

# HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers  
15859 West County Road 108  
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Hilliard, FL 32046

## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Floyd L. Vanzant, Mayor  
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Callie Kay Bishop, Councilwoman

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Purvis, Town Clerk  
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## TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

# HILLIARD PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING

## BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Prather, Chair  
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Dallis Hunter

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Janis Fleet, AICP  
Land Use Administrator

## PLANNING AND ZONING ATTORNEY

Mary Norberg

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## AGENDA

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

### WORKSHOP

#### ITEM-1

Land Use Administrator's Agenda Item Report regarding the Amending of the Land Development Regulations to follow the Adopted Comprehensive Plan.

#### ITEM-2

Ordinance No. 2022-02 - Amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations and moving from Part II to Part III of the Code of Ordinance Town of Hilliard, Florida.

#### ITEM-3

Attachment A - Removing Chapter 62, Article II, Division 7 Building Permits and Inspections from Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations and moving to Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations.

#### ITEM-4

Attachment B - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations repeal and replace to Part III Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinance Town of Hilliard, Florida. ARTICLES I-XVI

#### ITEM-5

ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.



- ITEM-6** ARTICLE II - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
Division 7 Building Permits and Inspections and move to Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations. Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-7** ARTICLE III - ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; ZONING ATLAS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-8** ARTICLE IV - DISTRICT REGULATIONS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-9** ARTICLE V - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-10** ARTICLE VI - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-11** Article VII - SIGNS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines.
- ITEM-12** ARTICLE VIII - FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations FEMA Revised Ordinance No. 2017-11.
- ITEM-13** ARTICLE IX - AIRPORT ZONING - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations FAA Revised Ordinance No. 2017-12.
- ITEM-14** ARTICLE X - PROPORTIONATE FAIR-SHARE PROGRAM - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Comp Plan Add Ordinance No. 2008-01.
- ITEM-15** ARTICLE XI - LANDSCAPING - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations LUA Add 2022.
- ITEM-16** Article XII - TREES - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations LUA Add 2022.
- ITEM-17** ARTICLE XIII - SUBDIVISION - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations moved from Chapter 46 Subdivision by FS 177.
- ITEM-18** ARTICLE XIV - PLATTING - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations moved from Chapter 46 Subdivision by FS 177.
- ITEM-19** ARTICLE XV - DESIGN STANDARDS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations moved from Chapter 46 Subdivision by FS 177.
- ITEM-20** ARTICLE XVI - REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS - Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations moved from Chapter 46 Subdivision by FS 177.
- ITEM-21** ARTICLES XII, XIV, XV and XVI move from Chapter 46 Subdivision. Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations Strikethroughs & Underlines

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**



## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **ADA NOTICE**

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## AGENDA ITEM REPORT

### TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA

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TO: Town Council Regular Meeting Meeting Date: May 5, 2022

FROM: ***Janis K. Fleet, AICP - Land Use Administrator***

SUBJECT: Town Council to set a Joint Workshop for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 6 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to review and discuss the proposed amendments to the Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

As required by State Statutes, after the adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Development Regulations need to be reviewed to assure they are in compliance with and implement the updated Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Board has been reviewing the Land Development Regulations since September 15, 2020. In March of 2021, the Planning and Zoning Board began reviewing individual Articles of Chapter 62. By January 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board had reviewed all Articles of Chapter 62. On April 12, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board held a Public Hearing to recommend to the Town Council the approval of Ordinance No. 2022-02, which would repeal and replace Chapter 62. The ordinance would also move the Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 46, into the Land Development Regulations and move the parts of Chapter 62 related to building permits to the Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 14.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For the Town Council to schedule a workshop on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for an overview of the changes proposed and another workshop on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide input on the proposed revisions to the Land Development. Additional workshops can be scheduled, if needed. The amendment to the Zoning and Land Development Regulations will be adopted by ordinance and will require 2 public hearings.



LDR AMENDMENT PROCESS SECTION 62-281 C-1 DISTRICT PERMITTED USES DAYCARES & CHILDCARE CENTERS						
ACTION DATE	BOARD	MEETING TYPE	ACTION PLAN	ACTION FOR	DATE FOR ACTION	DAYS OR TIME
6/2	TC	RM	APPROVAL OF DATES	AMEND LDR'S		DAY 1
6/3	TC		SEND 1ST PH TO NCR	ADVERTISE	6/16	
6/8	TC		NCR RUN 1ST PH	ADVERTISE	6/16	8 DAYS
6/16	TC	PH RM	HOLD 1ST PH & 1ST READ	ORDINANCE	6/16	
6/23	TC		SEND 2ND PH TO NCR	ADVERTISE	8/4	
6/29	TC		NCR RUN 2ND PH	ADVERTISE	8/4	36 DAYS
8/4	TC	PH RM	HOLD 2ND PH & 2ND READ	ORDINANCE	8/4	DAY 63
LDR AMENDMENT PROCESS REVIEW DATES						
ACTION DATE	BOARD	MEETING TYPE	ACTION PLAN	ACTION FOR	DATE FOR ACTION	DAYS OR TIME
6/2	TC	RM	SET JOINT WS DATES	AMEND LDR'S		
6/13	P&Z TC	JWS	REVIEW ARTICLES I, II, III & IV	AMEND LDR'S	TBD	6PM
7/14	P&Z TC	JWS	REVIEW ARTICLES VI & VII	AMEND LDR'S	TBD	6PM
7/18	P&Z TC	JWS	REVIEW ARTICLES V, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI &	AMEND LDR'S	TBD	6PM
TBD	P&Z TC	JWS	REVIEW ARTICLES XI & XII	AMEND LDR'S	TBD	TBD
NO. OF PAGES	PAGE NO.	ARTICLE	ARTICLE TITLE	NO. OF PAGES	ARTICLE	ARTICLE TITLES GROUPED
4	1	I	General	4	I	General
11	5	II	Administration and enforcement	11	II	Administration and enforcement
2	16	III	Zoning Districts Established; Zoning Atlas	2	III	Zoning Districts Established; Zoning Atlas
11	17	IV	District Regulations	11	IV	District Regulations
2	29	V	Planned Unit Developments	10	VI	Supplementary Regulations
10	32	VI	Supplementary Regulations	3	VII	Signs
3	42	VII	Signs	2	V	Planned Unit Developments
19	45	VIII	Flood Damage Prevention	2	XIII	Subdivision
5	64	IX	Airport Zoning	2	XIV	Platting
6	69	X	Proportionate Fair Share	1	XV	Design Standards
11	75	XI	Landscaping	3	XVI	Required Improvements
6	86	XII	Trees	6	X	Proportionate Fair Share
2	91	XIII	Subdivision	11	XI	Landscaping
2	93	XIV	Platting	6	XII	Trees
1	95	XV	Design Standards	49	VIII	Flood Damage Prevention
3	96	XVI	Required Improvements	5	IX	Airport Zoning





# Vacant Property

## LEGEND

VACANT  TOWN LIMITS

# Town of Hilliard



0 0.055 0.11 0.165 Miles

**FLEET & ASSOCIATES**  
ARCHITECTS/PLANNERS



# Town of Hilliard



## LEGEND



VACANT



TOWN LIMITS



**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02****AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 62 ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE HILLIARD TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hilliard adopted amendment to the Town of Hilliard's Comprehensive Plan in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 163.3202, Florida Statutes requires to amend Land Development Regulations that are consistent with and implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has found it desirable and necessary to update the Land Development Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 46 – Subdivision of the Hilliard Town Code will be added to Chapter 62 of the Hilliard Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 62, Division 7, Building Permits and Inspections of the Hilliard Town Code will be added to Chapter 14 of the Hilliard Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hilliard has the authority to amend its Land Development Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Planning and Zoning Board have exhaustively studied the changes set forth at numerous public meetings over the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed public hearing on this Ordinance was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments set forth herein are found to be consistent with the Town of Hilliard's Comprehensive Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA** that the following Sections of the Hilliard Town Code, Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations and Chapter 62, Zoning and Land Development Regulations, shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations shall be amended as described in Attachment "A".

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 62, Zoning and Land Development Regulations shall be amended as described in Attachment "B".



**SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Town Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and made part of the Code of Ordinances of Town of Hilliard, Florida, and that the Sections and paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 4.** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Attorney or his designee to make any and all revisions necessary to codify this Ordinance, including repagination or renumeration of Articles or Sections. Changes necessary to correct scriveners' errors or cross-reference inaccuracies are hereby authorized to be made by the Town Attorney or his designee.

**SECTION 5.** Repealer. Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6.** Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 7.** Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.

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John P. Beasley  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Purvis  
Town Clerk

APPROVED:

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Floyd L. Vanzant  
Mayor



Planning & Zoning Board Introduction: March 8, 2022  
Planning & Zoning Board Publication: March 23, 2022  
Planning & Zoning Board Public Hearing: April 12, 2022  
Town Council First Publication:  
Town Council First Public Hearing:  
Town Council First Reading:  
Town Council Second Publication:  
Town Council Second Public Hearing:  
Town Council Second & Final Reading:



## ATTACHMENT "A"

### ARTICLE III. - BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

#### Sec. 14-71. - Building permit application.

- (a) All applicants for a building permit shall submit with their applications the following:
- (1) Duplicate prints or drawings at an adequate scale of the building or structures to be built upon the lot, showing plumbing and electrical layout.
  - (2) A survey with monuments and stakes as required by a licensed surveyor, in duplicate, and drawn at an adequate scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot to be built upon. Original survey will be furnished as proof that proposed and existing buildings are within equal dimensions. The location of the building on the property, the location of waste collection areas, the layout of the trees, land and structure elevations, drainageways, off-street parking or loading spaces and other constructions are as required under the provisions of this chapter showing access and maneuvering space.
  - (3) Permits, as applicable, from state agencies such as the state department of environmental protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- (b) The following provisions apply to application for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits:
- (1) The applicant for a building permit shall be made by the owner or lessees, or agent of either, or the architect, engineer or builder employed in connection with the proposed work.
  - (2) The electrical contractor or person responsible for performing electrical work shall make application for the electrical permit, certifying that installation will be made in accordance with prints or drawings specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed.
  - (3) The plumbing contractor or person responsible for performing plumbing installation shall make application for a permit, certifying that installation will be in accordance with prints or drawings specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed. The mechanical contractor or person responsible for performing mechanical installation shall make application for a permit, certifying that installation will be in accordance with the prints or drawings specified under subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed.

#### Sec. 14-72. - Compliance with technical codes.

All permits referenced in section 14-71 shall be issued and work shall be performed in compliance with requirements set forth in chapter 14, article II of this Code.

#### Sec. 14-73. - Issuance.

It shall be the duty of the building official, upon receiving applications for permits provided for in this division, to examine such applications within a reasonable time after filing, not to exceed 30 days. If, after examination, he finds no objections to such applications, and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the Florida Building Code and any other applicable ~~and all~~ rules and regulations and the proposed construction will be safe, he shall approve such application. Thereafter, permits shall be issued and one copy of the plans returned to the applicant marked as approved and attested by his signature. If his examination reveals otherwise, he shall reject such application, noting his findings in a report to be attached to the application and disapproved plans and deliver a copy of such report to the applicant.



Sec. 14-74. - Inspections.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the building department to inspect and determine that buildings are located on lots in accordance with the plan submitted with the application.
- (b) Electrical, mechanical and plumbing installations shall require two inspections. The first inspection will be considered as the "rough in" inspection, and shall be made on plumbing and sewer lines, electrical wiring and outlets, AC duct and control circuits, while exposed for visual inspection, including all work that will be concealed in floors, walls, and ceilings.
- (c) The second inspection will be considered the final inspection and will be made when plumbing fixtures have been installed, electrical work completed and ready for service connection by the utility company and mechanical equipment installation completed.
- (d) When the building official has made the final inspection on electrical installation, and it appears that such installation has been made in accordance with rules and regulations of this chapter, he shall forthwith notify the electric utility company that installation is ready for service connection.
- (e) Every effort will be made to develop a schedule as to the time the administrative officer will be available in the various sections of the town, in order to avoid delays in construction.
- (f) The building inspector shall record the time and date of each and every inspection on his department's copy of each permit issued.

Sec. 62-215. - Permit fees.

- (a) No permits as provided in this division shall be issued until the appropriate permit fee shall have been paid to Town. The fee charged by the town for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits shall be consistent with fees established by the town.

Sec. 14-75. - Posting of permits.

A copy of all permits shall be kept on the premises open to public inspection during the prosecuting of the work and until the completion of such work, and final inspection made.

Sec. 14-76. - Building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permit expiration.

- (a) If the work described in any permit has not begun within six months from the date of issuance thereof, such permit shall expire. It shall be cancelled by the building official and written notice thereof shall be given to the persons affected.
- (b) If the work described in any building permit has not been substantially completed within one year of the date of issuance thereof, with up to two extensions which can be permitted if work has progressed, such permit shall expire and be canceled by the building official and written notice shall be given to the persons affected.

Sec. 14-77. - Permit revocation.

The building official may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this division in case there has been false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or plans on which the permit was based.

Sec. 14-78. - Certificate of occupancy.

No person shall use or occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the land use administrator to ensure that the building or land conforms to all the requirements of this chapter.



Sec. 14-79. - Manufactured homes older than five years.

- (a) Any manufactured home older than five years from the current calendar year shall be subject to inspection by the building official prior to being brought into the town for setup.
- (b) Any manufactured home older than five years from the current calendar year, currently set up within the town, shall be subject to an inspection by the building official prior to being relocated within said town.
- (c) The inspection fee required shall be \$200.00 and shall be paid in advance to the town prior to permitting for setup.
- (d) Any items noted on pre-inspection that do not meet the minimum HUD standard shall be brought into compliance prior to the manufactured home being either brought into the town or moved within the town. This will also apply to all exterior conditions and the conditions of the roofing materials.
- (e) All manufactured homes shall have vertical or horizontal skirting and meet the wind load for the Florida Building Code and shall match with the manufactured homes color and material being skirted.
- (f) The inspection fee shall be distributed as follows: \$100.00 to the town for administrative costs and \$100.00 to the building official for the inspection. If the manufactured home is located within 30 miles from town, the mileage assessment for the building official shall be in accordance with state statutes in addition to the inspection fee, payable to the town.
- (g) The penalty for an individual bringing a manufactured home into the town that is in violation of the section shall be subject to a fine as stated in section 1-7.



**ATTACHMENT "B"**

## Chapter 62 - ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

## ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

## Sec. 62-1. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, certain words and terms used herein shall be interpreted to have meanings as defined below. The word "used" or "occupied" include the word "intended," "designed," or "arranged" to be used or occupied. The word "lot" includes the word "plot" or "parcel." The word "structure" includes the word "building" as well as other things constructed or erected on the ground, attached to something having location on the ground, or requiring construction or erection on the ground. The word "land" includes the word "marsh," "water," or "swamp." The word "map" shall mean the "Zoning Map of the Town of Hilliard, Florida."

*Accessory use or structure* means a use or structure of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure, and unless otherwise provided, on the same premises.

*Alley* means a public or private way which affords only a secondary means of access to property abutting thereon.

*Alter or alteration* means any change in size, shape, occupancy, character or use of a building or structure.

*Auditorium* means a room, hall, building, or part of a building used for public gatherings.

*Buildable area* means the portion of a lot remaining after required yards, parking, and landscaping areas have been provided. Buildings may be placed in any part of the buildable area, but limitations on percent of the lot which may be covered by buildings may require open space within the buildable area.

*Building* means a structure designed for shelter, storage, trade, manufacturing, religion, business, education and the like, having a roof and walls impervious to weather, and shall be subject to this Code.

Building enclosed means a building separated on all sides from adjacent open space, or from other buildings or other structures, by a permanent roof and by exterior walls or party walls which are pierced only by windows and normal entrance or exit doors.

*Carport* means an accessory structure or portion of a principal structure, consisting of a roof and supporting members such as columns or beams, unenclosed from the ground to the roof on at least two sides, and designed or used for the storage of motor driven vehicles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory.

*Centerline of street* means the line surveyed and monumented by the town or the state department of transportation. If a centerline has not been surveyed and monumented, it shall be that line running midway between the outside curbs or ditches of the street.

*Church* means a building or structure, the sole design and use of which is for religious worship and the religious program of such church.

*Community residential home* means a dwelling unit as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.

*Lot Coverage of buildings* means that percentage of lot area that is or may be covered or occupied by buildings.



*Day Care/Child Care Centers* facilities that provide care to six or more children and licensed by the State of Florida to provide those services.

*Density* means the number of residential dwelling units permitted per acre of land, excluding land for street rights-of-way and drainage ditches.

*Developable land* means all of a parcel of land except:

- (1) Lands lying within proposed public rights-of-way;
- (2) Marshlands, swamps, floodplains or other environmentally sensitive lands where local, state or federal regulations otherwise prohibit development; and
- (3) Bodies of water such as ponds, lakes and reservoirs, either natural or manmade.

*Dwelling* means any building, or part thereof, occupied in whole or in part as the residence or living quarters of one or more persons.

*Dwelling, multiple-family*, means a building containing three or more dwelling units.

*Dwelling, single-family*, means a building containing not more than one dwelling unit designed for residential use

*Dwelling, two-family*, means a building containing two dwelling units.

*Dwelling unit* means a room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent in the same structure, and containing sleeping facilities and one kitchen.

*Easement* means a grant from a property owner for the use of land for a specific purpose by the general public, by a corporation, or by a certain person.

*Erected* means and includes built, constructed, reconstructed, moved upon, or any physical operation on the premises required for building. Excavations, fill, drainage, demolition of an existing structure, and the like shall be considered part of erection.

*Floor area* means, the sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating two buildings.

*Garage, private*, means an accessory structure designed or used for inside parking of private passenger vehicles by the occupants of the main building. A private garage attached to or a part of the main structure is to be considered part of the main building. An unattached private garage is to be considered as an accessory building.

*Guesthouse* means living quarters in a building separate from and in addition to the main residential building on a lot, used for intermittent or temporary occupancy by nonpaying guests; provided, that the quarters shall have no kitchen, cooking facilities or kitchen sink. The quarters shall not be rented, leased or otherwise made available for compensation of any kind.

*Height of a building* means the vertical distance from the established grade at the center of the front of a building to the highest point of the roof or parapet.

*Hospital* means a building or group of buildings licensed as a hospital under the laws of the state Florida.

*Hotel, motel*, means a building or a group of buildings in which sleeping accommodations rental to transients with daily or weekly charge.

*Loading space, off-street*, means an on-the-property space, conveniently located for pickups or deliveries. Such space shall measure not less than 12 feet by 25 feet excluding surfaced area necessary for access and maneuvering.

*Lot* means a parcel of land Such lot shall have frontage on a public or private street

*Lot frontage* means the portion nearest the street. For the purpose of determining yard requirements on corner lots and through lots, all sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered frontage.



*Lot depth* means the distance between the front and the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear property lines.

*Lot width* means the distance between the side lot lines .

*Lot of record* means:

- (1) A lot which is part of a subdivision recorded in the office of the clerk of the court of Nassau County; or
- (2) A lot or parcel which has been so recorded on or before January 1, 1987.

*Mobile home or manufactured home* means a single-family dwelling unit that is constructed in its own permanent chassis according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. *Nuisance* is an act or omission that infringes or threatens the health, morals, safety, comfort, convenience, general welfare or property values of or within the town.

*Nursing home* means a facility licensed under the laws of the state of Florida as nursing homes.

*Professional or business Office*, means an office for such operations as real estate agencies, advertising agencies, insurance agencies, travel agencies, title companies, management consultants, stockbrokers, architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants, doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and etc.

*Open space* means a parcel of land or an area of water, or a combination of land and water, within a site which shall include common recreation areas, woodland areas, parks, playgrounds, golf courses, tennis courts, nature trails, lakes and swimming pools, camping facilities and other similar open space, exclusive of streets, roads and parking areas.

*Pet, household*, means any domestic animal normally owned or kept as a pet, including cats, dogs, rabbits, raccoons, parrots, and pigeons.

*Private street or road*. A private street or road shall have a minimum width of 60 feet and approved by the Town Council.

*Recreational vehicle* means a vehicular portable structure built on a chassis with its own wheels, either self-propelled or towed by another vehicle, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, vacation, camping or recreational purposes, and including travel trailers, camping trailers, pickup campers, converted buses, motor homes, tent trailers, pop-up trailers, boats and boat trailers and similar devices.

*Restaurant* means an establishment where food is ordered from a menu, prepared, and served for pay primarily for on site or off site consumption.

*Service station* means an establishment the principal business of which is for the dispensing at retail of gasoline and the service of automobile and sale of automobile accessories

*Yard* means a required open space other than a court unoccupied and unobstructed by any structures or portion of a structure from 30 inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward; provided, however, that fences, walls, poles, posts, and other customary yard accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.

*Yard, front*, means a yard from the front lot line of a lot adjoining a public or private street to the structure.

Through lots front yards shall be provided on all frontages of through lots.

Corner lots, must have a front yard of the required depth shall be provided on one frontage and a depth of 15 feet or one-half of the average adjacent front yard, whichever is greater. Corner lots have 2 side yards.

*Yard, side*, means a yard extending side property line to the structure.



*Yard, rear*, means a yard extending from the rear lot line to the structure of the lot between inner side yard lines

Sec. 62-2. - Scope and compliance.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all land, buildings, structures and to the uses within the jurisdiction of the town. No land, building or structure shall be moved, added to or enlarged, altered or maintained, except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. All buildings or structures hereafter erected, reconstructed, altered, enlarged or moved in the town shall be in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 62-3. - Purpose and policy.

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to promote, protect, and improve in accordance with the comprehensive plan and with present and future needs, the public health, safety, comfort, good order, appearance, convenience, morals and general welfare of the town; to conserve the value of land, buildings and resources; and to protect the character and maintain the stability of residential, agriculture, business and industrial areas and promote the orderly development of such areas.
- (b) The districts and regulations contained herein are designed to provide orderly growth; to decrease the traffic congestion on public streets and highways; to provide adequate light and air; to promote civic amenities of beauty and visual interest; and to regulate density of population and thus prevent the overcrowding of land in order to facilitate the provision for adequate community service and facilities such as water, sewerage, schools, and parks; and to help accomplish the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.

Sec. 62-4. - Interpretation.

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this chapter, they shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the town.

Sec. 62-5. - Conflict with other legal documents.

It is not intended by this chapter to interfere with or abrogate or annul any easements, covenants or other agreements between parties; provided, however, that where this chapter imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or premises or upon the height of buildings, or requires larger open space than are imposed or required by other ordinances, rules, regulations, or by easements, covenants or agreements, the strictest provisions shall govern.

Sec. 62-6. - Remedies.

The violation of any of the codes, regulations, restrictions and limitations promulgated under the provisions of this chapter may be restricted by injunction, including a mandatory injunction, and otherwise abated in any manner provided by law, and such suit or action may be instituted and maintained by the town council, or by any person or other group or body affected by the violation of any such regulation, restriction or limitation.

Sec. 62-7. - Penalties.

Violations of this chapter are punishable as provided in section 1-7.

Sec. 62-8. - Liability.

The granting of approval of any structure or use shall not constitute representation, guarantee or warranty of any kind or nature by the town or the town planning and zoning board by any officer or employee thereof of the practicality or safety of any structure or use proposed and shall create no liability upon or cause action against such public body, officer, or employee for any damage that may result thereto.



## ARTICLE II. - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

### DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

#### Sec. 62-32. - Appointed officials and employees.

It shall be within the powers of the town council to contract a land use administrator and appoint such other town employees as the council may deem necessary in order to enforce and administer the provisions of this chapter and any order or resolution made under authority thereof.

#### Sec. 62-33. - Powers and duties of the land use administrator's office.

The land use administrator shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. The duties of the land use administrator are to:

- (1) Provide for the processing of all applications for rezoning, comprehensive plan amendments, variances, and Special Exceptions.
- (2) Keep records of applications, complaints filed, and notices or orders issued related to this chapter.
- (3) Record changes in zoning district and Future Land Use Map boundaries.
- (5) Assist applicants in understanding the provisions of this chapter.
- (7) Suggest to the planning and zoning board and the town council modifications to the Land Development Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan.
- (9) Review all applications for building permits for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.
- (10) Review all applications for permits proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area. The land use administrator's signature, stating approval or disapproval, is required on all building permit applications before a building permit is issued.

#### Sec. 62-34. - Schedule of fees.

- (a) Fees as set by resolution of the town council shall apply to action under this chapter. A receipt showing payment of the applicable fee shall accompany an application prior to consideration thereof.
- (b) If the applicant does not appear at the advertised public hearing and the planning and zoning board votes to postpone the public hearing as provided for in section 62-37, the applicant shall bear the additional costs of readvertising and renotifying adjacent property owners. Such costs shall be paid prior to the rescheduled hearing.

#### Sec. 62-35. - Limitation on exceptions and variances.

The planning and zoning board may adopt the following conditions to any exception or variance:

- (1) The exception or variance shall be nontransferable and granted to the applicant only and restrict transfer of land to maintain the exception or variance.
- (2) Place a time period on the exception or variance. Failure to exercise the exception or variance within the time period approved shall render the exception or variance invalid and all rights granted thereunder shall terminate.
- (3) Whenever the planning and zoning board has denied an application for an exception or variance, no further application shall be filed for the same exception or variance on any part or all of the same property for a period of one year from the date of such action.



- (4) The time limits of subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be waived by the affirmative votes of a majority of the planning and zoning board when such action is deemed necessary to prevent injustice or to facilitate the proper development of the town.

Sec. 62-36. - Notice of public hearings.

- (a) Notice of a time and place of any required public hearings with respect to the Comprehensive Plan amendment, rezoning of land, zoning exceptions, zoning variances or appeals shall be given by the land use administrator's office at least 30 days in advance of any such hearings by the town council and at least 15 days in advance of such hearings by the planning and zoning board, via first class mail or hand delivery to all owners of real property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the land upon which rezoning, exception, variance or appeal is requested, together with identical notice to the owner of the land for which rezoning or other action is proposed as provided by F.S. § 166.041. The notification costs shall be paid by the petitioner. Failure of owners of lands adjoining the parcel upon which such rezoning or other action is proposed to receive notice of hearings shall in no way affect the validity of the action taken.
- (b) Notice of any public hearing shall be published once in a newspaper of local general circulation with publication at least 15 days prior to the date of hearing by the planning and zoning board, and at least 30 days prior to the date of hearing by the town council pursuant to F.S. § 166.041. The advertisement costs shall be paid by the petitioner.
- (c) The land use administrator shall cause signs to be posted on any land upon which an application for rezoning is made not less than 15 days in advance of the public hearing by the planning and zoning board and 30 days in advance of the public hearing by the town council at which such application is to be considered. Such signs shall be posted on the property by the Town, which shall possess the right to entrance upon such property. Such signs shall be in such form as required by the planning and zoning board and shall be erected in full view of the public on each street side of such land. Where such land does not have frontage on a public street, such signs shall be erected on the nearest street right-of-way.
- (d) The Town shall post a sign in such form as required by the planning and zoning board on the property upon which a request is made for a zoning exception or variance, such sign shall be posted not less than 15 days in advance of the public hearing by the planning and zoning board and 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing by the town council before the public on a street side of the land involved and shall be maintained by the Town until final determination has been made by the planning and zoning board on the zoning exception or variance.

Sec. 62-37. - Postponement of public hearings.

Whenever a public hearing date has been scheduled in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by the planning and zoning board, or town council, it will take the majority vote of the appropriate planning and zoning board or town council to alter such a date.

Sec. 62-38. - Amendment of application prohibited.

An application for the rezoning of land, a zoning exception, or a zoning variance shall not be allowed to be amended by the applicant at any time after the required fees have been paid to the town clerk.

Sec. 62-39. - Concurrent applications.

An application for the rezoning of land and for an exception and/or variance on all or part of the same land may be made concurrently. In such cases, the application for a zoning exception and/or variance shall be held in abeyance by the planning and zoning board until action has been taken by the town council on the application for the rezoning of such land.

Sec. 62-40. - Site plan review.



- (a) Site plans, as a condition to the issuance of building permits, are required for special exceptions and for all multifamily, commercial, industrial, mobile home parks, and mobile home subdivisions, planned unit developments, and flood hazard or wetland development. A building permit for a project requiring a site plan shall not be issued until such site plan is approved.

(b) Rezoning

An application for rezoning shall be accompanied by the following, in sufficient copies as deemed necessary by the planning and zoning board for referrals and recommendations:

- (1) Plans, maps, studies and reports, as may reasonably be required by the planning and zoning board in order to make the findings and determinations called for in the particular case.
  - (2) Written description of the intended plan of development including present and future ownership, clearly indicating where approval will benefit the future occupants of the proposed development and the town in general.
  - (3) General location map with a north arrow, site boundaries and adjacent land uses.
  - (4) A site plan at an appropriate scale supporting the above statement illustrating:
    - a. The location, grouping and height of all uses and facilities.
    - b. In the case of residential development, the number of residential units proposed their general location and number of stories, indicating those areas to be owner occupied and those to be renter occupied.
    - c. A vehicular and pedestrian circulation system including driveways, walkways, parking areas, and streets to be dedicated.
    - d. A system of planting screens and buffers, open space and recreational uses, with estimates of acreage to be dedicated and that to be retained in common ownership.
    - e. A topographic map at a minimum five-foot interval scale showing contour lines, including all existing buildings, wooded areas, and wetlands.
  - (5) Statements indicating how the problems of maintenance and ownership of common facilities will be resolved.
  - (6) Plans and schedules of development, including the staging and phasing of:
    - a. Areas to be developed, in order of priority;
    - b. The construction of streets, utilities, stormwater management and drainage and other improvements necessary to serve the proposed development; and
    - c. The dedication of land to public use.
  - (7) Each of the above elements shall be listed as to their relative order of improvement with an estimated time schedule for their accomplishment.
- (c) In reaching a decision as to whether or not the site and development plan as submitted should be approved or approved with changes, the planning and zoning board shall be guided in its decision and the exercise of its discretion to approve, to approve with conditions, or to deny by the following criteria. The planning and zoning board shall record its findings in regard to the following criteria, where applicable:
- (1) Sufficiency of statements on ownership and control of the development and permanent maintenance of common open spaces.
  - (2) Density and/or use of the proposed development with particular attention to its relationship to adjacent and nearby properties and the effect thereon and in accordance with the town's comprehensive plan.
  - (3) Ingress and egress to the site and proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, separation of automotive traffic and pedestrian traffic, traffic



flow and control, provision of services and servicing of utilities and refuse collection, and access in case of fire, catastrophe, or emergency.

- (4) Location and relationship of off-street parking and loading facilities to thoroughfares and internal traffic patterns within the proposed development, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, traffic flow and control, access in case of fire or catastrophe, screening and landscaping.
- (5) Sufficiency of proposed screens and buffers to preserve internal and external harmony and compatibility with uses inside and outside the proposed development.
- (6) A stormwater management and drainage plan for the property in accordance with all town, county and state requirements.
- (7) Utilities, with reference to hook-in locations and availability and capacity for the uses projected.
- (8) Recreation facilities and open spaces, with attention to the size, location, and development of the areas as to adequacy, effect on privacy of adjacent and nearby properties and uses within the proposed development, and relationship to communitywide open spaces and recreation facilities.
- (9) General site arrangement, amenities and convenience, with particular reference to ensuring that appearance and general layout of the proposed development will be compatible and harmonious with properties in the general area and will not be so at variance with other development in the area as to cause a substantial depreciation of property values.
- (10) Such other standards as may be imposed by this chapter for the particular use or activity involved.

## DIVISION 2. - NONCONFORMING LOTS, USES AND STRUCTURES

### Sec. 62-61. - Intent.

- (a) There exist lots, structures, uses of land or water and characteristics of use which were lawful prior to December 29, 1987, but which would be prohibited, regulated or restricted under the terms of ~~this~~ the current code.
- (b) It is the intent of to permit these nonconformities to continue until they are removed or otherwise discontinued. It is further the intent that nonconformities shall not be used as grounds for adding other structures or other uses prohibited. It is further the intent that lots, structures, uses of land or water and characteristics of use which were lawful prior to December 29, 1987, may be enlarged upon, or expanded as long as they meet all other requirements of the district established by this chapter.

### Sec. 62-62. - Right of survivorship and conveyance.

Nonconformities in existence prior to December 29, 1987) may be permitted to continue, may be sold, conveyed, or transferred until it becomes a conforming use.

### Sec. 62-65. - Nonconforming use of buildings.

The lawful use of a building existing prior to December 29, 1987, may be continued although such use does not conform to the provisions hereof. The removal of nonconforming use, either due to deterioration or voluntary removal, shall result in the nonconforming use being permanently removed and shall not be replaced except in full compliance with the provisions of the code.

### Sec. 62-66. - Discontinuance of nonconforming uses.

- (a) Whenever a nonconforming use of a building, or a portion thereof, has been changed to a conforming use, such nonconforming use shall not thereafter be reestablished, and the future use shall be in conformity with the provisions of the code.



- (b) Whenever a nonconforming use of a building has been changed to a conforming use, the new conforming use must meet all provisions of the code, including the off-street parking requirements.
- (c) Whenever a nonconforming use is being changed to a conforming use, the continuation of an existing nonconforming use may be continued as temporary shelter during construction, providing a permit for construction has been issued and such permit authorizes a temporary use. The temporary shelter shall not be permitted more than 90 days after completion of construction.
- (d) Whenever a nonconforming building or use exists, the nonconformity shall cease and no longer be lawful upon the first of the following circumstances to occur:
  - (1) The nonconforming building is vacant for 180 days;
  - (3) The nonconforming building ceases having water service or electric power for 180 days.

Sec. 62-67. - Destruction of a nonconforming use building.

No building which has been damaged by any means to an extent of more than 60 percent of the replacement cost of the building immediately prior to damage shall be restored except in conformity with the regulations of this code, and all rights as a nonconforming use are terminated except as permitted in the code. If a building is damaged by less than 60 percent of the replacement cost, it may be repaired or reconstructed and used as before the time of change, provided that such repair or reconstruction is substantially completed within 12 months of the date of such damage.

Sec. 62-68. - Nonconforming lots of record.

- (a) Where a lot or parcel of land has an area or frontage which does not conform with the requirements of the district in which it is located, but was a lot of record in single and separate ownership prior to December 29, 1987, such lot or parcel of land may be developed, provided the minimum yard requirements for the zoning districts in which it is located are met.
- (b) A conforming use or structure on a lot of record which was recorded on or before the December 29, 1987, may be expanded or altered, provided other requirements of this code are met.
- (c) No lot or parcel shall be ~~se~~-divided as to create a lot with an area or width below the requirements of this code
- (d) No lot or parcel or portion of a lot or parcel shall be altered in a manner which causes the lot to be less compliant with the Code.

Sec. 62-69. - Nonconforming characteristics of use.

If characteristics of use such as off-street parking or loading or other matters pertaining to the use of land, structures, or premises are made nonconforming by this code, as amended, no change shall thereafter be made in such characteristics of use which increase nonconformity with the regulations set out in this code; provided, however, that changes may be made which do not increase, or which decrease, such nonconformities.

Sec. 62-70. - Repairs and maintenance.

On any nonconforming structure or portion of a structure and on any structure containing a nonconforming use, work may be done in any period of 12 consecutive months on ordinary repairs, or on repair or replacement of 75 percent of the current market value of the structure, or of the nonconforming portion of the structure if a nonconforming portion of the structure is involved.

Sec. 62-71. - Nonconforming structures unsafe because of maintenance.

If a nonconforming structure or portion of a structure or any structure containing a nonconforming use becomes physically unsafe or unlawful due to lack of repairs or maintenance and is declared by any duly authorized official of the town to be an unsafe building, it shall not thereafter be restored, repaired or rebuilt except in conformance with the regulations of the code and the Florida Building Codes.



Sec. 62-72. - Use, change.

Whenever nonconforming use has been changed to a conforming use or to a use, it shall not thereafter be changed back to a nonconforming use.

Secs. 62-73—62-90. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Sec. 62-91. - Established; membership.

- (a) There is established a planning and zoning board consisting of five members, each of whom shall reside in and be qualified voters of the town and shall hold no office of profit under the town government. Members shall be appointed by the town council..
- (b) Members of the planning and zoning board shall serve three-year terms so staggered that the terms expire in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term within 60 days, in the same manner as the initial appointment. A member of the planning and zoning board may be removed from office ~~for cause~~ by the affirmative vote of 80 percent of the entire town council.

Sec. 62-92. - Rules of procedure.

The planning and zoning board shall adopt rules of procedure for the governance of its proceedings and the conduct of its business and may adopt such other rules relating to its internal administration as may be necessary. Such rules shall include the following:

- (1) *Officers and voting.* Annually at the January meeting, the planning and zoning board shall select a new chairperson and a new vice-chairperson from among its members, with all such officers serving a term of one year. All members of the planning and zoning board shall vote in all matters before the planning and zoning board, except where absent or disqualified. Votes shall be recorded by a roll call vote.
- (2) *Minutes, public records.* The land use administrator, or a person designated by the land use administrator, shall serve as the planning and zoning board secretary, keep minutes of all its meetings and record its actions and decisions; state if a member is absent; and make a timely report of all planning and zoning board actions to the town council.
- (3) *Meetings.* Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as a majority of the planning and zoning board may determine; provided, however, that the planning and zoning board shall hold at least one regular meeting every month, on a day to be determined by the planning and zoning board. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held in governmentally-owned or -leased premises.
- (4) *Quorum.* A majority of the planning and zoning board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of meetings and transacting business.
- (6) *Removal of members.* The planning and zoning board may recommend removal of any member who has three or more consecutive unexcused absences.

Sec. 62-93. - Powers and duties.

The functions, powers and duties of the planning and zoning board shall be, in general, to serve in an advisory capacity to the town council on all planning and zoning matters. In this capacity, the planning and zoning board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Review and recommend changes in the town's comprehensive plan.
- (3) Review and make recommendations on applications for rezonings classifications, amendments and district boundary and amendments to the Land Development Regulations.



- (4) Review and approve requests for special exceptions.
- (5) Review and approve site plans for all multifamily, mobile home parks, mobile home subdivisions, commercial and industrial development and redevelopment and planned unit developments, variances, and special exceptions.
- (6) Review, consider, and approve or deny applications for permits to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area.
- (7) Hear and decide appeals, decision made by the land use administrator.

Sec. 62-94. - Procedure for hearings for comprehensive plan amendments, special exception, zoning variance and appeals.

- (a) The planning and zoning board shall make rules for the conduct of hearings related to the granting of comprehensive plan amendments, special exceptions, zoning variances and appeals
- (c) The planning and zoning board shall promulgate appropriate rules and regulations provided for the establishment and maintenance of a record of all requests for zoning exceptions, zoning variances, and appeals considered by it. A verbatim transcript of the record is not required but each planning and zoning board shall establish such record in a sufficient degree to disclose the factual basis for its final determination with respect to such requests and appeals. The planning and zoning board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, .
- (d) A final order on each request for a zoning exception or zoning variance and each appeal shall be made within 30 calendar days of the last hearing at which such request or appeal was considered. Each final order shall contain findings upon which the planning and zoning board's order is based and may include such conditions and safeguards as prescribed by the appropriate planning and zoning board as are appropriate in the matter including reasonable time limits within which action pursuant to such order shall be begun or completed or both. The originals of the application and all orders of the planning and zoning board and one copy of the final order shall be furnished to the land use administrator and to the applicant.

Sec. 62-95. - Appeals.

- (a) An appeal may be taken to the planning and zoning board by any person aggrieved by any decision of the land use administrator, provided such appeal is filed with the town clerk within 30 days of the date of the action which is the subject of such appeal.
- (b) In exercising its powers, the planning and zoning board may, upon appeal and in conformity with provisions of this chapter, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify, decision appealed. An 80 percent vote of the zoning board (minimum of 4 votes) is required to override a decision of the land use administrator.
- (c) A notice of appeal shall be filed on the forms established and provided by the planning and zoning board and shall include all pertinent information required thereon.
- (d) The planning and zoning board shall within 15 days after receipt of such notice of appeal set a reasonable time for hearing thereon and shall give notice of the time and place of the hearing to the applicant and the land use administrator.
- (e) An appeal shall stay all administrative proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed until such time as a final determination has been made by the planning and zoning board on such appeal.

Sec. 62-96. - Review of decisions by town.

Decisions of the planning and zoning board in the granting of appeals, exceptions or variances shall be subject to review by the town council on appeal.

- (1) An appeal may be taken by any person who appeared before the planning and zoning board and is adversely affected by the decision of the planning and zoning board provided such



appeal is filed with the town clerk within 30 days of the date of the action which is the subject of such appeal.

- (2) A notice of appeal shall be filed on the forms established and provided by the town clerk and shall include all pertinent information required thereon. All appeals are limited to matters raised by appellant before the planning and zoning board and procedural matters which have arisen since the planning and zoning board heard the matter.
- (3) An appeal shall stay all administrative proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed until such time as a final determination has been made by the town council on such appeal.
- (4) The town council shall within 15 days after receipt of such notice of appeal set a reasonable time limit for public hearing shall give notice of the time and place of the hearing to the appellate, applicant, and the planning and zoning board members .
- (5) The town council shall find whether in its opinion error was made, and, within the terms of this section, affirm, reverse or modify the action appealed as it deems just and equitable. An 80 percent vote of the town council (minimum of four votes) is required to override a planning and zoning board decision.
- (6) Appeals from the decision of the town council may be appealed to the circuit court within 30 days of the date of the action which is subject to appeal.

Secs. 62-97—62-120. - Reserved.

#### DIVISION 4. - AMENDMENTS

##### Sec. 62-122. - Initiation of Rezoning or Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

- (a) An ordinance for the rezoning of land or comprehensive plan amendment may be proposed only by the town council or any member thereof, the planning and zoning board, or the owner of the subject property or duly authorized agent.

##### Sec. 62-123. - Public hearing.

A public hearing shall be held by the planning and zoning board to consider a proposal for an amendment to land development regulations, comprehensive plan amendment or for the rezoning of land and make recommendation to the Town on the action taken.

##### Sec. 62-126. - Limitation of rezoning of land.

- (a) No ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Comprehensive Plan or to rezone land shall contain conditions, limitations or requirements not applicable to all other land in the zoning district to which the particular land is rezoned, except rezoning to a PUD, Planned Unit Development.
- (b) Whenever the town council has, by ordinance, changed the Future Land Use Map designation or zoning classification of land, the planning and zoning board shall not then consider any application for rezoning of any part or all of the same land for a period of one year from the effective date of such ordinance.
- (c) Whenever the town council has denied an application for a FLUM amendment or the rezoning of land, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning of any part or all of the same land for a period of one year from the date of such action.
- (d)

##### Sec. 62-129. - Denial or adoption of amendment; appeal to circuit court.



- (a) At the conclusion of the public hearing, the town council shall either deny the proposed amendment or rezoning, or by ordinance adopt such amendment or rezoning by majority vote of the town council. In order to override a recommendation of the planning and zoning board, an 80 percent vote of the town council is required, minimum of four votes.
- (b) Any amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Development Regulations or rezoning of land established by ordinance by the town council shall be subject to appeal to the circuit court within 30 days of the date of the council action which is subject to appeal by any persons aggrieved by such action.

Secs. 62-131—62-150. - Reserved.

#### DIVISION 5. - SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Sec. 62-151. - Conditions and safeguards.

In the granting of zoning exceptions, the planning and zoning board may provide such conditions and safeguards as may be appropriate and in harmony with the purpose and intent of the Land Development Regulations.

Sec. 62-152. - Written application.

All applications for a special exception shall be in writing in such form as may be prescribed by the Town.

Sec. 62-153. - Public hearing.

The planning and zoning board, shall conduct a public hearing to consider any application for a special exception at a scheduled meeting of the planning and zoning board.

Sec. 62-154. - Power to deny, approve or disapprove with conditions.

The planning and zoning board has the power to deny, approve, or disapprove with conditions any special exception requested. When a special exception has been approved with conditions, the planning and zoning board may, as it deems necessary for the protection of public health, safety and general welfare, impose certain conditions, limitations, or restrictions on the use requested and its premises.

Sec. 62-155. - Limits of uses.

Any special exception permit granted by the planning and zoning board shall allow only that use specifically described in the application and is subject to the terms or conditions expressed the Land Development Regulations. The expansion or extension of the conditional use beyond the scope or terms of the conditional use permit shall be unlawful. The planning and zoning board may suspend or revoke a special exception permit the terms or conditions of which have been violated.

Sec. 62-156. - Resubmittal.

If the planning and zoning board denies an application for a special exception permit, another application for special exception cannot be resubmitted nor can any action be taken on a new petition for basically the same special exception on the same premises for a period of 12 months after the date the application was denied.

Sec. 62-157. - Review criteria.

The planning and zoning board, when considering special exception requests, shall use the following criteria as a basis for its findings:



- (1) The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the special exception will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare and is not contrary to established standards, regulations, or ordinances of other governmental agencies.
- (2) Each structure or improvement is so designed and constructed that it is not unsightly, undesirable, or obnoxious in appearance to the extent that it will hinder the orderly and harmonious development of the town and the zoning district in which it is proposed.
- (3) The special exception will not adversely impact the permitted uses in the zoning district nor unduly restrict the enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity nor substantially diminish or impair property values within the area.
- (4) The establishment of special exception will not impede the orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the zoning district.
- (5) Adequate water supply and sewage disposal facilities will be provided in accordance with state, county and town health requirements. The most stringent of these requirements will apply.
- (6) Adequate access roads, on-site parking, on-site loading and unloading berths, and drainage have been or will be provided where required.
- (7) Adequate measures have been taken to provide ingress and egress to the property which is designed in a manner to minimize traffic congestion on local streets.
- (8) Adequate screening and buffering of the special exception will be provided, where needed.
- (9) The special exception will not require signs or exterior lighting which will cause glare, adversely impact area traffic safety or have a negative economic effect on the area. Any signs or exterior lighting required by the special exception shall be compatible with development in the zoning district.

#### DIVISION 6. - VARIANCES

##### Sec. 62-181. - Written application.

All applications for a variance shall be in writing in such form as may be prescribed by Town and shall be accompanied by the required fee.

##### Sec. 62-182. - Public hearing.

A public hearing shall be held by the planning and zoning board to consider any application for a zoning variance. Notice of public hearing shall be made as provided in the Land Development Regulations.

##### Sec. 62-183. - Requirements for grant of variance.

- (a) The planning and zoning board may grant a variance only under circumstances where practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship is so substantial, serious and compelling that realization of the general restrictions ought to be granted. No variance shall be granted unless the applicant shall show and the planning and zoning board shall find that:
  - (1) The particular property, because of size, shape, topography or other physical conditions, suffers singular disadvantage through the operation of the code, which disadvantage does not apply to other properties in the vicinity;
  - (2) Because of this disadvantage, the owner is unable to make reasonable use of the affected property;
  - (3) This disadvantage does not exist because of conditions created by the owner or applicant;
  - (4) The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure; and



- (5) The grant of the variance will:
- a. Not be contrary to the public interest;
  - b. Not adversely affect other property in the vicinity;
  - c. Be in harmony with the spirit, intent and purpose of the code; and
  - d. Not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied to other lands, buildings or structures in the same zoning district.
- (b) In the passing upon a request for variance, the planning and zoning board shall not consider prospective financial loss or gain to the owner or applicant, nor shall the planning and zoning board, by variance, permit an activity, business, or operation which is not otherwise allowed in such zoning. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of lands, structures or buildings in other zoning districts shall be considered grounds for the approval of a variance application.

Sec. 62-184. - Denial of variance application.

When application for a variance has denied by the planning and zoning board , no further application shall be filed for the same variance on the same land, or any part thereof, for a period of 12 months from the date of denial.

Secs. 62-186—62-210. - Reserved.



## ARTICLE III. - ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; ZONING ATLAS

## Sec. 62-251. - Use districts generally.

In order to regulate and restrict the location of agriculture, trades, industries, public and semipublic uses, residences, and the location of buildings erected or altered for specific uses, the incorporated area of the town must be developed according the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan and the criteria of the zoning districts described in the Land Development Regulations. Districts as delineated are as follows, with titles and abbreviations as indicated:

District	Abbreviation
Agricultural, general	A-1
Residential, single-family	R-1
Residential, single-family	R-2
Residential, single-family and multiple-family	R-3
Multiple-family-mobile home district	RM-4
Residential, mobile home park/subdivision	RMH
Main Street Commercial	MSC
Commercial, general	C-1
Manufacturing, industrial warehousing	M-1

## Sec. 62-252. - Reference to district names.

- (a) Where the phrase "agricultural district" appears in the Land Development Regulations, ~~this chapter~~, the phrase shall be construed to include the A-1 district, and no others.
- (b) Where the phrases "all residential districts," "residential districts," and "zoned residentially" are used the Land Development Regulations, ~~in this chapter~~, the phrases shall be construed to include A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RM-4, and RMH districts, and no others.
- (c) Where the phrase "commercial districts" is used the Land Development Regulations, the phrase shall be construed to include the MSC and C-1 districts, and no others.
- (d) Where the phrase "industrial districts" is used in the Land Development Regulations, , the phrase shall be construed to include the M-1 district, and no others.



Sec. 62-253. - Interpretation of district boundaries.

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts and the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- Where such boundaries are indicated as approximately following centerlines of streets and alleys, such centerlines shall be construed to be such boundaries.
- (2) In unsubdivided property or where a district boundary divides a lot, the location of such boundary, unless such boundary is indicated by dimensions, shall be determined by the use of the scale appearing on the original map.
- (3) Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
- (4) Boundaries indicated as approximately following town limits shall be construed as following such town limits.
- (5) Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.
- (6) Where any street or alley is hereafter officially vacated or abandoned, the regulations applicable to each parcel of abutting property shall apply to that portion of such street or alley added thereto by virtue of such vacation or abandonment.

Secs. 62-255—62-280. - Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. - DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Sec. 62-281. - Zoning districts exclusive.

The use provisions in the various zoning districts are exclusive and any use not included under permitted or permissible uses shall be prohibited. The following chart includes the permitted uses and the permitted uses by exception for each district.



**USES BY ZONING DISTRICT**

USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
Agricultural, horticultural and forestry uses						P							
Air conditioning and heating contractor								E	E				
Airports						p							
Animal hospital veterinary clinic						E							
Animal Boarding place Facility							E						
Animals and Fowl	E	E	E	E									
Antique shop							P	P	P				
Archery Ranges						E							
Arena								P	P				
Athletic complex						E		P	P				
Auditorium								P	P				
Bank and financial institutions							P	P	P				
Billiard parlor								P	E				
Boat building and repairs								E	P				
Bowling Alley								P					
Building trades								E	P				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
contractor with storage yard for materials and equipment on premises													
Bulk storage yards, not including bulk storage of flammable liquids and acids.									P				
Cemeteries, crematories, mausoleums	E	E	E	E	E	P							
Churches	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	E				
Chickens	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Commercial Parking Lots and Parking Garages								P	E				
Commercial recreation facilities								P	E				
Community residential homes	P	P	P	P		P							
Community Center							P	P	E				
Convenience stores							E	P	E				
Day Care/Child Care Centers.	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P					
Delicatessen, bake shop							P	P	E				
Dude ranch, riding academy, or boarding stable						P							
Dwelling in building with business							P	E	E				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
Dwelling unit for occupancy by security guards or caretakers									E				
Employment offices							P	P	P				
Family day care homes	P	P	P	P		P	P						
Game preserves, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries						P							
Gasoline sales							E	P	E				
General store						E	P	P	E				
Golf Driving Ranges, Par Three Miniature Golf Courses						E		P					
Governmental uses	P					P	P					P	
Home Occupation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hospitals								P					
Horses	E	E	E	E	E	E							
Hotels and motels							E	P					
Light manufacturing, processing including food processing, packaging, or fabricating									P				
Manufacturing as involved in production of eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetic appliances, and similar products								P	P				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
Medical and dental clinic/office							P	P					
Multiple-family dwellings			P	P			P						
Mobile or manufactured home	E	E	E	P		E							
Mobile home parks					P								
Mobile home subdivisions					P								
Motorbus or Other Transportation Terminals								P					
Museum, and art gallery							P	P					
Outdoor fruit, vegetable, poultry, or fish markets								E	E				
Outdoor storage yards and lots, but not wrecking yards or junkyards									P				
Private Clubs							E		P				
Private Schools	E	E	E	E	E	E							
Professional and business office							P	P	P				
Public parks										P		P	
Public swimming pools								P		P		P	
Railroad yards									P				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
Recreational vehicle parks					E			E					
Restaurants without drive-in through facilities.							P	P	P				
Restaurants with or without drive-through facilities.							E	P	P				
Restaurants with alcohol sales							E	E	E				
Retail sales of wearing apparel, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, jewelry, art supplies, cameras or photographic supplies, sporting goods, hobby shops and musical instruments, florist or gift shop without outside sales or storage							P	P	E				
Retail facilities for the sale of alcoholic beverages with alcoholic content not more than 14 percent beer and wine for consumption off premises							E	P	E				
Retail facilities with outside sales and display. outlets for sale of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes,								E	E				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
boats, automotive vehicle parts and accessories (but not junkyards or automobile wrecking yards), heavy machinery and equipment, dairy supplies, monuments.													
Retail outlets for sale of goods and services							P	P	E				
Retail sale of secondhand merchandise in a completely enclosed building							P	P	E				
Research laboratories								P	P				
Rifle and gun shooting range, and archery range,						E							
Roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, pheasants, quail or any nondomestic fowl	E	E	E	E	E	E							
Sanitariums, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.						E	E	P				P	
Schools; colleges and universities						P							
Self-service laundries or dry cleaners							E	P	E				
Sheet Metal Fabrication								E	P				
Shooting galleries								P	P				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
housed in completely enclosed buildings													
Single-family dwellings	P	P	P	P		P	P						
Service establishments conducted in an enclosed building							P	P	E				
Service establishments with outside sales and storage.								E	E				
Skating Rinks								P					
Swine and non-domestic animals						E							
Temporary revival establishments						P							
Travel agencies							P	P	E				
Union Hall							P	P	P				
Veterinary Clinic							E	P	P				
Vocational, trade, and business schools								P	P				
Wholesale sales without manufacturing or storage conducted in an enclosed building							E	P	P				
Wholesaling, warehousing, storage, or distribution establishments with outside storage								E	P				
Wholesale, warehouse,								E	P				



USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
or storage use, but not bulk storage of flammable liquids													
Yard Sales	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P

Sec. 62-282. - Agricultural district A-1.

(a) *Intent.* district is intended to apply to areas which are sparsely developed and agriculture in nature.

(d) *Minimum lot requirements.*

(1) Single-family dwelling or Mobile Homes on individual lot:

a. Minimum lot width: 150 feet.

b. Minimum lot area: One acre.

(2) Minimum lot size for all other uses: Five acres.

(e) *Maximum lot coverage.*

(1) Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 25 percent of lot area.

(2) Other permitted or permissible use and accessory buildings shall be five percent.

(f) *Minimum yard requirements.*

(1) Front: 35 feet minimum.

(2) Side: 20 feet minimum.

(3) Rear: 40 feet minimum.

(g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

Sec. 62-283. - Single-family district R-1.

(a) *Intent.* This district is intended to apply to areas which are to be developed with large lot single-family homes and ancillary residential uses normally applicable in a residential neighborhood.

(c) *Minimum lot requirements.*

(1) Minimum lot width: 100 feet.

(2) Minimum lot area: 20,000 square feet.

(d) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 30 percent of lot area.

(e) *Maximum yard requirements.*



- (1) Front: 30 feet.
- (2) Side: 12.5 feet.
- (3) Rear: 35 feet.

(f) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

Sec. 62-284. - Single-family district R-2.

- (a) *Intent.* This district is intended to apply to areas which are to be developed with medium-sized lot single-family homes and accessory residential uses applicable in a single-family residential density that is in keeping with the needs of the community and that can be served adequately by available community services and facilities.
- (c) *Permissible uses and structures by exception.*
- (d) *Minimum lot requirements.* The minimum lot requirements per one dwelling are as follows:
  - (1) Minimum lot width: 75 feet.
  - (2) Minimum lot area: 9,000 square feet.
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 30 percent of lot area.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: 30 feet.
  - (2) Side: 12.5.
  - (3) Rear: 30 feet.
- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

Sec. 62-285. - Multiple-family district R-3.

- (a) *Intent..* This district is designed to apply to areas which are to be developed with a combination of single-family and multiple-family homes on small lots as is appropriate in a multiple residential area. It is intended to create and maintain a residential district of small homes and rental dwelling units at an intensity that is in keeping with the needs of the community and can be served adequately by available community services and facilities. It is also designed to create and maintain a multiple-family housing stock to serve and protect the character and stability of the district and the town.
- (d) *Minimum lot requirements.* The minimum lot requirements per dwelling unit are as follows:
  - (1) Minimum lot width: 70 feet.
  - (2) Minimum lot area: 7,000 square feet.
  - (3) Maximum units per acre: 12.
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area or 15 units per acre.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: 25 feet.
  - (2) Side: The sum of both side yards shall be 25 feet; however, no side yard shall be less than ten feet in width.
  - (3) Rear: 30 feet.
- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

Sec. 62-286. - Multifamily-mobile home district RM-4.



- (a) *Intent.* This section applies to the RM-4 district. This district is designed to apply to areas to be set aside for development with a combination of single-family, multiple-family and mobile homes on small lots that can be adequately served by available community facilities.
- (d) *Lot and building requirements.*
- (1) Minimum lot width: 75 feet.
  - (2) Minimum lot area: 9,000 square feet.
  - (3) Maximum lot unit density: One dwelling unit per 9,000 square feet of lot area.
  - (4) Maximum building capacity: 16 dwelling units for each building.
  - (5) Maximum density: 12 dwelling units per acre.
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
- (1) Front yard: 25 feet.
  - (2) Side yard: 12.5 feet.
  - (3) Rear yard: 30 feet.
- (g) *Maximum height of buildings.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

Sec. 62-287. - Mobile home district RMH.

- (a) *Intent.* The provisions of the RMH district provides for the development of areas for individual mobile home parks for residents desiring the unique environments characteristic of mobile home living. It shall be the responsibility of those entities establishing an RMH district to provide for these areas the community services as set forth in this amendment for their orderly development.
- (c) *Permitted accessory uses and structures.*
- (1)
  - (2) Each mobile home park shall be permitted to contain accessory or support facilities customarily incidental to the operation of the mobile home park as approved on the site plan. Such facilities may include recreational facilities, maintenance facilities and laundry facilities for use by the park residents.
- (f) *Minimum lot requirements.*
- (1) Mobile home park.
    - a. Minimum site width:
      1. One hundred feet of frontage on a public or private road .
      - 2.
    - b. Minimum site area:
      1. Ten acres.
      2. Maximum density of eight mobile homes per gross acre.
    - c. Minimum lot size for each mobile home
      1. 5,000 square feet.
    - d. Minimum yard requirements for each mobile home
      1. Front yard: 20 feet.



2. Rear yard: 10 feet.
3. Side yard: 7.5 feet.

- (g) *Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and structures.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.
- (h) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Mobile home park:
    - a. ~~Front yard:~~ Twenty-five feet from any property line.
- (i) *Mobile home parks.* All mobile home parks developed in the town shall meet the following minimum standards:
  - (7) All mobile homes must be skirted
  - (8) Each mobile home park shall have ~~recreation standard of~~ 150 square feet recreation area per mobile home lot.
  - (9) All streets and roads within a mobile home park shall have a minimum width of 50 feet. Cul-de-sac or dead end streets shall have a turning radius of at least 50 feet.
  - (10)
  - (12) A landscaped buffer at least eight feet wide and six feet high or privacy fence six feet high with 85% opacity shall be maintained along all property lines of the mobile home park.

Sec. 62-288. - Main Street Commercial MSC.

- (a) *Intent.* The MSC district is not intended for use by major commercial or service establishments such as service stations, vehicle repair and sales, hotels, etc. However, professional and business offices and similar uses are encouraged.
- (b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.*
  - (2) *Limitations.* All uses in the MSC are subject to the following limitations:
    - a. Sale, display, preparation, and storage to be conducted within a completely enclosed building, and
    - b. No more than 20 percent of floor space to be devoted to storage.
    - d. No vehicles other than passenger automobiles or trucks of not more than three-quarter-ton capacity shall be used.
  - e. On the same premises and in connection with permitted principal uses and structures, one permanent dwelling unit only for occupancy by owners. yard requirements for gasoline filling stations as an accessory use to a convenience store.
- (c) *Minimum lot width.* Seventy-five feet
- (d) Minimum lot size - 7,500 square feet.
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: Twenty-five feet or the front yard shall meet requirements of the adjacent property.
  - (2) Side: Ten feet.
  - (3) Rear: 35 feet.



- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty-five feet in height above established grade or as permitted by exception.

Sec. 62-289. - General commercial district C-1.

- (a) *Intent.* This district is intended to apply to those areas where general commercial establishments are appropriate and are to be located so as to serve the entire community and its environs. It is not intended to provide for warehousing, production or similar facilities. It is designed to promote the orderly growth and development of the area and to permit adequate service by the street and highway system and the available community services and facilities.
- (c) *Minimum lot width.* Seventy-five feet
- (d) Minimum lot size. 7,500 square feet.
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage for building and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
- (1) *Front:* Ten feet or the front yard shall meet requirements of the adjacent property.
  - (2) *Side:* None, if the adjacent lot is built on the property line, or if the adjacent lot is vacant.
  - (3) *Rear:* Ten feet.
- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty-five feet in height above established grade or as permitted by exception.

Sec. 62-290. - Manufacturing and industrial warehousing district M-1.

- (a) *Intent.* This district is intended to apply to those areas where manufacturing, warehousing and other industrial uses are appropriate and are to be located where they can be best served by the street and highway system, water, sewer and other community services. Development shall be limited by the adequacy of services and resources available and shall be permitted as necessary to maintain the character, value and stability of the district and the town.
- (b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.*
- (c) *Minimum lot width.* Fifty feet of ~~accepted town street or roadway frontage and~~
- (d) Minimum lot size 10,000 square feet.
- (e) *Minimum yard requirements.*
- (1) *Front:* 25 feet.
  - (2) *Side:* None.
  - (3) *Rear:* Ten feet.
  - (4) Adjoins residential property: 15 feet.
- (f) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height; ~~or as permitted by exception.~~

Secs. 62-291—62-310. - Reserved.

ARTICLE V. - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

Sec. 62-311. - Definition.

For the purpose of this chapter, a planned unit development (PUD) shall mean the development of land under unified control which is planned and developed as a whole in a single or programmed series of operations with uses and structures substantially related to the character of the entire development. A



PUD must also include a program for the provision, maintenance and operation of all areas, improvements, facilities, and necessary services for the common use of all occupants thereof.

Sec. 62-312. - Intent.

The application of flexible land use controls to the development of land is often difficult or impossible within traditional zoning district regulations. In order to permit the use of more flexible land use regulations and to facilitate use of the most advantageous techniques of land development, it is often necessary to establish planned unit developments (PUDs) in which development is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter, the Land Development Regulations and with the town's general planning program and such the adopted Comprehensive Plans. The objective of a PUD is to encourage ingenuity and imagination to produce developments which are in keeping with overall land use intensity and open space objectives of the Town, while departing from the strict application of use, setback, height and minimum lot size requirements of the zoning districts. The intent of the PUD is to permit such flexibility and provide performance criteria which:

- (1) Permit a creative approach to the development of land;
- (2) Accomplish a more desirable environment than would be possible through the strict application of the minimum requirements of the code;
- (3) Provide for an efficient use of land;
- (4) Enhance the appearance of the area through preservation of natural features, the provision of underground utilities and the provision of recreation areas and open and;
- (6) Provide an environment of stable character compatible with surrounding areas; and

Sec. 62-314. - Procedures.

- (a) *Application for rezoning to PUD.* A rezoning to shall include all the information required by the PUD application and shall include at a minimum:

- (1) Legal Description.
- (2) Evidence of unified control.
- (4) An agreement by the property owners to commit to  
proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the ordinance creating a PUD and such conditions and safeguards as may be set by the town council
- (5) Provide a written description of the development; and
  - c. To bind their successors ~~in title~~ to any commitments included in the PUD ordinance.

- (b) *Materials to accompany applications.* An application for rezoning to PUD shall be accompanied by the following, in sufficient copies as deemed necessary by the planning and zoning board for referrals and recommendations:

- (1) Plans, maps, studies and reports, as may reasonably be required by the town.
- (2) Written description of the intended plan of development.
- (3) A master development plan illustrating:
  - a. The location of all uses and facilities.
  - b. The number of residential units proposed.
  - c. A vehicular and pedestrian circulation plan.
  - d. A location of open space and recreational uses, with the acreage to and type of ownership.
  - e. A topographic map.



- (4) A statements indicating maintenance and ownership of common facilities will be resolved.
- (5) Phasing of the development.
- (c) *Action by the planning and zoning board and the town council.* Following the public hearing the planning and zoning board may recommend to the town council to enact an ordinance establishing a PUD, including any conditions for the development:  
and will meet the standards and performance criteria of section 62-316.
- (d) *Minor Deviations from ordinance creating PUD.* In order to facilitate minor adjustments to the plans approved as part of the ordinance creating a PUD, the planning and zoning board may approve minor changes in such plans which comply with the following criteria:
  - (1) There are the same or fewer number of dwelling units and/or floor area;
  - (2) The open space is in the same general location and in the same general amount, or a greater amount;
  - (3) The buildings have the same or less number of stories and/or floor area;
  - (4) The roads and drives follow approximately the same course; and have the same public or private rights therein.
- (e) *Expiration of time limits provided in ordinance creating a PUD.* If development actions required by the ordinance creating a PUD are not taken within any time limits set by the town council in such ordinance, the approval of a PUD as provided in such ordinance shall become invalid and no further action shall be permitted under such ordinance.

Sec. 62-315. - Implementation of a PUD.

