

18.02.180 Definitions Revised 7/18

A. DEFINITIONS - SPECIFIC.

Abandon. To cease or suspend from developing or maintaining a building or use for a definite period of time.

Abandoned Activity. A business or activity with no reported sales or activity for a period of twelve (12) months, except temporary closures for repairs, alterations, or other similar situations. Land and/or buildings not in use for such period are considered vacant and unoccupied and may be subject to review including land use approval prior to renewal of use.

Abutting. Two or more parcels or buildings sharing a common boundary of at least one point.

Access. Safe, adequate, and usable ingress/egress (entrance/exit) to a property or use.

Accessory Dwelling Unit. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Accessory Structure. A structure detached from the principal building located on the same lot and customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building. Any part of the main building which shares a common wall and roof is considered a part of that building. A building or portion thereof is not considered attached if the attachment is by a covered breezeway. (See also Subordinate.)

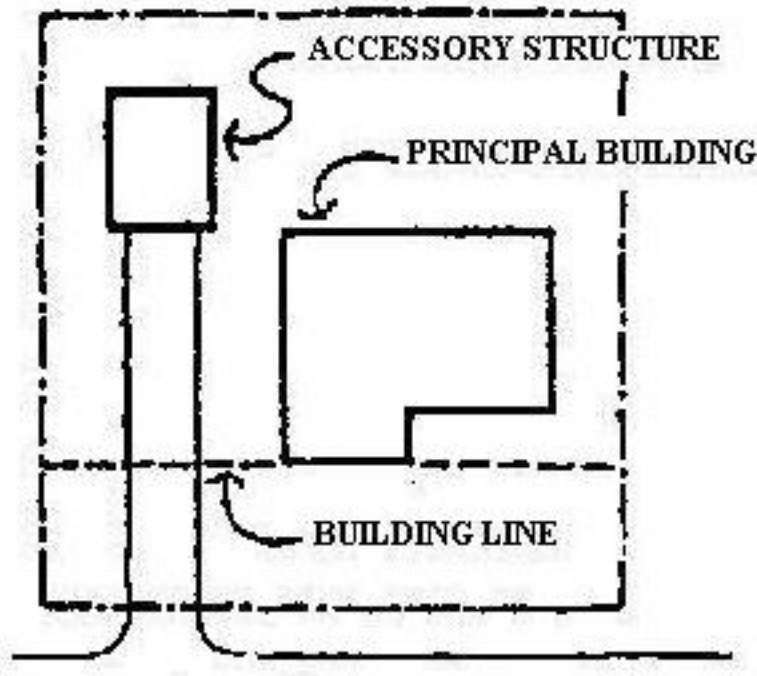


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Accessory Use. A use of land or a portion thereof customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the land and located on the same lot with the principal use, such as: garage sales; merchandise displays outside of a business; community oriented outdoor activity associated with schools, churches, and other non-profit organizations; and temporary contractor offices on a construction site.

Action. A decision made by the review authority(s) on a land use application, including any findings, environmental determination and conditions of approval.

Adult Day Care Home. See Dwelling, Assisted Living.

Adult Entertainment.

a. Any exhibition, performance, or dance of any type conducted in a premises where such exhibition, performance, or dance involves a person who is unclothed or in such costume, attire, or clothing as to expose any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or any portion of the pubic region, anus, buttocks, vulva, or genitals, or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, or wearing any device or covering exposed to view which simulates the appearance of any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or any portion of the pubic region, anus, buttocks, vulva, or genitals, or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely opaquely covered; or

b. Any exhibition, performance, or dance of any type conducted in a premises where such exhibition, performance, or dance is distinguished or characterized by a predominant emphasis on the depiction, description, simulation of, or relation to, the following specified sexual activities:

i. Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;

ii. Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, or sodomy; or

iii. Fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or female breast; provided, adult entertainment and specifically the "depiction, description, simulation of, or relation to" sexual activities described above, shall not be construed to include any form of actual sexual conduct as defined in this section.

c. Any exhibition, performance, or dance intended to sexually stimulate any patron and conducted in a premises where such exhibition, performance, or dance is performed for, arranged with, or engaged in with fewer than all patrons on the premises at that time, with separate consideration paid, either directly or indirectly, for such performance exhibition or dance. For purposes of example and not limitation, such exhibitions, performances, or dances are commonly referred to as table dancing, couch dancing, taxi dancing, lap dancing, private dancing, or straddle dancing.

Adult-Oriented Business. Shall mean the following businesses:

- a. Adult arcade. An establishment containing any individual viewing areas or booths, where, for any form of consideration, including a membership fee, one or more still or motion picture projectors, slide projectors, or similar machines, or other image producing machines are used to show films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproduction of sexual conduct, or adult entertainment.
- b. Adult cabaret. A night club, bar, restaurant, theater, or auditorium, or similar commercial establishment, whether or not alcoholic beverages are served, which presents adult entertainment.
- c. Adult motel. A hotel, motel, or similar commercial establishment which:
 - i. Offers sleeping accommodation to the public for any form of consideration and, as a significant purpose of its business, provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction of or description of sexual conduct or adult entertainment and are not rated G, PG, PG-13, NC-13, NC-17, or R by the Motion Picture Association of America; or
 - ii. Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours; or
 - iii. Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to sub rent the room for a period time that is less than ten (10) hours.
- d. Adult motion picture theater. A commercial establishment or drive-in theater where a significant portion of the films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are characterized by the depiction or description of adult entertainment or sexual conduct and are not rated G, PG, PG-13, NC-13, NC-17, or R by the Motion Picture Association of America and are shown for any form of consideration.
- e. Adult book store. A business having as a significant portion of its volume of trade the display, barter, rental and/or sale of books, printed matter, video tapes, discs or cassettes, films, pictures or other material or paraphernalia distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or adult entertainment, as defined herein. For purposes of this ordinance, "portion of its volume or trade" means that portion of the store's display space devoted to such material, or that portion of its gross receipts received from the sale of such material, whichever is greater.
- f. Other adult entertainment facility. Any commercial establishment to which any patron is invited or admitted and where adult entertainment is presented as a substantial part of the premises' activity, including but not limited to escort agencies, seminude or nude modeling studios, or similar establishments.

Affected Party. Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization of any character, significantly affected by or interested in an action before the Review Authority, including any party in a contested case.

Affordable Housing. Housing affordable to households with an income not greater than 80 percent of the median income for Thurston County as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Affordable housing should cost no more than 30 percent of gross household income (including utilities).

Agriculture. The use of land for farming, dairying, pasturing and grazing, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, apiaries, animal and poultry husbandry, and accessory activities, including, but not limited to, storage, harvesting, feeding or maintenance of equipment and onsite sales of agricultural products, but excluding stockyards, slaughtering or commercial food processing.

Airport or Heliport. Any area of land or structure designated and set aside for the landing and taking off of any aircraft regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Alley. A public or private way, at the rear or side of property, permanently reserved as a means of vehicular or pedestrian access to a property.

Alteration. Any change, addition or modification in construction or occupancy.

Alteration, Critical Area. Any change to, addition to, or modification of an existing use, including any human activity that results or is likely to result in an adverse impact on the existing condition of a critical area or its buffer. "Alteration" does not include passive recreation such as walking, fishing or similar low impact activities.

Amendment. The action whereby the content of this title is revised, including additions, deletions, or clarification of language, maps, or diagrams.

Amusement Activity. An indoor, covered or outdoor facility or building that contains various devices for entertainment, including coin or token-operated machines, rides, booths to conduct games or the sale of souvenir items.

Ancillary Structure, WCF. Any form of development associated with a wireless communications facility, including but not limited to: foundations, concrete slabs on grade, guy anchors, generators, and transmission cable supports; however, specifically excluding equipment cabinets.

Animals. Any living organism except a plant, fungus, virus, or bacterium. (See also Pet, Traditional.)

Animal Hospital. A place where animals or pets are given medical or surgical treatment and are cared for during the time of such treatment, including the accessory use of the premises as a kennel or a place where animals or pets are boarded for compensation.

Animal Kennel. See Kennel.

Animal Unit. One thousand pounds of live weight of any given livestock species or any combination of livestock species. For additional information, see the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service Animal Waste Field Handbook.

Antenna. Any apparatus designed for the transmitting and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves, including but not limited to: telephonic, radio or television communications. Types of elements include, but are not limited to: omni-directional (whip) antennas, sectionalized (panel) antennas, multi or single bay (FM and TV), yagi, or parabolic (dish) antennas.

Antenna Array. A single or group of antenna elements and associated mounting hardware, transmission lines, or other appurtenances which share a common attachment device such as a mounting frame or mounting support structure for the sole purpose of transmitting or receiving electromagnetic waves.

Antenna Element. Any antenna or antenna array.

