated scale or with marked dimensions sufficient to show the various internal dimensions of all areas of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches. The zoning administrator may waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the applicant adopts a diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration of the premises has not been altered since it was prepared.
- (2) The application shall be sworn to be true and correct by the applicant.
- (3) No alteration in the configuration or location of a manager's station may be made without the prior approval of the zoning administrator or his designee.

- (4) It is the duty of the owners and operator of the premises to ensure that at least one employee is on duty and situated in each manager's station at all times that any patron is present inside the premises.
- (5) The interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view from a manager's station of every area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose excluding restrooms. Restrooms may not contain video reproduction equipment. If the premises has two or more manager's stations designated, then the interior of the premises shall be configured in such a manner that there is an unobstructed view of each area of the premises to which any patron is permitted access for any purpose from at least one of the manager's stations. The view required in this subsection must be by direct line of sight from the manager's station.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator, and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises to ensure that the view area specified in subsection (5) of this section remains unobstructed by any walls, merchandise, display racks or other materials at all times and in every booth or room in which viewing of videos, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, is taking place the bottom of the door must be at least 18 inches above the floor level, and to ensure that no patron is permitted access to any area of the premises which has been designated as an area in which patrons will not be permitted in the application filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
- (7) No viewing room may be occupied by more than one person at any time.
- (8) The premises shall be equipped with overhead lighting fixtures of sufficient intensity to illuminate every place to which patrons are permitted access at an illumination of not less than one footcandle as measured at the floor level.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the owners and operator and it shall also be the duty of any agents and employees present in the premises to ensure that the illumination described above, is maintained at all times that any patron is present in the premises.

b. A person having a duty under this section commits a misdemeanor if he knowingly fails to fulfill that duty.

§ 5-613 Exemptions.

It is a defense to prosecution under this article that a person appearing in a state of nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

- (1) By a proprietary school, licensed by the state of South Carolina; a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
- (2) By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
- (3) In a structure:
 - (a) Which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other

- advertising that indicates a nude person is available for viewing; and
- (b) Where, in order to participate in a class a student must enroll at least three (3) days in advance of the class; and
 - (c) Where no more than one nude model is on the premises at any one time.

Article VII
Requirements for Modular Home Building

§ 5-614.

The following requirements must be followed in order to allow a modular building to be placed in the City of Barnwell.

1. All modular buildings must be placed on a permanent foundation;
2. All modular buildings must be certified by the South Carolina Building Codes Council as conforming to the International Building Code standards for site built units;
3. All proposed modular buildings to be set up in the City must be approved by the Zoning Administrator of the City Building Inspector prior to setup;
4. A Building Permit is required to place a modular building in the City;
5. A mobile home, house trailer, or manufactured home is not a modular building;
6. It is the purpose of these requirements to encourage, insofar as possible, that the placement of a modular building or structure be in harmony with the architectural character and complement and support the aesthetic and visual features of the area.

**Article VIII
Solar Use**

§ 5-700. Definitions

Photovoltaic System – An active solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

Solar Collector – A device, structure or a part of a device or structure (i.e. array, panel, etc.) installed for the sole purpose of the collection, inversion, storage, and distribution of solar energy. This device may be roof-mounted or ground-mounted as an accessory use.

Solar Energy – Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

Solar Farm – A use where a series of solar collectors are placed in an area for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power for an area greater than the principle use on the site or as the principle use on the site for off-site energy consumption. The use of solar collectors for personal or business consumption that occurs on-site is not considered a solar farm.

§ 5-701. Table of Conditional Permitted Uses

	R-15	R-12	R-7	RMF-NC
Solar Farm <less than 2 acres follow section 5-702				
Solar Farm >greater than 2 acres follow section 5-702				

§ 5-702. Standards for Solar Energy Uses

This section is intended to provide the opportunity for solar energy to serve as a viable form of energy generation while protecting public health, safety, and general welfare. All regulations in the zoning ordinance shall apply unless expressly allowed or modified in the below standards.