- (a) *Development plan.* Following the enactment of an ordinance creating a PUD, a site plan application for all or part of the PUD shall be submitted to the planning and zoning board for review in accordance with the schedule of development, as contained in the ordinance, which shall include:
  - (1) All materials, drawings, information and other documentation required by the site plan application to certify substantial compliance with the PUD ordinance.
  - (2) Agreements, contracts, deed restrictions and sureties acceptable to the town for completion of such development according to plans approved in the ordinance, and for continuing operation and maintenance to such areas, functions and facilities as are not to be provided, operated, or maintained by the town pursuant to written agreement.
- (b) *Record plan.* If the PUD ordinance requires the recording of record plats, such plats shall accompany the submission of the development plan to the planning and zoning board and shall be included in its approval of such plan, and plats so approved shall be recorded, as provided by law.
- (c) *Approval of development plan.* The planning and zoning board shall review the final development plan; and, if found in compliance with the PUD ordinance and standards established by the Town, shall approve the final development plan.
- (d) *Permits required.* All construction in the development of a PUD shall proceed only under applicable permits, issued by the Town, and no building permit, certificate, or other document authorizing construction or occupancy within a PUD shall be issued, except in accordance with the approved development plan.

Sec. 62-316. - Standards and criteria.

- (b) *Open space.* A minimum of 20 percent of the gross site acreage shall be reserved for common recreation and usable open space.
- (h) *Community facilities.*



- (4) All PUDs shall provide for underground installation of utilities

Secs. 62-317—62-340. - Reserved.

## ARTICLE VI. - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

### DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 62-342. - Frontage requirements.

Every building hereafter erected or moved shall be located on a lot or parcel of land which provides frontage on a public street or an approved private street.

Sec. 62-344. - Fences and walls.

- (a) Fences and walls may be permitted in any required yard or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence or wall in excess of six feet shall be permitted in any residential district, and further provided that no fence in excess of four feet in height shall be permitted to encroach into the required front yard of any lot in a residential district. No fence, wall or other visual barrier exceeding 36 inches in height shall be permitted within 30 feet of any intersection as measured from the point of convergence of right-of-way lines.

Sec. 62-345. - Modification of height regulations.

The height limitations contained included in the Land Development Regulations do not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennas, water tanks, ventilators, chimneys, elevator shafts or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy; provided, however, that the structure (including appurtenances and structures normally erected above roof level) shall be erected to a height above adjacent ground level exceeding the most restrictive of the following:

- (1) Forty feet;
- (2) Elevations as may be prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration; or
- (3) Elevations as may be prescribed by the state unless applicable permit has been issued.

Sec. 62-347. - Buildings to have access.

- (a) Every building and/or structure hereafter erected or moved shall be on a lot adjacent to a public street or private street approved by the town council, provided that such private street right-of-way shall be not less than 60 feet in width and further provided that all structures shall be so located on lots as to provide safe and convenient access for servicing, fire protection and required off-street parking. Existing easements or right-of-way of record shall be excluded.

Sec. 62-348. - Parking of heavy vehicles in residential districts.

- (a) Heavy vehicles listed below shall not be parked in any residential district except as may be required for normal loading or unloading of such vehicles and during the time normally required for service at dwellings, or at structures or activities permitted or permissible in such residential districts:
- (1) Tractors and trucks for commercial use over 18,000 pounds, gross vehicle weight.
  - (2) Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers equipped with machinery and designed for exclusive use in the nature of well drilling, excavation, construction, spraying and like purposes.
  - (3) School buses, commercial wreckers, hearses, ambulances.



- (4) Ten persons and over passenger vehicles.
- (5) Trucks used for agricultural purposes over 5,000 pounds, gross vehicle weight.
- (b) In no event shall such vehicles be permitted to be parked along public highways and streets during the hours of darkness.

Sec. 62-349. - Parking or storage of inoperable vehicles.

Dismantled and/or partially dismantled vehicles which require major repairs to render such vehicles operable and vehicles not legally registered and licensed by the state department of highway safety and motor vehicles shall not be parked or stored in any residential zoning district, ~~except by exception~~. In commercial and manufacturing zoning districts vehicles must be visually screened by a solid wall or privacy fence from any abutting public or private right-of-way.

Sec. 62-351. - Yard and measurement of setbacks.

- (a) Every part of a required yard shall be open from its lowest point to the sky, unobstructed, except for the ordinary projection of sills, belt courses, cornices, buttresses, ornamental features, chimneys, and eaves; provided, however, that none of these projections shall project into a minimum front or side yard more than 36 inches.
- (b) On multiple frontage lots, the required front yard shall be provided on each street.

Sec. 62-352. - Buffer between districts.

Where an MSC, C-1 or M-1 district adjoins an agricultural or residential district without an intervening street or alley, a buffer of planted green space and a solid wall or fence at least six feet in height which creates a visual barrier shall be along all sides and rear property lines

Sec. 62-353. - Essential public services.

Essential public services may be permitted in any zoning district. Essential public services are defined as, but not limited to, such uses as water, sewer, gas, telephone or electrical distribution systems, schools, parks, and other governmental uses ~~after review by the planning and zoning board~~. Construction with appropriate screening and/or landscaping shall be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Sec. 62-354. - Waste disposal.

On all commercial property and multiple-family housing sites where commercial type refuse containers (dumpsters) are used, an adequate amount of space shall be provided for the placement of the necessary containers. Junk, scrap and waste collection areas shall be located off-street and to the rear of structures, allowing adequate maneuvering space for the servicing of the sites by the sanitation service. These areas shall have improved surface: milling, crushcrete, gravel, limestone, concrete or asphalt, and ingress-egress corridors to accommodate the servicing vehicles. All areas used for the waste collection shall be enclosed and visually screened by a solid wall or privacy fence from any abutting public or approved private street or public right-of-way. Waste disposal areas shall be constructed in a manner architecturally compatible with surrounding main use buildings.

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Sec. 62-355. - Mobile homes and Trailers.

- (a) *Temporary office.* A mobile home or trailer may be used in any zoning district as a temporary office or shelter for materials or tools incidental to construction, provided a permit for such construction or development has been issued, and such permit includes authorization for temporary use of a mobile



home or trailer. Such use of a mobile home or trailer shall not be permitted for more than one month after the completion of such construction.

- (b) *Temporary public use.* Any agency of local, municipal, state or federal government may utilize a mobile home or trailer for temporary public purposes in any zoning district. The mobile home or trailer shall not be used for any residential use.
- (c) *Sales office.* A mobile home or trailer may be used as a sales office in any zoning district.
- (e) *Mobile home on individual lot in certain districts.*

#### Sec. 62-357. - Excavation and/or filling.

No excavation or filling can occur on a lot unless a permit has been issued for the property and or development. Permission for excavation for site clearing must be granted by the planning and zoning board and any necessary state permits are secured only site clearing is being requested.

#### Sec. 62-358. - Supplementary regulations for certain uses.

- (a) It is the intent that these supplementary regulation standards and criteria be read in addition to, rather than in lieu of, any other requirement in Land Development Regulations. The following uses, whether permitted or permissible by exception, must meet the criteria listed under each use as a prerequisite for further consideration under this Code.

#### (a) Animals.

- (1)
- (2) *Horses and ponies.* Allowed for private riding use, shall be limited to one horse or pony per one-half acre, and only if a place of shelter therefore shall be provided which is not closer than 50 feet to any residence. Such horses and ponies shall be kept in a fenced enclosure in the rear yard, not closer than 25 feet to any private property line. If the property is a corner or through lot, the horses and ponies shall be kept in the side yard.
- (4) *Day care/Childcare Centers.*
  - a. Minimum lot area shall be not less than 7,500 square
  - b. Day care /childcare centers shall provide a fenced outdoor play area which meets the minimum requirements set forth by the state licensing agency and which shall be located in the rear or side yards of the subject property.
  - c. All facilities, operation and maintenance shall meet all applicable county and/or state regulations for such use.
  - d. The maximum number of children to be 50 in residential areas.
- (5) *Home occupations.* must meet all of the following conditions:
  - a. No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.
  - b. The use of the premises shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes and shall under no circumstances change the residential character of the structure.
  - c. There shall be no change in outside appearance of a building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation, except that one sign may be permitted, not exceeding one square foot in area, nonilluminated, mounted flat against the wall of the



principal building or on a post in the front yard at least five feet back from the street or roadway line.

- d. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
- e. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.
- f. The giving of art, music or other instructions or lessons shall be limited to not more than four persons at any one time.
- g. Fabrication of articles such as are commonly classified under the terms of arts and handicraft, and providing no retail sales are made at the dwelling unit.
- h. No outside storage of business materials or products.

(2) *Yard sales.*

- a. No yard sale shall be permitted Monday through Thursday.
- b. All merchandise shall be removed from site at the end of the last day of sale.

(3) *Chickens.*

- a. Chicken, defined as a hen (*gallus domesticus*), and shall be kept within a coop or enclosure (a fenced or wired-in area, pen or run) at all times. A coop is herein defined as a covered house, structure or room that will provide the chickens with shelter from weather and with a roosting area protected from predators.
- b. Any coop and/or fenced enclosure shall be located in the rear yard of the property, unless the property is deemed to be a corner lot or double frontage lot. No coop, enclosure or chicken shall be allowed in any front or side yard (on corner and through lots the enclosure shall be located in the side yard).
- c. Property owners shall obtain a non-fee permit from the town prior to constructing or erecting any coop or enclosure.
- d. Chickens may not be kept in the multifamily (R-3, RM-4 or RMH) zoning districts.
- f. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. The maximum number of chickens that may be kept shall not exceed 15 chickens. Selling of hens, eggs or manure, or the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- g. All coops or enclosures shall be located at least ten feet from the rear property line, side property line and the property's principal residential structure. Coops and enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Chickens shall not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of odor, noise or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.

Sec. 62-359. - Accessory uses and structures.

- (a) Accessory uses and structures are permitted in all districts provided such uses and structures are of a nature customarily incidental and clearly subordinate to a permitted or permissible principal use or structure and, unless otherwise provided, are located on the same lot (or contiguous lot in the same ownership) as such principal use. Where a building or portion thereof is attached to a building or structure containing such principal use, such building or portion shall be considered as a part of a principal building and not an accessory building. Accessory uses shall not involve operations or



structures not in keeping with the character of the district where located and shall be subject to the following:

- (1) Accessory uses and structures shall not be located in required front or side yards in any residential district except as follows:
    - a. On double frontage lots, through lots and corner lots, accessory uses and structures may be located in any required side yard.
    - b. Accessory structures for the housing of persons such as guesthouses shall not be located in any required yard.
    - c. Detached accessory structures, other than as in subsection (a)(1)b of this section, which are separated from the main structure by not less than ten feet may be located in a required side or rear yard but not less than three feet from any lot line.
    - d. Air conditioning compressors or other equipment designed to serve the main structure may be located in any required side or rear yard but not less than seven feet from any lot line.
  - (2) Accessory uses and structures in any residential district shall include noncommercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, guesthouses, private garages, tool and garden sheds, swimming pools, tennis courts, barbecue pits, , and similar uses or structures which:
    - a. Do not involve the conduct of business of any kind.
    - b. Are of a nature not likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
    - c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of a residential neighborhood.
  - (3) Private swimming pools, shall be a structure of concrete, masonry or other approved material and finish, not located within a completely enclosed building, filled with a controlled water supply, and used or designed to be used for bathing or swimming purposes by humans. A private swimming pool shall be allowed in a residential district as an accessory use only if it fully complies with the following conditions:
    - a. That the pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupants or bona fide guests.
    - b. That the pool is not located in the required setback for the district. A swimming pool shall not be permitted in any required front yard.
    - c. All fences and gates shall be installed to comply with the Florida Building Code-
    - d. Any temporary or aboveground pool exceeding two feet in height shall meet these requirements and the requirements of the Florida Building Code.
  - (4) The height of all accessory structures in a residential zone shall be limited to 22 feet above the established grade.
- (b) Except for temporary storage of building supplies during the period of construction of the main use building, no accessory building shall be used or occupied until the main use building on the lot is being used.

Sec. 62-360. - Residences destroyed by acts of God.

Homeowners shall be allowed to place temporary housing on property when their residence is destroyed by an act of God. Temporary housing may consist of a recreational vehicle or travel trailer. Temporary housing will be granted for a period of not to exceed 180 days from the date the residence is destroyed. Mobile home replacement can be granted without special exception when the mobile home has been destroyed by an act of God Single residences can be re-built in any district if the residence is destroyed by an act of God All other sections of this Land Development Regulations must be adhered to, including setbacks, lot size, and lot coverage.



Sec. 62-361. - Ponds and borrow pits.

- (a) *Applicability.* Any new pond or borrow pit or the expansion or change to an existing pond or borrow pit shall be subject to these standards. Size of the pond or borrow pit refers to the land area at the top of bank at the largest point during the excavation.
- (b) *Exemptions.* The following activities are exempt from the requirements of this section:
- (2) Maintenance dredging or repair of canals, lakes, rivers, and stormwater management facilities, provided permit requirements from other local, state, and federal agencies are met;
  - (3) Work included in a duly approved residential subdivision or non-residential construction project;
  - (4) Swimming pool construction
  - (5) Sites where contamination investigation and remediation are being conducted under the direction of the Department of Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental Protection Agency, if there will be no permanent change in the final grade of the land surface upon completion of the project. Such activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, contaminated soil removal.
  - (6) Minor excavations normally and customarily associated with owner-occupied, single-family residences, where no material leaves the property, and the excavation is performed without heavy equipment.
- (c) *Standards for ponds.*
- (1) The owner/applicant shall submit a scaled site plan or sketch to the Town illustrating the parcel boundaries, easements, buildings, septic systems, wetlands, and the proposed pond.
  - (2) The following standards shall apply to ponds:
    - a. Twenty-five-foot setbacks shall be observed from parcel boundaries, septic systems, and wetlands;
    - b. Four feet horizontal to one foot vertical (4:1) slopes shall be observed to a depth of two feet below mean low water line;
    - c. Maximum depth shall be twelve feet below the seasonal high groundwater table elevation; and
    - d. Lot upon which the proposed pond will be located shall be a minimum of one acre in size (uplands).
  - (3) The aggregation requirements of the pond or borrow pit shall apply to the excavation of any pond.
  - (5) Application requirements for ponds. An application for a pond shall contain the following documentation:
    - a. Any access/haul roads that abut a public or private paved road shall provide for edge of pavement stabilization with, a minimum depth of six inches, which stabilization may consist of compacted crushed crete, limerock, slag rock, or asphalt millings, to protect pavement edge; and
  - (6) Hours of operation. Ponds excavation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- (d) *Standards for borrow pits.*
- (1) The owner/applicant shall submit a site plan signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida to the Town illustrating the standards required by the Land Development Regulations.



- (2) The owner/applicant shall obtain permits or an exemption from the SJRWMD for the construction of borrow pits and shall provide the Town with SJRWMD permits necessary to operate the borrow pit or a copy of the exemption letter,
  - (3) Where the SJRWMD determines that no permit is required for the construction and operation of the borrow pit, the borrow pit shall be no closer than 100 feet setback from any property boundary.
  - (4) Borrow pits shall not be closer than 75 feet to any part of a septic tank system.
  - (5) Any two or more excavations, located upon lands under common ownership, within 660 feet of each other shall be aggregated and regulated as if a single excavation.
  - (6) Application requirements for borrow pits. An application for a borrow pit shall contain the following documentation:
    - a. Erosion and sediment control;
    - b. Plans for any dewatering activities;
    - c. Access to the project to the appropriate town personnel for the purpose of inspection during normal working hours and at reasonable times when work is in progress;
    - d. Fence detail. If side slopes are less than four feet horizontal to one foot vertical (4:1) down to two feet below mean low water level;
    - e. Location and setbacks to: Property lines, structures, septic tanks, wetlands, right-of-way, easements, and existing bodies of water;
    - f. Documentation of the seasonal high groundwater level (soil bore to determine lithology) if excavation will be deeper than twelve (12) feet below the seasonal high groundwater table elevation;
    - g. Any access/haul roads that abut a public or private paved road shall provide for edge of pavement stabilization with, a minimum depth of six inches, which stabilization may consist of compacted crushed crete, limerock, slag rock, or asphalt millings, to protect pavement edge; and
    - h. Access points abutting a public or private road shall be at least 12 feet wide.
  - (7) Hours of operation. Borrow pits may operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
  - (8) The Planning and Zoning Board shall approve the operation of a borrow pit. The operation of the borrow pit shall expire on the expiration date of the environmental resource permit (ERP) issued by the SJRWMD. If the operator obtains an extension of the ERP by the SJRWMD, the operator shall provide the Town a copy of the ERP extension approval from the SJRWMD. An extension shall automatically be approved based on the extension of SJRWMD permit.
- (e) *Bonding requirements for platted subdivisions.* For the duration of the authorized work, a maintenance bond, equal to \$0.10 per cubic yard of material removed, shall be required by the public works director for any pond or borrow pit where the excavation is accessed from a public road or street.
- (f) *Administration and enforcement.*
- (1)
  - (3) Code enforcement shall investigate alleged violations in accordance with town regulations. Code enforcement shall have the authority to temporarily stop work pending adjudication.
  - (4) Revocation. Authorization shall be revocable at any stage of the work contemplated herein upon the following grounds:
    - a. Approval was granted upon gross misrepresentation by the applicant;



- b. The work violates any ordinance of the town;
- c. The work is not being performed in accordance with the provisions of this section; or
- d. The work is not being performed in accordance with the terms of any permit or development order.

Secs. 62-362—62-380. - Reserved.

## DIVISION 2. - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Sec. 62-381. - Purpose of division; space required.

The purpose of this division is to ensure the reasonable provision for future off-street parking facilities within the town. As previously defined, an "off-street parking space" consists of a minimum area of nine feet by 18 feet,

Sec. 62-382. - General off-street parking requirements.

- (a) Off-street parking facilities shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. Conforming buildings and uses existing may be modernized, altered, or repaired without providing additional off-street parking, providing there is no increase in area or capacity. Where a conforming building or use exists and such building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding floor area, volume, or seats, off-street parking shall be provided for the additional floor area, volume, capacity or seats so created or used. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use shall meet the off-street parking requirements prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy or zoning compliance. Handicapped parking spaces must comply with Florida Statutes.
- (b) At the time of the erection of any building or structure or at the time any structure is enlarged or increased in capacity and/or changed in usage, the following minimum off-street parking spaces are required:

Use	Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required
Bowling alley	Five spaces per alley
Bus, railroad or other transportation terminals	One space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area.
Business, commercial or personal service establishment	One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area.
Churches, funeral homes, clubs, lodges, dance, art and music studios, vocational, trade and business school	One space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.
Commercial shopping centers	One space for each 100 square feet of non-storage floor area
Hotels and motels	One space for each sleeping room
Industrial uses	One space for each 700 square feet of gross floor area devoted to manufacturing, shipping or receiving, plus one space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area devoted to office use
Institutional uses such as sanitariums, rest homes, hospitals, and nursing homes	One space for each two beds plus one additional space for each two employees on the day shift



Use	Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required
Mobile home parks, subdivisions and mobile homes on individual lot	Two spaces per mobile home.
Multifamily dwellings	Two spaces per dwelling units plus one space for owner or operator and one space for each two employees
Place of public assembly such as auditoriums and theaters	One space for each four seats
Professional and business offices	One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area
Radio or television broadcasting office or studio	One space for each 400 square feet of gross floor area
Restaurant, nightclub, bar or tavern	One space for each three seats in public rooms or one space for each 75 square feet of floor area devoted to patron use, whichever is greater
Rooming houses and boarding houses	One space for each bedroom
Schools, elementary and junior high	Two spaces for each classroom, office and kitchen
Senior high	One space for each four seats in the main assembly hall, plus two spaces for each classroom
Single- and two-family dwellings	Two spaces per dwelling unit
Theaters	One space for each four seats in the main auditorium
Travel trailer parks and campgrounds	One space for each parking stand
Medical and dental clinics or offices	One space for each 150 square feet of gross floor area
Plant nursery	One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area, plus one space for each 1,000 square feet of lot ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales or display.
: Where fractional spaces shall be the nearest whole number.	

Sec. 62-383. - Off-street loading definition and requirements.

(a) An off-street loading space is an on-the-property area preserved for the convenient loading and unloading of materials and merchandise scaled to delivery vehicles. Every off-street loading space shall have the minimum dimensions of 12 feet by 25 feet, excluding the area for direct access and maneuvering meeting the following standards: modernized, altered or repaired without providing additional off-street loading, providing there is no increase in area or capacity. Where a conforming building or use existed at the time of the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, and such building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding floor area or volume, off-street loading as specified in this chapter shall be provided for additional floor area, volume or capacity so created or used. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use shall meet the off-street loading requirements

Uses	Off-street loading requirements
Office building, motel, hotel, or auditorium	One space for each 5,000 square feet gross floor up to 40,000 square feet plus one space for each 60,000 square feet



Uses	Off-street loading requirements
Retail or service establishment, wholesale establishment, industrial plant and restaurant	One space if gross floor area is more than 2,000 square feet but not greater than 20,000 square feet; two spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 20,000 square feet but not greater than 60,000 square feet; three spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 60,000 square feet but not greater than 120,000 square feet, plus one additional off-street loading space for each additional 80,000 square feet over 120,000 square feet or major fraction thereof.

- (b) Off-street loading facilities shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. Conforming buildings and uses existing at the time of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived may be of this section.

Sec. 62-384. - Design standards.

- (a) *Drainage.* Off-street parking and loading areas shall be drained to prevent damage to abutting property and/or public streets and alleys and paved with asphalt or concrete and obtain the required permits from the SJRWMD and/or FDOT.
- (b) *Separation from walkway and streets.* Off-street parking and loading facilities shall be separated from walkways, sidewalks, streets or alleys by a wall, fence, or curbing.
- (c) *Entrances and exits.* Location and design of entrances and exits shall be in accordance FDOT access management and to promote safety in the Town. Landscaping, curbing or other barrier shall be provided along lot boundaries to control entrance and exit of vehicles or pedestrians.
- (d) *Interior drives.* Minimum width of interior drives shall be related to the angle of parking stalls and use of one-way or two-way traffic as follows:

Parking Angle (degrees)	Width of Aisle (feet)	Traffic Direction
30	11	One-way
45	13	One-way
60	18	One-way
90	24	Two-way

- (e) *Marking of parking spaces.* Required off-street parking areas shall have individual spaces marked, by painted lines or curbs or other means to indicate individual spaces, and shall be so designed, maintained and regulated that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any public or private street, walk or alley, and so that any automobile may be parked and unparked without moving another. Signs or markers shall be used as necessary to ensure the preservation of the natural features as well as the efficient traffic operation of the lot.
- (f) *Lighting.* Adequate lighting shall be provided if nonresidential off-street parking or loading facilities are to be used at night. The lighting shall be designed and installed to minimize glare on adjacent



property; in any event no source of illumination for such lots shall be directly visible from any window in any residence in an adjacent residential district.

Sec. 62-385. - Area location.

The required off-street parking or loading facilities shall normally be located on the same lot or parcel of land they are intended to serve. However, the town planning and zoning board may allow the establishment of off-street parking facilities within 400 feet of the premises they are intended to serve in all districts except residential districts when practical difficulties prevent the placing of the facilities on the same lot as the premises they are designed to serve.

Secs. 62-386—62-410. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VII. - SIGNS

Sec. 62-411. - Definitions.

*Sign* means any structure or device which is erected, constructed or maintained outside of enclosed buildings, or structures for the purpose of display, information, advertisement, or attraction of the attention of persons, and includes among others, posters, pictures, pictorial or reading matter, and any letter, word, model, device or representation used in the nature of any advertisement, announcement, attraction or direction.

Sec. 62-412. - Scope and intent.

The provisions of this article shall govern the number, sizes, location, character, and maintenance of signs which may be permitted as a main or accessory use. Increased numbers and sizes of signs as well as certain types of lighting can be distracting to the motoring public and create potential traffic hazards. Haphazard location, construction and maintenance of signs seriously detract from the natural beauty of the town and, in turn, injuriously affect the economic well-being of the citizenry. It is the intent of this article to authorize the size and location of signs which carry out their purpose without unduly interfering with motorists, causing unsafe conditions, and without injuriously affecting the value of property. Flashing signs are prohibited.

Sec. 62-413. - Measurement of sign area.

The surface area of a sign shall be computed as including the entire area within a regular, geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms comprising all of the display area of the sign and including all of the elements of the matter displayed. Frames and structural members not being advertising matter shall not be included in computations of surface area.

Sec. 62-414. - Governmental signs excluded.

For the purpose of these regulations, the term "sign" does not include signs erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function, or required by any law, ordinance or governmental regulations.

Sec. 62-415. - Nonconforming signs.

Signs which are nonconforming shall be removed or made to conform.

Sec. 62-416. - Removal of signs.

- (a) *Grounds for removal.* All signs permitted maybe removed for reasons of safety of persons or property, faulty construction, lack of maintenance or unsightly appearance.
- (b) *Repair/removal of Unsafe Signs.* A citation shall be issued for any unsafe sign or a sign in disrepair. Any sign for which a citation has been issued or is in violation must be repaired or removed within 30



days after receiving due notice. In case the objectionable sign is not removed, the town shall then have the right to enter upon the property, remove the sign and assess such cost against the property.

- (c) *Abandoned signs.* Any abandoned sign shall be removed within 30 days from the date of its abandonment. Any such sign not removed within the required period shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the Town.

Sec. 62-417. - Construction requirements.

All signs or similar advertising matter shall be governed in their construction or erection and maintenance by the town Code and the Florida Building Code

Sec. 62-418. - General requirements for all signs and districts.

The following shall apply to all signs and all use districts:

- (1) Any illuminated sign or lighting device shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating or moving light or lights. In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed or directed or beamed upon a public thoroughfare, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises, so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- (2) No sign shall employ any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, or
- (3) All wiring, fittings and materials used in the construction, connection and operation of electrically illuminated signs shall be in accordance with the Florida Building Code.
- (4) No sign shall be erected or maintained from the front or face of a building of more than two feet, including those projecting from the face of any theater, hotel or motel marquee.
- (5) No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building.
- (6) No temporary sign shall be placed on the front or face of a building or on any premises.
- (7) No sign erected or maintained in the window of a building, visible from any public or private street or highway, shall occupy more than 20 percent of the window surface.
- (8) No sign of any classification shall be installed, erected or attached in any form, shape or manner against a building, which would prevent ingress and egress through any door or window required or designed for access to any building, nor shall any sign or over street graphic obstruct a fire escape or any door or window giving access to any fire escape.
- (10) Should any sign be or become unsafe or be in danger of falling, the owner thereof or the person maintaining the sign shall, upon receipt of written notice from the Town, proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign.
- (11) No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way, except publicly owned signs, such as traffic control signs and directional signs. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking or indicating private property, but bearing no advertising matter, shall be permitted on any property. No sign shall overhang or infringe upon the right-of-way of any street, road or public way.
- (12) No sign or other street graphic may use the words "stop," "look," "drive-in," "danger" or similar word, phrase, symbol or character, nor simulate a traffic control device, nor may red, amber or green lights be used, within ten feet of a public right-of-way or 200 feet of a traffic control device.
- (13) No sign shall be attached to a tree or any vegetation.

Sec. 62-419. - Signs permitted in all districts.

The following signs shall be permitted in all districts:



- (1) Not more than one sign advertising the sale, lease or rental of the premises upon which the sign is located, not exceeding 32 square feet in area, except in all residential districts the area of the sign shall not be more than six square feet.
- (2) Professional nameplates not exceeding two square feet in area.
- (3) Signs denoting the name and address of the occupants of the premises, not exceeding two square feet in area.
- (4) Non-advertising directional signs or symbols (entrance, exit, slow) located and pertaining to a parcel of private property, not to exceed two square feet in area.
- (5) Signs or bulletin boards customarily incidental to places of worship, libraries, museums, social clubs or societies located on the premises of such institution, not to exceed 15 square feet in area.
- (6) Subdivision entrance or identifying signs shall not exceed 40 square feet.

Sec. 62-420. - Signs permitted in commercial and industrial districts; wall-mounted ~~projecting~~ and marquee signs.

- (a) In a commercial or industrial district, each business shall be permitted one ~~flat or building~~ on-site sign. Permanent on-site signs for any single-business enterprise may have an area equivalent to 1½ square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of building width or part of a building occupied by such enterprise but shall not exceed a maximum area of 100 square feet. The height of signs shall not exceed 12 feet in height.

Sec. 62-421. - Temporary signs.

- (a) Temporary stationary signs, not exceeding 50 square feet in area, announcing special public or institutional events, the erection of a building, the architect, the builders, or contractors may be erected for a period of 60 days plus the construction period. Such temporary signs shall be nonilluminated and shall conform to the general and setback.

Sec. 62-423. - Signs on public property.

No sign, other than official signs shall be posted on any public property.

Sec. 62-424. - Sign setback requirements.

- (a) On-site signs shall be set back from the established right-of-way line ~~of any thoroughfare~~ at least ten feet. Less than ten feet setback may be allowed where a building is less than ten feet from the right-of-way provided it does not obstruct visibility and cause a traffic safety hazard.
- (b) For every square foot by which any on-site sign exceeds 50 square feet, the setback shall be increased by one-half foot, but need not exceed 100 feet.
- (c) All types of signs and bulletin boards for a church, school or any other public, religious or educational institution may be erected not less than ten feet from the established right-of-way line of any street or highway, provided such sign or bulletin board complies with the clear sight triangle, ~~as defined.~~
- (d) On-site signs shall be erected or placed in conformity with the side and rear yard requirements of the district in which they are located, except that in any residential district, on-site signs shall not be erected or placed within 12 feet of a side or rear lot line. If the requirement for a single side yard in the appropriate zoning district is more than 12 feet, the latter shall apply.

Secs. 62-426—62-450. - Reserved.



## ARTICLE VIII. - FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

### DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

#### Sec. 62-451. - Title.

These regulations shall be known as the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Town of Hilliard, hereinafter referred to as "this article."

#### Sec. 62-452. - Scope.

The provisions of this article shall apply to all development that is wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area, including but not limited to the subdivision of land; filling, grading, and other site improvements and utility installations; construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, improvement, replacement, repair, relocation or demolition of buildings, structures, and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code; placement, installation, or replacement of manufactured homes and manufactured buildings; installation or replacement of tanks; placement of recreational vehicles; installation of swimming pools; and any other development.

#### Sec. 62-453. - Intent.

The purposes of this article and the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code are to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding through regulation of development in flood hazard areas to:

- (1) Minimize unnecessary disruption of commerce, access and public service during times of flooding;
- (2) Require the use of appropriate construction practices in order to prevent or minimize future flood damage;
- (3) Manage filling, grading, dredging, mining, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential;
- (4) Manage the alteration of flood hazard areas, watercourses, and shorelines to minimize the impact of development on the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain;
- (5) Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities;
- (6) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas;
- (7) Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events; and
- (8) Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation as set forth in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

#### Sec. 62-454. - Coordination with the Florida Building Code.

This article is intended to be administered and enforced in conjunction with the Florida Building Code. Where cited, ASCE 24 refers to the edition of the standard that is referenced by the Florida Building Code.

#### Sec. 62-455. - Warning.

The degree of flood protection required by this article and the Florida Building Code, as amended by this community, is considered the minimum reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific



and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This article does not imply that land outside of mapped special flood hazard areas, or that uses permitted within such flood hazard areas, will be free from flooding or flood damage. The flood hazard areas and base flood elevations contained in the flood insurance study and shown on flood insurance rate maps and the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 59 and 60 may be revised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, requiring this community to revise these regulations to remain eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. No guaranty of vested use, existing use, or future use is implied or expressed by compliance with this article.

Sec. 62-456. - Disclaimer of liability.

This article shall not create liability on the part of the town council of Town of Hilliard or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damage that results from reliance on this article or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

## DIVISION 2. - APPLICABILITY

Sec. 62-457. - General.

Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

Sec. 62-458. - Areas to which this article applies.

This article shall apply to all flood hazard areas within the Town of Hilliard, as established in section 62-459 of this article.

Sec. 62-459. - Basis for establishing flood hazard areas.

The Flood Insurance Study for Nassau County, Florida and Incorporated Areas dated December 17, 2010, and all subsequent amendments and revisions, and the accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRM), and all subsequent amendments and revisions to such maps, are adopted by reference as a part of this article and shall serve as the minimum basis for establishing flood hazard areas. Studies and maps that establish flood hazard areas are on file at the Town Hall.

Sec. 62-460. - Submission of additional data to establish flood hazard areas.

To establish flood hazard areas and base flood elevations, pursuant to Division 5 of this article the floodplain administrator may require submission of additional data. Where field surveyed topography prepared by a Florida licensed professional surveyor or digital topography accepted by the community indicates that ground elevations:

- (1) Are below the closest applicable base flood elevation, even in areas not delineated as a special flood hazard area on a FIRM, the area shall be considered as flood hazard area and subject to the requirements of this article and, as applicable, the requirements of the Florida Building Code.
- (2) Are above the closest applicable base flood elevation, the area shall be regulated as special flood hazard area unless the applicant obtains a letter of map change that removes the area from the special flood hazard area.

Sec. 62-461. - Other laws.

The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

Sec. 62-462. - Abrogation and greater restrictions.



This article supersedes any ordinance in effect for management of development in flood hazard areas. However, it is not intended to repeal or abrogate any existing ordinances including but not limited to land development regulations, zoning ordinances, stormwater management regulations, or the Florida Building Code. In the event of a conflict between this article and any other ordinance, the more restrictive shall govern. This article shall not impair any deed restriction, covenant or easement, but any land that is subject to such interests shall also be governed by this article.

#### Sec. 62-463. - Interpretation.

In the interpretation and application of this article, all provisions shall be:

- (1) Considered as minimum requirements;
- (2) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- (3) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

#### DIVISION 3. - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

#### Sec. 62-464. - Designation.

The town clerk is designated as the floodplain administrator. The floodplain administrator may delegate performance of certain duties to other employees.

#### Sec. 62-465. - General

The floodplain administrator is authorized and directed to administer and enforce the provisions of this article. The floodplain administrator shall have the authority to render interpretations of this article consistent with the intent and purpose of this article and may establish policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided in this article without the granting of a variance pursuant to Division 7 of this article.

#### Sec. 62-466. - Applications and permits.

The floodplain administrator, in coordination with other pertinent offices of the community, shall:

- (1) Review applications and plans to determine whether proposed new development will be located in flood hazard areas;
- (2) Review applications for modification of any existing development in flood hazard areas for compliance with the requirements of this article;
- (3) Interpret flood hazard area boundaries where such interpretation is necessary to determine the exact location of boundaries; a person contesting the determination shall have the opportunity to appeal the interpretation;
- (4) Provide available flood elevation and flood hazard information;
- (5) Determine whether additional flood hazard data shall be obtained from other sources or shall be developed by an applicant;
- (6) Review applications to determine whether proposed development will be reasonably safe from flooding;
- (7) Issue floodplain development permits or approvals for development other than buildings and structures that are subject to the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, when compliance with this article is demonstrated, or disapprove the same in the event of noncompliance; and



- (8) Coordinate with and provide comments to the building official to assure that applications, plan reviews, and inspections for buildings and structures in flood hazard areas comply with the applicable provisions of this article.

Sec. 62-467. - Substantial improvement and substantial damage determinations.

For applications for building permits to improve buildings and structures, including alterations, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, change of occupancy, additions, rehabilitations, renovations, substantial improvements, repairs of substantial damage, and any other improvement of or work on such buildings and structures, the floodplain administrator, in coordination with the building official, shall:

- (1) Estimate the market value, or require the applicant to obtain an appraisal of the market value prepared by a qualified independent appraiser, of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work; in the case of repair, the market value of the building or structure shall be the market value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made;
- (2) Compare the cost to perform the improvement, the cost to repair a damaged building to its pre-damaged condition, or the combined costs of improvements and repairs, if applicable, to the market value of the building or structure;
- (3) Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; and
- (4) Notify the applicant if it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code and this article is required.

Sec. 62-468. - Modifications of the strict application of the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

The floodplain administrator shall review requests submitted to the building official that seek approval to modify the strict application of the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code to determine whether such requests require the granting of a variance pursuant to Division 7 of this article.

Sec. 62-469. - Notices and orders.

The floodplain administrator shall coordinate with appropriate local agencies for the issuance of all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this article.

Sec. 62-470. - Inspections.

The floodplain administrator shall make the required inspections as specified in Division 6 of this article for development that is not subject to the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. The floodplain administrator shall inspect flood hazard areas to determine if development is undertaken without issuance of a permit.

Sec. 62-471. - Other duties of the floodplain administrator.

The floodplain administrator shall have other duties, including but not limited to:

- (1) Establish, in coordination with the building official, procedures for administering and documenting determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage made pursuant to section 62-467 of this article;
- (2) Require that applicants proposing alteration of a watercourse notify adjacent communities and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Floodplain Management Office, and submit copies of such notifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);



- (3) Require applicants who submit hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses to support permit applications to submit to FEMA the data and information necessary to maintain the flood insurance rate maps if the analyses propose to change base flood elevations, flood hazard area boundaries, or floodway designations; such submissions shall be made within 6 months of such data becoming available;
- (4) Review required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by this article and the Florida Building Code to determine that such certifications and documentations are complete; and
- (5) Notify the Federal Emergency Management Agency when the corporate boundaries of the town are modified.

#### Sec. 62-472. - Floodplain management records.

Regardless of any limitation on the period required for retention of public records, the floodplain administrator shall maintain and permanently keep and make available for public inspection all records that are necessary for the administration of this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, including flood insurance rate maps; letters of map change; records of issuance of permits and denial of permits; determinations of whether proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by the Florida Building Code and this article; notifications to adjacent communities, FEMA, and the state related to alterations of watercourses; assurances that the flood carrying capacity of altered watercourses will be maintained; documentation related to appeals and variances, including justification for issuance or denial; and records of enforcement actions taken pursuant to this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code. These records shall be available for public inspection at the Town Hall.

#### DIVISION 4. - PERMITS

#### Sec. 62-473. - Permits required.

Any owner or owner's authorized agent (hereinafter "applicant") who intends to undertake any development activity within the scope of this article, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, which is wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area shall first make application to the floodplain administrator, and the building official if applicable, and shall obtain the required permit(s) and approval(s). No such permit or approval shall be issued until compliance with the requirements of this article and all other applicable codes and regulations has been satisfied.

#### Sec. 62-474. - Floodplain development permits or approvals.

Floodplain development permits or approvals shall be issued pursuant to this article for any development activities not subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. Depending on the nature and extent of proposed development that includes a building or structure, the floodplain administrator may determine that a floodplain development permit or approval is required in addition to a building permit.

#### Sec. 62-475. - Buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code.

Pursuant to the requirements of federal regulation for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (44 C.F.R. Sections 59 and 60), floodplain development permits or approvals shall be required for the following buildings, structures and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code and any further exemptions provided by law, which are subject to the requirements of this article:

- (1) Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroad.
- (2) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms, as provided in section 604.50, F.S.
- (3) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes.



- (4) Mobile or modular structures used as temporary offices.
- (5) Those structures or facilities of electric utilities, as defined in section 366.02, F.S., which are directly involved in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity.
- (6) Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided wooden hut that has a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other non-wood features.
- (7) Family mausoleums not exceeding 250 square feet in area which are prefabricated and assembled on site or preassembled and delivered on site and have walls, roofs, and a floor constructed of granite, marble, or reinforced concrete.
- (8) Temporary housing provided by the Department of Corrections to any prisoner in the state correctional system.
- (9) Structures identified in section 553.73(10)(k), F.S., are not exempt from the Florida Building Code if such structures are located in flood hazard areas established on flood insurance rate maps

Sec. 62-476. - Application for a permit or approval.

To obtain a floodplain development permit or approval the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished by the community. The information provided shall:

- (1) Identify and describe the development to be covered by the permit or approval.
- (2) Describe the land on which the proposed development is to be conducted by legal description, street address or similar description that will readily identify and definitively locate the site.
- (3) Indicate the use and occupancy for which the proposed development is intended.
- (4) Be accompanied by a site plan or construction documents as specified in Division 5 of this article.
- (5) State the valuation of the proposed work.
- (6) Be signed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent.
- (7) Give such other data and information as required by the floodplain administrator.

Sec. 62-477. - Validity of permit or approval.

The issuance of a floodplain development permit or approval pursuant to this article shall not be construed to be a permit for, or approval of, any violation of this article, the Florida Building Codes, or any other ordinance of this community. The issuance of permits based on submitted applications, construction documents, and information shall not prevent the floodplain administrator from requiring the correction of errors and omissions.

Sec. 62-478. - Expiration.

A floodplain development permit or approval shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the work commences. Extensions for periods of not more than 180 days each shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

Sec. 62-479. - Suspension or revocation.

The floodplain administrator is authorized to suspend or revoke a floodplain development permit or approval if the permit was issued in error, on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or in violation of this article or any other ordinance, regulation or requirement of this community.



Sec. 62-480. - Other permits required.

Floodplain development permits and building permits shall include a condition that all other applicable state or federal permits be obtained before commencement of the permitted development, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) The St. Johns River Water Management District; section 373.036, F.S.
- (2) Florida Department of Health for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; section 381.0065, F.S. and Chapter 64E-6, F.A.C.
- (3) Florida Department of Environmental Protection for activities subject to the Joint Coastal Permit; section 161.055, F.S.
- (4) Florida Department of Environmental Protection for activities that affect wetlands and alter surface water flows, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- (5) Federal permits and approvals.

DIVISION 5. - SITE PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Sec. 62-481. - Information for development in flood hazard areas.

The site plan or construction documents for any development subject to the requirements of this article shall be drawn to scale and shall include, as applicable to the proposed development:

- (1) Delineation of flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries and flood zone(s), base flood elevation(s), and ground elevations if necessary for review of the proposed development.
- (2) Where base flood elevations or floodway data are not included on the FIRM or in the flood insurance study, they shall be established in accordance with section 62-482(2) or (3) of this article.
- (3) Where the parcel on which the proposed development will take place will have more than 50 lots or is larger than five acres and the base flood elevations are not included on the FIRM or in the flood insurance study, such elevations shall be established in accordance with section 62-482(1) of this article.
- (4) Location of the proposed activity and proposed structures, and locations of existing buildings and structures.
- (5) Location, extent, amount, and proposed final grades of any filling, grading, or excavation.
- (6) Where the placement of fill is proposed, the amount, type, and source of fill material; compaction specifications; a description of the intended purpose of the fill areas; and evidence that the proposed fill areas are the minimum necessary to achieve the intended purpose.
- (7) Existing and proposed alignment of any proposed alteration of a watercourse.

The floodplain administrator is authorized to waive the submission of site plans, construction documents, and other data that are required by this article but that are not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if it is found that the nature of the proposed development is such that the review of such submissions is not necessary to ascertain compliance with this article.

Sec. 62-482. - Information in flood hazard areas without base flood elevations (approximate zone A).

Where flood hazard areas are delineated on the FIRM and base flood elevation data have not been provided, the floodplain administrator shall:

- (1) Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in accordance with currently accepted engineering practices.



- (2) Obtain, review, and provide to applicants base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency or other source or require the applicant to obtain and use base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency or other source.
- (3) Where base flood elevation and floodway data are not available from another source, where the available data are deemed by the Floodplain Administrator to not reasonably reflect flooding conditions, or where the available data are known to be scientifically or technically incorrect or otherwise inadequate:
  - a. Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in accordance with currently accepted engineering practices; or
  - b. Specify that the base flood elevation is two feet above the highest adjacent grade at the location of the development, provided there is no evidence indicating flood depths have been or may be greater than two feet.
- (4) Where the base flood elevation data are to be used to support a letter of map change from FEMA, advise the applicant that the analyses shall be prepared by a Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA, and that it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to satisfy the submittal requirements and pay the processing fees.

Sec. 62-483. - Additional analyses and certifications.

As applicable to the location and nature of the proposed development activity, and in addition to the requirements of this section, the applicant shall have the following analyses signed and sealed by a Florida licensed engineer for submission with the site plan and construction documents:

- (1) For development activities proposed to be located in a regulatory floodway, a floodway encroachment analysis that demonstrates that the encroachment of the proposed development will not cause any increase in base flood elevations; where the applicant proposes to undertake development activities that do increase base flood elevations, the applicant shall submit such analysis to FEMA as specified in section 62-484 of this article and shall submit the conditional letter of map revision, if issued by FEMA, with the site plan and construction documents.
- (2) For development activities proposed to be located in a riverine flood hazard area for which base flood elevations are included in the flood insurance study or on the FIRM and floodways have not been designated, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses that demonstrate that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachments, will not increase the base flood elevation more than one foot at any point within the community. This requirement does not apply in isolated flood hazard areas not connected to a riverine flood hazard area or in flood hazard areas identified as zone AO or zone AH.
- (3) For alteration of a watercourse, an engineering analysis prepared in accordance with standard engineering practices which demonstrates that the flood-carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse will not be decreased, and certification that the altered watercourse shall be maintained in a manner which preserves the channel's flood-carrying capacity; the applicant shall submit the analysis to FEMA as specified in section 62-484 of this article.

Sec. 62-484. - Submission of additional data.

When additional hydrologic, hydraulic or other engineering data, studies, and additional analyses are submitted to support an application, the applicant has the right to seek a letter of map change from FEMA to change the base flood elevations, change floodway boundaries, or change boundaries of flood hazard areas shown on FIRMs, and to submit such data to FEMA for such purposes. The analyses shall be prepared by a Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA. Submittal requirements and processing fees shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

DIVISION 6. - INSPECTIONS



Sec. 62-485. - General.

Development for which a floodplain development permit or approval is required shall be subject to inspection.

Sec. 62-486. - Development other than buildings and structures.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect all development to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of issued floodplain development permits or approvals.

Sec. 62-487. - Buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of issued floodplain development permits or approvals.

- (1) Upon placement of the lowest floor, including basement, and prior to further vertical construction, the owner of a building, structure or facility exempt from the Florida Building Code, or the owner's authorized agent, shall submit to the floodplain administrator:
  - a. If a design flood elevation was used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor, the certification of elevation of the lowest floor prepared and sealed by a Florida licensed professional surveyor; or
  - b. If the elevation used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor was determined in accordance with section 62-482(3)(b) of this article, the documentation of height of the lowest floor above highest adjacent grade, prepared by the owner or the owner's authorized agent.
- (2) As part of the final inspection, the owner or owner's authorized agent shall submit to the floodplain administrator a final certification of elevation of the lowest floor or final documentation of the height of the lowest floor above the highest adjacent grade; such certifications and documentations shall be prepared as specified in section 62-487(1) of this article.

Sec. 62-488. - Manufactured homes.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect manufactured homes that are installed or replaced in flood hazard areas to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of the issued permit. Upon placement of a manufactured home, certification of the elevation of the lowest floor shall be submitted to the floodplain administrator.

DIVISION 7. - VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Sec. 62-489. - General.

The planning and zoning board shall hear and decide on requests for appeals and requests for variances from the strict application of this article. Pursuant to section 553.73(5), F.S., the planning and zoning board shall hear and decide on requests for appeals and requests for variances from the strict application of the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code.

Sec. 62-490. - Appeals.

The planning and zoning board shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the floodplain administrator in the administration and enforcement of this article. Any person aggrieved by the decision may appeal such decision to the circuit court, as provided by Florida Statutes.

Sec. 62-491. - Limitations on authority to grant variances.



The planning and zoning board shall base its decisions on variances on technical justifications submitted by applicants, the considerations for issuance in section 62-492 of this article, the conditions of issuance set forth in section 62-493 of this article, and the comments and recommendations of the floodplain administrator and the building official. The planning and zoning board has the right to attach such conditions as it deems necessary to further the purposes and objectives of this article.

- (1) A variance shall not be issued for any proposed development in a floodway if any increase in base flood elevations would result, as evidenced by the applicable analyses and certifications required in section 62-483 of this article.
- (2) A variance is authorized to be issued for the repair, improvement, or rehabilitation of a historic building that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter 12 Historic Buildings, upon a determination that the proposed repair, improvement, or rehabilitation will not preclude the building's continued designation as a historic building and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the building. If the proposed work precludes the building's continued designation as a historic building, a variance shall not be granted and the building and any repair, improvement, and rehabilitation shall be subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code.
- (3) A variance is authorized to be issued for the construction or substantial improvement necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use, as defined in this article, provided the variance meets the requirements of section 62-491(1), is the minimum necessary considering the flood hazard, and all due consideration has been given to use of methods and materials that minimize flood damage during occurrence of the base flood.

Sec. 62-492. - Considerations for issuance of variances.

In reviewing requests for variances, the planning and zoning board shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all other applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, this article, and the following:

- (1) The danger that materials and debris may be swept onto other lands resulting in further injury or damage;
- (2) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
- (3) The susceptibility of the proposed development, including contents, to flood damage and the effect of such damage on current and future owners;
- (4) The importance of the services provided by the proposed development to the community;
- (5) The availability of alternate locations for the proposed development that are subject to lower risk of flooding or erosion;
- (6) The compatibility of the proposed development with existing and anticipated development;
- (7) The relationship of the proposed development to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for the area;
- (8) The safety of access to the property in times of flooding for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
- (9) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and debris and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
- (10) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems, streets and bridges.

Sec. 62-493. - Conditions for issuance of variances.

Variances shall be issued only upon:



- (1) Submission by the applicant, of a showing of good and sufficient cause that the unique characteristics of the size, configuration, or topography of the site limit compliance with any provision of this article or the required elevation standards;
- (2) Determination by the planning and zoning board that:
  - a. Failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the land that render the lot undevelopable; increased costs to satisfy the requirements or inconvenience do not constitute hardship;
  - b. The granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, nor create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing local laws and ordinances; and
  - c. The variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief;
- (3) Receipt of a signed statement by the applicant that the variance, if granted, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the court in such a manner that it appears in the chain of title of the affected parcel of land; and
- (4) If the request is for a variance to allow construction of the lowest floor of a new building, or substantial improvement of a building, below the required elevation, a copy in the record of a written notice from the floodplain administrator to the applicant for the variance, specifying the difference between the base flood elevation and the proposed elevation of the lowest floor, stating that the cost of federal flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced floor elevation (up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 of insurance coverage), and stating that construction below the base flood elevation increases risks to life and property.

#### DIVISION 8. - VIOLATIONS

##### Sec. 62-494. - Violations.

Any development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this article that is performed without an issued permit, that is in conflict with an issued permit, or that does not fully comply with this article, shall be deemed a violation of this article. A building or structure without the documentation of elevation of the lowest floor, other required design certifications, or other evidence of compliance required by this article or the Florida Building Code is presumed to be a violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

##### Sec. 62-495. - Authority.

For development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this article and that is determined to be a violation, the floodplain administrator is authorized to serve notices of violation or stop work orders to owners of the property involved, to the owner's agent, or to the person or persons performing the work.

##### Sec. 62-496. - Unlawful continuance.

Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a notice of violation or a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove or remedy a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by section 1-7 of the Code.

#### DIVISION 9. - DEFINITIONS

##### Sec. 62-496.5. - Definitions of words and terms used in this article.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this article, have the meanings shown in this division. Where terms are not defined in this article and are



defined in the Florida Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in that code. Where terms are not defined in this article or the Florida Building Code, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

**Alteration of a watercourse.** A dam, impoundment, channel relocation, change in channel alignment, channelization, or change in cross-sectional area of the channel or the channel capacity, or any other form of modification which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the riverine flow of water during conditions of the base flood.

**Appeal.** A request for a review of the floodplain administrator's interpretation of any provision of this article.

**ASCE 24.** A standard titled Flood Resistant Design and Construction that is referenced by the Florida Building Code. ASCE 24 is developed and published by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA.

**Base flood.** A flood having a one-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.] The base flood is commonly referred to as the "100-year flood" or the "one-percent-annual chance flood."

**Base flood elevation.** The elevation of the base flood, including wave height, relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) or other datum specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Basement.** The portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202; see "Basement (for flood loads)."]

**Design flood.** The flood associated with the greater of the following two areas: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) Area with a floodplain subject to a one-percent or greater chance of flooding in any year; or
- (2) Area designated as a flood hazard area on the community's flood hazard map, or otherwise legally designated.

**Design flood elevation.** The elevation of the "design flood," including wave height, relative to the datum specified on the community's legally designated flood hazard map. In areas designated as zone AO, the design flood elevation shall be the elevation of the highest existing grade of the building's perimeter plus the depth number (in feet) specified on the flood hazard map. In areas designated as zone AO where the depth number is not specified on the map, the depth number shall be taken as being equal to two feet. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Development.** Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, tanks, temporary structures, temporary or permanent storage of equipment or materials, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavations, drilling operations or any other land disturbing activities.

**Encroachment.** The placement of fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or other development into a flood hazard area which may impede or alter the flow capacity of riverine flood hazard areas.

**Existing building and existing structure.** Any buildings and structures for which the "start of construction" commenced before October 1, 2003. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Existing manufactured home park or subdivision.** A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before October 1, 2003.

**Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision.** The preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).



**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).** The federal agency that, in addition to carrying out other functions, administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Flood or flooding.** A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land from: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters.
- (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

**Flood damage-resistant materials.** Any construction material capable of withstanding direct and prolonged contact with floodwaters without sustaining any damage that requires more than cosmetic repair. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Flood hazard area.** The greater of the following two areas: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) The area within a floodplain subject to a one-percent or greater chance of flooding in any year.
- (2) The area designated as a flood hazard area on the community's flood hazard map, or otherwise legally designated.

**Flood insurance rate map (FIRM).** The official map of the community on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated both special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Flood insurance study (FIS).** The official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that contains the flood insurance rate map, the flood boundary and floodway map (if applicable), the water surface elevations of the base flood, and supporting technical data. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Floodplain administrator.** The office or position designated and charged with the administration and enforcement of this article (may be referred to as the floodplain manager).

**Floodplain development permit or approval.** An official document or certificate issued by the community, or other evidence of approval or concurrence, which authorizes performance of specific development activities that are located in flood hazard areas and that are determined to be compliant with this article.

**Floodway.** The channel of a river or other riverine watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Floodway encroachment analysis.** An engineering analysis of the impact that a proposed encroachment into a floodway is expected to have on the floodway boundaries and base flood elevations; the evaluation shall be prepared by a qualified Florida licensed engineer using standard engineering methods and models.

**Florida Building Code.** The family of codes adopted by the Florida Building Commission, including: Florida Building Code, Building; Florida Building Code, Residential; Florida Building Code, Existing Building; Florida Building Code, Mechanical; Florida Building Code, Plumbing; Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas.

**Functionally dependent use.** A use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, including only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities; the term does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

**Highest adjacent grade.** The highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls or foundation of a structure.

**Historic structure.** Any structure that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood hazard area requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter 12 Historic Buildings.



**Letter of map change (LOMC).** An official determination issued by FEMA that amends or revises an effective Flood insurance rate map or flood insurance study. Letters of map change include:

- (1) **Letter of map amendment (LOMA):** An amendment based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective flood insurance rate map and establishes that a specific property, portion of a property, or structure is not located in a special flood hazard area.
- (2) **Letter of map revision (LOMR):** A revision based on technical data that may show changes to flood zones, flood elevations, special flood hazard area boundaries and floodway delineations, and other planimetric features.
- (3) **Letter of map revision based on fill (LOMR-F):** A determination that a structure or parcel of land has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, no longer located within the special flood hazard area. In order to qualify for this determination, the fill must have been permitted and placed in accordance with the community's floodplain management regulations.
- (4) **Conditional letter of map revision (CLOMR):** A formal review and comment as to whether a proposed flood protection project or other project complies with the minimum NFIP requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR does not revise the effective flood insurance rate map or flood insurance Study; upon submission and approval of certified as-built documentation, a letter of map revision may be issued by FEMA to revise the effective FIRM.

**Light-duty truck.** As defined in 40 C.F.R. 86.082-2, any motor vehicle rated at 8,500 pounds gross vehicular weight rating or less which has a vehicular curb weight of 6,000 pounds or less and which has a basic vehicle frontal area of 45 square feet or less, which is:

- (1) Designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property or is a derivation of such a vehicle; or
- (2) Designed primarily for transportation of persons and has a capacity of more than 12 persons; or
- (3) Available with special features enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use.

**Lowest floor.** The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area of a building or structure, including basement, but excluding any unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, other than a basement, usable solely for vehicle parking, building access or limited storage provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the non-elevation requirements of the Florida Building Code or ASCE 24. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

**Manufactured home.** A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is eight (8) feet or more in width and greater than 400 square feet, and which is built on a permanent, integral chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle" or "park trailer." [Also defined in 15C-1.0101, F.A.C.]

**Manufactured home park or subdivision.** A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

**Market value.** The price at which a property will change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither party being under compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. As used in this article, the term refers to the market value of buildings and structures, excluding the land and other improvements on the parcel. Market value may be established by a qualified independent appraiser, actual cash value (replacement cost depreciated for age and quality of construction), or tax assessment value adjusted to approximate market value by a factor provided by the property appraiser.



**New construction.** For the purposes of administration of this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after October 1, 2003 and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

**New manufactured home park or subdivision.** A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after October 1, 2003.

**Park trailer.** A transportable unit which has a body width not exceeding 14 feet and which is built on a single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or temporary living quarters when connected to utilities necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances. [Defined in section 320.01, F.S.]

**Recreational vehicle.** A vehicle, including a park trailer, which is: [see in section 320.01, F.S.]

- (1) Built on a single chassis;
- (2) Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (3) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and
- (4) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

**Special flood hazard area.** An area in the floodplain subject to a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are shown on FIRMs as Zone A, AO, A1—A30, AE, A99, AH, V1—V30, VE or V. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]

**Start of construction.** The date of issuance of permits for new construction and substantial improvements, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement is within 180 days of the date of the issuance. The actual start of construction means either the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, or the construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, grading, or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main buildings. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]

**Substantial damage.** Damage of any origin sustained by a building or structure whereby the cost of restoring the building or structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the building or structure before the damage occurred. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]

**Substantial improvement.** Any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a building or structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the building or structure before the improvement or repair is started. If the structure has incurred "substantial damage," any repairs are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) Any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary, or safety code violations identified by the building official and that are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions.
- (2) Any alteration of a historic structure provided the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.



*Variance.* A grant of relief from the requirements of this article, or the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, which permits construction in a manner that would not otherwise be permitted by this article or the Florida Building Code.

*Watercourse.* A river, creek, stream, channel or other topographic feature in, on, through, or over which water flows at least periodically.

#### DIVISION 10. - BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Sec. 62-497. - Design and construction of buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code.

Pursuant to section 62-475 of this article, buildings, structures, and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code, including substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage of such buildings, structures and facilities, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of ASCE 24. Structures exempt from the Florida Building Code that are not walled and roofed buildings shall comply with the requirements of Division 16 of this article.

#### DIVISION 11. - SUBDIVISIONS

Sec. 62-498. - Minimum requirements.

Subdivision proposals, including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions, shall be reviewed to determine that:

- (1) Such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and will be reasonably safe from flooding;
- (2) All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electric, communications, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
- (3) Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards; in Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths shall be provided to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

Sec. 62-500. - Subdivision plats.

Where any portion of proposed subdivisions, including manufactured home parks and subdivisions, lies within a flood hazard area, the following shall be required:

- (1) Delineation of flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries and flood zones, and design flood elevations, as appropriate, shall be shown on preliminary plats;
- (2) Where the subdivision has more than 50 lots or is larger than five acres and base flood elevations are not included on the FIRM, the base flood elevations determined in accordance with section 62-482(1) of this article; and
- (3) Compliance with the site improvement and utilities requirements of Division 12 of this article.

#### DIVISION 12. - SITE IMPROVEMENTS, UTILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

Sec. 62-501. - Minimum requirements.

All proposed new development shall be reviewed to determine that:

- (1) Such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and will be reasonably safe from flooding;



- (2) All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electric, communications, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
- (3) Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards; in Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths shall be provided to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

Sec. 62-502. - Sanitary sewage facilities.

All new and replacement sanitary sewage facilities, private sewage treatment plants (including all pumping stations and collector systems), and on-site waste disposal systems shall be designed in accordance with the standards for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems in Chapter 64E-6, F.A.C. and ASCE 24 Chapter 7 to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the facilities and discharge from the facilities into flood waters, and impairment of the facilities and systems.

Sec. 62-503. - Water supply facilities.

All new and replacement water supply facilities shall be designed in accordance with the water well construction standards in Chapter 62-532.500, F.A.C. and ASCE 24 Chapter 7 to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems.

Sec. 62-504. - Limitations on sites in regulatory floodways.

No development, including but not limited to site improvements, and land disturbing activity involving fill or regrading, shall be authorized in the regulatory floodway unless the floodway encroachment analysis required in section 62-483(1) of this article demonstrates that the proposed development or land disturbing activity will not result in any increase in the base flood elevation.

Sec. 62-505. - Limitations on placement of fill.

Subject to the limitations of this article, fill shall be designed to be stable under conditions of flooding including rapid rise and rapid drawdown of floodwaters, prolonged inundation, and protection against flood-related erosion and scour. In addition to these requirements, if intended to support buildings and structures (Zone A only), fill shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

DIVISION 13. - MANUFACTURED HOMES

Sec. 62-506. - General.

All manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed by an installer that is licensed pursuant to section 320.8249, F.S., and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15C-1, F.A.C. and the requirements of this article.

Sec. 62-507. - Foundations.

All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed on permanent, reinforced foundations that are designed in accordance with the foundation requirements of the Florida Building Code Residential Section R322.2 and this article. Foundations for manufactured homes subject to Section 62-509(2) of this article are permitted to be reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength.

Sec. 62-508. - Anchoring.

All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage and shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This anchoring requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for wind resistance.



#### Sec. 62-509. - Elevation.

Manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved shall comply with section 62-509(1) or (2) of this article, as applicable.

- (1) *General elevation requirement.* Unless subject to the requirements of section 62-509(2) of this article, all manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved on sites located: (a) outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision; (b) in a new manufactured home park or subdivision; (c) in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision; or (d) in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision upon which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood, shall be elevated such that the bottom of the frame is at or above the elevation required, as applicable to the flood hazard area, in the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 (Zone A).
- (2) *Elevation requirement for certain existing manufactured home parks and subdivisions.* Manufactured homes that are not subject to section 62-509(1) of this article, including manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved on sites located in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, unless on a site where substantial damage as result of flooding has occurred, shall be elevated such that either the:
  - a. Bottom of the frame of the manufactured home is at or above the elevation required in the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 (Zone A); or
  - b. Bottom of the frame is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are not less than 36 inches in height above grade.

#### Sec. 62-510. - Enclosures.

Enclosed areas below elevated manufactured homes shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 for such enclosed areas.

#### Sec. 62-511. - Utility equipment.

Utility equipment that serves manufactured homes, including electric, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities, shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.

#### DIVISION 14. - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND PARK TRAILERS

#### Sec. 62-512. - Temporary placement.

Recreational vehicles and park trailers placed temporarily in flood hazard areas shall:

- (1) Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days; or
- (2) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, which means the recreational vehicle or park model is on wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanent attachments such as additions, rooms, stairs, decks and porches.

#### Sec. 62-513. - Permanent placement.

Recreational vehicles and park trailers that do not meet the limitations in section 62-512 of this article for temporary placement shall meet the requirements of Division 13 of this article for manufactured homes.

#### DIVISION 15. - TANKS

#### Sec. 62-514. - Tanks in flood hazard areas.



Tanks in flood hazard areas:

- (1) Underground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of buoyancy assuming the tank is empty.
- (2) Above-ground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be elevated to or above the design flood elevation and attached to a supporting structure that is designed to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement during conditions of the design flood. Tank-supporting structures shall meet the foundation requirements of the applicable flood hazard area.
- (3) Above-ground tanks that do not meet the elevation requirements of section 62-514(2) of this article shall be permitted in flood hazard areas provided the tanks are anchored or otherwise designed and constructed to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of buoyancy assuming the tank is empty and the effects of flood-borne debris.
- (4) Tank inlets, fill openings, outlets and vents shall be:
  - a. At or above the design flood elevation or fitted with covers designed to prevent the inflow of floodwater or outflow of the contents of the tanks during conditions of the design flood; and
  - b. Anchored to prevent lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood.

#### DIVISION 16. - OTHER DEVELOPMENT

##### Sec. 62-515. - General requirements for other development.

All development, including man-made changes to improved or unimproved real estate for which specific provisions are not specified in this article or the Florida Building Code, shall:

- (1) Be located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
- (2) Meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article if located in a regulated floodway;
- (3) Be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood;
- (4) Be constructed of flood damage-resistant materials; and
- (5) Have mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems above the design flood elevation or meet the requirements of ASCE 24, except that minimum electric service required to address life safety and electric code requirements is permitted below the design flood elevation provided it conforms to the provisions of the electrical part of building code for wet locations.

##### Sec. 62-516. - Fences, retaining walls, sidewalks, driveways, roads, and watercourses in regulated floodways.

In regulated floodways:

- (1) Fences in regulated floodways that have the potential to block the passage of floodwaters, such as stockade fences and wire mesh fences, shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article.
- (2) Retaining walls and sidewalks and driveways that involve the placement of fill in regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article.
- (3) Roads and watercourse crossings, including roads, bridges, culverts, low-water crossings and similar means for vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, that encroach into regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article. Alteration of a watercourse that is part of a road or watercourse crossing shall meet the requirements of section 62-483(3) of this article.



Secs. 62-517—62-520. - Reserved.

## ARTICLE IX. - AIRPORT ZONING

### Sec. 62-521. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Aeronautical study* means a Federal Aviation Administration study, conducted in accordance with the standards of 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart C, and Federal Aviation Administration policy and guidance, on the effect of proposed construction or alteration upon the operation of air navigation facilities and the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.

*Airport* means any area of land or water designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft and used or to be used in the interest of the public for such purpose.

*Airport commissioner* means a member of the town council appointed as airport commissioner to monitor compliance with the lease agreement, licensing and other internal administrative operations.

*Airport elevation* means the highest point of an airport's usable landing area measured in feet above mean sea level.

*Airport hazard* means an obstruction to air navigation which affects the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace or the operation of planned or existing air navigation and communication facilities.