Antenna Support Structure. A vertical projection composed of metal or other material with or without a foundation that is designed for the express purpose of accommodating antennas at a desired height. Antenna support structures do not include any device used to attach antennas to an existing building. Types of support structures include the following:

Guyed Structure. A style of antenna support structure consisting of a single truss assembly composed of sections with bracing incorporated. The sections are attached to each other, and the assembly is attached to a foundation and supported by a series of wires that are connected to anchors placed in the ground or on a building.

Lattice Structure. A tapered style of antenna support structure that consists of vertical and horizontal supports with multiple legs and cross bracing, and metal crossed strips or bars to support antennas.

Monopole Structure. A style of freestanding antenna support structure consisting of a single shaft usually composed of two or more hollow sections that are in turn attached to a foundation. This type of antenna support structure is designed to support itself without the use of guy wires or other stabilization devices. These facilities are mounted to a foundation that rests on or in the ground or on a building's roof.

Anti-Climbing Device. A piece or pieces of equipment, which are either attached to an antenna support structure, or which are freestanding and are designed to prevent people from climbing the structure. These devices may include but are not limited to fine mesh wrap around structure legs, "squirrel-cones," or other approved devices, but excluding the use of barbed or razor wire.

Apartment. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Apparel and Accessory Stores. Stores primarily engaged in selling new or used clothing, shoes, jewelry, and related articles for personal wear and adornment and stores which rent clothing such as costumes or formal wear.

Applicant. Owner(s) or lessee(s) of property, including their agent(s) who submit an application for development, including person(s) who have contracted to purchase property.

Arcade. A covered walk with shops along one side and a line of arches or columns on the other side.

Archaeological Sites. Any site or location of prehistoric or historic significance including, but not limited to, burial sites, camp sites, rock shelters, caves and their artifacts, implements and remains of preexisting native Americans.

Architectural Elements. Components that are part of a building, such as windows, doors, materials, details, and structural membrane.

Articulation. The giving of emphasis to architectural elements of a building (like windows, balconies, entries, etc.) that create a complementary pattern or rhythm, dividing large buildings into smaller identifiable pieces.

Ash, Incinerator. Particulate or solid residues resulting from the operation of incinerator or energy recovery facilities managing municipal solid waste, including solid waste from residential, commercial and industrial establishments, if the ash residues:

- a. Would otherwise be regulated as hazardous wastes under RCW [70.105](#); and
- b. Are not regulated as a hazardous waste under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42, U.S.C. Section 6910, et seq.

ASR. The Antenna Structure Registration Number as required by the FAA and FCC.

Attached Structure. Any structure that has an enclosed interior wall(s) and covered roof in common with another structure sufficient to constitute an occupiable room (i.e., seven feet wide or more). A structure connected to another structure only by a covered passageway is not considered attached. (See Detached Structure; note that structures conforming with neither definition must conform with requirements of this title for both types of structures.)

Auction. See Swap Meet.

Auditor. The Auditor of Thurston County, Washington.

Automobile Rental Agencies. This includes businesses primarily engaged in short-term rental or extended-term leasing of passenger cars, hearses, limousines, and the like, without drivers. Finance (equity or full-payout) leasing of automobiles is classified with Motor Vehicle Sales.

Automobile Wrecking. The wrecking, dismantling, or salvage of motor vehicles or trailers, or the storage of, sale of or recycling or disposal of dismantled, partly dismantled, or wrecked motor vehicles or their parts. (See also Junk or Salvage Facility.)

Awning. A structure affixed to a building which extends over windows, sidewalks or doors, principally as protection from sun and rain.

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Bank. See Office, Bank.

Bankfull Width (of Streams). Per WAC [222-16-010](#), the measurement of the lateral extent of the water surface elevation perpendicular to the channel at bankfull depth. In cases where multiple channels exist, bankfull width is the sum of the individual channel widths along the cross section. Field determination of the bankfull channel edge generally relies on changes in topography, vegetation, and sediment texture. Bankfull width is used to assess stream types per the Department of Natural Resources Stream Typing Classification System as required under OMC [18.32.435\(C\)](#).

Base Station. The electronic equipment utilized by the wireless providers for the transmission and reception of radio signals.

Bed and Breakfast House. See Dwelling, Transient Housing.

Berm. A mound or embankment of earth.

Bicycle, In Building Parking. A secure bicycle storage area located within a building where access is restricted to users only.

Bicycle Check-in Systems. A bicycle storage area providing long and short-term storage and which is managed by an attendant.

Bicycle Lockers. A box, cabinet or other storage device which individually protects a bicycle and its components, and which contains a see-thru window or view holes. Such lockers are typically coin operated, rented on a monthly basis or managed to ensure their proper use.

Bicycle, Limited Access Fenced in Areas. A restricted bicycle storage area that is protected from the weather and where access is supervised or limited to individual users.

Binding Site Plan. A drawing made and approved in accordance with the provisions of Title [17](#), Subdivision, and which contains inscriptions and attachments setting forth such appropriate limitations and conditions for the use of the land established by the city, and which contains provisions requiring any development to be in conformance with the site plan.

Bioengineering. The use of plant materials to stabilize and/or revegetate eroding stream channels and banks.

Blank Wall. Walls that meet the following criteria: A ground floor street wall or building wall or segment of a wall which is within 50 feet of the public rights-of-way and which is longer than 15 horizontal feet without having a ground level window door, or building facade modulation at least one foot in depth, or other architectural feature lying wholly or in part within that 15 feet length.

Block. Parcel(s) of land surrounded by public streets, highways, freeways, railroad rights-of-way, flood control channels, creeks, washes, rivers or unplatted acreage or any combination thereof.

Block Face. One complete side of a block, usually facing a public street.

Boarding Home. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Boat Sales and Rentals. A business primarily engaged in sales and/or rental of new and used motorboats, sailboats, and other watercraft. Businesses primarily engaged in the sale of supplies for recreational boating, such as sails, outboard motors, and marine hardware, are classified as Specialty Stores.

Boat Storage Facility. A facility meant to provide long-term shelter for watercraft and their accessories, e.g., canoes, sail boats, power boats, etc.; not including service, repair or sales.

Breakpoint Technology. The engineering design of a monopole wherein a specified point on the monopole is designed to have stresses concentrated so that the point is at least five percent more susceptible to failure than any other point along the monopole so that in the event of a structural failure of the monopole, the failure will occur at the breakpoint rather than at the base plate, anchor bolts, or any other point on the monopole.

Buffer. An area or distance from the critical area which is required for the continued maintenance, functioning, and/or structural stability of a critical area; or is necessary to minimize risk to the public.

Buildable Lot. A lot meeting all minimum requirements of size, shape, frontage, and sanitation contained in this Title and other ordinances of the city.

Building. A structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for the shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals, or property of any kind.

Building Area. The net portion of the lot remaining after deducting all required setbacks, public rights-of-way, critical area buffers and other required open space from the gross area of the lot.

Building Coverage. See Coverage, Building.

Building Line. A line parallel with the structural foundation located on the inside border of the required yard.

Building, Main. The principal building on a lot or building site designed or used to accommodate the primary use to which the premises is devoted. When more than one building on the premise is designed or used for the primary use, each such building is considered a main building.

Building Materials, Garden and Farm Supplies Store. This includes businesses primarily engaged in selling products such as lumber and other building materials; paint; glass; wallpaper; hardware; nursery stock; lawn and garden supplies including mowers and garden tractors; and farm supplies such as seeds, feeds, fertilizer, and farm tools. It includes such firms if they sell to the general public, even if they also sell to contractors; if they do not sell to the general public at all, they are classified as Wholesale Trade. Firms primarily selling plumbing, heating and air conditioning equipment, or electrical supplies are also classified as Wholesale Trade. Florists and other stores selling cut flowers and potted plants not grown on the premises are classified as Specialty Stores. (See also Greenhouse and Nursery.)

Building Site. A parcel of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a main building and its accessory buildings, together with all the open space and yards required by this Development Code.

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Caliper. The American Association of Nurserymen standard trunk measurement of nursery stock. Caliper of the trunk shall be the trunk diameter measured six inches above the ground for up to and including four inch caliper size, and twelve inches above the ground for larger sizes.

Canopy. A permanent flat roof-like structure attached to and supported by a building, used principally as protection from sun and rain. The structure may or may not incorporate a sign.

Carport. A roofed structure providing space for the parking of motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles or other equipment, and enclosed on no more than three sides.

Cemetery. Property used for the interment of the dead.

Certificate of Appropriateness. A letter or other document stating that proposed changes will not adversely affect the historic characteristics of the property that contribute to its designation.

Certificate of Occupancy. A permit issued by the Community Planning and Development Department prior to occupancy of a structure when the structure is ready for occupancy.