- A. Solar collectors shall be permitted as an accessory to use to existing structures or facilities in any zoning district under the following standards;
 - 1. Roof mounted solar systems shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted or built.
 - 2. Ground mounted solar systems shall meet the minimum zoning setbacks from

property lines for the zoning district in which it is located.

3. The maximum height for a ground mounted solar system under this standard is 15 feet as measured from the grade of the base of the collector to its highest point.

B. Solar farms on **<less than two (2) acres** in size shall meet the following standards:

1. In cases where buffers do not exist, a modified version of the Type B buffer as described in Article III of the Zoning Ordinance, shall be appropriate to the location of the site, the adjacent land use, and the area topography.

C. **All solar farms shall comply with the following:**

- Shall comply with all Building and Electrical codes.
- Shall not create a visual safety hazard for passing motorist or aircraft.
- Shall be removed, at the owner's expense, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of determination by the Zoning Administrator the facility is no longer being maintained in an operable state of good repair or no longer supplying solar power.

CHAPTER 6 ADMINISTRATION

§ 6-100 **Zoning Administrator.**

This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the City Administrator who shall have all powers and duties authorized by statute or ordinance for the Zoning Administrator. The duties of the Zoning Administrator shall include:

1. Interpretation of the terms and provisions of this ordinance;
2. Administration of this ordinance by the issuance of permits and certificates, including the collection of authorized fees;
3. Processing applications for appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator, variances and special exceptions;
4. Preparation of the record for appeal to circuit court from decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals;
5. Maintenance of a current zoning map, amendments to the zoning ordinance, and all public records related to zoning and planning;
6. Enforcement of the zoning ordinance, investigation and resolution of zoning complaints;
7. Administrative assistance to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission when authorized; and
8. Such other duties as may be authorized.

§ 6-101 **Zoning Permits.**

a. Permits required. No building, sign or structure shall be erected, moved, enlarged, altered or demolished without a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. No zoning permit shall be issued by the Zoning Administrator except for a use which is in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance or for a use authorized by order of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

b. Fees for permits. A fee established by regulation of City Council shall be paid for each zoning permit or certificate of zoning compliance issued by the Zoning Administrator.

c. Applications for permits. Applications for zoning permits shall be accompanied by plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot to be used, the sizes and locations of existing structures on the lot, the location and dimensions of a proposed structure or alteration. The application shall include such other information as may be required by the Zoning Administrator to determine conformance with this ordinance, including existing or proposed buildings or alterations, existing or proposed uses of buildings and land, number of families, housekeeping units, rental units, existing conditions on adjacent property. One copy of the plans shall be returned to the applicant with the signed approval or disapproval of the Zoning Administrator noted on the copy within a reasonable time.

d. Expiration of permits. If the work described in a zoning permit has not begun within six (6) months from the date of the permit, or within the time specified in a special exception, the permit shall expire and be void upon written notice by the Zoning Administrator.

§ 6-102 Certificates of Zoning Compliance.

a. Certificates required. It shall be unlawful for any person to use occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any building or property hereafter created, erected, changed, converted, altered or enlarged, in whole or in part, until a certificate of zoning compliance has been issued by the Zoning Administrator stating that the proposed use conforms to the requirements of this ordinance.

b. Nonconforming uses or structures. Uses or structures made nonconforming by this ordinance may not continue without a certificate of zoning compliance issued by the Zoning Administrator which shall state that the use or structure was in existence at the time of adoption or amendment of this ordinance. Issuance of the certificate shall be predicated upon the official records of the County Tax Assessor, City Business License records and utility records indicating the use of the property at the time of adoption or amendment of this ordinance. In the event such records are found to be inconclusive, the owner shall have the opportunity to provide documentation indicating use at the time in question for consideration and evaluation. The certificate of zoning compliance shall specify the features which are nonconforming, and may be used to establish a vested interest in continuation of the nonconformity.

c. Temporary uses. Certificates of zoning compliance may be issued and renewed by the Zoning Administrator for permitted temporary uses for the times permitted by zoning district regulations.