*Airport hazard area* means any area of land or water upon which an airport hazard might be established.

*Airport land use compatibility zoning* means airport zoning regulations governing the use of land on, adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of airports.

*Airport layout plan* means a set of scaled drawings that provides a graphic representation of the existing and future development plan for the airport and demonstrates the preservation and continuity of safety, utility, and efficiency of the airport.

*Airport master plan* means a comprehensive plan of an airport which typically describes current and future plans for airport development designed to support existing and future aviation demand.

*Airport obstruction* means any existing or proposed object, terrain, or structure construction or alteration that exceeds the federal obstruction standards contained in 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart C. The term includes:

- (1) Any object of natural growth or terrain;
- (2) Permanent or temporary construction or alteration, including equipment or materials used and any permanent or temporary apparatus; or
- (3) Alteration of any permanent or temporary existing structure by a change in the structure's height, including appurtenances, lateral dimensions, and equipment or materials used in the structure.

*Accident potential hazard area* means an area within 5,000 feet of the approach or departure end of a runway or in proximity to an airport, where aircraft may maneuver after takeoff or before landing, and is subject to the greatest potential to crash into a structure or the ground.

*Airport protection zoning regulations* means airport zoning regulations governing airport hazards.

*Airspace height* means the height limits in all zones set forth in this article. The datum shall be mean sea level elevation (AMSL) unless otherwise specified.



*Educational facility* means any structure, land, or use that includes a public or private kindergarten through 12th grade school, charter school, magnet school, college campus, or university campus. The term does not include space used for educational purposes within a multitenant building.

*Land use administrator* means the individual responsible for administering zoning within the town.

*Landfill* has the same meaning as provided in F.S. § 403.703.

*Nonconforming use* means any preexisting structure, object of natural growth or use of land which is inconsistent with the provisions of this article, or amendments thereto.

*Runway* means a defined area on an airport prepared for landing and takeoff of aircraft along its length.

*Runway protection zone* means an area at ground level beyond the runway end to enhance the safety and protection of people and property on the ground.

*Structure* means any object, constructed or installed by man, including but not limited to buildings, towers, smokestacks, utility poles and overhead transmission lines.

*Substantial modification* means any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of a structure when the actual cost of the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of the structure equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure.

*Utility runway* means a runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller-driven aircraft of 15,500 pounds maximum gross weight and less.

*Visual runway* means a runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures with no straight-in instrument approach procedure and no instrument designation indicated on a FAA-approved airport layout plan, a military services-approved military airport layout plan, or by any planning document submitted to the FAA by competent authority.

#### Sec. 62-522. - Findings.

- (a) This article is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by F.S. § 333.03. It is hereby found that an airport obstruction has the potential for being hazardous to aircraft operations as well as the persons and property on the ground in the vicinity of the obstruction. An obstruction may affect land use in the vicinity of the obstruction, and in effect reduces the size of areas available for the landing, takeoff and maneuvering of aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment therein. Accordingly, it is declared that:
- (1) The creation or establishment of an airport obstruction is a public nuisance and an injury to the region served by the airport;
  - (2) It is necessary in the interest of the public health, public safety, and general welfare that the creation of the airport obstructions and structures be prevented;
  - (3) It is necessary in the interest of the public health and general welfare that the establishment of incompatible land uses be prevented in the areas defined as the CRN100 contour (ASDS 85 dba) noise area and/or the accident potential hazard area; and
  - (4) The prevention of these obstructions, structures and incompatible land uses should be accomplished to the extent legally possible, by the exercise of the police power without compensation.
- (b) It is further declared that both the prevention of and the creation or establishment of airport obstructions, structures and incompatible land uses and the elimination, removal, alteration, mitigation, or marking and lighting of existing airport hazards are public purposes for which the town may raise and expend public funds and acquire land or interests in land.

#### Sec. 62-523. - Airport zones and airspace height limitations.



- (a) *Created; map.* In order to carry out the provisions of this article, there are hereby created and established certain zones which include all of the land lying beneath the approach, transitional, horizontal and conical surfaces as they apply to a particular airport. Such zones are shown on the Hilliard Airport Zoning Map which is attached to the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, made a part of this article by reference and available for inspection in the town offices.
- (b) *Public civil airport height zones and limitations.* An area located in more than one of the described zones is considered to be only in the zone with the more restrictive height limitation. The various zones are hereby established and defined as follows:

- (1) *Primary zone.* An area longitudinally centered on the runway extending 200 feet beyond each end of that runway with the width so specified for each runway for the most precise approach existing or planned for either end of the runway. No structure or obstruction will be permitted within the primary zone that is not part of the landing and takeoff area, and is of a greater height than the nearest point on the runway centerline. The width of the primary zone is as follows:

Runways 18 and 36, 250 feet for utility runways having only visual approaches.

The width of the primary zone of a runway will be that width prescribed in this section for the most precise approach, existing or planned, for either end of that runway.

No structure or obstruction will be permitted within the primary zone that is not part of landing and takeoff facilities and is of a greater height than the nearest point on the runway centerline.

- (2) *Horizontal zone.* The area around each civil airport with an outer boundary the perimeter of which is constructed by swinging arcs of specified radii from the center of each end of the primary zone of each airport's runway and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to those arcs. The radius of each arc is:

Runways 18 and 36, 5,000 feet for all runways designated as utility or visual. No structure or obstruction will be permitted in the horizontal zone that has a height greater than 150 feet above the airport height.

- (3) *Conical zone.* The area extending outward from the periphery of the horizontal zone for a distance of 4,000 feet. Height limitations for structures in the conical zone are 150 feet above airport height, increasing one foot vertically for over 20 feet of horizontal distance measured outward from the inner boundary to a height of 350 feet above airport height at the outer boundary.

- (4) *Approach zone.* An area longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline and extending outward from each end of the primary surface. An approach zone is designated for each runway based upon the type of approach available or planned for that runway end.

- a. The inner edge of the approach zone is the same width as the primary zone and it expands uniformly to a width of:

Runways 18 and 36, 1,250 feet for that end of a utility runway with only visual approaches.

- b. The approach surface extends for a horizontal distance of:

Runways 18 and 36, 5,000 feet for all utility and visual runways.

- c. The outer width of an approach zone to an end of a runway will be that width prescribed in this subsection for the most precise approach existing or planned for that runway end.

- d. Permitted height limitation within the approach zones is the same as the runway end height at the inner edge and increases with horizontal distance outward from the inner edge as follows:

Runways 18 and 36, permitted height increases one foot vertically for every 20 feet horizontal distance for all utility and visual runways.



- (5) *Transitional zone.* The area extending outward, from the sides of the primary zones and approach zones connecting them, to the horizontal zone. Height limits within the transitional zone are the same as the primary zone or approach zone at the boundary line where it adjoins and increases at a rate of one foot vertically for every seven feet horizontally, with the horizontal distance measured at right angles to the runway centerline and extended centerline, until the height matches the height of the horizontal zone or conical zone or for a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet from the side of the part of the precision approach zone that extends beyond the conical zone.
  - (6) *Other areas.* In addition to the height limitations imposed in subsections (b)(1) through (5) of this section, no structure or obstruction will be permitted within the town's jurisdiction that would cause a hazard to air navigation.
- (c) *Permits.* The following procedures are established for the application, consideration, and issuance of permits proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area.
- (1) *Application.* A person proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area in violation of the airport protection zoning regulations adopted under this chapter must apply to the planning and zoning board for a permit. Each application for such permit must be accompanied by (a) documentation showing compliance with the federal requirement for notification of proposed construction or alteration of structures and (b) a valid aeronautical study.
  - (2) *Permit not to be issued.* The planning and zoning board may not issue any permit if it would allow the establishment or creation of an airport hazard or if it would permit a nonconforming obstruction to become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was when the applicable airport protection zoning regulation was adopted which allowed the establishment or creation of the obstruction, or than it is when the application for a permit is made.
  - (3) *Considerations.* In determining whether to issue or deny a permit, the planning and zoning board must consider the following, as applicable:
    - a. The safety of persons on the ground and in the air.
    - b. The safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.
    - c. The nature of the terrain and height of existing structures.
    - d. The effect of the construction or alteration on the state licensing standards for a public-use airport contained in chapter 330 and rules adopted thereunder.
    - e. The character of existing and planned flight operations and developments at public-use airports.
    - f. Federal airways, visual flight rules, flyways and corridors, and instrument approaches as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration.
    - g. The effect of the construction or alteration of the proposed structure on the minimum descent altitude or the decision height at the affected airport.
    - h. The cumulative effects on navigable airspace of all existing structures and all other known proposed structures in the area.
    - i. Any additional requirements elsewhere in this Chapter pertinent to evaluation and protection of airspace and airport operations.
  - (4) In deciding whether to grant or deny a permit, the planning and zoning board may not rely solely on the determination by the Federal Aviation Administration that the proposed structure is not an airport hazard.
  - (5) *Obstruction marking and lighting.* In issuing a permit under this section, the planning and zoning board shall require the owner of the obstruction to install, operate, and maintain thereon, at his or her own expense, marking and lighting in conformance with the specific standards established by the Federal Aviation Administration.



- (6) *Landfills prohibited.* The establishment of new landfills is prohibited within the following areas:
- Within 10,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway used or planned to be used by turbine aircraft.
  - Within 5,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway used by only nonturbine aircraft.
  - Outside the perimeters defined in subparagraphs 1. and 2., but still within the lateral limits of the civil airport imaginary surfaces defined in 14 C.F.R. s. 77.19.

Sec. 62-524. - Airport land use restrictions.

- (a) *Use restrictions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no use may be made of land or water within any zones established by this chapter in such a manner as to interfere with the operation of an airborne aircraft. The following special requirements shall apply to each permitted use:
- All lights or illumination used in conjunction with street, parking, signs or use of land and structures shall be arranged and operated in such a manner that it is not misleading or dangerous to aircraft operating from a public airport or in the vicinity thereof.
  - No operations from any type shall produce smoke, glare or other visual hazards within three statute miles of any usable runway of a public airport.
  - No operations from any type shall produce electronic interference with navigation signals or radio communication between the airport and aircraft.
  - Use of land within the accident potential hazard area shall prohibit high density residential use, schools, hospitals, storage of explosive material, assemblage of large groups of people or any other use that could produce a major catastrophe as a result of an aircraft crash.
- (b) *Lighting.* Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the owner of any structure over 200 feet above ground level shall install lighting in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Circular 70-7460-1D and amendments thereto on such structure. Additionally, high intensity white obstruction lights shall be installed on a high structure which exceeds 749 feet above mean sea level. The high intensity white obstruction lights must be in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular 70-7460-1D and amendments.
- (c) *Variances.* Any person desiring to erect or increase the height of any structures, or use his property not in accordance with the regulations prescribed in this chapter, may apply to the planning and zoning board for variance from such regulations. The limitations and considerations set forth at section 62-523(c) of this Code shall apply to such applications.
- (d) *Hazard marking and lighting.* Any permit or variance granted shall require the owner to mark and light the structure in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 70-7460-1D or subsequent revisions. The permit may be conditioned to permit the county or the town at its own expense to install, operate and maintain such markers and lights as may be necessary to indicate to pilots the presence of an airspace hazard if special conditions so warrant.
- (e) *Airport noise zones.* No person shall sell, lease or offer to sell or lease any land within the airport noise zone (100CNR 85 dba contour) unless the prospective buyer or lessee has been given the following notice:

"Noise warning—This land lies beneath the aircraft approach and departure routes for Hilliard Airpark and is subject to noise that may be objectionable."

Sec. 62-525. - Administration and enforcement.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the land use administrator to administer and enforce the regulations prescribed in this article within the territorial limits over which the political subdivision has zoning authority. In the event of any violation of the regulations contained in this article, the person responsible for such violation shall be given notice in writing by the land use administrator. Such



notice shall indicate the nature of the violation and the necessary action to correct or abate the violation. A copy of such notice shall be sent to the appropriate planning and zoning board. An administrative official shall order discontinuance of use of land or buildings; removal of trees to conform with height limitations set forth in this article; removal of buildings, additions, alterations, or structures; discontinuance of any work being done; or shall take any or all other action necessary to correct violations and obtain compliance with all the provisions of this article.

- (b) If the land use administrator should determine that a runway has been blocked or obstructed in such a manner that air traffic has been endangered, he may declare the same to be an emergency and use reasonable force to remove the object or obstruction. This authority shall not be construed to include the removal of natural growing trees.

Sec. 62-526. - Conflicting regulations.

Where there exists a conflict between any of the regulations or limitations prescribed in this article and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, the use of land or any other matter, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail.

Secs. 62-527—62-550. - Reserved.

#### ARTICLE X. - PROPORTIONATE FAIR-SHARE PROGRAM

Sec. 62-551. - Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to establish a method whereby the impacts of development on transportation, drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity can be mitigated by the cooperative efforts of the public and private sectors, to be known as the "proportionate fair-share program."

Sec. 62-552. - Applicability.

- (a) The proportionate fair-share program shall apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of capacity to satisfy transportation concurrency on a transportation facility, including transportation facilities maintained by the state department of transportation (FDOT), or another jurisdiction that are relied upon for concurrency determinations. The proportionate fair-share program shall also apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of drainage, sewer, solid waste or water capacity or access to the town water or sewer. The proportionate fair-share program does not apply to developments of regional impact (DRIs) using proportionate fair-share under F.S. § 163.3180(12), or to developments exempted from concurrency, or to lots of record which were purchased by the land owner prior to May 7, 1992.
- (b) The term development shall include any of the following activities:
  - (1) Construction, clearing, filling, excavating, grading, paving, dredging, mining, drilling or otherwise significantly disturbing the soil of a site.
  - (2) Building, installing, enlarging, replacing or substantially restoring a structure, impervious surface, or water management system, and including the longterm storage of materials.

Sec. 62-553. - General requirements for transportation concurrency.

- (a) An applicant may choose to satisfy the transportation concurrency requirements by making a proportionate fair-share contribution, pursuant to the following requirements:
  - (1) The proposed development is consistent with the comprehensive plan and applicable land development regulations.



- (2) The five-year schedule of capital improvements adopted in the capital improvements element (CIE) includes a transportation improvement or transportation improvements that, upon completion, will provide the needed traffic capacity. The provisions of subsection (b) may apply if a project or projects needed to satisfy concurrency are not presently contained within the local government CIE.
- (b) *The town may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy transportation concurrency through the proportionate fair-share program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will provide the needed traffic capacity, but is not contained in the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, where the following apply:*
- (1) The town adopts, by resolution or ordinance, a commitment to add the improvement to the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, no later than the next regularly scheduled update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be determined to be financially feasible pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(b)1, consistent with the comprehensive plan, and in compliance with the provisions of this article. Financial feasibility for this section means that additional contributions, payments or funding sources are reasonably anticipated during a period not to exceed ten years to fully mitigate impacts on the transportation facilities.
- (2) If the funds allocated for the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE are insufficient to fully fund construction of a transportation improvement required by the CMS, the town may still enter into a binding proportionate fair-share agreement with the applicant authorizing construction of that amount of development on which the proportionate fair-share is calculated if the proportionate fair-share amount in such agreement is sufficient to pay for one or more improvements which will, in the opinion of the governmental entity or entities maintaining the transportation facilities, significantly benefit the impacted transportation system.

The improvement or improvements funded by the proportionate fair-share component must be adopted into the five-year capital improvements schedule of the comprehensive plan at the next annual capital improvements element update.

- (c) Any improvement project proposed to meet the developer's fair-share obligation must meet design standards of the town for locally maintained roadways and those of the state department of transportation for the state highway system.

Sec. 62-554. - General concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity.

- (a) An applicant may choose to satisfy concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity by making a proportionate fair-share contribution, pursuant to the following requirements:
- (1) The proposed development is consistent with the comprehensive plan and applicable land development regulations.
- (2) The five-year schedule of capital improvements adopted in the capital improvements element (CIE) includes drainage, sewer, solid waste and water improvements that, upon completion, will provide the needed drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity. The provisions of subsection (b) may apply if a project or projects needed to satisfy concurrency are not presently contained within the local government CIE.
- (b) The town may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and water through the proportionate fair-share program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will provide the needed access and capacity, but is not contained in the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, where the following apply:
- (1) The town adopts, by resolution or ordinance, a commitment to add the improvement to the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, no later than the next regularly scheduled update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be



determined to be financially feasible pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(b)1, consistent with the comprehensive plan, and in compliance with the provisions of this article. Financial feasibility for this section means that additional contributions, payments or funding sources are reasonably anticipated during a period not to exceed ten years to provide the necessary drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity.

- (2) If the funds allocated for the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE are insufficient to fully fund construction of a drainage, sewer, solid waste or water improvement required by the town, the town may still enter into a binding proportionate fair-share agreement with the applicant authorizing construction of that amount of development on which the proportionate fair-share is calculated if the proportionate fair-share amount in such agreement is sufficient to pay for one or more improvements which will, in the opinion of the governmental entity or entities maintaining the facilities, significantly benefit the impacted system or systems.

The improvement or improvements funded by the proportionate fair-share component must be adopted into the five-year capital improvements schedule of the comprehensive plan at the next annual capital improvements element update.

#### Sec. 62-555. - Intergovernmental coordination.

Pursuant to policies in the intergovernmental coordination element of the comprehensive plan and applicable policies in the regional policy plan adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council, the town shall coordinate with affected jurisdictions, including the state department of transportation, regarding mitigation to impacted facilities not under the jurisdiction of the local government receiving the application for proportionate fair-share mitigation. An interlocal agreement may be established with other affected jurisdictions for this purpose.

#### Sec. 62-556. - Application process.

- (a) Upon notification of a lack of capacity to satisfy concurrency, the applicant shall also be notified in writing of the opportunity to satisfy concurrency through the proportionate fair-share program.
- (b) Prior to submitting an application for a proportionate fair-share agreement, a preapplication meeting shall be held to discuss eligibility, application submittal requirements, potential mitigation options, and related issues. If the impacted facility is on the strategic intermodal system (SIS), then the state department of transportation will be notified and invited to participate in the preapplication meeting.
- (c) Eligible applicants shall submit an application to the city that includes an application fee of \$250.00 and the following:
  - (1) Name, address and phone number of owner, developer and agent;
  - (2) Property location, including parcel identification numbers;
  - (3) Legal description and survey of property;
  - (4) Project description, including type, intensity and amount of development;
  - (5) Phasing schedule, if applicable;
  - (6) Description of requested proportionate fair-share mitigation method; and
  - (7) Copy of concurrency application.
- (d) The town shall review the application and certify that the application is sufficient. If an application is determined to be insufficient, incomplete or inconsistent with the general requirements of the proportionate fair-share program, then the applicant will be notified in writing of the reasons for such deficiencies. The applicant shall have 30 days of receipt of the written notification to correct the deficiencies. The town may, in its discretion, grant an extension of time not to exceed 60 days to cure such deficiencies; provided that the applicant has shown good cause for the extension and has taken reasonable steps to affect a cure. If the applicant does not provide the information within 30 days or does not request an extension, the application shall be closed.



- (e) Pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(e), proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation for development impacts to facilities on the SIS requires the concurrency of the state department of transportation. The applicant shall submit evidence of an agreement between the applicant and the state department of transportation for inclusion in the proportionate fair-share agreement.
- (f) When an application is deemed sufficient, the applicant shall be advised in writing and a proposed proportionate fair-share obligation and binding agreement will be prepared by the town. The agreement shall be delivered to the appropriate parties for review, including a copy to the state department of transportation for any proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation on a SIS facility.
- (g) The town shall notify the applicant regarding the date of the town council meeting when the agreement will be considered for final approval. No proportionate fair-share agreement will be effective until approved by the town council.

Sec. 62-557. - Determining proportionate fair-share obligation for transportation concurrency requirement.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share mitigation for concurrency impacts may include, private funds, contributions of land, and construction and contribution of facilities.
- (b) A development shall not be required to pay more than its proportionate fair-share. The fair market value of the proportionate fair-share mitigation for the impacted facilities shall not differ regardless of the method of mitigation.
- (c) The town clerk or his designee shall review the application and render a written decision as to what the fee for transportation concurrency should be based on a fee schedule previously approved by the town council. If the fee payer determines that he would rather have the fee determined by a methodology as provided by the statute, the fee payer shall be responsible for preparation of the individual assessment if the fee payer chooses to conduct the analysis. The person who prepares the individual assessment shall be a qualified professional in the preparation of impact analysis, and shall be approved by the town clerk or his designee on the basis of professional training and experience. The methodology used to calculate an applicant's proportionate fair-share obligation for transportation concurrency shall be as provided for in F.S. § 163.3180 (12), as follows:
  - (1) The cumulative number of trips from the proposed development expected to reach roadways during peak hours from the complete build out of a project or phase being approved, divided by the change in the peak hour maximum service volume (MSV) of roadways resulting from construction of an improvement necessary to maintain the adopted LOS, multiplied by the construction cost, at the time of developer payment, of the improvement necessary to maintain the adopted LOS; or
  - (2)  $\text{Proportionate fair-share} = S[(\text{Development Trips}_{sub \dots sub}) / (\text{SV Increase}_{sub \dots sub})]$

Where:

  - a. *Development Trips<sub>i</sub>* = Those trips from the development or phase of development under review that are assigned to roadway segment "i" and have triggered a deficiency;
  - b. *SV Increase<sub>sub \dots sub</sub>* = Service volume increase provided by the eligible improvement to roadway segment "i" per section E;
  - c. *Cost<sub>sub \dots sub</sub>* = Adjusted cost of the improvement to segment "i". Cost shall include all improvements and associated costs, such as design, right-of-way acquisition, planning, engineering, inspection, and physical development costs directly associated with construction at the anticipated cost in the year it will be incurred.
- (d) For the purposes of determining proportionate fair-share obligations, the town shall determine improvement costs based upon the actual cost of the improvement as obtained from the CIE, the MPO/TIP or the state department of transportation work program. Where such information is not available, improvement cost shall be determined using one of the following methods:



- (1) *An analysis by the town of costs by cross section type that incorporates data from recent projects and is updated annually and approved by the town council; or*
  - (2) *The most recent issue of the state department of transportation, Transportation Costs, as adjusted based upon the type of cross-section (urban or rural); locally available data from recent projects on acquisition, drainage and utility costs; and significant changes in the cost of materials due to unforeseeable events. Cost estimates for state road improvements not included in the adopted the state department of transportation work program shall be determined using this method in coordination with the state department of transportation district.*
- (e) If the town has accepted an improvement project proposed by the applicant, then the value of the improvement shall be determined using one of the methods provided in this section.
- (f) If the town has accepted right-of-way dedication for the proportionate fair-share payment, credit for the dedication of the nonsite related right-of-way shall be valued on the date of the dedication at 100 percent of the most recent assessed value by the county property appraiser or, at the option of the applicant, by fair market value established by an independent appraisal conducted by an appraiser that is a member of appraisal institute (MAI), and approved by the town and at no expense to the town. The applicant shall supply a drawing and legal description of the land and a certificate of title or title search of the land to the town at no expense to the town. If the estimated value of the right-of-way dedication proposed by the applicant is less than the town estimated total proportionate fair-share obligation for that development, then the applicant must also pay the difference. Prior to purchase or acquisition of any real estate or acceptance of donations of real estate intended to be used for the proportionate fair-share, public or private partners should contact the state department of transportation for essential information about compliance with federal law and regulations.

Sec. 62-558. - Determining proportionate fair-share obligation for concurrency requirements relating to drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share mitigation for concurrency impacts may include, private funds, contributions of land, and construction and contribution of facilities.
- (b) A development shall not be required to pay more than its proportionate fair-share. The fair market value of the proportionate fair-share mitigation for the impacted facilities shall not differ regardless of the method of mitigation.
- (c) The methodology used to calculate an applicant's proportionate fair-share obligation for drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity shall be determined on the basis of generally recognized principles of impact analysis available to the town recognizing that areas of the town including but not necessarily limited to the northwest quadrant must be addressed as a whole in order to fulfill concurrency requirements relating to growth planning to ensure compliance with state law, including but not limited to, complying with wetland and stormwater management statutes and regulations. The town clerk or his designee shall review the application and render a written decision as to what the fee should be.

Sec. 62-559. - Appeal.

A potential fee payer affected by the decision on an individual assessment may appeal the decision to the town council, by filing with the town clerk or his designee within 30 days of the date of the written decision, a written notice stating and specifying briefly the grounds of the appeal. The town clerk shall place the appeal on the town council's agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. It is expected that the town council will sustain or reverse the fee determination based on factual findings. The decision of the town council shall be final. The town council may waive the application of the provisions herein upon appeal for good cause shown.

Sec. 62-560. - Proportionate fair-share agreements.

- (a) Upon execution of a proportionate fair-share agreement, the applicant shall receive a town letter or certificate of concurrency approval. Should the applicant fail to apply for a development permit within



12 months of the execution of the agreement, then the agreement shall be considered null and void, and the applicant shall be required to reapply.

- (b) Payment of the proportionate fair-share contribution is due in full prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat and shall be nonrefundable. If the payment is submitted more than 12 months from the date of execution of the agreement, then the proportionate fair-share cost shall be recalculated at the time of payment based on the best estimate of the construction cost of the required improvement at the time of payment, and adjusted accordingly.
- (c) All developer improvements authorized under this article must be completed prior to issuance of a development permit, or as otherwise established in a binding agreement that is accompanied by a security instrument that is sufficient to ensure the completion of all required improvements. It is the intent of this section that any required improvements be completed before issuance of building permits or certificates of occupancy.
- (d) Dedication of necessary right-of-way for facility improvements pursuant to a proportionate fair-share agreement must be completed prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat.
- (e) Any requested change to a development project subsequent to a development order may be subject to additional proportionate fair-share contributions to the extent the change would generate additional traffic that would require mitigation.
- (f) Applicants may submit a letter to withdraw from the proportionate fair-share agreement at any time prior to the execution of the agreement. The application fee and any associated advertising costs to the town will be nonrefundable.

Sec. 62-561. - Appropriation of fair-share revenues.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share revenues shall be placed in the appropriate project account for funding of scheduled improvements in the town CIE, or as otherwise established in the terms of the proportionate fair-share agreement. At the discretion of the town, proportionate fair-share revenues may be used for operational improvements prior to construction of the capacity project from which the proportionate fair-share revenues were derived. Proportionate fair-share revenues may also be used as the 50 percent local match for funding under the state department of transportation, transportation regional incentive program (TRIP).
- (b) In the event a scheduled facility improvement is removed from the CIE, then the revenues collected for its construction may be applied toward the construction of another improvement within that same corridor or sector that would mitigate the impacts of development.
- (c) Where an impacted regional facility has been designated as a regionally significant transportation facility in an adopted regional transportation plan as provided in F.S. § 339.155, and the town may coordinate with other impacted jurisdictions and agencies to apply proportionate fair-share contributions and public contributions to seek funding for improving the impacted regional facility under the state department of transportation TRIP. Such coordination shall be ratified by the town through an interlocal agreement that establishes a procedure for earmarking of the developer contributions for this purpose.

Sec. 62-562. - Specific requirements for transportation concurrency to required paved roads for developments.

The Town of Hilliard finds that a specific requirement of transportation concurrency applies to developments that do not abut a paved road. Accordingly, no building permit shall be issued unless the applicant can show that in the case of a common plan of development, as defined below, the lot or lots for which a permit has been sought also abut a paved town street. A *common plan of development* is defined as a development larger than one single-family dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex. The St. Johns River Water Management District has regulations relating to "common plans of development" but does not appear to have defined this term. Nevertheless, it expects the town and residents to comply with this



requirement. The town seeks to comply with the District's regulations even though there apparently has not been any formal rulemaking to define the term *common plan of development*. In the absence of better guidance from the district and any amendment to these provisions, the town shall consider all property under construction by the same owner within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought that does not already abut a paved road to be part of any *common plan of development*. Property shall be considered "under construction" if a building permit has been applied for until such time the permit is denied, it expires or a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the property. An owner shall be a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the property, including without limitation, an ownership interest in an entity that owns an interest in the property. Permit applicants shall, upon written request, provide a notarized statement setting forth to his best knowledge, information and belief, the property owned by the following within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought: The applicant and all owners, as defined above, of the property for which the permit is sought. The town council may waive the application of the provisions herein upon appeal for good cause shown. The town council may also approve a fair share agreement that allows for the permit to be issued despite the lack of this special requirement of transportation concurrency so long as this specific requirement of transportation concurrency is met at the conclusion of the project and adequate guarantees are provided to the town.

## **ARTICLE XII. LANDSCAPING**

### **Sec. 62-563. Purpose and intent.**

- (a) Landscape, landscaped areas, buffers and tree protection shall be provided and/or accomplished for all premises in the manner set forth in this article. Required landscaped areas shall be located at or above grade unless otherwise prescribed in these land development regulations. The minimum provision of required landscape, landscaped areas, buffers and trees may be exceeded. Unless otherwise prescribed, the most stringent provision of this schedule shall prevail.
- (b) Landscape, buffer and tree protection requirements serve many purposes in the built-up environment. Landscape provides visual and climatic relief from buildings, structures and broad expanses of pavement; landscape buffers pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and trees provide shade, scenic beauty and natural habitat.
- (c) In general, landscaping and buffers shall be designed to:
  - (1) Enhance the urban development by blending natural and manmade environments.
  - (2) Provide shade for paved surfaces.
  - (3) Separate vehicular and non-vehicular use areas.
  - (4) Define vehicular access ways and access points.
  - (5) Screen vehicular movement, noise and glare.
  - (6) Provide visual and physical separation of potentially incompatible land uses.
  - (7) Incorporate water conservation features such as drought tolerant landscaping and reclaimed water usage as required herein.

(Code 2001, § 98-231; Ord. No. O-08-2011, § 5, 12-6-2011; Ord. No. O-03-2017 , exh. A(98-231), 1-24-2017)

### **Sec. 62-564. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:



*Berm* means manmade earth contoured so as to form a mound above the general elevation of the adjacent ground or surface and designed to provide visual interest, screen undesirable view and/or decrease noise.

*Buffer* means a combination of physical space and vertical elements such as plants, berms, fences, or walls, whose purpose is to separate and screen incompatible land uses from one another.

*Caliper* means the diameter of a tree measured at breast height (DBH) which is approximately 4½ feet above the ground.

*Canopy or shade tree* means any tree grown specifically for its shade. The term "canopy or shade tree" usually applies to large trees with spreading canopies. Canopy trees normally grow to a minimum overall height of 30 feet and an average mature crown spread of 25 feet. Oaks, maples, ashes, lindens, and elms are examples canopy/shade trees. Canopy trees shall be a minimum of 2.5 inches caliper DBH.

*Clear trunk* means the distance between the top of the root ball and the point of the trunk where lateral branching begins.

*Common area* means that area which will be maintained by a homeowners association, or other form of cooperative organization.

*Decorative turf* means turf used purely for ornamental purposes having no use other than aesthetics.

*Drip line* means the vertical line running through the outermost portion of the tree crown projected vertically to the ground.

*Fully shielded lighting* means lighting constructed in such a manner that all light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the luminaire, is projected below the horizontal. Such fixtures usually have a flat, horizontally oriented lens and opaque (usually metal) sides. They are often described as shoebox luminaires if the luminaire has a predominantly rectangular form. Fixtures that either have reflecting surfaces or lenses (clear or prismatic) located below the lamp and visible from the side or above and fixtures that can be mounted such that the shielding is ineffective are not considered fully shielded lighting.

*Groundcover* means a low-growing plant, including turf grass, that, by the nature of its growth characteristics, completely covers the ground and does not usually exceed two feet in height.

*Hat racking or topping* means pruning a tree in such a way that the majority of limbs are removed and the tree is left with only a trunk and the stumps of a few primary limbs, with little or no foliage or other trimming or pruning that has the effect of preventing a tree from attaining its natural height and/or shape.

*Hedge* means a row of evenly spaced shrubs planted to form a continuous unbroken visual screen.

*Industrial* means all uses in M-1 and M-2 zoning districts and all industrial uses in a PUD zoning district.

*Landscape* means vegetative and inert materials, including, but not limited to, grass, sod, shrubs, vines, hedges, trees, flowers, berms and complementary structural landscape architectural features such as rocks, fountains, sculpture, decorative walls and tree wells or other hardscape features.

*Landscaped area* means land area to be provided with landscape.

*Landscaped strip or landscaped island* means required landscaped areas containing ground cover, shrubs, trees and/or other landscape used to divide parking areas into individual bays.

*Moisture sensing switch* means a device which has the ability to shut off an automatic irrigation controller after receiving a determined amount of rainfall.

*Mulch* means nonliving organic materials such as wood chips that is customarily placed around the base of trees, shrubs and groundcovers for the purpose of retaining moisture and retarding weed infestation and soil erosion. Also, mulch is used in pathways and play areas.



*Native or naturalizing plant species* means plant species native to the region or introduced which once established are capable of sustaining growth and reproduction under local climatic conditions, without supplemental watering.

*Nonresidential* means, pursuant to land use category headings reflected in Schedule B, Permitted Uses, in these land development regulations, all commercial, transient lodging and entertainment, automotive, miscellaneous business and services, industrial and public/semi-public uses.

*Parking area* means a paved ground surface area used for the temporary parking and maneuvering of vehicles by employees or customers, either for compensation or to provide an accessory service to a commercial, industrial, institutional or residential use.

*Paved ground surface area.* An area paved with concrete or asphalt

*Shrub* means a self-supporting woody species of plant characterized by persistent stems and branches springing from the base.

*Specimen tree* means a particularly fine or unusual example of any tree due to its age, size, rarity, environmental value or exceptional aesthetic quality. A tree may also be designated a specimen due to its association with historic events or persons. A specimen tree cannot be of a species that is unacceptable as referenced in list of exempt trees in this Code.

*Tree* means a self-supporting woody plant of a species that normally grows to a minimum overall height of 15 feet and has an average mature crown spread greater than 15 feet within the Town.

*Turf* means upper layer of soil bound by grass and plant roots into a thick mat.

*Understory, sub-canopy trees* means trees which normally grow to a maximum overall height of 15 feet and an average mature crown spread of 15 feet.

*Vehicular circulation area* means streets, rights-of-way, access ways, parking spaces, parking, loading and unloading and other similar or related functions.

(Code 2001, § 98-232; Ord. No. O-08-2011, § 5, 12-6-2011; Ord. No. O-03-2017 , exh. A(98-232), 1-24-2017)

## **Sec. 62-565. Required landscaping.**

- (a) Landscape requirements for one-family dwellings and two-family dwellings shall be as follows:
  - (1) At least one canopy tree, 2.5 inches DBH, shall be located in the required front yard of each dwelling unit.
  - (2) The lot shall be sodded, seeded, or appropriate ground cover for erosion control.
- (b) Landscape requirements for nonresidential uses, including multifamily structures with three or more dwelling units, shall be as follows:
  - (1) *Perimeter landscaping.* At a minimum, each site developed for multifamily, institutional, commercial, or industrial uses will contain one shade or canopy tree for each 50 linear feet of the perimeter of the site.
  - (2) *Interior landscaping.* There will be one tree per every 1,500 square feet of the first 10,500 square feet of the project site, then one tree for every 4,000 square feet of the remainder of the project site. The trees shall be an equal proportion of shade (canopy) and understory trees. At a minimum, 15 percent of the site shall be landscaped.
- (c) Landscape adjacent to streets and parcels.
  - (1) A landscaped strip shall be provided along all parcel lines and abutting street right-of-way lines.



- (2) The depth of the required landscaped strip shall be measured and provided parallel to the parcel line or abutting street right-of-way in question.
- (3) Landscaped strips shall be considered to be required landscaped area.
- (4) A landscaped strip may be included in satisfying buffer requirements.
- (d) Landscaped strips shall be provided in the following manner:
  - (1) Ten-foot landscaped strip along all rights-of-way.
  - (2) The landscape buffer area shall be planted in the following manner:
    - a. *Canopy trees.*
      - 1. One row of canopy trees, 2.5 inches DBH at planting. For 50 percent of the canopy trees, two sub-canopy/understory trees may be substituted for each canopy tree.
      - 2. The trees shall be planted every 50 feet and staggered so as to be midway between each other, and equal distance between each row and right-of-way and/or parcel line. Trees shall be evenly spaced. The tree spacing may be altered with approval of the development services, provided the total number of trees is provided.
    - b. *Sub-canopy/understory trees.* A minimum of four sub-canopy/understory trees per 100 feet of frontage shall be planted in and about each access point and intersection.
    - c. *Hedges.* When off-street parking, loading, unloading and vehicular circulation areas are to be located adjacent to the street right-of-way, a dense hedge of evergreen-type shrubs shall be provided in the following manner:
      - 1. At initial planting and installation, shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height and shall be planted at least 36 inches or less on center.
      - 2. The hedge shall be planted four feet or more from the tree trunks.
      - 3. Within two years of initial planting and installation, shrubs shall have attained and be maintained at a minimum height of three feet and shall provide an opaque vegetative screen between the street and the use of the premises.
      - 4. In lieu of a vegetative hedge, the use of vegetated berms or other appropriate landscape materials in a manner that results in the visual separation of street right-of-way can be approved by the development services director.
    - d. *Shrubs.*
      - 1. Buffer areas, not adjacent to a street right-of-way, shall include nine shrubs for every 100 linear feet of the parcel line
      - 2. Shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height at the time of planting.
- (e) Groundcover. The buffer area shall be planted with groundcover minimum of 18 inches on center or solid grass sod, unless natural area to remain.

### **Sec. 62-566. Exemptions and exceptions to landscape requirements.**

Interior landscaping for parking garages or other vehicle use areas contained entirely with a roofed and

### **Sec. 62-567. Parking area landscaping.**

The requirements of this section apply to all development, unless exempted:

- (1) *Internal landscape area.*



- a. Minimum required land area for required landscaped areas not in a parking area. Each required landscaped area shall contain a minimum land area of 200 square feet.
  - b. The minimum required internal landscaped area for parking areas shall cover ten percent of the parking area.
  - c. Required landscaped area for rows of parking spaces.
    - 1. A landscaped area shall be provided at each end of all rows of parking.
    - 2. In addition, at least one landscaped area shall be provided between every ten parking spaces.
    - 3. Each required landscaped area shall be five feet wide inside the curb or paving line running the entire length of the parking space.
    - 4. At least one canopy tree shall be provided at each island.
    - 5. A five-foot turning radius shall be accommodated at the end of parking rows.
  - d. Parking space reduction to protect existing trees. The Land Use Administrator shall have the authority to reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces when such reduction would result in the preservation of existing trees.
    - 1. Trees to be preserved must be a minimum of 12 inches in diameter measured at breast height above the ground.
    - 2. The reduction in the number of required parking spaces shall result in a reduction in an amount of required parking of less than five percent of the total number of required off-street parking spaces.
- (2) *Required trees.*
- a. At least one canopy tree shall be provided in each required landscaped area.
  - b. One canopy trees or two sub canopy trees shall be provided for each required landscaped area for the rows of parking. A minimum of 50 percent of the trees used shall be canopy trees.
- (3) *Location of landscaped areas for interior landscaping.*
- a. A landscaped area or buffer shall be provided between all parking areas and principal structures or any sidewalks and street or rights-of-way.
  - b. This landscape area or buffer must contain at least one canopy tree per 50 feet linear perimeter of the parcel.
  - c. Every effort will be made to retain native vegetation and trees.
  - d. Minimum width of the landscape area:
    - 1. Ten feet when abutting a public right-of-way.
    - 2. Five feet when abutting alleys or the rear or side property lines.
  - e. Each landscaped area shall have five shrubs per each tree required.
  - f. All landscaped areas shall be covered in groundcover or turf.
- (4) *Maintenance of planted areas.*
- a. Irrigation shall be provided for all new planting. Hose bibs maybe installed as an alternative, one hose bib within 75 feet of all landscaped areas.
  - b. Maintenance shall be the responsibility of the developer and/or landowner.



- c. Failure to maintain landscaped areas shall be considered a violation of this subpart and subject to code enforcement.
- (5) *Buffer zones for incompatible land uses.*
  - a. A buffer zone is a five-foot landscaped strip along parcel boundaries that serves as a buffer between incompatible uses and land use districts. This shall not be interpreted to mean that parcels within a planned mixed use development must meet these requirements.
  - b. A buffer zone shall have a visual screen running the entire length of the property with a minimum opacity of 85 percent and a minimum height of six feet.
  - c. The use of existing native vegetation in buffer zones is preferred.
  - d. A five-foot buffer of native vegetation between a conservation designated land use and any other development shall be required. This is not in addition to buffers required by any permitting agency.
- (6) *Street trees for subdivisions.*
  - a. The developer shall plant, within ten feet of the right-of-way of each street within a residential development meeting the subdivision requirements of this Code, one canopy tree for every 50 linear feet of right-of-way.
  - b. Except where property on one side of the right-of-way is not owned by the developer, the trees shall be planted alternately on either side of the street.
  - c. Existing trees and native tree species that need less water and maintenance are preferred.
  - d. Coordination with the Town utility departments is required prior to planting the street trees.
  - e. Street trees planted shall have a minimum overall height of 2.5-inch DBH at time of planting.
- (7) *Certain functional uses not permitted.* No accessory structures, garbage or trash collection points or receptacles, parking, or any other functional use shall be permitted in the minimum required landscape area and/or buffer zone. Combining of compatible functions such as landscaping and drainage facilities are permitted.
- (8) *Concealing and location of dumpsters.*
  - a. Dumpsters must be concealed in opaque concrete, brick or chain-link fence with screening slats of enough height consistent with the size of the container to shield the container from view from all sides.
  - b. The front of screen must be accessible for service of the container.
  - c. The dumpster must be located on a paved surface of asphalt or concrete.
- (9) *Clear line of sight.* An unobstructed cross visibility shall be required within a triangle area formed by the intersection of two rights-of-way or access ways, as referenced in section 62-76.

## **Sec. 62-568. Landscape design and materials.**

- (a) *Design principles.* All landscaped areas required shall conform to the following general design principles:
  - (1) Landscaping should integrate the proposed development into existing site features through consideration of existing topography, hydrology, soils and vegetation.
  - (2) The functional elements of the development plan, particularly the drainage systems and internal circulation systems for vehicles and pedestrians, should be integrated into the landscaping plan.
  - (3) Landscaping should be used to minimize potential erosion through the use of ground covers or any other type of landscape material that aids in soil stabilization.



- (4) Existing native vegetation should be preserved and used to meet landscaping requirements.
  - (5) Landscaping should enhance the visual environment through the use of materials that achieve variety with respect to seasonal changes, species of living material selected, textures, colors and size at maturity.
  - (6) Landscaping design should consider the aesthetic and functional aspects of vegetation, both when initially installed and when the vegetation has reached maturity. Newly installed plants should be placed at intervals appropriate to the size of the plant at maturity, and the design should use short-term and long-term elements to satisfy the general design principles of this section over time.
  - (7) Landscaping should enhance public safety and minimize nuisances.
  - (8) All landscaping and plant material shall be planted in a manner which shall not be intrusive or interfere, at or before maturity, with pavement surfaces, power, cable television, or telephone lines, sewer or water pipes, or any other existing or proposed overhead or underground utility services.
  - (9) Landscaping should maximize the shading of streets and vehicle use areas.
  - (10) Architectural planters.
    - a. Planters can be are used to meet landscaping requirements.
    - b. Planters shall be a minimum of ten square feet and shall have minimum depth of 15 inches.
    - c. Planters shall be maintained and replanted if necessary.
    - d. Planters cannot be located within the Town right-of-way without prior consent from the development services director.
- (b) *Installation of required landscape and trees.*
- (1) *General.* All required trees and landscaping shall be installed according to generally accepted commercial planting procedures. Soil, free of limerock, rocks, and other construction debris, shall be provided. All landscaped areas shall be protected from pedestrian and vehicular encroachment by raised planting surfaces, depressed walks, curbs, edges, wheel stops and the like.
  - (2) *Florida No. 1 quality.*
    - a. All required plant materials, including, but not limited to, trees and shrubs, shall equal or exceed the standards for Florida No. 1 as established and revised by the state department of agriculture and consumer services.
    - b. Grass sod shall be healthy and reasonably free of weeds, pests and disease.
  - (3) *Proper planting and anchoring.*
    - a. All plant material shall be mulched to a depth of two inches.
    - b. Trees shall be installed with anchoring for a period of at least one year, in order to provide sufficient time for their roots to become established.
      - 1. Trees with trunks under four inches in diameter should be staked with one to three stakes.
      - 2. Trees with a diameter of 2.5 inches or more DBH should be guyed with three to four guy wires.
  - (4) *Irrigation.*
    - a. All landscaped areas shall be watered with an underground irrigation system or a drip irrigation system or hose bibs designed to allow differential operation schedules for high and low water requirement areas. To avoid operation of the system during periods of increased rainfall, an operational moisture sensor switch shall be required on all irrigation systems equipped with



automatic controls that will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

- c. If a landscaped area contains primarily species native to the immediate region, or plants acceptable for xeriscape landscaping, the development services director may waive the requirement for installation of an irrigation system. Consideration of a waiver of the irrigation requirement shall include, in addition to the area covered by native vegetation, such local conditions as sun or shade, use of fill soil, and depth to water table.
  - b. The development services director may require or otherwise approve water supply provisions for unusual landscape conditions provided, however, that a readily available water source shall be located within 100 feet of any required landscaping plant material.
- (5) *Berm.* When a berm is used to form a required visual screen in lieu of, or in conjunction with, a required hedge or wall, such berm shall not exceed a slope of 30 degrees and shall be completely covered with shrubs, trees, or other living ground cover.
- (6) *Grass.*
- a. Grass shall be seeded, plugged, or sodded.
  - b. On swales, berms or other areas that are subject to erosion, grass shall be completely sodded.
- (7) *Ground cover.* Ground cover shall be installed and maintained for all improved parcels, in order to prevent erosion and dust. Ground cover used in lieu of grass shall be planted in such a manner so as to present a finished appearance and reasonably complete coverage within three months after planting.
- (8) *Nonliving materials.* Mulch shall be a minimum depth of two inches.
- (c) *Recommended plant list.* Below is a list of recommended plants by category:

Understory Trees/Sub-Canopy	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Anise	<i>Illicium</i> spp.
Drake/Chinese elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
Flowering dogwood	<i>Comus florida</i>
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
Loblolly bay	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
Southern red cedar	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>
Yaupon holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Fringe tree	<i>Chionanthus virginica</i>
Sweet bay magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
Chinese fan palm	<i>Livistona chenensis</i>
Windmill palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>
Washington palm	<i>Washingtonian robusta</i>
Dahoon holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>
Savannah holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i> × <i>attenuate</i> & cultivars
River birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>
Palatka holly	<i>Ilex attenuate</i>

Understory	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> × <i>fauriei</i>
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>



Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Junipers	Juniperus torulosa & spartan
Bottlebrush	Callistemon spp.
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Rusty pittosporum	Pittosporum ferrugineum
Podocarpus	Podocarpus nagi
Holly	Ilex spp.
Leyland cypress	Cupressocyparis leylandi

Canopy Trees	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
American elm	Ulmus americana
Live oak	Quercus virginiana
Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Red bay	Persea borbonia
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora & cultivar
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humilis
Pindo palm	Butia capitata
Hornbeam/bluebeech	Carpinus caroliniana
Water ash; pop ash	Fraxinus caroliniana
Florida winged elm	Ulmus alata
Florida elm	Ulmus americana floridana
Red maple	Acer rubrum
American holly	Ilex opaca & cultivars
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus

- (d) *Unacceptable plant species.* All prohibited species shall be allowed to be removed without a permit and prior to the development of the site.
- (e) *Maintenance and replacement of landscape plants.* All plant material shall be maintained according to the following standards:
- (1) All required trees, shrubs and landscaped areas shall be maintained in good and healthy condition for as long as the use continues to exist.
  - (2) Maintenance shall consist of mowing, removing of litter and dead plant material, necessary pruning, pest control, water and fertilizing.
  - (3) Maintenance also includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of plants damaged by insects, disease, vehicular traffic, acts of God and vandalism.
  - (4) Necessary replacements shall be made within a time period not to exceed 30 days after notification by the Town of the violation.
  - (5) In order to increase the tree canopy within the Town, give shade to paved surfaces, buffer pedestrian and vehicular traffic and provide scenic beauty and natural habitat, as well as prevent decay, sunburn and hazards to trees, all landscape material shall be pruned to maintain the natural shape of the plant.



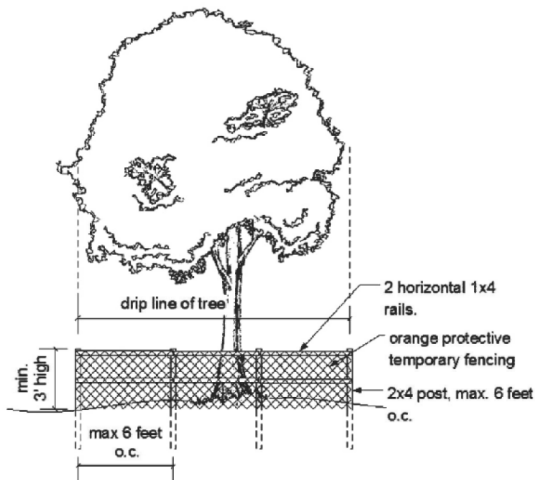
- (6) No topping, hat racking, poodle cutting, excess pruning or excess crown reduction shall be performed on trees within the right of way.
- (7) The Town shall encourage the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Tree Care Industry Association for tree care operations, plant maintenance and proper pruning methods.

**Sec. 62-569. Tree preservation during development and construction.**

- (a) Protective barriers.
  - (1) During construction, protective barriers shall be placed, as necessary and/or as directed by the development services director, to prevent the destruction or damaging of trees.
  - (2) Trees destroyed or receiving major damage must be replaced before occupancy or use unless approval for their removal has been granted during the site plan approval process
  - (3) All trees not designated for removal may be required to be protected by barrier zones erected prior to construction of any structures, roads, utility service, or other improvements,
- (b) The protective barrier shall be constructed to the following standards:
  - (1) The protective barrier shall be constructed outside the drip line of the tree, when possible (see Figure A). The protective barrier shall have a minimum of a six-inch radius, plus one inch for each one inch of caliper.
  - (2) The protective barrier shall be a minimum of three feet high.
  - (3) Protective barrier posts shall be two inches by four inches or larger and shall be no more than six feet apart.
  - (4) The barrier shall have two one-by-four-inch horizontal railings affixed securely to the posts.
  - (5) The entire protective zone shall be wrapped in orange safety fencing material, a minimum of three feet in height.
  - (6) The protective barriers shall be inspected by the department prior to the commencement of construction.
- (c) No grade changes shall be made within the protective barrier zones without prior approval of the Land Use Administrator.
- (d) Where roots greater than one-inch diameter are exposed, they shall be cut cleanly.
- (e) Protective barrier zones shall remain in place and intact until such time as landscape operations begin or construction is complete, whichever occurs first.
- (f) The development services director may conduct periodic inspections of the site before work begins and during clearing, construction and post-construction phases of development in order to ensure compliance.
- (g) No building materials, machinery or temporary soil deposits shall be placed within protective barrier zones defined above.
- (h) No attachments or wires other than those of a protective or non-damaging nature shall be attached to any tree.

**Figure A**







## ARTICLE XII. TREES

### Sec. 62-570. Removal of trees.

- (a) Removal of a tree includes any act which will cause a tree to die, such as damage inflicted upon the root system by heavy machinery, changing the natural grade above the root system or round the trunk, damage, including fire damage, inflicted on the tree permitting infection or pest infestation.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, society, association or corporation or any agent or representative thereof, directly or indirectly, to cut down, destroy, remove or move, or effectively destroy through damaging any tree located on any property without obtaining a permit.
- (c) No authorization for the removal of a protected tree shall be granted unless the developer demonstrates the reason for removal of trees.

### Sec. 62-571. Exceptions and exemptions.

The following are exempt from the requirements of section 62-275.

- (1) Utility and public works projects undertaken by the Town, including in the case of emergencies such as hurricane, windstorm, flood, freeze, or other disasters.
- (2) One- and two-family dwelling units.
- (3) Dangerous trees.
  - a. In the event that any tree endangers health or safety and requires immediate removal, verbal authorization may be given by the development services director.
  - b. The tree may be removed without obtaining a written permit. The verbal authorization shall later be confirmed in writing by the development services director.
- (4) Exempt trees. The following types of trees shall be exempt from the provisions of this section and removal allowed without a permit:

Common Name	Botanical Name
American mulberry	Morus rubra
Australian pine	Casuarinas spp.
Black cherry	Prunus serotina
Brazilian pepper	Shinus terebinthifolius
Cajuput tree	Melaleuca leucadendra
Camphor tree	Cinnamomum camphora
Cherry laurel	Prunus laurocerasis
Chinaberry	Meliaa azedarach
Chinese tallow tree	Sapium sebiferum
Containerized trees and nursery stock trees grown for resale	
Ear trees (Enterolobium contortisliquum)	Enterolobium cyclocarpum
Eucalyptus robusta	Eucalyptus robusta
Jacaranda	Jacaranda acutifolia



Golden rain tree	Koelreuteria elegans
Orchid tree	Bauhinia
Rosewood	Dalbergia sissoo
All pines	Pinus
Silk oak	Grevillea robusta
Pecan	Carya illinoensis

### **Sec. 62-572. Drought-tolerant plant standards applicable to required landscaping.**

Drought-tolerant plants which shall be used in required landscaping are native, noninvasive plants which will survive and flourish with comparatively little supplemental irrigation. Industrial, commercial, civic, and multifamily residential buildings or structures and common areas of single-family or multifamily residential developments shall incorporate drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and groundcovers in landscape plans as a water conservation measure. A list of plants which require minimal water are included in the St. Johns River Water Management District's publication Water Wise, Florida Landscapes. In addition, mulches and drought tolerant groundcovers shall replace narrow turf areas where irrigation is impractical. Interior remodels or minor modifications to the exterior of a structure are not subject to this requirement.

### **Sec. 62-573. Conditions for tree removal.**

The Land Use Administrator shall issue the permit for removal of a tree if one of the following reasons for removal is found to be present:

- (1) The condition of the tree with respect to disease, insect attack, age or other damage creates a danger of falling, or otherwise causes the tree to have an adverse impact on the urban or natural environment;
- (2) Removal of the tree is necessary to construct proposed improvements in order to make use of the property;
- (3) To avoid interference with utility services; or

### **Sec. 62-574. Replacement.**

- (a) *Generally.* In respect to removal of trees to allow construction of improvements on property, and as a condition to the granting of a permit, replacement shall be required.
  - (1) *Trees removed.*
    - a. *Live oaks.*
      1. All efforts shall be made to maintain all live oak trees on the site.
      2. Replacement of live oak trees shall be with live oak trees and the total caliper inches of replacement trees shall equal the total caliper inches of live oak trees removed.
    - b. *All other trees.*
      1. Trees removed over 12 inches DBH on the site shall be replaced.
      2. The replacement for all trees over 12 inches in caliper at DBH on the site shall equal one-third of the total caliper at DBH of the trees removed.
  - (2) *Tree replacement or payment to Town.* In lieu of replacement of trees on the site, the Land Use Administrator may approve a plan for replacement of trees offsite or payment to the Town's tree mitigation fund. The value will be based on the average cost of other municipalities in northeast Florida.



(b) *Credit for trees.* Trees which are preserved shall receive credit against the landscape requirements according to the following schedule:

- (1) Trees 12 to 18 inches: Live oaks, one-inch credit; all others, 50 percent-inch credit.
- (2) Trees 19 to 30 inches: Live oaks, 1.25-inch credit; all others, 75 percent-inch tree credit.
- (3) Trees over 30 inches: Live oaks, 1.5-inch credit; all others, 100 percent-inch credit.

**Sec. 62-575. List of plants recommended for the Town.**

Understory Trees (Max. Height 15 Feet)	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Anise	Illicium spp.
Drake/Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Flowering dogwood	Comus florida
Wax myrtle	Myrica cerifera
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Southern red cedar	Juniperus silicicola
Yaupon holly	Ilex vomitoria
Fringe tree	Chionanthus virginica

Canopy Trees Spaced 50 Feet Apart	
Common Name	Botanical Name
American elm	Ulmus americana
Live oak	Quercus virginiana
Sweet bay magnolia	Magnolia virginiana
Silver dollar tree	Eucalyptus cinerea
Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Red bay	Persea borbonia
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora & cultivar
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia
Washington palm	Washingtonian robusta
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humillis
Sabal palm	Sabal palmetto
Chinese fan palm	Livistona chenensis
Windmill palm	Trachycarpus fortunei
Pindo palm	Butia capitata

Canopy Trees Spaced 30 Feet Apart	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Dahoon holly	Ilex cassine
Hornbeam/bluebeech	Carpinus caroliniana
Water ash; pop ash	Fraxinus caroliniana
Florida winged elm	Ulmus alata
Florida elm	Ulmus americana floridana



Red maple	Acer rubrum
Savannah holly	Ilex opaca × attenuate & cultivars
American holly	Ilex opaca & cultivars
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
River birch	Betula nigra
Palatka holly	Ilex attenuate

<i>Ornamental Landscape Trees; Small Trees</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Crape myrtle	Lagerstroemia × fauriei
Wax myrtle	Myrica cerifera
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Junipers	Juniperus torulosa & spartan
Bottlebrush	Callistemon spp.
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Rusty pittosporum	Pittosporum ferrugineum
Podocarpus	Podocarpus nagi
Holly	Ilex spp.
Leyland cypress	Cupressocyparis leylandi
Jerusalem thorn	Parkinsonia aculeate

<i>Large Ornamental Trees and Palms</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Winged elm	Ulmus alata
Washington palm	Washingtonian robusta
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humillis
Sabal palm	Sabal palmetto
Heritage river birch	Betula nigra "heritage"
Chinese fan palm	Livistona chenensis
Windmill palm	Trachycarpus fortunei
Pindo palm	Butia capitata

<i>Shrubs and Minimum On-Center (OC) Requirements for Visual Screens</i>		
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>	<i>On Center</i>
Glossy abelia	Abelia spp.	2.0 OC
Allamanda	Cortadenia selloana	4.0 OC
Pineapple guava	Feijoa sellowiana	3.0 OC
Anise	Illicium floridanum	2.5 OC
Pittosporum	Pittosporum tobira	3.0 OC
Azalea	Rhododendron spp.	3.0 OC
Plumbago	Plumbago capensis	2.0 OC
Banana shrub	Michelia fuscata	3.0 OC
Primrose jasmine	Jasminum mesnyi	3.0 OC
Boxwood	Buxus microphylla	2.0 OC
Viburnum	Viburnum spp.	3.0 OC

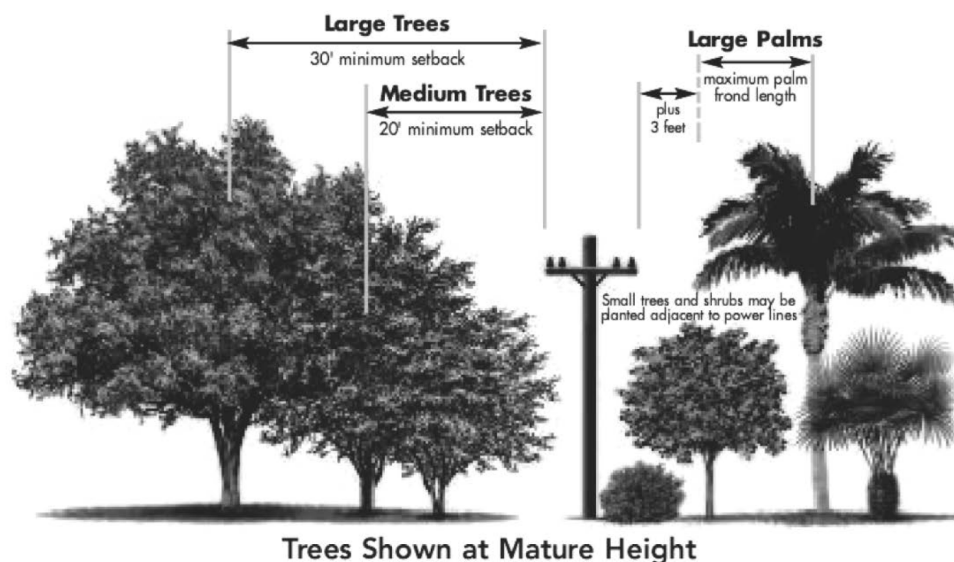


Chinese juniper	Juniperus chinensis	3.0 OC
Silverthorn	Elaeagnus philippensis	3.0 OC
Podocarpus	Podocarpus macrophyllus	2.0 OC
Holly	Ilex spp.	2.0—3.0 OC
Indian hawthorne	Raphiolepis indica	2.5 OC

<i>Groundcovers</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Bugle weed	Ajuga reptans
Asparagus fern	Asparagus sprengeri
Iceplant	Carpobrotus edulis
False heather	Cuphea hyssopifolia
Dichondra	Dichondra carolinensis
Golden creeper	Ernodea littoralis
Trailing fig	Ficus sagittata
Carolina jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens
Algerian ivy	Hedera canariensis
Beach sunflower	Helianthus debilis
Dwarf yaupon holly	Ilex vomitoria "Schellings"
Chinese juniper	Juniperus chinensis
Dwarf lantana	Lantana depressa
Lily turf	Liriope spicata
Sword fern	Nephrolepis exaltata
Oyster plant	Rhoeo spathacea
Erect selaginella	Selaginella involvens
Confederate jasmine	Trachelospermum asiaticum
Caltrops	Trilobus terrestris
Society garlic	Tulbaghia violacea
Coontie	Zamia pumila
Aloe	Aloe spp.
Cast iron plant	Aspidistra elatior
Gopher apple	Locania michauxii
Earth star	Cryptanthus spp.
Miniature agave	Dyckia brevifolia
Creeping fig	Ficus pumila
Dwarf gardenia	Gardenia jasminoides
Fig marigold	Glottiphyllum depressum
English ivy	Hedera helix
Daylily	Hemerocallis spp.
Beach elder	Iva imbricate
Shore juniper	Juniperus conferta
Trailing lantana	Lantana montevidensis
Partidge berry	Mitchella repens
Mondo grass	Ophiopogon japonicus
Leatherleaf fern	Rumomra adiantiformis
Purple heart	Setcreasea pallida
Star jasmine	Trachelospermum jasminoides
Wedelia	Wedelia trilobata



Wandering jew	Zebrina pendula
Grasses	
Bahia	
St. Augustine cultivars	
Annual ryegrass	



**Figure 2**  
**Large, Medium and Small Trees and Shrubs**

## **ARTICLE XIII. SUBDIVISIONS**

### **Sec. 62-576. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Block* means a tier or group of lots existing within well-defined and fixed boundaries within a subdivision, usually being an area surrounded by streets or other physical barriers and having an assigned number, letter or other name by which it may be identified.

*Building* includes the term "structure" and shall be construed as if followed by the phrase "or part thereof."

*Developer* means the owners of record executing the dedication required by F.S. § 177.081 and applying for approval of a plat of a subdivision pursuant to F.S. § 177.01 et seq.

*Developer's engineer* means a professional engineer registered in the state and engaged by the developer to prepare engineering plans and to supervise construction.

*Land* includes the term "water," "marsh" or "swamp."

*Lot* includes the term "plot" or "parcel." A lot is also identified as a single unit in a subdivision.



*Plat* means a map on which the developer's plan for subdivision is presented and which he submits for approval and intends, in final form, to record.

*Subdivision* means one of the following:

- (1) The division of any parcel of land, of any size whatsoever, into two or more lots of any size.
- (2) The establishment or dedication of a road, street or alley through a tract of land, regardless of area.
- (3) The resubdivision of land heretofore or hereafter divided or platted into lots.

The following shall not be included within this definition nor be subject to this chapter:

- (1) The sale or exchange of lots to or between adjoining property owners, where the sale or exchange does not create additional lots.
- (2) The public acquisition by purchase, acceptance of deed of dedication or exercise of the right of eminent domain of strips of land for the widening or opening of streets or roads.

*Surveyor* means a land surveyor registered in the state and engaged by the developer to survey and plat the land for subdivision.

*Town-approved road or street* means a road or street paved in accordance with the specifications prescribed in this chapter, involved in any division of land into a recorded or unrecorded subdivision plat.

(Code 1997, § 46-1; Ord. No. 85-102, § 1.01, 9-10-1985)

## **Sec. 62-577. Intent and purposes.**

It is determined and declared:

- (1) The public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, morals and welfare require the harmonious, orderly and progressive development of land throughout the town. It is intended that this chapter be liberally construed to accomplish those purposes.
- (2) These subdivision regulations are adopted for the following purposes:
  - a. To establish uniform and adequate standards for the design of subdivision plats and for minimum necessary improvements.
  - b. To provide regular and orderly procedures for the uniform and expeditious processing of subdivision plats by the proper agencies and officials.
  - c. To ensure coordination of subdivision plats with public improvements of the county and the town.
  - d. To ensure subdivision, design which will encourage the development of a sound and economically stable community and the creation of a healthful living environment.
  - e. To prevent traffic hazards and to provide safe and convenient traffic circulation, both vehicular and pedestrian.
  - f. To discourage premature, uneconomical and scattered development.
  - g. To assure cooperation and greater convenience for developers.



**Sec. 62-578. Jurisdiction; compliance.**

The regulations set out in this chapter apply to all land within the town. No land shall be subdivided or laid out into lots, unless by plat in accordance with this chapter, nor shall any building be constructed in a subdivision unless the subdivision conforms to this chapter.

**Sec. 62-579. When plat not recorded.**

The clerk of the circuit court will not record any instrument showing a subdivision of land that does not bear the approval of the town attorney, the town clerk and the mayor.

**Sec. 62-580. Town not to approve expenditure of money.**

The town will not permit any money to be expended for improvements in any area that has been subdivided or upon any street that has been platted after the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived unless the subdivision or street has been approved in accordance with this chapter.