Change of Occupancy. A change in the existing occupancy classification of a building, structure, or land, or portion thereof, as established and defined by the Uniform Building Code then in effect. Land use approval by appropriate authority and a certificate of occupancy issued by the building official may be required for any such change

Change of Use. Any use that substantially differs from the previous use of a building or land. If a particular land use is undefined by this Development Code, the most similar use listed in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual shall be used. A change of ownership shall not be considered a change of use. (See also Thurston County Assessor SIC land use classifications.)

Child Day Care. The provision of supplemental parental care and supervision:

- a. For an unrelated child or children,
- b. On a regular basis,
- c. For less than 24 hours a day, and
- d. Under license by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

As used in this Development Code, the term is not intended to include babysitting services of a casual, non-recurring nature or in the child's own home. Likewise, the term is not intended to include cooperative, reciprocal child care by a group of parents in their respective domiciles.

Child Care Home, Family. A facility in the residence of the licensee providing regular scheduled care for twelve or fewer children, within a birth through eleven-years-of-age range exclusively, for periods of less than 24 hours.

Child Day Care Center. A facility providing regularly scheduled care for a group of children one month of age through 12 years of age for periods less than 24 hours.

Church. A building or structure, or groups of buildings or structures, that by design and construction are primarily intended for conducting organized religious services and associated accessory uses, not to include bingo or games of chance, nor schools which exceed normal religious service hours.

City. The City of Olympia.

City Council. The duly elected Mayor and Council Members of the City of Olympia.

Clear Sight Triangle. A triangular-shaped portion of land at street intersections in which nothing is erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to limit or obstruct the vision of vehicle operators entering or exiting the intersection. (See also Chapter [18.40](#).)

Clearing. The destruction or removal of vegetation from a site by physical, mechanical, chemical, or other means, not including landscape maintenance or pruning consistent with accepted horticultural practices which does not impair the health or survival of trees and vegetation.

Clinic. A place for outpatient medical services to human patients.

Closed Record Appeal. An administrative appeal following an open record hearing on a project permit application when the appeal is on the record with no new evidence or information allowed to be submitted and only appeal argument allowed. [See RCW [36.70B.020\(1\)](#)].

Club. An association of persons (whether or not incorporated) organized for some common purpose, not including a group organized primarily to render a service customarily carried on as a business. Retail warehouse buying clubs are not included in this definition. (See also Health Club and Country Club.)

Clustered Subdivision. A subdivision development in which building lots are sized to conform to the "footprint" of the structures and placed closer together than conventional development (usually in groups or clusters). The remaining undeveloped land is generally preserved as open space and/or recreation land. Private development easements around the structures are permitted for private landscaping, pools, spas, yards, and similar uses.

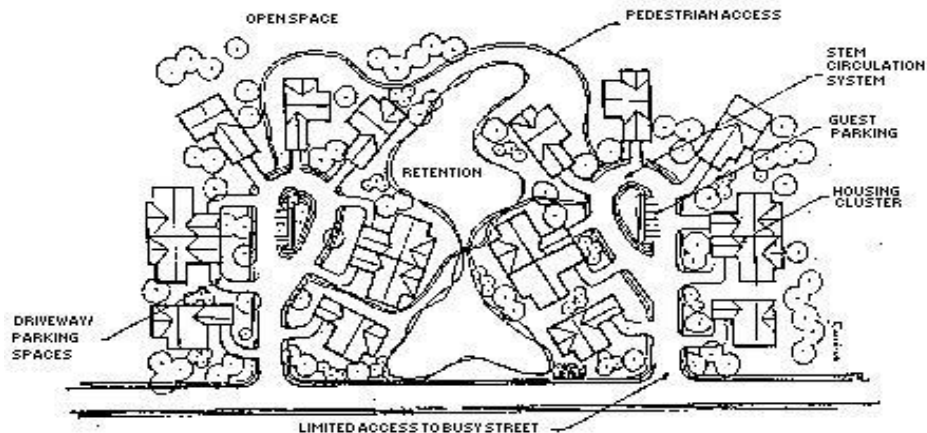


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Cocktail Lounge. See Drinking Establishments.

Co-Housing. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Collocation. The practice of installing and operating multiple wireless carriers, service providers, and/or radio common carrier licensees on the same antenna support structure or attached wireless communication facility using different and separate antenna, feed lines and radio frequency generating equipment.

Combined Antenna. An antenna or an antenna array designed and utilized to provide services for more than one wireless provider for the same or similar type of services.

Commercial Vehicle. A vehicle customarily used as part of a business for the transportation of goods or people.

Commission. The Planning Commission of the City of Olympia.

Common Structure. A commonly owned structure intended for the common use of all residents of the development which meets the requirements of Section [18.04.060\(F\)\(1\)](#).

Community Clubhouse. A privately owned structure in which inhabitants of a neighborhood or subdivision, or members of a neighborhood association gather for meetings and other activities.

Community Park. An area intended for use by the community for active and/or passive recreation activities. Such parks may contain large areas such as lake fronts, parkways, forest areas, picnic areas, arts facilities and regulation size athletic fields designed for organized competitive sports such as softball, baseball or soccer.

Compensation. Types of compensation include, but are not limited to the following:

In-Kind. Replacement of a habitat type with substitute habitat whose characteristics closely approximate those destroyed or degraded by an allowable use or activity.

Off-Site. Replacement of a specific habitat type away from the site on which a habitat type has been impacted by an allowable use or activity.

On-Site. Replacement of a habitat type at or within 500 feet of the site on which the habitat type has been impacted by an allowable use or activity.

Out-of-Kind. Replacement of a habitat type with a substitute habitat type whose characteristics do not closely approximate those destroyed or degraded by an allowable use or activity.

Compensation Project. Actions necessary to replace project-induced losses to the functional values of a critical area, including land acquisition, planning, construction plans, monitoring and contingency actions.

Complete Application. A written application for a project permit which meets the procedural submission requirements of the City and is sufficient for continued processing even though additional information may be required or project modifications may subsequently occur. To be complete, an application must include all required information, elements, attachments and supplemental studies or reports as set forth in the applicable

section of the Olympia Municipal Code and as described on the approved application form, including any environmental checklist required by OMC Chapter [14.04](#); all insufficient detail for the reviewing authority to determine whether or not such application conforms with applicable regulations and standards. An application including such information which does not conform or is inconsistent with such regulations and standards shall nonetheless be deemed complete. See RCW [36.70A.440](#).

Complete Application, Date of. The date upon which the City has received all necessary information, forms, and fees required for the City to issue a determination of completeness. The date of complete application may precede the date upon which such determination is issued.

Comprehensive Plan. The plan adopted by the City Council to guide the physical growth and improvement of the city, including any future amendments and revisions.

Conditional Use Permit. A discretionary permit granted under the provisions of this Development Code and which, when granted, authorizes a specific use to be made of a specific property, subject to compliance with all terms and conditions imposed on the permit.

Condominium. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Conference Center. A facility used for seminars, conventions, symposiums and similar uses, with meeting rooms and possibly food preparation and eating facilities.

Confidential Shelter. See Dwelling, Assisted Living.

Conforming Use. A land use consistent with the list of permitted uses for the district in which it is located, or otherwise designated as a conforming use in that district.

Congregate Care Senior Housing. See Dwelling, Assisted Living.

Consistency with Comprehensive Plan. Performance in accordance with and complying and conforming with state law and the Olympia Comprehensive Plan as determined by consideration of the type of land use, the level of development, infrastructure, and the character of the development. [See RCW [36.70B.040](#)].

Construction Permit. A building permit or engineering permit issued by the City of Olympia or other public agency authorizing specific physical alteration of land or alteration, installation, placement or creation of structures attached to land, including land covered by water.

Construction Permit, SEPA-exempt. A construction permit or license exempt from the threshold determination and environmental impact statement requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act, such as an electrical, mechanical, plumbing or single-family building permit, and installation permits for lateral utility lines.

Contiguous Land. Parcels adjoining and touching other land and having the same owner regardless of whether or not portions of the parcels have separate tax lot numbers, were purchased at different times, lie in different sections, are different government lots or are separated from each other by private roads or private rights-of-way.

Contributing Historic Property. A property within a designated historic district listed as having enough historic significance to have been listed as a "contributing" property during the historic district approval process.

Convalescent Home. See Dwelling, Assisted Living.

Cornice. Any ornamental molding which protrudes along the top of a building.

Cottage Housing. See Dwelling, Conventional.

Country Club. A private or public membership facility designed for tennis, swim and other recreational activities except riding stables. Such uses and activities may be grouped around a clubhouse containing a restaurant, banquet and meeting room facilities. (See also Golf Course.)

County. Thurston County.

Courtyard. An open, unoccupied space, other than a yard, on the same lot with a building and bounded on two or more sides by the walls of a building.

Covenant. See Restrictive Covenant.