§ 6-103 Violations.

a. Misdemeanor; penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person to use property, or to construct, alter, enlarge or demolish any structure without a permit or permits required by this ordinance. Conviction for violation of this ordinance is punishable as a misdemeanor under the general penalty provisions of the City Code.

b. Withholding permits. The Zoning Administrator shall deny a zoning permit for any use or work which fails to comply with this ordinance. The Zoning Administrator or other appropriate official shall withhold all other City permits for work which violates this ordinance.

c. Complaints. A written complaint specifying facts showing a violation of this ordinance filed by any person shall be investigated by the Zoning Administrator. Upon determination that a violation has occurred, the Zoning Administrator shall take appropriate enforcement action authorized by this ordinance.

d. Stop work orders. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to issue a stop work order pursuant to SC Code § 6-29-950(A) requiring work to cease until specified code violations are corrected. Failure to

comply with a stop work order of the Zoning Administrator is a misdemeanor punishable under the general penalty provisions of the City Code. Issuance of a stop work order may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

e. Ordinance summons. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to issue an ordinance summons pursuant to City Code provisions for violations of this ordinance.

f. Arrest warrant. The Zoning Administrator, with concurrence of the City Attorney, is authorized to request the issuance of an arrest warrant for violations of this ordinance.

g. Injunction. The Zoning Administrator shall submit a request to the City Attorney for institution of a civil action seeking an injunction prohibiting violation of this ordinance when appropriate.

CHAPTER 7 APPEALS

§ 7-100 **Board of Zoning Appeals.**

a. Board established. A board of zoning appeals is hereby established which shall consist of five (5) members appointed by City Council for staggered terms of three (3) years. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the board may be removed by Council for cause.

b. Officers. The board shall elect or reelect one of its members as chairperson for a term on one year. The board may elect other officers as provided by its rules of procedure. The board shall appoint a secretary who may be an officer of the City approved by the City Administrator or a member of the board.

c. Rules of procedure. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and hearings. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the board shall be held at the City Hall at the call of the chairperson or at such times as the board may determine. Public notice of all hearings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and shall be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall. Notice of hearings on appeals for variances or special exceptions shall also be posted on or adjacent to property affected, with at least one notice visible from each public street abutting the property. The chairperson may administer oaths and compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member on each question, or if absent or failing to vote by reason of conflict, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions filed in the office of the secretary of the board as public records.

§ 7-101 **Powers and Duties of Board of Zoning Appeals.**

The board of zoning appeals has the following powers:

1. Appeal from Zoning Administrator. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Administrator may appeal that decision to the board of zoning appeals in writing on a form provided by the Zoning Administrator within fifteen (15) days after actual notice of the decision. An appeal stays the implementation of the decision of the Zoning Administrator unless he certifies to the board that a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property. The board may affirm or reverse, wholly or in part, or may modify the decision by a written order separately stating findings of fact and conclusions of law.

2. Variances. An owner or authorized agent may appeal to the board on a form provided by the Zoning Administrator for a variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when the strict application of regulations would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance may be granted if the board makes all of the following findings and conclusions in a written order:

- (a) there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (b) these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (c) because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property;
- (d) the authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance;
- (e) the effect of the variance would not allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in the zoning district; would not extend physically a nonconforming use of the land; and would not change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map.

The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, may not be considered grounds for a variance. In granting a variance, the board may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area, or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare. Failure to begin or complete an action for which a variance is granted within the time limit specified as a condition of the variance shall void the variance.

3. Special exceptions. An owner or authorized agent may appeal to the board on a form provided by the Zoning Administrator for a special exception for a use permitted by district regulations as a special exception after review, subject to applicable criteria. The board shall consider the following factors in determining whether a special exception should be granted, in addition to specific criteria in district regulations: (1) traffic impact; (2) vehicle and pedestrian safety; (3) potential impact of noise, lights, fumes, or obstruction of air flow on adjoining property; (4) adverse impact of proposed use on aesthetic character of the area; and (5) orientation and spacing of improvements or structures. The board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to relieve or reduce adverse impact of a special exception and to protect the character of the area.