**ARTICLE XIV. PLATTING****Sec. 62-581. General procedure for plat approval.**

The preliminary and final plat shall be submitted to the town for recommendation to the council. The town attorney shall likewise examine the preliminary and final plat to determine its compliance with all legal conditions set forth in this chapter and in F.S. ch. 177. Upon approval by the town and town attorney, the plat shall be submitted to the council for final approval. No plat shall be recorded and no lots shall be sold from the plat unless and until finally approved as provided in this chapter.

**Sec. 62-582. Preliminary plat.**

The developer shall submit the proposed plat accompanied by the following information for the preliminary plat in a form specified by the Town that will show the following:

- (1) The location of present property and section line boundaries of existing lots, streets, buildings, lakes and watercourses.
- (2) Any existing sanitary or storm sewers, water mains and culverts within the tract or adjacent thereto.
- (3) The proposed location and width of streets, lots, setback lines, easements and typical street cross sections showing proposed pavements, wearing surfaces, curbs, shoulders and the like.
- (4) The title under which the proposed subdivision is to be recorded and the name of the developer platting the tract.
- (5) North point, scale and date.
- (6) Contours of the land on one-foot and 50-foot grid or less on current geodetic datum and an area outside the boundaries that will show the final disposition of all surface drainage.
- (7) Benchmarks at convenient points with locations and elevations indicated on the preliminary plat.
- (8) A location key map that will show the relation of the proposed subdivision to existing community facilities, main traffic arteries and the like.
- (9) A written statement regarding proposed grades of streets and the facilities for surface water drainage.



**Sec. 62-583. Final plat.**

The final plat shall show the following in a required by the Town and in compliance with Chapter 177, F.S.:

- (1) The boundary lines of the area platted with distance and bearings and the legal description of the property. The property appraiser's parcel identification number is not acceptable as legal description.
- (2) The lines of all proposed streets with their widths and names.
- (3) The outline of any portions of the property intended to be dedicated for public use, such as for schools, parks and so forth.
- (4) The lines of adjoining streets with their widths and names.
- (5) All lot lines, together with the identification system of all lots and blocks, and the square foot area of each lot. The lot numbers within a subdivision shall be assigned counterclockwise from the northeast corner and shall follow in a logical numerical order within a particular block.
- (6) The location of all setback lines and easements provided for public use, service, utilities or drainage.
- (7) All dimensions, both linear and angular, for locating the boundaries of the subdivision, lots, streets, easements and any other areas for public or private use. Linear dimensions shall be given to the nearest 1/100 of a foot. Closure shall be shown on the plat.
- (8) The radii, arcs, chords, chord bearings, points of tangencies and central angles for curved streets and rounded block corners.
- (9) The location of all survey monuments and benchmarks with their descriptions.
- (10) The name of the subdivision, the scale of the plat, points of the compass and the name of the owner of the subdivision.
- (11) The certificate of the surveyor as to the correct representation of the plat and as to F.S. ch. 177, pt. I (F.S. § 177.011 et seq.).
- (12) Private restrictions and trusteeships and their period of existence.
- (13) Acknowledgment of the owner to the plat and restrictions, including dedication to public use of all streets and parks, the dedication of or granting of required easements and a statement that all streets are paved and drained or will be paved and drained before any lots are sold.

**Sec. 62-584. Signatures; certifications and acknowledgments.**

The final plat must contain space and forms for the appropriate certifications and acknowledgments and shall be signed by the following:

- (1) A notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments as to the certification of  
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- (3) A surveyor for the town as for compliance with Chapter 177, F.S.
- (4) The town attorney as to legal sufficiency and compliance.
- (5) The town clerk as to approval by the council.
- (6) The mayor as to approval for the town.
- (7) The clerk of the circuit court for the county as to the plat having been filed for record. The plat book and page designation shall be obtained from the clerk at the time it is presented to the clerk for recording.



## **ARTICLE XV. DESIGN STANDARDS**

### **Sec. 62-585. Relation to adjoining street system.**

The arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall make provision for the continuation of the principal existing streets in adjoining areas or their proper projection where adjoining land is not subdivided insofar as this may be deemed necessary by the council for public requirements. The street arrangement shall be such as not to cause hardships to owners of adjoining property when they plat their own land and seek to provide convenient access to it. Offset streets shall be avoided and the angle of intersection between streets shall not vary by more than ten degrees from a right angle. Streets obviously in alignment with existing streets shall bear the names of the existing streets.

### **Sec. 62-586. Street widths.**

- (a) As a minimum requirement for streets, sidewalks and public utilities, the plat shall dedicate a minimum width of 60 feet. Dead-end streets and/or culs-de-sac, streets that terminate within a subdivision other than at boundary line, shall have a minimum width of 60 feet and shall terminate in a turnaround with a minimum radius of 50 feet.
- (b) The council may, after proper study, require a street width in excess of 60 feet, if traffic engineering surveys indicate that present or anticipated future traffic densities justify a street of greater width.
- (c) Where streets parallel and adjoin section and half-section lines adjoining unsubdivided property, a half-street, 50 feet in width, shall be dedicated and, whenever subdivision property adjoins a half-street on a section or half-section line, the remainder of a 100-foot right-of-way shall be dedicated. Water systems shall be placed within 43½ feet of the section and half-section lines.
- (d) The council may, after proper study and due consideration, reduce the right-of-way on certain half-section lines to a width of 80 feet.
- (e) Alleys are not recommended in a residential district.

### **Sec. 62-587. Blocks.**

- (a) Where a tract of land is of such size and location as to prevent a lot arrangement related to a normal street design, there may be established courts, dead-end streets or culs-de-sac, provided that a proper access shall be given to all lots from a dedicated street or court.
- (b) No block shall be longer than 600 feet. Where blocks are made longer than 600 feet in length, a crosswalk, ten feet in width, shall be required near the center of the block.

### **Sec. 62-588. Lots.**

- (a) Lots shall comply with the zoning district that the subdivision is located within.
- (b) A corner lot shall have widths sufficient to permit the establishment of front building lines on both the front and side of the lot adjoining the streets.
- (c) The arrangement and design shall be such that all lots will provide satisfactory and desirable building sites, properly related to topography and the character of the surrounding development.
- (d) Restrictions requiring buildings to be set back to the building lines shall be shown on the plat. Restrictions shall also be made and shown on the plat requiring all residential buildings to be set a minimum of ten feet off each side lot line and not less than 25 feet from rear lot lines.
- (e) All side lines of lots shall be at right angles to straight street lines and radial to curved street lines, except where a variation to this rule will provide a better street and lot layout.



## **ARTICLE XVI. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Sec. 62-589. Preparation of plans and specifications for improvements.**

Receipt of the signed copy of the approved preliminary plat is authorization for the developer to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the minimum improvements required by this article and with preparation of the final plat. Prior to the construction of any required improvements, the developer shall furnish the town engineer all plans, information and data necessary to determine the character of the improvements. These plans shall be examined and will be approved if in accordance with this article. Following this approval, construction can be started or the amount of the bond guaranteeing the improvements determined. No final or official plat of a subdivision shall be approved unless either:

- (1) The improvements listed in this article have been installed prior to the approval; or
- (2) The developer files with the town a surety bond to secure the construction of the improvements listed in this article in a satisfactory manner and within a period specified by the council, this period not to exceed 12 months. The bond shall be in an amount at least equal to the cost of constructing the improvements as estimated by the developer's engineer and approved by the town engineer and in a form approved by the town attorney.

### **Sec. 62-590. Inspection.**

- (a) The town may have an inspector on the project when deemed necessary during the construction period, and the inspector shall be authorized to enforce the construction of the work in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The developer shall pay the cost of the inspector. If any changes are required in the approved plans or specifications during the period of construction, the changes must first be approved, in writing, by the town or its authorized representative so that subdivision files can be complete.
- (b) The developer shall have available, when necessary, a qualified engineer for the purpose of setting all line and grade stakes when required by the contractor or inspector.
- (c) The engineer shall furnish the town engineer with a written construction schedule at intervals of at least once each month. The schedule shall show the construction work to be accomplished during the period covered by the schedule.

### **Sec. 62-591. Acceptance for maintenance by town.**

- (a) Prior to acceptance by the town, the developer shall furnish a certificate prepared by the developer's engineer to the effect that all improvements have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Where the developer elects to post a bond ensuring that the work will be completed in a stated period of time, the certificate required by this section will be required at the time of completion of construction.
- (b) Upon completion of the work covered by the plans and a unilateral agreement, the owner shall notify the town engineer in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the town will make an inspection of the construction work. If all work is found to be satisfactorily completed, then the town, after a period of 90 days from the time of inspection, will make a final inspection. If the work is found satisfactory and if all deficiencies are repaired or corrected, then the town will accept the improvements for maintenance. A performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the estimated cost of street improvements will be required in all subdivisions.

### **Sec. 62-592. Street improvements.**

- (a) All streets and public ways shall be cleared and graded to their full width of right-of-way, including side slopes, and to the appropriate grade and shall be surfaced in accordance with the applicable standard



specifications of the state department of transportation and the manual of uniform minimum standards. They shall meet the following minimum specifications:

- (1) Pavement shall be 22 feet in width.
  - (2) Shoulders shall be six feet in width.
  - (3) Front and back slopes shall not be less than 3:1.
  - (4) All shoulders and slopes shall be seeded, mulched and fertilized.
  - (5) Paving specifications and application shall be according to the current edition of the state department of transportation specifications for road and bridge construction.
  - (6) Street cross drains will have headwalls and endwalls.
- (b) If required to prevent erosion or excessive washing of the shoulders, protective measures shall be taken as required by the town or its representative.
  - (c) Curbs and gutters shall be constructed along both sides of all streets and in accordance with the standards of the state department of transportation. A modified curb, constructed in accordance with county specifications, may be used on streets with gradients of two percent or less. Where required, turnouts will comply with town specifications and be constructed before the building is completed and before the lot or building is sold.
  - (d) The following pavement bases shall be constructed of the following type having a minimum thickness of six inches:
    - (1) Sand-bituminous road mix.
    - (2) Florida limerock base.
    - (3) Limerock stabilized base (300 pounds per square yard).
    - (4) Shell cement mix.
    - (5) Soil cement mix.
  - (e) All pavement bases shall have a surface wearing course of one of the following types, as outlined in the state department of transportation specifications:
    - (1) Double surface treatment.
    - (2) Asphaltic concrete surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (3) Hot sand asphalt surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (4) Concrete roads are not acceptable.
  - (f) Subgrades, paving bases and surface wearing course shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications of the state department of transportation.
  - (g) The owner or developer shall retain a reputable recognition commercial laboratory which shall certify to the town that all materials entering into the completed work are in accordance with these specifications. Where the pavement base is to be sand-bituminous road mix or soil cement mix, the laboratory shall furnish a report covering the blending of soil materials with bituminous materials or cement prior to base construction. A report of the laboratory shall be submitted covering the completed pavement.
  - (h) Concrete sidewalks shall not be required in residential areas unless, in the opinion of the council after proper study, pedestrian traffic will justify the installation of sidewalks as a safety precaution.
  - (i) All street markers will be constructed, painted and erected in accordance with town specifications. Street markers will be installed by the developer at the locations shown on the drawings.
  - (j) Radii at intersections shall be a minimum of 25 feet.



- (k) A developer shall place appropriate road signs, within the area described by the plat to be recorded. The signs shall be constructed by the town and paid for by the developer.
- (l) All design shall meet requirements of the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways prepared by the state department of transportation.

### **Sec. 62-593. Drainage requirements.**

- (a) All drainage pipe shall have adequate capacity to carry the runoff resulting from a rainfall intensity which may be exceeded on the average of at least once every year. All drainage facilities shall be designed for a positive outfall to existing storm sewer system, lakes, canals, rivers, streams or previously constructed town, county or state road ditches. If the added runoff from the developed area overtaxes the existing road or outfall ditches, the developer shall include in the plans sufficient work to enlarge the present facilities to care for the added drainage imposed on the system.
- (b) Where storm sewers are provided, the maximum overland flow shall be 400 feet. Minimum grade for curb and gutter shall be three-tenths of one percent; provided that one-half percent grade shall be held insofar as practical.
- (c) Drainage pipe shall be corrugated metal pipe, plain or reinforced concrete pipe or plain or extra strength vitrified clay pipe, except that corrugated metal pipe shall not be installed under a paved road unless it is asphalt coated. Minimum pipe size shall be 15 inches in diameter.
- (d) All plans shall show, in addition to contours, the outlines and sizes in acres of drainage areas at the various points of concentration.
- (e) Catchbasins, drop inlets, curb inlets and manholes shall be of a class A concrete or brick construction and in accordance with state department of transportation standards. All grates shall be cast iron or steel with minimum size of two square feet net open area.
- (f) Where land is subject to periodic flooding by the overflow from creeks, rivers or streams, a floodplain must be established and no building will be permitted within the area of the floodplain, unless the entire area is filled to two feet above the floodplain.
- (g) Permits shall be obtained from St. Johns River Water Management District prior to final approval.

### **Sec. 62-594. Water lines.**

- (a) Where an approved public water supply is reasonably accessible or procurable, each lot within the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the water supply. The water service for each lot will be installed at the time of the application for a building permit. All mains, to the under paving, shall be constructed prior to the paving installation. Fire hydrants will be installed in all subdivisions where a public water supply is available.
- (b) Where no approved public water supply is available, the installation of a private water supply system will be required at the time of the application for a building permit. The private water supply system shall be constructed in such a manner that an adequate supply of potable water will be available to each lot. All applicable state rules and regulations shall govern the installation of the system.
- (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.

### **Sec. 62-595. Sanitary sewers.**

- (a) Where an adequate sanitary sewer is reasonably accessible, each lot in the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the sanitary sewer. All connections and the subdivision sewer system shall comply with all applicable state rules.
- (b) Where sewers are not accessible and where septic tanks are not permissible, the owner or developer shall install and operate a sewage collection and treatment system of a capacity sufficient to serve the entire



subdivision and all contemplated additions. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the regulations and requirements of and approval of the county health officer and the state department of environmental protection.

- (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.



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## Chapter 62 - ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

## ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

## Sec. 62-1. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, certain words and terms used herein shall be interpreted to have meanings as defined below. The word "used" or "occupied" include the word "intended," "designed," or "arranged" to be used or occupied. The word "lot" includes the word "plot" or "parcel." The word "structure" includes the word "building" as well as other things constructed or erected on the ground, attached to something having location on the ground, or requiring construction or erection on the ground. The word "land" includes the word "marsh," "water," or "swamp." The word "map" shall mean the "Zoning Map of the Town of Hilliard, Florida."

*Accessory use or structure* means a use or structure of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure, and unless otherwise provided, on the same premises.

*Alley* means a public or private way which affords only a secondary means of access to property abutting thereon.

*Alter or alteration* means any change in size, shape, occupancy, character or use of a building or structure.

*Auditorium* means a room, hall, building, or part of a building used for public gatherings.

~~*Automobile service or filling station.*~~ See *Service station*.

~~*Automobile wrecking, recycling or storage yard* means the dismantling or disassembling of used motor vehicles or trailers, or the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled, partially dismantled, obsolete, or wrecked motor vehicles, trailers, or their parts.~~

~~*Bar, cocktail lounge, saloon or tavern* means any establishment devoted primarily to the retailing and on-premises drinking of malt, vinous, or other alcoholic beverages, or any place where any sign is exhibited or displayed indicating that alcoholic beverages are obtainable for consumption on the premises.~~

~~*Boardinghouse* means an establishment with lodging for four or more persons, where meals may be regularly prepared and served for compensation.~~

~~*Body shop* means any enclosed structure used for the alteration, repair, restoration and refinishing of the body parts or appurtenances of a motor vehicle body.~~

*Buildable area* means the portion of a lot remaining after required yards, parking, and landscaping areas have been provided. Buildings may be placed in any part of the buildable area, but limitations on percent of the lot which may be covered by buildings may require open space within the buildable area.

*Building* means a structure designed for shelter, storage, trade, manufacturing, religion, business, education and the like, having a roof and walls impervious to weather, and shall be subject to this Code.

*Building enclosed* means a building separated on all sides from adjacent open space, or from other buildings or other structures, by a permanent roof and by exterior walls or party walls which are pierced only by windows and normal entrance or exit doors.

*Carport* means an accessory structure or portion of a principal structure, consisting of a roof and supporting members such as columns or beams, unenclosed from the ground to the roof on at least two sides, and designed or used for the storage of motor driven vehicles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory.

*Centerline of street* means the line surveyed and monumented by the town or the state department of transportation. If a centerline has not been surveyed and monumented, it shall be that line running midway between the outside curbs or ditches of the street.



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*Church* means a building or structure, the sole design and use of which is for religious worship and the religious program of such church.

*Clinic, medical or dental* means an establishment where patients, who are not lodged overnight, are admitted for examination and treatment by one person or a group of persons practicing any form of the healing arts, whether such persons be medical doctors, chiropractors, osteopaths, podiatrists, naturopaths, optometrists, dentists, or any such profession, the practice of which is regulated by the state.

*Club, night*, means a restaurant or dining room serving alcoholic beverages wherein paid floor shows or other forms of paid entertainment are provided for customers as part of the commercial enterprise.

*Club, private*, means an association or organization of a fraternal or social character, not operated or maintained for profit. The term "private club" shall not include casinos, nightclubs, bottle clubs, or other establishments operated or maintained for profit.

*Club, tennis*, means any associated, chartered or incorporated club owning or leasing and maintaining any bona fide tennis club or four-wall indoor racquetball club consisting of not less than ten regulation size four-wall indoor racquetball courts, or ten of any combination of such courts, with clubhouse facilities, pro shop, locker rooms and attendant facilities, all located on a contiguous tract of land owned or leased by such club.

*Community residential home* means a dwelling unit as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.

*Completely enclosed building* means a building separated on all sides from adjacent open space, or from other buildings or other structures, by a permanent roof and by exterior walls or party walls which are pierced only by windows and normal entrance or exit doors.

*Conditional use* means a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout the zoning classification or district, but which if controlled as to number, area, location, or relation to the neighborhood, would promote the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, property or general welfare. Such uses may be permitted in such zoning classification or district as conditional uses, if specific provisions for such conditional use are made in this Code.

*Convenience store* means a retail establishment engaged in the selling of groceries and convenience goods to the residents of a local neighborhood.

*Coverage of a lot* ~~Coverage by of buildings~~ means that percentage of lot area that is or may be covered or occupied by buildings.

*Day nurseries and kindergartens* ~~Care/Child Care Centers~~ means any service which during all or part of the day regularly gives facilities that provide care to six or more children, not of common parentage, who are under six years of age, whether or not it has a stated educational purpose, and whether the service is known as a day care service, day nursery, day care agency, nursery school, kindergarten, play school, progressive school, or by any other name. The total number of children receiving care shall be counted, including children or foster children of the owner or person in charge, in determining the applicability of this definition and licensed by the State of Florida to provide those services.

*Density* means the number of residential dwelling units permitted per acre of land, excluding land for street rights-of-way and drainage ditches.

*Developable land* means all of a parcel of land except:

- (1) Lands lying within proposed public rights-of-way;
- (2) Marshlands, swamps, floodplains or other environmentally sensitive lands where local, state or federal regulations otherwise prohibit development; and
- (3) Bodies of water such as ponds, lakes and reservoirs, either natural or manmade.

*Drive-in restaurant or refreshment stand* means any place or premises where provision is made on the premises for the selling, dispensing, or serving of food, refreshments, or beverages in automobiles on the premises, or in other than a completely enclosed building on the premises. A restaurant which provides drive-in facilities of any kind in connection with regular restaurant activities shall be deemed a



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drive-in restaurant. A barbecue stand or pit having the characteristics noted in this definition shall be deemed a drive-in restaurant.

*Dwelling* means any building, or part thereof, occupied in whole or in part as the residence or living quarters of one or more persons, ~~permanently or temporarily, continuously or transiently.~~

*Dwelling, foster care*, means a family that consists of related persons and not more than five unrelated minor children in a single dwelling unit. Such family/dwelling unit shall be duly licensed and/or registered by the state and in conformance with its rules and regulations.

*Dwelling group* means ~~three or more unrelated persons occupying a single dwelling unit as a family.~~ No such family may contain more than five persons, except where duly licensed by the state and in conformance with its rules and regulations a total of eight persons, including caretakers, may be allowed.

*Dwelling, multiple-family*, means a building containing three or more dwelling units.

*Dwelling, ~~one-family or single-family~~*, means a building containing not more than one dwelling unit designed for residential use and complying with the following standards:

- (1) ~~The dwelling complies with the minimum square footage requirements of this chapter for the zone in which it is located.~~
- (2) ~~The dwelling has a minimum width across any front, side or rear elevation of 20 feet and complies in all respects with this Code, including minimum heights for habitable rooms. Where a dwelling is required to comply with any federal or state standards or regulations for construction and where such standards or regulations for construction are different than those imposed by this Code, then, and in such event, such federal or state standard or regulation shall apply.~~
- (3) ~~The dwelling is firmly attached to a permanent foundation constructed on the site in accordance with the Florida Building Code and shall have a wall of the same perimeter dimensions as the dwelling and constructed of such materials and type as required in the applicable Florida Building Code for single-family dwellings. If the dwelling is a mobile home as defined in this section, such dwelling shall be installed pursuant to the manufacturer's setup instructions and shall be secured to the premises by an anchoring system or device complying with the rules and regulations of the state mobile home commission or shall have a perimeter wall as required in this subsection.~~
- (4) ~~The dwelling, if a mobile home as defined in this section, is installed with the wheels removed and, additionally, no dwelling shall have any exposed towing mechanism, undercarriage or chassis.~~
- (5) ~~The dwelling is connected to a public sewer and water supply or to such approved private facilities, if permissible under the provisions of this Code.~~
- (6) ~~The dwelling contains a storage capability area in a basement located under the dwelling, in an attic area, in closet areas or in a separate structure of standard construction, which storage area shall be equal to ten percent of the square footage of the dwelling or 100 square feet, whichever shall be less.~~
- (7) ~~The dwelling is aesthetically compatible in design and appearance with other residences in the vicinity, with either a roof overhang of not less than 12 inches on all sides or alternatively with windowsills or roof drainage systems concentrating roof drainage at collection points along the sides of the dwelling; has not less than two exterior doors, with the second one being in either the rear or side of the dwelling; and contains steps connected to such exterior door areas or to porches connected to such door areas where a difference in elevation requires such steps.~~
- (8) ~~The compatibility of design and appearance shall be determined in the first instance by the city building official upon review of the plans submitted for a particular dwelling, subject to appeal by an aggrieved party to the planning and zoning board within a period of 15 days from the receipt of notice of such building official's decision. Any determination of compatibility shall be based upon the standards set forth in this definition, as well as the character, design and appearance of one or more residential dwellings, located outside of mobile home parks, within 2,000 feet of~~



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the subject dwelling where such area is developed with dwellings to the extent of not less than 20 percent of the lots situated within such area or, where such area is not so developed, by the character, design and appearance of one or more residential dwellings, located outside of mobile home parks, throughout the town. This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit innovative design concepts involving such matters as solar energy, view, unique land contour or relief from the common or standard site-built home.

- (9) ~~The dwelling contains no additions, rooms or other areas which are not constructed with similar quality workmanship as the original structure, including permanent attachment to the principal structure and construction of a foundation as required in this definition.~~
- (10) ~~The dwelling complies with all pertinent building and fire codes. In the case of a mobile home, all construction and plumbing, electrical apparatuses and insulation within and connected to the mobile home shall be of a type and quality conforming to the Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards as promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR 3280, and as such standards may be amended from time to time. Additionally, all dwellings shall meet or exceed all applicable roof snow load and strength requirements.~~

~~The standards set forth in this definition shall not apply to a mobile home located in a licensed mobile home park, except to the extent required by state or federal law, or otherwise specifically required in provisions of this Code pertaining to such parks. All construction required in this definition shall be commenced only after a building permit has been obtained in accordance with the applicable building code provisions and requirements.~~

*Dwelling, two-family*, means a building containing two dwelling units.

*Dwelling unit* means a room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for a family, for owner occupancy or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly, or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing sleeping facilities and one kitchen.

*Easement* means a grant from a property owner for the use of land for a specific purpose by the general public, by a corporation, or by a certain person.

*Erected* means and includes built, constructed, reconstructed, moved upon, or any physical operation on the premises required for building. Excavations, fill, drainage, demolition of an existing structure, and the like shall be considered part of erection.

*Exception* means a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout the zoning division or district, but which, if controlled as to number, area, location, or relation to the neighborhood, would promote the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare. Such uses may be permitted in such zoning division or district as exceptions, if specific provision for such exception is made in this chapter.

*Family* means one or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by law, blood, adoption, or marriage, no such family shall contain over five persons, but further provided that domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a separate or additional family or families. The term family shall not be construed to mean a fraternity, sorority, club, monastery or convent, or institutional group.

*Family day care home* means an occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for profit.

*Filling station*. See *Service station*.

*Flammable liquid* means liquids having a flashpoint below 200 degrees Fahrenheit, closed cup tester. Class 1 flammable liquids (e.g., gasoline) have a flashpoint of 25 to 69 plus degrees Fahrenheit.

*Flood zones* means the areas where there is wetland vegetation, the areas of transition between wetland vegetation and upland areas, and those areas outlined in the federal insurance floodprone maps.



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*Floor area* means, except as may be otherwise specifically indicated in relation to particular districts and uses, and shall be construed as the sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating two buildings, ~~excluding attic areas with a headroom of less than seven feet, unenclosed stairs or fire escapes, elevator structures, cooling towers, areas devoted to air conditioning, ventilating or heating or other building machinery and equipment, parking structures, and basement space where the ceiling is not more than an average of 48 inches above the general finished and graded level of the adjacent portion of the lot.~~

*Frontage of a lot.* See *Lot frontage*.

*Garage, parking,* means a building, or portion thereof, designed or used for temporary parking of motor vehicles and within which gasoline and oils may be sold only to parking patrons of the garage.

*Garage, private,* means an accessory structure designed or used for inside parking of private passenger vehicles by the occupants of the main building. A private garage attached to or a part of the main structure is to be considered part of the main building. An unattached private garage is to be considered as an accessory building.

*Garage, repair,* means a building, or portion thereof, other than a private storage, or parking garage or service station, designed or used for repairing, equipping or servicing of motor vehicles. Such garages may also be used for hiring, renting, storing, or selling of motor vehicles.

*Garage, storage,* means a building, or portion thereof, designed and used exclusively for the storage of motor vehicles, and within which temporary parking may also be permitted.

*General store* means a retail establishment engaged in the selling of groceries and convenience goods to the residents of a predominantly rural or agricultural area.

Guesthouse means living quarters in a building separate from and in addition to the main residential building on a lot, used for intermittent or temporary occupancy by nonpaying guests; provided, that the quarters shall have no kitchen, cooking facilities or kitchen sink. The quarters shall not be rented, leased or otherwise made available for compensation of any kind.

*Height of a building* means the vertical distance from the established grade at the center of the front of a building to the highest point of the roof or parapet.

*Home for the aged* means a facility for the care of the aged with routine nursing or medical care provided.

*Home occupation* means a vocation that is conducted on the same premises that is utilized for residential purposes by persons engaged in such vocation.

*Hospital* means a building or group of buildings having facilities for overnight care of one or more human patients, providing services to inpatients and medical care to the sick and injured, and which may include related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient services, training facilities, central service facilities, and staff facilities; provided, however, that any related facility shall be incidental and subordinate to principal hospital use and operation. Only those buildings licensed as a hospital under the laws of the state shall be included within this definition ~~Florida~~.

*Hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor lodge or tourist court* means a building or a group of buildings in which sleeping accommodations are offered to the public and intended primarily for rental to transients with daily or weekly charge, as distinguished from multiple-family dwellings and rooming houses or boardinghouses, where rentals are for periods of a week or longer and occupancy is generally by residents rather than transients.

*Housing for the elderly* means a facility in the nature of multiple-family housing, with no provision for routine nursing or medical care. Where this chapter permits housing for the elderly, such housing shall be used only for this purpose; if housing for the elderly is changed to multiple-family use, then the provisions of this chapter shall be met before such multiple-family use is permitted.

*Junkyard* means a place, structure, or lot where junk, waste, discarded, salvaged, or similar materials such as old metals, wood slush, lumber, glass, paper, rags, cloth, bagging, cordage, barrels,



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containers, etc., are brought, bought, sold, exchanged, baled, packed, disassembled, stored, or handled, including used lumber and building material yards, house wrecking yards, heavy equipment wrecking yards, and yards or places for the storage, sale, or handling of salvaged house wrecking or structural steel materials. This definition shall not include automobile wrecking and automobile wrecking or storage yards, or pawnshops, and establishments for the sale, purchase, or storage of secondhand cars, clothing, salvaged machinery, furniture, radios, stoves, refrigerators, or similar household goods and appliances, all of which shall be usable, nor shall it apply to the processing of used, discarded or salvaged materials incident to manufacturing activity. However, establishments for the sale, purchase or storage of secondhand refrigerators, stoves, plumbing fixtures, and similar merchandise shall be considered a junkyard for the sole purpose of requiring that such establishments display their merchandise behind a visual barrier as required for junkyards by this chapter.

*Kennel* means any place or premises where four or more dogs over four months of age are kept for pay or for sale. This definition shall not apply to veterinarians operating under license from the state who board dogs on the same premises in conjunction with their practice incidental to observation and treatment.

*Kindergarten*. See *Day nurseries*.

*Land use administrator* means the appointed individual in charge of the day-to-day administration of this chapter.

*Loading space, off-street*, means an on-the-property space, logically and conveniently located for pickups or deliveries or for loading and unloading of vehicles scaled to delivery vehicles expected to be used, and accessible to such vehicles when required off-street parking spaces are filled. Such space shall measure not less than 12 feet by 25 feet excluding surfaced area necessary for access and maneuvering.

*Lot* means a parcel of land of at least sufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage, and area, and to provide such yards and other open spaces as are herein required, provided that certain nonconforming lots of record at the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived or its amendment are exempted from certain of its provisions under the terms of this chapter. Such lot shall have frontage on a public or private street and may consist of:

- (1) A single lot of record.
- (2) A portion of a lot of record.
- (3) A combination of complete lots of record, complete lots of record and portions of lots of record, or portions of lots of record.
- (4) A parcel of land described by metes and bounds; provided, that in no case of division or combination shall any residual lot or parcel be created which does not meet the requirements of this chapter.

*Lot frontage* means the portion nearest the street. For the purpose of determining yard requirements on corner lots and through lots, all sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered frontage, and yards shall be provided as set out in this chapter.

*Lot measurement depth* means the distance between the midpoints of straight lines connecting the foremost points of the side lot lines in the front and the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear property lines.

*Lot measurement width* means the distance between straight lines connecting front and rear lot lines at each side of the lot, measured across the rear of the required front yard or at the building restriction line, whichever is located the greater distance from the street; provided, however, that width between the side lot lines at their foremost points, where they intersect with the street line, shall not be less than 80 percent of the required lot width except in the case of lots on the turning circle of a cul-de-sac, where the 80 percent requirements shall not apply.

*Lot of record* means:

- (1) A lot which is part of a subdivision recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county; or



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- (2) A lot or parcel described by metes and bounds, the description of which has been so recorded on or before the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived ~~January 1, 1987.~~

~~Mobile home or manufactured home means a single-family dwelling unit that either was constructed as a complete movable dwelling unit prior to June 15, 1976, or is constructed in its own permanent chassis according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, which took effect on June 15, 1976. When installed where permitted in this chapter, the dwelling unit shall meet the permanent foundation, anchoring and other rules, as contained within F.A.C. 15C-1.10, and Standards for the Installation of HUD-Code Manufactured (Mobile) Homes, 1983. New units, when installed, shall have a minimum on-site assembled home width of 12 feet, as measured across the narrowest portion (this is not intended to prohibit offsetting of portions of the dwelling unit). All visible transportation equipment shall be removed and a perimeter underfloor enclosure shall be required. Such dwelling units shall be permitted in the RHM and RM-4 districts only.~~

~~Mobile home park means a parcel of land set aside and rented by any person for the parking and accommodation of a mobile home which is to be occupied for sleeping or eating in exchange for a consideration or benefit to the owner of the mobile home park. This includes all land, buildings, structures or facilities used by occupants of mobile homes on such premises.~~

~~Mobile home subdivision means a parcel of land set aside where lots are sold to mobile home owners for the purpose of placing mobile homes thereon for living and sleeping purposes, or facilities used by occupants of mobile homes on such premises.~~

~~Modular commercial building means a building which is constructed in accordance with the Florida Building Code and bears the approval of the department of community affairs State of Florida under the provisions of the Housing Act of 1971 and is a detached unit that cannot be moved as a single unit. The unit must be assembled onto a permanent foundation at the building site. A perimeter underfloor enclosure shall be included with any required access or openings. Such units shall be permitted in general commercial districts C-1.~~

~~Modular home or manufactured building means a modular home or manufactured building which is constructed in accordance with the applicable Standard Building Code and is a detached single-family dwelling unit that cannot be moved as a single unit and must be assembled onto a permanent foundation at the building site. A perimeter under-floor enclosure shall be included with any required access or openings. The siding and roofing materials and treatment shall be of a type acceptable for site-built housing in the general vicinity. The minimum assembled width as measured across the narrowest portion shall be 20 feet (this is not intended to prohibit offsetting of portions of the dwelling unit). The minimum roof overhang shall be six inches per side and all transportation equipment shall be removed. Such dwelling units shall be permitted in all residential districts. This term does not apply to mobile homes.~~

~~Motel. See the term "hotel, etc."~~

~~Motor hotel or motor lodge. See Hotel, etc.~~

Nuisance is an act or omission that infringes or threatens the health, morals, safety, comfort, convenience, general welfare or property values of or within the town.

~~Nursery school. See Day nurseries and Kindergartens.~~

Nursing home means a public or private home, institution, building, residence, or other place, profit or nonprofit, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide for a period exceeding 24 hours, maintenance, personal care, or nursing for three or more persons not related by blood or marriage to the operator, who by reason of illness or physical infirmity or advanced age are unable to care for themselves; provided that this definition shall include homes offering services for less than three persons when the homes are held out to the public to be establishments which regularly provide nursing and custodial services. Only those homes, buildings or places facility licensed under the laws of the state Florida as nursing homes shall be included within this definition.

Occupied means and includes arranged, designed, built, altered, converted to, or intended to be used or occupied.



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~~Office, business or professional~~ Professional or business Office, means an office for such operations as real estate agencies, advertising agencies (but not sign shops), insurance agencies, travel agencies and ticket sales, chamber of commerce, credit bureau (but not finance companies), abstract and title insurance companies, management consultants, stockbrokers, and the like; or an office for the use of a person generally classified as professionals, such as architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants, doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians (but not including treatment or boarding of animals on the premises), psychiatrists, psychologists, and the like etc. For the purpose of this chapter, a barbershop or beauty shop or bail bond agency shall not be deemed a business or professional office.

Open space means a parcel of land or an area of water, or a combination of land and water, within a site which shall include common recreation areas, woodland areas, parks, playgrounds, golf courses, tennis courts, nature trails, lakes and swimming pools, camping facilities and other similar open space, exclusive of streets, roads and parking areas.

~~Package store~~ means a place where alcoholic beverages with an alcoholic content in excess of 14 percent are dispensed or sold in containers for consumption off the premises.

Parking space, off-street, means an off-street parking space which shall be paved with erosion-resistant material in accordance with town specification adequate for parking a standard size automobile with room for opening doors on both sides, a minimum of nine feet in width ~~by 18 feet in length~~, together with properly related access to a public or private street or alley and maneuvering room. Required off-street parking areas for three or more automobiles shall have individual spaces marked, and shall be so designed, maintained, and regulated that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any public or private street or alley, and so that any automobile may be parked and unparked without moving another. For purpose of rough computation, one off-street parking space and necessary access and maneuvering room may be estimated at 315 square feet, but off-street parking requirements will be considered to be met only where actual spaces meeting the requirements of this definition are provided and maintained, improved in a manner appropriate to the circumstances of the case, and in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the town.

Patio means an open courtyard used for either passive recreation or relaxation located within the house or immediately adjoining the house.

Pet, household, means any domestic animal normally owned or kept as a pet, including cats, dogs, rabbits, raccoons, parrots, and pigeons and other animals deemed by the town council to be appropriate as domestic pets; provided such animals are confined to the limits of the residential property occupied by the owner of such pets. Household pets shall not include any animals or birds maintained for commercial purposes, or any animal which is normally raised to provide food, whether or not such animal or bird may be appropriate as a domestic pet.

Planned unit development means an area of land, controlled by a landowner, to be developed as a single entity for a number of specified uses, the plan for which does not correspond in lot size, bulk or type of dwelling or commercial use, density, lot coverage and required open space to the regulations established in any one or more districts created in this chapter.

Plot. See Lot.

Porch, enclosed and open. An "enclosed porch" means a roofed space attached to the outside of the outer wall of the building, open on one or more sides, which has railings or screened enclosures. An "open" or "unenclosed porch" means a roofed space attached to an outer wall of a building open on one or more sides without railing, glass, canvas, screen or similar materials on the open sides.

~~Poultry~~ means any chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, or other fowl.

Private street or road. A private street or road shall have a minimum width of 60 feet and shall serve no more than six single-family or multifamily dwellings on individual lots, whether in single or separate ownership ~~approved by the Town Council~~.

Recreational vehicle means a vehicular portable structure built on a chassis with its own wheels, either self-propelled or towed by another vehicle, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, vacation, camping or recreational purposes, and including travel trailers, camping trailers, pickup



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campers, converted buses, motor homes, tent trailers, pop-up trailers, boats and boat trailers and similar devices.

*Restaurant* means an establishment where food is ordered from a menu, prepared, and served for pay primarily for on site or off site consumption on the premises in a completely enclosed room, under the roof of the main structure, or in an interior court. A drive-in restaurant as defined here is not a restaurant. A cafeteria shall be deemed a restaurant as defined herein.

*Sanitarium* means a facility for the recuperation and treatment of physical or mental disorders, without provision for major surgery.

*Service station* means an establishment the principal business of which is for the dispensing at retail of gasoline and the service of and oil and where grease, batteries, tires, and automobile and sale of automobile accessories may be supplied and dispensed at retail, principally for automobiles and/or in connection with a private operation where the general public is excluded from the use of the facilities, and where, in addition, the following services may be rendered and sales made, and no other:

- (1) Sales and servicing of sparkplugs, batteries, and distributors and distributor parts.
- (2) Tire servicing and repair, but not recapping or regrooving.
- (3) Replacement of waterhoses, fan belts, brake fluid, lightbulbs, fuses, floor mats, seat covers, windshield wipers and wiper blades, grease retainers, wheel bearings, mirrors, and the like.
- (4) Radiator cleaning and flushing; provision of water, antifreeze, and the like.
- (5) Washing and polishing and sale of automotive washing and polishing materials.
- (6) Providing and repairing fuel pumps and lines.
- (7) Minor servicing and repair of carburetors.
- (8) Emergency wiring repairs.
- (9) Adjusting and emergency repair of brakes.
- (10) Minor motor adjustments not involving removal of the head or crankcase.
- (11) Greasing and lubrication.
- (12) Sales of cold drinks, packaged goods, tobacco, and similar convenience goods for service station customers, but only as accessory and incidental to the principal business operation.
- (13) Provision of road maps and other informational material to customers.
- (14) Provision of restroom facilities.
- (15) Rental of luggage, utility trailers, trucks and automobiles.

Uses permissible at a service station do not include major mechanical and body work, straightening of frames or body parts, steam cleaning, painting, welding, storage of automobiles not in operating condition, operation of a commercial parking lot or commercial garage as an accessory use, or other work involving undue noise, glare, fumes, smoke, or other characteristics to an extent greater than normally found in service stations. A service station is not a repair garage, a body shop, or a truck stop.

*Shopping center* means a group of retail stores or service establishments planned and developed as a unit by one operator, owner, organization, or corporation for sale or for lease for the site upon which they are built.

*Sign* means any structure or device which is erected, constructed or maintained outside of enclosed buildings, or structures for the purpose of display, information, advertisement, or attraction of the attention of persons, and includes among others, posters, pictures, pictorial or reading matter, and any letter, word, model, device or representation used in the nature of any advertisement, announcement, attraction or direction.



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*~~Tourist home~~* means a building, or part thereof, other than a motel or hotel, where sleeping accommodations only are provided for transient guests with daily charge, without service of meals, and which also serves as the residence of the operator or owner.

*~~Townhouse~~* means a single-family dwelling constructed as part of a series of dwellings, all of which are either attached to the adjacent dwelling by party walls, or are located immediately adjacent thereto with no visible separation between walls or roof.

*~~Truck stop~~* means an establishment where the principal use is primarily the refueling and servicing of trucks and tractor-trailer rigs. Such establishments may have restaurants or snack bars and sleeping accommodations for the drivers of such over-the-road equipment and may provide facilities for the repair and maintenance of such equipment.

*~~Use~~* means the purpose for which land or water or a structure thereon is designated, arranged, or intended to be occupied or utilized or for which it is occupied or maintained.

*~~Use, nonconforming~~*, means a building or premises occupied by a use that does not conform with the regulation of the district in which it is situated.

*~~Use of land~~* means the use of land, water surface, and land under water to the extent covered by zoning districts, and over which the town has jurisdiction.

*~~Used car lot~~* means a lot or group of contiguous lots used for the storage, display and sale of used automobiles and where no repair work is done except the necessary reconditioning of the cars to be displayed and sold on the premises.

*~~Variance~~* means a relaxation of the terms of this chapter where such variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical condition of the property, and not the result of the actions of the applicant, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary and undue hardship. As used in this chapter, a variance is authorized only for height, area and size of structure, size of lot and yards and open spaces; establishment or expansion of a use otherwise prohibited shall not be allowed by variance, nor shall a variance be granted because of the presence of nonconformities in the zoning district or uses in an adjoining zoning district. All variances must be approved by the planning and zoning board.

*~~Vehicle~~* means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public right-of-way. This definition includes vehicles propelled by power other than muscular power and trailers drawn by such propelled vehicles.

*~~Yard~~* means a required open space other than a court unoccupied and unobstructed by any structures or portion of a structure from 30 inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward; provided, however, that fences, walls, poles, posts, and other customary yard accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.

*~~Yard, front~~*, means a yard extending between side lot lines across from the front lot line of a lot adjoining a public or private street to the structure.

~~In the case of through lots, unless the prevailing front yard pattern on adjoining lots indicates otherwise, front yards shall be provided on all frontages of through lots. Where one of the front yards that would normally be required on a through lot is not in keeping with the prevailing yard pattern, the administrative official may waive the requirement for the normal front yard and substitute therefor a special yard requirement which shall not exceed the average of the yards provided on adjacent lots.~~

~~In the case of corner lots, must have a front yard of the required depth shall be provided on one frontage and a depth of 15 feet or one-half of the average adjacent front yard, whichever is greater. Corner lots have 2 side yards.~~

~~Depth of a required front yard shall be measured at right angles to a straight line joining the foremost points of the side lot lines. The foremost point of the side lot line, in the case of rounded property corners~~



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at street intersections, shall be assumed to be the point at which the side and front lot lines would have met without such rounding. Front and rear yard lines shall be parallel.

Where lots in residential districts comprising 40 percent or more of the frontage on one side of a street between intersecting streets are developed with structures having an average front yard with a variation of not more than six feet, no building thereafter erected shall project beyond the average line so established. This provision applies in all residential districts.

*Yard, side*, means a yard extending from the side property line to the structure rear line of the required front yard to the rear lot line, or in the absence of any clearly defined rear lot line to the point on the farthest from the intersection of the lot line involved with the public street. In the case of through lots, side yards shall extend from the rear lines of front yards required. In the case of corner lots, yards remaining after front yards have been established on both frontages shall be considered side yards.

Width of a required side yard shall be measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the side lot line.

*Yard, rear*, means a yard extending across from the rear lot line to the structure of the lot between inner side yard lines. In the case of through lots and corner lots, there will be no rear yards, but only front and side yards.

Depth of a required rear yard shall be measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the rear lot lines.

#### Sec. 62-2. - Scope and compliance.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all land, buildings, structures and to the uses within the jurisdiction of the town. No land, building or structure shall be moved, added to or enlarged, altered or maintained, except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. All buildings or structures hereafter erected, reconstructed, altered, enlarged or moved in the town shall be in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

#### Sec. 62-3. - Purpose and policy.

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to promote, protect, and improve in accordance with the comprehensive plan and with present and future needs, the public health, safety, comfort, good order, appearance, convenience, morals and general welfare of the town; to conserve the value of land, buildings and resources; and to protect the character and maintain the stability of residential, agriculture, business and industrial areas and promote the orderly development of such areas.
- (b) The districts and regulations contained herein are designed to provide orderly growth; to decrease the traffic congestion on public streets and highways; to provide adequate light and air; to promote civic amenities of beauty and visual interest; and to regulate density of population and thus prevent the overcrowding of land in order to facilitate the provision for adequate community service and facilities such as water, sewerage, schools, and parks; and to help accomplish the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.

#### Sec. 62-4. - Interpretation.

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this chapter, they shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the town.

#### Sec. 62-5. - Conflict with other legal documents.

It is not intended by this chapter to interfere with or abrogate or annul any easements, covenants or other agreements between parties; provided, however, that where this chapter imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or premises or upon the height of buildings, or requires larger open



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space than are imposed or required by other ordinances, rules, regulations, or by easements, covenants or agreements, the strictest provisions of this chapter shall govern.

Sec. 62-6. - Remedies.

The violation of any of the codes, regulations, restrictions and limitations promulgated under the provisions of this chapter may be restricted by injunction, including a mandatory injunction, and otherwise abated in any manner provided by law, and such suit or action may be instituted and maintained by the town council, or by any person or other group or body affected by the violation of any such regulation, restriction or limitation.

Sec. 62-7. - Penalties.

Violations of this chapter are punishable as provided in section 1-7.

Sec. 62-8. - Liability.

The granting of approval of any structure or use shall not constitute representation, guarantee or warranty of any kind or nature by the town or the town planning and zoning board by any officer or employee thereof of the practicality or safety of any structure or use proposed and shall create no liability upon or cause action against such public body, officer, or employee for any damage that may result thereto.



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## ARTICLE II. - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

## DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

~~Sec. 62-31. - Time periods procedural.~~

~~All time periods provided for in this chapter are procedural and not substantive and noncompliance with any time period shall neither confer nor deny any substantive right to any applicant for a zoning exception, variance, appeal or a rezoning of property.~~

## Sec. 62-32. - Appointed officials and employees.

It shall be within the powers of the town council to contract a land use administrator and appoint such other town employees as the council may deem necessary in order to enforce and administer the provisions of this chapter and any order or resolution made under authority thereof.

## Sec. 62-33. - Powers and duties of the land use administrator's office.

The land use administrator shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. The duties of the land use administrator are to:

- (1) Provide for the processing of all applications for rezoning, comprehensive plan amendments, variances, and conditional uses Special Exceptions.
- (2) ~~Keep comprehensive records of applications, permits and certificates issued, complaints filed, inspections made and notices or orders issued related to this chapter. The land use administrator shall retain on file copies of required drawings and all related legal documents.~~
- (3) ~~Record changes in zoning district and Future Land Use Map boundaries of the zoning atlas. If in accordance with the provisions of this chapter when changes are made in district boundaries or other matters portrayed on the official zoning atlas, such changes shall be made on the official zoning map promptly after the amending ordinance has been legally approved by the town council, together with an entry on the official zoning map as follows: "On (date) by official action of the town council the following change(s) were made on the official zoning atlas (brief description of nature of change)," which entry shall be signed by the president, attested by the town clerk, and approved by the mayor.~~
- (4) ~~Mail notices of zoning requests to be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the planning and zoning board to its respective members seven days prior to the meeting date. This will allow the planning and zoning board members sufficient time to make the necessary site inspections.~~
- (5) Assist applicants in understanding the provisions of this chapter.
- (6) ~~Enter any building, structure, or premises to perform any duty imposed by this chapter.~~
- (7) ~~Suggest to the planning and zoning board and the town council modifications to this chapter and map, with written statement outlining the need for such changes to the Land Development Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan.~~
- (8) ~~Conduct the necessary inspections required to make rational zoning decisions and to properly advise the town council and the planning and zoning board on zoning matters.~~
- (9) Review all applications for building permits including plot plans to determine whether the proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, and the proposed use are in for compliance with the provisions of this chapter Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations. The land use administrator's signature, stating approval or disapproval, is required on all building permit applications before a building permit is issued.



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- (10) Review all applications for permits proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area. The land use administrator's signature, stating approval or disapproval, is required on all building permit applications before a building permit is issued.
- (11) Periodically canvass the town for zoning violations.
- (12) ~~Initiate the appropriate proceedings against violators of this chapter in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.~~
- (13) ~~In the event the land use administrator is unable to perform these duties the mayor shall appoint a planning and zoning board member to serve in that capacity or a designee as directed by the planning and zoning board.~~

## Sec. 62-34. - Schedule of fees.

- (a) Fees as set by resolution of the town council shall apply to action under this chapter. A receipt showing payment of the applicable fee shall accompany an application prior to consideration thereof.
- (b) If the applicant does not appear at the advertised public hearing and the planning and zoning board votes to postpone the public hearing as provided for in section 62-37, the applicant shall bear the additional costs of readvertising and renotifying adjacent property owners. Such costs shall be paid prior to the rescheduled hearing.

## Sec. 62-35. - Limitation on exceptions and variances.

~~Exceptions and variances shall be nontransferable and granted to the applicant only and the exception or variance shall be commenced within a period of 90 days from the effective date of the final order granting same; provided, however, that the~~ The planning and zoning board may adopt the following conditions to any exception or variance:

- (1) The exception or variance shall be nontransferable and granted to the applicant only~~run with the land when the facts involved warrant same or where construction or land development is included as part of the exception or variance and restrict transfer of land to maintain the exception or variance.~~
- (2) The time within which the exception or variance shall be ~~Place a time period on the exception or variance shall~~ commenced may be extended for an additional period of time no longer than 90 days. Failure to exercise the exception or variance by commencement of the use or action approved thereby within six monthswithin the time period approved shall render the exception or variance invalid and all rights granted thereunder shall terminate. ~~Transfer of the property by the applicant unless the exception or variance runs with the land shall terminate the exception or variance.~~
- (3) Whenever the planning and zoning board has denied an application for an exception or variance, no further application shall be filed for the same exception or variance on any part or ~~all of the same property for a period of one year from the date of such action.~~
- (4) ~~The time limits of subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be waived by the affirmative votes of a majority of the planning and zoning board when such action is deemed necessary to prevent injustice or to facilitate the proper development of the town.~~

## Sec. 62-36. - Notice of public hearings.

- (a) Notice of a time and place of any required public hearings with respect to the rezoning of land, zoning exceptions, zoning variances or appeals shall be given by the land use administrator's office at least 30 days in advance of any such hearings by the town council and at least 15 days in advance of such hearings by the planning and zoning board, via first class mail or hand delivery to all owners of real property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the land upon which rezoning, exception, variance or appeal is requested, together with identical notice to the owner of the land for which rezoning or other action is proposed as provided by F.S. § 166.041. A list of names and addresses of



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adjoining property owners shall be furnished to the land use administrator's office by the petitioner when his application is submitted and fee paid to the town clerk. The notification costs shall be paid by the petitioner. Failure of owners of lands adjoining the parcel upon which such rezoning or other action is proposed to receive notice of hearings shall in no way affect the validity of the action taken.

- (b) Notice of any public hearing shall be published once in a newspaper of local general circulation with publication at least 15 days prior to the date of hearing by the planning and zoning board, and at least 30 days prior to the date of hearing by the town council pursuant to F.S. § 166.041. The advertisement costs shall be paid by the petitioner.
- (c) The land use administrator shall cause signs to be posted on any land upon which an application for rezoning is made not less than 15 days in advance of the public hearing by the planning and zoning board and 30 days in advance of the public hearing by the town council at which such application is to be considered. Such signs shall be posted on the property by the land use administration department, which shall possess the right to entrance upon such property. Such signs shall be in such form as required by the planning and zoning board and shall be erected in full view of the public on each street side of such land. Where such land does not have frontage on a public street, such signs shall be erected on the nearest street right-of-way with an attached notation indicating generally the direction and distance to the land for which rezoning is sought.
- (d) The land use administration department shall post a sign in such form as required by the planning and zoning board on the property upon which a request is made for a zoning exception or variance, such sign shall be posted not less than 15 days in advance of the public hearing by the planning and zoning board and 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing by the town council before the public on a street side of the land involved and shall be maintained by the land use administration department until final determination has been made by the planning and zoning board on the zoning exception or variance.

Sec. 62-37. - Postponement of public hearings.

Whenever a public hearing date has been scheduled in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by the planning and zoning board, or town council, it will take the majority vote of the appropriate planning and zoning board or town council to alter such a date.

Sec. 62-38. - Amendment of application prohibited.

An application for the rezoning of land, a zoning exception, or a zoning variance shall not be allowed to be amended by the applicant at any time after the required fees have been paid to the town clerk.

Sec. 62-39. - Concurrent applications.

An application for the rezoning of land and for an exception and/or variance on all or part of the same land may be made concurrently. In such cases, the application for a zoning exception and/or variance shall be held in abeyance by the planning and zoning board until action has been taken by the town council on the application for the rezoning of such land.

Sec. 62-40. - Site plan review.

- (a) Site plans, as a condition to the issuance of building permits, are required for special exceptions and for all multifamily, commercial, industrial, mobile home parks, and mobile home subdivisions, planned unit developments, and flood hazard or wetland development. A building permit for a project requiring a site plan shall not be issued until such site plan is approved.

(b) Rezoning

An application for rezoning shall be accompanied by the following, in sufficient copies as deemed necessary by the planning and zoning board for referrals and recommendations:

- (1) Plans, maps, studies and reports, as may reasonably be required by the planning and zoning board in order to make the findings and determinations called for in the particular case.



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- (2) Written description of the intended plan of development including present and future ownership, clearly indicating where approval will benefit the future occupants of the proposed development and the town in general.
  - (3) General location map with a north arrow, site boundaries and adjacent land uses.
  - (4) A site plan at an appropriate scale supporting the above statement illustrating:
    - a. The location, grouping and height of all uses and facilities.
    - b. In the case of residential development, the number of residential units proposed their general location and number of stories, indicating those areas to be owner occupied and those to be renter occupied.
    - c. A vehicular and pedestrian circulation system including driveways, walkways, parking areas, and streets to be dedicated.
    - d. A system of planting screens and buffers, open space and recreational uses, with estimates of acreage to be dedicated and that to be retained in common ownership.
    - e. A topographic map at a minimum five-foot interval scale showing contour lines, including all existing buildings, wooded areas, and wetlands.
  - (5) Statements indicating how the problems of maintenance and ownership of common facilities will be resolved.
  - (6) Plans and schedules of development, including the staging and phasing of:
    - a. Areas to be developed, in order of priority;
    - b. The construction of streets, utilities, stormwater management and drainage and other improvements necessary to serve the proposed development; and
    - c. The dedication of land to public use.
  - (7) Each of the above elements shall be listed as to their relative order of improvement with an estimated time schedule for their accomplishment.
- (c) In reaching a decision as to whether or not the site and development plan as submitted should be approved or approved with changes, the planning and zoning board shall be guided in its decision and the exercise of its discretion to approve, to approve with conditions, or to deny by the following criteria. The planning and zoning board shall record its findings in regard to the following criteria, where applicable:
- (1) Sufficiency of statements on ownership and control of the development and permanent maintenance of common open spaces.
  - (2) Density and/or use of the proposed development with particular attention to its relationship to adjacent and nearby properties and the effect thereon and in accordance with the town's comprehensive plan.
  - (3) Ingress and egress to the site and proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, separation of automotive traffic and pedestrian traffic, traffic flow and control, provision of services and servicing of utilities and refuse collection, and access in case of fire, catastrophe, or emergency.
  - (4) Location and relationship of off-street parking and loading facilities to thoroughfares and internal traffic patterns within the proposed development, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, traffic flow and control, access in case of fire or catastrophe, screening and landscaping.
  - (5) Sufficiency of proposed screens and buffers to preserve internal and external harmony and compatibility with uses inside and outside the proposed development.



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- (6) A stormwater management and drainage plan for the property in accordance with all town, county and state requirements.
- (7) Utilities, with reference to hook-in locations and availability and capacity for the uses projected.
- (8) Recreation facilities and open spaces, with attention to the size, location, and development of the areas as to adequacy, effect on privacy of adjacent and nearby properties and uses within the proposed development, and relationship to communitywide open spaces and recreation facilities.
- (9) General site arrangement, amenities and convenience, with particular reference to ensuring that appearance and general layout of the proposed development will be compatible and harmonious with properties in the general area and will not be so at variance with other development in the area as to cause a substantial depreciation of property values.
- (10) Such other standards as may be imposed by this chapter for the particular use or activity involved.

## DIVISION 2. - NONCONFORMING LOTS, USES AND STRUCTURES

### Sec. 62-61. - Intent.

- (a) ~~Within the districts established by this chapter, there exist lots, structures, uses of land or water and characteristics of use which were lawful prior to December 29, 1987 before the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, but which would be prohibited, regulated or restricted under the terms of this the current code chapter or future amendments.~~
- (b) ~~It is the intent of this chapter to permit these nonconformities to continue until they are removed or otherwise discontinued. It is further the intent of this chapter that nonconformities shall not be used as grounds for adding other structures or other uses prohibited elsewhere in the same district. It is further the intent of this chapter that lots, structures, uses of land or water and characteristics of use which were lawful prior to December 29, 1987, before the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, may be enlarged upon, or expanded as long as they meet all other requirements of the district established by this chapter.~~

### Sec. 62-62. - Right of survivorship and conveyance.

~~Nonconformities in existence prior to the adoption of this section (December 29, 1987) may be permitted to continue, may be sold, conveyed, or transferred until it becomes a conforming use. It is further the intent that these existing nonconformities will be treated the same as other conforming uses in the district, however the protection of the citizens in the affected district will be governed by the district in which the nonconformity exists and not the nonconformity.~~

### ~~Sec. 62-63. - Work in process.~~

~~To avoid undue hardship, nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to require a change in the plans, construction or designated use of any building on which a building permit has been issued prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived. If actual construction has not begun under a permit issued prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived within six months of the date of issuance of the permit, such permit shall become invalid and shall not be renewed except in conformity with this chapter.~~

### ~~Sec. 62-64. - Nonconforming use of open land.~~

~~Where open land (i.e., land not enclosed by buildings) is being used for nonconforming use, such use shall not be enlarged on the same or adjoining property.~~

### Sec. 62-65. - Nonconforming use of buildings.

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~~Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the lawful use of a building existing prior to December 29, 1987, at the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived may be continued although such use does not conform to the provisions hereof. The removal of nonconforming use, either due to deterioration or voluntary removal, shall result in the nonconforming use being permanently removed and shall not be replaced except in full compliance with the provisions of the coded district in which the prior nonconforming use existed. See section 62-360 relating to acts of God.~~

Sec. 62-66. - Discontinuance of nonconforming uses.

- (a) Whenever a nonconforming use of a building, or a portion thereof, has been changed to a conforming use, such nonconforming use shall not thereafter be reestablished and the future use shall be in conformity with the provisions of the district in which it is located code.
- (b) Whenever a nonconforming use of a building has been changed to a conforming use, the new conforming use must meet all provisions of the code, including the off-street parking requirements of this chapter, ~~as established in section 62-381 et seq.~~
- (c) Whenever a nonconforming use is being changed to a conforming use, the continuation of an existing nonconforming use may be continued as temporary shelter during construction ~~upon which the nonconforming use is located without a special exception~~, providing a permit for construction has been issued and such permit authorizes a temporary use. ~~Such use~~ The temporary shelter shall not be permitted more than 90 days after completion of construction. ~~All other requirements of the district shall remain.~~
- (d) ~~Whenever a nonconforming lot of record is nonconforming because of a nonconforming building or use exists,~~ the nonconformity shall cease and no longer be lawful upon the first of the following circumstances to occur:
  - (1) The nonconforming building is vacant for 180 days;
  - (2) ~~The nonconforming building was a residence but is no longer used as a residence for at least 180 days; or~~
  - (3) The nonconforming building ceases having water service or electric power for 180 days. ~~The 180 days shall begin to run on the date that notice in substantially the following form, which may be contained in a letter from a town official, is mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:~~
    - a. ~~The owner of record as can be reasonably determined by reviewing the records of the county property appraiser on the date that such notice is given; and~~
    - b. ~~The last person to receive a statement for water service or electric service, as can be reasonably determined by the records available to the town, at such person's last known address;~~

**Important Notice:** In accordance with Section 62-66 of the Hilliard Town Code and as a courtesy to you, you are hereby notified that ~~[insert address for the nonconforming building or lot]~~ is a nonconforming lot or building which may no longer be lawful as a nonconforming lot or building if, among other reasons: 1) the nonconforming building is vacant for 180 days; 2) the nonconforming building was a residence but is no longer used as a residence for at least 180 days; or 3) the nonconforming building ceases having water service or electric power for 180 days. In other words, previous nonconforming uses that may have been "grandfathered in" will no longer be allowed in most instances. This may cause you or the owner, if you are not the owner, significant hardship or expense. For example, it may require the removal of a mobile home, demolition of certain structures, or significant repairs and maintenance. You are placed on notice to become familiar with the Hilliard Town Code and Section 62-66 in particular. Please govern yourself accordingly. You will most likely not be given further notice. If you have any questions, please contact the Land Use Administrator for the Town of Hilliard.

Sec. 62-67. - Destruction of a nonconforming use building.



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No building which has been damaged by any means to an extent of more than 60 percent of the replacement cost of the building immediately prior to damage shall be restored except in conformity with the regulations of this ~~chapter code~~, and all rights as a nonconforming use are terminated except as permitted in ~~section 62-360~~ the code. If a building is damaged by less than 60 percent of the replacement cost, it may be repaired or reconstructed and used as before the time of change, provided that such repair or reconstruction is substantially completed within 12 months of the date of such damage.

Sec. 62-68. - Nonconforming lots of record.

- (a) Where a lot or parcel of land has an area or frontage which does not conform with the requirements of the district in which it is located, but was a lot of record in single and separate ownership prior to December 29, 1987, such lot or parcel of land may be developed, provided the minimum yard requirements for the zoning districts in which it is located are met.
- (b) ~~In any district, a A conforming use or structure on a nonconforming lot of record which was so recorded on or before the effective date of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter December 29, 1987 is derived may be expanded or altered, provided other requirements of this chapter code are met.~~
- (c) ~~After the effective date of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, n~~No lot or parcel in any district shall be so divided as to create a lot with an area or width below the requirements of this ~~chapter code~~
- ~~and (d) n~~No lot or parcel or portion of a lot or parcel shall be altered in a manner which causes the lot to be less compliant with the Code.

Sec. 62-69. - Nonconforming characteristics of use.

If characteristics of use such as off-street parking or loading or other matters pertaining to the use of land, structures, or premises are made nonconforming by this ~~chapter code~~, as amended, no change shall thereafter be made in such characteristics of use which increase nonconformity with the regulations set out in this ~~chapter code~~; provided, however, that changes may be made which do not increase, or which decrease, such nonconformities.

Sec. 62-70. - Repairs and maintenance.

On any nonconforming structure or portion of a structure and on any structure containing a nonconforming use, work may be done in any period of 12 consecutive months on ordinary repairs, or on repair or replacement of 75 percent of the current market value of the structure, or of the nonconforming portion of the structure if a nonconforming portion of the structure is involved.

Sec. 62-71. - Nonconforming structures unsafe because of maintenance.

If a nonconforming structure or portion of a structure or any structure containing a nonconforming use becomes physically unsafe or unlawful due to lack of repairs or maintenance and is declared by any duly authorized official of the town to be an unsafe building, it shall not thereafter be restored, repaired or rebuilt except in conformance with the regulations of the ~~district code in which it is located, adopted and the Florida Building Codes and standards except in accordance with section 62-70.~~

Sec. 62-72. - Use, change.

Whenever nonconforming use has been changed to a conforming use or to a use ~~permitted in a district of greater restrictions~~, it shall not thereafter be changed back to a nonconforming use.

Secs. 62-73—62-90. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Sec. 62-91. - Established; membership.



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- (a) There is established a planning and zoning board consisting of five members, each of whom shall reside in and be qualified voters of the town and shall hold no office of profit under the town government. Members shall be appointed by the town council. ~~Members, where practical, may include a representative from the various geographic areas of the town.~~
- (b) Members of the planning and zoning board shall serve three-year terms so staggered that the terms expire in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term within 60 days, in the same manner as the initial appointment. A member of the planning and zoning board may be removed from office ~~for cause~~ by the affirmative vote of 80 percent of the entire town council; ~~provided that upon his request, the member so affected shall have the right to written charges and a public hearing before the council prior to such removal.~~

Sec. 62-92. - Rules of procedure.

The planning and zoning board shall adopt rules of procedure for the governance of its proceedings and the conduct of its business and may adopt such other rules relating to its internal administration as may be necessary. Such rules shall include the following:

- (1) *Officers and voting.* ~~Within 30 days of full appointment, Annually at the January meeting,~~ the planning and zoning board shall select a new chairperson and a new vice-chairperson from among its members ~~and may create such other officers as it may determine, with all such officers serving a term of one year unless removed from the office or planning and zoning board for due cause.~~ All members of the planning and zoning board shall vote in all matters before the planning and zoning board, except where absent or disqualified. Votes shall be recorded by a roll call vote.
- (2) *Minutes, public records.* The land use administrator, or a person designated by the land use administrator, shall serve as the planning and zoning board secretary, keep minutes of all its meetings and record its actions and decisions; state if a member is absent ~~or disqualified from voting~~; and make a timely report of all planning and zoning board actions to the town council. ~~All minutes shall be considered public records and shall be filed in the town hall.~~
- (3) *Meetings.* Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as a majority of the planning and zoning board may determine; provided, however, that the planning and zoning board shall hold at least one regular meeting every month, on a day to be determined by the planning and zoning board. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held in governmentally-owned or -leased premises.
- (4) *Quorum.* A majority of the planning and zoning board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of meetings and transacting business.
- (5) *Disqualification of members.* ~~If any member of the planning and zoning board shall find that his private or personal interests are involved in any particular matter coming before the planning and zoning board, the member shall disqualify himself from all participation in that case; or he may be disqualified by the votes of three members of the planning and zoning board, including the members about whom the question of disqualification in the particular matter is raised.~~
- (6) *Removal of members.* The planning and zoning board may recommend removal of any member who has three or more consecutive unexcused absences.