Coverage, Building. The portion of a lot covered by the principal and accessory building floor area including all areas covered by a weather-tight roof, excluding two feet of eaves.

Coverage, Impervious. The area which is occupied or covered by all impervious surfaces including the total horizontal surface of all buildings, except two feet of eaves. (See Net Site Area and Impervious Surface definitions.)

Crematorium. A facility that uses heat or fire to reduce human or animal remains to ashes.

Creek. See Stream.

Crisis Intervention Service. A mental health agency that offers 24 hour counseling, instruction and referral to persons in critical situations. This service is provided by telephone only and not in-person. Crisis intervention services are defined and regulated in Chapter [275-56-350](#) of the Washington Administrative Code. Such facilities may be characterized by a need for location confidentiality. This is not defined as a Business Office nor a Government Office.

Critical Area. Any of the following areas and ecosystems:

- a. Wellhead Protection Areas,
- b. Important Habitats and Species,
- c. Streams and Priority Riparian Areas,
- d. Wetlands, and
- e. Geological Hazard Areas.

Critical Area Tract. An area containing a critical area and/or buffer and that is subject to a recorded critical area protection restriction. (See Tract)

Culvert. A conveyance device (e.g., concrete box, pipe) which conveys water under (usually across) a roadway or embankment.

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Dangerous Waste. Any discarded, useless, unwanted or abandoned substances, including but not limited to certain pesticides, or any residues or containers of such substances which are disposed of in such quantity or concentration as to pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, wildlife, or the environment because such wastes or constituents or combinations of such wastes:

- a. Have short-lived, toxic properties that may cause death, injury or illness or have mutagenic, teratogenic or carcinogenic properties; or
 - b. Are corrosive, explosive, flammable or may generate pressure through decomposition or other means.
- (See also Hazardous Waste, Extremely.)

Date of Filing. The date that a complete and accurate application is submitted and appropriate fees paid.

Days. Consecutive calendar days unless otherwise stated.

Decorative Grille Work. Grille work which through the use of material, geometric pattern, configuration, embellishment, or workmanship exceeds the normal functional requirements. Parallel vertical bars - resembling a jail cell pattern - are not considered decorative grille work.

Dedication. The deliberate appropriation of land by an owner(s) for any general and public uses, reserving to themselves no other rights than such as are compatible with the full exercise and enjoyment of the public uses to which the property is to be devoted. The intent to dedicate shall be evidenced by the owner by the

presentment for filing of a final plat, short plat or binding site plan which shows the dedication thereon. Acceptance by the public shall be evidenced by written approval issued by the city of such document for filing with the County Auditor.

Deficiency, Application. The lack of an element or information which results in an application being deemed not complete, or which otherwise prevents meaningful review and rendering of a decision regarding the application. A deficiency includes an element or information which is absent, is inaccurate or in some other aspect does not conform with applicable regulations and standards, and supplemental information or studies required to review an application. Erroneous or misleading information intentionally included in an application shall constitute a deficiency.

Department. The City of Olympia Community Planning and Development Department.

Design. The planning and engineering of street alignments, grades and widths; drainage and sanitary facilities and utilities, including alignment and grades thereof; location and size of all required easements and rights-of-way; fire roads and fire breaks; lot size and configuration; vehicle access; grading; land to be dedicated for park or recreational purposes; building and other accessory physical requirements.

Design Review. The evaluation of a site, building, landscape design plan or sign program submitted to the Design Review Board or staff, which may approve or deny the plan in part, or make further design recommendations based upon adopted guidelines.

Design Review Board. A committee with a balance of design professionals (architecture, planning, engineering, landscape architecture) and citizens who are appointed by the City Council.

Detached. Any building or structure that does not have a wall and roof in common with any other building or structure and where exterior walls are separated by six feet or more. (See Attached Structures; note that structures conforming with neither definition must conform with the requirements of this title for both types of structures).

Determination of Completeness. A written determination by the director or fire chief or their respective designees that all required elements of an application have been received by the City. This determination initiates the statutory review period for the application, if any, and subject to certain exceptions, entitles the applicant to have the application considered and reviewed pursuant to the laws, regulations and standards in effect on the date the application was complete.

Development. The division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any structure; any mining, excavation, landfill, clearing or land disturbance; or any change of use or extension of the use of land. (See also Improvement.)

Development Area, WCF. The area occupied by a wireless communications facility including areas inside or under the following: an antenna support structure's framework, equipment cabinets, ancillary structures and access ways.

Development Code. A text incorporating areas of regulation more typically presented in separate zoning and subdivision ordinances and related chapters of the Municipal Code.

Development Coverage. Except where the context indicates otherwise, "development coverage" has the same meaning as impervious coverage.

Development Permit. Any land use permit which must be approved prior to the improvement and development of land or structures.

Director. The Director of the City of Olympia Community Planning and Development Department, and the Director's designees.

District or Zone. A specific area designated on the official zoning map of the city as one of the use districts as provided for in this title; such area is subject to all the requirements and regulations applicable to such district.

Dormitory. A residential structure intended principally for sleeping accommodations, where no individual kitchen facilities are provided, and which is related to an educational or public institution or is maintained and operated by a non-profit welfare organization.

Drinking Establishment. A business primarily engaged in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, including night clubs, bars, and taverns. A lounge operated as part of a restaurant is considered to be accessory to the restaurant.

Drinking Water Protection Area. See OMC [18.32.205](#).

Drip Line. An imaginary ground line around a tree or building that defines the outermost limits of the tree canopy or building roof eave.

Drive-in Theater. An open lot devoted primarily to the showing of motion pictures.

Drive-Through Restaurant. See Restaurant, Drive-Through.

Dwelling Unit. See definition for single-family. Various types of housing or human shelter, which are listed below and categorized by use.

a. Dwelling, Conventional.

- i. Accessory Dwelling Unit. A dwelling unit that has been added onto, created within, or separated from a single-family detached dwelling for use as a complete independent living unit with provisions for cooking, sanitation and sleeping.
- ii. Apartment. A dwelling within a structure designed and used for occupancy by three or more individual persons or families living independently of each other. These structures include triplexes, fourplexes, and other multi-unit configurations.
- iii. Boarding Home. Any home or institution, however named, which is advertised, announced or maintained for the express or implied purpose of providing board and domiciliary care to three or more aged persons not related by blood or marriage to the operator, under the provisions of Chapter [18.20](#) RCW. It shall not include any home, institution or section thereof which is otherwise licensed and regulated under the provisions of state law providing specifically for the licensing and regulation of such home, institution or section thereof. (See also Dwelling, Assisted Living.)
- iv. Co-Housing. Co-housing developments consist of two or more dwelling units, one or more shared community structures (e.g., containing a meeting hall, dining hall/kitchen, community center, or day care) and perhaps a community garden, recreation area, or similar community oriented use.
- v. Condominium. A development consisting of an undivided interest in common for a portion of a parcel coupled with a separate interest in space in a residential or commercial building on the parcel.
- vi. Cottage Housing Development. Four or more small, detached dwelling units sharing a commonly owned courtyard/common area and parking area.
- vii. Duplex. One building containing two single-family dwelling units totally separated from each other by a one-hour fire wall or floor.
- viii. Guest House. Living quarters without kitchen facilities located on the same lot with a principal building and occupied for the sole use of members of the family, temporary guests, or persons permanently employed on the premises. (See also Accessory Dwelling Unit.)
- ix. Manufactured Home. A single-family residence constructed after June 15, 1976, and installed in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for manufactured housing and bearing the appropriate insignia indicating such compliance.
- x. Manufactured Home, Designated. A manufactured home constructed after June 15, 1976, in accordance with state and federal requirements for manufactured homes, and which meets the requirements of OMC [18.04.060.O](#).

xi. **Manufactured Home, New.** Any manufactured home required to be titled under Title [46](#) RCW, which has not been previously titled to a retail purchaser, and is not a "used mobile home" as defined in RCW [82.45.032](#)(2).

xii. **Mobile Home.** A single-family residence transportable in one or more sections, built on a permanent chassis, designed to be used as a permanent dwelling and constructed before June 15, 1976.

xiii. **Modular Home.** A structure constructed in a factory and installed in accordance with the applicable Building Code and bearing the appropriate insignia indicating such compliance. This definition includes "pre-fabricated," "panelized" and "factory built" units.

xiv. **Single-Family Dwelling.** A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for a family, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, cooking and sanitation.

xv. **Single-Room Occupancy.** A housing type consisting of one room with cooking facilities and with shared bathroom facilities. (See also Boarding Home, Lodging House and Bed and Breakfast.)

xvi. **Townhouse.** A single-family dwelling unit which is part of a group of two or more such units separated by a completely independent structural wall (including utilities in separate walls), extending from the ground to the roof in accordance with the applicable Building Code and which has no doors, windows or other provisions for human passage or visibility through the wall. In certain zoning districts, such dwelling units are platted with common side and/or rear property lines between the structural walls. See Chapter [18.64](#).

