

Selections from Olympia Municipal Code Related to Restaurant Drive-Throughs

OMC 18.06.060 Commercial districts' use standards

F. Drive-Through and Drive-In Uses.

1. High Density Corridor-3 (HDC-3) Requirements. Businesses which serve customers exclusively in their vehicles are prohibited. This includes uses such as drive-through laundry pick-up agencies, drive-through-only banks, and drive-through photo processing services. This does not include car washes. Restaurants are not permitted to have drive-up or drive-through facilities.
2. Downtown Business and Urban Waterfront (UW) Requirements. Drive-through and drive-in uses are prohibited as a primary or accessory use (exception: drive-through banks are a conditional use). Existing drive-in and drive-through restaurants permitted before January 1, 1994, are conforming uses. Such uses shall be treated the same as other allowed uses, consistent with applicable regulations or conditional use requirements. Other uses made nonconforming by this zoning ordinance are subject to the requirements of Chapter [18.37](#), Nonconforming Buildings and Uses.
3. Pedestrian Streets** and Drive-Through or Drive-In Uses. Drive-through and drive-in uses are allowed on parcels that abut pedestrian oriented streets, as follows:
 - a. A Streets: Drive-through or drive-in uses are permitted on parcels abutting Pedestrian Oriented A Streets when there is another building(s) or a designated pedestrian plaza or other gathering space located between the drive-through or drive-in building and the street. In the event a pedestrian plaza or gathering space is located between the building and an "A" Street, provisions to prevent vehicles from entering the plaza or gathering space shall be provided (e.g. curb and a landscaped area, bollards, low masonry wall).
 - b. B Streets: Drive-through lanes are prohibited between the pedestrian oriented street and the building. Drive-through lanes may be located to the side or rear of the building when designed for the safety of pedestrians or bicyclists on the sidewalk or other internal designated routes for pedestrians and/or bicyclists.

U. Restaurants.

1. Downtown Business (DB) District Requirements. New drive-in and drive-through restaurants are not permitted. All existing drive-in and drive-through restaurants permitted before January 1, 1994, are conforming uses. Such uses shall be treated the same as other allowed uses, consistent with applicable regulations. Other uses made nonconforming by this zoning ordinance are subject to the requirements of Chapter [18.37](#), Nonconforming Buildings and Uses.
2. Medical Services (MS) District Requirements. Restaurants may be allowed as a conditional use where it can be demonstrated that the medical community or the consumers of medical services are clearly and primarily benefitted by the convenience of the facilities.
3. Restaurants in the Neighborhood Retail District shall be limited to one thousand (1000) square feet of gross floor area and shall not require nor include a Type I Hood as defined in the Uniform Mechanical Code.

** Maps of Pedestrian Overlay Districts in OMC 18.16