Sec. 62-93. - Powers and duties.

The functions, powers and duties of the planning and zoning board shall be, in general, to serve in an advisory capacity to the town council on all planning and zoning matters. In this capacity, the planning and zoning board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Review and recommend changes in the town's comprehensive plan.
- ~~(2) Coordinate planned development with adjacent municipalities and the county.~~



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- (3) Review and make recommendations on ~~petitions~~ applications for changes in rezonings classifications, amendments and district boundary and amendments to the Land Development Regulations ~~changes~~.
- (4) Review and approve requests for special exceptions.
- (5) Review and approve site plans for all ~~proposed zoning changes~~ for multifamily, mobile home parks, mobile home subdivisions, commercial and industrial development and redevelopment and planned unit developments, variances, and all special exceptions.
- (6) Review, consider, and approve or deny applications for permits to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area, ~~in accordance with section 62-523~~.
- (7) Hear and decide appeals ~~where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the land use administrator in the enforcement of this chapter~~.
- (8) ~~Authorize upon appeal such variances from the terms of this chapter which will not be contrary to the public interest when, due to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter will result in unnecessary and undue hardship upon the owner of the subject property or structure or the applicant for the variance.~~
- (9) Recommend to the town council the removal of the land use administrator for noncompliance with or nonenforcement of the land development regulations.

Sec. 62-94. - Procedure for hearings for comprehensive plan amendments, special exception, zoning variance and appeals.

- (a) The planning and zoning board shall make rules for the conduct of hearings related to the granting of comprehensive plan amendments, special exceptions, zoning variances and appeals ~~which shall include at least the right of any party to:~~
  - (1) ~~Present his case or defense by oral and documentary evidence.~~
  - (2) ~~Submit rebuttal evidence, and conduct such cross examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.~~
  - (3) ~~Submit proposed findings and conclusions and supporting reasons therefor.~~
  - (4) ~~Make offers of compromise or proposals of adjustment.~~
  - (5) ~~Be accompanied, represented and advised by counsel or represent himself.~~
  - (6) ~~Be promptly notified of any action taken on any request for a zoning exception, request for a zoning variance, or appeal of any action of the planning and zoning board affecting substantive rights taken in connection with any proceedings.~~
- (b) ~~The planning and zoning board shall receive that which could be admissible in civil proceedings in the courts of this state, but in receiving evidence due regard shall be given to the technical and highly complicated subject matter which must be handled and the exclusionary rules of evidence shall not be used to prevent the receipt of evidence having substantial probative effect. Otherwise, however, effect shall be given to rules of evidence recognized by the law of the state.~~
- (c) ~~The planning and zoning board shall promulgate appropriate rules and regulations provided for the establishment and maintenance of a record of all requests for zoning exceptions, zoning variances, and appeals considered by it. A verbatim transcript of the record is not required but each planning and zoning board shall establish such record in a sufficient degree to disclose the factual basis for its final determination with respect to such requests and appeals. The planning and zoning board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of all its official actions.~~
- (d) ~~A final order on each request for a zoning exception or zoning variance and each appeal shall be made within 30 calendar days of the last hearing at which such request or appeal was considered. Each final order shall contain findings upon which the planning and zoning board's order is based~~



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~~and may include such conditions and safeguards as prescribed by the appropriate planning and zoning board as are appropriate in the matter including reasonable time limits within which action pursuant to such order shall be begun or completed or both. The originals of the application and all orders of the planning and zoning board and one copy of the final order shall be furnished to the land use administrator and to the applicant.~~

Sec. 62-95. - Appeals.

- (a) ~~An appeal may be taken to the planning and zoning board by any person aggrieved by any decision of the land use administrator or any other administrative official or official body in the administration or enforcement of this chapter, provided such appeal is filed with the town clerk within 30 days of the date of the action which is the subject of such appeal.~~
- (b) ~~In exercising its powers, the planning and zoning board may, upon appeal and in conformity with provisions of this chapter, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order requirement, decision or determination being appealed, and to that end, shall have the powers of the land use administrator and may issue the necessary permit. An 80 percent vote of the zoning board (minimum of 4 votes) is required to override a decision of the land use administrator or any other administrative official or official body in the administration or enforcement of this chapter.~~
- (c) A notice of appeal shall be filed on the forms established and provided by the planning and zoning board and shall include all pertinent information required thereon.
- (d) The planning and zoning board shall within 15 days after receipt of such notice of appeal set a reasonable time for hearing thereon and shall give notice of the time and place of the hearing to the applicant and the land use administrator.
- (e) An appeal shall stay all administrative proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed until such time as a final determination has been made by the planning and zoning board on such appeal; ~~provided that no action shall be taken by the applicant or the land use administrator during such time which would change the status of the matter being appealed.~~

Sec. 62-96. - Review of decisions by town.

Decisions of the planning and zoning board in the granting of appeals, exceptions or variances shall be subject to review by the town council on appeal.

- (1) An appeal may be taken by any person who appeared before the planning and zoning board and is adversely affected by the decision of the planning and zoning board provided such appeal is filed with the town clerk within 30 days of the date of the action which is the subject of such appeal.
- (2) A notice of appeal shall be filed on the forms established and provided by the town clerk and shall include all pertinent information required thereon. All appeals are limited to matters raised by appellant before the planning and zoning board and procedural matters which have arisen since the planning and zoning board heard the matter.
- (3) An appeal shall stay all administrative proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed until such time as a final determination has been made by the town council on such appeal; ~~provided that no action shall be taken by the applicant or the land use administrator during such time which would change the status of the matter being appealed.~~
- (4) The town council shall within 15 days after receipt of such notice of appeal set a reasonable time limit for public hearing shall give notice of the time and place of the hearing to the appellate, applicant, and the planning and zoning board members in the manner prescribed in subsection 62-95(d).
- (5) The town council shall find whether in its opinion error was made, and, within the terms of this section, affirm, reverse or modify the action appealed as it deems just and equitable. An 80 percent vote of the town council (minimum of four votes) is required to override a planning and zoning board decision ~~(see section 62-129).~~



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- (6) Appeals from the decision of the town council may be appealed to the circuit court within 30 days of the date of the action which is subject to appeal.

Secs. 62-97—62-120. - Reserved.

#### DIVISION 4. - AMENDMENTS

##### ~~Sec. 62-121. General authority.~~

~~This chapter may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed or repealed and the zoning atlas may from time to time be revised by the rezoning of land as provided in this chapter.~~

##### ~~Sec. 62-122. - Initiation of proposals~~Rezoning or Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

- (a) An ordinance for the rezoning of land or comprehensive plan amendment may be proposed only by the town council or any member thereof, the planning and zoning board, or the owner of the subject property, ~~his attorney, or duly authorized agent, or by petition of the owners of 51 percent or more of the area involved in the proposed zoning change.~~
- (b) ~~An amendment to this chapter may be proposed for adoption only by the town council or any member thereof. All such proposals shall be submitted in writing accompanied by all pertinent information which may be required by the town council for proper consideration of the matter.~~

##### Sec. 62-123. - Public hearing.

A public hearing shall be held by the planning and zoning board to consider a proposal for an amendment to ~~this chapter~~land development regulations, comprehensive plan amendment or for the rezoning of land and make recommendation to the Town on the action taken. ~~Notice of such public hearing shall be made as provided in section 62-36 and any party shall be heard in person or by agent or attorney.~~

##### ~~Sec. 62-124. Nature and requirements of planning and zoning board.~~

The report and recommendations to the town council as required by section 62-125 shall show that the planning and zoning board has studied and considered:

- (1) ~~The need and justification for the change; and~~
- (2) ~~The consistency of the proposed amendment or rezoning to the town's general planning program and to the comprehensive plan with consideration as to whether the proposed changes will further the purposes of these zoning regulations and other town codes and actions designed to implement the comprehensive plan.~~

##### ~~Sec. 62-125. Planning and zoning board report to town council.~~

- (a) ~~Unless a longer time shall be mutually agreed upon by the town council and the planning and zoning board, in that particular case, the planning and zoning board shall submit its report and recommendation to the town council no later than 60 days from:~~
- (1) ~~The date the planning and zoning board received a proposed amendment to this chapter; or~~
  - (2) ~~The date a completed application for the rezoning of land was filed.~~
- (b) ~~Failure of the planning and zoning board to submit a report within the prescribed time shall be deemed to be a recommendation for approval of the amendment or application for rezoning. The report and recommendation of the planning and zoning board shall be advisory only and shall not be construed to be binding upon the town council.~~

##### Sec. 62-126. - Limitation of rezoning of land.



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- (a) No ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Comprehensive Plan or to rezone land shall contain conditions, limitations or requirements not applicable to all other land in the zoning district to which the particular land is rezoned, except ~~as provided in article V of this chapter~~ rezoning to a PUD, Planned Unit Development.
- (b) ~~Whenever the town council has, by ordinance, changed the zoning classification of land, the planning and zoning board shall not then consider any application for rezoning of any part or all of the same land for a period of one year from the effective date of such ordinance.~~
- (c) ~~Whenever the town council has denied an application for a FLUM amendment or the rezoning of land, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning of any part or all of the same land for a period of one year from the date of such action. If two or more applications for the same rezoning for any part or all of the same land have been denied, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning of any part or all of the same land for a period of two years from the date of such act last denying the last application filed.~~
- (d) ~~Whenever an application for rezoning, exception or variance shall have been withdrawn by or at the direction of the applicant at any time prior to denial or approval or prior to final disposition of any appeal taken therefrom, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning, exception or variance of any part or all of the same land for a period of 12 months from the date of such withdrawal.~~

~~Sec. 62-127. - Town council action and appeals.~~

~~Except in cases where an application for rezoning has been withdrawn by the owner or the owner's agent, upon receipt of the report of the planning and zoning board required by section 62-125, the town council shall set the matter for public hearing in the manner prescribed in section 62-36.~~

~~Sec. 62-128. - Action after denial.~~

~~If a petition for a zoning amendment is denied, the planning and zoning board and the town council shall not take any further action on an application for basically the same amendment within 12 months after the last application was denied, unless there has been a substantial change of facts or unless waived by the town council.~~

~~Sec. 62-129. - Denial or adoption of amendment; appeal to circuit court.~~

- (a) ~~At the conclusion of the public hearing, the town council shall either deny the proposed amendment or rezoning, or by ordinance adopt such amendment or rezoning by majority vote of the town council. In order to override a recommendation of the planning and zoning board, an 80 percent vote of the town council is required, minimum of four votes.~~
- (b) ~~Any amendment to this chapter the Comprehensive Planm the Land Development Regulations or rezoning of land established by ordinance by the town council shall be subject to appeal to the circuit court within 30 days of the date of the council action which is subject to appeal by any persons aggrieved by such action.~~

~~Sec. 62-130. - Amendment to comprehensive plan.~~

~~The adopted comprehensive plan shall be amended when necessitated by proposed zoning amendments as stipulated in F.S. §§ 163.3184 and 163.3187.~~

~~Secs. 62-131—62-150. - Reserved.~~

DIVISION 5. - SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Sec. 62-151. - Conditions and safeguards.



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In the granting of zoning exceptions, the planning and zoning board may provide such conditions and safeguards as may be appropriate and in harmony with the purpose and intent of ~~this chapter~~ the Land Development Regulations.

Sec. 62-152. - Written application.

All applications for a special exception ~~under this chapter~~ shall be in writing in such form as may be prescribed by ~~the planning and zoning board~~ the Town.

Sec. 62-153. - Public hearing.

~~Unless a longer time shall be agreed upon by the applicant and t~~The planning and zoning board in the particular case, ~~shall conduct aa public hearing shall be held by the planning and zoning board to consider any application for a special exception at a scheduled meeting subsequent to the date of filing of the completed application of the planning and zoning board. Notice of public hearing shall be made as provided in section 62-36 and any party shall be heard in person or by agent or attorney.~~

Sec. 62-154. - Power to deny, approve or disapprove with conditions.

The planning and zoning board has the power to deny, approve, or disapprove with conditions any special exception requested. ~~When a special exception has been approved with conditions, the planning and zoning board may, as it deems necessary for the protection of public health, safety and general welfare, impose certain conditions, limitations, or restrictions on the use requested and its premises.~~

Sec. 62-155. - Limits of uses.

Any special exception permit granted by the planning and zoning board shall allow only that use specifically described in the application and is subject to the terms or conditions expressed in ~~this chapter~~ the Land Development Regulations. ~~The expansion or extension of the conditional use beyond the scope or terms of the conditional use permit shall be unlawful and is in violation of this chapter. The planning and zoning board may suspend or revoke a special exception permit the terms or conditions of which have been violated.~~

Sec. 62-156. - Resubmittal.

If the planning and zoning board denies an application ~~petition~~ for a special exception permit, the ~~denied permit~~ another application for special exception cannot be resubmitted ~~nor can any action be taken on a new petition for basically the same special exception on the same premises for a period within of 12 months after the date the last petition~~ application was denied.

Sec. 62-157. - Review criteria.

The planning and zoning board, when considering special exception requests, shall use the following criteria as a basis for its findings:

- (1) The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the special exception will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare and is not contrary to established standards, regulations, or ordinances of other governmental agencies.
- (2) Each structure or improvement is so designed and constructed that it is not unsightly, undesirable, or obnoxious in appearance to the extent that it will hinder the orderly and harmonious development of the town and the zoning district in which it is proposed.
- (3) The special exception will not adversely impact the permitted uses in the zoning district nor unduly restrict the enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity nor substantially diminish or impair property values within the area.
- (4) The establishment of special exception will not impede the orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the zoning district.



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- (5) Adequate water supply and sewage disposal facilities will be provided in accordance with state, county and town health requirements. The most stringent of these requirements will apply.
- (6) Adequate access roads, on-site parking, on-site loading and unloading berths, and drainage have been or will be provided where required.
- (7) Adequate measures have been taken to provide ingress and egress to the property which is designed in a manner to minimize traffic congestion on local streets.
- (8) Adequate screening and buffering of the special exception will be provided, where needed.
- (9) The special exception will not require signs or exterior lighting which will cause glare, adversely impact area traffic safety or have a negative economic effect on the area. Any signs or exterior lighting required by the special exception shall be compatible with development in the zoning district.

~~Sec. 62-158. Withdrawal of application.~~

~~When application for a special exception has been withdrawn by the applicant for such special exception prior to denial, approval or final disposition of any appeal taken for the denial of such special exception, no further application shall be filed for the same special exception on the same land, or any part thereof, for a period of 12 months from the date of withdrawal.~~

~~Sec. 62-159. Screening and buffering.~~

~~Adequate screening and buffering of the special exception will be provided, where needed.~~

~~Sec. 62-160. Revocation of special exception permit.~~

~~The planning and zoning board may suspend or revoke a special exception permit if it is determined that the special exception use has become a public or private nuisance resulting from an improper or unauthorized use of the premises.~~

DIVISION 6. - VARIANCES

Sec. 62-181. - Written application.

~~All applications for a variance under this chapter shall be in writing in such form as may be prescribed by the planning and zoning board Town and shall be accompanied by the required fee.~~

Sec. 62-182. - Public hearing.

~~Unless a longer time shall be agreed upon by the applicant and the planning and zoning board in the particular case, a public hearing shall be held by the planning and zoning board to consider any application for a zoning variance at the next regularly scheduled meeting subsequent to the date of filing of the completed application. Notice of public hearing shall be made as provided in section 62-36, and any party shall be heard in person or by agent or attorney. Land Development Regulations.~~

Sec. 62-183. - Requirements for grant of variance.

- (a) The planning and zoning board may grant a variance only under circumstances where practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship is so substantial, serious and compelling that realization of the general restrictions ought to be granted. No variance shall be granted unless the applicant shall show and the planning and zoning board shall find that:
  - (1) The particular property, because of size, shape, topography or other physical conditions, suffers singular disadvantage through the operation of ~~this section~~the code, which disadvantage does not apply to other properties in the vicinity;



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- (2) Because of this disadvantage, the owner is unable to make reasonable use of the affected property;
- (3) This disadvantage does not exist because of conditions created by the owner or applicant;
- (4) The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure; and
- (5) The grant of the variance will:
  - a. Not be contrary to the public interest;
  - b. Not adversely affect other property in the vicinity;
  - c. Be in harmony with the spirit, intent and purpose of ~~this section~~the code; and
  - d. Not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this chapter to other lands, buildings or structures in the same zoning district.
- (b) In the passing upon a request for variance, the planning and zoning board shall not consider prospective financial loss or gain to the owner or applicant, nor shall the planning and zoning board, by variance, permit to be established or carried on in any use district an activity, business, or operation which is not otherwise allowed in such zoning district by a specific provision of this chapter. ~~No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of lands, structures or buildings in other zoning districts shall be considered grounds for the approval of a variance application.~~

Sec. 62-184. - ~~Withdrawal~~ Denial of variance application.

When application for a variance has ~~been withdrawn~~denied by the planning and zoning board applicant for such variance prior to denial, approval or final disposition of any appeal taken from the ~~denial of such variance~~, no further application shall be filed for the same variance on the same land, or any part thereof, for a period of 12 months from the date of ~~withdrawal~~denial.

Sec. 62-185. ~~Violations of variances.~~

The violations of the terms of a variance, including any conditions and safeguards which may be made a part thereof, shall be deemed a violation of this chapter and punishable as provided in this chapter.

Secs. 62-186—62-210. - Reserved.



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## DIVISION 7. - BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

**MOVE FROM SECTION 62 - CHAPTER 14 -****BUILDING PERMITS RESPONSIBLE OF BUILDING OFFICIAL NOT LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR**

## Sec. 62-211. - Building permit application.

- (a) All applicants for a building permit, ~~in addition to the other requirements in this chapter,~~ shall submit with their applications the following:
- (1) Duplicate prints or drawings at an adequate scale of the building or structures to be built upon the lot, showing plumbing and electrical layout.
  - (2) A survey with monuments and stakes as required by a licensed surveyor, in duplicate, and drawn at an adequate scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot to be built upon. Original survey will be furnished as proof that proposed and existing buildings are within equal dimensions. The location of the building on the property, the location of waste collection areas, the layout of the trees, land and structure elevations, drainageways, off-street parking or loading spaces and other constructions are as required under the provisions of this chapter showing access and maneuvering space.
  - (3) Permits, as applicable, from state agencies such as the state department of environmental protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- (b) The following provisions apply to application for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits:
- (1) The applicant for a building permit shall be made by the owner or lessees, or agent of either, or the architect, engineer or builder employed in connection with the proposed work.
  - (2) The electrical contractor or person responsible for performing electrical work shall make application for the electrical permit, certifying that installation will be made in accordance with prints or drawings specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed.
  - (3) The plumbing contractor or person responsible for performing plumbing installation shall make application for a permit, certifying that installation will be in accordance with prints or drawings specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed. The mechanical contractor or person responsible for performing mechanical installation shall make application for a permit, certifying that installation will be in accordance with the prints or drawings specified under subsection (a)(1) of this section and shall also furnish such other information as may be required in order to determine the permit fee to be assessed.

## Sec. 62-212. - Compliance with technical codes.

All permits referenced in section **62-211** shall be issued and work shall be performed in compliance with requirements set forth in chapter 14, article II of this Code.

## Sec. 62-213. - Issuance.

It shall be the duty of the building official, upon receiving applications for permits provided for in this division, to examine such applications within a reasonable time after filing, not to exceed 30 days. If, after examination, he finds no objections to such applications, and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the Florida Building Code and any other applicable ~~and all rules and regulations made by this chapter~~ and the proposed construction will be safe, he shall approve such application. Thereafter,



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permits shall be issued and one copy of the plans returned to the applicant marked as approved and attested by his signature. If his examination reveals otherwise, he shall reject such application, noting his findings in a report to be attached to the application and disapproved plans and deliver a copy of such report to the applicant. ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the administrative officer, upon examining such application, from issuing a permit for the construction of part of a building or structure before the entire plan and a detailed statement of such building or structure have been submitted or approved, if adequate plans and detailed statements have been presented for examination and have been found to comply with the act relating thereto.~~

Sec. 62-214. - Inspections.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the building department to inspect and determine that buildings are located on lots in accordance with the plan submitted with the application.
- (b) Electrical, mechanical and plumbing installations shall require two inspections. The first inspection will be considered as the "rough in" inspection, and shall be made on plumbing and sewer lines, electrical wiring and outlets, AC duct and control circuits, while exposed for visual inspection, including all work that will be concealed in floors, walls, and ceilings.
- (c) The second inspection will be considered the final inspection and will be made when plumbing fixtures have been installed, electrical work completed and ready for service connection by the utility company and mechanical equipment installation completed.
- (d) When the building official has made the final inspection on electrical installation, and it appears that such installation has been made in accordance with rules and regulations of this chapter, he shall forthwith notify the electric utility company that installation is ready for service connection.
- (e) Every effort will be made to develop a schedule as to the time the administrative officer will be available in the various sections of the town, in order to avoid delays in construction.
- (f) The building inspector shall record the time and date of each and every inspection on his department's copy of each permit issued.

Sec. 62-215. - Permit fees.

- (a) No permits as provided in this division shall be issued until the appropriate permit fee shall have been paid to the ~~deputy town clerk~~ Town. The fee charged by the town for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits shall be consistent with fees recommended in the various codes or separately established by the town.
- (b) ~~If after completion it is determined by the person issuing such permit that the cost or description of the work is more than was shown on the permit, then the permit shall be corrected accordingly and any additional fees paid thereon. All fees received by the town clerk under this section shall be put into the general fund of the town.~~

Sec. 62-216. - Posting of permits.

A copy of all permits shall be kept on the premises open to public inspection during the prosecuting of the work and until the completion of such work, and final inspection made.

Sec. 62-217. - Building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permit expiration.

- (a) If the work described in any permit has not begun within six months from the date of issuance thereof, such permit shall expire. It shall be cancelled by the building official and written notice thereof shall be given to the persons affected.
- (b) If the work described in any building permit has not been substantially completed within one year of the date of issuance thereof, with up to two extensions which can be permitted if work has progressed, such permit shall expire and be canceled by the building official and written notice shall be given to the persons affected.



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## Sec. 62-218. - Permit revocation.

The building official may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this division in case there has been false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or plans on which the permit was based.

## Sec. 62-219. - Certificate of occupancy.

No person shall use or occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the land use administrator to ensure that the building or land conforms to all the requirements of this chapter.

## Sec. 62-220. - Manufactured homes older than five years.

- (a) Any manufactured home older than five years from the current calendar year shall be subject to inspection by the building official prior to being brought into the town for setup.
- (b) Any manufactured home older than five years from the current calendar year, currently set up within the town, shall be subject to an inspection by the building official prior to being relocated within said town.
- (c) The inspection fee required in ~~section 62-215(a)~~ shall be \$200.00 and shall be paid in advance to the town prior to permitting for setup.
- (d) Any items noted on pre-inspection that do not meet the minimum HUD standard shall be brought into compliance prior to the manufactured home being either brought into the town or moved within the town. This will also apply to all exterior conditions and the conditions of the roofing materials.
- (e) All manufactured homes shall have vertical or horizontal skirting and meet the wind load for the Florida Building Code and shall match with the manufactured homes color and material being skirted.
- (f) The inspection fee shall be distributed as follows: \$100.00 to the town for administrative costs and \$100.00 to the building official for the inspection. If the manufactured home is located within 30 miles from town, the mileage assessment for the building official shall be in accordance with state statutes in addition to the inspection fee, payable to the town.
- (g) The penalty for an individual bringing a manufactured home into the town that is in violation of the section shall be subject to a fine as stated in section 1-7.

## ARTICLE III. - ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; ZONING ATLAS

## Sec. 62-251. - Use districts generally.

In order to regulate and restrict the location of agriculture, trades, industries, public and semipublic uses, residences, and the location of buildings erected or altered for specific uses, the incorporated area of the town must be developed according the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan and the criteria of the zoning districts described in the Land Development Regulations. ~~is hereby divided into districts or zones as shown on the zoning atlas entitled Zoning Atlas for Hilliard, Florida, and such atlas is hereby declared to be a part of this chapter. Districts as delineated on the zoning atlas are as follows, with titles and abbreviations as indicated:~~

District	Abbreviation
Agricultural, general	A-1



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  - (3) Permits, as applicable, from state agencies such as the state department of environmental protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- (b) The following provisions apply to application for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits:
- (1) The applicant for a building permit shall be made by the owner or lessees, or agent of either, or the architect, engineer or builder employed in connection with the proposed work.
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## Sec. 62-212. - Compliance with technical codes.

All permits referenced in section **62-211** shall be issued and work shall be performed in compliance with requirements set forth in chapter 14, article II of this Code.

## Sec. 62-213. - Issuance.

It shall be the duty of the building official, upon receiving applications for permits provided for in this division, to examine such applications within a reasonable time after filing, not to exceed 30 days. If, after examination, he finds no objections to such applications, and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the Florida Building Code and any other applicable ~~and all rules and regulations made by this chapter~~ and the proposed construction will be safe, he shall approve such application. Thereafter, permits shall be issued and one copy of the plans returned to the applicant marked as approved and attested by his signature. If his examination reveals otherwise, he shall reject such application, noting his findings in a report to be attached to the application and disapproved plans and deliver a copy of such



report to the applicant. ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the administrative officer, upon examining such application, from issuing a permit for the construction of part of a building or structure before the entire plan and a detailed statement of such building or structure have been submitted or approved, if adequate plans and detailed statements have been presented for examination and have been found to comply with the act relating thereto.~~

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- (c) The second inspection will be considered the final inspection and will be made when plumbing fixtures have been installed, electrical work completed and ready for service connection by the utility company and mechanical equipment installation completed.
- (d) When the building official has made the final inspection on electrical installation, and it appears that such installation has been made in accordance with rules and regulations of this chapter, he shall forthwith notify the electric utility company that installation is ready for service connection.
- (e) Every effort will be made to develop a schedule as to the time the administrative officer will be available in the various sections of the town, in order to avoid delays in construction.
- (f) The building inspector shall record the time and date of each and every inspection on his department's copy of each permit issued.

Sec. 62-215. - Permit fees.

- (a) No permits as provided in this division shall be issued until the appropriate permit fee shall have been paid to ~~the deputy town clerk~~Town. The fee charged by the town for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits shall be consistent with fees ~~recommended in the various codes or separately~~ established by the town.
- (b) ~~If after completion it is determined by the person issuing such permit that the cost or description of the work is more than was shown on the permit, then the permit shall be corrected accordingly and any additional fees paid thereon. All fees received by the town clerk under this section shall be put into the general fund of the town.~~

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A copy of all permits shall be kept on the premises open to public inspection during the prosecuting of the work and until the completion of such work, and final inspection made.

Sec. 62-217. - Building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permit expiration.

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Sec. 62-218. - Permit revocation.



The building official may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this division in case there has been false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or plans on which the permit was based.

Sec. 62-219. - Certificate of occupancy.

No person shall use or occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the land use administrator to ensure that the building or land conforms to all the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 62-220. - Manufactured homes older than five years.

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- (b) Any manufactured home older than five years from the current calendar year, currently set up within the town, shall be subject to an inspection by the building official prior to being relocated within said town.
- (c) The inspection fee required in ~~section 62-215(a)~~ shall be \$200.00 and shall be paid in advance to the town prior to permitting for setup.
- (d) Any items noted on pre-inspection that do not meet the minimum HUD standard shall be brought into compliance prior to the manufactured home being either brought into the town or moved within the town. This will also apply to all exterior conditions and the conditions of the roofing materials.
- (e) All manufactured homes shall have vertical or horizontal skirting and meet the wind load for the Florida Building Code and shall match with the manufactured homes color and material being skirted.
- (f) The inspection fee shall be distributed as follows: \$100.00 to the town for administrative costs and \$100.00 to the building official for the inspection. If the manufactured home is located within 30 miles from town, the mileage assessment for the building official shall be in accordance with state statutes in addition to the inspection fee, payable to the town.
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## ARTICLE III. - ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; ZONING ATLAS

## Sec. 62-251. - Use districts generally.

In order to regulate and restrict the location of agriculture, trades, industries, public and semipublic uses, residences, and the location of buildings erected or altered for specific uses, the incorporated area of the town must be developed according the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan and the criteria of the zoning districts described in the Land Development Regulations. ~~is hereby divided into districts or zones as shown on the zoning atlas entitled *Zoning Atlas for Hilliard, Florida*, and such atlas is hereby declared to be a part of this chapter. Districts as delineated on the zoning atlas are as follows, with titles and abbreviations as indicated:~~

District	Abbreviation
Agricultural, general	A-1



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Residential, single-family	R-1
Residential, single-family	R-2
Residential, single-family and multiple-family	R-3
Multiple-family-mobile home district	RM-4
Residential, mobile home park/subdivision	RMH
<del>Commercial, neighborhood</del> Main Street Commercial	<del>C-N</del> MSC
Commercial, general	C-1
Manufacturing, industrial warehousing	M-1

~~(Code 1997, § 62-251; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 5, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-252. - Reference to district names.

- (a) Where the phrase "agricultural district" appears in the Land Development Regulations, ~~this chapter~~, the phrase shall be construed to include the A-1 district, and no others.
- (b) Where the phrases "all residential districts," "residential districts," and "zoned residentially" are used the Land Development Regulations, ~~in this chapter~~, the phrases shall be construed to include A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RM-4, and RMH districts, and no others.
- (c) Where the phrase "commercial districts" is used the Land Development Regulations, ~~in this chapter~~, the phrase shall be construed to include the ~~C-N~~ MSC and C-1 districts, and no others.
- (d) Where the phrase "industrial districts" is used in the Land Development Regulations, ~~this chapter~~, the phrase shall be construed to include the M-1 district, and no others.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-252; Ord. No. 87-119, § 5-1, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-253. - Interpretation of district boundaries.

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts ~~as shown on the zoning atlas and the~~ Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- ~~(1)(4)~~ Where such
- ~~(2)~~ district boundaries are indicated as approximately following centerlines of streets and alleys, such centerlines shall be construed to be such boundaries.
- (2) ~~In unsubdivided property or where a district boundary divides a lot, the location of such boundary, unless such boundary is indicated by dimensions, shall be determined by the use of the scale appearing on the original map.~~



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- (3) Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
- (4) Boundaries indicated as approximately following town limits shall be construed as following such town limits.
- (5) Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.
- (6) Where any street or alley is hereafter officially vacated or abandoned, the regulations applicable to each parcel of abutting property shall apply to that portion of such street or alley added thereto by virtue of such vacation or abandonment.
- (7) ~~Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extension of features indicated in subsections (1) through (6) of this section shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the zoning atlas shall be determined by the scale of the map.~~
- (8) ~~Where physical or cultural features existing on the ground are not in agreement with those shown on the zoning atlas or in other circumstances not covered by subsections (1) through (7) of this section, the planning and zoning board shall interpret the district boundaries.~~
- (9) ~~Where a district boundary line divides a lot which was in single ownership at the time of passage of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, the planning and zoning board may permit, as an exception, the extension of the regulations for either portion of the lot beyond the district line into the remaining portion of the lot.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-253; Ord. No. 87-119, § 5-2, 12-29-1987)

~~Sec. 62-254. - Zoning omission.~~

~~If because of error or omission in the zoning map any property in the town is not shown as being in a zoning district, the classification of such property shall be the most restrictive zoning classification adjacent to the property, unless changed by amendment to this chapter.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-254; Ord. No. 87-119, § 4-5, 12-29-1987)

Secs. 62-255—62-280. - Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. - DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Sec. 62-281. - Zoning districts exclusive.

The use provisions in the various zoning districts are exclusive and any use not included under permitted or permissible uses shall be prohibited in such districts pending a review process by the planning and zoning board. The following chart includes the permitted uses and the permitted uses by exception for each district.



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- (6) Where any street or alley is hereafter officially vacated or abandoned, the regulations applicable to each parcel of abutting property shall apply to that portion of such street or alley added thereto by virtue of such vacation or abandonment.
- (7) ~~Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extension of features indicated in subsections (1) through (6) of this section shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the zoning atlas shall be determined by the scale of the map.~~
- (8) ~~Where physical or cultural features existing on the ground are not in agreement with those shown on the zoning atlas or in other circumstances not covered by subsections (1) through (7) of this section, the planning and zoning board shall interpret the district boundaries.~~
- (9) ~~Where a district boundary line divides a lot which was in single ownership at the time of passage of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, the planning and zoning board may permit, as an exception, the extension of the regulations for either portion of the lot beyond the district line into the remaining portion of the lot.~~

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<u>USE</u>	<u>LDR</u>	<u>MDR</u>	<u>HDR</u>			<u>AGR</u>	<u>MSC</u>	<u>COM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>INS</u>	<u>MU</u>
	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>RM-4</u>	<u>RMH</u>	<u>A-1</u>	<u>C-N</u> <u>MSC</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>M-1</u>				
<u>Agricultural, horticultural and forestry uses</u>						P							
<u>Air conditioning and heating contractor</u>								E	E				
<u>Airports</u>						P							
<u>Animal hospital veterinary clinic</u>						E							
<u>Animal Boarding place Facility</u>							E						
<u>Animals and Fowl</u>	E	E	E	E									
<u>Antique shop</u>							P	P	P				
<u>Archery Ranges</u>						E							
<u>Arena</u>								P	P				
<u>Athletic complex</u>						E		P	P				
<u>Auditorium</u>								P	P				
<u>Bank and financial institutions</u>							P	P	P				
<u>Billiard parlor</u>								P	E				
<u>Boat building and repairs</u>								E	P				
<u>Bowling Alley</u>								P					
<u>Building trades</u>								E	P				



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USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>contractor with storage yard for materials and equipment on premises</u>													
<u>Bulk storage yards, not including bulk storage of flammable liquids and acids.</u>									P				
<u>Cemeteries, crematories, mausoleums</u>	E	E	E	E	E	P							
<u>Churches</u>	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	E				
<u>Chickens</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<u>Commercial Parking Lots and Parking Garages</u>								P	E				
<u>Commercial recreation facilities</u>								P	E				
<u>Community residential homes</u>	P	P	P	P		P							
<u>Community Center</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Convenience stores</u>							E	P	E				
<u>Day Care/Child Care Centers.</u>	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P					
<u>Delicatessen, bake shop</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Dude ranch, riding academy, or boarding stable</u>						P							
<u>Dwelling in building with business</u>							P	E	E				



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USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>Dwelling unit for occupancy by security guards or caretakers</u>									E				
<u>Employment offices</u>							P	P	P				
<u>Family day care homes</u>	P	P	P	P		P	P						
<u>Game preserves, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries</u>						P							
<u>Gasoline sales</u>							E	P	E				
<u>General store</u>						E	P	P	E				
<u>Golf Driving Ranges, Par Three Miniature Golf Courses</u>						E		P					
<u>Governmental uses</u>	P					P	P					P	
<u>Home Occupation</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<u>Hospitals</u>								P					
<u>Horses</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E							
<u>Hotels and motels</u>							E	P					
<u>Light manufacturing, processing including food processing, packaging, or fabricating</u>									P				
<u>Manufacturing as involved in production of eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetic appliances, and similar products</u>								P	P				



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	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>RM-4</u>	<u>RMH</u>	<u>A-1</u>	<u>C-N MSC</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>M-1</u>				
<u>Medical and dental clinic/office</u>							<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>					
<u>Multiple-family dwellings</u>			<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>			<u>P</u>						
<u>Mobile or manufactured home</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>P</u>		<u>E</u>							
<u>Mobile home parks</u>					<u>P</u>								
<u>Mobile home subdivisions</u>					<u>P</u>								
<u>Motorbus or Other Transportation Terminals</u>								<u>P</u>					
<u>Museum, and art gallery</u>							<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>					
<u>Outdoor fruit, vegetable, poultry, or fish markets</u>								<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>				
<u>Outdoor storage yards and lots, but not wrecking yards or junkyards</u>									<u>P</u>				
<u>Private Clubs</u>							<u>E</u>		<u>P</u>				
<u>Private Schools</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>							
<u>Professional and business office</u>							<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>				
<u>Public parks</u>										<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>	
<u>Public swimming pools</u>								<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>	
<u>Railroad yards</u>									<u>P</u>				



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	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>Recreational vehicle parks</u>					E			E					
<u>Restaurants without drive-in through facilities.</u>							P	P	P				
<u>Restaurants with or without drive-through facilities.</u>							E	P	P				
<u>Restaurants with alcohol sales</u>							E	E	E				
<u>Retail sales of wearing apparel, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, jewelry, art supplies, cameras or photographic supplies, sporting goods, hobby shops and musical instruments, florist or gift shop without outside sales or storage</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Retail facilities for the sale of alcoholic beverages with alcoholic content not more than 14 percent beer and wine for consumption off premises</u>							E	P	E				
<u>Retail facilities with outside sales and display, outlets for sale of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes,</u>								E	E				



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USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>boats, automotive vehicle parts and accessories (but not junkyards or automobile wrecking yards), heavy machinery and equipment, dairy supplies, monuments.</u>													
<u>Retail outlets for sale of food and drugs, wearing apparel, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, art supplies, cameras or photographic supplies (including camera repair), sporting goods, hobby shops, pet shops, veterinarian, musical instruments, television and radio (including repairs), florist or gift shop, delicatessen, bake shop (but not wholesale bakery), drugs, home furnishings and appliances (including repairs incidental to sales), office equipment, hardware, and similar uses</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Retail sale of secondhand merchandise in a completely enclosed building</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Research laboratories</u>								P	P				



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	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>Rifle and gun shooting range, and archery range,</u>						E							
<u>Roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, pheasants, quail or any nondomestic fowl</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E							
<u>Sanitariums, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, convalescent homes, and homes for orphans and the aged</u>						E	E	P				P	
<u>Schools; colleges and universities</u>						P							
<u>Self-service laundries or dry cleaners</u>							E	P	E				
<u>Sheet Metal Fabrication</u>								E	P				
<u>Shooting galleries housed in completely enclosed buildings</u>								P	P				
<u>Single-family dwellings</u>	P	P	P	P		P	P						
<u>Service establishments such as barbershops or beauty shops, shoe repair shop, interior decorator, photographic studio, dance or music studio, tailor or dressmaker conducted in an enclosed building</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Service establishments with outside sales and storage such as</u>								E	E				



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USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
automobile filling stations; truck stops; repair and service garages; motor vehicle body shops; rental of automotive vehicles, trailers, and trucks; auto laundries; drive-in restaurants; auction houses or pawnshops; laundries or dry cleaning establishments; veterinarian or animal boarding kennels in soundproof buildings; pest control; plant nurseries or landscape contractors; carpenter or cabinet shops; home equipment rental; ice delivery stations; job printing or newspaper establishments; blueprint; funeral home; upholstery shop; boat sales; dry storage of pleasure craft; private clubs radio or television broadcasting transmitter and antenna facilities; barbershops or beauty shops; shoe repair shop; restaurant; interior decorator; photographic studio; dance or music studio; reducing salon or gymnasium; self-service laundry; or dry cleaner; tailor or dressmaker; dry cleaning and laundry package plants in completely enclosed buildings using													



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USE	LDR	MDR	HDR			AGR	MSC	COM	IND	REC	CON	INS	MU
	R-1	R-2	R-3	RM-4	RMH	A-1	C-N MSC	C-1	M-1				
<u>nonflammable liquids.</u>													
<u>Skating Rinks</u>								P					
<u>Swine and non-domestic animals</u>						E							
<u>Temporary revival establishments</u>						P							
<u>Travel agencies</u>							P	P	E				
<u>Union Hall</u>							P	P	P				
<u>Veterinary Clinic</u>							E	P	P				
<u>Vocational, trade, and business schools</u>								P	P				
<u>Wholesale sales without manufacturing or storage conducted in an enclosed building</u>							E	P	P				
<u>Wholesaling, warehousing, storage, or distribution establishments with outside storage</u>								E	P				
<u>Wholesale, warehouse, or storage use, but not bulk storage of flammable liquids</u>								E	P				
<u>Yard Sales</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

(Code 1997, § 62-281; Ord. No. 87-119, § 4-4, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 97-93, § 6, 4-6-1998)



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## Sec. 62-282. - Agricultural district A-1.

- (a) *Intent.* ~~This section applies to the A-1 district. This district is intended to apply to areas which are sparsely developed and includes uses as normally found in rural areas away from urban activity. It is intended that substantial residential, commercial, or industrial development shall not be permitted in the A-1 district, but lands in such district may be rezoned to the proper district to accommodate such uses when conditions warrant rezoning.~~
- (b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.* **MOVED TO CHART**
- (1) ~~Agricultural, horticultural and forestry uses, including the keeping and raising of farm animals and poultry provided structures for horses, donkeys, cattle, goats and sheep shall not be located within 50 feet of any property line.~~
- (2) ~~Roadside stands where the major portion of products offered for sale are grown on the premises.~~
- (3) ~~Dude ranch, riding academy, or boarding stable provided structures for the housing of animals shall not be located within 200 feet of any property line; private camps (including day camps), country clubs, private clubs, golf courses, parks, camping grounds and recreational areas.~~
- (4) ~~Game preserves, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries and refuges, watersheds, water reservoirs, control structures and wells.~~
- (5) ~~Churches, monasteries, convents, temporary revival establishments, cemeteries, columbariums, crematories, mausoleums.~~
- (6) ~~Schools; colleges and universities with conventional academic curriculums.~~
- (7) ~~Single family dwellings on individual lots provided that no subdivision plat shall be recorded for such use in this district.~~
- (8) ~~Airport provided FAA requirements are met.~~
- (9) ~~Day nurseries and kindergartens.~~
- (10) ~~Family day care homes as required by F.S. § 166.0445.~~
- (11) ~~Community residential homes, as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.~~
- (12) ~~Governmental uses.~~
- (c) *Permissible uses by exception.* The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review:
- (1) ~~See section 62-358.~~
- (2) ~~Radio or television broadcasting office, studio, transmitter, antenna and line of sight relay device.~~
- (3) ~~Animal hospital, veterinary clinic, animal boarding place, fur farm, dog kennel, provided no structure for the housing of animals shall be located within 200 feet of any property line.~~
- (4) ~~Rifle, shotgun or pistol shooting range, field archery range, golf driving range, and Par 3 golf course.~~
- (5) ~~Sanitariums, nursing homes, convalescent homes, and homes for orphans and the aged.~~
- (6) ~~General store.~~
- (7) ~~Swine and non-domestic animals.~~
- (d) *Minimum lot requirements.*
- (1) Single-family dwelling or Mobile Homes on individual lot:
- Minimum lot width: 150 feet.
  - Minimum lot area: One acre.
- (2) Minimum lot size for all other uses: Five acres.



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- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.*
  - (1) Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 25 percent of lot area.
  - (2) Other permitted or permissible use and accessory buildings shall be five percent.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: 35 feet minimum.
  - (2) Side: 20 feet minimum.
  - (3) Rear: 40 feet minimum.
- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade, ~~or as permitted by exception.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-282; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-1, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 3, 8-17-2017)~~

Sec. 62-283. - Single-family district R-1.

- (a) *Intent.* This section applies to the R-1 district. This district is intended to apply to areas which are to be developed with large lot single-family homes and ancillary residential uses normally applicable in a residential neighborhood. ~~It is intended to limit the neighborhood density to an intensity of development that will not overcrowd the land and that can be adequately served by available public water, sewage, schools and parks. It is also designed to conserve the value of the land, buildings and resources, both natural and manmade, and to protect and maintain the character and stability of the district and the town.~~
- (b) ~~Permitted principal uses and structures.~~ **MOVED TO CHART**
  - ~~(1) Single family dwellings and their customary accessory uses, including gardening when located on the same lot as the principal use.~~
  - ~~(2) Family day care homes as required by F.S. § 166.0445.~~
  - ~~(3) Community residential homes, as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.~~
  - ~~(4) Public parks, playgrounds, playfields, community buildings and other governmental structures.~~
  - ~~(5) Permitted uses by special exception (section 62-358).~~
- (c) *Minimum lot requirements.*
  - (1) Minimum lot width: 100 feet.
  - (2) Minimum lot area: 20,000 square feet.
- (d) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 30 percent of lot area.
- (e) *Maximum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: 30 feet.
  - (2) Side: ~~The sum of both side yards shall be 25 feet; however, no side yards shall be less than ten feet in width.~~ 12.5 feet.
  - (3) Rear: 35 feet.
- (f) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.



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~~(Code 1997, § 62-283; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-2, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2000-05, § 3, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, § 3, 3-6-2003)~~

Sec. 62-284. - Single-family district R-2.

- (a) ~~Intent. This section applies to the R-2 district. This district is intended to apply to areas which are to be developed with medium-sized lot single-family homes and accessory residential uses applicable in a single-family residential density that is in keeping with the needs of the community and that can be served adequately by available community services and facilities. It is also designed to make available housing for the appropriate income level and to conserve land, buildings and resources as well as to conserve and protect the character and stability of the district and the town.~~
- (b) ~~Permitted principal uses and structures.~~ **MOVED TO CHART**
  - (1) ~~Single-family dwelling.~~
  - (2) ~~Family day care homes as required by F.S. § 166.0445.~~
  - (3) ~~Community residential homes, as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.~~
- (c) ~~Permissible uses and structures by exception. The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review: See section 62-358.~~
- (d) ~~Minimum lot requirements.~~ The minimum lot requirements per one dwelling are as follows:
  - (1) ~~Minimum lot width: 90-75 feet.~~
  - (2) ~~Minimum lot area: 409,000 square feet.~~
- (e) ~~Maximum lot coverage.~~ Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 30 percent of lot area.
- (f) ~~Minimum yard requirements.~~
  - (1) ~~Front: 30 feet.~~
  - (2) ~~Side: The sum of both side yards shall be 25 feet; however, no side yard shall be less than ten feet in width 12.5.~~
  - (3) ~~Rear: 30 feet.~~
- (g) ~~Maximum height of structures.~~ Thirty feet in height above established grade.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-284; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-3, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2000-05, § 4, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, § 4, 3-6-2003)~~

Sec. 62-285. - Multiple-family district R-3. **MOVED TO CHART**

- (a) ~~Intent. This section applies to the R-3 district. This district is designed to apply to areas which are to be developed with a combination of single-family and multiple-family homes on small lots as is appropriate in a multiple residential area. It is intended to create and maintain a residential district of small homes and rental dwelling units at an intensity that is in keeping with the needs of the community and can be served adequately by available community services and facilities. It is also designed to create and maintain a multiple-family housing stock to serve and protect the character and stability of the district and the town.~~
- (b) ~~Permitted principal uses and structures.~~
  - (1) ~~Single-family dwelling.~~
  - (2) ~~Reserved.~~
  - (3) ~~Multiple-family dwellings.~~



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- (4) ~~Family day care homes as required by F.S. § 166.0445.~~
- (5) ~~Community residential homes, as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.~~
- (c) ~~Permissible uses and structures by exception.~~ The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review:
  - (1) ~~See section 62-358.~~
  - (2) ~~Convenience store.~~
- (d) *Minimum lot requirements.* The minimum lot requirements per dwelling unit are as follows:
  - (1) Minimum lot width: 70 feet.
  - (2) Minimum lot area: 7,000 square feet.
  - (3) Maximum units per acre: 45~~12~~.
  - (4) **Maximum units per one-half acre: 7.**
  - (5) **Maximum units per structure: 16.**
- (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area or 15 units per acre.
- (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) Front: 25 feet.
  - (2) Side: The sum of both side yards shall be 25 feet; however, no side yard shall be less than ten feet in width.
  - (3) Rear: 30 feet.
- (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.

(Code 1997, § 62-285; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-4, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2000-05, § 5, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, § 5, 3-6-2003; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 4, 8-17-2017)

Sec. 62-286. - Multifamily-mobile home district RM-4. **MOVED TO CHART**

- (a) *Intent.* This section applies to the RM-4 district. This district is designed to apply to areas to be set aside for development with a combination of single-family, multiple-family and mobile homes on small lots. ~~Its purpose is to create and maintain a residential district of low-cost small homes and apartments at a density that is in keeping with present development of the area and that can be adequately served by available community facilities.~~
- (b) ~~Permitted principal uses and structures.~~
  - (1) ~~Single-family dwelling.~~
  - (2) ~~Multiple-family dwellings.~~
  - (3) ~~Mobile or manufactured home.~~
  - (4) ~~Family day care homes as required by F.S. § 166.0445.~~
  - (5) ~~Community residential homes, as defined and required by F.S. § 419.001.~~
- (c) ~~Permitted accessory uses and structures by exception.~~ The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review:
  - (1) ~~See section 62-358.~~
  - (2) ~~Convenience store.~~



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- (1) Minimum lot width: 75 feet.
- (2) Minimum lot area: 9,000 square feet.
- (3) Maximum lot unit density: One dwelling unit per 9,000 square feet of lot area.
- (4) Maximum building capacity: 16 dwelling units per for each building.
- (5) Maximum density: 12 dwelling units per acre.

(e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.(f) *Minimum yard requirements.*

- (1) Front yard: 25 feet.
- (2) Side yard: ~~The sum of both side yards shall be 25 feet; however, no side yard shall be less than ten feet in width~~12.5 feet.
- (3) Rear yard: 30 feet.

(g) *Maximum height of buildings.* Thirty feet in height above established grade.~~(h) *Applicable area.*~~

- ~~(1) *Boundaries:* Third Avenue to Seventh Avenue; Missouri to Michigan.~~
- ~~(2) *This district may be enacted only in those areas which have 60 percent preexisting legal dwelling units at the time of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived which are mobile homes or manufactured housing.*~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-286; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-5, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2000-05, § 6, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, § 6, 3-6-2003)~~

## Sec. 62-287. - Mobile home district RMH.

(a) *Intent.* The provisions of the RMH district provides for the development of areas for individual mobile home parks for residents desiring the unique environments characteristic of mobile home living. It shall be the responsibility of those entities establishing an RMH district to provide for these areas the community services as set forth in this amendment for their orderly development.~~(b) *Permitted uses and structures.*~~ **MOVED TO CHART**

- ~~(1) *Mobile home parks.*~~
- ~~(2) *Mobile home subdivisions shall be handled as prescribed in chapter 46, Subdivision Code.*~~

(c) *Permitted accessory uses and structures.*

- ~~(1) *Each mobile home park shall be permitted to display one identifying sign at each park entrance, provided said sign does not exceed nine square feet and may be lighted by indirect lighting only.*~~
- (2) Each mobile home park shall be permitted to contain accessory or support facilities customarily incidental to the operation of the mobile home park as approved on the site plan. Such facilities may include recreational facilities, maintenance facilities and laundry facilities for use by the park residents.

(d) *Permissible uses by exception.* The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review: **MOVED TO CHART**



Revised – ~~3/2/2022~~7/23/2021~~(1) Recreational vehicle parks.~~(e) *Procedure.*~~(1) New or revised mobile home parks shall comply with the provisions of the latest amended zoning and land development regulations.~~~~(2) Developers of mobile home parks shall file site plans for review as required in article II, section 62-40. Said site plan shall be supplemented with a legal description of the overall development plan, mobile home spaces, open space, together with a description of the manner in which the water and sewer facilities shall be provided.~~(f) *Minimum lot requirements.*

(1) Mobile home park.

a. Minimum site width:

1. One hundred feet of frontage on a public or private road ~~at site ingress and egress points.~~

2. Two hundred feet at the portion of the site used for mobile home stands.

b. Minimum site area:

1. Ten acres.

2. Maximum density of eight mobile homes per gross acre.

c. Minimum lot size for each mobile home1. 5,000 square feet.d. Minimum yard requirements for each mobile home1. Front yard: 20 feet.2. Rear yard: 10 feet.3. Side yard: 7.5 feet.(g) *Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and structures.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.(h) *Minimum yard requirements.*

(1) Mobile home park:

a. Front yard: Twenty-five feet from any property line ~~any boundary of park to any mobile home stand or accessory building.~~(i) *Mobile home parks.* All mobile home parks developed in the town shall meet the following minimum standards:~~(1) All mobile home parks shall have a minimum area of ten acres.~~~~(2) Each mobile home lot shall have a minimum area of 5,000 square feet.~~~~(3) The maximum density of any mobile home park shall not exceed eight mobile home units per gross acre.~~~~(4) Each mobile home lot shall have the following front, rear and side yards:~~~~a. Front yard: 20 feet.~~~~b. Rear yard: ten feet.~~~~c. Side yard: 7½ feet.~~



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- (5) ~~Each mobile home space shall be provided with two paved off-street parking spaces as required under subsection (i)(10).~~
- (6) ~~Each mobile home shall be securely anchored in compliance with state regulations.~~
- (7) ~~Prior to occupancy, All mobile homes must be skirted~~s shall be installed around every mobile home.
- (8) ~~Each mobile home park shall be provided with adequate park or recreational areas for residents based on a have recreation standard of 150 square feet recreation area per mobile home lot.~~
- (9) All streets and roads within a mobile home park shall have a minimum width of 50 feet. Cul-de-sac or dead end streets shall have a turning radius of at least 50 feet.
- (10) ~~All streets have a minimum paved surface width of 20 feet and a minimum thickness of six inches. Any of the following pavement bases shall be utilized:~~
  - a. ~~Sand-bituminous road mix.~~
  - b. ~~Florida lime rock base.~~
  - c. ~~Lime rock stabilized base (300 per square yard).~~
  - d. ~~Shell cement mix.~~
  - e. ~~Soil cement mix.~~
- (11) ~~All drainage plans for the mobile home park shall be approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District.~~
- (12) A landscaped buffer at least eight feet wide and six feet high or privacy fence six feet high with 85% opacity shall be maintained along the exterior boundary all property lines of the mobile home park.

(Code 1997, § 62-287; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-6, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2004-10, § 1, 9-16-2004; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 5, 8-17-2017; Ord. No. 2019-07, § 1, 9-19-2019)

Sec. 62-288. - ~~Neighborhood commercial district~~ Main Street Commercial C-NMSC.

- (a) *Intent.* ~~This district is intended to apply to areas where small groups of selected establishments may be appropriately located to serve in a convenient travelling distance from one or several neighborhoods. The C-NMSC district is not intended for use by major commercial or service establishments such as service stations, vehicle repair and sales, hotels, etc. However, professional and business offices and similar uses are encouraged.~~
- (b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.* **MOVED TO CHART**
  - (1) *Generally.*
    - a. ~~Local retail sales of wearing apparel, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, jewelry (including watch repair but not pawnshop), art supplies, cameras or photographic supplies (including camera repair), sporting goods, hobby shops and musical instruments, florist or gift shop, convenience stores, delicatessen, bake shop (but not wholesale bakery).~~
    - b. ~~Local service establishments such as barbershops or beauty shops, shoe repair shop, interior decorator, photographic studio, dance or music studio, tailor or dressmaker, and similar activities.~~
    - c. ~~Clinic/office, medical and dental (but not hospital), chiropractor (but not masseur), and optometrist.~~



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d. ~~Religious assembly or institution, library, museum, community center and art gallery.~~

(2) *Limitations.* The uses set forth in subsection (a)(1) of this section are All uses in the MSC are subject to the following limitations:

a. Sale, display, preparation, and storage to be conducted within a completely enclosed building, and

b. ~~No~~ more than 20 percent of floor space to be devoted to storage.

b. ~~Products to be sold only at retail.~~

c. ~~No sale, display or storage of secondhand merchandise except as incidental to sale of new merchandise.~~

d. No vehicles other than passenger automobiles or trucks of not more than three-quarter-ton capacity shall be used.

e. On the same premises and in connection with permitted principal uses and structures, one permanent dwelling unit only for occupancy by owners.

(c) ~~Permissible uses by exception.~~ The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review: **MOVED TO CHART**

(1) ~~Antique shop.~~

(2) ~~Establishments or retail facilities for the sale of alcoholic beverages with alcoholic content not more than 14 percent for consumption off premises. This subsection is not intended to limit the sale of malt beverages for off-premises consumption.~~

(3) ~~Restaurants (but not drive-in restaurants).~~

(4) ~~Self-service laundries or dry cleaners.~~

(5) ~~One gasoline pump island with not more than three pumps meeting the access and yard requirements for gasoline filling stations as an accessory use to a convenience store.~~

(d) ~~Minimum lot width requirements.~~ Seventy-five feet of accepted town street or roadway frontage and

(d) ~~Minimum size - 7,500 square feet of lot area.~~

(e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage by all buildings and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.

(f) *Minimum yard requirements.*

(1) Front: Twenty-five feet, ~~except where lot width is less than 100 feet and buildings on adjacent lots have provided a lesser front yard, the front yard shall be the average of buildings on adjacent lots, or where the lot is adjacent to residentially-zoned property, or~~ the front yard shall meet requirements for such of the adjacent property.

(2) Side: Ten feet.

(3) Rear: 35 feet.

(g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty-five feet in height above established grade or as permitted by exception.

(h) ~~Site plan required.~~ A site plan shall be submitted by the applicant according to section 62-40.

(Code 1997, § 62-288; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-7, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2014-01, § 1, 11-20-2014)

Sec. 62-289. - General commercial district C-1. **MOVED TO CHART**



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(a) *Intent.* This section applies to the C-1 district. This district is intended to apply to those areas where general commercial establishments are appropriate and are to be located so as to serve the entire community and its environs. It is not intended to provide for warehousing, production or similar facilities. It is designed to promote the orderly growth and development of the area and to permit adequate service by the street and highway system and the available community services and facilities.

(b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.*

- (1) ~~Retail outlets for sale of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, automotive vehicle parts and accessories (but not junkyards or automobile wrecking yards), heavy machinery and equipment, dairy supplies, monuments. Retail outlets for sale of food and drugs, wearing apparel, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, art supplies, cameras or photographic supplies (including camera repair), sporting goods, hobby shops, pet shops, veterinarian, musical instruments, television and radio (including repairs), florist or gift shop, delicatessen, bake shop (but not wholesale bakery), drugs, home furnishings and appliances (including repairs incidental to sales), office equipment, hardware, and similar uses.~~
- (2) ~~Service establishments such as automobile filling stations; truck stops; repair and service garages; motor vehicle body shops; rental of automotive vehicles, trailers, and trucks; auto laundries; drive-in restaurants; auction houses or pawnshops; laundries or dry cleaning establishments; veterinarian or animal boarding kennels in soundproof buildings; pest control; plant nurseries or landscape contractors; carpenter or cabinet shops; home equipment rental; ice delivery stations; job printing or newspaper establishments; blueprint; funeral home; upholstery shop; boat sales; dry storage of pleasure craft; private clubs radio or television broadcasting transmitter and antenna facilities; barbershops or beauty shops; shoe repair shop; restaurant; interior decorator; photographic studio; dance or music studio; reducing salon or gymnasium; self-service laundry; or dry cleaner; tailor or dressmaker; dry cleaning and laundry package plants in completely enclosed buildings using nonflammable liquids such as perchlorethylene and with no odor, fumes, or steam detectable to normal senses from off the premises and similar activities.~~
- (3) ~~Medical and dental offices and clinics.~~
- (4) ~~Churches (except temporary revival establishments).~~
- (5) ~~Hotels and motels.~~
- (6) ~~Hospitals, sanitariums, rest homes, nursing homes, convalescent homes, and homes for orphans and the aged.~~
- (7) ~~Art gallery, museum, community center, little theatre, and libraries.~~
- (8) ~~Research laboratories not involving odors, noise, smoke, or other obnoxious effects detectable to normal senses from outside the building nor involving electrical interference to any television or radio receivers off the premises, nor involving any manufacturing activities.~~
- (9) ~~Professional and business office, union halls.~~
- (10) ~~Bank and financial institutions, travel agencies, employment offices, and similar establishments.~~
- (11) ~~Commercial recreation facilities such as carnivals or circuses, open air or indoor motion picture theatres, billiard parlor, swimming pool, bowling alley, golf driving or archery ranges, par three miniature golf courses, indoor shooting galleries housed in completely enclosed buildings, skating rinks, pony rides, and similar uses.~~
- (12) ~~Miscellaneous uses such as outdoor fruit, vegetable, poultry, or fish markets.~~
- (13) ~~Athletic complex, arena, auditorium, convention center.~~



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- ~~(14) Wholesaling from sample stock only, providing no manufacturing or storage for distribution is permitted on the premises.~~
  - ~~(15) Manufacturing as involved in production of eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetic appliances, and similar products.~~
  - ~~(16) Vocational, trade, and business schools.~~
  - ~~(17) Indoor and outdoor skating rink.~~
  - ~~(18) Miscellaneous uses such as express or parcel delivery office, telephone exchange, commercial parking lots and parking garages, motorbus or other transportation terminals.~~
  - ~~(19) Sale of secondhand merchandise in a completely enclosed building.~~
  - (c) ~~Permissible uses by exception.~~ The following uses may be permitted by exception after site plan review:
    - ~~(1) Wholesale, warehouse, or storage use, but not bulk storage of flammable liquids.~~
    - ~~(2) Building trades contractor with storage yard for materials and equipment on premises.~~
    - ~~(3) Boat building and repairs.~~
    - ~~(4) Air conditioning and heating contractor or sheet metal fabrication.~~
    - ~~(5) Recreational vehicle parks.~~
    - ~~(6) One dwelling unit located in the same building as the main business for occupancy by the business owner and family.~~
  - ~~(dc) Minimum lot requirements width.~~ Seventy-five feet of accepted town street or roadway frontage and
  - ~~(d) mMinimum size.~~ 7,500 square feet of lot area.
  - (e) *Maximum lot coverage.* Maximum lot coverage for building and accessory structures shall not exceed 35 percent of lot area.
  - (f) *Minimum yard requirements.*
    - (1) *Front:* Ten feet or ~~except where the lot width is less than 100 feet and buildings on adjacent lots have provided a lesser front yard, the front yard shall be the average of buildings on adjacent lots, or where the lot is adjacent to residentially-zoned property, the front yard shall meet requirements for such of the adjacent property.~~
    - (2) *Side:* None, if an existing building on an the adjacent lot is built on the property line, or if the adjacent lot is vacant. ~~Except where no space is left between buildings on adjacent lots, a space of at least six feet shall be left between such buildings.~~
    - (3) *Rear:* Ten feet.
  - (g) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty-five feet in height above established grade or as permitted by exception.
  - ~~(h) Site plan required.~~ A site plan shall be submitted by the applicant according to section 62-40
- ~~(Code 1997, § 62-289; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-8, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 97-93, § 7, 4-6-1998; Ord. No. 2007-19, § 3, 1-17-2008; Ord. No. 2017-18, § 2, 1-18-2018)~~

Sec. 62-290. - Manufacturing and industrial warehousing district M-1.

- (a) *Intent.* ~~This section applies to the M-1 district.~~ This district is intended to apply to those areas where manufacturing, warehousing and other industrial uses are appropriate and are to be located where they can be best served by the street and highway system, water, sewer and other community services. Development shall be limited by the adequacy of services and resources available and



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shall be permitted as necessary to maintain the character, value and stability of the district and the town.

(b) *Permitted principal uses and structures.* Any use permitted in the C-1 commercial district. **MOVED TO CHART**

- (1) ~~Wholesaling, warehousing, storage, or distribution establishments and similar uses.~~
- (2) ~~Light manufacturing, processing including food processing, packaging, or fabricating.~~
- (3) ~~Printing, lithographing, publishing or similar establishments.~~
- (4) ~~Bulk storage yards, not including bulk storage of flammable liquids and acids.~~
- (5) ~~Outdoor storage yards and lots, provided such outdoor storage yard shall not be located closer than 25 feet to any public street and that such yard shall be completely enclosed by a solid fence or wall or equivalent visual barrier not less than eight feet high, except for the entrance and exit, and such openings shall be equipped with eight-foot-high visual barrier gates; and provided further that this provision shall not permit wrecking yards (including automobile wrecking yards), junkyards used in whole or in part for scrap or salvage operations or for processing storage, display or sales of any scrap, junk automotive vehicles, or secondhand automotive parts.~~
- (6) ~~Vocational, technical, trade or industrial schools or similar uses.~~
- (7) ~~Radio or television broadcasting offices, studios, transmitters, or antennas.~~
- (8) ~~Railroad sidings and spur tracks.~~
- (9) ~~Railroad rights-of-way, tracks, sidings, yards, etc.~~
- (10) ~~All essential public services including water, sewer, gas or electrical systems such as substations, lift stations, treatment plants and similar installations.~~
- (11) ~~Private Clubs as defined in Section 6-1 of this Code.~~
- (c) *Permissible use by exception.* The following use may be permitted by exception after site plan review: Restaurants, including those licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, or one dwelling unit for occupancy by security guards or caretakers.
- (d) *Minimum lot requirements/width.* Fifty feet of accepted town street or roadway frontage and
- (d) ~~m~~ *Minimum lot size* 10,000 square feet of lot area.
- (e) *Minimum yard requirements.*
  - (1) *Front:* 25 feet.
  - (2) *Side:* None; however, where buildings are not built with party or touching walls, the minimum distance between buildings shall be ten feet.
  - (3) *Rear:* Ten feet.
  - (4) ~~Wherever property zoned M-1 shall abut or adjoin property zoned primarily for single-family or multifamily residential use, the property zoned M-1, for a depth of 15 feet adjoining such residential property, shall be reserved for and planted with trees and bushes to create a visual buffer between such uses 15 feet.~~
- (f) *Maximum height of structures.* Thirty feet in height; or as permitted by exception.
- (g) *Site plan required.* A site plan shall be submitted by the applicant according to section 62-40.

(Code 1997, § 62-290; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-9, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2008-10, § 3, 8-7-2008; Ord. No. 2017-18, § 2, 1-18-2018)

Secs. 62-291—62-310. - Reserved.



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## ARTICLE V. - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

## Sec. 62-311. - Definition.

For the purpose of this chapter, a planned unit development (PUD) shall mean the development of land under unified control which is planned and developed as a whole in a single or programmed series of operations with uses and structures substantially related to the character of the entire development. A PUD must also include a program for the provision, maintenance and operation of all areas, improvements, facilities, and necessary services for the common use of all occupants thereof.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-311; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-2, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-312. - Intent.