b. **Dwelling, Transient.**

i. **Bed and Breakfast.** A dwelling for the purpose of providing lodging for travelers and guests for a period of less than two weeks for compensation and having at least one kitchen used to provide breakfast but no other meals. Such dwelling shall have no more than five such guest rooms for persons other than the immediate family of the operator occupying such dwelling. Any such dwelling having over five such guest rooms is a hotel.

ii. **Hotel.** Any building containing six or more guest rooms where lodging, with or without meals, is provided for compensation, and where no provisions are made for cooking in any individual room or suite.

iii. **Lodging House.** A dwelling having only one kitchen and used for the purpose of providing lodging, or lodging and meals, for compensation for no more than five persons other than the members of the immediate family of the operator occupying such dwelling. Any such dwelling having over five such guests is considered a hotel. (See also Boarding Home.) [NOTE: A lodging house allows for an unlimited stay, unlike a Bed and Breakfast which is limited to two weeks.]

iv. Motel. Guest rooms or suites occupied on a transient basis often with most rooms gaining access from an exterior walkway. (See also Recreational Vehicle.)

v. Trailer House. See Recreational Vehicle.

c. Dwelling, Assisted Living.

i. Adult Day Care Home. A residence in which adults (at least 18 years in age) and who are not related to the caregiver stay for no more than 12 hours per day. Emergency medical care may be provided in such facilities, but not convalescent care. (See also Convalescent Home and Elder Care Home.)

ii. Convalescent Home. Any home, place, institution or facility which provides convalescent or chronic care, or both, for a period in excess of 24 consecutive hours for three or more patients not related by blood or marriage to the operator, who by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable properly to care for themselves. Such establishment shall be duly licensed by the State of Washington as a "nursing home" in accordance with the provisions of Chapter [18.51](#) RCW.

iii. Congregate Care Facilities. A building or complex of dwellings specifically designed for occupancy by senior citizens which provides for shared use of facilities, such as kitchens, dining areas, and recreation areas. Such complexes may also provide kitchens and dining space in individual dwelling units. Practical nursing care may be provided, but not nursing care as described in Section [18.04.060](#)(S).

iv. Elder Care Home. An elder care home or adult family home in the primary residence of a person licensed pursuant to Chapter [70.128](#) RCW to provide personal care, room, and board for one to five adults (at least 18 years of age) who are not related to the caregiver. Home health care and limited nursing care (dispensing of medicine and emergency medical aid) may be provided, but not convalescent care. (See also Convalescent Home, and Boarding Home.)

v. Group Homes. A place of residence for the handicapped, physically or mentally disabled, developmentally disabled, homeless, or otherwise dependent persons. Group Homes are intended to provide residential facilities in a home-like environment. Such homes range from licensed establishments operated with 24 hour supervision to non-licensed facilities offering only shelter. They shall not include correctional facilities (except as authorized by Chapter [137-56](#) and [137-57](#) WAC for work/training release programs), nursing homes, Type III group care facilities, foster family homes, or adult family homes as defined by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services or its successor agency. Group homes include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Confidential Shelters. Shelters for victims of domestic violence as defined and regulated in Chapter [70.123](#) RCW and Chapter [388-61A](#) WAC. Such facilities are characterized by a need for confidentiality.

(b) Home for the Disabled. A home or other facility which provides board and domiciliary care to individuals who, by reason of infirmity, require such care. An infirmity may be based on conditions including, but not limited to, physical handicap, mental illness, and other developmental disabilities. These group homes are a type of boarding home, as defined and regulated in Chapter [18.20](#) RCW. However, boarding homes serving the aged infirm are not included in this definition.

(c) Homeless Shelter. A facility offering lodging and/or emergency shelter to homeless individuals for an indefinite period of time and meeting the standards of Chapter [248-144](#) WAC.

(d) Group Home for Youth. Any home maintained and operated for the care of children on a 24 hour basis as defined and regulated in Chapter [388-73](#) WAC and Chapter [74.15](#) RCW.

(e) Group Home for Offenders. A home or other facility operated for housing and supervision of work/training release residents during their stay in a work/training release program as defined and regulated in Chapters [137-56](#) and [137-57](#) WAC.

vi. Hospice Care Center. Facilities licensed under Chapter [70.41](#) RCW which provide for the emotional and physical care of terminally ill patients. Such centers provide food, lodging, and palliative care on a full-time (24 hour) basis for two or more people, unrelated to the Center's operator, who are in the latter stages of a disease expected to cause death.

vii. Nursing Homes. See Convalescent Home.

viii. Rest Home. See Congregate Care.

E. DEFINITIONS - SPECIFIC.

Easement. A right of one owner of land to make lawful and beneficial use of the land of another, created by an express or implied agreement.

Easement, Conservation. The grant of a property right stipulating that the described land will remain in its current state, precluding future or additional development.

Easement, Scenic. An easement the purpose of which is to limit development in order to preserve or enhance a view or scenic area.

Elder Care. See Dwelling, Assisted Living.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. Structures, machinery, and equipment necessary and integral to support an electric vehicle, including battery charging stations, rapid charging stations, and battery exchange stations.

- a. "Battery charging station" means an electrical component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles.
- b. "Battery exchange station" means a fully automated facility that will enable an electric vehicle with a swappable battery to enter a drive lane and exchange the depleted battery with a fully charged battery through a fully automated process.
- c. "Charging levels" means the standardized indicators of electrical force, or voltage, at which an electric vehicle's battery is recharged. The terms 1, 2, and 3 are the most common electric vehicle charging levels, and include the following specifications:
 - i. Level 1 is considered slow charging. Level 1 is present in homes and businesses and typically operates on a 15- or 20-amp breaker on a 120-volt Alternating Current (AC) circuit and standard outlet.
 - ii. Level 2 is considered medium charging. Typically, Level 2 is for home and public charging and operates on a 40-amp to 100-amp breaker on a 208 or 240-volt AC circuit.
 - iii. Level 3 is considered fast or rapid charging. Level 3 is primarily for commercial and public applications (e.g., taxi fleets and charging along freeways) and typically operates on a 60-amp or higher dedicated breaker on a 480-volt or higher three-phase circuit with special grounding equipment.
- d. "Electric vehicle" means any vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the grid, or an off-board source, that is stored on-board for motive purpose. "Electric vehicle" includes any one of the following: (1) a battery electric vehicle; (2) a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle; (3) a neighborhood electric vehicle; and (4) a medium-speed electric vehicle.

Emergency. An imminent threat to health, safety, or welfare, or an imminent risk of substantial damage to public or private property.

Emergency (Homeless) Housing. A temporary housing facility that may include tents and small structures organized and managed as temporary accommodations for homeless people, and hosted by entities described in OMC 18.50.

Emergency Housing. A temporary shelter usually in the form of a mobile home which is occupied only during the period of reconstruction of a dwelling following damage sustained by fire, explosion, act of nature or act of public enemy.

Emergency Repair. Work necessary to prevent destruction or dilapidation of real or personal property or structures immediately threatened or damaged by fire, flood, earthquake or other disaster.

Entertainment Event. Includes any festival, sporting event, celebration, circus, carnival, fair, or other similar event open to the public.

Chapter 18.04 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS Revised 10/17

18.04.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

- [18.04.020](#) Purposes.
- [18.04.040](#) Permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses.
- [18.04.060](#) Residential districts' use standards. Revised 10/17
- [18.04.080](#) Residential districts' development standards. Revised 10/17
- [18.04.090](#) Additional regulations.

18.04.020 Purposes

A. The general purposes of the residential districts contained in this chapter are as follows:

1. To provide a sustainable residential development pattern for future generations.
2. To encourage development of attractive residential areas that provide a sense of community and contain a variety of housing types to accommodate different lifestyles and household sizes.
3. To maintain or improve the character, appearance, and livability of established neighborhoods by protecting them from incompatible uses, excessive noise, illumination, glare, odor, and similar significant nuisances.
4. To establish a compact growth pattern to efficiently use the remaining developable land; enable cost effective extension and maintenance of utilities, streets and mass transit; and enable development of affordable housing.
5. To enable community residents to reside and work within walking or bicycling distance of mass transit, employment centers, and businesses offering needed goods and services in order to reduce traffic congestion, energy consumption, and air pollution.
6. To provide for development of neighborhoods with attractive, well connected streets, sidewalks, and trails that enable convenient, direct access to neighborhood centers, parks, and transit stops.
7. To ensure adequate light, air, and readily accessible open space for each dwelling unit in order to maintain public health, safety, and welfare.