§ 7-102 Fees for appeals to Board.

A fee of \$200.00 shall be paid for each appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals from a decision of the Zoning Administrator, for a variance or special exception.

§ 7-103 Appeal to Circuit Court.

A person having a substantial interest in a decision of the board of zoning appeals, or an officer of the City authorized by City Council, may appeal to circuit court by petition for review on grounds that the decision is contrary to law, filed with the clerk of court and secretary of the board within thirty (30) days after the decision of the board is mailed. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of filing a petition, the Zoning Administrator or secretary of the board, with assistance of the City Attorney, shall file with the clerk of court a certified copy of the board proceedings, including a transcript of evidence and findings and conclusions of the board.

CHAPTER 8 AMENDMENT

§ 8-100 Initiation of Amendment.

a. An amendment to the zoning ordinance text or zoning map may be initiated by adopted motion of City Council, adopted motion of the planning commission, or the Zoning Administrator. An amendment to the zoning map for changing a zoning district designation of property may be initiated by the owner of the property affected or by an agent authorized by the owner in writing.

b. An identical amendment to the district designation of the same or a portion of the same property for which a rezoning has been denied shall not be initiated more often than once in each twelve (12) month period after denial unless the planning commission determines either (1) there has been a substantial change in the character of the area, or (2) evidence or factors exist which were not considered in previous deliberations which might substantially alter the basis for the planning commission recommendation.

c. A zoning map amendment shall be initiated by an owner or agent on an application form provided by the Zoning Administrator, accompanied by required documents and information, and a filing fee established by resolution of City Council.

d. A complete application for amendment must be received at least three (3) weeks prior to a planning commission meeting in order to be considered at the meeting.

§ 8-101 Minimum district size.

No amendment shall be initiated which would create a new zoning district with an area of less than two (2) acres; provided, the minimum area for a PD (Planned Development) district shall be five (5) acres. The minimum requirement does not apply to extension of an existing residential district, or addition of NC or HC to the CC district.

§ 8-102 Amendment Procedure.

The following procedural steps are required for adoption of a text or map amendment:

1. Amendment shall be initiated pursuant to § 8-100.
2. Amendment ordinance shall be prepared in written form required by City Code.
3. Proposed amendment shall be referred to planning commission for review and recommendation. The planning commission shall not conduct a public hearing, but the property owner may be allowed to present oral or written comments. If oral or written comments are taken, the commission shall give other interested members of the public ten days' notice and

allow them to comment in the same fashion. Review shall include a determination of whether the proposed amendment is in conformity with the comprehensive plan. Planning Commission shall file with City Council its report and recommendation on the proposed amendment within thirty (30) days after receipt.

4. Newspaper notice of public hearing before City Council shall be published at least fifteen (15) days prior to hearing. The public hearing shall be scheduled for a date after the planning commission recommendation is due.

5. Notices of public hearing shall be posted on or adjacent to property to be rezoned, with one notice visible from each street bordering the property. Posted notices shall contain letters not less than one (1) inch in height.

6. Notices of public hearing shall be mailed to all adjacent landowners and to groups which have filed a written request for notices.

7. City Council may introduce amendment ordinance for first reading and hold public hearing on the same date. Planning commission recommendation shall be reviewed and considered, but it shall not be binding on City Council.

8. City Council may adopt or reject the amendment ordinance on second reading at least six days after first reading. Map amendments may be adopted or rejected for all or any portion of the property; however, a zoning district designation which was not included in the public notices shall not be adopted. An amendment may be withdrawn in writing by the initiator at any time prior to final action by City Council. A withdrawn amendment is not subject to the twelve (12) month limitation in SC § 8-100.

9. All amendments shall be noted and placed in the copy of the zoning ordinance maintained by the Zoning Administrator and in the official copy of the City Code maintained by the Municipal Clerk. Map amendments shall be reflected on the official zoning map.