The application of flexible land use controls to the development of land is often difficult or impossible within traditional zoning district regulations. In order to permit the use of more flexible land use regulations and to facilitate use of the most advantageous techniques of land development, it is often necessary to establish planned unit developments (PUDs) in which development is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of ~~this chapter the Land Development Regulations~~ and with the town's general planning program and ~~such the adopted Comprehensive Plans as may from time to time be adopted by the town council~~. However, development in a PUD differs in one or more respects from the usual application of provisions of this chapter. The objective of a PUD is to encourage ingenuity, ~~and~~ imagination and design efforts on the part of builders, architects, site planners and developers, to produce developments which are in keeping with overall land use intensity and open space objectives of this ~~chapter the Town~~, while departing from the strict application of use, setback, height and minimum lot size requirements of the several zoning districts. The intent of the PUD is to permit such flexibility and provide performance criteria which:

- (1) Permit a creative approach to the development of land;
- (2) Accomplish a more desirable environment than would be possible through the strict application of the minimum requirements of ~~this chapter the code~~;
- (3) Provide for an efficient use of land, ~~resulting in small networks of utilities and streets and thereby lowering development costs~~;
- (4) Enhance the appearance of the area through preservation of natural features, the provision of underground utilities and the provision of recreation areas and open space ~~in excess of existing zoning and subdivision requirements and~~;
- (5) ~~Provide an opportunity for new approaches to ownership~~;
- (6) Provide an environment of stable character compatible with surrounding areas; and
- (7) ~~Retain property values over the years.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-312; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-1, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-313. ~~Permissible uses.~~

~~Any use which is permitted or permissible by exception in any zoning district may be included and approved in a PUD.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-313; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-3, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-314. - Procedures.



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- (a) *Application for rezoning to PUD.* An application for rezoning to PUD shall proceed in general as for other applications for rezoning; and, in addition, shall include all the information required by the PUD ~~application to the information usually required for such applications, the following shall be required and shall include at a minimum:~~

- (1) ~~Plats and metes and bounds description of the area within the PUD~~Legal Description.
- (2) ~~The name and address of the owner and, if applicable, evidence of the assignment of an agent who represents the owner.~~
- (3) ~~Evidence of unified control of the entire area within the PUD with all owners within the area of the PUD identified.~~
- (4) ~~An agreement by all the property owners within the PUD which includes their to commitment to:~~
  - a. ~~Proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the ordinance creating a PUD and such conditions and safeguards as may be set by the town council in such ordinance;~~
  - (5)b. ~~Provide a written statement description of the development a proposal for completion of such development according to plans approved by such ordinance, and for continuing operating and maintenance to such areas, functions and facilities as are not to be provided, operated or maintained by the town pursuant to written agreement; and~~
  - c. ~~To bind their successors in title to any commitments made in their application included in the PUD ordinance.~~

- (b) *Materials to accompany applications.* An application for rezoning to PUD shall be accompanied by the following, in sufficient copies as deemed necessary by the planning and zoning board for referrals and recommendations:

- (1) ~~Plans, maps, studies and reports, as may reasonably be required by the town council and the planning and zoning board in order to make the findings and determinations called for in the particular case.~~
- (2) ~~Written description of the intended plan of development, clearly indicating where approval of the PUD will benefit the future occupants of the proposed development and the town in general. Such justification shall be based on the intent of the planned unit development.~~
- (3) ~~A sketch master development plan at an appropriate scale supporting the statement in subsection (b)(2) of this section, illustrating:~~
  - a. ~~The preliminary location, grouping, and height of all uses and facilities.~~
  - b. ~~In the case of residential development, the number of residential units proposed, their general location, number of stories, indicating those areas to be owner occupied and those to be renter occupied.~~
  - c. ~~A preliminary vehicular and pedestrian circulation system including driveways, walkways, parking areas, and streets to be dedicated plan.~~
  - d. ~~A system of location of open space and recreational uses, with estimates of the acreage to be dedicated and that to be retained in common and type of ownership.~~
  - e. ~~A topographic map at an appropriate scale showing contour lines, including all existing buildings and wooded areas.~~
- (4) ~~Preliminary A statements indicating how the problems of maintenance and ownership of common facilities will be resolved.~~
- (5) ~~Preliminary schedules of development, including the staging and phasing of the development:~~
  - a. ~~Areas to be developed, in order of priority;~~
  - b. ~~The construction of streets, utilities and other improvements necessary to serve the proposed development; and~~



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~~c. The dedication of land to public use.~~

~~(6) Each of the above elements shall be listed as to their relative order of improvement with an estimated time schedule for their accomplishment. It is, among other things, the intent of this requirement that the schedule of development be such that a staged implementation of the planned unit development would not result in land use conditions which would establish a precedent for the use of adjoining undeveloped property for purposes other than that shown on the approved planned unit development.~~

(c) *Action by the planning and zoning board and the town council.* Following the public hearing as required for all applications for rezoning, the planning and zoning board may recommend and to the town council may to enact an ordinance establishing a PUD, including any special conditions for the development related thereto, based upon findings that:

~~(1) The proposed PUD does not affect adversely the orderly development of the town, as embodied in this chapter and in any comprehensive plan or portion thereof adopted by the town council.~~

~~(2) The proposed PUD will not affect adversely the health and safety of residents in the area and will not be detrimental to the natural environment or to the use or development of adjacent properties or the general neighborhood.~~

~~(3) The proposed PUD will accomplish the objectives and will meet the standards and performance criteria of section 62-316.~~

(d) Minor Deviations from ordinance creating PUD. In order to facilitate minor adjustments to the plans approved as part of the ordinance creating a PUD, the planning and zoning board may approve minor changes in such plans which comply with the following criteria:

(1) There are the same or fewer number of dwelling units and/or floor area;

(2) The open space is in the same general location and in the same general amount, or a greater amount;

(3) The buildings have the same or less number of stories and/or floor area;

(4) The roads and drives follow approximately the same course; and have the same public or private rights therein.

(e) *Expiration of time limits provided in ordinance creating a PUD.* If development actions required by the ordinance creating a PUD are not taken within any time limits set by the town council in such ordinance, the approval of a PUD as provided in such ordinance shall become invalid and no further action shall be permitted under such ordinance.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-314; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-4, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-315. - Implementation of a PUD.

(a) *Development plan.* Following the enactment of an ordinance creating a PUD, a ~~detailed development plan~~ site plan application for ~~of~~ all or part of the PUD shall be submitted to the planning and zoning board for review in accordance with the schedule of development, as contained in the ordinance, which shall include:

(1) All materials, drawings, information and other documentation, ~~as required by the planning and zoning board in accordance with section 62-314~~ required by the site plan application, to certify substantial compliance with the PUD ordinance.

(2) Agreements, contracts, deed restrictions and sureties acceptable to the town for completion of such development according to plans approved in the ordinance, and for continuing operation and maintenance to such areas, functions and facilities as are not to be provided, operated, or maintained by the town pursuant to written agreement.



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- (b) *Record plan.* If the PUD ordinance requires the recording of record plats, such plats shall accompany the submission of the development plan to the planning and zoning board and shall be included in its approval of such plan, and plats so approved shall be recorded, as provided by law.
- (c) *Approval of development plan.* The planning and zoning board shall review the final development plan; and, if found in compliance with this chapter, the PUD ordinance and standards established pursuant to this section by the Town, shall approve the final development plan and forward an approved copy thereof to the land use administrator's office.
- (d) *Permits required.* All construction in the development of a PUD shall proceed only under applicable permits, issued by the land use administrator Town, and no building permit, certificate, or other document authorizing construction or occupancy within a PUD shall be issued, except in accordance with the approved development plan.

(Code 1997, § 62-315; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-5, 12-29-1987)

Sec. 62-316. - Standards and criteria.

- (a) ~~Density of developments.~~ The total ground occupied by buildings and structures shall not exceed the maximum density of the most similar residential zone as adjudged by the planning and zoning board and in no event may exceed 50 percent of the total ground area.
- (b) ~~Open space.~~ The PUD may include residential lots of smaller size than would be permitted by the zoning regulations otherwise applicable to the site, provided the overall density is not increased. The other lands shall be utilized as open space or such communitywide use areas shall be recorded upon the final development plan of the PUD. A minimum of 20 percent of the gross site acreage shall be reserved for common recreation and usable open space. Open space shall be utilized as a park for either passive or active recreation or as a conservation area or other community use. Such areas shall either be dedicated to the town or be maintained by a community association composed of residents of the PUD. Land recorded as open shall not be encroached upon by any residential, commercial, or industrial, primary or accessory use.
- (c) ~~Waiver of yard, dwelling unit, frontage criteria, and use restriction.~~ Minimum yard, lot size, type of dwelling unit, height and frontage requirements and use restrictions are waived for the PUD, provided the spirit and intent of this chapter is complied with in the total development of the PUD. However, the town council may, at its discretion, require adherence to minimum zone requirements within certain portions of the site if deemed necessary in order to maintain the spirit and intent of this chapter.
- (d) ~~Project size.~~ A PUD shall consist of a minimum of ten acres for residential zones and five acres in C-1 and M-1 zones.
- (e) ~~Support legal documents for open space.~~ Legal documents which assure adequate management and maintenance of the open space area must be provided by the developer for all areas proposed for common ownership by the residents of the PUD. Legal instruments provided for dedications, covenants, community associations, and subdivision controls shall:
  - (1) Place title of common property in a form of common ownership by the residents of the PUD; e.g., a duly constituted and legally responsible community association, cooperative, etc.
  - (2) Appropriately limit the use of common property.
  - (3) Place responsibility for management and maintenance of common property. The town council, at its discretion, may require the applicant to enter into a contract with the town for maintenance of commonly held properties.
  - (4) Place responsibility for enforcement of covenants.
  - (5) Permit the subjection of each lot to assessment for its proportionate share of maintenance costs.



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- (f) ~~Access. Access to each single-family dwelling unit shall be provided via either a public right-of-way or a private vehicular or pedestrian way owned by the individual lot owner in fee or in common ownership with the residents of the PUD.~~
- (g) ~~Privacy. Each dwelling unit within the PUD shall be provided visual and acoustical privacy. Fences, walks and landscaping shall be provided for the protection and aesthetic enhancement of property and the privacy of its occupants, screening of objectionable views or uses and reduction of noise.~~
- (h) *Community facilities.*
- (1) ~~All utility facilities proposed for dedication to the town must be acceptable by the town as to the size, shape, location, and shown by the applicant to be of benefit to the general public.~~
  - (2) ~~All requirements for off street parking and loading shall apply to the PUD unless otherwise waived or modified.~~
  - (3) ~~Access and circulation shall adequately provide for firefighting equipment, furniture moving vans, fuel trucks, refuse collection, deliveries and debris removal.~~
  - (4) ~~All PUDs shall provide for underground installation of utilities, including telephone, power and cable television in both public and private rights-of-way. Provisions shall be made for acceptable design and construction of storm-sewer facilities including grading, gutters, piping and treatment of turf to handle stormwaters, prevent erosion and formation of dust.~~
  - (5) ~~Specifications for street design shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted by the town.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-316; Ord. No. 87-119, § 6-10-6, 12-29-1987)~~

Secs. 62-317—62-340. - Reserved.

## ARTICLE VI. - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

## DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

~~Sec. 62-341. Encroachment and reduction of lot area.~~

~~The minimum yards, parking spaces, open spaces, off street parking and loading spaces, including lot area for each dwelling unit required by this chapter for all buildings in existence at the time of passage of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived or for all buildings hereafter erected, shall not be encroached upon or considered as required yard, or open space for any other building, except as hereinafter provided, nor shall any lot area be reduced below the requirements of this chapter.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-341; Ord. No. 87-119, § 4-2, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-342. - Frontage requirements.

Every building hereafter erected or moved shall be located on a lot or parcel of land which provides frontage on a public street or an approved private street.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-342; Ord. No. 87-119, § 4-6, 12-29-1987)~~~~Sec. 62-343. Corner yard setback lines.~~

~~Where setback lines have been established on streets, roads or highways, the front yard and side yard of corner lots shall be measured from such setback lines.~~



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- (1) ~~All utility facilities proposed for dedication to the town must be acceptable by the town as to the size, shape, location, and shown by the applicant to be of benefit to the general public.~~
  - (2) ~~All requirements for off street parking and loading shall apply to the PUD unless otherwise waived or modified.~~
  - (3) ~~Access and circulation shall adequately provide for firefighting equipment, furniture moving vans, fuel trucks, refuse collection, deliveries and debris removal.~~
  - (4) ~~All PUDs shall provide for underground installation of utilities, including telephone, power and cable television in both public and private rights-of-way. Provisions shall be made for acceptable design and construction of storm sewer facilities including grading, gutters, piping and treatment of turf to handle stormwaters, prevent erosion and formation of dust.~~
  - (5) ~~Specifications for street design shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted by the town.~~

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## Sec. 62-344. - Fences and walls.

- ~~(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, f~~Fences and walls may be permitted in any required yard or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence or wall in excess of six feet shall be permitted in any residential district, and further provided that no fence in excess of ~~three-four~~ feet in height shall be permitted to encroach into the required front yard of any lot in a residential district. No fence, wall or other visual barrier exceeding 36 inches in height shall be permitted within 30 feet of any intersection as measured from the point of convergence of right-of-way lines.
- ~~(b) No fence, wall, structure, hedge or other continuous planting shall be erected, placed or maintained on any lot line or within any front, rear or side yard in residential areas more than six feet in height, measured from the natural contour of the ground or adjoining lots or the particular lot (whichever is lower), except as follows:~~
- ~~(1) Where a residential lot abuts a business or industrial lot upon which a business is located.~~
  - ~~(2) Where peculiar circumstances render it appropriate after approval of the planning and zoning board.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-344; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-2, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 97-93, § 8, 4-6-1998)~~

## Sec. 62-345. - Modification of height regulations.

The height limitations contained in ~~article IV of this chapter~~ included in the Land Development Regulations do not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennas, water tanks, ventilators, chimneys, elevator shafts or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy; provided, however, that ~~notwithstanding the structure~~ (including appurtenances and structures normally erected above roof level) shall be erected to a height above adjacent ground level exceeding the most restrictive of the following:

- (1) Forty feet;
- (2) Elevations as may be prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration; or
- (3) Elevations as may be prescribed by the state unless applicable permit has been issued.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-345; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-3, 12-29-1987)~~~~Sec. 62-346. Erection of more than one main use structure on a lot.~~

~~More than one main use structure for a permitted or principal use shall not be erected on a single lot except as follows:~~

- ~~(1) More than one structure may be erected on a single lot, provided yard, area and other requirements of this chapter are met for each structure as though it were on an individual and separate lot; or~~
- ~~(2) More than one structure used for multiple family residential purposes may be erected on a single lot provided that an open space of not less than 15 feet is provided between each structure, required yards are provided between any structure and all lot lines, minimum and maximum lot coverage for all of such buildings taken together comply with district regulations.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-346; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-4, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-347. - Buildings to have access.



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- (a) Every building hereafter erected or moved shall be on a lot adjacent to a public street or private street approved by the town council, provided that such private street right-of-way shall be not less than 60 feet in width and further provided that all structures shall be so located on lots as to provide safe and convenient access for servicing, fire protection and required off-street parking. Existing easements or right-of-way of record shall be excluded.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-347; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-5, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2006-11, § 1, 1-18-2007)~~

Sec. 62-348. - Parking of heavy vehicles in residential districts.

- (a) Heavy vehicles listed below shall not be parked in any residential district except as may be required for normal loading or unloading of such vehicles and during the time normally required for service at dwellings, or at structures or activities permitted or permissible in such residential districts ~~by the terms of this chapter:~~
- (1) Tractors and trucks for commercial use over 18,000 pounds, gross vehicle weight.
  - (2) Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers equipped with machinery and designed for exclusive use in the nature of well drilling, excavation, construction, spraying and like purposes.
  - (3) School buses, commercial wreckers, hearses, ambulances.
  - (4) Ten persons and over passenger vehicles.
  - (5) Trucks used for agricultural purposes over 5,000 pounds, gross vehicle weight.
- (b) In no event shall such vehicles be permitted to be parked along public highways and streets during the hours of darkness.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-348; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-6, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-349. - Parking or storage of inoperable vehicles.

Dismantled and/or partially dismantled vehicles which require major repairs to render such vehicles operable and vehicles not legally registered and licensed by the state department of highway safety and motor vehicles shall not be parked or stored in any residential zoning district, ~~except by exception.~~ In commercial and manufacturing zoning districts vehicles must be visually screened by a solid wall or privacy fence from any abutting public or private right-of-way.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-349; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-7, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 6, 8-17-2017)~~

~~Sec. 62-350. Service stations.~~

~~The following regulations shall apply to the location, design, construction and operation, and maintenance of service stations:~~

- ~~(1) Lot dimensions. A service station lot shall be of adequate width and depth to meet all setback requirements, but in no case shall a corner lot have less than two street frontages of at least 100 feet each and an area of at least 22,500 square feet, and an interior lot shall have a street frontage of at least 100 feet and a minimum area of 15,000 square feet.~~
- ~~(2) Site development. A raised curb of at least six inches in height should be erected along all of the street property lines, except for driveway openings. This barrier helps to define driveway openings and prevents operation of vehicles on the sidewalks except at the designated crossings. The entire service area shall be paved with a permanent surface of concrete or asphalt. Any unpaved areas of the site shall be landscaped and separated from the paved areas by a curb or another barrier.~~



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- (3) ~~Buildings.~~ All main and accessory structures shall be set back at least 40 feet from all street right-of-way lines to provide adequate area for maneuvering vehicles in the service area and proper visibility, particularly at intersections.
- (4) ~~Access driveways and curb cuts.~~ Each driveway giving access to a gasoline service station must be constructed so as to prevent its being widened through usage. No driveway or curb cut for a driveway shall be located within ten feet of an adjoining property line, as extended to the curb or pavement, or within 20 feet of any exterior (corner) lot line or street intersection. The number of curb breaks or driveways giving access to a single street shall not exceed two for each 100 feet of street frontage, each having a width of not more than 25 feet or less than 20 feet. Any two driveways giving access to a single street shall be separated by an island with a minimum dimension of 20 feet at both the right-of-way line and the curb or edge of the pavement.
- (5) ~~Lighting.~~ All lights and lighting located on service station premises shall be so designed and arranged so that no source of light shall be directly visible from any residential district. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit interior lighted signs.
- (6) ~~Location of pumps and structures.~~ No main or accessory buildings, no sign of any type, and no gasoline pump shall be located within 20 feet of the lot line of any property that is residentially zoned. No gasoline pump shall be located within 20 feet of any street right of way. Where a future widening setback line has been established, this setback shall be measured from such line.
- (7) ~~Screening.~~ When the station abuts a residential district, it shall be separated therefrom by a solid wall or equivalent planting screen at least six feet high along side and rear lot lines.

(Code 1997, § 62-350; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-8, 12-29-1987)

## Sec. 62-351. - Yard and measurement of setbacks.

- (a) Every part of a required yard shall be open from its lowest point to the sky, unobstructed, except for the ordinary projection of sills, belt courses, cornices, buttresses, ornamental features, chimneys, and eaves; provided, however, that none of these projections shall project into a minimum front or side yard more than 36 inches.
- (b) On multiple frontage lots, the required front yard shall be provided on each street.
- (c) ~~Where setback lines are established on streets, roads or highways, the front yard of all lots and the side yard of corner lots shall be measured from such setback lines.~~
- (d) ~~Open or enclosed fire escapes, fireproof outside stairways and balconies projecting into a minimum yard or court not more than four feet and ordinary projection of chimneys and flues are permitted.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-351; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-9, 12-29-1987)

## Sec. 62-352. - Buffer between districts.

Where an ~~RMHMSC~~ C-1 or M-1 district adjoins an agricultural or single-family residential district without an intervening street or alley, a buffer ~~as required~~ of planted green space and a solid wall or fence at least six feet in height which creates a visual barrier shall be ~~erected by the owner prior to the exercise of any use permitted in an RMH, commercial or industrial district~~ along all sides and rear property lines ~~so adjoining, except that the buffer shall not project into any adjacent residential property.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-352; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-10, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 7, 8-17-2017)

## Sec. 62-353. - Essential public services.



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Essential public services may be permitted in any zoning district. Essential public services are defined as, but not limited to, such uses as water, sewer, gas, telephone or electrical distribution systems, schools, parks, and other governmental uses ~~after review by the planning and zoning board~~. Construction with appropriate screening and/or landscaping shall be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-353; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-11, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-354. - Waste disposal.

On all commercial property and multiple-family housing sites where commercial type refuse containers (dumpsters) are used, an adequate amount of space shall be provided for the placement of the necessary containers. Junk, scrap and waste collection areas shall be located off-street and to the rear of structures, allowing adequate maneuvering space for the servicing of the sites by the sanitation service. These areas shall have improved surface: milling, crushcrete, gravel, limestone, concrete or asphalt, and ingress-egress corridors to accommodate the servicing vehicles. All areas used for the waste collection shall be enclosed and visually screened by a solid wall or privacy fence from any abutting public or approved private street or public right-of-way. Waste disposal areas shall be constructed in a manner architecturally compatible with surrounding main use buildings.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-354; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-12, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2007-19, § 4, 1-17-2008; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 8, 8-17-2017)~~

Sec. 62-355. - Mobile homes and ~~temporary offices~~ Trailers.

- (a) *Temporary office.* A mobile home or trailer may be used in any zoning district as a temporary office or shelter for materials or tools incidental to construction ~~or development of the premises upon which the mobile home or trailer is located~~, provided a permit for such construction or development has been issued, and such permit includes authorization for temporary use of a mobile home or trailer. Such use of a mobile home or trailer shall not be permitted for more than one month after the completion of such construction ~~or development~~.
- (b) *Temporary public use.* Any agency of local, municipal, state or federal government may utilize a mobile home or trailer for temporary public purposes in any zoning district; ~~provided such use~~ The mobile home or trailer shall not be used for include any residential use.
- (c) *Sales office.* A mobile home or trailer may be used as a sales office ~~on a mobile home sales lot~~ in any zoning district ~~permitting such use~~.
- (d) ~~*Special exception.* Existing mobile homes on a lot of record prior to December 17, 1987, may be upgraded or replaced as the primary residence of the property owner, by special exception.~~
- (e) ~~*Mobile home on individual lot in certain districts.* Mobile homes shall not be located in any district which does not specifically allow mobile homes as a permitted or permissible use except where granted as a special exception by the planning and zoning board to alleviate a hardship. All special exceptions granted for hardship reasons, for mobile home installations, shall be granted under the following guidelines:~~
  - (1) ~~All special exceptions granted shall be for a temporary period of time.~~
  - (2) ~~All special exceptions granted for financial hardship reasons will be for a period designated by the planning and zoning board but in no case shall the special exception exceed three years, inclusive of any extensions or renewals. All special exceptions may be granted only after petitioner has provided proof of need for such an exception, consistent with rules promulgated by the planning and zoning board pursuant to section 62-94.~~
  - (3) ~~All special exceptions granted will be reviewed by the planning and zoning board twice per year for justification of continuation. The review process will be as follows:~~



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- a. ~~The town clerk and the land use administrator will keep separate call-up files and advise the planning and zoning board chairperson when a review is due.~~
  - b. ~~The special exception grantee will be notified of the review date and will come before the planning and zoning board and present documentation that verifies that the hardship still exists and that the special exception should continue.~~
  - c. ~~The grantee or a representative's failure to participate in this review will result in termination of the special exception.~~
  - d. ~~This review process is retroactive.~~
  - (4) ~~All special exceptions granted for mobile homes pursuant to this section 62-355 or its predecessor(s) prior to September 1, 2019, shall be terminated and, in their stead, the properties subject to these special exceptions shall be deemed nonconformities pursuant to section 62-62.~~
- (Code 1997, § 62-355; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-13, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 97-93, § 9, 4-6-1998; Ord. No. 2000-05, §§ 7-9, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2001-06, § 3, 2-21-2002; Ord. No. 2003-01, §§ 7-9, 3-6-2003; Ord. No. 2019-08, § 1, 9-19-2019)

#### ~~Sec. 62-356. Townhouses and condominiums.~~

~~Each structure containing townhouses or condominiums or each development of contiguous townhouse or condominium units shall comply with all regulations for multifamily dwellings of the district where permitted. In addition to regulations applicable to the entire building or development, the following regulations shall apply to individual single-family townhouse units in such buildings or developments:~~

- (1) ~~No side yards shall be required for individual interior townhouse units.~~
- (2) ~~The minimum individual lot area per dwelling unit shall not be less than 7,500 square feet for each family unit.~~
- (3) ~~Each townhouse unit shall have access to a public or private street.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-356; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-14, 12-29-1987)

#### Sec. 62-357. - Excavation and/or filling.

~~No excavation or filling can occur on a lot unless an active permit has been issued for the property for purposes other than the construction of a driveway, walk, swimming pool, a permitted wall or building or part thereof, or accessory thereto, or to remove topsoil from one part of the lands of an owner to another part of the same premises, when such removal is necessary as an accessory use or is for the purpose of farming or improving such property, shall be made unless pPermission for excavation for site clearing must be is granted by the planning and zoning board and any necessary state permits are secured only site clearing is being requested, if applicable. Further, excavation or filling new development of any type or the enlargement or alteration of any existing use or structure shall be prohibited in the identified flood hazard areas of the town unless permission is granted by the planning and zoning board and necessary permits are secured from applicable agencies. This does not include ponds and borrow pits.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-357; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-15, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 9, 8-17-2017)

#### Sec. 62-358. - Supplementary regulations for certain uses.

- (a) It is the intent that these supplementary regulation standards and criteria be read in addition to, rather than in lieu of, any other requirement in Land Development Regulations. The following uses, whether



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permitted or permissible by exception, must meet the criteria listed under each use as a prerequisite for further consideration under this Zoning Code.

(a) Animals. In addition to the permissible uses by exception listed in the schedule of district regulations (article IV of this chapter), the following uses shall be permissible by exception in the districts indicated; and, unless specific provision is made otherwise in the grant of exception, such uses, whether permitted or permissible by exception, shall conform to all supplementary regulations listed under such use:

- (1) ~~Animals and fowl.~~ Animals and fowl, excluding household pets and chickens, shall not be kept in residential districts subject to conditions as may be provided by the planning and zoning board in a grant of exception to protect the public health, safety, or general welfare. No nondomestic animal shall be permitted to be kept within the town limits without the granting of an exception by the planning and zoning board.
- (2) ~~Horses and ponies.~~ Horses and ponies may be kept in residential districts only Allowed for private riding use, shall be limited to one horse or pony per one-half acre, and only if a place of shelter therefore shall be provided which is not closer than 50 feet to any residence. Such horses and ponies shall be kept in a fenced enclosure in the rear yard, not closer than 25 feet to any private property line. If the property is a corner or through lot, the horses and ponies shall be kept in the side yard.
- (3) ~~Other household pets.~~ Other household pets may be kept in residential districts subject to conditions as may be provided by the planning and zoning board in a grant of exception to protect the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- (4) ~~Day care/nurseries~~ Child care Centers. Day nurseries, including kindergartens and child care centers, shall be a permissible use by exception in all residential districts subject to all the following conditions:
  - a. Minimum lot area shall be not less than 7,500 square feet and lot width in portion used for fenced play area shall be not less than 60 feet.
  - b. Day care /a child care centers shall provide a fenced outdoor play area which meets the minimum requirements set forth by the state licensing agency and which shall be located in the rear or side yards of the subject property. A fenced outdoor play area of not less than 600 square feet shall be provided in the rear yard.
  - c. All facilities, operation and maintenance shall meet all applicable county and/or state regulations for such use.
  - d. An application for exception, where required, shall state ~~t~~ The maximum number of children to be 50 in residential areas ~~accommodated~~ and in no case shall the number of children approved in the grant of exception be exceeded.
  - e. Off-street parking, loading and unloading areas shall be maintained as provided in the plan approval with the exception of a permit for such use.
  - f. ~~A ten-foot-wide planting buffer and a six-foot-high solid fence shall be erected and maintained by any commercial or industrial use abutting a residential use or district.~~
- (5) ~~Cemeteries.~~ Cemeteries and mausoleums (but not funeral homes or mortuaries) are permissible uses by exception in all residential districts.
- (6) ~~Railroads.~~ Railroad right-of-way and trackage (but not switching, loading, freight or storage yards, building and maintenance structures) are permissible uses by exception in all residential districts.
- (7) ~~Private school.~~ Private elementary and high schools with academic curriculum similar to those of public elementary and high schools are permissible uses by exception in all residential districts.



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~~(8) Churches. Churches (but not temporary revival establishments) are permissible uses by exception in all residential districts.~~

~~(b) In addition to the permissible uses listed in the schedule of district regulations (article IV of this chapter), the following uses shall be permissible in the districts indicated; and, unless specific provision is made otherwise such uses, whether permitted or permissible shall conform to all supplementary regulations listed under such use:~~

~~(15) Customary ~~h~~Home occupations. Home occupations are a permissible use in any district subject to must meet all of the following conditions:~~

- ~~a. No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.~~
- ~~b. The use of the premises shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes and shall under no circumstances change the residential character ~~thereof~~ of the structure.~~
- ~~c. There shall be no change in outside appearance of a building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation, except that one sign may be permitted, not exceeding one square foot in area, nonilluminated, mounted flat against the wall of the principal building or on a post in the front yard at least five feet back from the street or roadway line.~~
- ~~d. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.~~
- ~~e. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.~~
- ~~f. The giving of art, music or other instructions or lessons shall be limited to not more than four persons at any one time.~~
- ~~g. Fabrication of articles such as are commonly classified under the terms of arts and handicraft may be deemed a home occupation, subject to other terms and conditions of this definition, and providing no retail sales are made at the dwelling unit.~~
- ~~h. No outside storage of business materials or products.~~

~~(2) Yard sales. Yard sales are a permissible use in any district subject to all of the following conditions:~~

- ~~a. No yard sale shall be permitted Monday through Thursday.~~
- ~~b. All merchandise shall be removed from site at the end of the last day of sale.~~

~~(3) Chickens. Chickens are a permissible use in any district subject to all of the following conditions:~~

- ~~a. Chicken, for the purpose of this section shall be defined as a hen (gallus domesticus), and shall be kept within a coop or enclosure (a fenced or wired-in area, pen or run) at all times. A coop is herein defined as a covered house, structure or room that will provide the chickens with shelter from weather and with a roosting area protected from predators.~~
- ~~b. Any coop and/or fenced enclosure shall be located in the rear yard of the property, unless the property is deemed to be a corner lot or double frontage lot. No coop, enclosure or chicken shall be allowed in any front or side yard (on corner and through lots the enclosure shall be located in the side yard).~~
- ~~c. Property owners shall obtain a non-fee permit from the town prior to constructing or erecting any coop or enclosure.~~



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- d. ~~Chickens may not be kept in the multifamily (R-3, RM-4 or RMH) zoning districts.~~
- e. ~~No roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, pheasants, quail or any nondomestic fowl may be kept except by the granting of an exception by the planning and zoning board.~~
- f. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. The maximum number of chickens that may be kept shall not exceed 15 chickens. Selling of hens, eggs or manure, or the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- g. All coops or enclosures shall be located at least ten feet from the rear property line, side property line and the property's principal residential structure. Coops and enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Chickens shall not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of odor, noise or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-358; Ord. No. 87-119, § 8-16, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 97-93, § 10, 4-6-1998; Ord. No. 2000-05, §§ 10, 11, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, §§ 10, 11, 3-6-2003; Ord. No. 2004-19, § 4, 1-6-2005; Ord. No. 2009-02, § 1, 6-8-2009; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 10, 8-17-2017)~~

Sec. 62-359. - Accessory uses and structures.

- (a) Accessory uses and structures are permitted in all districts provided such uses and structures are of a nature customarily incidental and clearly subordinate to a permitted or permissible principal use or structure and, unless otherwise provided, are located on the same lot (or contiguous lot in the same ownership) as such principal use. Where a building or portion thereof is attached to a building or structure containing such principal use, such building or portion shall be considered as a part of a principal building and not an accessory building. Accessory uses shall not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district where located and shall be subject to the following:
  - (1) Accessory uses and structures shall not be located in required front or side yards in any residential district except as follows:
    - a. On double frontage lots, through lots and corner lots, accessory uses and structures may be located in any required side yard.
    - b. Accessory structures for the housing of persons such as guesthouses ~~or servant quarters~~ shall not be located in any required yard.
    - c. Detached accessory structures, other than as in subsection (a)(1)b of this section, which are separated from the main structure by not less than ten feet may be located in a required side or rear yard but not less than three feet from any lot line.
    - d. Air conditioning compressors or other equipment designed to serve the main structure may be located in any required side or rear yard but not less than seven feet from any lot line.
    - e. ~~A carport may be allowed in a required front yard by special exception, provided that the home does not have an existing carport or garage, and that the carport is located not less than ten feet from the front property line.~~
  - (2) Accessory uses and structures in any residential district shall include noncommercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, ~~servant's quarters and~~ guesthouses, private garages, tool and garden sheds, swimming pools, tennis courts, barbecue pits, ~~facilities for security guards and caretakers,~~ and similar uses or structures which:
    - a. Do not involve the conduct of business of any kind.



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- b. Are of a nature not likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
  - c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of a residential neighborhood.
- (3) Private swimming pools, ~~as regulated herein,~~ shall be a structure of concrete, masonry or other approved material and finish, not located within a completely enclosed building, filled with a controlled water supply, and used or designed to be used for bathing or swimming purposes by humans. A private swimming pool shall be allowed in a residential district as an accessory use only if it fully complies with the following conditions:
- a. That the pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupants or bona fide guests.
  - b. That the pool ~~may be located no nearer than the~~ not be located in the required setback for the district ~~wherein located from any interior property line.~~ A swimming pool shall not be permitted in any required front yard.
  - c. ~~That the pool shall be enclosed by a retaining wall or fence having a minimum height of four feet, but not over eight feet, and so constructed or installed as to obstruct access thereto by persons other than the owners or occupants of the premises on which the swimming pool is located. All fences and gates shall be installed in such fences shall be self-latching with latches placed at least four feet six inches above the underlying ground. In accordance with Florida Statutes to comply with the Florida Building Code.~~
  - d. Any temporary or aboveground pool exceeding two feet in height shall meet these requirements and the requirements of the Florida Building Code. ~~conditions in subsections (a)(3) a, b and c of this section.~~
- (4) The height of all accessory structures in a residential zone shall be limited to 22 feet above the established grade.
- ~~(5) Cargo boxes, semitrailer boxes or the like shall be allowed in the C-1, M-1, and A-1 districts only.~~
- ~~(6) Containerized freight units may be used as accessory buildings in any district provided that the exterior of the unit must be coated with paint, stucco, vinyl or other material so as to be aesthetically consistent with the residence on the property, in the case of residential districts, and aesthetically consistent with other building(s) on the property in the case for other districts. In all other districts, these units will be allowed in backyard areas only. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the term "Containerized Freight Units" shall be limited to containers that have a metal shell, have been used in commerce, not home-made, not used for residential purposes, and not constructed of or used to carry liquids or hazardous materials.~~
- (b) Except for temporary storage of building supplies during the period of construction of the main use building, no accessory building shall be used or occupied until the main use building on the lot is being used. ~~This restriction shall not apply to well houses.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-359; Ord. No. 87-119, §§ 4-3, 8-17, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 97-93, §§ 11, 12, 4-6-1998; Ord. No. 2000-05, § 12, 10-5-2000; Ord. No. 2003-01, § 11, 3-6-2003; Ord. No. 2006-11, § 2, 1-18-2007; Ord. No. 2010-07, §§ 1, 2, 6-20-2011; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 11, 8-17-2017)~~

Sec. 62-360. - Residences destroyed by acts of God.

Homeowners shall be allowed to place temporary housing on property when their residence is destroyed by an act of God. Temporary housing may consist of a recreational vehicle or travel trailer. Temporary housing will be granted for a period of not to exceed 180 days from the date the residence is



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destroyed. Mobile home replacement can be granted without special exception when the mobile home has been destroyed by an act of God. ~~A replacement mobile home may be granted a move on permit when the permit is approved by the land use administrator and the planning and zoning board chairperson.~~ Single or multiple family residences can be re-built in any district if the residence is destroyed by an act of God and is located in the general commercial district C-1. All other sections of this chapter Land Development Regulations must be adhered to, including setbacks, lot size, and lot coverage, and principal residence by homeowner.

(Code 1997, § 62-360; Ord. of 4-11-1995; Ord. No. 2019-03, § 2, 5-16-2019)

Sec. 62-361. - Ponds and borrow pits.

- (a) ~~Applicability. Provisions of this section apply to all new ponds and borrow pits located within the Town of Hilliard. Ponds and borrow pits constructed prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives are not subject to these provisions. However, a~~ Any new pond or borrow pit or the expansion or change to an existing pond or borrow pit shall be subject to these standards. Size of the pond or borrow pit, as specified in this section, refers to the land area at the top of bank at the largest point during the excavation.
- (b) *Exemptions.* The following activities are exempt from the requirements of this section:
  - (1) ~~Bona fide agricultural activities on property classified as agricultural land by the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office according to F.S. § 193.461(3) (a), or exempt agricultural activities per Rule 40C-44.051, F.A.C.;~~
  - (2) Maintenance dredging or repair of canals, lakes, rivers, and stormwater management facilities, provided permit requirements from other local, state, and federal agencies are met;
  - (3) Work included in a duly approved residential subdivision or non-residential construction project;
  - (4) ~~Swimming pool construction, provided that a building permit has been issued for construction of the swimming pool.~~
  - (5) Sites where contamination investigation and remediation are being conducted under the direction of the Department of Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided that there will be no permanent change in the final grade of the land surface upon completion of the project. Such activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, contaminated soil removal.
  - (6) Minor excavations normally and customarily associated with owner-occupied, single-family residences, where no material leaves the property and the excavation is performed without heavy equipment.
- (c) *Standards for ponds.*
  - (1) ~~The owner/applicant shall submit a scaled site plan or sketch to the building departmentTown illustrating the following: p~~ Parcel boundaries, easements, buildings, septic systems, wetlands, and the proposed pond. ~~The building department shall review the application within ten working days of submittal and issue a letter confirming that the application conforms to this article. The Planning and Zoning Board~~
  - (2) The following standards shall apply to ponds:
    - a. Twenty-five-foot setbacks shall be observed from parcel boundaries, septic systems, and wetlands;
    - b. Four feet horizontal to one foot vertical (4:1) slopes shall be observed to a depth of two feet below mean low water line;
    - c. Maximum depth shall be twelve feet below the seasonal high groundwater table elevation; and



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- d. Lot upon which the proposed pond will be located shall be a minimum of one acre in size (uplands).
- (3) The aggregation requirements ~~of this section 62-361(d)(4) of the pond or borrow pit~~ shall apply to the excavation of any pond.
- (4) ~~Duration of town approval. Town approval to excavate a pond shall expire 60 days from the approval date. The expiration date may be extended for 30 days upon submission of a written extension request from the operator to the building department. Upon expiration of the town approval, the operator may re-apply in accordance with this section.~~
- (5) Application requirements for ponds. An application for a pond shall contain the following documentation:
- a. Any access/haul roads that abut a public or private paved road shall provide for edge of pavement stabilization with, a minimum depth of six inches, which stabilization may consist of compacted crushed crete, limerock, slag rock, or asphalt millings, to protect pavement edge; and
- (6) Hours of operation. Ponds excavation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- (d) *Standards for borrow pits.*
- (1) The owner/applicant shall submit a site plan signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida to the ~~building department~~Town illustrating the standards established in ~~subsection (6)required by the Land Development Regulations~~. The ~~building department~~ shall review the application within five working days of submittal and issue a letter confirming that the application conforms to this section.
- (2) The owner/applicant shall obtain permits or an exemption from the SJRWMD for the construction of borrow pits, projects which exceed thresholds for management and storage of surface waters and consumptive use. The owner/applicant shall be responsible for determining requirements of the SJRWMD. The applicant ~~and~~ shall provide the ~~building department~~Town with SJRWMD permits necessary to operate the borrow pit or a copy of the exemption letter, if the SJRWMD determines no permit is required for the construction and operation of the borrow pit, written verification from the SJRWMD exempting the borrow pit from the SJRWMD's permitting requirements.
- (3) Where the SJRWMD determines that no permit is required for the construction and operation of the borrow pit, the borrow pit shall be no closer than 100 feet setback from any property boundary.
- (4) Borrow pits shall not be closer than 75 feet to any part of a septic tank system.
- (5) Any two or more excavations, located upon lands under common ownership, within 660 feet of each other shall be aggregated and regulated as if a single excavation.
- (6) Application requirements for borrow pits. An application for a borrow pit shall contain the following documentation:
- a. Erosion and sediment control ~~measures if required by the SJRWMD~~;
- b. Plans for any dewatering activities ~~if required by the SJRWMD~~;
- c. Access to the project (~~Note: Owner to provide access to the appropriate town personnel for the purpose of inspection during normal working hours and at reasonable times when work is in progress~~);
- d. Fence detail. If side slopes are less than four feet horizontal to one foot vertical (4:1) down to two feet below mean low water level;
- e. Location and setbacks to: Property lines, structures, septic tanks, wetlands, right-of-way, easements, and existing bodies of water;



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- f. Documentation of the seasonal high groundwater level (soil bore to determine lithology) if excavation will be deeper than twelve (12) feet below the seasonal high groundwater table elevation as referenced in Rule 40C-42.026, F.A.C.;
  - g. Any access/haul roads that abut a public or private paved road shall provide for edge of pavement stabilization with, a minimum depth of six inches, which stabilization may consist of compacted crushed crete, limerock, slag rock, or asphalt millings, to protect pavement edge; and
  - h. Access points abutting a public or private road shall be at least 12 feet wide.
- (7) Hours of operation. Borrow pits may operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- (8) ~~Duration of town approval. Town~~The Planning and Zoning Board shall approve ~~to the operate operation of a borrow pit~~The operation of the borrow pit shall expire on the expiration date of the environmental resource permit (ERP) issued by the SJRWMD. If the operator obtains an extension of the ERP by the SJRWMD, the operator shall provide the building ~~Town~~department with a copy of the ERP extension approval from the SJRWMD. ~~The An extension shall be automatically be approved based on the extension of SJRWMD permit.~~ building department shall extend town approval to operate the borrow pit to that expiration date established by the ERP.
- (e) *Bonding requirements for platted subdivisions.* For the duration of the authorized work, a maintenance bond, equal to \$0.10 per cubic yard of material removed, shall be required by the public works director for any pond or borrow pit where the excavation is accessed from a public road or street dedicated as part of a subdivision platted pursuant to F.S. Ch. 177.
- (f) *Administration and enforcement.*
- (1) ~~Unless exempted as provided in this article, all ponds and borrow pits in the town shall conform to the procedures and standards established in this section. It shall be unlawful to operate or construct a pond or borrow pit without approval as established in this section.~~
  - (2) ~~The building department shall issue written approval to the applicant prior to commencement of the activities. Said approval must be in effect at all times during the construction of the pond or operation of the borrow pit.~~
  - (3) Code enforcement shall investigate alleged violations in accordance with town regulations. Code enforcement shall have the authority to temporarily stop work pending adjudication.
  - (4) ~~Revocation. Authorization under this section shall be revocable at any stage of the work contemplated herein upon the following grounds:~~
    - a. Approval was granted upon gross misrepresentation by the applicant;
    - b. The work violates any ordinance of the town;
    - c. The work is not being performed in accordance with the provisions of this section; or
    - d. The work is not being performed in accordance with the terms of any permit or development order.
  - (5) ~~The town may avail itself of any other legal or equitable remedy available to it, including, without limitation, injunctive relief or revocation of any approval involved. Any person violating this section shall be liable for all costs incurred by the town in connection with enforcing this chapter, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, and temporary safety measures put in place, or caused to be put in place by the town.~~
- (g) *Audit.* One year after the adoption of this section, the planning and zoning department and the building department shall perform an audit of ponds and borrow pits constructed or operated pursuant to this section. The audit shall evaluate the efficacy of this section in the regulation of ponds and borrow pits and shall include an evaluation of enforcement efforts against unauthorized excavations.



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Secs. 62-362—62-380. - Reserved.

## DIVISION 2. - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Sec. 62-381. - Purpose of division; space required.

The purpose of this division is to ensure the reasonable provision for future off-street parking facilities within the town. As previously defined, an "off-street parking space" consists of a minimum area of ~~ten-nine~~ feet by ~~18-20~~ feet, ~~200 square feet exclusive of the area required for access. In computing minimum areas for parking purposes, a minimum of 200 square feet per required parking space shall be used in determining the required area to meet these off-street parking requirements exclusive of access thereto. Any use not enumerated in this division shall provide off-street parking facilities in the proportion required of the enumerated use which most closely is related to it in the opinion of the planning and zoning board. A minimum parking area of nine feet by 20 feet, 180 square feet is for all-day employee parking only.~~

(Code 1997, § 62-381; Ord. No. 87-119, § 9-1, 12-29-1987)

Sec. 62-382. - General off-street parking requirements.

- (a) Off-street parking facilities shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. Conforming buildings and uses existing ~~at the time of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived~~ may be modernized, altered, or repaired without providing additional off-street parking, providing there is no increase in area or capacity. Where a conforming building or use exists ~~ed at the time of the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived~~, and such building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding floor area, volume, or seats, off-street parking ~~as specified in this chapter~~ shall be provided for the additional floor area, volume, capacity or seats so created or used. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use shall meet the off-street parking requirements of this article ~~prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy or zoning compliance. There shall be provided one parking space (12 feet by 20 feet with sign) for persons who have disabilities for every 50 spaces or fraction thereof required~~ Handicapped parking spaces must comply with Florida Statutes.
- (b) At the time of the erection of any building or structure or at the time any structure is enlarged or increased in capacity and/or changed in usage, the following minimum off-street parking spaces are required:

Use	Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required
<u>Bowling alley</u>	<u>Five spaces per alley</u>
<u>Bus, railroad or other transportation terminals</u>	<u>One space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area.</u>
<u>Business, commercial or personal service establishment</u>	<u>One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area.</u>
<u>Churches, funeral homes, clubs, lodges, dance, art and music studios, vocational, trade and business school</u>	<u>One space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.</u>
<u>Commercial shopping centers</u>	<u>One space for each 100 square feet of non-storage floor area</u>
<u>Hotels and motels</u>	<u>One space for each sleeping room</u>
<u>Industrial uses</u>	<u>One space for each 700 square feet of gross floor area</u>



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Use	Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required
	<u>devoted to manufacturing, shipping or receiving, plus one space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area devoted to office use</u>
<u>Institutional uses such as sanitariums, rest homes, hospitals, and nursing homes</u>	<u>One space for each two beds plus one additional space for each two employees on the day shift</u>
<u>Mobile home parks, subdivisions and mobile homes on individual lot</u>	<u>Two spaces per mobile home.</u>
<u>Multifamily dwellings</u>	<u>Two spaces per dwelling units plus one space for owner or operator and one space for each two employees</u>
<u>Place of public assembly such as auditoriums and theaters</u>	<u>One space for each four seats</u>
<u>Professional and business offices</u>	<u>One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area</u>
<u>Radio or television broadcasting office or studio</u>	<u>One space for each 400 square feet of gross floor area</u>
<u>Restaurant, nightclub, bar or tavern</u>	<u>One space for each three seats in public rooms or one space for each 75 square feet of floor area devoted to patron use, whichever is greater</u>
<u>Rooming houses and boarding houses</u>	<u>One space for each bedroom</u>
<u>Schools, elementary and junior high</u>	<u>Two spaces for each classroom, office and kitchen</u>
<u>Senior high</u>	<u>One space for each four seats in the main assembly hall, plus two spaces for each classroom</u>
<u>Single- and two-family dwellings</u>	<u>Two spaces per dwelling unit</u>
<u>Theaters</u>	<u>One space for each four seats in the main auditorium</u>
<u>Travel trailer parks and campgrounds</u>	<u>One space for each parking stand</u>
<u>Medical and dental clinics or offices</u>	<u>One space for each 150 square feet of gross floor area</u>
<u>Plant nursery</u>	<u>One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area, plus one space for each 1,000 square feet of lot ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales or display.</u>
<u>: Where fractional spaces shall be shall be the nearest whole number.</u>	

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- (1) ~~Bowling alley: Five spaces per alley.~~
- (2) ~~Bus, railroad or other transportation terminals: One space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area.~~
- (3) ~~Business, commercial or personal service establishment not otherwise listed: One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area.~~
- (4) ~~Reserved.~~
- (5) ~~Churches, funeral homes, clubs, lodges, dance, art and music studios, vocational, trade and business school and other similar semipublic uses: One space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.~~



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- (6) Commercial shopping centers: One space for each 100 square feet of nonstorage floor area.
- (7) Hotels and motels: One space for each sleeping room.
- (8) Industrial uses: ~~One space for each 700 square feet of gross floor area devoted to manufacturing, shipping or receiving, plus one space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area devoted to office use.~~
- (9) Institutional uses such as sanitariums, rest homes, hospitals, and nursing homes: ~~One space for each two beds plus one additional space for each two employees on the day shift.~~
- (10) Mobile home parks, subdivisions and mobile homes on individual lot: Two spaces per mobile home.
- (11) Multifamily dwellings: Two spaces per dwelling units plus one space for owner or operator and one space for each two employees.
- (12) Place of public assembly such as auditoriums and theaters: One space for each four seats.
- (13) ~~Professional and business offices, except medical/dental offices or clinics: One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area.~~
- (14) Radio or television broadcasting office or studio: One space for each 400 square feet of gross floor area.
- (15) Restaurant, nightclub, bar or tavern: One space for each three seats in public rooms or one space for each 75 square feet of floor area devoted to patron use, whichever is greater.
- (16) Roominghouses and boardinghouses: One space for each bedroom.
- (17) Schools, elementary and junior high: Two spaces for each classroom, office and kitchen.
- (18) Senior high: One space for each four seats in the main assembly hall, plus two spaces for each classroom.
- (19) Single and two-family dwellings: Two spaces per dwelling unit.
- (20) Theaters: One space for each four seats in the main auditorium.
- (21) Travel trailer parks and campgrounds: One space for each parking stand.
- (22) Medical and dental clinics or offices: One space for each 150 square feet of gross floor area.
- (23) Plant nursery: One space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area, plus one space for each 1,000 square feet of lot ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales or display.

Special note: Where fractional spaces result in the foregoing parking space requirements, the parking space required shall be the nearest whole number. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use must meet the off-street parking requirements of this section.

(Code 1997, § 62-382; Ord. No. 87-119, § 9-2, 12-29-1987)

Sec. 62-383. - Off-street loading definition and requirements.

- (a) ~~(a)~~ An off-street loading space is an on-the-property area preserved for the convenient loading and unloading of materials and merchandise scaled to delivery vehicles. Every off-street loading space shall have the minimum dimensions of 12 feet by 25 feet, excluding the area for direct access and maneuvering, ~~and shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the following standards: modernized, altered or repaired without providing additional off-street loading, providing there is no increase in area or capacity. Where a conforming building or use existed at the time of the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, and such building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding floor area or volume, off-street loading as specified in this chapter shall be provided for additional floor area, volume or capacity so created~~



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or used. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use shall meet the off-street loading requirements

Uses	Off-street loading requirements
Office building, motel, hotel, or auditorium	One space for each 5,000 square feet gross floor up to 40,000 square feet plus one space for each 60,000 square feet
Retail or service establishment, wholesale establishment, industrial plant and restaurant	One space if gross floor area is more than 2,000 square feet but not greater than 20,000 square feet; two spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 20,000 square feet but not greater than 60,000 square feet; three spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 60,000 square feet but not greater than 120,000 square feet, plus one additional off-street loading space for each additional 80,000 square feet over 120,000 square feet or major fraction thereof.

- (1) Office building, motel, hotel, auditorium, or similar use: One space if aggregate floor area is over 5,000 square feet but not greater than 40,000 square feet plus one space for each additional 60,000 square feet or major fraction thereof.
- (2) Retail or service establishment, wholesale establishment, industrial plant and restaurant: One space if gross floor area is more than 2,000 square feet but not greater than 20,000 square feet; two spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 20,000 square feet but not greater than 60,000 square feet; three spaces if the aggregate floor area is more than 60,000 square feet but not greater than 120,000 square feet, plus one additional off-street loading space for each additional 80,000 square feet over 120,000 square feet or major fraction thereof.
- (3) In no case shall the required off-street loading space be part of the area used to satisfy the off-street parking requirements of this chapter.
- (b) Off-street loading facilities shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. Conforming buildings and uses existing at the time of adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived may be modernized, altered or repaired without providing additional off-street loading, providing there is no increase in area or capacity. Where a conforming building or use existed at the time of the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, and such building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding floor area or volume, off-street loading as specified in this chapter shall be provided for additional floor area, volume or capacity so created or used. Whenever the use of a building or portion thereof changes, the new use shall meet the off-street loading requirements of this section.

(Code 1997, § 62-383; Ord. No. 87-119, § 9-3, 12-29-1987)

Sec. 62-384. - Design standards.

- (a) *Drainage.* Off-street parking and loading areas shall be drained to prevent damage to abutting property and/or public streets and alleys and paved with asphalt or concrete with erosion-resistant



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~~material in accordance with town specifications and obtain the required permits from the SJRWMD and/or FDOT.~~

- (b) *Separation from walkway and streets.* Off-street parking and loading facilities shall be separated from walkways, sidewalks, streets or alleys by a wall, fence, or curbing or other approved protection device, ~~in accordance with town specifications.~~
- (c) *Entrances and exits.* Location and design of entrances and exits shall be in accordance ~~FDOT access management and to promote safety in the Town with town specifications.~~ Landscaping, curbing or other barrier shall be provided along lot boundaries to control entrance and exit of vehicles or pedestrians.
- (d) *Interior drives.* Minimum width of interior drives shall be related to the angle of parking stalls and use of one-way or two-way traffic as follows:

Parking Angle (degrees)	Width of Aisle (feet)	Traffic Direction
30	11	One-way
45	13	One-way
60	18	One-way
90	24	Two-way

- (e) *Marking of parking spaces.* Required off-street parking areas shall have individual spaces marked, by painted lines or curbs or other means to indicate individual spaces, and shall be so designed, maintained and regulated that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any public or private street, walk or alley, and so that any automobile may be parked and unparked without moving another. Signs or markers shall be used as necessary to ensure the preservation of the natural features as well as the efficient traffic operation of the lot.
- (f) *Lighting.* Adequate lighting shall be provided if nonresidential off-street parking or loading facilities are to be used at night. The lighting shall be designed and installed to minimize glare on adjacent property; in any event no source of illumination for such lots shall be directly visible from any window in any residence in an adjacent residential district.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-384; Ord. No. 87-119, § 9-4, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2017-14, § 13, 8-17-2017)~~

Sec. 62-385. - Area location.

The required off-street parking or loading facilities shall normally be located on the same lot or parcel of land they are intended to serve. However, the town planning and zoning board may allow the establishment of off-street parking facilities within 400 feet of the premises they are intended to serve in all districts except residential districts when practical difficulties prevent the placing of the facilities on the same lot as the premises they are designed to serve.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-385; Ord. No. 87-119, § 9-5, 12-29-1987)~~



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## ARTICLE VII. - SIGNS

## Sec. 62-411. - Definitions.

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Definitions for purposes of sign regulation under this article are set out in section 62-1, under "sign."

~~(Code 1997, § 62-411; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-1, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-412. - Scope and intent.

The provisions of this article shall govern the number, sizes, location, character, and maintenance of signs which may be permitted as a main or accessory use. Increased numbers and sizes of signs as well as certain types of lighting can be distracting to the motoring public and create potential traffic hazards. Haphazard location, construction and maintenance of signs seriously detract from the natural beauty of the town and, in turn, injuriously affect the economic well-being of the citizenry. It is the intent of this article to authorize the size and location of signs which carry out their purpose without unduly interfering with motorists, causing unsafe conditions, and without injuriously affecting the value of property. Flashing signs are prohibited.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-412; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 11, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-413. - Measurement of sign area.

The surface area of a sign shall be computed as including the entire area within a regular, geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms comprising all of the display area of the sign and including all of the elements of the matter displayed. Frames and structural members not being advertising matter shall not be included in computations of surface area.

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## Sec. 62-414. - Governmental signs excluded.

For the purpose of these regulations, the term "sign" does not include signs erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function, or required by any law, ordinance or governmental regulations.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-414; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-3, 12-29-1987)~~

## Sec. 62-415. - Nonconforming signs.

Signs which are nonconforming or become nonconforming through zone changes shall be removed or made to conform with this article within the following specified time periods, whichever is shorter:

~~(1) — After the end of the fifth year the sign has become nonconforming.~~



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- (2) ~~—Flashing signs which are nonconforming must be removed or brought into conformity within one year from the enactment of the ordinance from which this article is derived.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-415; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-13, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-416. - Removal of signs.

- (a) ~~Grounds for removal.~~ All signs permitted under this article ~~are revocable for violations of this article and may be removed~~ for reasons of safety of persons or property, faulty construction, lack of maintenance or unsightly appearance, ~~including all surfaces which are to be painted and maintained in good condition or in cases where the need no longer exists.~~
- (b) ~~Repair/removal of Unsafe Signs time-frame.~~ A citation shall be issued for any unsafe sign or a sign ~~in disrepair.~~ Any sign for which a citation has been issued or is in violation of this chapter must be repaired or removed within 30 days after receiving due notice. In case the objectionable sign is not removed, the town shall then have the right to enter upon the property, remove the sign and assess such cost against the property.
- (c) ~~Abandoned signs.~~ Any abandoned sign shall be removed within 30 days from the date of its abandonment. Any such sign not removed within the required period shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to removal ~~by the Town, as prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.~~
- (d) ~~Unsafe signs.~~ Unsafe signs shall be removed in accordance with applicable town ordinances.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-416; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-14, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-417. - Construction requirements.

All signs or similar advertising matter shall be governed in their construction or erection and maintenance by ~~applicable the town ordinances.~~ Code and the Florida Building Code

~~(Code 1997, § 62-417; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-2, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-418. - General requirements for all signs and districts.

The following ~~regulations contained in this section~~ shall apply to all signs and all use districts:

- (1) Any illuminated sign or lighting device ~~shall employ only a light of constant intensity, and no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating or moving light or lights.~~ In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed or directed or beamed upon a public thoroughfare, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises, so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- (2) No sign shall employ any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, or spin ~~or otherwise make use of motion to attract attention.~~
- (3) All wiring, fittings and materials used in the construction, connection and operation of electrically illuminated signs shall be in accordance with the ~~provisions of the local electrical code in effect~~ Florida Building Code.
- (4) No sign shall be erected or maintained from the front or face of a building of more than two feet, including those projecting from the face of any theater, hotel or motel marquee.
- (5) No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building.
- (6) No temporary sign shall be placed on the front or face of a building or on any premises, ~~except as expressly provided in this chapter.~~



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- (7) No sign erected or maintained in the window of a building, visible from any public or private street or highway, shall occupy more than 20 percent of the window surface.
- (8) No sign of any classification shall be installed, erected or attached in any form, shape or manner against a building, which would prevent ingress and egress through any door or window required or designed for access to any building, nor shall any sign or over street graphic obstruct a fire escape or any door or window giving access to any fire escape.
- ~~(9) All signs hung and erected shall be plainly marked with the name of the person responsible for maintaining the sign and the permit date and number, if necessary.~~
- (10) Should any sign be or become unsafe or be in danger of falling, the owner thereof or the person maintaining the sign shall, upon receipt of written notice from the ~~land-use administrator~~Town, proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign.
- (11) No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way, except publicly-owned signs, such as traffic control signs and directional signs. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking or indicating private property, but bearing no advertising matter, shall be permitted on any property. No sign shall overhang or infringe upon the right-of-way of any street, road or public way.
- (12) No sign or other street graphic may use the words "stop," "look," "drive-in," "danger" or similar word, phrase, symbol or character, nor simulate a traffic control device, nor may red, amber or green lights be used, within ten feet of a public right-of-way or 200 feet of a traffic control device.
- (13) No sign shall be attached to a tree or any vegetation.

~~Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply to any sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, stock market quotations or similar services.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-418; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-4, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-419. - Signs permitted in all districts.

The following signs shall be permitted in all districts:

- (1) Not more than one sign advertising the sale, lease or rental of the premises upon which the sign is located, not exceeding 32 square feet in area, except in all residential districts the area of the sign shall not be more than six square feet.
- (2) Professional nameplates not exceeding two square feet in area.
- (3) Signs denoting the name and address of the occupants of the premises, not exceeding two square feet in area.
- (4) Non-advertising directional signs or symbols (entrance, exit, slow) located and pertaining to a parcel of private property, not to exceed two square feet in area.
- (5) Signs or bulletin boards customarily incidental to places of worship, libraries, museums, social clubs or societies located on the premises of such institution, not to exceed 15 square feet in area.
- (6) Subdivision entrance or identifying signs shall not exceed 40 square feet.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-419; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-6, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-420. - Signs permitted in commercial and industrial districts; wall mounted ~~projecting~~ and marquee signs.



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- (a) In a commercial or industrial district, each business shall be permitted one ~~flat or building-on-site~~ sign. Permanent on-site signs for any single-business enterprise may have an area equivalent to 1½ square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of building width or part of a building occupied by such enterprise, but shall not exceed a maximum area of 100 square feet. The height of signs shall not exceed 12 feet in height.
- (b) ~~Projection of wall signs shall not exceed two feet, measured from the face of the building.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-420; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-7, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-421. - Temporary signs.

- (a) Temporary stationary signs, not exceeding 50 square feet in area, announcing special public or institutional events, the erection of a building, the architect, the builders, or contractors may be erected for a period of 60 days plus the construction period. Such temporary signs shall be nonilluminated and shall conform to the general and setback requirements as set forth in this article and, in addition, shall meet such other requirements as may be set by the land use administrator to accomplish the interest of this section.
- (b) ~~Temporary illuminated mobile signs announcing the opening of a new business or ownership shall be limited to 30 days and shall not be located closer than ten feet from the right-of-way.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-421; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-8, 12-29-1987)~~

~~Sec. 62-422. - Wall signs pertaining to nonconforming uses.~~

~~On-site wall signs pertaining to a nonconforming use shall be permitted on the same site with such use, provided the area of the sign does not exceed 12 square feet.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-422; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-9, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-423. - Signs on public property.

No sign, other than official signs shall be posted on any public property.

~~(Code 1997, § 62-423; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-10, 12-29-1987)~~

Sec. 62-424. - Sign setback requirements.

- (a) ~~Except as modified in this section, on-site signs, where permitted, shall be set back from the established right-of-way line of any thoroughfare at least ten feet. Less than ten feet setback may be allowed where a building is less than ten feet from the right-of-way provided it does not obstruct visibility and cause a traffic safety hazard.~~
- (b) For every square foot by which any on-site sign exceeds 50 square feet, the setback shall be increased by one-half foot, but need not exceed 100 feet.
- (c) All types of signs and bulletin boards for a church, school or any other public, religious or educational institution may be erected not less than ten feet from the established right-of-way line of any street or highway, provided such sign or bulletin board complies with the clear sight triangle, as defined.



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- (d) On-site signs, ~~where permitted~~, shall be erected or placed in conformity with the side and rear yard requirements of the district in which they are located, except that in any residential district, on-site signs shall not be erected or placed within 12 feet of a side or rear lot line. If the requirement for a single side yard in the appropriate zoning district is more than 12 feet, the latter shall apply.
- (e) ~~Signs located on public rights-of-way shall have clear unobstructed cross visibility between the height of two feet and eight feet above the gradeline of the right-of-way.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-424; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-11, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 97-93, § 13, 4-6-1998)~~

~~Sec. 62-425. Off-site signs permitted by special exception.~~

~~For the purpose of this chapter, outdoor advertising off-site signs shall be classified as a business use and be permitted in all commercial and industrial districts by special exception after site plan review excluding neighborhood commercial districts. Off-site signs shall be limited in size as determined by the planning and zoning board, but in no case shall any off-site sign exceed a maximum size of 32 square feet in area. No more than two signs shall be permitted per parcel. Off-site signs may advertise on one or both sides, advertising products or services produced or sold in the town. No off-site signs shall be permitted in other zoning districts. All types of off-site signs shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 62-425; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-12, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 2006-04, § 1, 6-15-2006)~~

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Sec. 62-451. - Title.

These regulations shall be known as the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Town of Hilliard, hereinafter referred to as "this article."

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-452. - Scope.

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~~(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)~~

Sec. 62-453. - Intent.

The purposes of this article and the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code are to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding through regulation of development in flood hazard areas to:

- (1) Minimize unnecessary disruption of commerce, access and public service during times of flooding;
- (2) Require the use of appropriate construction practices in order to prevent or minimize future flood damage;
- (3) Manage filling, grading, dredging, mining, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential;
- (4) Manage the alteration of flood hazard areas, watercourses, and shorelines to minimize the impact of development on the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain;
- (5) Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities;
- (6) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas;
- (7) Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events; and
- (8) Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation as set forth in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

~~(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)~~

Sec. 62-454. - Coordination with the Florida Building Code.

This article is intended to be administered and enforced in conjunction with the Florida Building Code. Where cited, ASCE 24 refers to the edition of the standard that is referenced by the Florida Building Code.

~~(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)~~

Sec. 62-455. - Warning.

The degree of flood protection required by this article and the Florida Building Code, as amended by this community, is considered the minimum reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This article does not imply that land outside of mapped special flood hazard areas, or that uses permitted within such flood hazard areas, will be free from flooding or flood damage. The flood hazard areas and base flood elevations contained in the flood insurance study and shown on



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flood insurance rate maps and the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 59 and 60 may be revised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, requiring this community to revise these regulations to remain eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. No guaranty of vested use, existing use, or future use is implied or expressed by compliance with this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-456. - Disclaimer of liability.

This article shall not create liability on the part of the town council of Town of Hilliard or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damage that results from reliance on this article or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### DIVISION 2. - APPLICABILITY

Sec. 62-457. - General.

Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-458. - Areas to which this article applies.

This article shall apply to all flood hazard areas within the Town of Hilliard, as established in section 62-459 of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-459. - Basis for establishing flood hazard areas.

The Flood Insurance Study for Nassau County, Florida and Incorporated Areas dated December 17, 2010, and all subsequent amendments and revisions, and the accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRM), and all subsequent amendments and revisions to such maps, are adopted by reference as a part of this article and shall serve as the minimum basis for establishing flood hazard areas. Studies and maps that establish flood hazard areas are on file at the Town Hall.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-460. - Submission of additional data to establish flood hazard areas.

To establish flood hazard areas and base flood elevations, pursuant to Division 5 of this article the floodplain administrator may require submission of additional data. Where field surveyed topography prepared by a Florida licensed professional surveyor or digital topography accepted by the community indicates that ground elevations:

- (1) Are below the closest applicable base flood elevation, even in areas not delineated as a special flood hazard area on a FIRM, the area shall be considered as flood hazard area and subject to the requirements of this article and, as applicable, the requirements of the Florida Building Code.



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- (2) Are above the closest applicable base flood elevation, the area shall be regulated as special flood hazard area unless the applicant obtains a letter of map change that removes the area from the special flood hazard area.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-461. - Other laws.

The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-462. - Abrogation and greater restrictions.

This article supersedes any ordinance in effect for management of development in flood hazard areas. However, it is not intended to repeal or abrogate any existing ordinances including but not limited to land development regulations, zoning ordinances, stormwater management regulations, or the Florida Building Code. In the event of a conflict between this article and any other ordinance, the more restrictive shall govern. This article shall not impair any deed restriction, covenant or easement, but any land that is subject to such interests shall also be governed by this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-463. - Interpretation.

In the interpretation and application of this article, all provisions shall be:

- (1) Considered as minimum requirements;
- (2) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- (3) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### DIVISION 3. - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Sec. 62-464. - Designation.

The town clerk is designated as the floodplain administrator. The floodplain administrator may delegate performance of certain duties to other employees.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-465. - General

The floodplain administrator is authorized and directed to administer and enforce the provisions of this article. The floodplain administrator shall have the authority to render interpretations of this article consistent with the intent and purpose of this article and may establish policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided in this article without the granting of a variance pursuant to Division 7 of this article.



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## Sec. 62-466. - Applications and permits.

The floodplain administrator, in coordination with other pertinent offices of the community, shall:

- (1) Review applications and plans to determine whether proposed new development will be located in flood hazard areas;
- (2) Review applications for modification of any existing development in flood hazard areas for compliance with the requirements of this article;
- (3) Interpret flood hazard area boundaries where such interpretation is necessary to determine the exact location of boundaries; a person contesting the determination shall have the opportunity to appeal the interpretation;
- (4) Provide available flood elevation and flood hazard information;
- (5) Determine whether additional flood hazard data shall be obtained from other sources or shall be developed by an applicant;
- (6) Review applications to determine whether proposed development will be reasonably safe from flooding;
- (7) Issue floodplain development permits or approvals for development other than buildings and structures that are subject to the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, when compliance with this article is demonstrated, or disapprove the same in the event of noncompliance; and
- (8) Coordinate with and provide comments to the building official to assure that applications, plan reviews, and inspections for buildings and structures in flood hazard areas comply with the applicable provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

## Sec. 62-467. - Substantial improvement and substantial damage determinations.

For applications for building permits to improve buildings and structures, including alterations, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, change of occupancy, additions, rehabilitations, renovations, substantial improvements, repairs of substantial damage, and any other improvement of or work on such buildings and structures, the floodplain administrator, in coordination with the building official, shall:

- (1) Estimate the market value, or require the applicant to obtain an appraisal of the market value prepared by a qualified independent appraiser, of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work; in the case of repair, the market value of the building or structure shall be the market value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made;
- (2) Compare the cost to perform the improvement, the cost to repair a damaged building to its pre-damaged condition, or the combined costs of improvements and repairs, if applicable, to the market value of the building or structure;
- (3) Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; and
- (4) Notify the applicant if it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code and this article is required.



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(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-468. - Modifications of the strict application of the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

The floodplain administrator shall review requests submitted to the building official that seek approval to modify the strict application of the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code to determine whether such requests require the granting of a variance pursuant to Division 7 of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-469. - Notices and orders.

The floodplain administrator shall coordinate with appropriate local agencies for the issuance of all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-470. - Inspections.

The floodplain administrator shall make the required inspections as specified in Division 6 of this article for development that is not subject to the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. The floodplain administrator shall inspect flood hazard areas to determine if development is undertaken without issuance of a permit.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-471. - Other duties of the floodplain administrator.

The floodplain administrator shall have other duties, including but not limited to:

- (1) Establish, in coordination with the building official, procedures for administering and documenting determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage made pursuant to section 62-467 of this article;
- (2) Require that applicants proposing alteration of a watercourse notify adjacent communities and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Floodplain Management Office, and submit copies of such notifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
- (3) Require applicants who submit hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses to support permit applications to submit to FEMA the data and information necessary to maintain the flood insurance rate maps if the analyses propose to change base flood elevations, flood hazard area boundaries, or floodway designations; such submissions shall be made within 6 months of such data becoming available;
- (4) Review required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by this article and the Florida Building Code to determine that such certifications and documentations are complete; and
- (5) Notify the Federal Emergency Management Agency when the corporate boundaries of the town are modified.

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## Sec. 62-472. - Floodplain management records.

Regardless of any limitation on the period required for retention of public records, the floodplain administrator shall maintain and permanently keep and make available for public inspection all records that are necessary for the administration of this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, including flood insurance rate maps; letters of map change; records of issuance of permits and denial of permits; determinations of whether proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by the Florida Building Code and this article; notifications to adjacent communities, FEMA, and the state related to alterations of watercourses; assurances that the flood carrying capacity of altered watercourses will be maintained; documentation related to appeals and variances, including justification for issuance or denial; and records of enforcement actions taken pursuant to this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code. These records shall be available for public inspection at the Town Hall.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

## DIVISION 4. - PERMITS

## Sec. 62-473. - Permits required.

Any owner or owner's authorized agent (hereinafter "applicant") who intends to undertake any development activity within the scope of this article, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, which is wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area shall first make application to the floodplain administrator, and the building official if applicable, and shall obtain the required permit(s) and approval(s). No such permit or approval shall be issued until compliance with the requirements of this article and all other applicable codes and regulations has been satisfied.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

## Sec. 62-474. - Floodplain development permits or approvals.

Floodplain development permits or approvals shall be issued pursuant to this article for any development activities not subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. Depending on the nature and extent of proposed development that includes a building or structure, the floodplain administrator may determine that a floodplain development permit or approval is required in addition to a building permit.

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## Sec. 62-475. - Buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code.

Pursuant to the requirements of federal regulation for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (44 C.F.R. Sections 59 and 60), floodplain development permits or approvals shall be required for the following buildings, structures and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code and any further exemptions provided by law, which are subject to the requirements of this article:

- (1) Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroad.
- (2) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms, as provided in section 604.50, F.S.
- (3) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes.
- (4) Mobile or modular structures used as temporary offices.



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- (5) Those structures or facilities of electric utilities, as defined in section 366.02, F.S., which are directly involved in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity.
- (6) Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided wooden hut that has a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other non-wood features.
- (7) Family mausoleums not exceeding 250 square feet in area which are prefabricated and assembled on site or preassembled and delivered on site and have walls, roofs, and a floor constructed of granite, marble, or reinforced concrete.
- (8) Temporary housing provided by the Department of Corrections to any prisoner in the state correctional system.
- (9) Structures identified in section 553.73(10)(k), F.S., are not exempt from the Florida Building Code if such structures are located in flood hazard areas established on flood insurance rate maps

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-476. - Application for a permit or approval.

To obtain a floodplain development permit or approval the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished by the community. The information provided shall:

- (1) Identify and describe the development to be covered by the permit or approval.
- (2) Describe the land on which the proposed development is to be conducted by legal description, street address or similar description that will readily identify and definitively locate the site.
- (3) Indicate the use and occupancy for which the proposed development is intended.
- (4) Be accompanied by a site plan or construction documents as specified in Division 5 of this article.
- (5) State the valuation of the proposed work.
- (6) Be signed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent.
- (7) Give such other data and information as required by the floodplain administrator.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-477. - Validity of permit or approval.

The issuance of a floodplain development permit or approval pursuant to this article shall not be construed to be a permit for, or approval of, any violation of this article, the Florida Building Codes, or any other ordinance of this community. The issuance of permits based on submitted applications, construction documents, and information shall not prevent the floodplain administrator from requiring the correction of errors and omissions.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-478. - Expiration.

A floodplain development permit or approval shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized is suspended or



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abandoned for a period of 180 days after the work commences. Extensions for periods of not more than 180 days each shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-479. - Suspension or revocation.

The floodplain administrator is authorized to suspend or revoke a floodplain development permit or approval if the permit was issued in error, on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or in violation of this article or any other ordinance, regulation or requirement of this community.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-480. - Other permits required.

Floodplain development permits and building permits shall include a condition that all other applicable state or federal permits be obtained before commencement of the permitted development, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) The St. Johns River Water Management District; section 373.036, F.S.
- (2) Florida Department of Health for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; section 381.0065, F.S. and Chapter 64E-6, F.A.C.
- (3) Florida Department of Environmental Protection for activities subject to the Joint Coastal Permit; section 161.055, F.S.
- (4) Florida Department of Environmental Protection for activities that affect wetlands and alter surface water flows, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- (5) Federal permits and approvals.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### DIVISION 5. - SITE PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Sec. 62-481. - Information for development in flood hazard areas.

The site plan or construction documents for any development subject to the requirements of this article shall be drawn to scale and shall include, as applicable to the proposed development:

- (1) Delineation of flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries and flood zone(s), base flood elevation(s), and ground elevations if necessary for review of the proposed development.
- (2) Where base flood elevations or floodway data are not included on the FIRM or in the flood insurance study, they shall be established in accordance with section 62-482(2) or (3) of this article.
- (3) Where the parcel on which the proposed development will take place will have more than 50 lots or is larger than five acres and the base flood elevations are not included on the FIRM or in the flood insurance study, such elevations shall be established in accordance with section 62-482(1) of this article.
- (4) Location of the proposed activity and proposed structures, and locations of existing buildings and structures.
- (5) Location, extent, amount, and proposed final grades of any filling, grading, or excavation.



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- (6) Where the placement of fill is proposed, the amount, type, and source of fill material; compaction specifications; a description of the intended purpose of the fill areas; and evidence that the proposed fill areas are the minimum necessary to achieve the intended purpose.
- (7) Existing and proposed alignment of any proposed alteration of a watercourse.

The floodplain administrator is authorized to waive the submission of site plans, construction documents, and other data that are required by this article but that are not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if it is found that the nature of the proposed development is such that the review of such submissions is not necessary to ascertain compliance with this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-482. - Information in flood hazard areas without base flood elevations (approximate zone A).

Where flood hazard areas are delineated on the FIRM and base flood elevation data have not been provided, the floodplain administrator shall:

- (1) Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in accordance with currently accepted engineering practices.
- (2) Obtain, review, and provide to applicants base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency or other source or require the applicant to obtain and use base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency or other source.
- (3) Where base flood elevation and floodway data are not available from another source, where the available data are deemed by the Floodplain Administrator to not reasonably reflect flooding conditions, or where the available data are known to be scientifically or technically incorrect or otherwise inadequate:
  - a. Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in accordance with currently accepted engineering practices; or
  - b. Specify that the base flood elevation is two feet above the highest adjacent grade at the location of the development, provided there is no evidence indicating flood depths have been or may be greater than two feet.
- (4) Where the base flood elevation data are to be used to support a letter of map change from FEMA, advise the applicant that the analyses shall be prepared by a Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA, and that it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to satisfy the submittal requirements and pay the processing fees.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-483. - Additional analyses and certifications.

As applicable to the location and nature of the proposed development activity, and in addition to the requirements of this section, the applicant shall have the following analyses signed and sealed by a Florida licensed engineer for submission with the site plan and construction documents:

- (1) For development activities proposed to be located in a regulatory floodway, a floodway encroachment analysis that demonstrates that the encroachment of the proposed development will not cause any increase in base flood elevations; where the applicant proposes to undertake development activities that do increase base flood elevations, the applicant shall submit such analysis to FEMA as specified in section 62-484 of this article and shall submit the conditional letter of map revision, if issued by FEMA, with the site plan and construction documents.
- (2) For development activities proposed to be located in a riverine flood hazard area for which base flood elevations are included in the flood insurance study or on the FIRM and floodways



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have not been designated, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses that demonstrate that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachments, will not increase the base flood elevation more than one foot at any point within the community. This requirement does not apply in isolated flood hazard areas not connected to a riverine flood hazard area or in flood hazard areas identified as zone AO or zone AH.

- (3) For alteration of a watercourse, an engineering analysis prepared in accordance with standard engineering practices which demonstrates that the flood-carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse will not be decreased, and certification that the altered watercourse shall be maintained in a manner which preserves the channel's flood-carrying capacity; the applicant shall submit the analysis to FEMA as specified in section 62-484 of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-484. - Submission of additional data.

When additional hydrologic, hydraulic or other engineering data, studies, and additional analyses are submitted to support an application, the applicant has the right to seek a letter of map change from FEMA to change the base flood elevations, change floodway boundaries, or change boundaries of flood hazard areas shown on FIRMs, and to submit such data to FEMA for such purposes. The analyses shall be prepared by a Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA. Submittal requirements and processing fees shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

DIVISION 6. - INSPECTIONS

Sec. 62-485. - General.

Development for which a floodplain development permit or approval is required shall be subject to inspection.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-486. - Development other than buildings and structures.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect all development to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of issued floodplain development permits or approvals.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-487. - Buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of issued floodplain development permits or approvals.

- (1) Upon placement of the lowest floor, including basement, and prior to further vertical construction, the owner of a building, structure or facility exempt from the Florida Building Code, or the owner's authorized agent, shall submit to the floodplain administrator:



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- a. If a design flood elevation was used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor, the certification of elevation of the lowest floor prepared and sealed by a Florida licensed professional surveyor; or
  - b. If the elevation used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor was determined in accordance with section 62-482(3)(b) of this article, the documentation of height of the lowest floor above highest adjacent grade, prepared by the owner or the owner's authorized agent.
- (2) As part of the final inspection, the owner or owner's authorized agent shall submit to the floodplain administrator a final certification of elevation of the lowest floor or final documentation of the height of the lowest floor above the highest adjacent grade; such certifications and documentations shall be prepared as specified in section 62-487(1) of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-488. - Manufactured homes.

The floodplain administrator shall inspect manufactured homes that are installed or replaced in flood hazard areas to determine compliance with the requirements of this article and the conditions of the issued permit. Upon placement of a manufactured home, certification of the elevation of the lowest floor shall be submitted to the floodplain administrator.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

DIVISION 7. - VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Sec. 62-489. - General.

The planning and zoning board shall hear and decide on requests for appeals and requests for variances from the strict application of this article. Pursuant to section 553.73(5), F.S., the planning and zoning board shall hear and decide on requests for appeals and requests for variances from the strict application of the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-490. - Appeals.

The planning and zoning board shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the floodplain administrator in the administration and enforcement of this article. Any person aggrieved by the decision may appeal such decision to the circuit court, as provided by Florida Statutes.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-491. - Limitations on authority to grant variances.

The planning and zoning board shall base its decisions on variances on technical justifications submitted by applicants, the considerations for issuance in section 62-492 of this article, the conditions of issuance set forth in section 62-493 of this article, and the comments and recommendations of the floodplain administrator and the building official. The planning and zoning board has the right to attach such conditions as it deems necessary to further the purposes and objectives of this article.



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- (1) A variance shall not be issued for any proposed development in a floodway if any increase in base flood elevations would result, as evidenced by the applicable analyses and certifications required in section 62-483 of this article.
- (2) A variance is authorized to be issued for the repair, improvement, or rehabilitation of a historic building that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter 12 Historic Buildings, upon a determination that the proposed repair, improvement, or rehabilitation will not preclude the building's continued designation as a historic building and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the building. If the proposed work precludes the building's continued designation as a historic building, a variance shall not be granted and the building and any repair, improvement, and rehabilitation shall be subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code.
- (3) A variance is authorized to be issued for the construction or substantial improvement necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use, as defined in this article, provided the variance meets the requirements of section 62-491(1), is the minimum necessary considering the flood hazard, and all due consideration has been given to use of methods and materials that minimize flood damage during occurrence of the base flood.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-492. - Considerations for issuance of variances.

In reviewing requests for variances, the planning and zoning board shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all other applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, this article, and the following:

- (1) The danger that materials and debris may be swept onto other lands resulting in further injury or damage;
- (2) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
- (3) The susceptibility of the proposed development, including contents, to flood damage and the effect of such damage on current and future owners;
- (4) The importance of the services provided by the proposed development to the community;
- (5) The availability of alternate locations for the proposed development that are subject to lower risk of flooding or erosion;
- (6) The compatibility of the proposed development with existing and anticipated development;
- (7) The relationship of the proposed development to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for the area;
- (8) The safety of access to the property in times of flooding for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
- (9) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and debris and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
- (10) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems, streets and bridges.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-493. - Conditions for issuance of variances.

Variances shall be issued only upon:



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- (1) Submission by the applicant, of a showing of good and sufficient cause that the unique characteristics of the size, configuration, or topography of the site limit compliance with any provision of this article or the required elevation standards;
- (2) Determination by the planning and zoning board that:
  - a. Failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the land that render the lot undevelopable; increased costs to satisfy the requirements or inconvenience do not constitute hardship;
  - b. The granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, nor create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing local laws and ordinances; and
  - c. The variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief;
- (3) Receipt of a signed statement by the applicant that the variance, if granted, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the court in such a manner that it appears in the chain of title of the affected parcel of land; and
- (4) If the request is for a variance to allow construction of the lowest floor of a new building, or substantial improvement of a building, below the required elevation, a copy in the record of a written notice from the floodplain administrator to the applicant for the variance, specifying the difference between the base flood elevation and the proposed elevation of the lowest floor, stating that the cost of federal flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced floor elevation (up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 of insurance coverage), and stating that construction below the base flood elevation increases risks to life and property.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### DIVISION 8. - VIOLATIONS

##### Sec. 62-494. - Violations.

Any development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this article that is performed without an issued permit, that is in conflict with an issued permit, or that does not fully comply with this article, shall be deemed a violation of this article. A building or structure without the documentation of elevation of the lowest floor, other required design certifications, or other evidence of compliance required by this article or the Florida Building Code is presumed to be a violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

##### Sec. 62-495. - Authority.

For development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this article and that is determined to be a violation, the floodplain administrator is authorized to serve notices of violation or stop work orders to owners of the property involved, to the owner's agent, or to the person or persons performing the work.

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##### Sec. 62-496. - Unlawful continuance.



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Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a notice of violation or a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove or remedy a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by section 1-7 of the Code.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### DIVISION 9. - DEFINITIONS

Sec. 62-496.5. - Definitions of words and terms used in this article.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this article, have the meanings shown in this division. Where terms are not defined in this article and are defined in the Florida Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in that code. Where terms are not defined in this article or the Florida Building Code, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

*Alteration of a watercourse.* A dam, impoundment, channel relocation, change in channel alignment, channelization, or change in cross-sectional area of the channel or the channel capacity, or any other form of modification which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the riverine flow of water during conditions of the base flood.

*Appeal.* A request for a review of the floodplain administrator's interpretation of any provision of this article.

*ASCE 24.* A standard titled Flood Resistant Design and Construction that is referenced by the Florida Building Code. ASCE 24 is developed and published by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA.

*Base flood.* A flood having a one-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.] The base flood is commonly referred to as the "100-year flood" or the "one-percent-annual chance flood."

*Base flood elevation.* The elevation of the base flood, including wave height, relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) or other datum specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Basement.* The portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202; see "Basement (for flood loads)."]

*Design flood.* The flood associated with the greater of the following two areas: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) Area with a floodplain subject to a one-percent or greater chance of flooding in any year; or
- (2) Area designated as a flood hazard area on the community's flood hazard map, or otherwise legally designated.

*Design flood elevation.* The elevation of the "design flood," including wave height, relative to the datum specified on the community's legally designated flood hazard map. In areas designated as zone AO, the design flood elevation shall be the elevation of the highest existing grade of the building's perimeter plus the depth number (in feet) specified on the flood hazard map. In areas designated as zone AO where the depth number is not specified on the map, the depth number shall be taken as being equal to two feet. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Development.* Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, tanks, temporary structures, temporary or permanent storage of equipment or materials, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavations, drilling operations or any other land disturbing activities.



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*Encroachment.* The placement of fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or other development into a flood hazard area which may impede or alter the flow capacity of riverine flood hazard areas.

*Existing building and existing structure.* Any buildings and structures for which the "start of construction" commenced before October 1, 2003. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Existing manufactured home park or subdivision.* A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before October 1, 2003.

*Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision.* The preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

*Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).* The federal agency that, in addition to carrying out other functions, administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

*Flood or flooding.* A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land from: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters.
- (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

*Flood damage-resistant materials.* Any construction material capable of withstanding direct and prolonged contact with floodwaters without sustaining any damage that requires more than cosmetic repair. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Flood hazard area.* The greater of the following two areas: [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

- (1) The area within a floodplain subject to a one-percent or greater chance of flooding in any year.
- (2) The area designated as a flood hazard area on the community's flood hazard map, or otherwise legally designated.

*Flood insurance rate map (FIRM).* The official map of the community on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated both special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Flood insurance study (FIS).* The official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that contains the flood insurance rate map, the flood boundary and floodway map (if applicable), the water surface elevations of the base flood, and supporting technical data. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Floodplain administrator.* The office or position designated and charged with the administration and enforcement of this article (may be referred to as the floodplain manager).

*Floodplain development permit or approval.* An official document or certificate issued by the community, or other evidence of approval or concurrence, which authorizes performance of specific development activities that are located in flood hazard areas and that are determined to be compliant with this article.

*Floodway.* The channel of a river or other riverine watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Floodway encroachment analysis.* An engineering analysis of the impact that a proposed encroachment into a floodway is expected to have on the floodway boundaries and base flood elevations; the evaluation shall be prepared by a qualified Florida licensed engineer using standard engineering methods and models.



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*Florida Building Code.* The family of codes adopted by the Florida Building Commission, including: Florida Building Code, Building; Florida Building Code, Residential; Florida Building Code, Existing Building; Florida Building Code, Mechanical; Florida Building Code, Plumbing; Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas.

*Functionally dependent use.* A use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, including only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities; the term does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

*Highest adjacent grade.* The highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls or foundation of a structure.

*Historic structure.* Any structure that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood hazard area requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter 12 Historic Buildings.

*Letter of map change (LOMC).* An official determination issued by FEMA that amends or revises an effective Flood insurance rate map or flood insurance study. Letters of map change include:

- (1) *Letter of map amendment (LOMA):* An amendment based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective flood insurance rate map and establishes that a specific property, portion of a property, or structure is not located in a special flood hazard area.
- (2) *Letter of map revision (LOMR):* A revision based on technical data that may show changes to flood zones, flood elevations, special flood hazard area boundaries and floodway delineations, and other planimetric features.
- (3) *Letter of map revision based on fill (LOMR-F):* A determination that a structure or parcel of land has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, no longer located within the special flood hazard area. In order to qualify for this determination, the fill must have been permitted and placed in accordance with the community's floodplain management regulations.
- (4) *Conditional letter of map revision (CLOMR):* A formal review and comment as to whether a proposed flood protection project or other project complies with the minimum NFIP requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR does not revise the effective flood insurance rate map or flood insurance Study; upon submission and approval of certified as-built documentation, a letter of map revision may be issued by FEMA to revise the effective FIRM.

*Light-duty truck.* As defined in 40 C.F.R. 86.082-2, any motor vehicle rated at 8,500 pounds gross vehicular weight rating or less which has a vehicular curb weight of 6,000 pounds or less and which has a basic vehicle frontal area of 45 square feet or less, which is:

- (1) Designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property or is a derivation of such a vehicle; or
- (2) Designed primarily for transportation of persons and has a capacity of more than 12 persons; or
- (3) Available with special features enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use.

*Lowest floor.* The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area of a building or structure, including basement, but excluding any unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, other than a basement, usable solely for vehicle parking, building access or limited storage provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the non-elevation requirements of the Florida Building Code or ASCE 24. [Also defined in FBC, B, Section 202.]

*Manufactured home.* A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is eight (8) feet or more in width and greater than 400 square feet, and which is built on a permanent, integral chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term



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"manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle" or "park trailer." [Also defined in 15C-1.0101, F.A.C.]

*Manufactured home park or subdivision.* A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

*Market value.* The price at which a property will change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither party being under compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. As used in this article, the term refers to the market value of buildings and structures, excluding the land and other improvements on the parcel. Market value may be established by a qualified independent appraiser, actual cash value (replacement cost depreciated for age and quality of construction), or tax assessment value adjusted to approximate market value by a factor provided by the property appraiser.

*New construction.* For the purposes of administration of this article and the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after October 1, 2003 and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

*New manufactured home park or subdivision.* A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after October 1, 2003.

*Park trailer.* A transportable unit which has a body width not exceeding 14 feet and which is built on a single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or temporary living quarters when connected to utilities necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances. [Defined in section 320.01, F.S.]

*Recreational vehicle.* A vehicle, including a park trailer, which is: [see in section 320.01, F.S.]

- (1) Built on a single chassis;
- (2) Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (3) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and
- (4) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

*Special flood hazard area.* An area in the floodplain subject to a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are shown on FIRMs as Zone A, AO, A1—A30, AE, A99, AH, V1—V30, VE or V. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]

*Start of construction.* The date of issuance of permits for new construction and substantial improvements, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement is within 180 days of the date of the issuance. The actual start of construction means either the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, or the construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, grading, or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main buildings. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]

*Substantial damage.* Damage of any origin sustained by a building or structure whereby the cost of restoring the building or structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the building or structure before the damage occurred. [Also defined in FBC, B Section 202.]



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- (1) Fences in regulated floodways that have the potential to block the passage of floodwaters, such as stockade fences and wire mesh fences, shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article.
- (2) Retaining walls and sidewalks and driveways that involve the placement of fill in regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article.
- (3) Roads and watercourse crossings, including roads, bridges, culverts, low-water crossings and similar means for vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, that encroach into regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of section 62-504 of this article. Alteration of a watercourse that is part of a road or watercourse crossing shall meet the requirements of section 62-483(3) of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-11, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Secs. 62-517—62-520. - Reserved.

#### ARTICLE IX. - AIRPORT ZONING

Sec. 62-521. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Aeronautical study* means a Federal Aviation Administration study, conducted in accordance with the standards of 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart C, and Federal Aviation Administration policy and guidance, on the effect of proposed construction or alteration upon the operation of air navigation facilities and the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.

*Airport* means any area of land or water designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft and used or to be used in the interest of the public for such purpose.

*Airport commissioner* means a member of the town council appointed as airport commissioner to monitor compliance with the lease agreement, licensing and other internal administrative operations.

*Airport elevation* means the highest point of an airport's usable landing area measured in feet above mean sea level.

*Airport hazard* means an obstruction to air navigation which affects the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace or the operation of planned or existing air navigation and communication facilities.

*Airport hazard area* means any area of land or water upon which an airport hazard might be established.

*Airport land use compatibility zoning* means airport zoning regulations governing the use of land on, adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of airports.

*Airport layout plan* means a set of scaled drawings that provides a graphic representation of the existing and future development plan for the airport and demonstrates the preservation and continuity of safety, utility, and efficiency of the airport.

*Airport master plan* means a comprehensive plan of an airport which typically describes current and future plans for airport development designed to support existing and future aviation demand.

*Airport obstruction* means any existing or proposed object, terrain, or structure construction or alteration that exceeds the federal obstruction standards contained in 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart C. The term includes:

- (1) Any object of natural growth or terrain;



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- (2) Permanent or temporary construction or alteration, including equipment or materials used and any permanent or temporary apparatus; or
- (3) Alteration of any permanent or temporary existing structure by a change in the structure's height, including appurtenances, lateral dimensions, and equipment or materials used in the structure.

*Accident potential hazard area* means an area within 5,000 feet of the approach or departure end of a runway or in proximity to an airport, where aircraft may maneuver after takeoff or before landing, and is subject to the greatest potential to crash into a structure or the ground.

*Airport protection zoning regulations* means airport zoning regulations governing airport hazards.

*Airspace height* means the height limits in all zones set forth in this article. The datum shall be mean sea level elevation (AMSL) unless otherwise specified.

*Educational facility* means any structure, land, or use that includes a public or private kindergarten through 12th grade school, charter school, magnet school, college campus, or university campus. The term does not include space used for educational purposes within a multitenant building.

*Land use administrator* means the individual responsible for administering zoning within the town.

*Landfill* has the same meaning as provided in F.S. § 403.703.

*Nonconforming use* means any preexisting structure, object of natural growth or use of land which is inconsistent with the provisions of this article, or amendments thereto.

*Runway* means a defined area on an airport prepared for landing and takeoff of aircraft along its length.

*Runway protection zone* means an area at ground level beyond the runway end to enhance the safety and protection of people and property on the ground.

*Structure* means any object, constructed or installed by man, including but not limited to buildings, towers, smokestacks, utility poles and overhead transmission lines.

*Substantial modification* means any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of a structure when the actual cost of the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of the structure equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure.

*Utility runway* means a runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller-driven aircraft of 15,500 pounds maximum gross weight and less.

*Visual runway* means a runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures with no straight-in instrument approach procedure and no instrument designation indicated on a FAA-approved airport layout plan, a military services-approved military airport layout plan, or by any planning document submitted to the FAA by competent authority.

(Code 1997, § 62-521; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § II, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2017-12, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### Sec. 62-522. - Findings.

- (a) This article is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by F.S. § 333.03. It is hereby found that an airport obstruction has the potential for being hazardous to aircraft operations as well as the persons and property on the ground in the vicinity of the obstruction. An obstruction may affect land use in the vicinity of the obstruction, and in effect reduces the size of areas available for the landing, takeoff and maneuvering of aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment therein. Accordingly, it is declared that:
  - (1) The creation or establishment of an airport obstruction is a public nuisance and an injury to the region served by the airport;



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- (2) It is necessary in the interest of the public health, public safety, and general welfare that the creation of the airport obstructions and structures be prevented;
  - (3) It is necessary in the interest of the public health and general welfare that the establishment of incompatible land uses be prevented in the areas defined as the CRN100 contour (ASDS 85 dba) noise area and/or the accident potential hazard area; and
  - (4) The prevention of these obstructions, structures and incompatible land uses should be accomplished to the extent legally possible, by the exercise of the police power without compensation.
- (b) It is further declared that both the prevention of and the creation or establishment of airport obstructions, structures and incompatible land uses and the elimination, removal, alteration, mitigation, or marking and lighting of existing airport hazards are public purposes for which the town may raise and expend public funds and acquire land or interests in land.

(Code 1997, § 62-522; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § I, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139)

Sec. 62-523. - Airport zones and airspace height limitations.

- (a) *Created; map.* In order to carry out the provisions of this article, there are hereby created and established certain zones which include all of the land lying beneath the approach, transitional, horizontal and conical surfaces as they apply to a particular airport. Such zones are shown on the Hilliard Airport Zoning Map which is attached to the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, made a part of this article by reference and available for inspection in the town offices.
- (b) *Public civil airport height zones and limitations.* An area located in more than one of the described zones is considered to be only in the zone with the more restrictive height limitation. The various zones are hereby established and defined as follows:
  - (1) *Primary zone.* An area longitudinally centered on the runway extending 200 feet beyond each end of that runway with the width so specified for each runway for the most precise approach existing or planned for either end of the runway. No structure or obstruction will be permitted within the primary zone that is not part of the landing and takeoff area, and is of a greater height than the nearest point on the runway centerline. The width of the primary zone is as follows:  
 Runways 18 and 36, 250 feet for utility runways having only visual approaches.  
  
 The width of the primary zone of a runway will be that width prescribed in this section for the most precise approach, existing or planned, for either end of that runway.  
  
 No structure or obstruction will be permitted within the primary zone that is not part of landing and takeoff facilities and is of a greater height than the nearest point on the runway centerline.
  - (2) *Horizontal zone.* The area around each civil airport with an outer boundary the perimeter of which is constructed by swinging arcs of specified radii from the center of each end of the primary zone of each airport's runway and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to those arcs. The radius of each arc is:  
 Runways 18 and 36, 5,000 feet for all runways designated as utility or visual. No structure or obstruction will be permitted in the horizontal zone that has a height greater than 150 feet above the airport height.
  - (3) *Conical zone.* The area extending outward from the periphery of the horizontal zone for a distance of 4,000 feet. Height limitations for structures in the conical zone are 150 feet above airport height, increasing one foot vertically for over 20 feet of horizontal distance measured outward from the inner boundary to a height of 350 feet above airport height at the outer boundary.



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- (4) *Approach zone.* An area longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline and extending outward from each end of the primary surface. An approach zone is designated for each runway based upon the type of approach available or planned for that runway end.
- The inner edge of the approach zone is the same width as the primary zone and it expands uniformly to a width of:  
Runways 18 and 36, 1,250 feet for that end of a utility runway with only visual approaches.
  - The approach surface extends for a horizontal distance of:  
Runways 18 and 36, 5,000 feet for all utility and visual runways.
  - The outer width of an approach zone to an end of a runway will be that width prescribed in this subsection for the most precise approach existing or planned for that runway end.
  - Permitted height limitation within the approach zones is the same as the runway end height at the inner edge and increases with horizontal distance outward from the inner edge as follows:  
Runways 18 and 36, permitted height increases one foot vertically for every 20 feet horizontal distance for all utility and visual runways.
- (5) *Transitional zone.* The area extending outward, from the sides of the primary zones and approach zones connecting them, to the horizontal zone. Height limits within the transitional zone are the same as the primary zone or approach zone at the boundary line where it adjoins and increases at a rate of one foot vertically for every seven feet horizontally, with the horizontal distance measured at right angles to the runway centerline and extended centerline, until the height matches the height of the horizontal zone or conical zone or for a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet from the side of the part of the precision approach zone that extends beyond the conical zone.
- (6) *Other areas.* In addition to the height limitations imposed in subsections (b)(1) through (5) of this section, no structure or obstruction will be permitted within the town's jurisdiction that would cause a hazard to air navigation.
- (c) *Permits.* The following procedures are established for the application, consideration, and issuance of permits proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area.
- Application.* A person proposing to construct, alter, or allow an airport obstruction in an airport hazard area in violation of the airport protection zoning regulations adopted under this chapter must apply to the planning and zoning board for a permit. Each application for such permit must be accompanied by (a) documentation showing compliance with the federal requirement for notification of proposed construction or alteration of structures and (b) a valid aeronautical study.
  - Permit not to be issued.* The planning and zoning board may not issue any permit if it would allow the establishment or creation of an airport hazard or if it would permit a nonconforming obstruction to become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was when the applicable airport protection zoning regulation was adopted which allowed the establishment or creation of the obstruction, or than it is when the application for a permit is made.
  - Considerations.* In determining whether to issue or deny a permit, the planning and zoning board must consider the following, as applicable:
    - The safety of persons on the ground and in the air.
    - The safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.
    - The nature of the terrain and height of existing structures.
    - The effect of the construction or alteration on the state licensing standards for a public-use airport contained in chapter 330 and rules adopted thereunder.



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- e. The character of existing and planned flight operations and developments at public-use airports.
  - f. Federal airways, visual flight rules, flyways and corridors, and instrument approaches as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration.
  - g. The effect of the construction or alteration of the proposed structure on the minimum descent altitude or the decision height at the affected airport.
  - h. The cumulative effects on navigable airspace of all existing structures and all other known proposed structures in the area.
  - i. Any additional requirements elsewhere in this Chapter pertinent to evaluation and protection of airspace and airport operations.
- (4) In deciding whether to grant or deny a permit, the planning and zoning board may not rely solely on the determination by the Federal Aviation Administration that the proposed structure is not an airport hazard.
- (5) *Obstruction marking and lighting.* In issuing a permit under this section, the planning and zoning board shall require the owner of the obstruction to install, operate, and maintain thereon, at his or her own expense, marking and lighting in conformance with the specific standards established by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (6) *Landfills prohibited.* The establishment of new landfills is prohibited within the following areas:
- a. Within 10,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway used or planned to be used by turbine aircraft.
  - b. Within 5,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway used by only nonturbine aircraft.
  - c. Outside the perimeters defined in subparagraphs 1. and 2., but still within the lateral limits of the civil airport imaginary surfaces defined in 14 C.F.R. s. 77.19.

(Code 1997, § 62-523; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § III, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2017-12, § 2, 7-20-2017)

Sec. 62-524. - Airport land use restrictions.

- (a) *Use restrictions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no use may be made of land or water within any zones established by this chapter in such a manner as to interfere with the operation of an airborne aircraft. The following special requirements shall apply to each permitted use:
- (1) All lights or illumination used in conjunction with street, parking, signs or use of land and structures shall be arranged and operated in such a manner that it is not misleading or dangerous to aircraft operating from a public airport or in the vicinity thereof.
  - (2) No operations from any type shall produce smoke, glare or other visual hazards within three statute miles of any usable runway of a public airport.
  - (3) No operations from any type shall produce electronic interference with navigation signals or radio communication between the airport and aircraft.
  - (4) Use of land within the accident potential hazard area shall prohibit high density residential use, schools, hospitals, storage of explosive material, assemblage of large groups of people or any other use that could produce a major catastrophe as a result of an aircraft crash.
- (b) *Lighting.* Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the owner of any structure over 200 feet above ground level shall install lighting in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Circular 70-7460-1D and amendments thereto on such structure. Additionally, high intensity white obstruction lights shall be installed on a high structure which exceeds 749 feet above mean sea level. The high



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intensity white obstruction lights must be in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular 70-7460-1D and amendments.

- (c) *Variances.* Any person desiring to erect or increase the height of any structures, or use his property not in accordance with the regulations prescribed in this chapter, may apply to the planning and zoning board for variance from such regulations. The limitations and considerations set forth at section 62-523(c) of this Code shall apply to such applications.
- (d) *Hazard marking and lighting.* Any permit or variance granted shall require the owner to mark and light the structure in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 70-7460-1D or subsequent revisions. The permit may be conditioned to permit the county or the town at its own expense to install, operate and maintain such markers and lights as may be necessary to indicate to pilots the presence of an airspace hazard if special conditions so warrant.
- (e) *Airport noise zones.* No person shall sell, lease or offer to sell or lease any land within the airport noise zone (100CNR 85 dba contour) unless the prospective buyer or lessee has been given the follow

ing notice:

"Noise warning—This land lies beneath the aircraft approach and departure routes for Hilliard Airpark and is subject to noise that may be objectionable."

(Code 1997, § 62-524; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § IV, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 2017-12, § 2, 7-20-2017)

#### Sec. 62-525. - Administration and enforcement.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the land use administrator to administer and enforce the regulations prescribed in this article within the territorial limits over which the political subdivision has zoning authority. In the event of any violation of the regulations contained in this article, the person responsible for such violation shall be given notice in writing by the land use administrator. Such notice shall indicate the nature of the violation and the necessary action to correct or abate the violation. A copy of such notice shall be sent to the appropriate planning and zoning board. An administrative official shall order discontinuance of use of land or buildings; removal of trees to conform with height limitations set forth in this article; removal of buildings, additions, alterations, or structures; discontinuance of any work being done; or shall take any or all other action necessary to correct violations and obtain compliance with all the provisions of this article.
- (b) If the land use administrator should determine that a runway has been blocked or obstructed in such a manner that air traffic has been endangered, he may declare the same to be an emergency and use reasonable force to remove the object or obstruction. This authority shall not be construed to include the removal of natural growing trees.

(Code 1997, § 62-525; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § V, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139; Ord. No. 97-93, § 14, 4-6-1998)

#### Sec. 62-526. - Conflicting regulations.

Where there exists a conflict between any of the regulations or limitations prescribed in this article and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, the use of land or any other matter, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail.

(Code 1997, § 62-526; Ord. No. 87-119, art. 13, § VI, 12-29-1987; Ord. No. 92-139)



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Secs. 62-527—62-550. - Reserved.

## ARTICLE X. - PROPORTIONATE FAIR-SHARE PROGRAM

Sec. 62-551. - Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to establish a method whereby the impacts of development on transportation, drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity can be mitigated by the cooperative efforts of the public and private sectors, to be known as the "proportionate fair-share program."

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(a), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-552. - Applicability.

- (a) The proportionate fair-share program shall apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of capacity to satisfy transportation concurrency on a transportation facility, including transportation facilities maintained by the state department of transportation (FDOT), or another jurisdiction that are relied upon for concurrency determinations. The proportionate fair-share program shall also apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of drainage, sewer, solid waste or water capacity or access to the town water or sewer. The proportionate fair-share program does not apply to developments of regional impact (DRIs) using proportionate fair-share under F.S. § 163.3180(12), or to developments exempted from concurrency, or to lots of record which were purchased by the land owner prior to May 7, 1992.
- (b) The term development shall include any of the following activities:
  - (1) Construction, clearing, filling, excavating, grading, paving, dredging, mining, drilling or otherwise significantly disturbing the soil of a site.
  - (2) Building, installing, enlarging, replacing or substantially restoring a structure, impervious surface, or water management system, and including the longterm storage of materials.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(b), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-553. - General requirements for transportation concurrency.

- (a) An applicant may choose to satisfy the transportation concurrency requirements by making a proportionate fair-share contribution, pursuant to the following requirements:
  - (1) The proposed development is consistent with the comprehensive plan and applicable land development regulations.
  - (2) The five-year schedule of capital improvements adopted in the capital improvements element (CIE) includes a transportation improvement or transportation improvements that, upon completion, will provide the needed traffic capacity. The provisions of subsection (b) may apply if a project or projects needed to satisfy concurrency are not presently contained within the local government CIE.
- (b) *The town may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy transportation concurrency through the proportionate fair-share program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will provide the needed traffic capacity, but is not contained in the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, where the following apply:*
  - (1) The town adopts, by resolution or ordinance, a commitment to add the improvement to the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, no later than the next regularly scheduled update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be



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- (a) The proportionate fair-share program shall apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of capacity to satisfy transportation concurrency on a transportation facility, including transportation facilities maintained by the state department of transportation (FDOT), or another jurisdiction that are relied upon for concurrency determinations. The proportionate fair-share program shall also apply to all developments for which the applicant has been notified of a lack of drainage, sewer, solid waste or water capacity or access to the town water or sewer. The proportionate fair-share program does not apply to developments of regional impact (DRIs) using proportionate fair-share under F.S. § 163.3180(12), or to developments exempted from concurrency, or to lots of record which were purchased by the land owner prior to May 7, 1992.
- (b) The term development shall include any of the following activities:
  - (1) Construction, clearing, filling, excavating, grading, paving, dredging, mining, drilling or otherwise significantly disturbing the soil of a site.
  - (2) Building, installing, enlarging, replacing or substantially restoring a structure, impervious surface, or water management system, and including the longterm storage of materials.

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- (b) *The town may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy transportation concurrency through the proportionate fair-share program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will provide the needed traffic capacity, but is not contained in the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, where the following apply:*
  - (1) The town adopts, by resolution or ordinance, a commitment to add the improvement to the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, no later than the next regularly scheduled update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be



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determined to be financially feasible pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(b)1, consistent with the comprehensive plan, and in compliance with the provisions of this article. Financial feasibility for this section means that additional contributions, payments or funding sources are reasonably anticipated during a period not to exceed ten years to fully mitigate impacts on the transportation facilities.

- (2) If the funds allocated for the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE are insufficient to fully fund construction of a transportation improvement required by the CMS, the town may still enter into a binding proportionate fair-share agreement with the applicant authorizing construction of that amount of development on which the proportionate fair-share is calculated if the proportionate fair-share amount in such agreement is sufficient to pay for one or more improvements which will, in the opinion of the governmental entity or entities maintaining the transportation facilities, significantly benefit the impacted transportation system.

The improvement or improvements funded by the proportionate fair-share component must be adopted into the five-year capital improvements schedule of the comprehensive plan at the next annual capital improvements element update.

- (c) Any improvement project proposed to meet the developer's fair-share obligation must meet design standards of the town for locally maintained roadways and those of the state department of transportation for the state highway system.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(c), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-554. - General concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity.

- (a) An applicant may choose to satisfy concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity by making a proportionate fair-share contribution, pursuant to the following requirements:
  - (1) The proposed development is consistent with the comprehensive plan and applicable land development regulations.
  - (2) The five-year schedule of capital improvements adopted in the capital improvements element (CIE) includes drainage, sewer, solid waste and water improvements that, upon completion, will provide the needed drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity. The provisions of subsection (b) may apply if a project or projects needed to satisfy concurrency are not presently contained within the local government CIE.
- (b) The town may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy concurrency requirements for drainage, sewer, solid waste and water through the proportionate fair-share program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will provide the needed access and capacity, but is not contained in the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, where the following apply:
  - (1) The town adopts, by resolution or ordinance, a commitment to add the improvement to the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE, no later than the next regularly scheduled update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be determined to be financially feasible pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(b)1, consistent with the comprehensive plan, and in compliance with the provisions of this article. Financial feasibility for this section means that additional contributions, payments or funding sources are reasonably anticipated during a period not to exceed ten years to provide the necessary drainage, sewer, solid waste and town water access and capacity.
  - (2) If the funds allocated for the five-year schedule of capital improvements in the CIE are insufficient to fully fund construction of a drainage, sewer, solid waste or water improvement required by the town, the town may still enter into a binding proportionate fair-share agreement with the applicant authorizing construction of that amount of development on which the



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proportionate fair-share is calculated if the proportionate fair-share amount in such agreement is sufficient to pay for one or more improvements which will, in the opinion of the governmental entity or entities maintaining the facilities, significantly benefit the impacted system or systems.

The improvement or improvements funded by the proportionate fair-share component must be adopted into the five-year capital improvements schedule of the comprehensive plan at the next annual capital improvements element update.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(d), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-555. - Intergovernmental coordination.

Pursuant to policies in the intergovernmental coordination element of the comprehensive plan and applicable policies in the regional policy plan adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council, the town shall coordinate with affected jurisdictions, including the state department of transportation, regarding mitigation to impacted facilities not under the jurisdiction of the local government receiving the application for proportionate fair-share mitigation. An interlocal agreement may be established with other affected jurisdictions for this purpose.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(e), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-556. - Application process.

- (a) Upon notification of a lack of capacity to satisfy concurrency, the applicant shall also be notified in writing of the opportunity to satisfy concurrency through the proportionate fair-share program.
- (b) Prior to submitting an application for a proportionate fair-share agreement, a preapplication meeting shall be held to discuss eligibility, application submittal requirements, potential mitigation options, and related issues. If the impacted facility is on the strategic intermodal system (SIS), then the state department of transportation will be notified and invited to participate in the preapplication meeting.
- (c) Eligible applicants shall submit an application to the city that includes an application fee of \$250.00 and the following:
  - (1) Name, address and phone number of owner, developer and agent;
  - (2) Property location, including parcel identification numbers;
  - (3) Legal description and survey of property;
  - (4) Project description, including type, intensity and amount of development;
  - (5) Phasing schedule, if applicable;
  - (6) Description of requested proportionate fair-share mitigation method; and
  - (7) Copy of concurrency application.
- (d) The town shall review the application and certify that the application is sufficient. If an application is determined to be insufficient, incomplete or inconsistent with the general requirements of the proportionate fair-share program, then the applicant will be notified in writing of the reasons for such deficiencies. The applicant shall have 30 days of receipt of the written notification to correct the deficiencies. The town may, in its discretion, grant an extension of time not to exceed 60 days to cure such deficiencies; provided that the applicant has shown good cause for the extension and has taken reasonable steps to affect a cure. If the applicant does not provide the information within 30 days or does not request an extension, the application shall be closed.
- (e) Pursuant to F.S. § 163.3180(16)(e), proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation for development impacts to facilities on the SIS requires the concurrency of the state department of transportation.



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The applicant shall submit evidence of an agreement between the applicant and the state department of transportation for inclusion in the proportionate fair-share agreement.

- (f) When an application is deemed sufficient, the applicant shall be advised in writing and a proposed proportionate fair-share obligation and binding agreement will be prepared by the town. The agreement shall be delivered to the appropriate parties for review, including a copy to the state department of transportation for any proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation on a SIS facility.
- (g) The town shall notify the applicant regarding the date of the town council meeting when the agreement will be considered for final approval. No proportionate fair-share agreement will be effective until approved by the town council.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(f), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-557. - Determining proportionate fair-share obligation for transportation concurrency requirement.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share mitigation for concurrency impacts may include, private funds, contributions of land, and construction and contribution of facilities.
- (b) A development shall not be required to pay more than its proportionate fair-share. The fair market value of the proportionate fair-share mitigation for the impacted facilities shall not differ regardless of the method of mitigation.
- (c) The town clerk or his designee shall review the application and render a written decision as to what the fee for transportation concurrency should be based on a fee schedule previously approved by the town council. If the fee payer determines that he would rather have the fee determined by a methodology as provided by the statute, the fee payer shall be responsible for preparation of the individual assessment if the fee payer chooses to conduct the analysis. The person who prepares the individual assessment shall be a qualified professional in the preparation of impact analysis, and shall be approved by the town clerk or his designee on the basis of professional training and experience. The methodology used to calculate an applicant's proportionate fair-share obligation for transportation concurrency shall be as provided for in F.S. § 163.3180 (12), as follows:
  - (1) The cumulative number of trips from the proposed development expected to reach roadways during peak hours from the complete build out of a project or phase being approved, divided by the change in the peak hour maximum service volume (MSV) of roadways resulting from construction of an improvement necessary to maintain the adopted LOS, multiplied by the construction cost, at the time of developer payment, of the improvement necessary to maintain the adopted LOS; or
  - (2)  $\text{Proportionate fair-share} = S[(\text{Development Trips}_{sub \dots sub}) / (\text{SV Increase}_{sub})]$   
 Where:
    - a. *Development Trips<sub>i</sub>* = Those trips from the development or phase of development under review that are assigned to roadway segment "i" and have triggered a deficiency;
    - b. *SV Increase<sub>sub \dots sub</sub>* = Service volume increase provided by the eligible improvement to roadway segment "i" per section E;
    - c. *Cost<sub>sub \dots sub</sub>* = Adjusted cost of the improvement to segment "i". Cost shall include all improvements and associated costs, such as design, right-of-way acquisition, planning, engineering, inspection, and physical development costs directly associated with construction at the anticipated cost in the year it will be incurred.
- (d) For the purposes of determining proportionate fair-share obligations, the town shall determine improvement costs based upon the actual cost of the improvement as obtained from the CIE, the MPO/TIP or the state department of transportation work program. Where such information is not available, improvement cost shall be determined using one of the following methods:



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- (1) *An analysis by the town of costs by cross section type that incorporates data from recent projects and is updated annually and approved by the town council; or*
- (2) *The most recent issue of the state department of transportation, Transportation Costs, as adjusted based upon the type of cross-section (urban or rural); locally available data from recent projects on acquisition, drainage and utility costs; and significant changes in the cost of materials due to unforeseeable events. Cost estimates for state road improvements not included in the adopted the state department of transportation work program shall be determined using this method in coordination with the state department of transportation district.*
- (e) If the town has accepted an improvement project proposed by the applicant, then the value of the improvement shall be determined using one of the methods provided in this section.
- (f) If the town has accepted right-of-way dedication for the proportionate fair-share payment, credit for the dedication of the nonsite related right-of-way shall be valued on the date of the dedication at 100 percent of the most recent assessed value by the county property appraiser or, at the option of the applicant, by fair market value established by an independent appraisal conducted by an appraiser that is a member of appraisal institute (MAI), and approved by the town and at no expense to the town. The applicant shall supply a drawing and legal description of the land and a certificate of title or title search of the land to the town at no expense to the town. If the estimated value of the right-of-way dedication proposed by the applicant is less than the town estimated total proportionate fair-share obligation for that development, then the applicant must also pay the difference. Prior to purchase or acquisition of any real estate or acceptance of donations of real estate intended to be used for the proportionate fair-share, public or private partners should contact the state department of transportation for essential information about compliance with federal law and regulations.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(g), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-558. - Determining proportionate fair-share obligation for concurrency requirements relating to drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share mitigation for concurrency impacts may include, private funds, contributions of land, and construction and contribution of facilities.
- (b) A development shall not be required to pay more than its proportionate fair-share. The fair market value of the proportionate fair-share mitigation for the impacted facilities shall not differ regardless of the method of mitigation.
- (c) The methodology used to calculate an applicant's proportionate fair-share obligation for drainage, sewer, solid waste and water access and capacity shall be determined on the basis of generally recognized principles of impact analysis available to the town recognizing that areas of the town including but not necessarily limited to the northwest quadrant must be addressed as a whole in order to fulfill concurrency requirements relating to growth planning to ensure compliance with state law, including but not limited to, complying with wetland and stormwater management statutes and regulations. The town clerk or his designee shall review the application and render a written decision as to what the fee should be.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(h), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-559. - Appeal.

A potential fee payer affected by the decision on an individual assessment may appeal the decision to the town council, by filing with the town clerk or his designee within 30 days of the date of the written decision, a written notice stating and specifying briefly the grounds of the appeal. The town clerk shall place the appeal on the town council's agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. It is expected that the town counsel will sustain or reverse the fee determination based on factual findings. The decision



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of the town council shall be final. The town council may waive the application of the provisions herein upon appeal for good cause shown.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(i), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-560. - Proportionate fair-share agreements.

- (a) Upon execution of a proportionate fair-share agreement, the applicant shall receive a town letter or certificate of concurrency approval. Should the applicant fail to apply for a development permit within 12 months of the execution of the agreement, then the agreement shall be considered null and void, and the applicant shall be required to reapply.
- (b) Payment of the proportionate fair-share contribution is due in full prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat and shall be nonrefundable. If the payment is submitted more than 12 months from the date of execution of the agreement, then the proportionate fair-share cost shall be recalculated at the time of payment based on the best estimate of the construction cost of the required improvement at the time of payment, and adjusted accordingly.
- (c) All developer improvements authorized under this article must be completed prior to issuance of a development permit, or as otherwise established in a binding agreement that is accompanied by a security instrument that is sufficient to ensure the completion of all required improvements. It is the intent of this section that any required improvements be completed before issuance of building permits or certificates of occupancy.
- (d) Dedication of necessary right-of-way for facility improvements pursuant to a proportionate fair-share agreement must be completed prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat.
- (e) Any requested change to a development project subsequent to a development order may be subject to additional proportionate fair-share contributions to the extent the change would generate additional traffic that would require mitigation.
- (f) Applicants may submit a letter to withdraw from the proportionate fair-share agreement at any time prior to the execution of the agreement. The application fee and any associated advertising costs to the town will be nonrefundable.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(j), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-561. - Appropriation of fair-share revenues.

- (a) Proportionate fair-share revenues shall be placed in the appropriate project account for funding of scheduled improvements in the town CIE, or as otherwise established in the terms of the proportionate fair-share agreement. At the discretion of the town, proportionate fair-share revenues may be used for operational improvements prior to construction of the capacity project from which the proportionate fair-share revenues were derived. Proportionate fair-share revenues may also be used as the 50 percent local match for funding under the state department of transportation, transportation regional incentive program (TRIP).
- (b) In the event a scheduled facility improvement is removed from the CIE, then the revenues collected for its construction may be applied toward the construction of another improvement within that same corridor or sector that would mitigate the impacts of development.
- (c) Where an impacted regional facility has been designated as a regionally significant transportation facility in an adopted regional transportation plan as provided in F.S. § 339.155, and the town may coordinate with other impacted jurisdictions and agencies to apply proportionate fair-share contributions and public contributions to seek funding for improving the impacted regional facility under the state department of transportation TRIP. Such coordination shall be ratified by the town



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through an interlocal agreement that establishes a procedure for earmarking of the developer contributions for this purpose.

(Ord. No. 2008-01, § 1(k), 3-6-2008)

Sec. 62-562. - Specific requirements for transportation concurrency to required paved roads for developments.

The Town of Hilliard finds that a specific requirement of transportation concurrency applies to developments that do not abut a paved road. Accordingly, no building permit shall be issued unless the applicant can show that in the case of a common plan of development, as defined below, the lot or lots for which a permit has been sought also abut a paved town street. A *common plan of development* is defined as a development larger than one single-family dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex. The St. Johns River Water Management District has regulations relating to "common plans of development" but does not appear to have defined this term. Nevertheless, it expects the town and residents to comply with this requirement. The town seeks to comply with the District's regulations even though there apparently has not been any formal rulemaking to define the term *common plan of development*. In the absence of better guidance from the district and any amendment to these provisions, the town shall consider all property under construction by the same owner within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought that does not already abut a paved road to be part of any *common plan of development*. Property shall be considered "under construction" if a building permit has been applied for until such time the permit is denied, it expires or a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the property. An owner shall be a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the property, including without limitation, an ownership interest in an entity that owns an interest in the property. Permit applicants shall, upon written request, provide a notarized statement setting forth to his best knowledge, information and belief, the property owned by the following within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought: The applicant and all owners, as defined above, of the property for which the permit is sought. The town council may waive the application of the provisions herein upon appeal for good cause shown. The town council may also approve a fair share agreement that allows for the permit to be issued despite the lack of this special requirement of transportation concurrency so long as this specific requirement of transportation concurrency is met at the conclusion of the project and adequate guarantees are provided to the town.

(Ord. No. 2008-18, § 1, 11-6-2008)



requirement. The town seeks to comply with the District's regulations even though there apparently has not been any formal rulemaking to define the term *common plan of development*. In the absence of better guidance from the district and any amendment to these provisions, the town shall consider all property under construction by the same owner within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought that does not already abut a paved road to be part of any *common plan of development*. Property shall be considered "under construction" if a building permit has been applied for until such time the permit is denied, it expires or a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the property. An owner shall be a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the property, including without limitation, an ownership interest in an entity that owns an interest in the property. Permit applicants shall, upon written request, provide a notarized statement setting forth to his best knowledge, information and belief, the property owned by the following within 1,000 feet of the property for which a building permit is sought: The applicant and all owners, as defined above, of the property for which the permit is sought. The town council may waive the application of the provisions herein upon appeal for good cause shown. The town council may also approve a fair share agreement that allows for the permit to be issued despite the lack of this special requirement of transportation concurrency so long as this specific requirement of transportation concurrency is met at the conclusion of the project and adequate guarantees are provided to the town.

## **ARTICLE XII. LANDSCAPING**

### **Sec. 62-563. Purpose and intent.**

- (a) Landscape, landscaped areas, buffers and tree protection shall be provided and/or accomplished for all premises in the manner set forth in this article. Required landscaped areas shall be located at or above grade unless otherwise prescribed in these land development regulations. The minimum provision of required landscape, landscaped areas, buffers and trees may be exceeded. Unless otherwise prescribed, the most stringent provision of this schedule shall prevail.
- (b) Landscape, buffer and tree protection requirements serve many purposes in the built-up environment. Landscape provides visual and climatic relief from buildings, structures and broad expanses of pavement; landscape buffers pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and trees provide shade, scenic beauty and natural habitat.
- (c) In general, landscaping and buffers shall be designed to:
  - (1) Enhance the urban development by blending natural and manmade environments.
  - (2) Provide shade for paved surfaces.
  - (3) Separate vehicular and non-vehicular use areas.
  - (4) Define vehicular access ways and access points.
  - (5) Screen vehicular movement, noise and glare.
  - (6) Provide visual and physical separation of potentially incompatible land uses.
  - (7) Incorporate water conservation features such as drought tolerant landscaping and reclaimed water usage as required herein.

(Code 2001, § 98-231; Ord. No. O-08-2011, § 5, 12-6-2011; Ord. No. O-03-2017 , exh. A(98-231), 1-24-2017)

### **Sec. 62-564. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:



*Berm* means manmade earth contoured so as to form a mound above the general elevation of the adjacent ground or surface and designed to provide visual interest, screen undesirable view and/or decrease noise.

*Buffer* means a combination of physical space and vertical elements such as plants, berms, fences, or walls, whose purpose is to separate and screen incompatible land uses from one another.

*Caliper* means the diameter of a tree measured at breast height (DBH) which is approximately 4½ feet above the ground.

*Canopy or shade tree* means any tree grown specifically for its shade. The term "canopy or shade tree" usually applies to large trees with spreading canopies. Canopy trees normally grow to a minimum overall height of 30 feet and an average mature crown spread of 25 feet. Oaks, maples, ashes, lindens, and elms are examples canopy/shade trees. Canopy trees shall be a minimum of 2.5 inches caliper DBH.

*Clear trunk* means the distance between the top of the root ball and the point of the trunk where lateral branching begins.

*Common area* means that area which will be maintained by a homeowners association, or other form of cooperative organization.

*Decorative turf* means turf used purely for ornamental purposes having no use other than aesthetics.

*Drip line* means the vertical line running through the outermost portion of the tree crown projected vertically to the ground.

*Fully shielded lighting* means lighting constructed in such a manner that all light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the luminaire, is projected below the horizontal. Such fixtures usually have a flat, horizontally oriented lens and opaque (usually metal) sides. They are often described as shoebox luminaires if the luminaire has a predominantly rectangular form. Fixtures that either have reflecting surfaces or lenses (clear or prismatic) located below the lamp and visible from the side or above and fixtures that can be mounted such that the shielding is ineffective are not considered fully shielded lighting.

*Groundcover* means a low-growing plant, including turf grass, that, by the nature of its growth characteristics, completely covers the ground and does not usually exceed two feet in height.

*Hat racking or topping* means pruning a tree in such a way that the majority of limbs are removed and the tree is left with only a trunk and the stumps of a few primary limbs, with little or no foliage or other trimming or pruning that has the effect of preventing a tree from attaining its natural height and/or shape.

*Hedge* means a row of evenly spaced shrubs planted to form a continuous unbroken visual screen.

*Industrial* means all uses in M-1 and M-2 zoning districts and all industrial uses in a PUD zoning district.

*Landscape* means vegetative and inert materials, including, but not limited to, grass, sod, shrubs, vines, hedges, trees, flowers, berms and complementary structural landscape architectural features such as rocks, fountains, sculpture, decorative walls and tree wells or other hardscape features.

*Landscaped area* means land area to be provided with landscape.

*Landscaped strip or landscaped island* means required landscaped areas containing ground cover, shrubs, trees and/or other landscape used to divide parking areas into individual bays.

*Moisture sensing switch* means a device which has the ability to shut off an automatic irrigation controller after receiving a determined amount of rainfall.

*Mulch* means nonliving organic materials such as wood chips that is customarily placed around the base of trees, shrubs and groundcovers for the purpose of retaining moisture and retarding weed infestation and soil erosion. Also, mulch is used in pathways and play areas.



*Native or naturalizing plant species* means plant species native to the region or introduced which once established are capable of sustaining growth and reproduction under local climatic conditions, without supplemental watering.

*Nonresidential* means, pursuant to land use category headings reflected in Schedule B, Permitted Uses, in these land development regulations, all commercial, transient lodging and entertainment, automotive, miscellaneous business and services, industrial and public/semi-public uses.

*Parking area* means a paved ground surface area used for the temporary parking and maneuvering of vehicles by employees or customers, either for compensation or to provide an accessory service to a commercial, industrial, institutional or residential use.

*Paved ground surface area.* An area paved with concrete or asphalt

*Shrub* means a self-supporting woody species of plant characterized by persistent stems and branches springing from the base.

*Specimen tree* means a particularly fine or unusual example of any tree due to its age, size, rarity, environmental value or exceptional aesthetic quality. A tree may also be designated a specimen due to its association with historic events or persons. A specimen tree cannot be of a species that is unacceptable as referenced in list of exempt trees in this Code.

*Tree* means a self-supporting woody plant of a species that normally grows to a minimum overall height of 15 feet and has an average mature crown spread greater than 15 feet within the Town.

*Turf* means upper layer of soil bound by grass and plant roots into a thick mat.

*Understory, sub-canopy trees* means trees which normally grow to a maximum overall height of 15 feet and an average mature crown spread of 15 feet.

*Vehicular circulation area* means streets, rights-of-way, access ways, parking spaces, parking, loading and unloading and other similar or related functions.

(Code 2001, § 98-232; Ord. No. O-08-2011, § 5, 12-6-2011; Ord. No. O-03-2017 , exh. A(98-232), 1-24-2017)

## **Sec. 62-565. Required landscaping.**

- (a) Landscape requirements for one-family dwellings and two-family dwellings shall be as follows:
  - (1) At least one canopy tree, 2.5 inches DBH, shall be located in the required front yard of each dwelling unit.
  - (2) The lot shall be sodded, seeded, or appropriate ground cover for erosion control.
- (b) Landscape requirements for nonresidential uses, including multifamily structures with three or more dwelling units, shall be as follows:
  - (1) *Perimeter landscaping.* At a minimum, each site developed for multifamily, institutional, commercial, or industrial uses will contain one shade or canopy tree for each 50 linear feet of the perimeter of the site.
  - (2) *Interior landscaping.* There will be one tree per every 1,500 square feet of the first 10,500 square feet of the project site, then one tree for every 4,000 square feet of the remainder of the project site. The trees shall be an equal proportion of shade (canopy) and understory trees. At a minimum, 15 percent of the site shall be landscaped.
- (c) Landscape adjacent to streets and parcels.
  - (1) A landscaped strip shall be provided along all parcel lines and abutting street right-of-way lines.