8. To ensure the compatibility of dissimilar adjoining land uses.
9. To protect or enhance the character of historic structures and areas.
10. To provide residential areas of sufficient size and density to accommodate the city's projected population growth, consistent with Section [36.70A.110](#), RCW.
11. To preserve or enhance environmental quality and protect ground water used as a public water source from contamination.
12. To minimize the potential for significant flooding and allow recharge of ground water.
13. To allow innovative approaches for providing housing, consistent with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
14. To ensure that development without municipal utilities is at a density and in a configuration that enables cost effective urban density development when municipal utilities become available.

B. The additional purposes of each individual residential district are as follows:

1. Residential - 1 Unit Per 5 Acres. This designation provides for low-density residential development in designated sensitive drainage basins in a manner that protects aquatic habitat from degradation.
2. Residential Low Impact (RLI). To accommodate some residential development within sensitive drainage basis at densities averaging from two (2) to four (4) units per acre, provided that the development configuration avoids stormwater and aquatic habitat impacts.
3. Residential - 4 Units per Acre (R-4 and R-4CB). To accommodate residential development in areas sensitive to stormwater runoff in a manner and at a density (up to four (4) units per acre) that avoids stormwater related problems (e.g., flooding and degradation of environmentally Critical Areas).
4. Residential 4-8 Units per Acre (R 4-8). To accommodate single-family houses and townhouses at densities ranging from a minimum of four (4) units per acre to a maximum of eight (8) units per acre; to allow sufficient residential density to facilitate effective mass transit service; and to help maintain the character of established neighborhoods.
5. Residential 6-12 Units per Acre (R 6-12). To accommodate single-family houses, duplexes and townhouses, at densities between six (6) and twelve (12) units per acre, in locations with frequent mass transit service (existing or planned). This includes areas along or near (e.g., within one-fourth

(¼) mile) arterial and major collector streets. Parcels located in the High Density Corridor Transition Area are allowed triplex and fourplex housing types (18.04.060(FF)).

6. Mixed Residential 7-13 Units per Acre (MR 7-13). To accommodate a compatible mixture of houses, duplexes, townhouses, and apartments in integrated developments with densities averaging between seven (7) and thirteen (13) units per acre; to provide a broad range of housing opportunities; to provide a variety of housing types and styles; and to provide for development with a density and configuration that facilitates effective and efficient mass transit service. This district generally consists of parcels along arterial or collector streets of sufficient size to enable development of a variety of housing types.

7. Mixed Residential 10-18 Units per Acre (MR 10-18). To accommodate a compatible mixture of single-family and multifamily dwellings in integrated developments close to major shopping and/or employment areas (at densities averaging between ten (10) and eighteen (18) units per acre); to provide a variety of housing types and styles; to provide for development with a density and configuration that facilitates effective and efficient mass transit service; to provide opportunities for people to live close to work and shopping in order to reduce the number and length of automobile trips; and to enable provision of affordable housing.

8. Residential Multifamily - 18 Units per Acre (RM-18). To accommodate predominantly multifamily housing, at an average maximum density of eighteen (18) units per acre, along or near (e.g., one-fourth (¼) mile) arterial or major collector streets where such development can be arranged and designed to be compatible with adjoining uses; to provide for development with a density and configuration that facilitates effective and efficient mass transit service; and to enable provision of affordable housing.

9. Residential Multifamily - 24 Units per Acre (RM-24). To accommodate predominantly multifamily housing, at an average maximum density of twenty-four (24) units per acre, in locations close (e.g., one-fourth (¼) mile) to major employment and/or shopping areas; to provide for development with a density and configuration that facilitates effective and efficient mass transit service; and to enable provision of affordable housing.

10. Residential Multifamily - High Rise (RMH). To accommodate multifamily housing in multistory structures near the State Capitol Campus; to provide opportunities for people to live close to work, shopping, services and a major mass transit hub; to create a desirable living environment for residents of the district; and to ensure that new high rise buildings incorporate features which reduce their perceived scale and allow sunlight to reach street level.

11. Residential Mixed Use (RMU). To accommodate attractive, high-density housing, pedestrian oriented commercial and mixed-use development which reinforces downtown's historic character; to provide for coordinated pedestrian amenities; to preserve viable downtown housing; to enable

businesses to locate within walking distance of residences and offices; to provide a transition between commercial and residential districts; and to require new high rise buildings to incorporate features which reduce their perceived scale and allow sunlight to reach street level.

12. Urban Residential (UR). To accommodate multifamily housing in multistory structures in or near the State Capitol Campus; downtown, High Density Corridor, or other activity center areas; to provide opportunities for people to live close to work, shopping, and services; to help achieve City density goals, to create or maintain a desirable urban living environment for residents of the district; and to ensure that new urban residential buildings incorporate features which encourage walking and add interest to the urban environment.

13. Manufactured Housing Park (MHP). To accommodate mobile homes and manufactured housing in mobile/manufactured housing parks; to accommodate manufactured housing on individual lots; to accommodate single-family houses, duplexes and townhouses, at densities between five (5) and twelve (12) units per acre, in locations with frequent mass transit service (existing or planned). This includes areas along or near (e.g., within one-fourth (1/4) mile) arterial and major collector streets.

(Ord. 6594 §4, 2008; Ord. 6517 §7, 2007; Ord. 6404 §1, 2006; Ord. 6323 §2, 2004; Ord. 6140 §16, 2001; Ord. 5661 §6, 1996; Ord. 5517 §1, 1995).

18.04.040 TABLES: Permitted and Conditional Uses

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DISTRICT	R1/5	R-4	R-4CB	RLI	R 4-8	R 6-12	MR 7-13	MR 10-18	RM 18	RM 24	RMH	RMU	MHP	UR	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
Care, Elder Care Homes, Family Child Care Homes, and Bed & Breakfast Houses)															
Hospice Care	C			C			C	C	C	C	C	C		C	18.04.060(M)
Laundries											P	P		P	18.04.060(AA)
Nursery (Retail and/or Wholesale Sales)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C		18.04.060(G)
Offices												P		P	18.04.060(AA)(2)
Personal Services												P			
Pharmacies												P			
Restaurants, without Drive-In and Drive-Through												P			
Servicing of Personal Apparel and Equipment												P			
Specialty Stores												P			

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7. TEMPORARY USES															
<u>Emergency (Homeless) Housing</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>18.50</u>
Emergency Housing	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P		18.04.060(EE)
Model Homes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	18.04.060(EE)
Residence Rented for Social Event, 6 times or less in 1 year	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	18.04.060(EE)
Wireless Communication Facility	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	18.44.060
8. OTHER															
Animals	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(C)
Cemeteries		C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C			C		18.04.060(E)
Community Clubhouses	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Crisis Intervention	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18.04.060(I)
Fraternal Organizations											P	P		C	

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DISTRICT	R1/5	R-4	R-4CB	RLI	R 4-8	R 6-12	MR 7-13	MR 10-18	RM 18	RM 24	RMH	RMU	MHP	UR	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
Workshops for Disabled People	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18.04.060(R)

LEGEND

P = Permitted Use

C = Conditional Use

R-4 = Residential - 4

R 4-8 = Residential 4-8

R 6-12 = Residential 6-12

RLI = Residential Low Impact

MR 10-18 = Mixed Residential 10-18

RM 18 = Residential Multifamily - 18

MR 7-13 = Mixed Residential 7-13

RMH = Residential Multifamily High Rise

RMU = Residential Mixed Use

RM 24 = Residential Multifamily - 24

UR = Urban Residential

(Ord. 6759 §2, 2011; Ord. 6594 §5, 2008; Ord. 6592 §2, 2008; Ord. 6517 §8, 2007; Ord. 6404 §2, 2006).

Chapter 18.06 COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS Revised 10/17

18.06.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

- [18.06.020](#) Purposes.
- [18.06.040](#) Permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses.
- [18.06.060](#) Commercial districts' use standards.
- [18.06.080](#) Commercial districts' development standards (General).
- [18.06.100](#) Commercial districts' development standards (Specific). Revised 10/17
- [18.06.120](#) Additional regulations. Revised 10/17

18.06.020 Purposes

A. The general purposes of this Chapter are as follows:

1. To provide appropriate commercial areas for retail and service establishments, neighborhood convenience and office uses required by residents of the City in a manner consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. To provide employment opportunities for existing and future residents of the City and those of adjacent communities.
3. To provide for land uses which meet the needs of and attract regional populations, in addition to local residents.
4. To provide adequate space to meet the needs of commercial development, including off-street parking and loading.
5. To protect commercial and adjacent areas from excessive noise, illumination, unsightliness, odor, smoke, and other objectionable influences.
6. To provide for an intensity of development and activity within commercial areas which will increase their vitality, facilitate mass transit, and make better use of available infrastructure.
7. To accommodate a balanced mix of commercial, residential, and recreational uses in commercial areas which will enable people to live, shop, work, and play within walking distance; thereby reducing dependence on motor vehicles and potentially reducing traffic congestion, energy consumption, and air pollution.