- (2) The depth of the required landscaped strip shall be measured and provided parallel to the parcel line or abutting street right-of-way in question.
- (3) Landscaped strips shall be considered to be required landscaped area.
- (4) A landscaped strip may be included in satisfying buffer requirements.
- (d) Landscaped strips shall be provided in the following manner:
  - (1) Ten-foot landscaped strip along all rights-of-way.
  - (2) The landscape buffer area shall be planted in the following manner:
    - a. *Canopy trees.*
      - 1. One row of canopy trees, 2.5 inches DBH at planting. For 50 percent of the canopy trees, two sub-canopy/understory trees may be substituted for each canopy tree.
      - 2. The trees shall be planted every 50 feet and staggered so as to be midway between each other, and equal distance between each row and right-of-way and/or parcel line. Trees shall be evenly spaced. The tree spacing may be altered with approval of the development services, provided the total number of trees is provided.
    - b. *Sub-canopy/understory trees.* A minimum of four sub-canopy/understory trees per 100 feet of frontage shall be planted in and about each access point and intersection.
    - c. *Hedges.* When off-street parking, loading, unloading and vehicular circulation areas are to be located adjacent to the street right-of-way, a dense hedge of evergreen-type shrubs shall be provided in the following manner:
      - 1. At initial planting and installation, shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height and shall be planted at least 36 inches or less on center.
      - 2. The hedge shall be planted four feet or more from the tree trunks.
      - 3. Within two years of initial planting and installation, shrubs shall have attained and be maintained at a minimum height of three feet and shall provide an opaque vegetative screen between the street and the use of the premises.
      - 4. In lieu of a vegetative hedge, the use of vegetated berms or other appropriate landscape materials in a manner that results in the visual separation of street right-of-way can be approved by the development services director.
    - d. *Shrubs.*
      - 1. Buffer areas, not adjacent to a street right-of-way, shall include nine shrubs for every 100 linear feet of the parcel line
      - 2. Shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height at the time of planting.
- (e) Groundcover. The buffer area shall be planted with groundcover minimum of 18 inches on center or solid grass sod, unless natural area to remain.

#### **Sec. 62-566. Exemptions and exceptions to landscape requirements.**

Interior landscaping for parking garages or other vehicle use areas contained entirely with a roofed and

#### **Sec. 62-567. Parking area landscaping.**

The requirements of this section apply to all development, unless exempted:

- (1) *Internal landscape area.*



- a. Minimum required land area for required landscaped areas not in a parking area. Each required landscaped area shall contain a minimum land area of 200 square feet.
  - b. The minimum required internal landscaped area for parking areas shall cover ten percent of the parking area.
  - c. Required landscaped area for rows of parking spaces.
    - 1. A landscaped area shall be provided at each end of all rows of parking.
    - 2. In addition, at least one landscaped area shall be provided between every ten parking spaces.
    - 3. Each required landscaped area shall be five feet wide inside the curb or paving line running the entire length of the parking space.
    - 4. At least one canopy tree shall be provided at each island.
    - 5. A five-foot turning radius shall be accommodated at the end of parking rows.
  - d. Parking space reduction to protect existing trees. The Land Use Administrator shall have the authority to reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces when such reduction would result in the preservation of existing trees.
    - 1. Trees to be preserved must be a minimum of 12 inches in diameter measured at breast height above the ground.
    - 2. The reduction in the number of required parking spaces shall result in a reduction in an amount of required parking of less than five percent of the total number of required off-street parking spaces.
- (2) *Required trees.*
- a. At least one canopy tree shall be provided in each required landscaped area.
  - b. One canopy trees or two sub canopy trees shall be provided for each required landscaped area for the rows of parking. A minimum of 50 percent of the trees used shall be canopy trees.
- (3) *Location of landscaped areas for interior landscaping.*
- a. A landscaped area or buffer shall be provided between all parking areas and principal structures or any sidewalks and street or rights-of-way.
  - b. This landscape area or buffer must contain at least one canopy tree per 50 feet linear perimeter of the parcel.
  - c. Every effort will be made to retain native vegetation and trees.
  - d. Minimum width of the landscape area:
    - 1. Ten feet when abutting a public right-of-way.
    - 2. Five feet when abutting alleys or the rear or side property lines.
  - e. Each landscaped area shall have five shrubs per each tree required.
  - f. All landscaped areas shall be covered in groundcover or turf.
- (4) *Maintenance of planted areas.*
- a. Irrigation shall be provided for all new planting. Hose bibs maybe installed as an alternative, one hose bib within 75 feet of all landscaped areas.
  - b. Maintenance shall be the responsibility of the developer and/or landowner.



- c. Failure to maintain landscaped areas shall be considered a violation of this subpart and subject to code enforcement.
- (5) *Buffer zones for incompatible land uses.*
  - a. A buffer zone is a five-foot landscaped strip along parcel boundaries that serves as a buffer between incompatible uses and land use districts. This shall not be interpreted to mean that parcels within a planned mixed use development must meet these requirements.
  - b. A buffer zone shall have a visual screen running the entire length of the property with a minimum opacity of 85 percent and a minimum height of six feet.
  - c. The use of existing native vegetation in buffer zones is preferred.
  - d. A five-foot buffer of native vegetation between a conservation designated land use and any other development shall be required. This is not in addition to buffers required by any permitting agency.
- (6) *Street trees for subdivisions.*
  - a. The developer shall plant, within ten feet of the right-of-way of each street within a residential development meeting the subdivision requirements of this Code, one canopy tree for every 50 linear feet of right-of-way.
  - b. Except where property on one side of the right-of-way is not owned by the developer, the trees shall be planted alternately on either side of the street.
  - c. Existing trees and native tree species that need less water and maintenance are preferred.
  - d. Coordination with the Town utility departments is required prior to planting the street trees.
  - e. Street trees planted shall have a minimum overall height of 2.5-inch DBH at time of planting.
- (7) *Certain functional uses not permitted.* No accessory structures, garbage or trash collection points or receptacles, parking, or any other functional use shall be permitted in the minimum required landscape area and/or buffer zone. Combining of compatible functions such as landscaping and drainage facilities are permitted.
- (8) *Concealing and location of dumpsters.*
  - a. Dumpsters must be concealed in opaque concrete, brick or chain-link fence with screening slats of enough height consistent with the size of the container to shield the container from view from all sides.
  - b. The front of screen must be accessible for service of the container.
  - c. The dumpster must be located on a paved surface of asphalt or concrete.
- (9) *Clear line of sight.* An unobstructed cross visibility shall be required within a triangle area formed by the intersection of two rights-of-way or access ways, as referenced in section 62-76.

## **Sec. 62-568. Landscape design and materials.**

- (a) *Design principles.* All landscaped areas required shall conform to the following general design principles:
  - (1) Landscaping should integrate the proposed development into existing site features through consideration of existing topography, hydrology, soils and vegetation.
  - (2) The functional elements of the development plan, particularly the drainage systems and internal circulation systems for vehicles and pedestrians, should be integrated into the landscaping plan.
  - (3) Landscaping should be used to minimize potential erosion through the use of ground covers or any other type of landscape material that aids in soil stabilization.



- (4) Existing native vegetation should be preserved and used to meet landscaping requirements.
  - (5) Landscaping should enhance the visual environment through the use of materials that achieve variety with respect to seasonal changes, species of living material selected, textures, colors and size at maturity.
  - (6) Landscaping design should consider the aesthetic and functional aspects of vegetation, both when initially installed and when the vegetation has reached maturity. Newly installed plants should be placed at intervals appropriate to the size of the plant at maturity, and the design should use short-term and long-term elements to satisfy the general design principles of this section over time.
  - (7) Landscaping should enhance public safety and minimize nuisances.
  - (8) All landscaping and plant material shall be planted in a manner which shall not be intrusive or interfere, at or before maturity, with pavement surfaces, power, cable television, or telephone lines, sewer or water pipes, or any other existing or proposed overhead or underground utility services.
  - (9) Landscaping should maximize the shading of streets and vehicle use areas.
  - (10) Architectural planters.
    - a. Planters can be are used to meet landscaping requirements.
    - b. Planters shall be a minimum of ten square feet and shall have minimum depth of 15 inches.
    - c. Planters shall be maintained and replanted if necessary.
    - d. Planters cannot be located within the Town right-of-way without prior consent from the development services director.
- (b) *Installation of required landscape and trees.*
- (1) *General.* All required trees and landscaping shall be installed according to generally accepted commercial planting procedures. Soil, free of limerock, rocks, and other construction debris, shall be provided. All landscaped areas shall be protected from pedestrian and vehicular encroachment by raised planting surfaces, depressed walks, curbs, edges, wheel stops and the like.
  - (2) *Florida No. 1 quality.*
    - a. All required plant materials, including, but not limited to, trees and shrubs, shall equal or exceed the standards for Florida No. 1 as established and revised by the state department of agriculture and consumer services.
    - b. Grass sod shall be healthy and reasonably free of weeds, pests and disease.
  - (3) *Proper planting and anchoring.*
    - a. All plant material shall be mulched to a depth of two inches.
    - b. Trees shall be installed with anchoring for a period of at least one year, in order to provide sufficient time for their roots to become established.
      1. Trees with trunks under four inches in diameter should be staked with one to three stakes.
      2. Trees with a diameter of 2.5 inches or more DBH should be guyed with three to four guy wires.
  - (4) *Irrigation.*
    - a. All landscaped areas shall be watered with an underground irrigation system or a drip irrigation system or hose bibs designed to allow differential operation schedules for high and low water requirement areas. To avoid operation of the system during periods of increased rainfall, an operational moisture sensor switch shall be required on all irrigation systems equipped with



automatic controls that will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

- c. If a landscaped area contains primarily species native to the immediate region, or plants acceptable for xeriscape landscaping, the development services director may waive the requirement for installation of an irrigation system. Consideration of a waiver of the irrigation requirement shall include, in addition to the area covered by native vegetation, such local conditions as sun or shade, use of fill soil, and depth to water table.
  - b. The development services director may require or otherwise approve water supply provisions for unusual landscape conditions provided, however, that a readily available water source shall be located within 100 feet of any required landscaping plant material.
- (5) *Berm.* When a berm is used to form a required visual screen in lieu of, or in conjunction with, a required hedge or wall, such berm shall not exceed a slope of 30 degrees and shall be completely covered with shrubs, trees, or other living ground cover.
- (6) *Grass.*
- a. Grass shall be seeded, plugged, or sodded.
  - b. On swales, berms or other areas that are subject to erosion, grass shall be completely sodded.
- (7) *Ground cover.* Ground cover shall be installed and maintained for all improved parcels, in order to prevent erosion and dust. Ground cover used in lieu of grass shall be planted in such a manner so as to present a finished appearance and reasonably complete coverage within three months after planting.
- (8) *Nonliving materials.* Mulch shall be a minimum depth of two inches.
- (c) *Recommended plant list.* Below is a list of recommended plants by category:

Understory Trees/Sub-Canopy	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Anise	<i>Illicium</i> spp.
Drake/Chinese elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
Flowering dogwood	<i>Comus florida</i>
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
Loblolly bay	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
Southern red cedar	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>
Yaupon holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Fringe tree	<i>Chionanthus virginica</i>
Sweet bay magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
Chinese fan palm	<i>Livistona chenensis</i>
Windmill palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>
Washington palm	<i>Washingtonian robusta</i>
Dahoon holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>
Savannah holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i> × <i>attenuate</i> & cultivars
River birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>
Palatka holly	<i>Ilex attenuate</i>

Understory	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> × <i>fauriei</i>
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>



Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Junipers	Juniperus torulosa & spartan
Bottlebrush	Callistemon spp.
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Rusty pittosporum	Pittosporum ferrugineum
Podocarpus	Podocarpus nagi
Holly	Ilex spp.
Leyland cypress	Cupressocyparis leylandi

Canopy Trees	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
American elm	Ulmus americana
Live oak	Quercus virginiana
Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Red bay	Persea borbonia
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora & cultivar
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humilis
Pindo palm	Butia capitata
Hornbeam/bluebeech	Carpinus caroliniana
Water ash; pop ash	Fraxinus caroliniana
Florida winged elm	Ulmus alata
Florida elm	Ulmus americana floridana
Red maple	Acer rubrum
American holly	Ilex opaca & cultivars
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus

- (d) *Unacceptable plant species.* All prohibited species shall be allowed to be removed without a permit and prior to the development of the site.
- (e) *Maintenance and replacement of landscape plants.* All plant material shall be maintained according to the following standards:
- (1) All required trees, shrubs and landscaped areas shall be maintained in good and healthy condition for as long as the use continues to exist.
  - (2) Maintenance shall consist of mowing, removing of litter and dead plant material, necessary pruning, pest control, water and fertilizing.
  - (3) Maintenance also includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of plants damaged by insects, disease, vehicular traffic, acts of God and vandalism.
  - (4) Necessary replacements shall be made within a time period not to exceed 30 days after notification by the Town of the violation.
  - (5) In order to increase the tree canopy within the Town, give shade to paved surfaces, buffer pedestrian and vehicular traffic and provide scenic beauty and natural habitat, as well as prevent decay, sunburn and hazards to trees, all landscape material shall be pruned to maintain the natural shape of the plant.



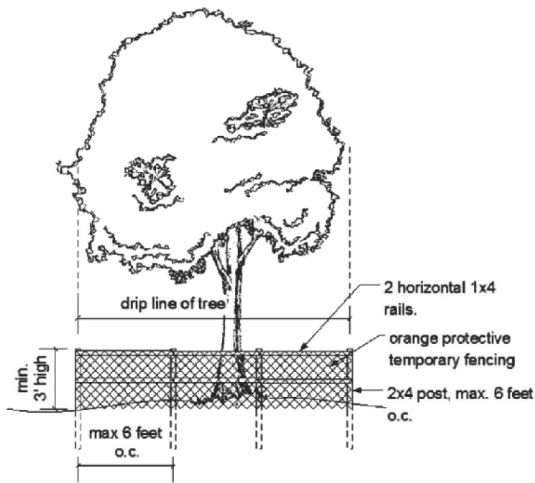
- (6) No topping, hat racking, poodle cutting, excess pruning or excess crown reduction shall be performed on trees within the right of way.
- (7) The Town shall encourage the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Tree Care Industry Association for tree care operations, plant maintenance and proper pruning methods.

**Sec. 62-569. Tree preservation during development and construction.**

- (a) Protective barriers.
  - (1) During construction, protective barriers shall be placed, as necessary and/or as directed by the development services director, to prevent the destruction or damaging of trees.
  - (2) Trees destroyed or receiving major damage must be replaced before occupancy or use unless approval for their removal has been granted during the site plan approval process
  - (3) All trees not designated for removal may be required to be protected by barrier zones erected prior to construction of any structures, roads, utility service, or other improvements,
- (b) The protective barrier shall be constructed to the following standards:
  - (1) The protective barrier shall be constructed outside the drip line of the tree, when possible (see Figure A). The protective barrier shall have a minimum of a six-inch radius, plus one inch for each one inch of caliper.
  - (2) The protective barrier shall be a minimum of three feet high.
  - (3) Protective barrier posts shall be two inches by four inches or larger and shall be no more than six feet apart.
  - (4) The barrier shall have two one-by-four-inch horizontal railings affixed securely to the posts.
  - (5) The entire protective zone shall be wrapped in orange safety fencing material, a minimum of three feet in height.
  - (6) The protective barriers shall be inspected by the department prior to the commencement of construction.
- (c) No grade changes shall be made within the protective barrier zones without prior approval of the Land Use Administrator.
- (d) Where roots greater than one-inch diameter are exposed, they shall be cut cleanly.
- (e) Protective barrier zones shall remain in place and intact until such time as landscape operations begin or construction is complete, whichever occurs first.
- (f) The development services director may conduct periodic inspections of the site before work begins and during clearing, construction and post-construction phases of development in order to ensure compliance.
- (g) No building materials, machinery or temporary soil deposits shall be placed within protective barrier zones defined above.
- (h) No attachments or wires other than those of a protective or non-damaging nature shall be attached to any tree.

**Figure A**







## ARTICLE XII. TREES

### Sec. 62-570. Removal of trees.

- (a) Removal of a tree includes any act which will cause a tree to die, such as damage inflicted upon the root system by heavy machinery, changing the natural grade above the root system or round the trunk, damage, including fire damage, inflicted on the tree permitting infection or pest infestation.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, society, association or corporation or any agent or representative thereof, directly or indirectly, to cut down, destroy, remove or move, or effectively destroy through damaging any tree located on any property without obtaining a permit.
- (c) No authorization for the removal of a protected tree shall be granted unless the developer demonstrates the reason for removal of trees.

### Sec. 62-571. Exceptions and exemptions.

The following are exempt from the requirements of section 62-275.

- (1) Utility and public works projects undertaken by the Town, including in the case of emergencies such as hurricane, windstorm, flood, freeze, or other disasters.
- (2) One- and two-family dwelling units.
- (3) Dangerous trees.
  - a. In the event that any tree endangers health or safety and requires immediate removal, verbal authorization may be given by the development services director.
  - b. The tree may be removed without obtaining a written permit. The verbal authorization shall later be confirmed in writing by the development services director.
- (4) Exempt trees. The following types of trees shall be exempt from the provisions of this section and removal allowed without a permit:

Common Name	Botanical Name
American mulberry	Morus rubra
Australian pine	Casuarinas spp.
Black cherry	Prunus serotina
Brazilian pepper	Shinus terebinthifolius
Cajuput tree	Melaleuca leucadendra
Camphor tree	Cinnamomum camphora
Cherry laurel	Prunus laurocerasis
Chinaberry	Meliaa azedarach
Chinese tallow tree	Sapium sebiferum
Containerized trees and nursery stock trees grown for resale	
Ear trees (Enterolobium contortisliquum)	Enterolobium cyclocarpum
Eucalyptus robusta	Eucalyptus robusta
Jacaranda	Jacaranda acutifolia



Golden rain tree	Koelreuteria elegans
Orchid tree	Bauhinia
Rosewood	Dalbergia sissoo
All pines	Pinus
Silk oak	Grevillea robusta
Pecan	Carya illinoensis

### **Sec. 62-572. Drought-tolerant plant standards applicable to required landscaping.**

Drought-tolerant plants which shall be used in required landscaping are native, noninvasive plants which will survive and flourish with comparatively little supplemental irrigation. Industrial, commercial, civic, and multifamily residential buildings or structures and common areas of single-family or multifamily residential developments shall incorporate drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and groundcovers in landscape plans as a water conservation measure. A list of plants which require minimal water are included in the St. Johns River Water Management District's publication Water Wise, Florida Landscapes. In addition, mulches and drought tolerant groundcovers shall replace narrow turf areas where irrigation is impractical. Interior remodels or minor modifications to the exterior of a structure are not subject to this requirement.

### **Sec. 62-573. Conditions for tree removal.**

The Land Use Administrator shall issue the permit for removal of a tree if one of the following reasons for removal is found to be present:

- (1) The condition of the tree with respect to disease, insect attack, age or other damage creates a danger of falling, or otherwise causes the tree to have an adverse impact on the urban or natural environment;
- (2) Removal of the tree is necessary to construct proposed improvements in order to make use of the property;
- (3) To avoid interference with utility services; or

### **Sec. 62-574. Replacement.**

- (a) *Generally.* In respect to removal of trees to allow construction of improvements on property, and as a condition to the granting of a permit, replacement shall be required.
  - (1) *Trees removed.*
    - a. *Live oaks.*
      1. All efforts shall be made to maintain all live oak trees on the site.
      2. Replacement of live oak trees shall be with live oak trees and the total caliper inches of replacement trees shall equal the total caliper inches of live oak trees removed.
    - b. *All other trees.*
      1. Trees removed over 12 inches DBH on the site shall be replaced.
      2. The replacement for all trees over 12 inches in caliper at DBH on the site shall equal one-third of the total caliper at DBH of the trees removed.
  - (2) *Tree replacement or payment to Town.* In lieu of replacement of trees on the site, the Land Use Administrator may approve a plan for replacement of trees offsite or payment to the Town's tree mitigation fund. The value will be based on the average cost of other municipalities in northeast Florida.



(b) *Credit for trees.* Trees which are preserved shall receive credit against the landscape requirements according to the following schedule:

- (1) Trees 12 to 18 inches: Live oaks, one-inch credit; all others, 50 percent-inch credit.
- (2) Trees 19 to 30 inches: Live oaks, 1.25-inch credit; all others, 75 percent-inch tree credit.
- (3) Trees over 30 inches: Live oaks, 1.5-inch credit; all others, 100 percent-inch credit.

**Sec. 62-575. List of plants recommended for the Town.**

Understory Trees (Max. Height 15 Feet)	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Anise	Illicium spp.
Drake/Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Flowering dogwood	Comus florida
Wax myrtle	Myrica cerifera
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Southern red cedar	Juniperus silicicola
Yaupon holly	Ilex vomitoria
Fringe tree	Chionanthus virginica

Canopy Trees Spaced 50 Feet Apart	
Common Name	Botanical Name
American elm	Ulmus americana
Live oak	Quercus virginiana
Sweet bay magnolia	Magnolia virginiana
Silver dollar tree	Eucalyptus cinerea
Chinese elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Red bay	Persea borbonia
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
Southern magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora & cultivar
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia
Washington palm	Washingtonian robusta
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humillis
Sabal palm	Sabal palmetto
Chinese fan palm	Livistona chenensis
Windmill palm	Trachycarpus fortunei
Pindo palm	Butia capitata

Canopy Trees Spaced 30 Feet Apart	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Dahoon holly	Ilex cassine
Hornbeam/bluebeech	Carpinus caroliniana
Water ash; pop ash	Fraxinus caroliniana
Florida winged elm	Ulmus alata
Florida elm	Ulmus americana floridana



Red maple	Acer rubrum
Savannah holly	Ilex opaca × attenuate & cultivars
American holly	Ilex opaca & cultivars
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
River birch	Betula nigra
Palatka holly	Ilex attenuate

<i>Ornamental Landscape Trees; Small Trees</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Crape myrtle	Lagerstroemia × fauriei
Wax myrtle	Myrica cerifera
Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus
Junipers	Juniperus torulosa & spartan
Bottlebrush	Callistemon spp.
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Rusty pittosporum	Pittosporum ferrugineum
Podocarpus	Podocarpus nagi
Holly	Ilex spp.
Leyland cypress	Cupressocyparis leylandi
Jerusalem thorn	Parkinsonia aculeate

<i>Large Ornamental Trees and Palms</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Winged elm	Ulmus alata
Washington palm	Washingtonian robusta
Canary Island palm	Phoenix canariensis
European fan palm	Chamaerops humillis
Sabal palm	Sabal palmetto
Heritage river birch	Betula nigra "heritage"
Chinese fan palm	Livistona chenensis
Windmill palm	Trachycarpus fortunei
Pindo palm	Butia capitata

<i>Shrubs and Minimum On-Center (OC) Requirements for Visual Screens</i>		
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>	<i>On Center</i>
Glossy abelia	Abelia spp.	2.0 OC
Allamanda	Cortadenia selloana	4.0 OC
Pineapple guava	Feijoa sellowiana	3.0 OC
Anise	Illicium floridanum	2.5 OC
Pittosporum	Pittosporum tobira	3.0 OC
Azalea	Rhododendron spp.	3.0 OC
Plumbago	Plumbago capensis	2.0 OC
Banana shrub	Michelia fuscata	3.0 OC
Primrose jasmine	Jasminum mesnyi	3.0 OC
Boxwood	Buxus microphylla	2.0 OC
Viburnum	Viburnum spp.	3.0 OC

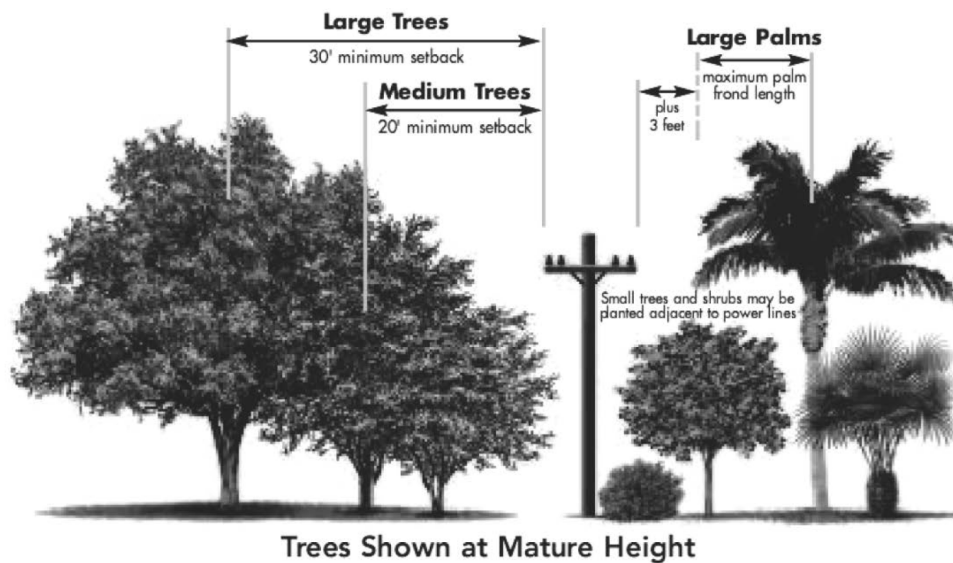


Chinese juniper	Juniperus chinensis	3.0 OC
Silverthorn	Elaeagnus philippensis	3.0 OC
Podocarpus	Podocarpus macrophyllus	2.0 OC
Holly	Ilex spp.	2.0—3.0 OC
Indian hawthorne	Raphiolepis indica	2.5 OC

<i>Groundcovers</i>	
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Botanical Name</i>
Bugle weed	Ajuga reptans
Asparagus fern	Asparagus sprengeri
Iceplant	Carpobrotus edulis
False heather	Cuphea hyssopifolia
Dichondra	Dichondra carolinensis
Golden creeper	Ernodea littoralis
Trailing fig	Ficus sagittata
Carolina jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens
Algerian ivy	Hedera canariensis
Beach sunflower	Helianthus debilis
Dwarf yaupon holly	Ilex vomitoria "Schellings"
Chinese juniper	Juniperus chinensis
Dwarf lantana	Lantana depressa
Lily turf	Liriope spicata
Sword fern	Nephrolepis exaltata
Oyster plant	Rhoeo spathacea
Erect selaginella	Selaginella involvens
Confederate jasmine	Trachelospermum asiaticum
Caltrops	Trilobus terrestris
Society garlic	Tulbaghia violacea
Coontie	Zamia pumila
Aloe	Aloe spp.
Cast iron plant	Aspidistra elatior
Gopher apple	Locania michauxii
Earth star	Cryptanthus spp.
Miniature agave	Dyckia brevifolia
Creeping fig	Ficus pumila
Dwarf gardenia	Gardenia jasminoides
Fig marigold	Glottiphyllum depressum
English ivy	Hedera helix
Daylily	Hemerocallis spp.
Beach elder	Iva imbricate
Shore juniper	Juniperus conferta
Trailing lantana	Lantana montevidensis
Partidge berry	Mitchella repens
Mondo grass	Ophiopogon japonicus
Leatherleaf fern	Rumomra adiantiformis
Purple heart	Setcreasea pallida
Star jasmine	Trachelospermum jasminoides
Wedelia	Wedelia trilobata



Wandering jew	Zebrina pendula
Grasses	
Bahia	
St. Augustine cultivars	
Annual ryegrass	



**Figure 2**  
**Large, Medium and Small Trees and Shrubs**

## **ARTICLE XIII. SUBDIVISIONS**

### **Sec. 62-576. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Block* means a tier or group of lots existing within well-defined and fixed boundaries within a subdivision, usually being an area surrounded by streets or other physical barriers and having an assigned number, letter or other name by which it may be identified.

*Building* includes the term "structure" and shall be construed as if followed by the phrase "or part thereof."

*Developer* means the owners of record executing the dedication required by F.S. § 177.081 and applying for approval of a plat of a subdivision pursuant to F.S. § 177.01 et seq.

*Developer's engineer* means a professional engineer registered in the state and engaged by the developer to prepare engineering plans and to supervise construction.

*Land* includes the term "water," "marsh" or "swamp."

*Lot* includes the term "plot" or "parcel." A lot is also identified as a single unit in a subdivision.



*Plat* means a map on which the developer's plan for subdivision is presented and which he submits for approval and intends, in final form, to record.

*Subdivision* means one of the following:

- (1) The division of any parcel of land, of any size whatsoever, into two or more lots of any size.
- (2) The establishment or dedication of a road, street or alley through a tract of land, regardless of area.
- (3) The resubdivision of land heretofore or hereafter divided or platted into lots.

The following shall not be included within this definition nor be subject to this chapter:

- (1) The sale or exchange of lots to or between adjoining property owners, where the sale or exchange does not create additional lots.
- (2) The public acquisition by purchase, acceptance of deed of dedication or exercise of the right of eminent domain of strips of land for the widening or opening of streets or roads.

*Surveyor* means a land surveyor registered in the state and engaged by the developer to survey and plat the land for subdivision.

*Town-approved road or street* means a road or street paved in accordance with the specifications prescribed in this chapter, involved in any division of land into a recorded or unrecorded subdivision plat.

(Code 1997, § 46-1; Ord. No. 85-102, § 1.01, 9-10-1985)

## **Sec. 62-577. Intent and purposes.**

It is determined and declared:

- (1) The public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, morals and welfare require the harmonious, orderly and progressive development of land throughout the town. It is intended that this chapter be liberally construed to accomplish those purposes.
- (2) These subdivision regulations are adopted for the following purposes:
  - a. To establish uniform and adequate standards for the design of subdivision plats and for minimum necessary improvements.
  - b. To provide regular and orderly procedures for the uniform and expeditious processing of subdivision plats by the proper agencies and officials.
  - c. To ensure coordination of subdivision plats with public improvements of the county and the town.
  - d. To ensure subdivision, design which will encourage the development of a sound and economically stable community and the creation of a healthful living environment.
  - e. To prevent traffic hazards and to provide safe and convenient traffic circulation, both vehicular and pedestrian.
  - f. To discourage premature, uneconomical and scattered development.
  - g. To assure cooperation and greater convenience for developers.



**Sec. 62-578. Jurisdiction; compliance.**

The regulations set out in this chapter apply to all land within the town. No land shall be subdivided or laid out into lots, unless by plat in accordance with this chapter, nor shall any building be constructed in a subdivision unless the subdivision conforms to this chapter.

**Sec. 62-579. When plat not recorded.**

The clerk of the circuit court will not record any instrument showing a subdivision of land that does not bear the approval of the town attorney, the town clerk and the mayor.

**Sec. 62-580. Town not to approve expenditure of money.**

The town will not permit any money to be expended for improvements in any area that has been subdivided or upon any street that has been platted after the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived unless the subdivision or street has been approved in accordance with this chapter.

**ARTICLE XIV. PLATTING****Sec. 62-581. General procedure for plat approval.**

The preliminary and final plat shall be submitted to the town for recommendation to the council. The town attorney shall likewise examine the preliminary and final plat to determine its compliance with all legal conditions set forth in this chapter and in F.S. ch. 177. Upon approval by the town and town attorney, the plat shall be submitted to the council for final approval. No plat shall be recorded and no lots shall be sold from the plat unless and until finally approved as provided in this chapter.

**Sec. 62-582. Preliminary plat.**

The developer shall submit the proposed plat accompanied by the following information for the preliminary plat in a form specified by the Town that will show the following:

- (1) The location of present property and section line boundaries of existing lots, streets, buildings, lakes and watercourses.
- (2) Any existing sanitary or storm sewers, water mains and culverts within the tract or adjacent thereto.
- (3) The proposed location and width of streets, lots, setback lines, easements and typical street cross sections showing proposed pavements, wearing surfaces, curbs, shoulders and the like.
- (4) The title under which the proposed subdivision is to be recorded and the name of the developer platting the tract.
- (5) North point, scale and date.
- (6) Contours of the land on one-foot and 50-foot grid or less on current geodetic datum and an area outside the boundaries that will show the final disposition of all surface drainage.
- (7) Benchmarks at convenient points with locations and elevations indicated on the preliminary plat.
- (8) A location key map that will show the relation of the proposed subdivision to existing community facilities, main traffic arteries and the like.
- (9) A written statement regarding proposed grades of streets and the facilities for surface water drainage.



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**Sec. 62-583. Final plat.**

The final plat shall show the following in a required by the Town and in compliance with Chapter 177, F.S.:

- (1) The boundary lines of the area platted with distance and bearings and the legal description of the property. The property appraiser's parcel identification number is not acceptable as legal description.
- (2) The lines of all proposed streets with their widths and names.
- (3) The outline of any portions of the property intended to be dedicated for public use, such as for schools, parks and so forth.
- (4) The lines of adjoining streets with their widths and names.
- (5) All lot lines, together with the identification system of all lots and blocks, and the square foot area of each lot. The lot numbers within a subdivision shall be assigned counterclockwise from the northeast corner and shall follow in a logical numerical order within a particular block.
- (6) The location of all setback lines and easements provided for public use, service, utilities or drainage.
- (7) All dimensions, both linear and angular, for locating the boundaries of the subdivision, lots, streets, easements and any other areas for public or private use. Linear dimensions shall be given to the nearest 1/100 of a foot. Closure shall be shown on the plat.
- (8) The radii, arcs, chords, chord bearings, points of tangencies and central angles for curved streets and rounded block corners.
- (9) The location of all survey monuments and benchmarks with their descriptions.
- (10) The name of the subdivision, the scale of the plat, points of the compass and the name of the owner of the subdivision.
- (11) The certificate of the surveyor as to the correct representation of the plat and as to F.S. ch. 177, pt. I (F.S. § 177.011 et seq.).
- (12) Private restrictions and trusteeships and their period of existence.
- (13) Acknowledgment of the owner to the plat and restrictions, including dedication to public use of all streets and parks, the dedication of or granting of required easements and a statement that all streets are paved and drained or will be paved and drained before any lots are sold.

**Sec. 62-584. Signatures; certifications and acknowledgments.**

The final plat must contain space and forms for the appropriate certifications and acknowledgments and shall be signed by the following:

- (1) A notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments as to the certification of  
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- (3) A surveyor for the town as for compliance with Chapter 177, F.S.
- (4) The town attorney as to legal sufficiency and compliance.
- (5) The town clerk as to approval by the council.
- (6) The mayor as to approval for the town.
- (7) The clerk of the circuit court for the county as to the plat having been filed for record. The plat book and page designation shall be obtained from the clerk at the time it is presented to the clerk for recording.



## **ARTICLE XV. DESIGN STANDARDS**

### **Sec. 62-585. Relation to adjoining street system.**

The arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall make provision for the continuation of the principal existing streets in adjoining areas or their proper projection where adjoining land is not subdivided insofar as this may be deemed necessary by the council for public requirements. The street arrangement shall be such as not to cause hardships to owners of adjoining property when they plat their own land and seek to provide convenient access to it. Offset streets shall be avoided and the angle of intersection between streets shall not vary by more than ten degrees from a right angle. Streets obviously in alignment with existing streets shall bear the names of the existing streets.

### **Sec. 62-586. Street widths.**

- (a) As a minimum requirement for streets, sidewalks and public utilities, the plat shall dedicate a minimum width of 60 feet. Dead-end streets and/or culs-de-sac, streets that terminate within a subdivision other than at boundary line, shall have a minimum width of 60 feet and shall terminate in a turnaround with a minimum radius of 50 feet.
- (b) The council may, after proper study, require a street width in excess of 60 feet, if traffic engineering surveys indicate that present or anticipated future traffic densities justify a street of greater width.
- (c) Where streets parallel and adjoin section and half-section lines adjoining unsubdivided property, a half-street, 50 feet in width, shall be dedicated and, whenever subdivision property adjoins a half-street on a section or half-section line, the remainder of a 100-foot right-of-way shall be dedicated. Water systems shall be placed within 43½ feet of the section and half-section lines.
- (d) The council may, after proper study and due consideration, reduce the right-of-way on certain half-section lines to a width of 80 feet.
- (e) Alleys are not recommended in a residential district.

### **Sec. 62-587. Blocks.**

- (a) Where a tract of land is of such size and location as to prevent a lot arrangement related to a normal street design, there may be established courts, dead-end streets or culs-de-sac, provided that a proper access shall be given to all lots from a dedicated street or court.
- (b) No block shall be longer than 600 feet. Where blocks are made longer than 600 feet in length, a crosswalk, ten feet in width, shall be required near the center of the block.

### **Sec. 62-588. Lots.**

- (a) Lots shall comply with the zoning district that the subdivision is located within.
- (b) A corner lot shall have widths sufficient to permit the establishment of front building lines on both the front and side of the lot adjoining the streets.
- (c) The arrangement and design shall be such that all lots will provide satisfactory and desirable building sites, properly related to topography and the character of the surrounding development.
- (d) Restrictions requiring buildings to be set back to the building lines shall be shown on the plat. Restrictions shall also be made and shown on the plat requiring all residential buildings to be set a minimum of ten feet off each side lot line and not less than 25 feet from rear lot lines.
- (e) All side lines of lots shall be at right angles to straight street lines and radial to curved street lines, except where a variation to this rule will provide a better street and lot layout.



## **ARTICLE XVI. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Sec. 62-589. Preparation of plans and specifications for improvements.**

Receipt of the signed copy of the approved preliminary plat is authorization for the developer to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the minimum improvements required by this article and with preparation of the final plat. Prior to the construction of any required improvements, the developer shall furnish the town engineer all plans, information and data necessary to determine the character of the improvements. These plans shall be examined and will be approved if in accordance with this article. Following this approval, construction can be started or the amount of the bond guaranteeing the improvements determined. No final or official plat of a subdivision shall be approved unless either:

- (1) The improvements listed in this article have been installed prior to the approval; or
- (2) The developer files with the town a surety bond to secure the construction of the improvements listed in this article in a satisfactory manner and within a period specified by the council, this period not to exceed 12 months. The bond shall be in an amount at least equal to the cost of constructing the improvements as estimated by the developer's engineer and approved by the town engineer and in a form approved by the town attorney.

### **Sec. 62-590. Inspection.**

- (a) The town may have an inspector on the project when deemed necessary during the construction period, and the inspector shall be authorized to enforce the construction of the work in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The developer shall pay the cost of the inspector. If any changes are required in the approved plans or specifications during the period of construction, the changes must first be approved, in writing, by the town or its authorized representative so that subdivision files can be complete.
- (b) The developer shall have available, when necessary, a qualified engineer for the purpose of setting all line and grade stakes when required by the contractor or inspector.
- (c) The engineer shall furnish the town engineer with a written construction schedule at intervals of at least once each month. The schedule shall show the construction work to be accomplished during the period covered by the schedule.

### **Sec. 62-591. Acceptance for maintenance by town.**

- (a) Prior to acceptance by the town, the developer shall furnish a certificate prepared by the developer's engineer to the effect that all improvements have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Where the developer elects to post a bond ensuring that the work will be completed in a stated period of time, the certificate required by this section will be required at the time of completion of construction.
- (b) Upon completion of the work covered by the plans and a unilateral agreement, the owner shall notify the town engineer in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the town will make an inspection of the construction work. If all work is found to be satisfactorily completed, then the town, after a period of 90 days from the time of inspection, will make a final inspection. If the work is found satisfactory and if all deficiencies are repaired or corrected, then the town will accept the improvements for maintenance. A performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the estimated cost of street improvements will be required in all subdivisions.

### **Sec. 62-592. Street improvements.**

- (a) All streets and public ways shall be cleared and graded to their full width of right-of-way, including side slopes, and to the appropriate grade and shall be surfaced in accordance with the applicable standard



specifications of the state department of transportation and the manual of uniform minimum standards. They shall meet the following minimum specifications:

- (1) Pavement shall be 22 feet in width.
  - (2) Shoulders shall be six feet in width.
  - (3) Front and back slopes shall not be less than 3:1.
  - (4) All shoulders and slopes shall be seeded, mulched and fertilized.
  - (5) Paving specifications and application shall be according to the current edition of the state department of transportation specifications for road and bridge construction.
  - (6) Street cross drains will have headwalls and endwalls.
- (b) If required to prevent erosion or excessive washing of the shoulders, protective measures shall be taken as required by the town or its representative.
  - (c) Curbs and gutters shall be constructed along both sides of all streets and in accordance with the standards of the state department of transportation. A modified curb, constructed in accordance with county specifications, may be used on streets with gradients of two percent or less. Where required, turnouts will comply with town specifications and be constructed before the building is completed and before the lot or building is sold.
  - (d) The following pavement bases shall be constructed of the following type having a minimum thickness of six inches:
    - (1) Sand-bituminous road mix.
    - (2) Florida limerock base.
    - (3) Limerock stabilized base (300 pounds per square yard).
    - (4) Shell cement mix.
    - (5) Soil cement mix.
  - (e) All pavement bases shall have a surface wearing course of one of the following types, as outlined in the state department of transportation specifications:
    - (1) Double surface treatment.
    - (2) Asphaltic concrete surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (3) Hot sand asphalt surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (4) Concrete roads are not acceptable.
  - (f) Subgrades, paving bases and surface wearing course shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications of the state department of transportation.
  - (g) The owner or developer shall retain a reputable recognition commercial laboratory which shall certify to the town that all materials entering into the completed work are in accordance with these specifications. Where the pavement base is to be sand-bituminous road mix or soil cement mix, the laboratory shall furnish a report covering the blending of soil materials with bituminous materials or cement prior to base construction. A report of the laboratory shall be submitted covering the completed pavement.
  - (h) Concrete sidewalks shall not be required in residential areas unless, in the opinion of the council after proper study, pedestrian traffic will justify the installation of sidewalks as a safety precaution.
  - (i) All street markers will be constructed, painted and erected in accordance with town specifications. Street markers will be installed by the developer at the locations shown on the drawings.
  - (j) Radii at intersections shall be a minimum of 25 feet.



- (k) A developer shall place appropriate road signs, within the area described by the plat to be recorded. The signs shall be constructed by the town and paid for by the developer.
- (l) All design shall meet requirements of the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways prepared by the state department of transportation.

#### **Sec. 62-593. Drainage requirements.**

- (a) All drainage pipe shall have adequate capacity to carry the runoff resulting from a rainfall intensity which may be exceeded on the average of at least once every year. All drainage facilities shall be designed for a positive outfall to existing storm sewer system, lakes, canals, rivers, streams or previously constructed town, county or state road ditches. If the added runoff from the developed area overtaxes the existing road or outfall ditches, the developer shall include in the plans sufficient work to enlarge the present facilities to care for the added drainage imposed on the system.
- (b) Where storm sewers are provided, the maximum overland flow shall be 400 feet. Minimum grade for curb and gutter shall be three-tenths of one percent; provided that one-half percent grade shall be held insofar as practical.
- (c) Drainage pipe shall be corrugated metal pipe, plain or reinforced concrete pipe or plain or extra strength vitrified clay pipe, except that corrugated metal pipe shall not be installed under a paved road unless it is asphalt coated. Minimum pipe size shall be 15 inches in diameter.
- (d) All plans shall show, in addition to contours, the outlines and sizes in acres of drainage areas at the various points of concentration.
- (e) Catchbasins, drop inlets, curb inlets and manholes shall be of a class A concrete or brick construction and in accordance with state department of transportation standards. All grates shall be cast iron or steel with minimum size of two square feet net open area.
- (f) Where land is subject to periodic flooding by the overflow from creeks, rivers or streams, a floodplain must be established and no building will be permitted within the area of the floodplain, unless the entire area is filled to two feet above the floodplain.
- (g) Permits shall be obtained from St. Johns River Water Management District prior to final approval.

#### **Sec. 62-594. Water lines.**

- (a) Where an approved public water supply is reasonably accessible or procurable, each lot within the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the water supply. The water service for each lot will be installed at the time of the application for a building permit. All mains, to the under paving, shall be constructed prior to the paving installation. Fire hydrants will be installed in all subdivisions where a public water supply is available.
- (b) Where no approved public water supply is available, the installation of a private water supply system will be required at the time of the application for a building permit. The private water supply system shall be constructed in such a manner that an adequate supply of potable water will be available to each lot. All applicable state rules and regulations shall govern the installation of the system.
- (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.

#### **Sec. 62-595. Sanitary sewers.**

- (a) Where an adequate sanitary sewer is reasonably accessible, each lot in the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the sanitary sewer. All connections and the subdivision sewer system shall comply with all applicable state rules.
- (b) Where sewers are not accessible and where septic tanks are not permissible, the owner or developer shall install and operate a sewage collection and treatment system of a capacity sufficient to serve the entire



subdivision and all contemplated additions. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the regulations and requirements of and approval of the county health officer and the state department of environmental protection.

- (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.



PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Chapter 46 SUBDIVISIONS

## Chapter 46 SUBDIVISIONS<sup>1</sup>

### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 46-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Block* means a tier or group of lots existing within well-defined and fixed boundaries within a subdivision, usually being an area surrounded by streets or other physical barriers and having an assigned number, letter or other name by which it may be identified.

*Building* includes the term "structure" and shall be construed as if followed by the phrase "or part thereof."

*Developer* means a person or his duly authorized agent who undertakes the subdivision of land as defined in this section. The term "developer" includes the term "subdivider." Developer" means the owners of record executing the dedication required by F.S. § 177.081 and applying for approval of a plat of a subdivision pursuant to F.S. § 177.01 et seq.

*Developer's engineer* means a professional engineer registered in the state and engaged by the developer to prepare engineering plans and to supervise construction.

*Land* includes the term "water," "marsh" or "swamp."

*Lot* includes the term "plot" or "parcel." A lot is also identified as a single unit in a subdivision.

*Plat* means a map on which the developer's plan for subdivision is presented and which he submits for approval and intends, in final form, to record.

*Subdivision* means one of the following:

- (1) The division of any parcel of land, of any size whatsoever, into two or more lots of any size.
- (2) The establishment or dedication of a road, street or alley through a tract of land, regardless of area.
- (3) The resubdivision of land heretofore or hereafter divided or platted into lots.

The following shall not be included within this definition nor be subject to this chapter:

- (1) The sale or exchange of lots to or between adjoining property owners, where the sale or exchange does not create additional lots.
- (2) The public acquisition by purchase, acceptance of deed of dedication or exercise of the right of eminent domain of strips of land for the widening or opening of streets or roads.

*Surveyor* means a land surveyor registered in the state and engaged by the developer to survey and plat the land for subdivision.

<sup>1</sup>State law reference(s)—Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, F.S. ch. 166; platting, F.S. ch. 177.



*Town-approved road or street* means a road or street paved in accordance with the specifications prescribed in this chapter, involved in any division of land into a recorded or unrecorded subdivision plat.

(Code 1997, § 46-1; Ord. No. 85-102, § 1.01, 9-10-1985)

## **Sec. 46-2. Intent and purposes.**

It is determined and declared:

- (1) The public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, morals and welfare require the harmonious, orderly and progressive development of land throughout the town. It is intended that this chapter be liberally construed to accomplish those purposes.
- (2) These subdivision regulations are adopted for the following purposes:
  - a. To establish uniform and adequate standards for the design of subdivision plats and for minimum necessary improvements.
  - b. To provide regular and orderly procedures for the uniform and expeditious processing of subdivision plats by the proper agencies and officials.
  - c. To ensure coordination of subdivision plats with public improvements of the county and the town.
  - d. To ensure subdivision, design which will encourage the development of a sound and economically stable community and the creation of a healthful living environment.
  - e. To prevent traffic hazards and to provide safe and convenient traffic circulation, both vehicular and pedestrian.
  - f. To discourage premature, uneconomical and scattered development.
  - g. To assure cooperation and greater convenience for developers.

(Code 1997, § 46-2; Ord. No. 85-102, § 1.02, 9-10-1985)

## **Sec. 46-3. Jurisdiction; compliance.**

The regulations set out in this chapter apply to all land within the town. No land shall be subdivided or laid out into lots, unless by plat in accordance with this chapter, nor shall any building be constructed in a subdivision unless the subdivision conforms to this chapter.

(Code 1997, § 46-3; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.01, 9-10-1985)

## **Sec. 46-4. Exceptions.**

- ~~(a) *Abutting publicly owned and maintained right-of-way.* Property may be subdivided into two or more lots provided the subdivided property abuts a publicly owned and maintained right-of-way and the subdivided property meets the requirements for the zoning district the property is within.~~
- ~~(b) *Unusual size or shape.* Whenever the tract to be subdivided is of such unusual size or shape or is surrounded by such development or unusual conditions that strict application of the requirements contained in this chapter would result in real difficulties or in substantial hardships or injustice, the council, after a report by the town engineer, may vary or modify the requirements of this chapter, by a duly adopted ordinance, so that the developer may develop the property in a reasonable manner, but so that, at the time, the public~~



welfare and interest of the town and surrounding area are protected and the general intent and spirit of this chapter are preserved.

(Code 1997, § 46-4; Ord. No. 85-102, § 6.01, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 1, 2-7-2002)

#### **Sec. 46-5. When plat not recorded.**

The clerk of the circuit court will not record any instrument showing a subdivision of land that does not bear the approval of the ~~town engineer~~, the town attorney, the town clerk and the mayor.

(Code 1997, § 46-5; Ord. No. 85-102, § 7.01, 9-10-1985)

#### **Sec. 46-6. Town not to approve expenditure of money.**

The town will not permit any money to be expended for improvements in any area that has been subdivided or upon any street that has been platted after the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived unless the subdivision or street has been approved in accordance with this chapter.

(Code 1997, § 46-6; Ord. No. 85-102, § 7.02, 9-10-1985)

#### **Secs. 46-7—46-30. Reserved.**

### **ARTICLE II. PLATTING**

#### **Sec. 46-31. General procedure for plat approval.**

~~A. The preliminary and final~~ plat shall be submitted to the town engineer for his recommendation to the council. The town attorney shall likewise examine the preliminary and final plat to determine its compliance with all legal conditions set forth in this chapter and in F.S. ch. 177. Upon approval by the town engineer and town attorney, the plat shall be submitted to the council for final approval. No plat shall be recorded and no lots shall be sold from the plat unless and until finally approved as provided in this chapter.

(Code 1997, § 46-31; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.02, 9-10-1985)

#### **Sec. 46-32. Preliminary plat.**

The developer shall submit three prints of the proposed plat accompanied by two copies of the preliminary plat that will show the following:

- (1) The location of present property and section line boundaries of existing lots, streets, buildings, lakes and watercourses.
- (2) Any existing sanitary or storm sewers, water mains and culverts within the tract or adjacent thereto.
- (3) The proposed location and width of streets, lots, setback lines, easements and typical street cross sections showing proposed pavements, wearing surfaces, curbs, shoulders and the like.
- (4) The title under which the proposed subdivision is to be recorded and the name of the developer platting the tract.

~~(5) The names of adjoining subdivisions and the ownership of adjoining parcels of unsubdivided land.~~



- (6) North point, scale and date.
- (7) Contours of the land on one-foot and 50-foot grid or less on current geodetic datum and an area outside the boundaries that will show the final disposition of all surface drainage.
- (8) Benchmarks at convenient points with locations and elevations indicated on the preliminary plat.
- (9) A location key map that will show the relation of the proposed subdivision to existing community facilities, main traffic arteries and the like.
- ~~(10) Department of agriculture survey results for property.~~
- (11) A written statement regarding proposed grades of streets and the facilities for surface water drainage.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-32; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.03, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 2, 2-7-2002)~~

### **Sec. 46-33. Final plans. Engineering Plans? Should this section be with Chapter 58?**

~~The final plans shall be submitted in triplicate on black and white or blue line prints drawn at a scale of not more than 50 feet to the inch on sheets 24 inches by 36 inches in size, with a one-half inch margin at the right, top and bottom edges and a three-inch margin at the left (binding) edge. If more than two sheets are required, the title sheet shall show the entire subdivision on one sheet and the various areas shall be shown on other sheets. The final plans shall be signed by the developer's engineer.~~

~~(Code 1997, § 46-33; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.04, 9-10-1985)~~

### **Sec. 46-34. Final plat.**

~~The final plat shall have the dimensions prescribed in section 46-33, shall be submitted in triplicate and shall show the following: Mylar plus PDF as described in application?~~

- (1) The boundary lines of the area platted with distance and bearings and the legal description of the property. The property appraiser's parcel identification number is not acceptable as legal description.
- (2) The lines of all proposed streets with their widths and names.
- (3) The outline of any portions of the property intended to be dedicated for public use, such as for schools, parks and so forth.
- (4) The lines of adjoining streets with their widths and names.
- (5) All lot lines, together with the identification system of all lots and blocks, and the square foot area of each lot. The lot numbers within a subdivision shall be assigned counterclockwise from the northeast corner and shall follow in a logical numerical order within a particular block.
- (6) The location of all setback lines and easements provided for public use, service, utilities or drainage.
- (7) All dimensions, both linear and angular, for locating the boundaries of the subdivision, lots, streets, easements and any other areas for public or private use. Linear dimensions shall be given to the nearest 1/100 of a foot. Closure shall be shown on the plat.
- (8) The radii, arcs, chords, chord bearings, points of tangencies and central angles for curved streets and rounded block corners.
- (9) The location of all survey monuments and benchmarks with their descriptions.
- (10) The name of the subdivision, the scale of the plat, points of the compass and the name of the owner of the subdivision.

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- (11) The certificate of the surveyor as to the correct representation of the plat and as to F.S. ch. 177, pt. I (F.S. § 177.011 et seq.).
- (12) Private restrictions and trusteeships and their period of existence. Easements?
- (13) Acknowledgment of the owner to the plat and restrictions, including dedication to public use of all streets and parks, the dedication of or granting of required easements and a statement that all streets are paved and drained or will be paved and drained before any lots are sold.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-34; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.05, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 3, 2-7-2002)~~

#### **Sec. 46-35. Signatures; certifications and acknowledgments.**

The final plat must contain space and forms for the appropriate certifications and acknowledgments and shall be signed by the following:

- (1) A notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments as to the certification of the acknowledgment by the owner.
- ~~(2) A representative of the state department of health and/or the county health officer as to sanitary sewage facilities.~~
- (3) The town engineer as to approval for engineering requirements.
- (4) The town attorney as to legal sufficiency and compliance.
- (5) The town clerk as to approval by the council.
- (6) The mayor as to approval for the town.
- (7) The clerk of the circuit court for the county as to the plat having been filed for record. The plat book and page designation shall be obtained from the clerk at the time it is presented to the clerk for recording.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-35; Ord. No. 85-102, § 2.06, 9-10-1985)~~

#### **Secs. 46-36—46-80. Reserved.**

### **ARTICLE III. DESIGN STANDARDS**

#### **Sec. 46-81. Relation to adjoining street system.**

The arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall make provision for the continuation of the principal existing streets in adjoining areas or their proper projection where adjoining land is not subdivided insofar as this may be deemed necessary by the council for public requirements. The street arrangement shall be such as not to cause hardships to owners of adjoining property when they plat their own land and seek to provide convenient access to it. Offset streets shall be avoided and the angle of intersection between streets shall not vary by more than ten degrees from a right angle. Streets obviously in alignment with existing streets shall bear the names of the existing streets.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-81; Ord. No. 85-102, § 3.01, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 4, 2-7-2002)~~



**Sec. 46-82. Street widths.**

- (a) As a minimum requirement for streets, sidewalks and public utilities, the plat shall dedicate a minimum width of 60 feet. Dead-end streets and/or culs-de-sac, streets that terminate within a subdivision other than at boundary line, shall have a minimum width of 60 feet and shall terminate in a turnaround with a minimum radius of 50 feet.
- (b) The council may, after proper study, require a street width in excess of 60 feet, if traffic engineering surveys indicate that present or anticipated future traffic densities justify a street of greater width.
- (c) Where streets parallel and adjoin section and half-section lines adjoining unsubdivided property, a half-street, 50 feet in width, shall be dedicated and, whenever subdivision property adjoins a half-street on a section or half-section line, the remainder of a 100-foot right-of-way shall be dedicated. Water systems shall be placed within 43½ feet of the section and half-section lines.
- (d) The council may, after proper study and due consideration, reduce the right-of-way on certain half-section lines to a width of 80 feet.
- (e) Alleys are not recommended in a residential district.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-82; Ord. No. 85-102, § 3.02, 9-10-1985)~~

**Sec. 46-83. Blocks.**

- (a) Where a tract of land is of such size and location as to prevent a lot arrangement related to a normal street design, there may be established courts, dead-end streets or culs-de-sac, provided that a proper access shall be given to all lots from a dedicated street or court.
- (b) No block shall be longer than 600 feet. Where blocks are made longer than 600 feet in length, a crosswalk, ten feet in width, shall be required near the center of the block.

(Code 1997, § 46-83; Ord. No. 85-102, § 3.03, 9-10-1985)

**Sec. 46-84. Lots.**

- (a) The minimum building setbacks required are 25 feet from the right-of-way of the street. Side lot setbacks will be ten percent of the front lot width, with a minimum of ten feet.
- (b) Lots shall comply with the zoning district that the subdivision is located within.
- (c) A corner lot shall have widths sufficient to permit the establishment of front building lines on both the front and side of the lot adjoining the streets.
- (d) The arrangement and design shall be such that all lots will provide satisfactory and desirable building sites, properly related to topography and the character of the surrounding development.
- (e) Restrictions requiring buildings to be set back to the building lines shall be shown on the plat. Restrictions shall also be made and shown on the plat requiring all residential buildings to be set a minimum of ten feet off each side lot line and not less than 25 feet from rear lot lines.
- (f) All side lines of lots shall be at right angles to straight street lines and radial to curved street lines, except where a variation to this rule will provide a better street and lot layout.

~~(Code 1997, § 46-84; Ord. No. 85-102, § 3.04, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 5, 2-7-2002)~~



**Sec. 46-85. Easements.**

- (a) Easements at least 7 ½ feet in width shall be provided on each side of all back lot lines and five feet in width on each side of side lot lines where necessary for poles, wires, conduits, sewers, gas or water lines or drainage swales. Easements of greater width may be required along or across lots where necessary for proper drainage for street rights of way.
- (b) Whenever any stream or important surface drainage course is located in an area being subdivided, the developer shall provide an adequate easement along the stream for sanitary sewer installations and for the purpose of widening, deepening or improving or for drainage use.

(Code 1997, § 46-85; Ord. No. 85-102, § 3.05, 9-10-1985)

**Secs. 46-86—46-110. Reserved.****ARTICLE IV. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS****Sec. 46-111. Preparation of plans and specifications for improvements.**

Receipt of the signed copy of the approved preliminary plat is authorization for the developer to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the minimum improvements required by this article and with preparation of the final plat. Prior to the construction of any required improvements, the developer shall furnish the town engineer all plans, information and data necessary to determine the character of the improvements. These plans shall be examined and will be approved if in accordance with this article. Following this approval, construction can be started or the amount of the bond guaranteeing the improvements determined. No final or official plat of a subdivision shall be approved unless either:

- (1) The improvements listed in this article have been installed prior to the approval; or
- (2) The developer files with the town a surety bond to secure the construction of the improvements listed in this article in a satisfactory manner and within a period specified by the council, this period not to exceed 12 months. The bond shall be in an amount at least equal to the cost of constructing the improvements as estimated by the developer's engineer and approved by the town engineer and in a form approved by the town attorney.

(Code 1997, § 46-111; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.01, 9-10-1985)

**Sec. 46-112. Inspection.**

- (a) The town may have an inspector on the project when deemed necessary during the construction period, and the inspector shall be authorized to enforce the construction of the work in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The developer shall pay the cost of the inspector. If any changes are required in the approved plans or specifications during the period of construction, the changes must first be approved, in writing, by the town or its authorized representative so that subdivision files can be complete.
- (b) The developer shall have available, when necessary, a qualified engineer for the purpose of setting all line and grade stakes when required by the contractor or inspector.
- (c) The engineer shall furnish the town engineer with a written construction schedule at intervals of at least once each month. The schedule shall show the construction work to be accomplished during the period covered by the schedule.

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(Code 1997, § 46-112; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.06, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 6, 2-7-2002)

#### **Sec. 46-113. Acceptance for maintenance by town.**

- (a) Prior to acceptance by the town, the developer shall furnish a certificate prepared by the developer's engineer to the effect that all improvements have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Where the developer elects to post a bond ensuring that the work will be completed in a stated period of time, the certificate required by this section will be required at the time of completion of construction.
- (b) Upon completion of the work covered by the plans and a unilateral agreement, the owner shall notify the town engineer in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the town will make an inspection of the construction work. If all work is found to be satisfactorily completed, then the town, after a period of 90 days from the time of inspection, will make a final inspection. If the work is found satisfactory and if all deficiencies are repaired or corrected, then the town will accept the improvements for maintenance. A performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the estimated cost of street improvements will be required in all subdivisions.

(Code 1997, § 46-113; Ord. No. 85-102, §§ 5.01, 5.02, 9-10-1985)

#### **Sec. 46-114. Street improvements.**

- (a) All streets and public ways shall be cleared and graded to their full width of right-of-way, including side slopes, and to the appropriate grade and shall be surfaced in accordance with the applicable standard specifications of the state department of transportation and the manual of uniform minimum standards. They shall meet the following minimum specifications:
  - (1) Pavement shall be 22 feet in width.
  - (2) Shoulders shall be six feet in width.
  - (3) Front and back slopes shall not be less than 3:1.
  - (4) All shoulders and slopes shall be seeded, mulched and fertilized.
  - (5) Paving specifications and application shall be according to the current edition of the state department of transportation specifications for road and bridge construction.
  - (6) Street cross drains will have headwalls and endwalls.
- (b) If required to prevent erosion or excessive washing of the shoulders, protective measures shall be taken as required by the town or its representative.
- (c) Curbs and gutters shall be constructed along both sides of all streets and in accordance with the standards of the state department of transportation. A modified curb, constructed in accordance with county specifications, may be used on streets with gradients of two percent or less. Where required, turnouts will comply with town specifications and be constructed before the building is completed and before the lot or building is sold.
- (d) The following pavement bases shall be constructed of the following type having a minimum thickness of six inches:
  - (1) Sand-bituminous road mix.
  - (2) Florida limerock base.
  - (3) Limerock stabilized base (300 pounds per square yard).

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- (4) Shell cement mix.
  - (5) Soil cement mix.
  - (e) All pavement bases shall have a surface wearing course of one of the following types, as outlined in the state department of transportation specifications:
    - (1) Double surface treatment.
    - (2) Asphaltic concrete surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (3) Hot sand asphalt surface course, one-inch minimum thickness.
    - (4) Concrete roads are not acceptable.
  - (f) Subgrades, paving bases and surface wearing course shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications of the state department of transportation.
  - (g) The owner or developer shall retain a reputable recognition commercial laboratory which shall certify to the town that all materials entering into the completed work are in accordance with these specifications. Where the pavement base is to be sand-bituminous road mix or soil cement mix, the laboratory shall furnish a report covering the blending of soil materials with bituminous materials or cement prior to base construction. A report of the laboratory shall be submitted covering the completed pavement.
  - (h) Concrete sidewalks shall not be required in residential areas unless, in the opinion of the council after proper study, pedestrian traffic will justify the installation of sidewalks as a safety precaution.
  - (i) All street markers will be constructed, painted and erected in accordance with town specifications. Street markers will be installed by the developer at the locations shown on the drawings.
  - (j) Radii at intersections shall be a minimum of 25 feet.
  - (k) A developer shall place appropriate road signs, within the area described by the plat to be recorded. The signs shall be constructed by the town and paid for by the developer.
  - (l) All design shall meet requirements of the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways prepared by the state department of transportation.
- (Code 1997, § 46-114; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.02, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 7, 2-7-2002)

#### **Sec. 46-115. Drainage requirements. SJRWMD Requirements??**

- (a) All drainage pipe shall have adequate capacity to carry the runoff resulting from a rainfall intensity which may be exceeded on the average of at least once every year. All drainage facilities shall be designed for a positive outfall to existing storm sewer system, lakes, canals, rivers, streams or previously constructed town, county or state road ditches. If the added runoff from the developed area overtakes the existing road or outfall ditches, the developer shall include in the plans sufficient work to enlarge the present facilities to care for the added drainage imposed on the system.
- (b) Where storm sewers are provided, the maximum overland flow shall be 400 feet. Minimum grade for curb and gutter shall be three-tenths of one percent; provided that one-half percent grade shall be held insofar as practical.
- (c) Drainage pipe shall be corrugated metal pipe, plain or reinforced concrete pipe or plain or extra strength vitrified clay pipe, except that corrugated metal pipe shall not be installed under a paved road unless it is asphalt coated. Minimum pipe size shall be 15 inches in diameter.
- (d) All plans shall show, in addition to contours, the outlines and sizes in acres of drainage areas at the various points of concentration.

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- (e) Catchbasins, drop inlets, curb inlets and manholes shall be of a class A concrete or brick construction and in accordance with state department of transportation standards. All grates shall be cast iron or steel with minimum size of two square feet net open area.
  - (f) Where land is subject to periodic flooding by the overflow from creeks, rivers or streams, a floodplain must be established and no building will be permitted within the area of the floodplain, unless the entire area is filled to two feet above the floodplain.
  - (g) Permits shall be obtained from St. Johns River Water Management District prior to final approval.
- (Code 1997, § 46-115; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.03, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 8, 2-7-2002)

#### **Sec. 46-116. Water lines.**

- (a) Where an approved public water supply is reasonably accessible or procurable, each lot within the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the water supply. The water service for each lot will be installed at the time of the application for a building permit. All mains, to the under paving, shall be constructed prior to the paving installation. Fire hydrants will be installed in all subdivisions where a public water supply is available.
  - (b) Where no approved public water supply is available, the installation of a private water supply system will be required at the time of the application for a building permit. The private water supply system shall be constructed in such a manner that an adequate supply of potable water will be available to each lot. All applicable state rules and regulations shall govern the installation of the system.
  - (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.
- (Code 1997, § 46-116; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.04, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 9, 2-7-2002)

#### **Sec. 46-117. Sanitary sewers.**

- (a) Where an adequate sanitary sewer is reasonably accessible, each lot in the subdivision shall be provided with a connection to the sanitary sewer. All connections and the subdivision sewer system shall comply with all applicable state rules.
  - (b) Where sewers are not accessible and where septic tanks are not permissible, the owner or developer shall install and operate a sewage collection and treatment system of a capacity sufficient to serve the entire subdivision and all contemplated additions. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the regulations and requirements of and approval of the county health officer and the state department of environmental protection.
  - (c) The developer shall pay all costs required to process the permit.
- (Code 1997, § 46-117; Ord. No. 85-102, § 4.05, 9-10-1985; Ord. No. 2002-02, § 10, 2-7-2002)