8. To establish standards for the development of commercial areas which will make them easily accessible and inviting for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, as well as motorists.

9. To establish guidelines for the design of commercial areas which will improve their appearance, function, and appeal.

B. The purpose of each commercial district is as follows:

1. Community Retail District (CMR).

This district is intended to:

a. Permit businesses which offer the most frequently needed consumer goods and services, in districts of sufficient size to provide a relatively wide range of such goods and services.

b. Provide for site development standards which will achieve the clustering of buildings and/or business establishments in such fashion as to create a safe, convenient and attractive pedestrian environment, including access for transit riders and bicyclists, as well as safe and convenient parking and access.

c. Allow for clustering of commercial services along urban arterials adjacent to residential neighborhoods, in order to reduce the amount of vehicular travel required of the consumer to acquire such goods and services.

d. Allow for residential and mixed-use projects to increase the opportunities for people to live, work, shop, and recreate within walking distance.

e. Not locate new community retail districts closer than three-fourths of a vehicular mile from one another, or from any other district providing similar services or facilities.

2. Commercial Services - High Density District (CS-H).

This district is intended to:

a. Allow limited commercial services that supplement or enhance activities on the capitol campus, not large-scale retail sales for regional markets.

b. Allow high-density multifamily residences near the chief employment centers such as the Downtown Business District, the Capitol Campus, and the central waterfront.

c. Be located where high land values and public necessity warrant this type of development.

3. Auto Services (AS) District.

This district is intended to:

- a. Encourage development of a regional center for auto sales and services and related uses.
- b. Discourage development incompatible with auto sales and services.

4. Urban Waterfront (UW) District.

This district is intended to:

- a. Integrate multiple land uses in the waterfront area of downtown and the West Bay in a way that improves the City's appeal and identity as the Capital City on Budd Inlet.
- b. Encourage high-amenity recreation, tourist-oriented, and commercial development which will enhance public access and use of the shoreline.
- c. Encourage development that protects views of Budd Inlet, the Olympics, Mt. Rainier, and the Capitol, and preserves a sense of openness on the waterfront.
- d. Encourage water-dependent and water-related development (as defined in the Shoreline Master Program for the Thurston Region) on shoreline properties and permit light manufacturing uses which support nearby industrial and marine related uses.
- e. Provide shoreline public access to significant numbers of the population, which is a major goal of the Shoreline Master Program for the Thurston Region. It is also the intent of this district to integrate the policies of the Shoreline Master Program for the Thurston Region into zoning designations applicable to waterfront properties. It is not the intent of this district, however, to make the restrictions of the Shoreline Master Program legally applicable outside the shoreline management zone.

5. Downtown Business District (DB).

This district is intended to:

- a. Encourage a wide range of activities which make downtown Olympia the cultural, civic, commercial, and employment heart of the community.
- b. Retain existing downtown housing and encourage additional development of a dense mix of urban housing which is located near jobs, shopping, and transit.

- c. Provide a full range of urban services, tourism, recreation, and entertainment activities to support downtown workers, residents, and visitors.
- d. Encourage pedestrian-oriented land uses and design, in order to link downtown activity to the Capitol Campus and the waterfront, and to the gateways to the City.
- e. Permit development of a scale, height, and bulk which reinforces downtown Olympia's historic character, buildings, places, and street layout. Modern architecture is appropriate if it is consistent with the City's urban design vision.

6. General Commercial District (GC).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for those commercial uses and activities which are heavily dependent on convenient vehicular access.
- b. Encourage the location of such uses on sites having safe and efficient access to major transportation routes.
- c. Discourage extension of "strip" development by filling in available space in areas where substantial auto-oriented commercial development already exists.
- d. Provide development standards which enhance efficient operation of these districts, and lead to more pedestrian-oriented development.
- e. Achieve minimum adverse impact on the community, especially on adjacent properties having more restrictive development characteristics.

7. Medical Service District (MS).

This district is intended to:

- a. Allow the development of major and full-service health care facilities to serve a regional population.
- b. Permit the clustering of interrelated and complementary health care facilities.
- c. Permit limited types of nonmedical uses which provide convenience services primarily to medical facility users and employees.

- d. Allow relatively high density housing near medical facilities to help meet the needs of the large number of people employed there.
- e. Allow developments which will provide maximum convenience to medical facility users and employees, and an environment conducive to the healing arts. Incompatible land uses and traffic generated by uses other than those providing medical and related services are to be avoided.

8. Neighborhood Retail District (NR).

This district is intended to:

- a. Permit small retail establishments which offer a limited range of goods within a residential neighborhood.
- b. Protect existing neighborhood retail districts and permit new establishments where local economic demand and appropriate design can assure compatibility with the neighborhood.
- c. Be located not less than one-half (1/2) mile from another neighborhood retail district or any other commercial district providing similar services or facilities.
- d. Have a maximum size for a Neighborhood Retail district of not more than one (1) acre.
- e. Limit the size, scale and expansion of such establishments in order to minimize traffic volumes and congestion, and other adverse impacts on the neighborhoods in which said establishments are located.
- f. Ensure that development in this district is characterized by small buildings, low traffic generation, considerable walk-in trade, quiet operations and little or no night activity.

9. Professional Office/residential Multifamily District (PO/RM).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide a transitional area, buffering residential areas from more intensive commercial uses. Development within this district should be compatible with residential uses and generate low vehicular traffic characteristic of less intrusive uses.
- b. Provide for a compatible mix of office, moderate- to high-density residential, and small-scale commercial uses, in order to provide opportunities for people to live, work, and recreate in a pedestrian-oriented area.

10. High Density Corridor-1 (HDC-1).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for a compatible mix of office, moderate to high-density multifamily residential, and small-scale commercial uses.
- b. Ensure that residential and mixed-use projects are built within walking distance to transit.
- c. Establish a street edge that is as continuous as possible with buildings which are close to the street and which have multiple floors, distinctive windows facing the street, and entrances that are visible from the street.
- d. Ensure that projects are designed, using a neighborhood area design theme in order to blend with the historic buildings in the corridor and the adjacent neighborhoods.
- e. Create a safe, convenient, and attractive environment for pedestrians, transit riders and bicyclists, and which includes parking and convenient access for vehicles.

11. High Density Corridor-2 (HDC-2).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for a compatible mix of office, medium intensity commercial and moderate to high-density multifamily residential uses.
- b. Ensure that residential and mixed-use projects are built within walking distance to transit.
- c. Establish a street edge that is as continuous as possible with buildings which are close to the street and which have multiple floors, distinctive windows facing the street, and entrances that are visible from the street.
- d. Ensure that projects (buildings) are designed, using a neighborhood area design theme in order to blend with the historic buildings in the corridor and the adjacent neighborhoods.
- e. Create a safe, convenient, and attractive environment for pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists, and which includes parking and convenient access for vehicles.

12. High Density Corridor-3 (HDC-3).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for a compatible mix of medium to high-intensity commercial, offices, and moderate to high-density multifamily residential uses.
- b. Ensure that access to transit is a part of all new projects.
- c. Establish a street edge that is as continuous as possible with buildings which are close to the street and which have multiple floors, distinctive windows facing the street, and entrances that are visible from the street.
- d. Create a safe, convenient, and attractive environment for pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists, and which includes parking and access for vehicles.

13. High Density Corridor-4 (HDC-4).

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for a compatible mix of high-intensity commercial, offices, and high-density multifamily residential uses.
- b. Transform these areas to commercial and residential activity centers, over time.
- c. Ensure that access to transit is a part of new projects.
- d. Establish a street edge that is as continuous as possible with buildings which are close to the street and which have multiple floors, distinctive windows facing the street, and entrances that are visible from the street.
- e. Create a safe, convenient, and attractive environment for pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists, and which includes parking and access for vehicles.

14. Urban Waterfront - Housing District.

This district is intended to:

- a. Provide for a neighborhood of residential housing with the option of limited retail/commercial/office or other uses able to locate in a street edge storefront configuration.
- b. Help meet downtown housing and sustainability density goals, through the use of land for housing in a location, and at a density, that makes the use of a car a choice and not a necessity.
- c. Contribute to downtown vitality.

- d. Result in well designed buildings on continuous urban street edges.
- e. Increase resident surveillance and all day use of public spaces to increase safety and decrease vandalism or other security problems.
- f. Help the City achieve land use, transportation, environment, and housing goals.

(Ord. 7032 §6 (Exh. E), 2016; Ord. 6195 §16, 2002; Ord. 6073 §13, 2000; Ord. 5830 §2, 1998; Ord. 5569 §3, 1995; Ord. 5517 §1, 1995).

TABLE 6.01														
PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES														
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	NR	PO/RM	GC	MS	UW	UW-H	DB	AS	CSH	HDC-1	HDC-2	HDC-3	HDC-4	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
On-Site Treatment & Storage Facilities for Hazardous Waste					P 18.06.060(Q)									
Piers, Wharves, Landings					P									
Printing, Industrial			C		P/C 18.06.060(N)									
Publishing		C	C		P		P		C	C				
Warehousing			P		P/C 18.06.060(AA)		P							
Welding & Fabrication			C		P/C 18.06.060(N)		P							
Wholesale Sales		C 18.06.060(BB)(3)	P		P/C	18.06.060(BB)		P		P	18.06.060(BB)(2)			
Wholesale Products Incidental to Retail Business			P		P	P						P	P	
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
3. OFFICE USES (See also SERVICES, HEALTH)														
Banks		P	P		P/C 18.06.060(D)(2)	P 18.06.060(D)(2)	P/C 18.06.060(D)(2)	P	P	P	P	P 18.06.060(D)(1)	P 18.06.060(F)(3)	
Business Offices		P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Government Offices		P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							

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PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES														
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	NR	PO/RM	GC	MS	UW	UW-H	DB	AS	CSH	HDC-1	HDC-2	HDC-3	HDC-4	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
4. RECREATION AND CULTURE														
Art Galleries	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	
Auditoriums and Places of Assembly			P		P	P	P					P	P	
Boat Clubs					P	P								
Boating Storage Facilities					P			P						
Commercial Recreation		C	P		P	P	P	P		C	C	P	P	
Health Fitness Centers and Dance Studios	P	P 18.06.060(L)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P 18.06.060(L)	P 18.06.060(L)	P	P	
Libraries	C	C	C	C	P	P	P		P	C	P	P	P	18.04.060(V)
Marinas/Boat Launching Facilities					P	P								
					18.06.060(CC)									
Museums		C	P		P	P	P		P	C	C	P	P	18.04.060(V)
Parks, Neighborhood	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(T)
Parks & Playgrounds, Other	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(T)
Theaters (Drive-in)			C											
Theaters (No drive-ins)			P		P	P	P				C	P	P	
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
5. RESIDENTIAL														
Apartments		P	P	P 18.06.060(T)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	
Apartments above ground floor in mixed use development	P	P	P	P 18.06.060(T)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	

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6. RETAIL SALES

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COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	NR	PO/RM	GC	MS	UW	UW-H	DB	AS	CSH	HDC-1	HDC-2	HDC-3	HDC-4	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
Apparel and Accessory Stores			P		P	P	P					P	P	
Boat Sales and Rentals			P		P	P	P	P					P	
Building Materials, Garden and Farm Supplies	P		P		P	P	P					P	P	
Commercial Greenhouses, Nurseries, Bulb Farms	C	C 18.04.060(G)	C	C					C		P	P		18.04.060(G)
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	P	P	P	P	P 18.06.060(W)	P 18.06.060(W)	P 18.06.060(W)	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Food Stores	P	P 18.06.060(H)	P		P	P	P		P	P 18.08.060(H)	P	P	P	
Furniture, Home Furnishings, and Appliances			P		P	P	P				P	P	P	
Gasoline Dispensing Facilities accessory to a permitted use	P	18.06.060(W)(4)	P		P 18.06.060(W)		P	P				P 18.06.060(W)	P	
Gasoline Dispensing Facility accessory to a permitted use - Existing	P 18.06.060(W)		P		P 18.06.060(W)		P 18.06.060(W)				P	P 18.06.060(W)	P	
General Merchandise Stores	P	P 18.06.060(J)	P		P	P	P			P 18.06.060(J)	P	P	P	
Mobile, Manufactured, and Modular Housing Sales			P											
Motor Vehicle Sales			P				P	P					P	

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PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES														
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	NR	PO/RM	GC	MS	UW	UW-H	DB	AS	CSH	HDC-1	HDC-2	HDC-3	HDC-4	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
Motor Vehicle Supply Stores			P		P	P	P	P			P	P	P	
Office Supplies and Equipment		P 18.06.060(DD)	P		P	P	P		P	P 18.06.060(DD)	P	P	P	18.06.060(CC)
Pharmacies and Medical Supply Stores	P	P 18.06.060(EE)	P	P	P	P	P		P	P 18.06.060(EE)	P	P	P	18.06.060(DD)
Specialty Stores	P 18.06.060(Y)(3)	P 18.06.060(Y)(4)	P	C 18.06.060(Y)(2)	P	P	P			P 18.06.060(Y)(4)	P	P 18.06.060(Y)(1)	P	
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
7. SERVICES, HEALTH														
Hospitals				P			P		P					
Nursing, Congregate Care, and Convalescence Homes	C	P	C	P			C		C	C	C	P	P	18.04.060(S)
Offices, Medical		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Veterinary Offices/Clinics		P	P	P			P			P	P	P	P	
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
8. SERVICES, LODGING														
Bed & Breakfast Houses (1 guest room)	P	P 18.06.060(E)	P 18.06.060(E)	P 18.06.060(E)	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	18.04.060(L)(3)(c)
Bed & Breakfast Houses (2 to 5 guest rooms)	C	P 18.06.060(E)	P 18.06.060(E)	P 18.06.060(E)	P	P	P		C	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(L)(3)(c)

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Ministorage			P				P							
Printing, Commercial	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	
Public Facilities (see also Public Facilities, Essential on next page)	C	C	C	C	P	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	18.04.060(V)
Radio/T.V. Studios		P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	
Recycling Facilities	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P	P	18.06.060(V)
School - Colleges and Business, Vocational or Trade Schools		C	P		P	P	P		P	C	C	C	P	18.06.060(X)
Service and Repair Shops			P				P	P				P	P	
Service Stations/Car Washes			P				P 18.06.060(W)	P				P 18.06.060(W)	P 18.06.060(W)	
Service Stations/Car Washes - Existing			P		P 18.06.060(W)		P 18.06.060(W)				P	P 18.06.060(W)	P 18.06.060(W)	
Servicing of Personal Apparel and Equipment	P	P	P		P	P	P			P	P	P	P	
Truck, Trailer, and Recreational Vehicle Rentals			P					P						
Workshops for Disabled People	C	C	C	C	P	C	P		C	C	C	C	C	18.04.060(R)
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							

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COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	NR	PO/RM	GC	MS	UW	UW-H	DB	AS	CSH	HDC-1	HDC-2	HDC-3	HDC-4	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
11. PUBLIC FACILITIES, ESSENTIAL														
Airports			C										C	18.06.060(G)
Inpatient Facilities		C	C	C 18.06.060(T)	C		C		C	C	C	P	P	18.06.060(G) 18.04.060(K)
Jails			C		C		C		C				C	18.06.060(G)
Mental Health Facilities			C	C 18.06.060(T)	C		C						C	18.06.060(G) 18.04.060(K)
Other Correctional Facilities		C	C	C 18.06.060(T)	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G)
Other facilities as designated by the Washington State Office of Financial Management, except prisons and solid waste handling facilities		C	C		C		C			C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G)
Radio/TV and Other Communication Towers and Antennas	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G) 18.44.100
Sewage Treatment Facilities	C	C	C	C	P		P		C	C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G) 18.04.060(X)
State Education Facilities		C	C		C		C		C	C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G) 18.06.060(X)
State or Regional Transportation Facilities	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	18.06.060(G)

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District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
12. TEMPORARY USES														
Entertainment Events			P		P	P	P						P	
Off Site Contractor Offices	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(DD)
Emergency (Homeless) Housing	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>18.50</u>
Emergency Housing	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(DD)
Fireworks, as determined by Fire Dept.			P		P	P	P				P	P	P	9.48.160
Mobile Sidewalk Vendors		P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	
Parking Lot Sales			P		P	P	P	P			P	P	P	
Residences Rented for Social Event (6 or less in 1 year)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	18.04.060(DD)
Residences Rented for Social Event (7 or more in 1 year)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	
Temporary Surface Parking Lot		P	P		P	P	P		P					
District-Wide Regulations	18.06.060(R)				18.06.060(F)(2)	18.06.060(HH)	18.06.060(F)(2)							
13. OTHER USES														

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LEGEND

P = Permitted Use	PO/RM = Professional Office/Residential Multifamily	GC = General Commercial	HDC-1=High Density Corridor-1
MS = Medical Services		UW = Urban Waterfront	HDC-2=High Density Corridor-2
DB = Downtown Business	AS=Auto Services	UW-H = Urban Waterfront-Housing	HDC-3=High Density Corridor-3
C = Conditional Use	NR = Neighborhood Retail	CSH = Commercial Services-High Density	HDC-4=High Density Corridor-4

(Ord. 7032 §6 (Exh. E), 2016; Ord. 6975 §3, 2015; Ord. 6759 §5, 2011; Ord. 6592 §5, 2008)